

## Two Saloons and a Mortuary

—Ellen Chiri

The Coastside was bustling around the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and the many saloons added to the buzz.

The Index Saloon welcomed patrons at the corner of Kelly Avenue and Main Street in Half Moon Bay, in the building that later became Cunha's Market. Reportedly the index against which all other saloons were measured, the Index shared the block with a mortuary—and with another saloon.

The Miller-Dutra funeral parlor opened in 1905 where it still stands today, at 645 Kelly Avenue. In what is now the Miller-Dutra parking lot at the corner of Kelly and Purissima stood a building that was first a residence and then a boarding house.



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In 1906, Joseph V. Azevedo converted the building into the Enterprise Saloon. The Enterprise gained a reputation as being even more colorful than the very colorful Index up the street—it was definitely popular!

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