

5. C.A. Long Mercantile (Coast Candle Building)



This photo of Old Town Port Orford provides a great view of The C.A. Long Mercantile in context with many of the other surrounding buildings in the original commercial district. The lot was purchased from the Tichenor family in 1929 and the store was built by Charles Long in 1930. Aside from its long run as a storefront, it housed a restaurant, clothing store and became a popular spot for dance lessons. The building was purchased from Long, and Orfords Bar was moved next to it in the 90s. The building went through substantial renovation at this time. The owners connected it to Orfords via a breezeway and opened the bar part of Orfords into it for more dining area. The building was then purchased by The Dana Family and it housed a gift shop and realty business in the 2000s.



The Coast Candle Building, a decade apart. Both photos were taken from the vantage point of The Nielsen/Fromm Building. The awning on the left says "Traders West."

Sources: City of Port Orford Historic Buildings Inventory (01/29/21) and town historian Rick Cook.