

Historic Property H.B. McElroy Store
Inventory Report for 414-418 South Capitol Way Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: H.B. McElroy Store Field Site No.: 754
Common Name: (#34-774) OAHP No.:
Property Address: 414-418 South Capitol Way 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: 507640 Northing: 5209920

Tax No./Parcel No. Plat/Block/Lot
78501400700 Sylvester Plat/Block 14/Lots 7 & 8

Supplemental Map(s) Acreage
City of Olympia Planning Department .17

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson Date Recorded: 5/31/1989 Survey Name: OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: Marvin Braudrick Owner Address: 2017 Claremont Circle SW City/State/Zip: Olympia, WA 98512

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: One

Structural System: Brick

Changes to plan: Moderate Changes to interior: Moderate
Changes to original cladding: Extensive Changes to other:
Changes to windows: Moderate Other (specify):

Cladding Brick Foundation Concrete - Poured

Glass - Carrera Glass/ Vitrolite

Style Commercial Form/Type

Roof Material Asphalt / Compostion - Rolled Roof Type Unknown

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	Other	Date Of Construction: <u>1924</u>
<u>Commerce</u>		Architect: <u>Joseph Wohleb</u>
		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 building was built as the H. B. McElroy Store in 1924 in a design by Joseph Wohleb, noted Olympia architect. The McElroy's were a pioneer family. T. F. McElroy, father of H. B., was the publisher of Olympia's and Washington Territory's first paper, The Colombian in 1852. He was also Territorial Printer. Originally, the building housed "Huey's Bar", and a hardware store and restaurant. In 1949, Spellman's began a shoe store here which was later sold in 1951 to International Shoe Company and purchased in 1963 by Dammarell Shoes. Jay Elder began the women's wear store by the same name here in 1958. Joseph Wohleb also did the 1940, 1948 and 1958 remodels. The 1940 remodel installed the green carrara glass storefront.

Description of Physical Appearance This is a rectangular two-story commercial building with a flat roof. Two storefronts each with a deeply recessed entryway face west on Capitol Way. Green carrara glass tile covers the front facade. The building is of steel and brick construction. A plain metal canopy attached by chains extends across the front facade. Storefronts have plate glass windows which slant inward toward a wide entry. The entry of the south storefront has double metal framed glass doors with metal frame glass sidelights and transom. The storefront has a green carrara glass tile bulkhead. The north storefront has irregularly shaped plate glass front display windows framed with metal which slant toward double metal frame glass doors with a metal framed transom. This storefront has a black carrara glass kickplate. The entry plazas of both storefronts have mosaic and terrazzo floors. The brick construction of the building is evident on the sidewall on the north side alleyway.

Major Bibliographic References Interview with Marvin Braudrick, owner, June 12, 1989.
Allison, Elizabeth M. and W. A. Katz, "Thorton Fleming McElroy--Printer; Politician, Businessman," Pacific Northwest Quarterly, April, 1963.
Joseph Wohleb Architectural records at Flotree & Sogge Architects Office.

PHOTOS



View of West (front) facade
taken 5/31/1989
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):
36-21
Comments: