

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF GOOD TEMPLARS (I.O.G.T.) BUILDING

(common name: Aldrich's)

940 Lawrence

Plummer's Addition Block 1 Lots 1 & 3

First building constructed 1889

Second building constructed 2005

1889: International Order of Good Templars. The organization had outgrown its first Port Townsend building downtown and built this larger facility. This second building was built for \$6,000. The new structure was three stories high and had three store fronts to lease out to: J.O. Bergman, Grocer, C.C. Holburg, furniture, and Mr. August Duddenhausen's Palace Druggist.

1900-1918: Wannamaker & Mutty Grocery. The pair remodeled the three storefronts into one, changing the main entrance.

1911-1920: Mr. George Delever McGregor took over the popular store but ran into financial difficulties.

A few small businesses operated out of the space for the next few years, but the building was vacant when the Aldrich family purchased it in 1926.

1926: Aldrich's Grocery (and Racket Store) had been operating across the street since 1895 and purchased the building to expand their store. The upstairs space had various uses over the years after the Templars: dances, Moose Hall, Woodmen of the World Hall, bridge games and movie hall.

1939-1940: The building was drastically altered "to make it look more reasonable." An elevator was installed, and a full basement was dug out under the building.

1983: John Clise purchased the business from the Aldrich family.

1996: Business was sold to David Hamilton. John and Pam Clise maintained ownership of the building.

2002: Building was sold to David Hamilton and Jonathan Rywreck.

2003: The building burned to the ground.

2005: The current building was constructed.

2006: Business sold to Milt, Renee and Scott Fukuda.

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