

**Historic Property** Dufault Building  
**Inventory Report for** 113 Southwest 5th Avenue -15 Olympia, Thurston, 98501

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**LOCATION SECTION**

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Historic Name: Dufault Building Field Site No.: 732  
Common Name: (#34-713) OAHP No.:  
Property Address: 113 Southwest 5th Avenue -15 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: 507540 Northing: 5209820

Tax No./Parcel No. Plat/Block/Lot  
78500600100 Sylvester L1 Blk 6

Supplemental Map(s) Acreage  
City of Olympia Planning Department .04

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

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

Owner's Name: Alfred R Lewis Owner Address: 7435 Cooper Point Road NW City/State/Zip: Olympia, WA 98502

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**

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Historic Use: Commerce/Trade - Business

Current Use: Commerce/Trade - Business

Plan: Rectangle No. of Stories: 1

Structural System: Brick

Changes to plan: Intact

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to windows: Intact

Changes to interior: Slight

Changes to other:

Other (specify):

Cladding Brick

Style Commercial

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition - Rolled

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Form/Type

Roof Type Unknown

## NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1912

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

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

One of the smaller commercial buildings in the downtown core, the structure has an in-tact storefront. The building was built in 1912 by Charles Dufault, a local businessman and former city commissioner and was used for a variety of businesses including a bicycle shop. The structure was severely damaged in the 1949 earthquake and was almost completely rebuilt for the Olympia State Bank who installed the current vault. Currently a popular retail business, the structure is an asset to downtown. Just to the east of the building was one of Olympia's oldest landmarks, the Oddfellows Hall. The Lodge was the first Washington Territorial Lodge, organized in 1955 as Lodge No. 1. The lodge was disbanded during the early 1860's and later reorganized in 1867. The lodge purchased land for a cemetery in 1869 east of Tumwater. They built a three story structure in 1888 which had a clocktower. It burned in 1936.

### Description of Physical Appearance

This is a small, one-story concrete structure with a flat roof. The brick-faced front (north) facade is topped by parapet with a shallow gable form. The storefront has paired recessed entry doors, plate glass windows with concrete kickplates and a multi-paned transom; it is topped by a new rounded awning of plexiglass on a metal frame.

### Major Bibliographic References

Pioneer Title Company Records.  
Interview with current owner.  
Stevenson, Shanna B., Lacey, Olympia and Tumwater: A Pictorial History, Donning, 1985.

## PHOTOS



View of north facade

taken 10/16/1985

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

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Comments: