

Historic Property Woodruff Block
Inventory Report for 119 North Capitol Way Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Woodruff Block **Field Site No.:** 825
Common Name: (#34-661) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 119 North Capitol Way 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:** 507560 **Northing:** 5210000

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
78500400300 Sylvester L2 Blk 4

Supplemental Map(s) **Acreage**
City of Olympia Planning Department .17

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson/Tom C **Date Recorded:** 10/16/1985 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: Labor Temple Associates **Owner Address:** 119 1/2 North Capitol Way **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98501

Classification: Building **Resource Status** **Comments**
Within a District? Yes Survey/Inventory

Contributing?

National Register Nomination: 0

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:** 2

Structural System: Brick

Changes to plan: Intact **Changes to interior:** Unknown

Changes to original cladding: Intact **Changes to other:**

Changes to windows: Extensive **Other (specify):**

Cladding Brick **Foundation** Brick

Concrete

Style Art Deco - Streamlined Moderne **Form/Type**

Commercial

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition - Rolled **Roof Type** Unknown

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1887

Politics/Government/Law

Architect:

Social Movements/Organizations

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 Woodruff Building, also known as the Labor Temple was built as a two-story structure in 1887 by Sam Woodruff. The building housed some of Olympia's early businesses. Van Epps Music was located here and Michael O'Conner had a stationery store with a post office in the rear of the store. Many fraternal and patriotic organizations used this hall as a meeting place and many speakers addressed groups from the balconies. Governor Ferry reviewed militia from there on his inauguration day November 18, 1889 celebrating Washington statehood. President Harrison spoke from the second floor on a visit to Olympia. The building was severely damaged in the 1949 earthquake and its historic features had to be dismantled or covered over. Originally the structure had projecting bays, cast iron columns and an ornate parapet.

Description of Physical Appearance

This is a rectangular, two-story brick masonry structure of utilitarian design. Spanning the front (east) wall is a newer concrete facade of Art Moderne style. The gently sloping roof is bordered by a parapet, which is flat on the front and steps down toward the rear along the side walls. The front facade features flush and slated plate glass storefronts with recessed doors, topped by a shallow projecting canopy. Above the canopy on the mezzanine level is a row of tripartite casement windows, set in a band of concrete with horizontal fluting and a continuous projecting sill and lintel. The second story has a row of tall windows with lower casements topped by plate glass upper sash. Above them is a wide painted band of contrasting color. The side walls have single and paired multi-paned metal casements, and some original arched double-hung sash at the rear. Along the north wall is a one-story, flat-roofed addition with plate glass windows, glass entry doors and large multi-paned garage doors.

Major Bibliographic References

Stevenson, Shanna, Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater: A Pictorial History, Donning, 1985.

PHOTOS



View of NE corner

taken 10/16/1985

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

25-7A

Comments: