

Additional Research on Christensen Radio Repair Shop

108 Franklin Street NE (Currently Old School Pizzeria)

- **Thurston County Assessor** lists a construction date of 1928. This is also listed in the Assessor records as the date of construction for the two adjacent buildings: the former Avalon Theatre and attached commercial building at present-day 302-304 4th Avenue E. Additional historical research indicates that this date is not accurate for the Christensen Radio Repair Shop.
- **Christensen's radio shop** is first listed in Polk City Directories in 1932 as "The Radio Shop, A. Henry Christensen", at 518 Capitol Way. Christensen's Radio Shop is listed at its 304 4th Avenue E address from 1934 to 1968.
- The 1949 Olympia **earthquake** took place on April 13th.
- Available *Polk City Directories* (a precursor to the Yellow Pages) were consulted to determine the **commercial history** of the building. The results are listed below. Because addresses were known to have changed over time, listings for numerically adjacent addresses are provided when possible.
- *Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps* were also consulted when available.

Current Aerial Image of Area



Figure 1: 2015 aerial photo showing building, Olympia Online Mapping.

Polk Directories:

1936:

108 Franklin St = Skookum Mfg Co (fishing tackle)

1939-1946 (multiple volumes):

106 Franklin St = Dewey C. Eckstedt (no business listed)

108 Franklin St = Geo J. Rollman, barber

1947-1948 (single volume):

106 = Vacant

108 = Vacant

1949:

106 = Harris, C R, side entr

108 = Christensen Radio, side entr

Historical Photos & Other Images

1924 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map

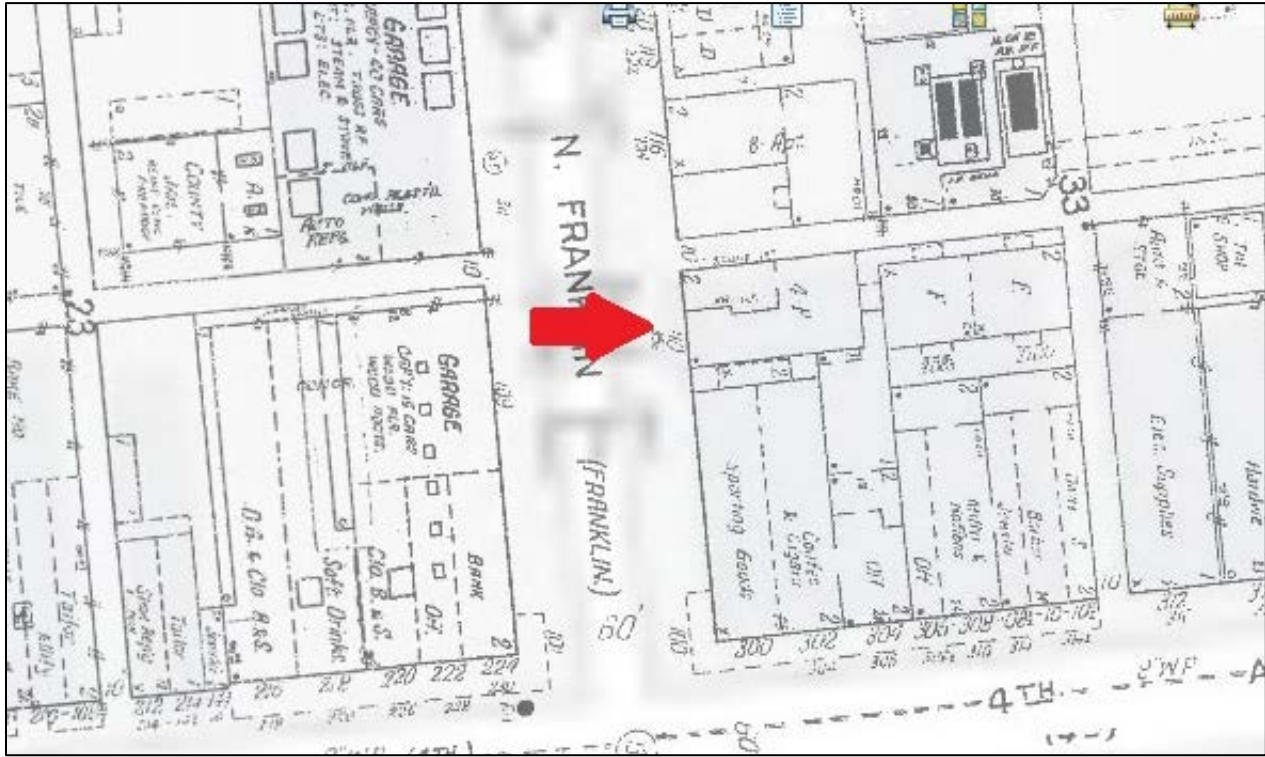


Figure 2: Location of earlier building on site of Christensen Radio Repair Shop. Digital image care of Timberland Regional Library.

1933 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map

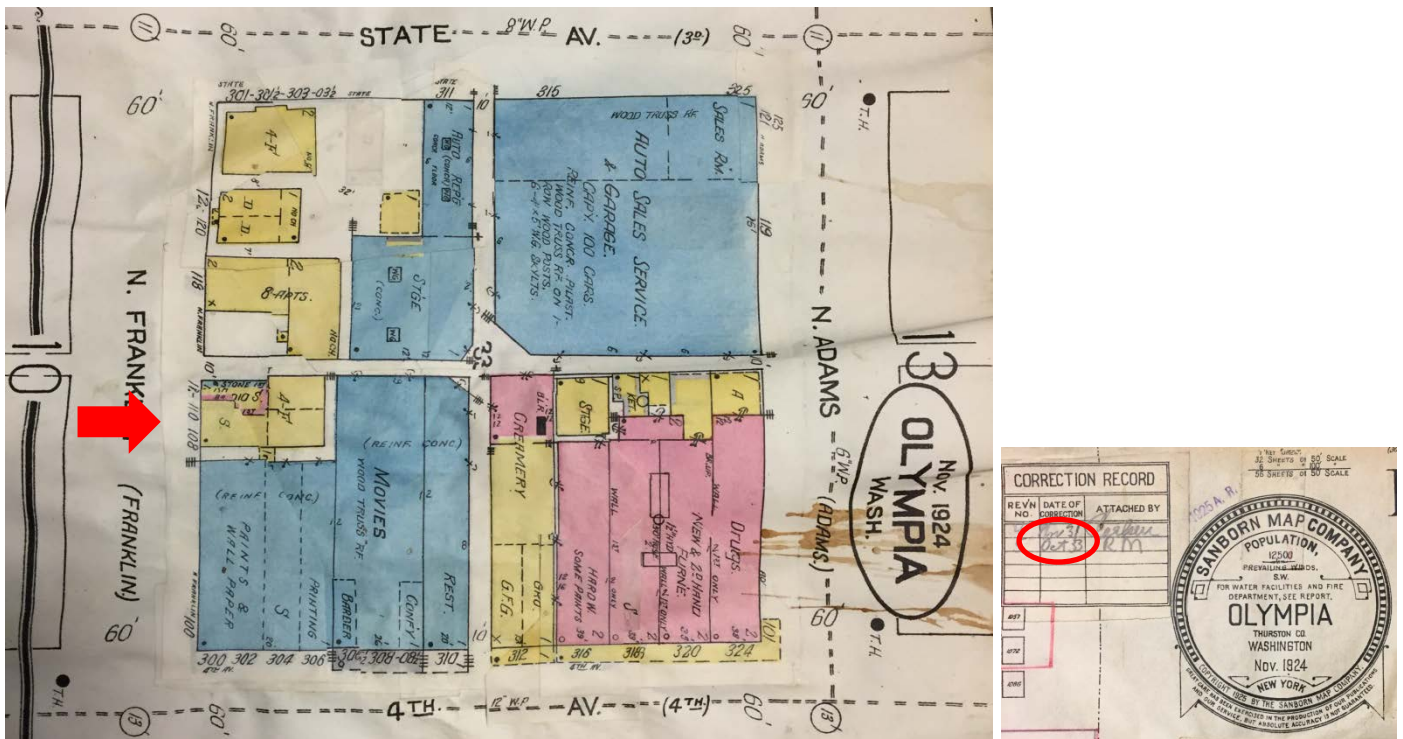


Figure 3: A version of the 1924 Sanborn map as it was updated in 1933.

