

Historic Property Avalon Theater Building
Inventory Report for 308, and 310 4th Avenue Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Avalon Theater Building **Field Site No.:** 762
Common Name: Griswolds (#34-782) Burned 2004 **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 308, and 310 4th 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:** 507870 **Northing:** 5209900

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
78503300700 Sylvester's Plat/Block 33/Lot 7

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

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

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

Owner's Name: Billy G. Griswold **Owner Address:** 308 & 310 4th Avenue **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98501

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

Within a District? No Other (HABS, HAER)

Contributing?

National Register Nomination: 0

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Recreation and Culture - Theater

Current Use: Commerce/Trade - Business

Plan: Rectangle **No. of Stories:** One and Two

Structural System: Concrete - Block

Changes to plan: Moderate

Changes to interior: Moderate

Changes to original cladding: Moderate

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Extensive

Other (specify):

Cladding Stucco

Foundation

Style Commercial

Form/Type

Spanish - Mission

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition - Rolled

Roof Type Gable

Tile

Unknown

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	Other
<u>Commerce</u>	
<u>Entertainment/Recreation</u>	

Date Of Construction: 1928
Architect: Franklin Cox Stanton
Builder: Phillips and Newell
Engineer:

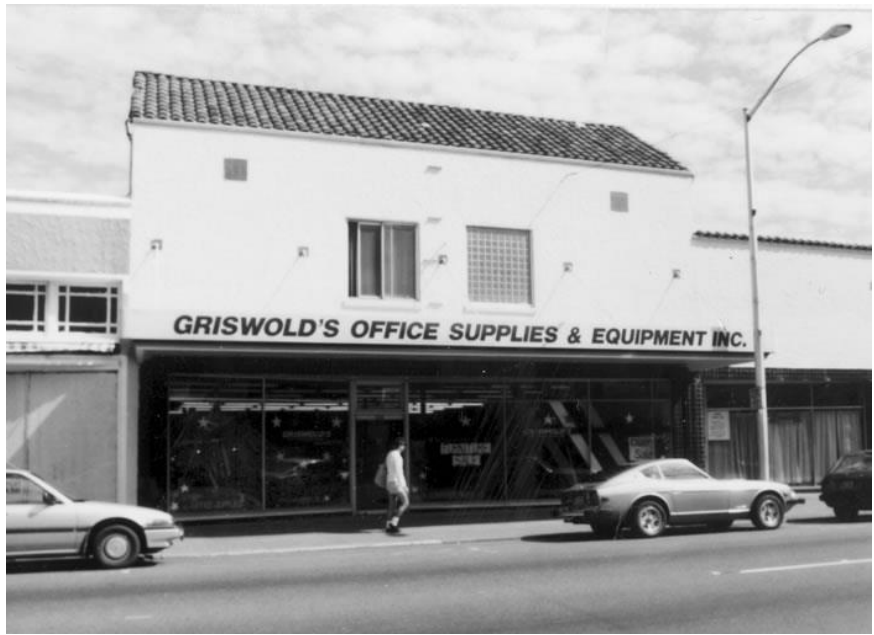
Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: No
Property is located in a historic district (National and/or local): No
Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local):

Statement of Significance The Avalon Theater and Store Building was completed in 1928. It was designed by Franklin Cox Stanton with A. H. Albertson as the consulting architect for the Casco Company. It was built by Phillips & Newell contractors. The theater was managed for many years by W. B. McDonald. Originally the store building accommodated the Avalon Confectionery, Avalon Grocery, Dew Drop Inn and Good Eats Cafe. In the late 1940's or early 1950's the theater was renovated to also house commercial establishments.

Description of Physical Appearance The theater section rises to two stories with a tiled roof with an eastside section that is tiled, textured stucco. Some tile inserts are interspersed in the stucco. The rear roofline of this section extends to a half gable. The facade has one newer window with square obscure glass and one square glass block window on the top story. This section has a front canopy with the company name on the fascia. Two store fronts are in this section on the lower level. The larger one has plate glass windows slanting toward the recessed entry which is slightly offset to the west. The door is newer metal framed glass with a similarly framed transom. The second east storefront with plate glass panels slants inward to the entry on the west. This entry has newer metal framed glass entry door with transom. The store section has two bays on the south and five on the west. The south two storefronts have multi-pane clerestory windows with one set covered over. Plate glass storefronts slant inward to double glass doors with transoms. On the west side the transoms have been covered over. The bays are separated by simple pilasters. Three of the bays are covered over or filled in. One storefront has recessed entry with carved wooden newel posts. This storefront has what appears to be carved pieces around the door frame.

Major Bibliographic References "Avalon Theatre and Store Building", Daily Olympian, April 26, 1928.
Interview with W. B. McDonald.

PHOTOS



View of SE Corner, South facade
taken 5/31/1989
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):
38-6
Comments: