

BISHOP BUILDING
714 Washington Street
(Old address 222,224 Washington)
O.T. Block 55 Lot 3

Built 1891

Architect: Charles Packard
Masonry Contractor C.P. Wakeman
Carpentry, Painting, Plastering and Plumbing by B. J. Cummings

Construction began in 1890 and was finished in early 1891 at a cost of \$15,000.

1891: First occupants of the ground floor were I.D. O'Neill and Company Insurance and Oliver Wood, Attorney At Law. O'Neill also sold carriages, buggies and agricultural implements. William Bishop used the upper floors as a tobacco storage and distribution center.

1907: The upstairs rooms were converted to residential units, known as the Bishop Block Rooms. There was no electricity or running water in the units until the 1940s.

1911-1920: Port Townsend Soda Works operated by Tanner and Swan on the ground floor.

1923: The building survived a tremendous fire, partly due to sixteen metal window shutters that blocked the flames.

1940s to early 1950s: The upstairs rooms were upgraded and many young people of the day rented the apartments as their first home.

1971: A furniture store began occupying the storefront.

1980: John Pickett purchased the building and renovations were made for the Bishop Victorian Guest Suites by 1982.

1990s: Joe and Cindy Finnie purchased the building in 1995 and have since restored and redecorated both the interior and exterior.

2001: The garden and gazebo behind the building opened for use.