



## Campbell's Grocery Store on Umatilla Street, in the 1880s.

Before Sellwood was annexed to Portland in 1893, members of the Sellwood Town Council held monthly meetings on the second floor of John Campbell's Grocery Store.

Recurring issues of the day included public inebriation, securing sanitary drinking water and animals wandering at large, especially goats and dogs.

Things haven't changed much!

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# The History of our Building

Umatilla St was the original main drag in Sellwood  
(before the soon-to-be-former bridge was built)

The Ferry Boat stopped at the dock at the foot of Umatilla St

Next to the dock was the Sellwood Saw Mill.

Many of the older houses in the Sellwood area  
were made from lumber cut at the mill. The trees were,  
to some extent, harvested locally, while others  
were floated down the river to the mill.

The second floor beams are 30 foot long continuous timbers.

The storefront was called "Campbell's Grocery"  
where local ferry commuters could get supplies & foodstuffs  
after getting off the ferryboat and walking home.

The old building at the next intersection (11th & Umatilla)  
had the local bar downstairs and a brothel upstairs.

At the corner of 13th & Umatilla (the former Bike Commuter  
shop) was the location of the First Bank of Sellwood.

This Storefront & Building has been a:

Church

Grocery Store

Warehouse

Upholstery Shop

Bicycle Repair Shop

Cabinet Shop

Puppet Workshop

Movie Studio

Museum

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