



A Brief History

The Black Cat is located on the historic Mason Block of Fairhaven in Sycamore Square. The Mason Block was the focal point of business in Fairhaven for over 120 years. The first tenants included Fagan's Dry Good, Great Northern Express Company, and several real estate companies doing business during those booming days. Fairhaven Pharmacy was located on the ground floor, with doctors and dentists upstairs.

The Cascade Gentlemen's Club managed by Captain Grahame, survivor of the Charge of The Light Brigade, was on the west side of the top floor. This was the site of Fairhaven's short-lived brush with fame when Mark Twain came to town. On a lecture tour, Mr. Clemens came here on August 14, 1895, staying at the now defunct Fairhaven Hotel nearby ("finest hotel west of Chicago and north of San Francisco"). After the lecture, he was brought to the Mason Block for refreshments at the Men's Club.

Today, a ghost nicknamed The Lady in Green, perhaps former tenant Flora Blakely, is reported to roam Sycamore Square, wearing a green velvet dress. Visit us late enough in the evenings and perhaps you'll catch a glimpse of her roaming the halls!

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