

## **ELEVATED ICE CREAM BUILDING**

627-631 Water Street  
(old address 211-213 Water)  
O.T. Block 6 Lot 6 (and portions of Lot 8)

Built circa 1884-1889, builder unknown

1860: Lambert and Cook Blacksmith Shop was sold in January 1860, so it seems to have existed on the site previous to this date with a different footprint.

1884: Two buildings listed as dwellings rather than businesses.

1888: East side used as a tailor shop on this lot.

1890: A building was constructed or remodeled to reflect the current building's footprint. The east side housed Benjamin P. Kunler, pawnbroker, while John Mehling and Robert Somerville operated a tailor shop at the site. The west half of the building was a clothing store for men operated by Julius Soloman.

1897: Mehling moved the tailor shop a block further down the street.

1911: Port Townsend Machine Works, operated by Fred and Ethel Polk, in the east side of the building. The west side housed a restaurant.

1923: William and Mary Cameron were operating a blacksmith or machine shop at the site.

1927: Julius With purchased the building for back taxes but kept his business address at a different location using the new site for storage after 1928.

1933: Julius With moved his machine shop into the building.

1934: A huge storm destroyed about 20 feet on the back of the east side of the building. It is thought that the addition had been built between 1891-1910.

After WWII: With sold the business to his adopted son, Karl Jacobsen, who continued to operate at this location until 1968.

1980: David and Julie McCulloch completed extensive remodeling of the building. The Elevated Ice Cream Shop began in 1977 in an old elevator from St. John's Hospital that was located across Water Street.

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