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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Terminal Building is a two story rectangular plan commercial structure built with a wood frame and brick veneer on two sides only. There are shop spaces at the ground level and offices on the floor above. It is situated on a corner lot in the business district of Fairhaven in southern Bellingham. This location was formerly at the core of commercial activity a few blocks from Bellingham Bay, although at present this center has shifted uphill and away from the water.

There are two storefronts facing Harris Avenue, the main street, flanking a doorway that leads to the second floor. These storefronts are large glass display windows on either side of recessed entrances, and they seem to be considerably altered from their original arrangement. A wooden sub-cornice extends entirely across the Harris Avenue facade above the storefronts and just below the sills of the second story windows. A bracketed cornice and frieze complete both major facades along the top.

The windows on the second floor consist of pairs of square headed double hung windows furred in to segmental arched openings. There are four of these pairs regularly spaced on the Harris Avenue side, and three are on 11th Avenue spaced in a similar manner except that one is omitted toward the center of the series. At the ground floor on 11th Avenue there is an irregular series of three windows and a door with a second door and part of one window bricked up.

Most of the interior doors and woodwork on the second floor remain in their original condition; however, the plaster has been covered with wood-grain paneling and the ceilings have been heavily textured.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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### 1889 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Terminal Building was one of the first commercial structures built during the early development of Fairhaven, Washington, now a district of Bellingham. When street cars were in operation, the Terminal Building, located in what was then the center of the business community, was the "end of the line" and the car tracks looped around the block and headed back to Bellingham. Early in its history one of the shop spaces served as the "Sideboard" barbershop and apparently a saloon occupied the ground floor space on the corner.

The original structure was entirely wood frame construction, but within a year Henry Fick, the owner, entered into a partnership with D. K. Butler to expand the building. With a mortgage of \$2600 from the Lombard Investment Company, they more then doubled its size and added on the two street front facades a veneer of Japanese "Star Brick" from the ballast of ships.

Built in 1889, the Terminal Building is thought to be the oldest standing commercial structure in Fairhaven.

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