

## WATERMAN & KATZ BUILDING

O.T. Block 7 Lot 2  
701 Water Street  
Build 1885

Built by Sigmund Waterman and William and Israel Katz for \$20,000. The three-story building housed their mercantile establishment. It contained Port Townsend's first elevator.

Also in the Building:

1885: The Cliff House Saloon, Basement

1886: Tug Saloon, located behind the building

1888: Waterman & Katz Saloon in Basement

1888: Both Sigmund Waterman and William Katz died in 1890:  
The saloon was operated by John F. Ott, in the basement.

1917: Israel Katz, who had been operating the business, disappeared.  
The building was vacant for many years.

1945: The main floor was used for automobile storage and the two upper stories were vacant.

1959-1995: James Weir was the owner of the building.

1952-59: Roderick Weir published the *Jefferson County Herald* here while James Weir published the *Port Townsend Tradesman* until the 1960s.  
The building remained empty again for many years.

1997: Ballenas Project Management purchased the Weir estate and remodeled the building. Peninsula College and the City of Port Townsend occupied upper floor offices. The upper floors were converted into condominiums after 2005 when the city offices moved into the new City Hall building.

1998: Ancestral Sprits Gallery on the street level.

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