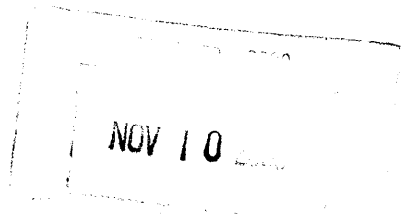


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### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

#### 1. Name of Property

historic name TENINO DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT  
other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Location

street & number 213-372 SUSSEX STREET SE., 147 HOWARD STREET not for publication \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town TENINO vicinity \_\_\_\_\_  
state WASHINGTON code WA county THURSTON code 67  
zip code 98589

#### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination \_\_\_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \_\_\_\_\_ nationally \_\_\_\_\_ statewide  locally. (\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] \_\_\_\_\_ Date 11-6-03  
Signature of certifying official \_\_\_\_\_ Date

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria.  
(\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

#### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:  
 entered in the National Register  
\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
\_\_\_\_ determined eligible for the National Register  
\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
\_\_\_\_ determined not eligible for the National Register  
\_\_\_\_ removed from the National Register  
\_\_\_\_ other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

\* Signature of Keeper: [Signature] Date of Action: 6/25/04

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Choose as many boxes as apply)
[X] private
[ ] public-local
[ ] public-State
[ ] public-Federal

Category of Property
(Choose only one box)
[ ] building(s)
[X] district
[ ] site
[ ] structure
[ ] object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)
Contributing Noncontributing
13 3 buildings
sites
structures
objects
13 3 Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register
None

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)
Cat: Commerce/Trade
Sub: Financial Institution/Business

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)
Cat: Commerce/Trade
Sub: Financial Institution/Business

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)
Late 19th and Early 20h Century American Movements

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
foundation Stone
roof Tar built up
walls Stone/Brick/Vertical wood siding
other

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria** (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

- Community Planning & Development
- Commerce
- Architecture

**Period of Significance**

1906-1925

**Significant Dates**

1906, 1917

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

**Cultural Affiliation**

**Architect/Builder**

**9. Major Bibliographical References****Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Location of Additional Data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Thurston Regional Planning Council**10. Geographical Data**Acreage of Property 2.99 acres**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

1 10 511073  
Zone Easting5189274  
Northing2 10 511072  
Zone Easting5189311  
Northing3 10 511211  
Zone Easting5189366  
Northing4 10 511244  
Zone Easting5189285  
Northing5 10 511105  
Zone Easting5189287  
NorthingSee continuation sheet.**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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**11. Form Prepared By**name/title Shanna Stevenson, Senior Plannerorganization Olympia Advance Planning & Historic Preservation date July 9, 2002street & number 2404 Heritage Court SW #B telephone (360) 786-5745city or town Olympia state WA zip code 98502-6031

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**Additional Documentation**

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets****Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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**Property Owner**

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.) See attached list

name \_\_\_\_\_ VARIOUS \_\_\_\_\_

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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THUSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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**Narrative Description:**

The Tenino Downtown Historic District is located within the city limits of Tenino, Washington, in Southwest Washington, about 15 miles south of Olympia, the state capital. The townsite is a flat area bounded on the south by a gentle rise where a historic sandstone quarry is located. The district is two blocks long and extends for one-half block-deep on either side of Sussex Street, the main thoroughfare of the community, which is also part of State Route 507.

While several of the storefronts of the district buildings have been altered, and in one case the interior of the building has been destroyed, the architectural significance of the district is still evident in the large collection of sandstone buildings on the south side of the street, and the use of brick and sandstone buildings on the north side of the street. Some of the façade elements, such as clerestory windows have been covered over, but generally the historic character of the buildings are intact and are evident in their unique material and method of construction.

The buildings range in construction dates from 1906 to 1925. The significance of the construction dates on the south side of the street relates to their association with the zenith of sandstone as a building material and the prosperity of the adjacent quarries at that time. The buildings on the north side of the street reflect the changes in the town in the mid-1920s to the prevalence of brick materials with the decrease in activity of the quarries. By that period, the need for facilities associated with the routing of the Pacific Highway 99 through the town in the 1920s had been established thus developing new kinds of auto-oriented buildings. A notable exception on the north side of Sussex is the Masonic Lodge, built after the main activity of the local quarry.

The district is part of the earliest plat of Tenino established in 1873 by Stephen Hodgdon. At the west end of the district the streets intersect at an angle as a result of the creation of the Snyder and Stevens Plat of 1893 which did not mesh with the north-south grid of the Hodgdon Plat.

The district buildings are set at the sidewalk edge. Most are all one-story in height with the exception of the Russell Building and the Masonic Temple. There is only one building in the district built after 1925 although several of the other buildings have been modernized inside. Many of the buildings, especially the Mentzner & Coping Block on the south side of Sussex are in very poor condition, but still retain a high level of integrity in their stone and brick storefront surrounds and cornices. In general the buildings on the north side of the district are in better repair although one has been clad in vertical wood siding obscuring its brick facade. Within the district there is one non-historic non-contributing building (324 Sussex St) and one vacant lot, which has been unoccupied for a number of years. At both sites there were formerly large wood frame buildings.

The district flanks State Route 507 which runs east-west and it is the location of the primary services of the town. The half-block width district boundary was chosen because, in general, the other half of the block is vacant or has non-contributing structures. The buildings are separated from their adjacent half-blocks by alleyways. Historically, the primary buildings of the town faced Sussex. The streetscape has modern, metal, arc-arm street lights, concrete sidewalks and wood utility poles.

**Integrity of the District:**

Since the district is mainly comprised of one-story buildings, the evaluation of integrity is based on whether a building contributes to the overall character of the district by employing the use of Tenino sandstone and brick. The district as a showcase of Tenino sandstone carving, surface treatment, and character is defined by the storefront surrounds not the storefronts themselves. And today the storefront surrounds continue to reflect the artistic

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**Narrative Description:**

abilities of the craftsmen who built them and of the qualities of native Tenino stone. As such, structures which still exhibit their original stone and brick surrounds, parapet walls, storefront bays and cornices are listed as contributing resources. Compatible new storefronts, which do not distract from the visual character of the historic facades, in this case are considered acceptable changes. Many of the transom windows are still intact, just hidden by plywood and T-1-11 siding. Those buildings with secondary siding, such as the Jiffy Lunch building have been classified as non-contributing.

