

## **DENNIS-HALTEMAN BUILDING**

1002-1020 Lawrence St.

Built October 1891

Architect: E. A. Batwell

Contrary to popular belief, the Dennis-Halteman building was constructed in 1891 and was the first brick building in the uptown business district. The building is referred to as “Katzville,” many mistaking a smaller, earlier building constructed by Waterman and Katz in 1871 for the current building.

1888-1891: The lot was vacant and in July of 1891 Mr. Dennis and Mr. Halteman revealed the architectural plans drawn by E.A. Batwell.

1891-1911: Stuart Brothers Home Furnishings

1891-1907: McLennan’s Bros. Dry Goods.

1907-1956: Sanford Lake changed the name of the McLennan’s store to Port Townsend Dry Goods when he purchased it in 1907.

1911- 1917: The Waterman and Katz store purchased the Toggery, which had been operating in the building.

1913-1950s: N.D. Hill Drug Store opened a branch store in the building, operating it for the next 13-15 years.

1917: In October of 1917 the building was renovated and the original tower was removed, being called “unsightly.” The entire structure was given a new coating making it look like a brownstone front.

1956: Russell Sheffer purchased Port Townsend Dry Goods and continued with the original location for another two years before moving it downtown.

1981: Tony Larson purchased the building and began the long process of upgrading and remodeling the building and store fronts one by one.

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