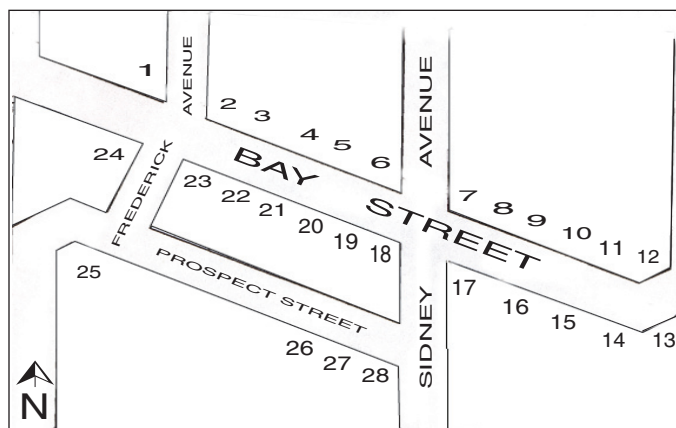


- 1 **Peterson Mercantile** - 639 Bay (1920)
After the Peterson's Cash Store operated here, Mildred Cohen moved her store from Bremerton ca. 1929. After a 1964 remodel, the building housed Jordan's Department Store until about 1990.
- 2 **Hester Brothers Garage** - 701 Bay (1908)
The Howe Brothers moved into this building and opened their hardware store, and then added Howe Ford Motor Co. in 1913. Cars were ferried from Seattle via the Frederick Street dock. In the 1920s, the Howe companies moved across the street to 702 Bay. Stevenson's Furniture Store was located here, followed by Parks Furniture until 1983.
- 3 **The Owl Restaurant** - 705-707 Bay (1921)
The Owl Restaurant was located here in the 1920s, followed by several other establishments including C.A. Hanks Real Estate and Ruth's Beauty Shop.
- 4 **J.L. Kiernan Furniture Store** - 715 Bay
After Kiernan's, this site became Totten's Sanitary Market. Winebrenner Food Store, a major South Kitsap grocery operated here into the 1950s, and J.A. Michaels is there now.
- 5 **Applegate Building** - 731 Bay (1905)
The law offices of Mr. and Mrs. Applegate. Photographer Harry Ward opened the Star Liberty Theatre in 1914, when a double feature cost 14 cents.
- 6 **H.A. Davies General Store** - 737 Bay
The Davies Store occupied a building barged over from Gorst after the town's 1894 fire. In 1927, Signe and John Myhre opened Myhre's, Kitsap County's oldest restaurant. Rebuilt after a 1963 fire.
- 7 **The Central Hotel** - 801 Bay (1901)
The hotel once had a grocery store in the lobby. A restaurant was also added. Central Dock ran from Bay Street out to Horluck Transportation.
- 8 **Metz Bakery** - 807 Bay (1901)
Built by Seattle's Moore Brothers.
- 9 **Old Meat Market** - 809 Bay
Housed the Market until 1941 when Robert Rice moved his appliance store here from Bremerton.
- 10 **Post Office** - 815/819 Bay
The building later became a department store. Upstairs apartments were added during World War II.

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- 11 **McNair General Hardware** - 821/823/825 Bay (1902)
McNair's Hardware operated here.
- 12 **Wilson Motor Company** - 839 Bay
The Wilson Motor Co. sold Chevrolets.
- 13 **Slocum Hardware** - 834 Bay (ca. 1924)
Charlotte Holland Bishop established the Holland Boarding House here in 1907, and Slocum Hardware opened ca. 1924.
- 14 **The Knights of Pythias** - 820/822 Bay (1925)
The Knights of Pythias established a local lodge in 1892, and used the upstairs for their meeting hall.
- 15 **Post Office** - 812/814/818 Bay
Another of four downtown buildings which were used as the Post Office. With each move, the space increased.
- 16 **Port Orchard Independent** - 810 Bay (1910)
The Port Orchard Independent (est. 1890) was located here for many years.
- 17 **Miller General Merchandise** - 802/804 Bay (1893)
A 1901 addition housed Miller General Merchandise. The upstairs was rented out for community dances and meetings. The space became Blanchard's Department Store.
- 18 **Corbett Building** - 738/740/742/744 Bay (1928)
After becoming a widow, Emma Tohl Sponogle received a pharmacy degree and bought the Corbett building. She consolidated the Sponogle and Corbett pharmacies. Geiger Rexall used the corner section of this building until 1977.

Homesteader Robert Campbell built a log cabin at 744 Bay. His wife Frances, of the Duwamish tribe, planted a pink rosebush behind the building. She and two small children were buried beneath the rosebush.

- 19 **VFW Building** - 734/736 Bay (1902)
Dr. John Sponogle opened his street-level office, and the Sponogles lived upstairs. His office moved to the second floor in 1907 with a drugstore downstairs.
- 20 **The Hotel Wilson** - 724/728/730 Bay (1901)
Also known as the "Brick Hotel." Once a fine hotel constructed of brick from the nearby pottery factory. In 1919, an ice cream parlor, the offices of the Seattle Times and PI, Cruikshanks 5 & 10, and other businesses located here.
- 21 **Port Orchard Pool Room** - 714 Bay
Around 1905, a live bear was kept in a cage near the front entrance. The Port Orchard Tavern operated here.
- 22 **Boltan's Gift and Jewelry Shop** - 710 Bay (1901)
Dr. Ralph Smith willed this building to Whitman College, which sold it.
- 23 **Howe Building** - 702 Bay (1920)
The original home of the Cline family, the building burned in the 1894 fire. Howe Hardware relocated here in 1920, and in 1924 added the east part of the building for their Ford Motor Co. The showroom was on Bay Street and the garage was upstairs.
- 24 **Kitsap County Bank Building** - 642 Bay (1908)
Remodeled in 1952, the bank moved one block north and west to its current location, in 1977.
- 25 **Sidney Hotel** - 700 Prospect Street
Moved to its present location from Kitsap and Prospect in 1912, the current building was rebuilt after a 1990s fire, and is now the Sidney Professional Bldg.
- 26 **Boyker and Pendleton** - 730 Prospect (1908)
Became Pendleton Gilchrist Funeral Home in 1913 and was a mortuary until the early 1990s.
- 27 **Pacific Telephone and Telegraph** - 736 Prospect
Originally a brick cottage, also housed the Port Orchard Library and then the Municipal Court.
- 28 **Masonic Temple** - 202 Sidney (1908)
Home of the Sidney Art Gallery and Museum.



Looking westward along Bay Street, circa 1892.

Port Orchard History at a Glance

Port Orchard sits on the southern shores of Puget Sound's Sinclair Inlet. The town incorporated on September 15, 1890, in Slaughter (now Kitsap) County, and became the county seat in 1893.

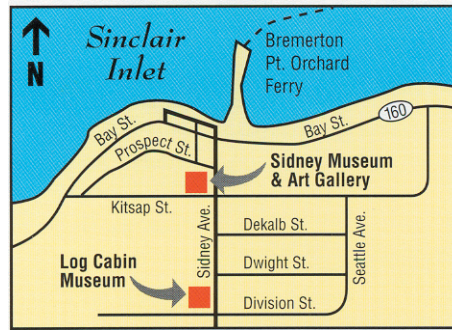
In 1881, Robert Campbell paid a \$3 fee to homestead the area. When Sidney Stevens landed at Mitchell Point in 1885, he envisioned a town west of Blackjack Creek and bought the land for \$900. Stevens' son, Frederick, named streets for family members, and christened the town Sidney for his father. Sidney became Port Orchard in 1903.

The name for the main thoroughfare became Bay Street as it originally edged along the waterfront. Much of the hill had to be excavated to erect buildings on the "land" side of the street. Structures on the "water" side were actually built on pilings over the water.

The Sidney pier is still in use, with a new marina park nearby. Marine access is no longer available from Frederick and Harrison Streets.



Howe Brothers Hardware and Port Orchard Meat and Provision Co., circa 1900.



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Miller General Merchandise, circa 1900.

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BAY STREET IN THE EARLY 1900S



Bay Street at Sidney, circa 1908



The Sidney Hotel, which later became the Navy View Hotel, around 1900.



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