**Tenino Downtown Historic District  
Property Table**

Address	Historic Name	ID#	Rank	Built Date
213 Southeast Sussex	State Bank of Tenino	1	Contributing	1908
Southeast Sussex	Campbell & Campbell Store	2	Contributing	1906-07
237 Southeast Sussex	Mentzner & Coping Block	3	Contributing	1914
253-273 Southeast Sussex	Miller Block	4	Contributing	1906
285-297 Southeast Sussex, 147 Howard Street	VWF Hall / Liberty Theater	5	Contributing	1914
313-325 Southeast Sussex	Columbia Building	6	Contributing	1906
349 Southeast Sussex	Mandery-Martin Building	7	Non-Contributing	1925
312 Southeast Sussex	Wolf Building	8	Contributing	1908
248 Southeast Sussex	Henderson & Davis Garage	9	Contributing	1924
260 Southeast Sussex	Masonic Temple	10	Contributing	1921
272 Southeast Sussex	Skaggs Store	11	Contributing	1925
296 Southeast Sussex	Unknown	12	Non-Contributing	1997
312 Southeast Sussex	Jiffy Lunch	13	Non-Contributing	1923
318 Southeast Sussex	Tenino Telephone Office	14	Contributing	1925
324 Southeast Sussex	Unknown	15	Vacant lot	
360 Southeast Sussex	Wichman Office	16	Contributing	1904
372 Southeast Sussex	Russell Building	17	Contributing	1908

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Narrative Description:

Building Descriptions:

213 Southeast Sussex  
Hodgdon Plat to City of Tenino  
Style: Beaux Arts  
Classification: Historic Contributing

Historic Name: State Bank of Tenino  
Block 9, Lot 5, E.20.F of N1/2  
Builder: Unknown

Built 1908  
54900900500  
Architect: Unknown  
Site ID#: 1

**Description:** The State Bank of Tenino Building is located on the corner of West Sussex Street and Olympia Street in central Tenino. It is a small rectangular building of Tenino sandstone construction set on a sandstone foundation. It nestles within the "L" of the Campbell & Campbell Building, with which it shares design details. Its walls are of smooth-facade coursed stone placed in plain, ashlar courses. The roof is flat with an enclosed simple parapet. A small recessed entry, supported by a Corinthian column, shelters the main entry door. Engaged square pilasters with Corinthian capitals, support a larger header in which the words "BANK" are found. The Sussex Street facade has one large cottage style window with a stained glass transom. The Olympia Street facade has four, cottage style 1-over-1 windows and a central auxiliary 1/2 light entry door with transom. Above the windows, is a continuous band of smooth-faced stone separated by vertical stones forming a traditional frieze from the classical order. The frieze is then topped by a tall parapet wall of coursed, smooth-faced stone.

**Cultural Data:** The State Bank of Tenino Building of 1908 represents the prosperity of the town and the desire to re-build the town's main street with sandstone from the adjacent quarry after the fire which burned this side of the street in 1906. An article at the time of its completion states "the building was constructed by local contractors and workmen. The interior is finished in quarter-sawed oak with marble trimmings. . ." Built one year after the adjacent Campbell & Campbell building, the State Bank of Tenino matches the architectural detailing of the adjacent building. The bank became the Citizen's Bank of Tenino in 1915 and came into prominence in the 1930's when after its closing, the Chamber of Commerce issued emergency scrip to relieve the money shortage caused by the failure. The original scrip was printed on "slicewood" of spruce and cedar and immediately became famous as the original wooden money. Eight issues were printed between 1932 and 1933 with a total of \$10,308 of the wooden currency put into circulation but only \$40 was ever redeemed by the Chamber of Commerce since it was popular collector's item. The promotion received national recognition. The building was deeded to the City of Tenino in 1939 by the Chamber of Commerce and was then used as the Tenino City Hall until 1947. In subsequent years, the building housed a variety of businesses.

**Source:** Orth, Joy, "Tenino Bank Building has had many uses in its long history," The Independent/Sun News, November 15, 1995, pg 9. Major, Don, The Complete Story of Tenino Wooden Money, Thurston County Independent, February 3, 1965. The Tenino News, August 14, 1908.



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Narrative Description:

<b>Southeast Sussex</b> <b>Hodgdon Plat to City of Tenino</b>	<b>Historic Name: Campbell &amp; Campbell Store</b> <b>Lot 5 Block 9, S ½; Lot 5 W 39.5 N ½; Less</b> <b>South 8 feet for alley</b>	<b>Built 1906-07</b> <b>54900900501</b>
<b>Style: Beaux Arts</b>	<b>Builder:</b>	<b>Architect: Unknown</b>
<b>Classification: Historic Contributing</b>		<b>Site ID#: 2</b>
<p><b>Description:</b> The Campbell &amp; Campbell Building is an L-shaped, one-story building of sandstone construction set on a sandstone foundation, which has facades on West Sussex Street and Olympia Street. The Sussex Street facade has three bays separated by two tiers of smooth-faced stone columns with ornamental floral capitals. The pilasters extend through the cornice, flank the cornice panel and have the same carved decorative element at the roofline. The center spandrel panel above the transom windows has raised panel of letters reading "CAMPBELL &amp; CAMPBELL". The right and left bays on the Sussex Street façade have bulkheads of sandstone. The storefront openings have multiple light transom windows with the plate glass windows replaced with T-1-11 siding. A stone lintel extends the width of the storefronts on both the Sussex and Olympia Street facades. The Olympia Street façade has seven bays and has a similar pilaster and relief floral element flanking an entry door and a similarly inscribed cornice panel. Newer infill elements similar to the front façade are also on the Olympia Street face of the building. The rear of the building is built of uncoursed sandstone rubble.</p> <p><b>Cultural Data:</b> The L-shape Campbell &amp; Campbell Building wraps around the State Bank of Tenino to the east and west (Site #1). The Campbell and Campbell business started in the 1890s in Tenino. Miss Belle Campbell, who was appointed postmistress in 1898, and her brother A. D. Campbell both worked in a store owned by Al Perry. In 1899 they combined to form a business and later built this stone building which also housed the post office. Their sister, Anna Campbell, was also part of The Campbell and Campbell store, which became the largest mercantile store in the county. The building continued to house the post office for many years and had a popular confectionery. Additions were made to the rear of the building 1919, 1922 and 1926. The Campbells closed the grocery and hardware departments in 1955. McLain Grocery occupied these storefronts from just after the closing of the Campbell &amp; Campbell store until the mid-1970s.</p>		

<b>237 Southeast Sussex</b> <b>Hodgdon Plat to City of Tenino</b>	<b>Historic Name: Mentzner &amp; Coping Block</b> <b>Lot 6 Block 9</b>	<b>Built 1914</b> <b>54900900600 &amp; 54900900601</b>
<b>Style: Commercial</b>	<b>Builder:</b>	<b>Architect: Unknown</b>
<b>Classification: Historic Contributing</b>		<b>Site ID#: 3</b>
<p><b>Description:</b> The Mentzner &amp; Coping Block is a one-story sandstone structure set on a sandstone foundation, and is centrally located on the block. Its front facade is divided into two store-fronts, separated by columns of rough-faced course stone which extend to the pressed metal cornice. Above the storefronts, is a continuous lintel of three narrow courses of smooth sandstone. Each storefront boast two decorative panels of smooth stone, above he continuous lintel. The 1983 a fire destroyed the two storefronts, but the decorative stone surrounds remain. Today the eastern façade has a new metal frame plate glass storefront with a recessed entry on the west side which has a new door and glass transom. The west storefront has been boarded over. This portion also lost its roof in the fire, but the stone surround of the storefront remains.</p> <p><b>Cultural Data:</b> The Mentzner &amp; Coping Block originally housed the Monarch Drug Company on the east side and M.B. Peterson's Tenino Hardware and Furniture on the west side of the building. Later, this structure was occupied for many years by McLain's Market, who merged with the hardware store. L.A. McLain came from Shelton in 1911 and purchased the business from M.B. Peterson, his father-in-law, and combined the grocery and hardware businesses beginning in 1914 at this location. The McLain's operated the store until 1956 when the moved to the Campbell and Campbell building. The Monarch Drug site remained for many years as a drug store and was later Reeves Upholstery. Another store later occupied the McLain storefront. A fire in December, 1983 gutted the structure.</p>		

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Narrative Description:

<b>253 Southeast Sussex</b>	<b>Historic Name: Miller Block</b>	<b>Built 1906</b>
<b>Hodgdon Plat to City of Tenino</b>	<b>Lot 6 Block 9</b>	<b>54900900602 &amp; 54900900700</b>
<b>Style: Beaux Arts</b>	<b>Builder:</b>	<b>Architect: Unknown</b>
<b>Classification: Historic Contributing</b>		<b>Site ID#: 4</b>
<p><b>Description:</b> The Miller Block, is a large one-story sandstone structure on a sandstone foundation, which has two distinctive storefront styles under three bays. The western portion of the facade is divided into two storefronts, separated by columns of smooth-cut stone blocks alternating with narrow rough-cut stone courses. The middle bay is divided into three sections separated by smooth columns with floral capitols matching the Campbell &amp; Campbell Building. The west storefront has no sub-columns but is supported by a large steel I beam. These two storefronts are joined by a continuous parapet wall with a raised panel with letters reading "19 - MILLER BLOCK - 06". Above the storefronts is a smooth faced lintel topped by a wall, ornamented with two courses of rough-faced blocks. The far east storefront is divided into two bays and is distinguished by a gable-shaped parapet with "1906" carved into the stone. All of the storefronts have newer plate glass fronts with three original transom covered with T-1-11 siding. Their bulkheads are not original and are a mix of brick and rusticated stone..</p> <p><b>Cultural Data:</b> Built in 1906 as part of the Miller Block, built by Louis Miller, this storefront was most notable as the longtime site of the city post office from 1913 to 1960 after it was moved from the nearby Campbell &amp; Campbell store.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> "Tenino Sandstone: A Walking Tour of Tenino's Sandstone Buildings and Sites." N.d., n.p.</p>		

<b>285 - 287 Southeast Sussex</b>	<b>Historic Name: VFW Hall / Liberty Theater</b>	<b>Built 1914</b>
<b>Hodgdon Plat to City of Tenino</b>	<b>Portion of Lot 8 Block 9</b>	<b>54900900800 &amp; 54900900801</b>
<b>Style: Commercial</b>	<b>Builder:</b>	<b>Architect: Unknown</b>
<b>Classification: Historic Contributing</b>		<b>Site ID#: 5</b>
<p><b>Description:</b> The VFW Hall/Liberty Theater is a large, rectangular one-story structure of sandstone construction, on a sandstone foundation. Its flat roof and is enclosed by a parapet and metal cornice which projects slightly higher than the adjacent buildings on the block. The walls are of alternating courses of wide, smooth-faced sandstone blocks and narrow, darker rough-cut sandstone blocks. The building, which rounds the corner, is divided into two storefronts. The east storefront, supported by a large I beam, has a metal frame glass curtain wall. The pressed metal cornice above this portion of the building has been removed. The western storefront has also be altered with the addition of aluminum siding in the transom window location, new plate glass windows and brick veneer bulkheads. The Howard Street façade boast its original movie theater marquee projecting over the sidewalk. The theater entrance has been enclosed with glass block. Despite the storefront alterations, the decorative sandstone parapet and side walls and storefront surrounds are extant.</p> <p><b>Cultural Data:</b> Built in 1914, the eastern façade of the building was the Liberty Theater for many years. It is currently the Veterans of Foreign Wars George Pendarvis Post No. 5878. The post was formed in February 1946 by recently discharged veterans of World War II and veterans of World War I in Tenino. It is named for George Pendarvis, a sailor from Tenino killed in action aboard the battleship <i>California</i> at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on December 7, 1941. The Ladies' Auxiliary to the VFW was formed shortly after the post was started. The post owns this part of the building where they have meetings and social events. The taxable portion of the building is the barbershop. The main building was occupied by a saloon during the teens and 1920s, and later a dry goods store and retail offices were located here. It has been for many years the location of <i>The Tenino (Thurston County) Independent</i> newspaper. The rear section facing Howard was used for many years as the switching office for the Tenino Telephone Company, which is a local telephone service.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> Orth, Joy, "Tenino Independent Building has been through a lot since it was built in 1914." <i>The Independent Sun News</i>, January 14, 1998. Information from VFW Post No. 5878.</p>		

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<b>313 - 325 Southeast Sussex Hodgdon Plat to City of Tenino Style: American Renaissance Classification: Historic Contributing</b>	<b>Historic Name: Columbia Building Lot 5 Block 10 Builder:</b>	<b>Built 1906 54901000500 Architect: Unknown Site ID#: 6</b>
<b>Description:</b> Located on the sw corner of Sussex and Howard, the Columbia Building is a large one-story structure of sandstone construction on a sandstone foundation. Its has a flat roof is enclosed by a simple stone parapet. The front (north facade) is of coursed rough-cut sandstone while the east/ secondary facade laid in coursed rubble. The front facade is divided into two storefronts. The eastern storefront has a angled corner entry door with sidelights and fan transom window. Further defining the east storefront are two large plate glass windows with arched tops. The west facade boasts it's original storefront with centered recessed entry, wood bulkheads and transom lights(now covered with plywood. At the center of the façade, a raised section of the parapet which holds a panel with raised letters reading "COLUMBIA BUILDING".		
<b>Cultural Data:</b> The structure was built by Columbia Brewery of Tacoma. It was known by 1909 as Lee's Place, owned by Lee Waddell, later as the "Quarry Bar", and Anderson's Tavern. It was a pool hall and soda fountain during Prohibition and subsequently has been a tavern. The west storefront has had a variety of businesses including a hardware store, café, variety and 10 cent store.		
<b>Source:</b> Orth, Joy, "Columbia Building has had many tenants in its 90-year history", <i>Tenino Independent</i> , March 8, 1996, pg. 4.		

<b>349 Southeast Sussex Hodgdon Plat to City of Tenino Style: Commercial Classification: Historic Non- Contributing</b>	<b>Historic Name: Mandery-Martin Building Lot 6 Block 10 less South 20 feet Builder:</b>	<b>Built 1925 54901000600 Architect: Unknown Site ID#: 7</b>
<b>Description:</b> Located on the south side of Tenino's main street, the Mandery-Martin Building is a large rectangular concrete building with three storefronts. The building has a plain cornice and the storefront have been completely filled in with withier glass block or vertical boards. The buildings does however, retain the basic rhythm of bays on the main façade.		
<b>Cultural Data:</b> This structure housed a variety of businesses including a bakery, bowling alley, and at one time, <i>The Thurston County Independent</i> newspaper. It is the longtime home of the Tenino Eagles #564 which was started in 1903 in Tenino, and received their charter in February 1904. Before purchasing the Mandery-Martin Building in 1947, the Eagles met in two different rented locations in Tenino. They purchased the building for \$6,000 raised through the sale of bonds from Eagle members.		
<b>Source:</b> Thurston County Assessor's photograph and field book. Information from Eagle members. "Eagles Purchase Mandery-Martin Building Here," <i>Thurston County Independent</i> , November 6, 1947.		

<b>312 Southeast Sussex Hodgdon Plat to City of Tenino Style: American Renaissance Classification: Historic Contributing</b>	<b>Historic Name: Wolf Building Lot 4 Block 12 Builder:</b>	<b>Built 1908 54901200400 Architect: Unknown Site ID#: 8</b>
<b>Description:</b> The Wolf Building is a large one-story structure of sandstone and brick construction on a sandstone foundation. Its gently sloped roof is enclosed by a stepped parapet on the east sidewall and by the tall parapet wall and sandstone cornice on the main façade. The side and rear walls of the building are coursed sandstone rubble. The building has three bays separated by sandstone pilasters with simple capitals and bases. The west and center bays retain their original plate-glass display windows, and recessed entries, but the transom windows have been covered. The east bay has been filled in with painted concrete block and has a panelled entry door and two plate-glass windows with projecting brick surrounds. Above the storefront bays, the wall has a common bond brick pattern. There is a panel of smooth sandstone above the center bay with raised letters reading "19 - WOLF BUILDING - 08", and flanking recessed brick panels for signage. There is a small, gable-roofed outbuilding on the rear of the building. The structure is clad with corrugated metal and has a sliding bay door and small window on the front (east façade).		
<b>Cultural Data:</b> Originally built by the Olympia Brewery Company with a tavern in the east storefront, the building has housed a variety of businesses including a feed store, barbershop and offices for Puget Sound Power and Light.		
<b>Source:</b> Orth, Joy, "Wolf Building has housed varied businesses", <i>Tenino Independent</i> , June 7, 1996, pg. 10.		

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<b>248 Southeast Sussex</b> Hodgdon Plat to City of Tenino Style: Commercial Classification: Historic Contributing	<b>Historic Name: Henderson &amp; Davis Garage</b> Lot 3, West 6 inches of Lot 4 Block 12 Builder: Mr. Kenworthy of Tacoma	<b>Built 1924</b> 54901200300 Architect: Unknown Site ID#: 9
<b>Description:</b> The Henderson & Davis Garage is a one-story brick building. The building has four bays separated by brick pilasters with bands of clerestory windows above the storefronts. The westernmost storefront had a garage bay opening to access the service area of the dealership. The far eastern bay has its original storefront windows, bulkhead and entry door. The three other bays have newer storefronts with plate glass windows, and roman brick bulkheads. Above the storefronts is a basketweave bond brick work. The rear of the building has exposed clay tile bricks.		
<b>Cultural Data:</b> The Henderson & Davis Garage Building was built by T. F. Mentzer in 1924 for a garage for the Chevrolet dealership. The building cost \$10,000.00. Mentzer was a local mill owner and prominent local and state politician. The building has housed a variety of businesses since it was built.		
<b>Source:</b> "Contract Let for New Tenino Garage." <u>Tenino Independent</u> , January 11, 1924 page 1.		

<b>260 Southeast Sussex</b> Hodgdon Plat to City of Tenino Style: Beaux Arts Classification: Historic Contributing	<b>Historic Name: Masonic Temple</b> Lot 2, West 6 inches of Lot 4 Block 12 Builder:	<b>Built 1921</b> 54901200200 Architect: Unknown Site ID#: 10
<b>Description:</b> The Masonic Temple is a rectangular, two-story sandstone structure on a sandstone foundation. The main facade is constructed of large stone blocks which differ greatly in size from the other buildings in Tenino. The entry door has a slightly recessed stone surround and a stained glass transom. To its left are three cottage style windows with stained glass upper sashes, sharing a common stone sill. They are surrounded by a decorative recessed band in the stonework. Dividing the first and second floor are bands of sandstone, the upper forming a continuous sill for four windows. The upper windows are also cottage style with stained glass upper sashes. They are surrounded by a decorative recessed band in the stonework. Separating the four 2 <sup>nd</sup> story windows is a central recessed panel with arched top that holds a large raised Masonic emblem. The main facade is capped by a tall corbelled cornice with large end brackets.		
<b>Cultural Data:</b> The Tenino Masonic Lodge was first formed in 1890. They built this structure in 1921 for a lodge building. Originally there was a dentist's office on the first floor. The structure still has its original furnishings including maple flooring and specially built benches. The building was reportedly designed by Mr. Fenton, an owner of the Tenino quarry who was an active Mason.		

<b>272 Southeast Sussex</b> Hodgdon Plat to City of Tenino Style: Commercial Classification: Historic Contributing Structure	<b>Historic Name: Skaggs Store</b> Lot 2, Block 12 West 1/2 Builder: Dawley Brothers	<b>Built 1925</b> 54901200201 Architect: Unknown Site ID#: 11
<b>Description:</b> The Skaggs Store is a one-story concrete building with a brick facade. The distinguishing feature of this simple structure is an arched parapet wall. The storefront has a recessed center entry flanked by large plate glass storefronts, with original brick bulkheads. The band of clerestory windows across the front facade has been covered with plywood. There is a small shed-roofed, one story outbuilding built of corrugated metal attached to the rear of the building.		
<b>Cultural Data:</b> This building was built by T. F. Mentzer by the Dawley Brothers Contractors in Olympia, it was leased by Skaggs Stores and later was a saloon.		
<b>Source:</b> "Another New Building to Be Erected Here," <u>Tenino Independent</u> , August 7, 1925, pg. 1. "Skaggs Store Building Soon be Completed," <u>Tenino Independent</u> September 11, 1925.		

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<b>296 Southeast Sussex</b> Hodgdon Plat to City of Tenino <b>Style: Commercial</b> <b>Classification: Non-Historic Non-Contributing</b>	<b>Historic Name:</b> Lot 1, Block 12 <b>Builder:</b>	<b>Built 1997</b> 54901200100 <b>Architect: Unknown</b> <b>Site ID#: 12</b>
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**Description:** Located on Sussex Street, the building is a newer one-and-one half story with a side gable and a full-width shed roof porch over extending to the sidewalk edge.  
**Cultural Data:** Built in 1997.

<b>312 Southeast Sussex</b> Hodgdon Plat to City of Tenino <b>Style: Commercial</b> <b>Classification: Historic Non-Contributing</b>	<b>Historic Name: Jiffy Lunch</b> East ½ of Lot 4, Block 11 <b>Builder:</b>	<b>Built 1923</b> 54901100400 <b>Architect: Unknown</b> <b>Site ID#: 13</b>
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**Description:** The building is a one story concrete building faced with brick on the front facade. The building encased with board and batten siding, has a flat metal canopy extending over the sidewalk. The building has a side entry door and two modern plate glass windows.  
**Cultural Data:** The building originally housed a lunch counter and drug store. Known as the "Jiffy Lunch" the store was opened by Ray Chlor. The building was built by Norm Clowers, a local barber. From 1927 to 1945, it was owned by Ben and Hattie Meyer. The building was later owned by the Corbin family from 1948 to 1971. For many years it was the only 24-hour business in Tenino and was home to the fire and police department's alarm station.  
**Source:** "Historic Tenino, A Chronology of Selected Events Regarding Tenino and the Surrounding Area," South Thurston County Historical Society, 1995. Information from a photograph at the Tenino Museum.

<b>318 Southeast Sussex</b> Hodgdon Plat to City of Tenino <b>Style: Commercial</b> <b>Classification: Historic Contributing</b>	<b>Historic Name: Tenino Telephone Office</b> West ½ of Lot 4, Block 11 <b>Builder:</b>	<b>Built 1925</b> 54901100401 <b>Architect: Unknown</b> <b>Site ID#: 14</b>
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**Description:** The Tenino Telephone Co. Building is a simple one-story concrete building faced with brick on the front façade. The building has two bays. Now filled in with T-1-11 siding and a fixed pane window, the west storefront was similarly designed but smaller with a recessed side storefront and plate glass window and was the telephone company office. The east storefront retains its original form with recessed center door but has been altered by the covering of the transom windows and the replacement of the door and main façade plate glass windows with smaller panes.  
**Cultural Data:** The building historically housed the Tenino Telephone Office and Switch Board in the western storefront and the Tenino Café in the eastern storefront.  
**Source:** Thurston County Assessor's Photos.

<b>324 Southeast Sussex</b> Hodgdon Plat to City of Tenino <b>Style: None</b> <b>Classification: Vacant Lot</b>	<b>Historic Name:</b> Hodgdon Lot 3 Block 11 <b>Builder:</b>	<b>Vacant lot</b> 54901100300 <b>Architect: Unknown</b> <b>Site ID#: 15</b>
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**Description:** Vacant lot.

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**Narrative Description:**

<b>360 Southeast Sussex</b> Hodgdon Plat to City of Tenino Style: Commercial Vernacular Classification: Historic Contributing	<b>Historic Name: Wichman Office</b> East ½ of Lot 2, Block 11 Builder:	<b>Built 1904</b> 54901100200 Architect: Unknown Site ID#: 16
<b>Description:</b> The Wichman Office is a small one story front-gabled structure faced with pressed tin. The front door is offset to the east and is flanked two four light fixed windows. The house has wide eaves with exposed rafter tails and a corrugated metal roof. There is a small corrugated metal outbuilding attached to the rear of the structure.		
<b>Cultural Data:</b> The building housed the office of Dr. F. W. Wichman the long-time doctor of Tenino from 1909 until 1947. Born in 1877, Wichman later graduated from the University of Illinois in Chicago and moved to Seattle to set up his practice. In 1909 he moved to Bucoda, a nearby milltown and Tono, a coal mining company town. When the doctor in Tenino was shot by a disgruntled husband of a patient, the Wichmans moved to Tenino where he retired from active practice. Wichman passed away in 1974.		
<b>Source:</b> Information from Thurston County Historic Commission files.		

<b>372 Southeast Sussex</b> Hodgdon Plat to City of Tenino Style: Commercial Classification: Historic Contributing	<b>Historic Name: Russell Building</b> West ½ of Lots 1 and 2 of Block 11 Builder:	<b>Built 1908</b> 54901100100 Architect: Unknown Site ID#: 17
<b>Description:</b> The Russell Building is a rectangular, one-story building of sandstone construction on a concrete foundation. Its gently sloping roof is enclosed by stepped parapets on the east and west sidewalls. The side and rear facades are a large, sandstone blocks with a striated finish, while the three-bay storefront is of painted, smooth-faced sandstone. The building has a central double entry and flanking display windows, separated by simple columns with bases and capitals. Windows have heavy cast sills and bulkheads. The original window sashes and doors have been replaced by modern aluminum ones, and their transoms have been covered over. Above the doors and windows are recessed spandrel panels. The central panel is decorated with a small squared flower motif and the outer panels with large fluted sunburst designs. A prominent molded cornice projects from the front facade. The side walls are constructed out of large 4' high x 4 to 6 foot long blocks of sandstone. The interior has been remodeled.		
<b>Cultural Data:</b> Built for the Russell family, owners of the Tenino Stone Company, this building has housed many businesses over including a men's store. A local firm, the Hercules Powder Co., was headquartered here for a number of years. The power and telephone company offices were also located here at one time.		
<b>Source:</b> Interviews with longtime Tenino residents. Thurston County Assessor's Photographs, Washington State Archives.		

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The Tenino Downtown Historic District in Tenino, Washington, has been an important commercial center since its earliest period as a terminus of the narrow gauge railroad line from Olympia and continuing through its role as a service center for motorists on the Pacific Highway. The downtown developed between 1906 and 1925, during the ascendant years of the local stone quarry business, which heavily influenced the character of the streetscape. As such the District is an unusual example of how a streetscape can reflect the economic and social character of a community over time.

The Tenino Downtown Historic District meets National Register Criterion A for its association with the early 20<sup>th</sup> century development of the town of Tenino. The town as an early railroad center, served as the service center for surrounding agriculture, logging and mining areas and is significant for its associations with the commerce of the area. The district served as the market location for area farmers, loggers and of course quarrymen. The town has boasted grocery stores, a blacksmith, taverns, a post office, theater, dry goods store, bowling alley, bakery, a drug store, a hardware store, restaurants, barbershops, a feed store, automobile repair facilities, 5 and 10-cent store and doctor's office over its long history.

The district also meets National Register Criterion C. As a compact collection of sandstone buildings, the district embodies the distinctive characteristics of both a period and method of construction. The district as a whole illustrates the varied forms and uses of sandstone and how the building product can be tooled.

The town of Tenino is located in southern Thurston, County Washington about 15 miles south of the capital of Olympia. The Tenino area prehistorically was home to members of the Coastal Salish Indian people who ranged widely on seasonal rounds to gather food. The name "Tenino" apparently is derived from its location as a "meeting place," or "fork in the trail" for the Salish people although other derivations are mentioned in some sources. The site is known to have been part of an overland trail used by American Indians and later by the Hudson's Bay Company as early as 1824.<sup>1</sup>

American settlers came to south Puget Sound in the mid-1840s and the first known white settler in the Tenino area was Stephen Hodgdon, who established a Donation Land Claim there in 1852. Others soon joined him, attracted to the area because of the open prairie land. Some of the earliest American settlements in Thurston County were in this area. Early American settlers joined together in the Puget Sound Indian War of 1855-56 to build stockades and other fortifications nearby at Fort Henness near Grand Mound (east of Tenino) and at the Linklater homestead near Rainier although none were built on the site of current Tenino city limits.<sup>2</sup>

By the 1860s, Stephen Hodgdon had built a station on the overland stage route and the area became known as "Hodgdon's Station." A post office was established at "Coal Bank" less than a mile northeast of the current town in 1860.<sup>3</sup> However, it was the years of the 1870s when the town came into it's own.

The Northern Pacific Railroad identified the Cowlitz Route northward from Columbia River to Puget Sound as early as the 1850s. In order to fulfill the requirements of a land grant that required the railroad reach the Pacific Ocean, the railroad completed this section in advance of the other sections of the transcontinental railroad. Construction began at what is now the City of Kalama on the Columbia River in early 1871. By October 1872, the construction had reached Tenino and although construction stalled for a time, the line was completed in December

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<sup>1</sup> Dwelley, Arthur G., *Prairies & Quarries, Pioneer Days Around Tenino, 1830-1900*, Independent Publishing Co., 1989, pg. 1- 5.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid*, pg 6-20.

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1873 when the line reached Tacoma, the western terminus of the railway.<sup>4</sup>

Tenino was home to a considerable population of Chinese railroad workers during the period of the railroad construction. A demonstration at a coalmine near Tenino in 1874 by white workers resulted in the expulsion of the Chinese and their replacement with Caucasian workers. The Chinese left the Tenino area after that incident.<sup>5</sup>

At Tenino, the Northern Pacific built a depot with the official name of "Tenino" which permanently replaced the earlier names of "Hodgdon's Station" and "Coal Bank." A hotel and store soon followed, all in the area bounded by Park Street and Olympia Street, just south of the nominated district boundary. In 1873, Stephen Hodgdon and the Lake Superior & Puget Sound Land Company filed a plat for the town of Tenino. The nominated historic district is part of this original "Hodgdon Plat of Tenino." By 1874 regular train service was available through Tenino from the Columbia River to Tacoma.<sup>6</sup>

Meanwhile, the city of Olympia, the capital of the state, had been by-passed by the Northern Pacific as both the terminus and as a stop on the mainline of the railroad. In order to have rail service, in 1878 the citizens of Olympia built a narrow-gauge spur to the depot in Tenino. Before the rail line was completion, a stage connection was made from Tenino to Olympia. The railroad line, which endured until 1916, opened up the commerce of the area for farm produce, logs and coal mined just south of Tenino.

In Tenino's early development period, it resembled many Western Washington towns with its primary buildings constructed in one or two stories with false fronts of raw milled lumber. These buildings lined Sussex Street, which had a dirt road and wooden sidewalks. The transformation of the town from this common western genre to its distinctive architectural character began with the identification of the rich sandstone deposit just south of the town.

In 1888, two quarrymen from the Midwest, S. W. Fenton and George N. Van Tine came west to work on a hotel in Portland, Oregon. The work fell through and they came to Olympia where they observed a building under construction with sandstone trim. They eventually located a source of the stone near Tenino and selected a site for a quarry near the railroad track south of town. Joined by experienced Scottish quarryman, W. M. McArthur, they made their first shipment of stone from the newly incorporated, "Tenino Sandstone Co.," in 1889 (some sources say 1888). They built a saw house in 1889 and installed a gang saw. They installed channelers in 1892 and in 1906 set up a cutting plant.

Meanwhile other stone quarries opened nearby, the Eureka Quarry west of town in 1890, and the Hercules Quarry in 1891. The Hercules Quarry west of Tenino on a hillside above Scatter Creek was established by W.M. McArthur and Tacoma stonecutter, H. P. Scheel.<sup>7</sup>

All of the quarries were idled in 1892 because of a widespread national financial downturn and lack of the need of building materials. As a result all of the sandstone companies went through several re-organizations and finally became stable in the mid-1890s. The Tenino Sandstone Co. was re-constituted with new financing from Dr. Donald G. Russell who joined Fenton and re-capitalized the firm. New equipment equaling some \$100,000.00 in

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<sup>4</sup> Dwelley, Arthur G., "The Tie That Binds: The Northern Pacific Railroad in Cowlitz County," Columbia, Volume 3, Number 4, pg. 38-42.

<sup>5</sup> Dwelley, Prairies, pg. 36.

<sup>6</sup> Dwelley, Prairies, pg. 31.

<sup>7</sup> Dwelley, Art, "Sandstone quarries gave Tenino a boost from village to town," The Tenino Independent 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition, June 16, 1982, pg.26.



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value was installed.<sup>8</sup> An article in the May 30, 1908 Pacific Builder and Engineer described the company. The article noted it was the first northwest quarry to prepare finished stone. They listed five gang saws at the yard ranging from 11.5 to 18.5 feet in height. The company had two 30-ton derricks and one 10-ton derrick for lifting the blocks of stone onto railroad cars. The article also noted a traveling crane was planned for the facility. The quarry pit had two "Wardwell" channelers that could cut either 3 foot six inches or six feet deep. The cutting plant had equipment for planning and a lathe with derricks to handle the stones. The company eventually had a compressed air plant to operate air drills for splitting blocks of stone. Stone was quarried in four-ton slabs.<sup>9</sup>

Tenino sandstone is a fine-grained, dark color stone, which contains mostly quartz with some mica, and is described as being "well cemented" with iron content (ferruginous) materials, which harden after being quarried.<sup>10</sup> The stone was used in many buildings all over the northwest from Vancouver, B. C. to California. Some of these include the Carnegie Library, Spokane; First Congregational Church, Tacoma; U.S. National Bank, Eugene, Oregon; Masonic Temple, Spokane; Science Hall, Washington State College (now University); Hayes Bank, Aberdeen; Portland City Library, Portland Oregon; Calvary Presbyterian Church, San Francisco; Gray's Harbor County Courthouse, Montesano; Northern Pacific Depot, Missoula Montana; the Old Thurston County Courthouse (1892) (west section), Olympia; the 1930 Thurston County Courthouse, Olympia; the Federal Building, Olympia; and the Leadbetter Mansion, Portland.

The use of Tenino sandstone as a building material began to decline around 1910 when concrete came into widespread use. By 1913, the Tenino Stone Company adjacent to the historic district closed except for minor cutting and production of "hollystones" used in polishing ship decks. By 1926, all operations there had ceased. The Hercules Company quarries supplied rubble stone for jetties but closed in the late 1930s. The Tenino Stone Company quarry eventually filled with water and is now the town swimming pool. Other quarries outside of town have re-opened on a limited basis and supply a small amount of stone for building use, including some newer buildings in Tenino.<sup>11</sup>

The opening of the quarries as well as nearby lumber and shingle mills, boosted Tenino's population and prosperity. New areas of town were platted and amenities such as a barbershop, confectionery, and hardware store opened. In 1890, a move was made to have the business section follow the re-location of the Northern Pacific depot to an area near what is now 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, some businesses followed but eventually moved back to the Sussex Street area. By 1891, the town boasted a school, a new business district, a newspaper and had a population of 335.<sup>12</sup> Wood-frame, false front buildings continued to be built in the 1890s along Sussex Street and side streets. An 1891 newspaper noted five general merchandise stores, three hotels, two restaurants, four saloons, two barber shops, a saw mill, shingle mill, town hall and newspaper office in Tenino.<sup>13</sup>

On September 26, 1906, a devastating fire destroyed the entire south side of Sussex Street, from Olympia to Howard Street. This set the stage for the construction of several of the current buildings in the historic district

<sup>8</sup> "Opening of First Tenino Quarry Told by S. W. Fenton," Thurston County Independent, June 7, 1935, pg 1 and 3.

<sup>9</sup> Lewis, C. M., S. G. Mining Engineer "The Tenino Sandstone Industry," Pacific Builder and Engineer, Vol. 6, No. 2, pgs. 212-214.

<sup>10</sup> Information from a state geology report issued July, 1901 reprinted in the Tenino Independent, September 27, 1989.

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<sup>12</sup> Dwelley, Prairies, pg. 54.

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which were built from sandstone from the nearby active quarry.

Rebuilding began almost immediately in 1906 and with the Tenino Stone Company quarry barely two blocks away, the south side of Sussex became a showplace for the uses and finishes of sandstone. The buildings on the south side of Sussex between Olympia and Howard were primarily constructed immediately after the fire in 1906 and show various stone facings including rusticated and smooth finishes as well as rubble construction on the building sides not facing Sussex.

The State Bank of Tenino building highlights the prosperity of the community during the growth period after the fire. The building is an outstanding example of the sculptural quality of the stone with its corner Corinthian capital, pilaster and incised panel. Also illustrated is the rough and smooth texture of the stone in the cornice of the building. The Campbell & Campbell building adjacent to the bank has similar carving and smooth and rough stone work.

The buildings in the block between Olympia and Howard on the south side of Sussex have complementary facades with false front parapets and various uses of stone carving and finishing as well as a symphony of parapet designs ranging from a gables to dentillated designs.

On the next block west, the Columbia Tavern, dating from 1906, has yet another variation on the storefront with arched design windows and rough-cut sandstone. The entire façade is sandstone with surrounds, columns and kick plates worked in the material.

In 1906 the City was incorporated. Many speculate it was to levy a \$500 license fee on the six saloons operating in the City. With six buildings constructed in a span of five years the built environment of downtown Tenino changed overnight. Sussex Street was paved in 1912 with the width decided, according to one account by placing three cars side by side. Concrete sidewalks were installed at the same time.<sup>14</sup>

The wooden storefronts on the north side of Sussex Street were replaced by a series of brick faced structures with stone detailing starting in 1908. The Wolf Building (dating from 1908) was originally a tavern and features some sandstone trim along with the primarily brick construction indicating the transition from the popularity of sandstone to brick materials as the 20<sup>th</sup> century progressed.

Another fire in 1917 destroyed many of the still extant wooden buildings on the north side of Sussex Street and spurred further re-development of the downtown. Some buildings were specifically built to accommodate increasing automobile traffic since Tenino was part of Pacific Highway 99 (dedicated in 1923), then the major north-south thoroughfare from Seattle to Portland. Among the new auto-oriented buildings were the 1923 Henderson and Davis Garage and brick fronted "luncheonettes" to provide food services for the traveler, precursors to today's fast food establishments.

Despite the fact that by 1921 the use of sandstone as a building material in Tenino and other communities had passed, the Masonic Lodge in Tenino was built. S. W. Fenton, an active Mason, may have designed the building. It features the smooth and rough-cut elements of the stone as well as unique ornamental stained glass transoms. Tenino had many fraternal organizations which are also represented in the district by altered buildings on Sussex including the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Eagles groups.

In 1932, Tenino was in the spotlight when it became "the home of wooden money." The local bank, The Citizens Bank of Tenino failed and the Chamber of Commerce decided to issue emergency scrip, first on paper and

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<sup>14</sup> "Incorporation of Tenino Told by H. J. Keithahn," Thurston County Independent, June 14, 1935, pg. 1.

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then using “slicewood” of spruce and cedar. It was issued from the State Bank of Tenino building (part of the district). The Chamber issued eight currencies between 1932 and 1933 worth \$10,308. Only \$40 was ever redeemed since it achieved such notoriety as a collectible.<sup>15</sup>

Many of the services in Tenino established for the travelers along Pacific Highway 99 closed when Interstate 5 by-passed the city by 10 miles in the mid-1950s. A slow decline of the downtown subsided for the next 40 years. In more recent years since the 1980s, the town has experienced residential growth as a bedroom community to Olympia. Today’s population is approximately 1500, only about 400 more residents than its early high point just after the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The district is historically significant for its large collection of sandstone buildings, built from the local quarry. As a whole, the downtown illustrates the aesthetic and architectural characteristics of sandstone. The sandstone buildings exemplify the history of the community as it moved away from its economic dependence on sandstone to a general commercial and convenience area.

This compact community area is notable because it vividly shows the two primary periods of its prosperity through the buildings on the two sides of its main street—Sussex Street. Sandstone buildings, constructed from nearby quarries, which were the principal commercial enterprise of the town just after the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, are showcased on the south side of Sussex (along with some north side structures). The buildings on the north side of street illustrate the changing role of the town from a manufacturing center to a service area for the community and travelers on Pacific Highway 99 in the 1920s after the closure to the quarries. The saloon buildings as well as the fraternal organizations, notably the Masonic Temple, typify a working class community bonded by occupations and economic class which reflect the role of the town as a manufacturing and later, service center. The succession of businesses of the buildings as the town changed from its quarry-orientation to its convenience character were an easy transition since the buildings were primarily built as storefronts and could accommodate a variety of enterprises to meet these changing needs.

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<sup>15</sup> “Wooden money brought fame in Depression era,” The Tenino Independent 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition, June 16, 1982, pg.12.

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**TENINO DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT  
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

The property in the Hodgdon's Plat of the City of Tenino in Section 19 Township 16, Range 2W of the Willamette Meridian as described in the following:

Tax Parcel #54901200400:HODGDON L 4 B 12 LESS W 6 INCHES;Tax Parcel # 54901200300:HODGDON L 3 B 12 L 4 W 6 INCHES;  
Tax Parcel #54901200200:HODGDON L 2 B 12 E 1/2; Tax Parcel # 54901200201:HODGDON L 2 B 12 W 1/2; Tax Parcel  
#54901200100:HODGDON L 1 B 12; Tax Parcel # 54901100400:HODGDON L 4 B 11 E 1/2; Tax Parcel # 54901100401:HODGDON L 4 B  
11 W 1/2; Tax Parcel #54901100300:HODGDON LOT 3 BLK 11; Tax Parcel #54901100200:HODGDON L 2 B 11 E 1/2; Tax Parcel #  
54901100100:HODGDON L 1 B 11 L 2 W 1/2; Tax Parcel #54900900500:HODGDON LOT 5 B9 E 20.5F OF N 1/2; Tax Parcel #  
54900900501:HODGDON L 5 B 9 S 1/2 L 5 W 39.5F OF N 1/2; Tax Parcel # 54900900600:HODGDON L 6 B 9 E 27.25F LESS SELY 8F  
ALLEY; Tax Parcel # 54900900601:HODGDON L 6 B 9 W 1/2 OF E 54.5F; Tax Parcel # 54900900602:HODGDON L 6 B 9 W 5.5F OF S  
1/2 L 6 W 6F OF N 1/2 L 7 E 12F; Tax Parcel # 54900900700:HODGDON L 7 B 9 W 48F; Tax Parcel # 54900900800:HODGDON PT OF  
L8 BLK 9 E20F & W4.45F OF S50.35F OF E24.55F LESS TA XABLE TO 54900900802; Tax Parcel # 54900900802:HODGDON THAT POR  
OF PARCEL 549009008 TAXABLE UNDER RCW 84.3 6.030; Tax Parcel #54901000500:HODGDON L A SS-9408 ELY 27.58 FL 5 B 10 &  
1/2 BLDG VALUE (TAVERN); Tax Parcel # 54901000501:HODGDON L B SS-9408 WLY 32.42 FL 5 B 10 & 1/2 BLDG VALUE (STORE);  
Tax Parcel #54901000600:HODGDON L 6 B 10 LESS S 6F TO TENINO; Tax Parcel # 54900900801:Section 19 Township 16 Range 1W  
Plat HOGDENS ADDITION BLK 9 WLY 39.9F LOT 8 EXCEPT ELY 4.45F OF SLY 50.35F, EXCEPT SLY 8F FOR ALLEY 002027.

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

This is the boundary of the contiguous contributing properties of the Tenino Downtown Historic District.

**Property Owners**

54901200400	SCHULTZ, JOHN & SHARON	5821 201ST LN SE	TENINO	WA	98589
54901200300	GIBBS, CARL W & LAURA L	PO BOX 28	TENINO	WA	98589-0028
54901200200	MASONIC BLDG ASSN	PO BOX 236	TENINO	WA	98589
54901200201	WALLACE, ARTHUR G & LEONA L	PO BOX 417	BUCODA	WA	98530-0417
54901200100	DIAMOND B GROUP LLC	6648 MIRROR CT SE	OLYMPIA	WA	98513
54901100400	RODRIGUEZ, JUAN & LUCIA A	3824 HOLLYWOOD DR NE	OLYMPIA	WA	98516
54901100401	CLUBINE, JIM	20000 JOHNSON CRK RD SE	TENINO	WA	98589
54901100300	CLUBINE, JIM	20000 JOHNSON CRK RD SE	TENINO	WA	98589
54901100200	KINNEY, ROBERT W	PO BOX 924	TENINO	WA	98589
54901100100	THOMAS, DON G	PO BOX 593	TENINO	WA	98589
54900900500	RAMOS, RUBEN B	1608 CAMDEN PARK DR SW	OLYMPIA	WA	98512
54900900501	RECLINERLAND INC	PO BOX 1219	TENINO	WA	98589
54900900600	RECLINERLAND INC	PO BOX 1219	TENINO	WA	98589
54900900601	PETTTT, D JEAN	PO BOX 22	TENINO	WA	98589
54900900602	VASSAR, HAROLD R ETAL	3205 GODDARD RD SW	TENINO	WA	98589
54900900700	VASSAR, HAROLD R ETAL	3205 GODDARD RD SW	TENINO	WA	98589
54900900800	USA-FOREIGN WARS	PO BOX 386	TENINO	WA	98589
54901000500	PARENT, THOMAS & BEVERLY	1107 GARRISON ST NE	OLYMPIA	WA	98506
54901000501	HOWELL, JOSEPH V	PO BOX 512	TENINO	WA	98589
54901000600	TENINO EAGLES NO 564	PO BOX 538	TENINO	WA	98589
54900900801	DWELLEY, RITA E	PO BOX 599	TENINO	WA	98589

# Tenino Downtown Historic District Historic Views



Tenino Downtown Historic District 1910,  
looking East



Tenino Downtown Historic District 1915,  
looking West

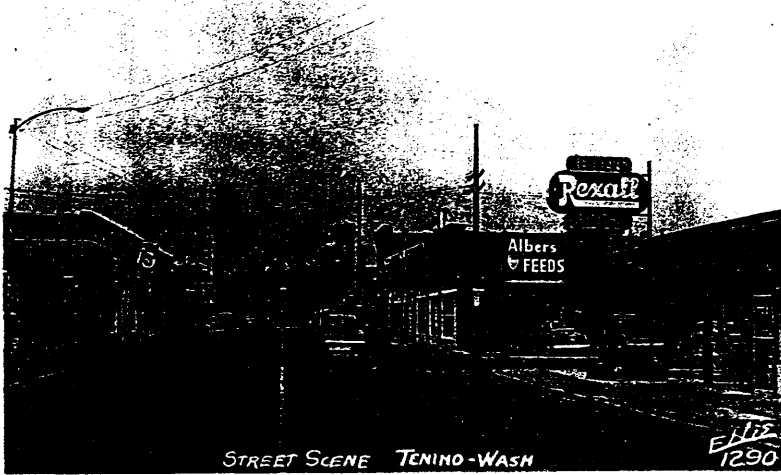
Tenino Downtown Historic District 1915,  
looking East



# Tenino Downtown Historic District Historic Views



Tenino Downtown Historic District 1920s,  
looking West



Tenino Downtown Historic District 1956,  
looking West


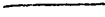


Tenino Downtown Historic District 1956,  
looking West



STREET SCENE - TENINO - WASH.  
1956

# Downtown Historic District

Tenino, WA

-  - Historic District Boundary
-  - Parcel Boundary Lines
- 54900900501 - Tax Parcel Numbers
- 12 - Site Numbers
-  - Non-Contributing Properties
-  - VACANT



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## UTM References Zone 10 Meters

	EASTING	NORTHING
A -	511073	5189274
B -	511072	5189311
C -	511211	5189366
D -	511244	5189285
E -	511124	5189239
F -	511105	5189287

The Tenino Downtown Historic District includes 21 properties with frontage on Sussex Ave. and totals 2.99 ac.

