

Historic Property Donald Building
Inventory Report for 209 East 5th Avenue Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Donald Building Field Site No.: 726
Common Name: (#34-705) OAHP No.:
Property Address: 209 East 5th Avenue Olympia, Thurston, 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

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

UTM Reference

Zone: 10 Spatial Type: Point Acquisition Code: TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 Easting: 507730 Northing: 5209840

Tax No./Parcel No. Plat/Block/Lot
78502500103 Sylvester L1 Blk 25 and part L2

Supplemental Map(s) Acreage
City of Olympia Planning Department .06

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

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

Owner's Name: Anne T. Buck Owner Address: 209 East 5th Avenue City/State/Zip: Olympia, WA 98501

Classification: Building Resource Status: Survey/Inventory Comments:

Within a District? Yes

Contributing?

National Register Nomination: 0

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name: OLYMPIA DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Commerce/Trade - Business

Current Use: Commerce/Trade - Business

Plan: Rectangle No. of Stories: 2

Structural System: Concrete - Poured

Changes to plan: Intact

Changes to interior: Slight

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Slight

Other (specify):

Cladding: Stucco

Foundation: Concrete - Poured

Style: Spanish - Mission

Form/Type:

Roof Material: Asphalt / Composition

Roof Type: Unknown

Asphalt / Composition - Rolled

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1924

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect: Joseph Wohleb

Commerce

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

The Donald Building is one of downtown's most outstanding buildings and a fine interpretation of architect Joseph Wohleb's mission style of architecture. Built in 1924 for James Martin in a Joseph Wohleb design, the structure retains its original architectural features except for red tile on the pent roof in the center. The building nicely complements the Jeffers Studio which adjoins it, an earlier Wohleb work.

Description of Physical Appearance

This is a rectangular, two-story stucco structure built in simplified Mission Revival style. Its flat roof is bordered by a flat parapet, which has arched sections at either end of the front (north) facade. Below the arches are relief-carved plaques inscribed with the building date; between the plaques is a hip-roofed hood covered with composition shingles (originally tiled) and supported by ornamental brackets. The facade is ornamented with recessed rectangular panels below the hood, around the second-story windows, and between the stories. The ground floor has six storefront bays with plate glass windows and recessed entry doors, separated by pilasters. Above the sidewalk is a flat metal canopy hung from chains, above which are multi-paned transoms. The second story has six sets of paired double-hung windows with one-over-one lights.

Major Bibliographic References

Maddox, Dawn, "Joseph Wohleb: resident architect of the state Capital," Landmarks Vol. IV, No. 4.

PHOTOS



View of NE corner

taken 10/16/1985

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

26-18A

Comments: