

Historic Property Washington Mutual Savings Bank (Information Only)
Inventory Report for 825 S Capitol Way, Olympia, WA 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Washington Mutual Savings Bank (Information Only) **Field Site No.:** 3531
Common Name: **OAHP No.:** 6
Property Address: 825 S Capitol Way, Olympia, WA 98501
Comments:

County **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**
[REDACTED] T18R02W 14 TUMWATER

UTM Reference
Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 10 **Easting:** 507482 **Northing:** 5209720

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
78500900000 Sylvester Lot 5,6,7,8, Block 9

Supplemental Map(s) **Acreage**
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IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: ss **Date Recorded:** 8/23/2005 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA-MODERN

Owner's Name: Washington Mutual Savings **Owner Address:** PO Box 4900 **City/State/Zip:** Scottsdale, AZ 85261

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

Within a District? No **Survey/Inventory**

Contributing?

National Register Nomination:

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Commerce/Trade - Financial Institution

Current Use: Commerce/Trade - Financial Institution

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

Structural System: Concrete - Poured

Changes to plan: Intact

Changes to interior: Unknown

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Intact

Other (specify):

Cladding Concrete

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Style Modern

Form/Type Commercial

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition - Built Up

Roof Type Flat with Parapet

NARRATIVE SECTION

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| Study Unit | Other | Date Of Construction: <u>1968</u> |
| <u>Architecture/Landscape Architecture</u> | | Architect: <u>Bennett/Johnson Architects</u> |
| <u>Commerce</u> | | Builder: <u>Cascade Olympic</u> |
| | | 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 site was formerly the location of Providence Academy, a Catholic boarding and later day school operated by the Sisters of Providence which was razed in ca. 1965.

Washington Mutual Savings Bank started in Seattle in 1889 as Washington National Building Loan and Investment Association and changed its name to Washington National Building Loan and Investment Association in 1908. It survived the Depression and went public in 1983. This was the first location of the bank in Olympia. It is one of several buildings designed for local financial institutions by Bennett and Johnson Architects in the 1970s.

Description of Physical Appearance This is a flat roofed, Modern style building, set near Capitol Way. It is built of brick and concrete. The building angles downward to the north on the front, east façade. The rooline has a wide, textured, concrete frieze which has decorative concrete projecting elements. There are two brick, flat, roofed towers at either end of the building. The front has two bays with large picture windows on the south side of the front and three on the north side. They are separated by textured concrete partitions. The entry is offset to the south and has plate glass doors. The entry is reached from the sidewalk by a low flight of steps flanked by two brick pillars. The sloped section to the north of the front has textured concrete facing on the lower level. The rear or west side of the building has a similar design to the front but the entry has been modified to accommodate a cash machine. There is a large parking lot on the rear of the building.

Major Bibliographic References City of Olympia Permit files.
Information from Frank Smith on Bennett/Johnson Commissions, 2005.
<http://www.wamu.com/about/corporateprofile/history/default.asp>

PHOTOS



View of East (Front) Façade
taken 1/15/2006
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):

Comments: