

**Historic Property  
Inventory Report for**

Pihl Brothers Building

at 101 S Meridian, Puyallup, WA 98371

**LOCATION SECTION**

Field Site No. 25

OAHP No.

Historic Name: Pihl Brothers Building

Common Name:

Property Address: 101 S Meridian, Puyallup, WA 98371

Comments:

County Pierce Township/Range/EW Section T20R04na 1/4 Sec 27 1/4 1/4 Sec 27 Quadrangle PUYALLUP

UTM Reference

Zone: 10 Spatial Type: Point

Acquisition Code: TopoZone.com

Sequence: 1 Easting: 553617

Northing: 5226509

Tax No./Parcel No.  
7060000160

Plat/Block/Lot

Supplemental Map(s)

Acreage  
-1

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

Survey Name: Puyallup Downtown Survey

Field Recorder: Sonja Sokol Fürész

Date Recorded: 7/5/2007

Owner's Name:

Owner Address:

City/State/Zip:

Classification: Building

Resource Status

Comments

Within a District? No

Local Register

Pierce County Register

Contributing?

National Register Nomination:

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:

**DESCRIPTION SECTION**

Historic Use: Commerce/Trade - Specialty Store

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: Moderate

Other (specify):



View of primary W façade

taken

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Cladding	Foundation	Roof Material	Roof Type
Concrete - Poured Other	Concrete - Poured	Unknown	Flat with Parapet

**NARRATIVE SECTION**

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1911

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 Pihl Brothers Building, constructed in 1911, the commercial core of intact, low-scale masonry buildings. The Pihl Brothers operated a general store, grocery, and feed store in the building until the 1920s. It is listed on the Pierce County Register, which notes that it was one of the earliest concrete commercial buildings in downtown Puyallup. The building was bought by John H. Pohlman in 1926 and underwent renovation at the time, then housed Pohlman's variety store until his death in the mid-1950s.

**Description of  
Physical  
Appearance**

This two-story concrete building is finished with a parge coat scored to look like masonry. The storefront system is non-original. Additional fenestration consists of paired windows at the second story on the primary west façade, and single window at the first and second stories on the north façade.

**Major  
Bibliographic  
References**

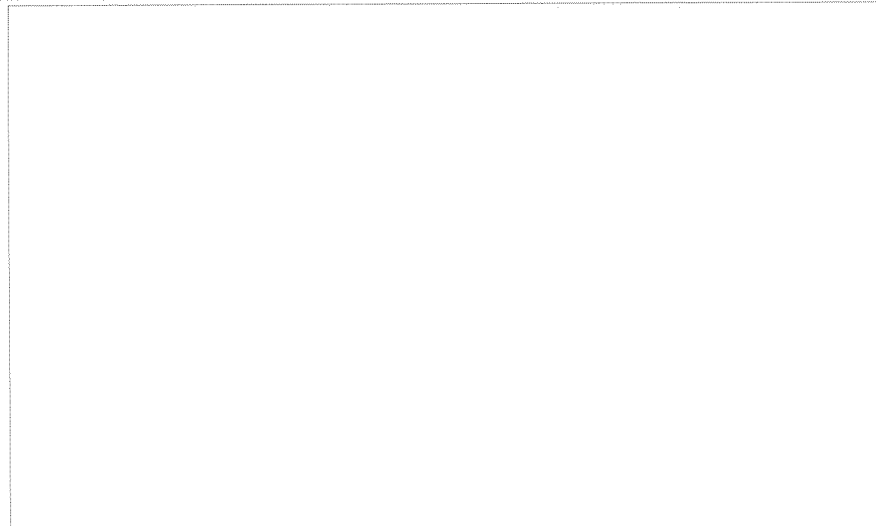
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View of primary W façade & N façade taken

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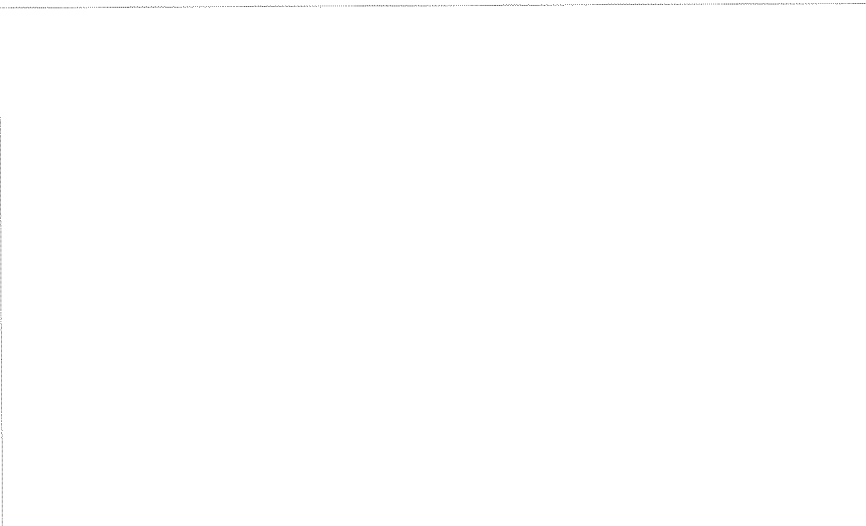
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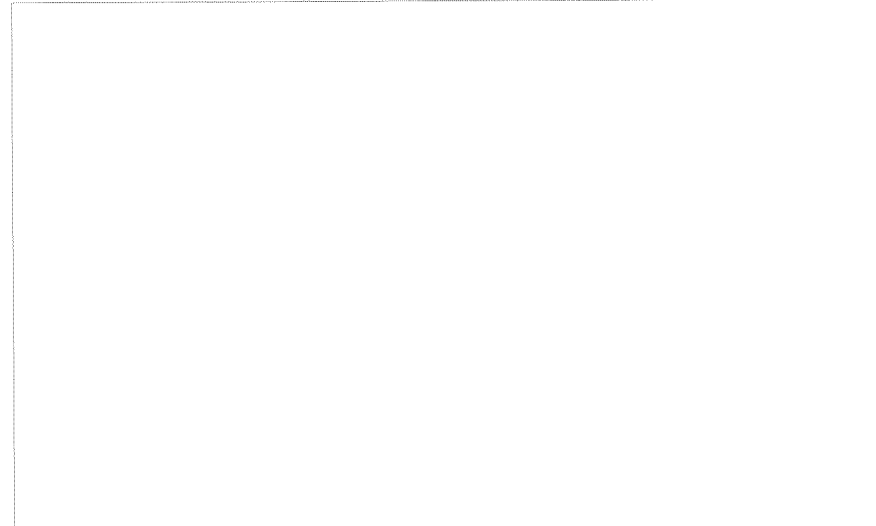
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