

**Collection Title: Downtown Businesses**

**Dates: 1886-2015**

**Collection Number:** PCMAP.006.Downtown Businesses

**Extent:** 4 folders, approximately 0.35 linear feet.

**Repository:** Port Costa Museum Archive Project

**Abstract:** This is a collection of materials related to the downtown businesses currently or previously located in Port Costa, California.

**Physical Location:** Port Costa Museum and Archive Project, Archive Room, File Cabinet 1A

**Language of Material:** English

**Access Use and Restrictions:** The collection is open for research use.

**Publication Rights:** Contact the Port Costa Museum for questions or requests regarding use of these materials.

**Preferred Citation:** [Identification of item] Downtown Businesses (PCMAP.006 Downtown Businesses). Folder [x], Port Costa Museum Archive Project.

**Biography:**

The community of Port Costa saw an economic boom in 1879, with the establishment of a ferry system between Port Costa and Benicia. As a result, a variety of businesses were established in the downtown region. In 1929, the ferry service disbanded, leading to an economic slump. While many businesses shuttered, several remained in operation. The 1960s saw a revival of downtown Port Costa when Bill Rich bought the whole of downtown for \$24,000 and opened bars, restaurants, antique shops, and apartments. Clayton Bailey's The World of Wonders Museum opened in the 1970s.

**System of Organization:**

This collection is organized by type of material and chronologically within each folder when dates are available.

**Scope and Content of Collection:**

This collection of materials related to Port Costa downtown businesses includes a copy of the 1939 lease for the Burlington Hotel, Warehouse Cafe menus, photographs, newspaper clippings, and others.

**Access points/Indexing Terms:**

## **Subjects**

- Business
- Hotels
- Port Costa

## **Personal and Corporate Names**

- Warehouse Cafe
- Burlington Hotel
- Bull Valley Inn
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## **Related Materials:**

**Acquisition:** The bulk of this material was donated to the Port Costa Museum Archive Project by Earl Flewelling.

**Level of Description:** Folder level description

**Processed by:** Jenny Fosket and Sam Vincent

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## **Container List:**

### **Folder 1: Directory, 1886**

-A reproduction of a directory of Port Costa downtown businesses 1886-1887

### **Folder 2: The Burlington Hotel 1939, 1978, 2013, nd**

-Copy of a 1939 Lease for the Burlington Hotel

-Copies of a 1978 advertisement for the Burlington Hotel

-Copies of an undated flyer for "F&T Exchange" (feelings and thoughts exchange immersive performance) at the Burlington Hotel

-A copy of a dinner ticket for the Burlington Hotel

-Newspaper clippings, 2013

-Photographs

### **Folder 3: Bull Valley Inn, nd and 2009-2015**

-Bull Valley Inn post card

-Bull Valley Inn brochure

-Copy of a Bull Valley Inn menu

-Two copies of a description of the Bull Valley Inn in a larger unnamed and undated publication

-Newspaper clippings, 2013, 2015

**Folder 4: Warehouse Cafe Menus 1968, 1969 and nd**

-Copies of menus through the years. Many are undated, but the earliest appears to be from 1968

-Photographs