

**Historic Property
Inventory Report for**

Transit Building

at 107 W Stewart, Puyallup, WA 98371

LOCATION SECTION

Field Site No. 7

OAHP No.

Historic Name: Transit Building

Common Name:

Property Address: 107 W Stewart, Puyallup, WA 98371

Comments:

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

UTM Reference

Zone: 10 Spatial Type: Point

Acquisition Code: TopoZone.com

Sequence: 1 Easting: 553567

Northing: 5226667

Tax No./Parcel No.

Plat/Block/Lot

Supplemental Map(s)

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IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Survey Name: Puyallup Downtown Survey

Field Recorder: Sonja Sokol Fürész

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:



View of primary S façade

taken

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

Comments:

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Commerce/Trade - Business

Current Use: Commerce/Trade - Specialty Store

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

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Changes to windows: Slight

Other (specify):

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| Cladding | Foundation | Roof Material | Roof Type |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Brick - Flemish Bond</u> | <u>Concrete - Poured</u> | <u>Unknown</u> | <u>Flat with Parapet</u> |

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1908

Architect:

Builder:

Engineer:

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

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.

This building, which is listed on the Pierce County Register, is part of the commercial core, a district consisting chiefly of intact, low-scale masonry buildings. The register notes: "The Puyallup-Tacoma Transit Company was the first bus services company in Puyallup. It located its offices, depot and garage along Stewart Avenue. The company decided to locate the auto storage garage and the bus company offices in the referenced building which had previously been a feed and seed store. Frans O. Lundberg, a Swedish immigrant and one of the three original owners, became successful and continued to own and operate the company and bus services in the area until he sold it to the Blue-Gray Line in the 1940s."

**Description of
Physical
Appearance**

This two-story brick building is finished in Flemish bond, accented by the darker bricks used for the headers. Brick pilasters separate the bays, which have wood storefront systems with transoms above. The main entry is slightly recessed and is located at the center bay. Other storefront bays are composed of glazed bifold doors. A slightly recessed central panel and a row of corbelling provide interest to the upper story.

**Major
Bibliographic
References**

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