

Historic Property Cowling Building
Inventory Report for 113 to 1171/2 North Washington Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Cowling Building Field Site No.: 781
Common Name: (#34-801) OAHP No.:
Property Address: 113 to 1171/2 North Washington 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: 507720 Northing: 5210000

Tax No./Parcel No. Plat/Block/Lot
78501300402 Sylvester's Plat/Block 13/Lot 4

Supplemental Map(s) Acreage
City of Olympia Planning Department .06

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

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

Owner's Name: Raymond LaForge Owner Address: 605 Eastside Street NE #4-E City/State/Zip: Olympia, WA 98506

Classification: Building Resource Status Survey/Inventory Comments

Within a District? Yes

Contributing?

National Register Nomination: 0

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name: OLYMPIA DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Domestic - Hotel
Current Use: Commerce/Trade - Business

Plan: Rectangle No. of Stories: Two

Structural System: Brick

Changes to plan: Moderate Changes to interior: Extensive

Changes to original cladding: Moderate Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Moderate Other (specify):

Cladding Brick Foundation Brick

Stucco

Style Commercial Form/Type

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition - Rolled Roof Type Unknown

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1926

Commerce

Architect: Franklin Cox Stanton

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

Built in 1926 in a design by Franklin Cox Stanton, the building was designed for longtime hotel operator, Samuel Cowling. The building originally had hotel rooms on the second floor and two storefronts on the first floor. The building adjoined an older Cowling Hotel which was at the corner of Washington and State. The hotel operated until 1964 at this site although the older building had been replaced in 1941.

Description of Physical Appearance

The structure is a two story brick building with a flat roof. The front facade has been clad in stucco and has incised horizontal bands across the top of the building. Four regularly spaced rectangular replacement windows are on the second floor front (east) facade. The storefront has large plate glass windows with a recessed entry to the south. The glass display windows slant toward the wood-framed glass door and transom. A smaller square wood framed window is on the first floor to the north of the building. On the south alley side the brick sidewall is evident. A series of six rectangular windows with obscure glass are on the second floor. Metal framed 10 pane windows are on the first floor on the alley side. A recessed entry is near the center of the building on this side and a second rear entry has been filled in with concrete block.

Major Bibliographic References

Flotree and Sogge Architects Records.
Polk City Directories.

PHOTOS



View of East (front) Facade

taken 7/6/1989

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

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Comments: