

**Historic Property** Warnica & Warnica  
**Inventory Report for** 202 Southeast 9th Avenue Olympia, Thurston, 98501

**LOCATION SECTION**

**Historic Name:** Warnica & Warnica **Field Site No.:** 735  
**Common Name:** Olympic Credit Union (#34-741) **OAHP No.:**  
**Property Address:** 202 Southeast 9th Avenue Olympia, Thurston, 98501  
**Comments:** OLYMPIA

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

**UTM Reference**

**Zone:** 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com  
**Sequence:** 0 **Easting:** 507740 **Northing:** 5209490

**Tax No./Parcel No.** **Plat/Block/Lot**  
78502800800 Sylvester L8 Blk 28

**Supplemental Map(s)** **Acreage**  
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**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

**Field Recorder:** Shanna Stevenson **Date Recorded:** 10/17/1985 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

**Owner's Name:** Olympia Credit Union **Owner Address:** 202 9th Avenue 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**

**Historic Use:** Funerary - Mortuary  
**Current Use:** Commerce/Trade - Business

**Plan:** Rectangle **No. of Stories:** 2

**Structural System:** Concrete - Poured

**Changes to plan:** Slight **Changes to interior:** Extensive

**Changes to original cladding:** Slight **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

Date Of Construction: 1923

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**

Another of the longtime mortuaries in downtown Olympia, the building was built as a mortuary in 1923 by Al Warnica and the business was known as Warnica and Warnica. A. O. Warnica and his son Earl R. Warnica came to Olympia in 1905 to establish their business. In 1954 Robert Selene took over the mortuary which he sold to the present owners in 1984. The front porch was taken off and an addition built in an L shape on the front.

**Description of Physical Appearance**

This is a rectangular, two-story stucco structure of utilitarian design. Its flat roof is bordered by a flat parapet, below which is a projecting metal cornice. Projecting from the front (south) and rear walls are one-story, flat-roofed extension; the rear extension has a similar metal cornice. At the rounded southwest corner of the front extension is a recessed porch with square stucco columns and a wrought iron railing; the porch shelters the entry door and an adjacent large glass block window, which appears to be a later addition. On the south facade is another entry door sheltered by a fabric awning. Fenestration is single and paired double-hung sash with decorative mullions in the upper sash. The building has been extensively altered since 1985 with changes to the front porch and windows.

**Major Bibliographic References**

Interview with Robert Selene.  
"Olympia," Lee Printing Co., 1926.

**PHOTOS**



View of SW corner

taken 10/17/1985

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

27-22A

Comments: