

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1922

Communications

Architect: Joseph Wohleb

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 designed and built in 1922 for by Joseph Wohleb, noted Olympia architect. George Martin came to Olympia in 1889 and began a plumbing shop at 110 North Capitol Way. Martin and his son, James, enlarged the business to include hardware was a director in the Olympia National Bank and owned and operated Olympia Sand and Gravel. His son, Dewey Martin, took over the business in 1926. He discontinued the hardware business and worked for may years in the plumbing and heating contract business. His son Jack Martin continues in business in Olympia.

Description of Physical Appearance

The rectangular building has flat roof and a false-front, gabled parapet on the front (north) side. Below the parapet, recessed panels follow the outline of the parapet on the top facade. Three storefront bays are separated by pilasters. Multi-paned clerestory windows are above the storefront. The building has a concrete bulkhead and wood-frame, plate glass storefronts. The center storefront has a metal-frame door offset tot he east side. The west storefront has the original wood frame entry door, also offset to the east. 1997-The front facade has been renovated with newer storefronts and clerestory windows.

Major Bibliographic References

Joseph Wohleb Architectural Records, Flotree & Sogge Architects.
"G. D. Martin Is Pioneer Firm," Daily Olympian, November 8, 1939.

PHOTOS



View of North (front) facade

taken 6/1/1989

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

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Comments: