

Historic Property Walker Building
Inventory Report for 500 South Capitol Way Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Walker Building **Field Site No.:** 730
Common Name: (#34-710) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 500 South Capitol Way Olympia, Thurston, 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

County **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**
[REDACTED] T18R02W 14 SW TUMWATER

UTM Reference
Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 **Easting:** 507620 **Northing:** 5209820

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
78501500100 Sylvester L1 & L2 Blk 15

Supplemental Map(s) **Acreage**
City of Olympia Planning Department .08

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

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

Owner's Name: Richard Panowicz et al **Owner Address:** 724 Columbia St NW Ste 200 **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98501

Classification: Building **Resource Status** **Comments**

Within a District? Yes Survey/Inventory

Contributing? Local Register

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: Extensive

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Extensive

Other (specify):

Cladding Stucco

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Style Commercial

Form/Type

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition - Rolled

Roof Type Unknown

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	Other
Architecture/Landscape Architecture	
Commerce	

Date Of Construction: 1917
Architect: Joseph Wohleb, consulting 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 The Walker Building typifies the type of Olympia commercial building being built during the early part of the century. This one was designed by Joseph Wohleb for J. E. Walker a local accountant and business associate of Wohleb. Recently renovated, the building's exterior features were retained except for the change in the storefront widows from the original plate to segmented, tinted glass. The building, had when it was built, retail tenants on the first floor and professional offices on the second. Listed on the Olympia Heritage Register.

Description of Physical Appearance This recently rehabilitated building is an elongated, two-story stucco structure with a flat roof bordered by a flat parapet. It has two bays on the front (west) facade and five on the north, separated by engaged pilasters topped by a prominent molded cornice. The corner pilasters rise above the parapet line. The bays are ornamented with recessed rectangular panels above the second-story windows, and a continuous projecting belt course and recessed panels between doors. The ground floor storefronts have plate glass windows with wooden mullions, wooden doors with glass panes, and tile kickplates. They are topped by a flat metal canopy which wraps around the two facades, hung from chains; above the canopy are multi-paned transoms. The second story has two tripartite plate glass windows on the west wall, and each bay of the north wall has four plate glass windows, which replaced earlier double-hung sash.

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

PHOTOS



View of NW corner
taken 10/16/1985
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):
 26-23A
Comments: