

Historic Property Boardman Building
Inventory Report for 120, 124 East 4th Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Boardman Building **Field Site No.:** 756
Common Name: (#34-776) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 120, 124 East 4th 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:** 507690 **Northing:** 5210000

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
78501300500 Sylvester's Plat/Block 13/Lots 5 and 6

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

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

Owner's Name: Eugene M. Otto **Owner Address:** 4025 Baker-Ames Road **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98506

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:** One

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Slight

Changes to interior: Moderate

Changes to original cladding: Slight

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Slight

Other (specify):

Cladding Stucco

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Style Commercial

Form/Type

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition - Rolled

Roof Type Gable

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1925

Commerce

Architect: Dawley Brothers Contractor

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 Boardman Building is a good example of early 20th century commercial style construction. The building replaced an earlier structure at the site and was built in 1925 for E. W. Boardman by Dawley Brothers Contractors who built many downtown buildings. The building has had several tenants including an original billiard parlor, several restaurants, bars and card rooms, a cigar store, Woolworths 5 and 10, Buster Brown shoes, a clothing store, a drug store and a barber shop. The building suffered a fire and was unoccupied for several years and has recently undergone a renovation to reveal many of its original architectural features. The Boardman Building is listed on the Olympia Heritage Register.

Description of Physical Appearance

This is a one-story, rectangular, flat-roofed, building with a parapet roofline. The building has two bays on the south side and four on the east. Obscure multi-paned glass clerestory windows are on the front (south) facade and continue around the east side to the first bay. The bays are separated by pilasters which have an incised "M" design. A flat metal canopy spans the front facade and also shelters the first bay on the southeast corner. The west side front storefront has woodframe plate glass windows. The entry is recessed with a metal-frame entry topped by a transom. The southeast corner storefront has a corner entry with newer double, wood-frame doors topped by a transom. On the east side are three sets of two long narrow casement windows and two narrow vertical windows set high on the building. Two northeast corner storefronts have vertical clerestory windows over plate glass storefronts with recessed entries. One of the storefronts is framed in wood and the other in metal. Doorways have transoms and sidelights.

Major Bibliographic References

Polk City Directories.
Newell, Gordon, Rogues, Buffoons, and Statesmen. Superior Publishing, Seattle: 1975.

PHOTOS



View of South (front) facade, SW corner

taken 5/31/1989

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

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Comments: