

Historic Property Neuffer Building
Inventory Report for 513, 515 South Capitol Way Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Neuffer Building **Field Site No.:** 758
Common Name: (#34-778) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 513, 515 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:** 507630 **Northing:** 5209820

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
78500600600 Sylvester's Plat/Block 6/Lot 6

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

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

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

Owner's Name: Theodore Klueh **Owner Address:** 1307 East Bay Drive **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98506

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

Within a District? Yes **Survey/Inventory**

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: Concrete - Block

Changes to plan: Moderate

Changes to interior: Moderate

Changes to original cladding: Slight

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Moderate

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: 1906

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect:

Commerce

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

This was one of the first reinforced concrete buildings built in the city in 1906. Paul Neuffer established his jewelry business in Olympia in 1890. He had learned the trade in Germany and worked in New York, Arizona, New Mexico and Los Angeles. His first shop was on Fourth near Washington St. He then moved around the corner on Washington St. When this building was built, the construction technique was a novelty which was enjoyed by onlookers according to newspaper accounts. His son Paul C. Neuffer carried on the business for many years.

Description of Physical Appearance

The structure is a one-story vernacular, flat-roofed concrete building with two storefronts. The south storefront has a metal frame plate glass window with the metal framed glass entry door offset to the north. Adjoining that door in the center of the building is the entry to the other storefront, also a metal frame glass door. Both doors are recessed and have transoms. The north storefront has wooden framing with multi-pane inserts. Both storefronts have newer facings on the kickplates: face brick on the south and beaded woodwork on the north.

Major Bibliographic References

"Neuffer's Is Pioneer Store In This City," Daily Olympian, April 20, 1941.

PHOTOS



View of East (front) facade

taken 5/31/1989

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

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Comments: