

TERRY BUILDING
919-923 Washington Street

Built: 1890

1890: Fred Terry tore down the old Philadelphia Saloon to make space for this building. It cost \$8,000 to construct. Built on a hill, the brick building has two levels and a large basement with an outside entrance on the west side. The building is narrow with two bay windows and three recessed doorways. The doorway on the west side leads to a staircase and the second level. When completed, six liens had been filed by Quimper Manufacturing Company, Tacoma Lumber, Tacoma Cornice Works, George W. Downs (for lumber), Kreher and Desmond (painters), and L.B. Hastings and Co., suppliers of hardware, stoves, plumbing and gas fittings.

1891: The building was occupied by a print shop and a boarding house. There was a Chinese laundry in the basement for many years.

1903: Occupied by the Sunset Telephone Co., the first phone company in Port Townsend, starting with 38 customers.

1907: Occupied by Citizens Electric Company.

1909-1916: Occupied by Pacific Telephone and Telegraph.

Karl Teitzel's Tailor Shop occupied the space in later years. Some of the old mural sign is still visible on the west side of the building: "Tailor made suits on order—Cleaning—Pressing—Repairing."

The building was vacant for many years and used only for storage.

1980: Building sold and cleared out.

1981: Phillip Johnson purchased the building and started extensive restoration.

1985: The Jefferson County Historical Society gave Phillip Johnson and Arletta Gould a Mary Johnson Award for historic preservation.