

PORT TOWNSEND BREWERY
229 Monroe Street

Date of Construction: Circa 1890

1884: This building is a composite of several buildings built at different times. The central portion of the building fronting Monroe Street is the site of the old County Jail.

1906: Jefferson County sold the site to the Port Townsend Brewery Company. The Brewery Company was organized September 5, 1905. The first beer tapped at the new building was on June 9, 1906, to great fanfare.

1916: The brewery business operated very successfully until Prohibition was enacted in 1916. They tried selling soft drinks but the business did not thrive.

1945: The Brewery site was back in business as a beer and soft drink warehouse.

1911: It is not clear whether the old jail building was replaced or incorporated into the brewery structure, which is shown on the 1911 map as a larger building with a three-story section where the beer vats would have been located.

1911: A second building made of brick at the rear of the site can be seen along the Washington Street side of the current Athletic Club building.

The complex became “T” shaped when a new perpendicular wing reaching out toward Monroe Street was added to the middle of the brick building.

At a later date, a new section of the building at the corner of Monroe was added and is now used as the entrance to the Athletic Club.