

Historic Property Weidner Rummy Club
Inventory Report for 116 West 4th Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Weidner Rummy Club **Field Site No.:** 909
Common Name: Ben Moore's (#34-674) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 116 West 4th Olympia, Thurston, 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

County **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**
[REDACTED] T18R02W TUMWATER

UTM Reference
Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 **Easting:** 507530 **Northing:** 5209950

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
78500400501 Sylvester, L5 & 8 Blk 4

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

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

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

Owner's Name: Minh D. Smith **Owner Address:** 1306 Canning Court **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98501, WA 98584

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:** 1

Structural System: Concrete - Block

Changes to plan: Intact **Changes to interior:** Moderate
Changes to original cladding: Intact **Changes to other:**
Changes to windows: Slight **Other (specify):**

Cladding Concrete **Foundation** Concrete - Poured
Stucco

Style Commercial **Form/Type**
Spanish - Mission

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

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	Other	Date Of Construction: <u>1929</u>
<u>Architecture/Landscape Architecture</u>		Architect: <u>Joseph Wohleb</u>
<u>Entertainment/Recreation</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 distinctive tile roofed structure was built in 1929 in a design by Joseph Wohleb for O. M. Weidner. Weidner was born in Chicago in 1890 and first came to the area as a brewery manager in Aberdeen for Henrath brewery and soda works. He came to Olympia and managed the Otto Braaeager saloon at this site. The saloon was a remnant of pioneer Olympia with a horse trough and place to tie up horses. Weidner's brother Ernest was also involved in the business until the construction of the existing building which housed the "Rummy Club" card room and Chinese Restaurant in one part of the structure operated by Charles Kay. The Rummy Club, a gathering spot in Olympia was sold in 1935. The Weidners resumed working for local breweries. O. M. Weidner died in 1969.

Description of Physical Appearance This is a rectangular, one-story structure with Mission Revival style detailing. The roof is bordered by a tiled parapet band on the front (south) facade and by a stepped parapet on the west wall. The stuccoed front facade has four bays of unequal width with plate glass windows, tile kickplates and wooden doors with large glass panes. Above the storefronts is a flat metal canopy hung from chains which are anchored in decorative plaques on the upper facade; above the canopy are multi-paned transoms. The west wall is blank.

Major Bibliographic References Interview with James M. Weidner, son of O.M. Weidner.

PHOTOS



View of SW corner
taken 10/16/1985
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):
25-19A
Comments: