Footprints Through the Sands of Time

Moclips Livery & Transfer Co.

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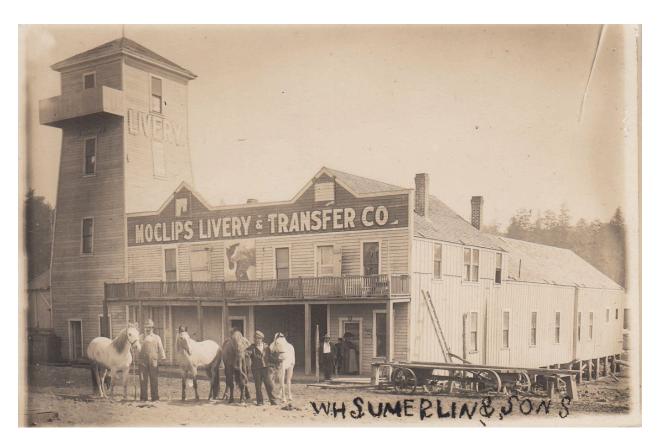
This unique building was located at the end of Pacific Avenue, one block north and across the street from the massive Moclips Beach Hotel. Moclips Livery & Transfer Co., owned by Charley Hall rented horses and automobiles to the hordes of Moclips tourists in the late 1900s and early 1910s. There were apartments for rent on the second floor.

On April 12, 1912, the Moclips Livery & Transfer Co. went up for sale with thirteen horses, wagons, buggies and its mail route to Taholah. It was sold to W.H. Summerlin & Sons.

Mary Summerlin, the mother of five children, owned a confectionery store in Moclips in 1907. In May 1909, W.H. put up a refreshment stand on his vacant lot on Pacific Avenue next to the Beach Café. He and his sons built three new boats in August 1912. Harley Summerlin, one of four boys, was a photographer. Two other sons, Cliffton and Alvin Summerlin, were boxers who participated in boxing matches held at Jesse F. Corner's Dance & Pool Hall in Moclips (located at 2nd and Pacific Avenue; today's beach approach).

The Moclips Livery & Transfer Co. building was tragically destroyed during a severe storm on January 26, 1914, after being partially damaged in a storm just a few weeks before. Mary Summerlin died in 1983, the last member of the family.

(three photos ahead)



The Summerlins posing with their horses |
The chimneys were for the apartments on the second level

Moclips Athletic Association INCORPORATED

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at Moclips, Wash.

Saturday Even'g,

May 20, 1916

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In Six-Round Bout

Several Preliminaries

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Destruction of Moclips Livery & Transfer Co., January 26, 1914