

**Historic Property** W. D. Fuller Bldg/Central Drug Store  
**Inventory Report for** 1428 4th Avenue E Olympia, Thurston, 98506

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**LOCATION SECTION**

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**Historic Name:** W. D. Fuller Bldg/Central Drug Store **Field Site No.:** 1252  
**Common Name:** (#HD-75b) **OAHP No.:**  
**Property Address:** 1428 4th Avenue E Olympia, Thurston, 98506  
**Comments:** OLYMPIA/HDC

**County** **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**  
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**UTM Reference**  
**Zone:** 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com  
**Sequence:** 0 **Easting:** 509036 **Northing:** 5210122

**Tax No./Parcel No.** **Plat/Block/Lot**  
49500200500 GALLIHERS RE ARRANGEMENT BLK 2 LOTS 5 TO 8 / 1&2 V

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

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

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**Field Recorder:** Shanna Stevenson **Date Recorded:** 6/1/2001 **Survey Name:** HDC

**Owner's Name:** Benita M McCormick **Owner Address:** 1126 Gold S. #101 **City/State/Zip:** Centralia, WA 98531

**Classification:** Building **Resource Status** **Comments**  
**Within a District?** No Survey/Inventory

**Contributing?** No

**National Register Nomination:** 0  
**Local District:**  
**National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:**

**DESCRIPTION SECTION**

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**Historic Use:** Commerce/Trade - Business  
**Current Use:** Commerce/Trade - Business

**Plan:** Rectangle **No. of Stories:** 1

**Structural System:** Balloon Frame

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

**Cladding** Stucco **Foundation** Concrete - Poured  
**Style** Commercial **Form/Type**  
**Roof Material** Asphalt / Composition - Rolled **Roof Type** Unknown

**NARRATIVE SECTION**

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1927

Commerce

Architect: W. D. Fuller

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**

Although it has been extensively altered the Central Drug was an important part of the Bigelow Highlands Neighborhood for many years. Built by W. D. Fuller, it was a corner store at the end of the street car line. George and Kathryn Gunstone took over the business in 1929 and operated it until 1963. The building was a false front wooden building with large plate glass windows and clerestory windows. The store had a fountain and postal station. Because it was at the end of the street car line, the store was an even more important landmark. Inside the store were magazines cards and everyday drugstore items. The buiding has been altered to remove the false front and original storefront configuration. A wooden mansard roof has been installed.

**Description of Physical Appearance**

Currently building is a one store flat-roofed structure with a stucco facade and replacement windows. The doorway is offset to the east. There is a wood shingle mansard roof.

**Major Bibliographic References**

Christie, Rebecca, Workingman's Hill--A History of an Olympia Neighborhood, Bigelow House Preservation Association, Bigelow Highlands Neighborhood, 2001.

**PHOTOS**



View of Side Facade

taken 6/1/1901

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

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Comments: