

ELIZABETH LEWIS BUILDING

1025-1029 Lawrence Street
(old address 411 Lawrence St.)
O.T. Block 135 Lot 6

Builder: Unknown
Constructed: circa 1907

1890s: The previous site of the Strowbridge Hardware Store, Anderson's Ice Cream Parlor and the David Patterson Shoe Store.

1900: The original building was destroyed in a fire.

1907: W.J. Lewis purchased the lot in 1901. By 1907 Elizabeth Lewis owned it. A news report shows that in 1907 a business was beginning "across the street from the Dry Goods Store" indicating that the current building had been finished by this time.

1911-19: Mrs. Lizzie S. Moore Millinery Shop was operating from the building. A Christian Science Reading room was functioning in the west side of the building at the same time.

1919-1937: Mrs. Sofia Pearson operated Pearson's Millinery, taking over from Mrs. Moore.

1937-1962: Annie Olsen began operating The Dressy Shop at this location. During this time the west side of the building housed a radio and TV shop and a watch and watch repair shop.

1964-1979: A newspaper office, beauty shop, and an antique store. Claude and Peggy Boland purchased the building in 1972.

1979-1984: Ace of Cups, a coffee house. Etta and Gabriel McCormick formed the business, selling to Kitty Knapp, Trina Steel and Connie Welch in 1982.

Other businesses occupying the site over the years were the Cafe Excelsior, Sunshine Grill and BBQ, Port Townsend Café, Pacific Crossroads, and the Abundant Life Book Store. It served as the Women's Center for several years before becoming the Boiler Room, a teen center and coffee house.

2001 Malcolm Dorn purchased the building and made major improvements. It is now Sweet Laurette's Café.