

Historic Property Christian Science Church
Inventory Report for 201 Southeast 8th Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Christian Science Church
Common Name: (#34-735)
Property Address: 201 Southeast 8th Olympia, Thurston, 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

Field Site No.: 837
OAHP No.:

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:** 507740 **Northing:** 5209550

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
78502800100 Sylvester L1 Blk 28

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

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson/Tom C **Date Recorded:** 10/17/1985 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: **Owner Address:** **City/State/Zip:**
First Church of Christ 120 4th Ave East #B Olympia, WA 98501
Scientist

Classification: Building **Resource Status** **Comments**

Within a District? No Survey/Inventory

Contributing?

National Register Nomination: 0

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Religion - Religious Facility

Current Use: Religion - Religious Facility

Plan: Rectangle **No. of Stories:** 2

Structural System: Brick

Changes to plan: Moderate

Changes to original cladding: Moderate

Changes to windows: Intact

Changes to interior: Moderate

Changes to other:

Other (specify):

Cladding Brick

Style Greek Revival

Unknown

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Form/Type

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition

Roof Type Gable

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	Other	Date Of Construction: <u>1925</u>
<u>Religion</u>		Architect:
		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 One of the imposing downtown churches, this building was built on the site of the Rosenthal house in a period from 1925 to 1947. In 1903 a small group of Christian Science students starting meeting in the old Olympia Hotel on Capitol Way. They met in various places and in 1912 the group was recognized by the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston. Further recognition for the group came in 1917 when it was recognized as a branch of the other church. They purchased this property in 1919 and remodeled the Rosenthal house which erected in 1861 as a church, Sunday school and reading room. Construction of the present building was begun in 1925 and the first floor was completed. The second floor was completed with pipe organ in the auditorium in 1947. Gustave Rosenthal came to Olympia in 1863 and started a general merchandise and dry good store at Second and Main (now Capitol Way). Rosenthal was active in a number of business ventures in the area including oystering, timber shipping, coal mining.

Description of Physical Appearance This is a rectangular, two-story structure of Greek Revival style built of brick masonry on a poured concrete foundation. The roof has a tall central gable flanked by narrow flat sections, which are fronted by flat parapets. Encircling the roof is a prominent entablature with a molded cornice with modillions, a plain brick frieze and molded architrave. Centered on the front facade is a tall portico with four massive Tuscan columns topped by a pedimented gable with modillions and a wide frieze with metopes and triglyphs. The portico shelters the double main entry doors, which have a rectangular transom and an ornate surround with quoins. Above the door is an arched multi-paned window of marbled glass. Slight projections at the front of the side walls hold tall, multi-paned arched windows and a lower row of multi-paned casements with transoms. Projecting to the rear is a two-story extension with a slightly lower gable roof; its rear wall is clad with concrete aggregate panels.

Major Bibliographic References "First Church of Christ, Scientist," Daily Olympian, August 7, 1964, p. 8. Blankenship, Mrs. George E., Early History of Thurston County, Washington, Olympia, 1914.

PHOTOS



View of NW corner
taken 10/17/1985
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):
27-14A
Comments: