

N.D. HILL BRICK BUILDING

635 Water Street
(Old Address 219 Water Street)
O.T. Block 6, Lots 7 & 8

Built 1889

Architect: Elmer H. Fisher.

Woodwork by Cummings & Saunders

Brick and Stonework by Davis & Wakeman

1889: The building cost \$25,000 to construct and replaced an earlier pharmacy used by Hill since 1879.

1928: The Benson family purchased the building and renovated it to create the DeVillo Hotel. Rooms rented for 75 cents to \$1.25 per night.

1929-2001: A tavern has occupied the corner storefront since 1929 while the top floors functioned as a hotel and long-term apartments over the years. It was a popular—and sometimes notorious—place to live during the 1970s-80s.

The IT Tavern opened and was going strong in 1933. The most well-known and long-running was the Town Tavern, which began soon after the IT and operated at this site until 2001.

Both the Salal Café and the Silverwater Restaurant began in the back portion of this building. Maxwell's Brewery and Pub occupied the building in the mid 2000s.

The Building has had internal renovation and some external upkeep over the years to help keep it in its near original condition.

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