

Historic Property Olympia Junk Co.
Inventory Report for 525 South Columbia Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Olympia Junk Co. Field Site No.: 826
Common Name: (#34-717) OAHP No.:
Property Address: 525 South Columbia 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: 507480 Northing: 5209750

Tax No./Parcel No. Plat/Block/Lot
78507500700 Sylvester L7 Blk 75

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: Columbia Street LLC Owner Address: Olympia, WA 98501 City/State/Zip:
Olympia, WA 98501

Classification: Building Resource Status: Survey/Inventory Comments:

Within a District? No Survey/Inventory

Contributing?

National Register Nomination: 0

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Commerce/Trade - Business

Current Use: Commerce/Trade - Business

Plan: Rectangle No. of Stories: 1

Structural System: Concrete - Poured

Changes to plan: Intact

Changes to interior: Moderate

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Intact

Other (specify):

Cladding Stucco

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Style Spanish - Mission

Form/Type Commercial

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition - Rolled

Roof Type Flat with Parapet

Tile

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	Other	Date Of Construction: <u>1929</u>
<u>Architecture/Landscape Architecture</u>		Architect: <u>Joseph Wohleb</u>
<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 The building was built in 1929 for Earl Bean as the Olympia Junk Co. in a Joseph Wohleb design. The Beans have been prominent merchants for most of the past century in Olympia. Earl Bean was born in Russia in 1892 and came to Olympia at the age of 18. His father Jacob Bean had preceded him and established a junk and hardware business. They branched out into a wholesale and retail hardware business. He had first lived in Everett in 1915. He bought out a hardware business begun by his brother-in-law in 1906. He moved to this location in 1918 and later built this structure. The Bean's store, Olympia Supply, later moved to its present location farther south on Columbia street in the 1940's.

Description of Physical Appearance This is a rectangular, one-story structure of utilitarian design with Mission Revival style detailing. The concrete walls are clad with stucco, and the front (east) walls and front portion of the south wall are topped by a tiled parapet with a simple molded cornice. The front wall has three bays, with a central recessed entry and flanking plate glass windows topped by multi-paned transoms of frosted glass. The south facade has two similar bays, one of which has a newer window; their transoms have been covered over. The rear of the facade has smaller windows, three entry doors and a garage door.

Major Bibliographic References Maddox, Dawn, "Joseph Wohleb: resident architect of the state Capital," Landmarks, Vol. IV. No. 4.
Interview with Percy Bean.

"Earl Bean, Long Civic Leader, Dies Tuesday," December 5, 1973, Daily Olympian, p. 1.

PHOTOS



View of SE corner
taken 10/16/1985
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):
26-31A
Comments: