

**Historic Property**

**Inventory Report for 414 Southeast Franklin Street Olympia, Thurston, 98501**

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**LOCATION SECTION**

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Historic Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Field Site No.: 725  
Common Name: Mills & Mills (#34-704) OAHP No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Address: 414 Southeast Franklin Street Olympia, Thurston, 98501  
Comments: OLYMPIA

County \_\_\_\_\_ Township/Range/EW T18R02W Section 14 1/4 Sec SW 1/4 1/4 Sec \_\_\_\_\_ Quadrangle TUMWATER

UTM Reference  
Zone: 10 Spatial Type: Point Acquisition Code: TopoZone.com  
Sequence: 0 Easting: 507800 Northing: 5209900

Tax No./Parcel No. 78503400700 Plat/Block/Lot Sylvester L7 & L8 Blk 34

Supplemental Map(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage .13  
City of Olympia Planning Department

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

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Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson Date Recorded: 10/16/1985 Survey Name: OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: S&H Properties & Enterprise c/o Mills & Mills Owner Address: 414 Franklin Street SE City/State/Zip: Olympia, WA 98501

Classification: Building Resource Status \_\_\_\_\_ Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
Within a District? No Survey/Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Contributing? \_\_\_\_\_

National Register Nomination: 0  
Local District: \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIPTION SECTION**

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Historic Use: Funerary - Mortuary  
Current Use: Funerary - Mortuary

Plan: Rectangle No. of Stories: 2

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Moderate Changes to interior: Unknown  
Changes to original cladding: Intact Changes to other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Changes to windows: Intact Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Cladding Stucco Foundation Concrete - Poured  
Style American Foursquare Form/Type \_\_\_\_\_  
Roof Material Asphalt / Composition Roof Type Hip

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**NARRATIVE SECTION**

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1900

Commerce

Architect:

Builder:

Engineer:

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places:

No

Property is located in a historic district (National and/or local):

No

Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local):

**Statement of Significance**

A very old mortuary established in Olympia, the building also features unique architectural elements. The concern was begun in 1901 as the Whiteside Undertaking Company. The firm was purchased in 1909 by Hugh Sticklin and became the Sticklin Undertaking Company. In 1915 Jesse T. Mills became owner. Mills was the son of Olympia pioneer George Mills. He served as Thurston County Sheriff 1901-04, a member of the state board of control from 1904-07 and deputy state treasurer from 1907 to 1911. He was also active in many fraternal organizations. Mills' nephew Arley Mills became active in the business after World War One. L. O. Swenson purchased Jesse Mills' interest in 1943 and became sole owner after the death of Arley Mills in 1956. In 1963 Swenson sold to Dan McCaughan, a long time employee and it is now owned by his successor.

**Description of Physical Appearance**

This is a square, two-story stucco structure on a poured concrete foundation. Its hip roof is covered with composition shingles and has wide eaves with exposed rafters. Spanning the front (west) facade is a hip-roofed porch with square columns and a wrought iron railing; the porch shelters the offset main entry door. To the right of the door, the porch has been enclosed and has multi-paned windows with central arched portions, and multi-paned arched french doors, separated by pilasters with Doric capitals. Above the porch is a second-story balcony with a low stucco wall and a flat roof with lacy wrought iron supports. Fenestration is single and paired double-hung sash with one-over-one lights. The north wall, facing the alley, has a one-story, shed-roofed bay.

**Major Bibliographic References**

"Mills and Mills Sold to Dan McCaughan by L.O. Swenson," Daily Olympian January 4, 1963, p.1.  
Allen, Arthur H., Who's Who in Washington State, Seattle 1927.

**PHOTOS**



View of NW corner

taken 10/16/1985

Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):

26-17A

Comments: