

JAMES AND HASTINGS BUILDING

NE Corner Water & Tyler Streets
O.T. Block 40 Lot: 6, 7 & 8

Built: 1889

Architect: Fisher & Clark
Francis W. James and Lucinda Hastings, Owners

In 1851 the first log cabin in Port Townsend was built on this site. With two rooms, it was built by early residents Alfred A. Plummer and Charles Bachelder. A wooden dry goods store followed the log cabin.

In 1889 the four-story brick and stone building's primary ground floor tenant was Smith and Ellis, selling clothing, dry goods, hardware, stoves, tin wear, boots and shoes. The upper floor occupants included offices and lodging.

In 1890 Smith & Ellis, City Surveyors and Civil and Mechanical Engineers, Port Townsend Gas and Fuel Company, L.B. Hastings & Co. offices and other offices were operating from the building.

In 1897 J.J. Fenton, the liquor merchant, had a saloon and club rooms in the building

In 1900 the Vienna Hotel and bar opened on October 1st.

In 1920 the Olympic Hotel was operating in the building.

In 1921 J.F. Canady of Portland purchased the building.

During the 1930s offices and businesses were again occupying the site.

In 1997 Victorian Square was established.

In the 1990s and early this century, Keith Jackson, owner, did major restoration work on the outside of the building. He sold the building in 2003.