

Historic Property Mottman Building
Inventory Report for 101 North Capitol Way Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Mottman Building **Field Site No.:** 780
Common Name: (#34-800) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 101 North 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:** 507550 **Northing:** 5209960

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
78500400602 Sylvester's Plat/Block 4

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

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

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

Owner's Name: Mottman Co-Tenancy Investors **Owner Address:** 724 Columbia St. NW Ste 200 **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98501

Classification: Building **Resource Status** **Comments**
Within a District? Yes Survey/Inventory
Contributing? National Register
State Register
Local Register

National Register Nomination: MOTTMAN BUILDING
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:** Three

Structural System: Brick

Changes to plan: Moderate **Changes to interior:** Moderate
Changes to original cladding: Slight **Changes to other:**
Changes to windows: Slight **Other (specify):**

Cladding Stucco **Foundation** Brick
Style Commercial **Form/Type**
Roof Material Asphalt / Compostion - Rolled **Roof Type** Unknown

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	Other	Date Of Construction: <u>1889</u>
<u>Ethnic Heritage</u>		Architect:
<u>Commerce</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 This structure was built originally as the Olympic Block in 1883 by Charles Williams. Toklas & Kaufman later managed a store there. George A. Mottman was born in Germany and migrated to New York, and San Francisco before coming to Olympia in 1884. He went to work for Toklas and Kaufman and later opened his own store at this site. He was mayor of Olympia and lead the call for civic improvements. He was known as a progressive merchant. He expanded the building and added a third floor in 1911 installing the first elevator in Olympia. The store had wire baskets and pulley system for change and receipts. The structure was heavily damaged during the 1949 earthquake and underwent substantial renovation to repair damage. The building was at the intersection of the major highway between Seattle and Portland before the coming of superhighways. The store was in business until 1967, an Olympia landmark and a tribute to old-time merchandising. The structure was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982 and is also on the Olympia Heritage Register. The building has undergone a substantial renovation in recent years.

Description of Physical Appearance The original building was rectangular rising two stories high and measuring 50 x 100 feet. In 1911 a 20 x 70 foot extension to the north and west and third story were added. Additional modifications were made following the 1949 earthquake. The building sits on a stone foundation with brick exterior bearing walls and iron and wood interior columns and a wood frame flat roof. The east elevation has the original iron cornice with large brackets and recessed rectangular panels which were relocated from the second to the third floor when the building was enlarged in 1911. A six foot high clerestory window band rests atop a retractable awning which separates the clerestory band from the storefronts. The transom and show windows were moved from the rear of the building following the 1949 earthquake. Recessed customer entrances are located near the north wall on the east elevation, facing the southeast corner and 70 feet from the southeast corner of the south elevation. The brick exterior was covered with cement plaster. On the east elevation the second floor window band has seven equally spaced rectangular windows with the bottom third operable. The third floor has rectangular split double hung windows in a band aligned above those on the second floor. On the south side, second floor windows are a rectangular multi-pane fixed window and split double hung window with curved head equally spaced while some windows are equally spaced split double hung with curved head and rectangular with bottom third double hung. The third floor window band has rectangular windows of equal height with widths matching the second floor. The east side windows are rectangular with equal heights and widths. Other windows are fixed multi-pane and four pane windows. The interior of the building has been extensively renovated.

Major Bibliographic References Washington Standard, May 31, 1888, July 27, 1888, September 7, 1888.
Nathan G. Kaufman, Olympia Tribune Souvenir Edition, May, 1891.
Mottman Adds, Olympia Chronicle, May 27, 1911, July 1, 1911, October 23, 1911.
National Register Nomination for the Mottman Building, 1982.

PHOTOS



View of Southeast Corner
taken 7/6/1989
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