



SPOOR BUILDING
634-640 Water Street
(originally 210-214 Water Street)
Block 43, Lot 5

Date of Construction: 1886
Builder: David Spoor

1856: Property was owned by A. A. Plummer, one of the earliest settlers of Port Townsend.

1881: Torkel Torjusen acquired the property.

1886: The property sold to David Spoor who built a hotel, the front of brick and considered fireproof; the rear of wood. The rear part of the building was a house of ill repute. A lady of the evening dumped a bucket of hot coals and started a fire. The hotel was repaired.

1917-1952: Many tenants occupied the building: Water Street Deli, the De Villo Hotel (1930-1949), the local WPA office (1939) and Morse Motors (1950-52).

1976: Thomas G. and Elaine Johnson acquired the property and did internal remodeling, creating shop, restaurant and residential spaces. A garden courtyard behind the building hosted weekly concerts in the summer for many years during the 1980s.

1984: The Salal Cafe' occupies some of the space up to the present.