

**Historic Property  
Inventory Report for**

Knight Building

at 300 N Meridian, Puyallup, WA 98371

**LOCATION SECTION**

Field Site No. 4

OAHP No.

Historic Name: Knight Building

Common Name:

Property Address: 300 N Meridian, Puyallup, WA 98371

Comments:

County Pierce Township/Range/EW T20R04na Section 28 1/4 Sec 1/4 1/4 Sec 28 Quadrangle PUYALLUP

UTM Reference  
Zone: 10 Spatial Type: Point Acquisition Code: TopoZone.com  
Sequence: 1 Easting: 553587 Northing: 5226668

Tax No./Parcel No.  
7940400010

Plat/Block/Lot

Supplemental Map(s)

Acreeage

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

Survey Name: Puyallup Downtown Survey

Field Recorder: Sonja Sokol Fűrész

Date Recorded: 7/3/2007

Owner's Name:

Owner Address:

City/State/Zip:

Classification: Building

Resource Status

Comments

Within a District? No

Local Register

Pierce Co. Register

Contributing?

National Register Nomination:

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:

**DESCRIPTION SECTION**

Historic Use: Commerce/Trade - Business

Current Use: Commerce/Trade - Business

Plan: Rectangle

No. of Stories: 2

Structural System: Unknown

Changes to plan: Intact

Changes to interior: Unknown

Style

Form/Type

Changes to original cladding: Intact

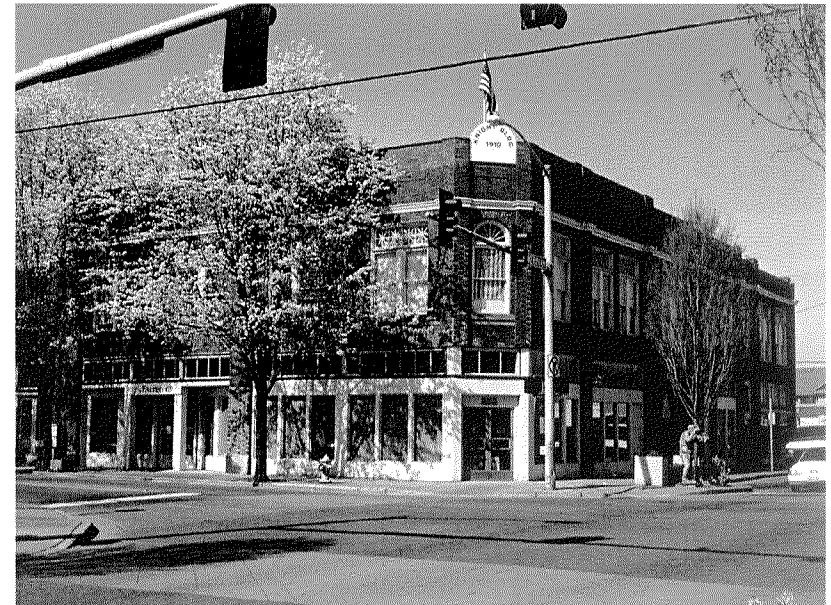
Changes to other:

Commercial

Commercial

Changes to windows: Slight

Other (specify):



View of S & E facades

taken

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

Comments: view looking northwest

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Cladding	Foundation	Roof Material	Roof Type
Brick - Flemish Bond	Unknown	Unknown	Flat with Parapet

**NARRATIVE SECTION**

Date Of Construction: 1910

Study Unit

Other

Architect:

Builder:

Engineer:

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: Unable to Determine

Property is located in a potential historic district (National and/or local): Yes - Local

Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local): Yes

**Statement of  
Significance**

Puyallup developed quickly as an agricultural market town along the Puyallup River beginning in the 1850s, with further development of the downtown core resulting from the introduction of rail transit in the 1880s, and continuing through the mid-20th century. The city's commercial buildings were constructed primarily along Meridian Street and Pioneer, Main, and Stewart Avenues, while industrial buildings were situated along the Northern Pacific Railroad line. The surrounding blocks are primarily residential, composed of houses, churches, schools, and civic properties that were constructed during this period. Many of the city's earliest buildings remain in the downtown area illustrate Puyallup's heritage.

The Knight Building was constructed in 1910 by Edward Knight as part of the commercial core. The building is listed in the Pierce County Register. Knight started auto-related businesses, including a garage/auto repair shop and a truck sales business. In the mid-1920s, the Mueller-Harkins Motor Company was located on the first floor of the building.

**Description of  
Physical  
Appearance**

This two-story brick building is sited on a corner, with primary facades on the east and south. The building is clad with brick laid in Flemish bond. The corner is clipped and provides for a corner entrance. A continuous transom band runs above the storefronts. Second-story windows are paired, one-over-one double-hung wood windows with transoms above. These transoms have a starburst muntin pattern. The corner window at the second story features a window set into an arched opening, with a fanlight above. A belt course runs above the second story level.

**Major  
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