

**COMER/KNIGHT/HOSIER SALOON  
GLEE CLUB SALOON  
EVANS' CAFE  
OUTPOST ANTIQUES  
ALLSTATE INSURANCE**

**Constructed: 1891  
Address: 116 West Main  
Present owner: Wallace Olsen**

The earliest owner on record of the property on which Wally Olsen's Outpost Antiques is now situated was Joseph Dorton. Helen C. Comer purchased the property in August of 1890. The following summer a large two-story building was constructed by the family at 116 West Main. John and Alma Comer opened a saloon there. On 20 June 1892 they dissolved their partnership and Alma became the sole proprietor. Other saloons established on the premises during Mrs. Comer's ownership were owned by Frank Knight (1895), and A.B. (Al) Rockhill (1896-98).

Nate Rockhill bought the building in 1906. His first saloon in Lehi (formerly C.A. Hosier's Saloon, established in December 1894) was at 126 West Main. When he opened in August of 1895 at 116 West Main, he renamed the place the Glee Club Saloon. This saloon, which Rockhill moved back to 126 West Main in February 1896, achieved considerable notoriety during its three-year existence. A 16 April 1896 *Lehi Banner* synopsis of Rockhill's business applauded his "orderly house . . . courteous treatment and liberal business methods."

Despite the accolades, Rockhill was arrested the following month for opening on Sunday. The marshal had caught the bartender leaving out of the backdoor with a customer. Later that year Rockhill was fined forty dollars for allowing gambling on his premises. In 1897 he suffered several run-ins with the law for selling liquor to minors--a serious offense subject to a one hundred dollar

fine or a hundred days in jail. When Prohibition closed the Glee Club in 1898, Rockhill moved south to Sevier County.

The former saloon then became Ross & Ross (a mercantile firm) which established itself there. Since then the place has been home to scores of businesses. These included Heber Allred's variety store (1914), Otterson Confectionery (1933-35), Meiling Confectionery (1935-38), Trinnaman Confectionery (1938-41), Keith's Confectionery (1941-42), Lehi Bakery (1942-44), and H.E. Marshal's second-hand store (1945-46).

Ferd and Lila Evans, who owned Evans' Cafe at 120 West Main, bought the Comer building from J.O. Meiling in 1946, and partitioned it into two compartments. The cafe's kitchen was installed in the north portion; the south part became Dean Damico's Deluxe Shoe Repair. Ferd Evans remodeled the upstairs of his newly acquired building, and in November of 1946 Dr. Boyd Larsen opened a medical office there. This area was later leased by the Frazier-Howard law firm. In 1951 it became the office of attorney Harvard Hinton. When Hinton moved to 46 West Main his former office space was remodeled into an apartment (which it remains today).

From 1947 to 1953 Orlin Wathen operated his Modern Shoe Repair where Damico had been. Then Penny's briefly maintained a toy store there. From 1961-63 the old saloon floors, once layered with sawdust covering unsavory quids, resounded with the clatter of young tap dancers. Bill Evans, now a nationally known dancer, first opened a studio at that location. Dance instructor, Wayne Brenman, moved in when Evans went into the Air Force.

For nearly a decade, drinks were once again served in the old saloon re-established as Pat and Eva's Lounge. From 1975 to 1985 the forlorn-looking place stood vacant. Wallace Olsen, a man with historical perspective, purchased the building in 1985 and established his Outpost Antiques there (as well as in the former Evans' Cafe building immediately west). In 1988 Olsen leased the front portion of 116 West Main to Kellie Wilson--who remodeled it and opened Kellie's--a family hair salon. Today the facility houses Steven Gunn and Ralphine Burt's Allstate Insurance Agency.