The Hovden Cannery was one of the oldest and largest canneries of the Pacific Sardine Fishery. Its heyday in the first half of the 20th Century marked one of the most lucrative national fisheries. Its founder, Knute Hovden, was a leading innovator in canning technology.

You can even watch the Holman’s department store flagpole skater on YouTube!!

Palace Flophouse and Grill 1946

Harold Otis 'Gabe' Bicknell (model for 'Mack' in Cannery Row) is shown climbing the stairs.

Ed Ricketts 1937

John Steinbeck 1938

Cannery Row 1940s

Ladies packing sardines in cannery in Monterey 1941

Lee Chong’s grocery – 1940

Sam Chan behind counter of Wing Chong Market on Cannery Row

Doc’s lab 1946

Doc’s lab 2000

Doc holding jar of specimen

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