

A 125-year lens.

Take a look at downtown Mill Valley through a 125-year lens. This visual snapshot pairs archival photographs from the **Mill Valley Public Library's Lucretia Little History Room** with contemporary images by **Harrison Boyd** to highlight the evolving story of local businesses.

This small selection, enriched by insights from local historians and the **Mill Valley Historical Society**, is just the beginning. Landmarks like the former French Laundry (now **Revery Salon**), **The Outdoor Art Club**, **El Paseo**, and **Ralston White Retreat** are among the many that help tell Mill Valley's story.



CITY HALL -
26 CORTE MADERA AVE.

Mill Valley's first Town Hall and firehouse, built in 1908 in a redwood grove, was torn down in 1935 to make way for the current **City Hall**, dedicated in 1936.



OLD O'SHAUGHNESSY
CIRCA 1920s



BANANA REPUBLIC
1978-1990



MEL & PATRICIA ZIEGLER-
BANANA REPUBLIC, 1978

O'SHAUGHNESSY NOW



O'SHAUGHNESSY BUILDING –
59-67 THROCKMORTON, built in 1906

Past businesses: Aloha Hotel and Dining Room, S.M. Burt Co. (Plumbing and Plumbing Materials), Post Office, Lido Hotel and Restaurant, Purity Market, Red Hill Liquors, Banana Republic, Cy Weil's Liquor, Don Pozo's, **Vintage Wine & Spirits**, Tyler Florence, Dolls & Dandy, **Prevalent Projects** (now at 71 Throckmorton)

Today: **Angela's Organic Ice Cream**, Roja Rugs



OLD 5&10, SWEETWATER,
1910-1940

153 THROCKMORTON, built in 1921

Past businesses: 5-10-15 Cent Store, Hiker's Retreat – lockers for hikers to store backpacks and gear – Sweenie's, The Office, then Sweetwater (1972-2007)

Today: OSKA; Sweetwater Music Hall reopened in 2012 at Masonic Lodge No. 356



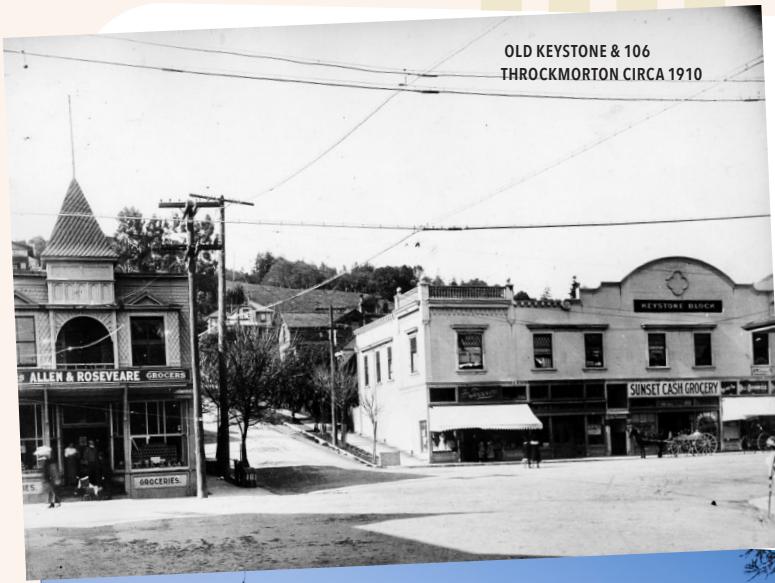
MASONIC HALL 1929



SWEETWATER IN 1970s

MASONIC/SWEETWATER MUSIC HALL NOW





FIVE HISTORIC BUILDINGS: 60-100 THROCKMORTON in Lytton Square:

1. Keystone Building, 82-100 Throckmorton, records vary—built in 1906 or 1923; remodeled in Tudor style in 1934

Past businesses: Service Drug Company, American Railway Express, Sunset Grocery, Keystone Shaving Parlour, De Luxe Beauty Parlour, Dr. Kemp Dentistry, E.L. Egger Real Estate, Mosher's Shoes, Mill Valley Men's Shop, Strawbridges, Capricorn, McDonald's Jeweler, EO Exchange, Home Interiors of Marin, R and M Style Shop, Liberty Salon, Desta Gallery, **Famous For Our Look** (now at 31 Sunnyside)

Today: **ESQUELETO**, Salon 96 Throckmorton, Peet's, Paradise, **The Local, Vintage Wine & Spirits**

2. Brabo Building, 76-80 Throckmorton, records vary on its origin (1898-1938); it purportedly housed businesses by 1908 and still retains elements of its early architectural style.

Past businesses: Marin County Milk Co., tailor, laundry, Manny Gomez's jewelry shop, beauty salons, maternity clothing, Wilton Pet Supplies, Carolina (women's clothing)

Today: **Sofia Jewelry, ELI**

3. 72-74 Throckmorton, built in 1930, between here & 76 Throckmorton was a narrow alley used by Tamalpais Railroad, leaving the Depot and heading up Corte Madera Ave.

Past businesses: John M. Jones's Clothes Reformatory, Cagwin, Seymour & Hamilton, The Mill Valley Record, The Carousel (soda shop), The Pleasure Principle

Today: **TYSA**

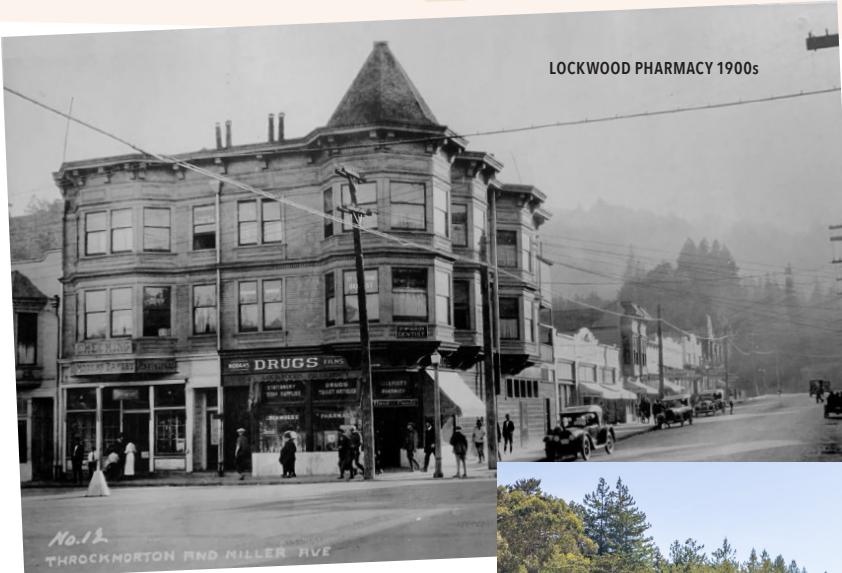
4. 68-70 Throckmorton, built in 1912; businesses documented since the 1920s

Past businesses: Mountain Railroad ticket office, Effie Thacker Ladies & Gents Furnishings, Rutherford's Pharmacy

Today: **Wink Optics, The Store**

5. Bank of America Building, 60 Throckmorton, built in 1912

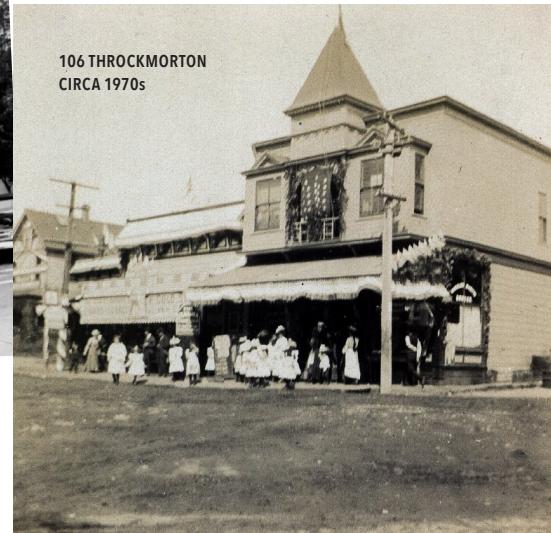
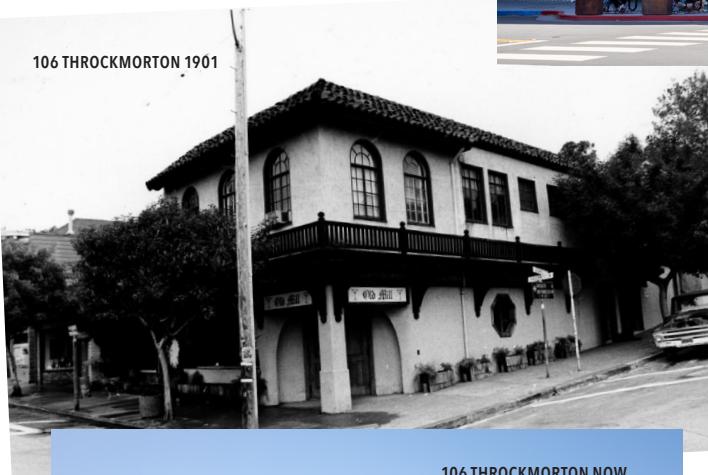
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2 MILLER, corner of Miller & Throckmorton, built in 1904

Past businesses: Lockwood Pharmacy, Albert's Department Store, Mayer's (department store), Bonavita Coffee, La Coppa Coffee

Today: Equator Coffees

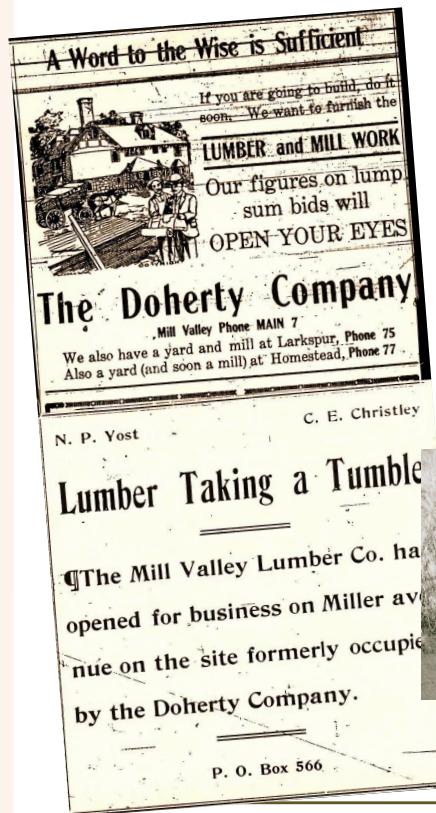


106 THROCKMORTON, corner of Throckmorton & Bernard, built in 1892

Past businesses: Pioneer Grocery, Allen's Grocers, Wheeler Martin Grocers, Safeway, Osgood's Tavern, Old Mill Tavern, O'Leary's Pub & Restaurant (aka O'Bleary's), Bistro Bistro, Annabelle's, The Frog and the Peach, Vasco, Coho

Today: Corner Bar

54 THROCKMORTON 1930s



To dive deeper into the history, scan the QR code to explore Mapping Mill Valley History, a digital project created by Natalie Snyman (MVPL) using research and archival material from the **MV Public Library's Lucretia Little History Room**, in collaboration with the **Mill Valley Chamber**. If we missed a business or building you remember, let us know at info@millvalley.org.

