

Historic Property Percival Landing
Inventory Report for 5th & Water Street Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Percival Landing Field Site No.: 848
Common Name: (#34-666) OAHP No.:
Property Address: 5th & Water Street 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: 507370 Northing: 5210000

Tax No./Parcel No. Plat/Block/Lot
91006500100, 91007100100, 91007200100 Adjacent to First Class Tidelands

Supplemental Map(s) Acreage
City of Olympia Planning Department

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

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

Owner's Name: City of Olympia Owner Address: PO Box 1967 City/State/Zip: Olympia, WA 98507
Classification: Object Resource Status Survey/Inventory Comments
Within a District? No Local Register OHR-87-7
Contributing?

National Register Nomination:
Local District:
National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Transportation - Water-Related
Current Use: Transportation - Water-Related

Plan: Unknown No. of Stories:

Structural System: Unknown

Changes to plan: Unknown Changes to interior: Unknown
Changes to original cladding: Unknown Changes to other:
Changes to windows: Unknown Other (specify):

Cladding Foundation
Style Form/Type
Roof Material Roof Type

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	Other	Date Of Construction: <u>1860</u>
<u>Commerce</u>		Architect:
<u>Transportation</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 Percival Landing commemorates one of the most historic families and locations in Olympia. Sam Percival was a native of Massachusetts who came to the northwest in the 1850's. He came to Olympia and operated a general store operated by the Kendall Company of San Francisco. He also built a sawmill at Tumwater Falls. The original Percival Dock was built in 1860 and rebuilt many times until its was torn down in 1977. In 1877 Captain Sam turned over his wharf to his son John C. Percival, born in Olympia in 1861. The wharf was haven for the flourishing steamboat trade which operated on Puget Sound. The steamers were the major method of transportation on the Sound because of the difficulty of overland transportation because of the thickly forested landscape. The dock was the off-loading site for passengers and cargo. When the electric street cars came on the scene in Olympia in the 1890's, a spur was built to the dock to accommodate incoming passengers. Olympia Beer was brought by street car to the dock for transshipment. The Fourth of July celebrations which were a major event in early Olympia climaxed here with Indian canoe races, rowing contests, etc. The dock was the center for the colorful steamboat trade which brought the sidewheel and sternwheel craft to the front door of Olympia. The dock was sold in 1926 to Capt. F. E. Lovejoy who had the Puget Sound Freight Lines. His ships replaced the steamers. Percival retained his office which was a landmark on the Olympia waterfront until his death in 1945. The Percival Landing Park was built in 1977 by the City of Olympia and commemorated the Percival legacy to the history of the city.

Description of Physical Appearance This is now the site of Percival Landing Park, which consists of a long wooden boardwalk extending along the water's edge with picnic tables, plantings, and ramps extending down to floating docks. Structures include a restroom building and a new viewing tower with a pyramidal roof.

Major Bibliographic References Newell, Gordon "Historic Percival Dock Yields to Waterfront Park," Olympia News, May 5, 1977, pg. 1.

PHOTOS



View of from southwest
taken 10/16/1985
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):
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Comments: