

Historic Property YMCA
Inventory Report for 510 South Franklin Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: YMCA Field Site No.: 774
Common Name: (#34-794) OAHP No.:
Property Address: 510 South Franklin Olympia, Thurston, 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

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

UTM Reference

Zone: 10 Spatial Type: Point Acquisition Code: TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 Easting: 507840 Northing: 5209820

Tax No./Parcel No. Plat/Block/Lot
78503500101 Sylvester Plat/Block 35/ pt. Lots 1,2, 78

Supplemental Map(s) Acreage
City of Olympia Planning Department .24

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson Date Recorded: 6/1/1989 Survey Name: OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: YMCA Owner Address: 510 South Franklin City/State/Zip: Olympia, WA 98501

Classification: Building Resource Status: Survey/Inventory Comments:

Within a District? No

Contributing?

National Register Nomination: 0

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Social - Clubhouse

Current Use: Social - Clubhouse

Plan: Irregular No. of Stories: 3 1/2

Structural System: Concrete - Block

Changes to plan: Extensive

Changes to original cladding: Moderate

Changes to windows: Extensive

Changes to interior: Extensive

Changes to other:

Other (specify):

Cladding Concrete

Style Commercial

Roof Material Asphalt / Compostion - Rolled

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Form/Type

Roof Type Unknown

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	Other	Date Of Construction: <u>1915</u>
<u>Entertainment/Recreation</u>		Architect: <u>Wohleb Addition 1940/Howard Grey</u>
<u>Social Movements/Organizations</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 Olympia Downtown Branch
South Sound YMCA
510 Franklin St. SE

The Olympia DowntownYMCA was first incorporated in 1892 and merged with the Olympia Athletic Club in 1902. The group met in several temporary locations, including 406 4th Avenue. After a community fund drive, the north part of this structure was erected for the YMCA in 1910, at a cost of \$26,000. The new Y featured a gym, pool, running track and residence rooms. This was the former site of the Presbyterian Church in Olympia. The Y ran into financial trouble in the mid 1910s, but through the efforts of C. H. Springer, Millard Lemon and Fred W. Stocking, it remained open. The building was renovated and enlarged in 1920, 1940, 1954 1963 and 1969. In 2002, renovations were made to enlarge the Fitness Center (cardio, Nautilus, and free weight equipment), create a Personal Fitness Program Room, create a Fitness Studio, and refurbish Men's shower, steam and sauna areas. Howard Grey designed the original section. Joseph Wohleb did the 1940 addition. The 1954 addition included a Memorial Pool dedicated to the persons who gave their lives in World War I; renovation of the pool area and lower level locker rooms slated to begin in August 2003.

The building continues to be owned by the South Sound YMCA and offers youth, family, and adult programs.

Description of Physical Appearance The building is in three main sections. The higher section which accommodates the pool facility is on the east. The original section is on the north. The north end facade has a series of metal casement windows separated by two large plain pilasters. The central entry section is clad with stone aggregate and has three alternately placed casement windows. The first floor entry in the center section has a concrete canopy sheltering metal-frame, glass entry doors with sidelights. This section has decorative concrete block and small, mosaic tile pieces framing it. The south section is concrete block. The first floor is recessed for bike storage. The flat front facade of the south section has three metal casement windows on the second floor and a bank of four metal casement windows on the second floor with lower awning opening section. The south wall has no openings. The rear of this section has three large multi-pane metal framed glass windows.

Major Bibliographic References "Modern Y Building Is Boon to Youth," Daily Olympian, May 1, 1950.
"Olympia YMCA Received First Guests in '91", Daily Olympian, April 20, 1941.
The Coast, March, 1909.

PHOTOS



View of SW corner
taken 7/6/1989
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):
38-17
Comments: