

PEARSON'S GAS STATION
1031 & 1033 Lawrence Street
O.T. Block 135 Lot 8 N 1/2 & Lot 6 S 1/2

1927
Built by Arvid Pearson

1882: J.P. Adams purchased lot 8 in 1882 where a dwelling was built at the front corner.

1900: The house was one of three remaining structures on the block after a fire in 1900. A millinery shop had been run out of the house for at least ten years previous to the fire.

1903-1926: Repairs to the house had been made and the shop of Miss Frankie Harrison, herself a milliner, lived in and operated her business from this location until 1926.

1926: Arvid and Sofia Pearson moved the house to the rear of the lot along the street side in 1926 and proceeded to build a service station at the corner site. The service station included the small building at the corner where gas was pumped and a garage in the back corner that was built at the back of the building next door (lot 6).

1945-1958: The Pearsons sold the business in 1945 and the service station continued in operation with a succession of owners until about 1958.

1958: The gas pump/office building has been a series of small shops after a period of vacancy. A shoe repair shop occupied the spot for many years beginning in 1982. Since 2006 a floral shop has occupied the spot.

The back area contained an auto repair garage, which later became Lafferty's Bus Barn. Lafferty contracted with the schools to bus school children and the location was used to make bus repairs. After also being vacant for awhile, other uses were found for the old garage.

1979: The Port Townsend Food Co-Op moved to this site after moving from its previous Tyler Street location. The Co-Op operated for 20 years at this location.

2001: Malcolm Dorn purchased the gas station and garage property and began restoration of the buildings.