1951 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map

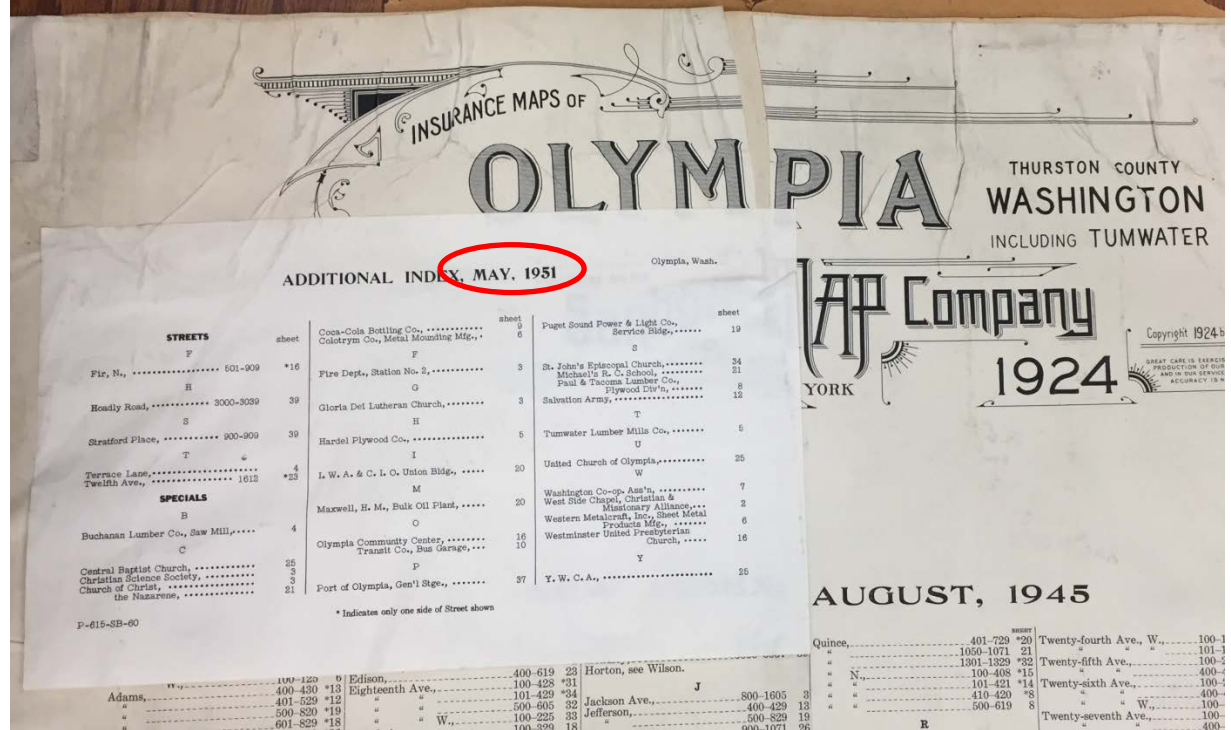
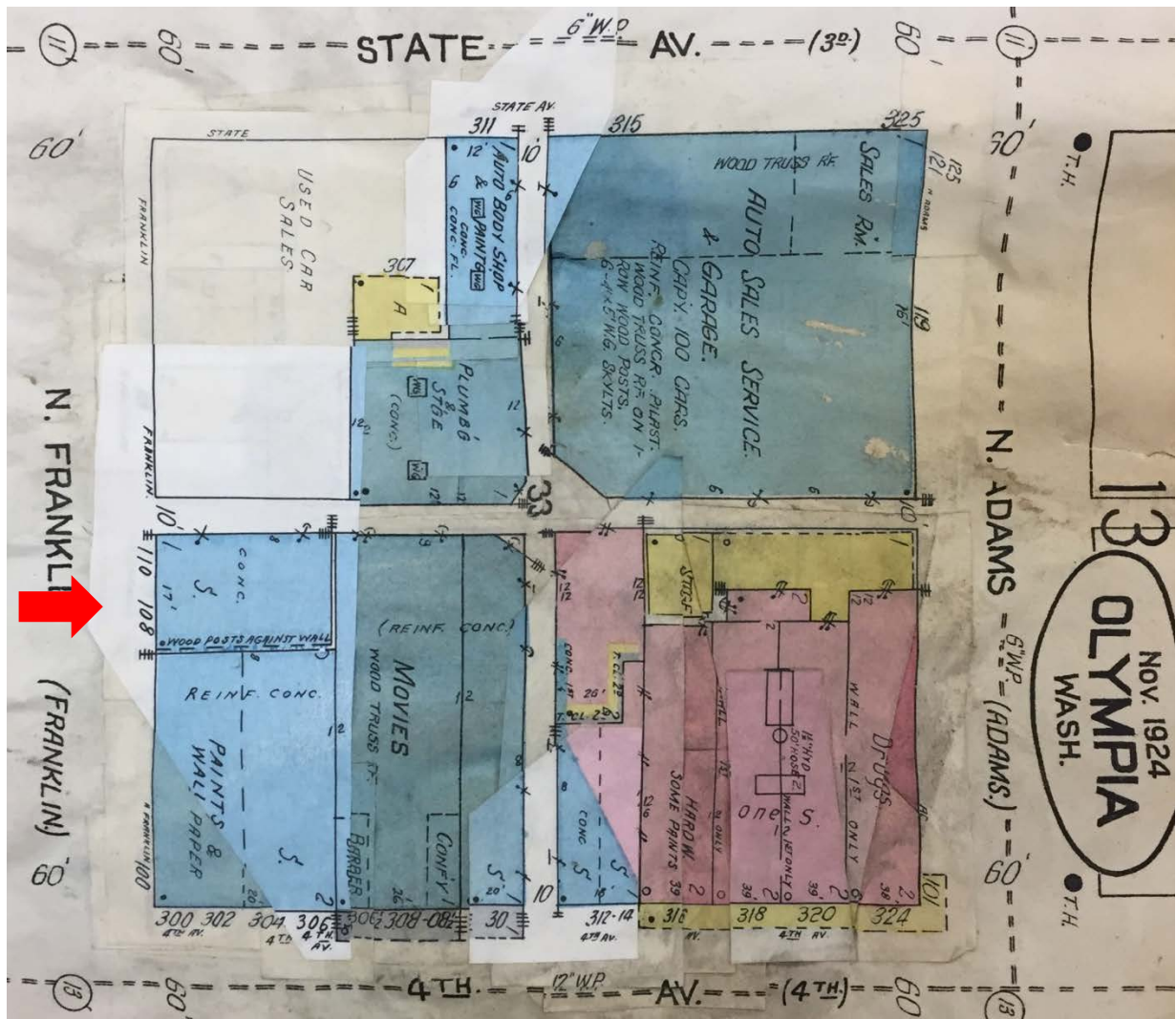


Figure 4: A version of the 1924 Sanborn map as it was updated in 1951.

Undated (early 1940s?) Photo



Figure 5: Red arrow identifies previous building located on the site of the Christensen Radio Repair Shop. Note barber's pole and sign for "A.G. Homa--; General Contractor". Christensen Radio Shop's 4th Avenue entrance is just visible on the right-hand side of the photo. Photo courtesy of the Washington State Archives.

1946 Aerial Photo



Figure 6: Red arrow indicates earlier building located on the site of the Christensen Radio Repair Shop. Photo courtesy of the Washington State Archives, Port of Olympia Collection.

1956 Photo



Figure 7: Red arrow identifies the present building in 1956. "Sylvania" just legible on projecting sign. Photo courtesy of the Washington State Archives, Olympia Police Department Collection.

1964 Photo



Figure 8: Thurston County Assessor Photo from 1964, courtesy of the Washington State Archives.

1989 Photo



Figure 9: Photo provided on Thurston County Historic Property Inventory Report form.

1936 Christensen's Radio Shop Advertisement

RADIOS

CHRISTENSEN'S RADIO SHOP

HENRY CHRISTENSEN

Philco, Atwater Kent, R. C. A. Victor
and Zenith Radios

Norge Refrigerators, Washers, Ironers, Ranges
Oil Burners and Heating Plants

304 East Fourth Avenue Telephone 1990 Olympia, Washington





Figure 10: Advertisement for Christensen's Radio Shop from the Polk Directory for 1936, showing the store's main (4th Avenue) address. According to the Directory, 108 Franklin Street was occupied at that time by Skookum Manufacturing Company, producers of fishing tackle.

Current Photos



Figure 11: Front (West) Elevation (facing southeast)



Figure 12: Front (West) Elevation (facing northeast)



Figure 13: Side (North) Elevation (facing south)



Figure 14: Side Windows (north elevation)



Figure 15: Front Entrance Detail



Figure 16: Front Window Framing Detail



Figure 17: Illustration of Awning Hardware



Figure 18: Front (West) Elevation (facing east)

This information, collated by the City of Olympia's Historic Preservation Officer (Michelle Sadlier) in November 2016, supplements the research submitted by the applicants.