

# THE GREAT FIRES OF ST. ALBANS, VERMONT



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Lyssa Papazian and Saint Albans Museum



# THE GREAT FIRES OF SAINT ALBANS

Early Fire Fighting Equipment



# THE GREAT FIRES OF SAINT ALBANS

Early and Modern Saint Albans





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Saint Albans Photographers



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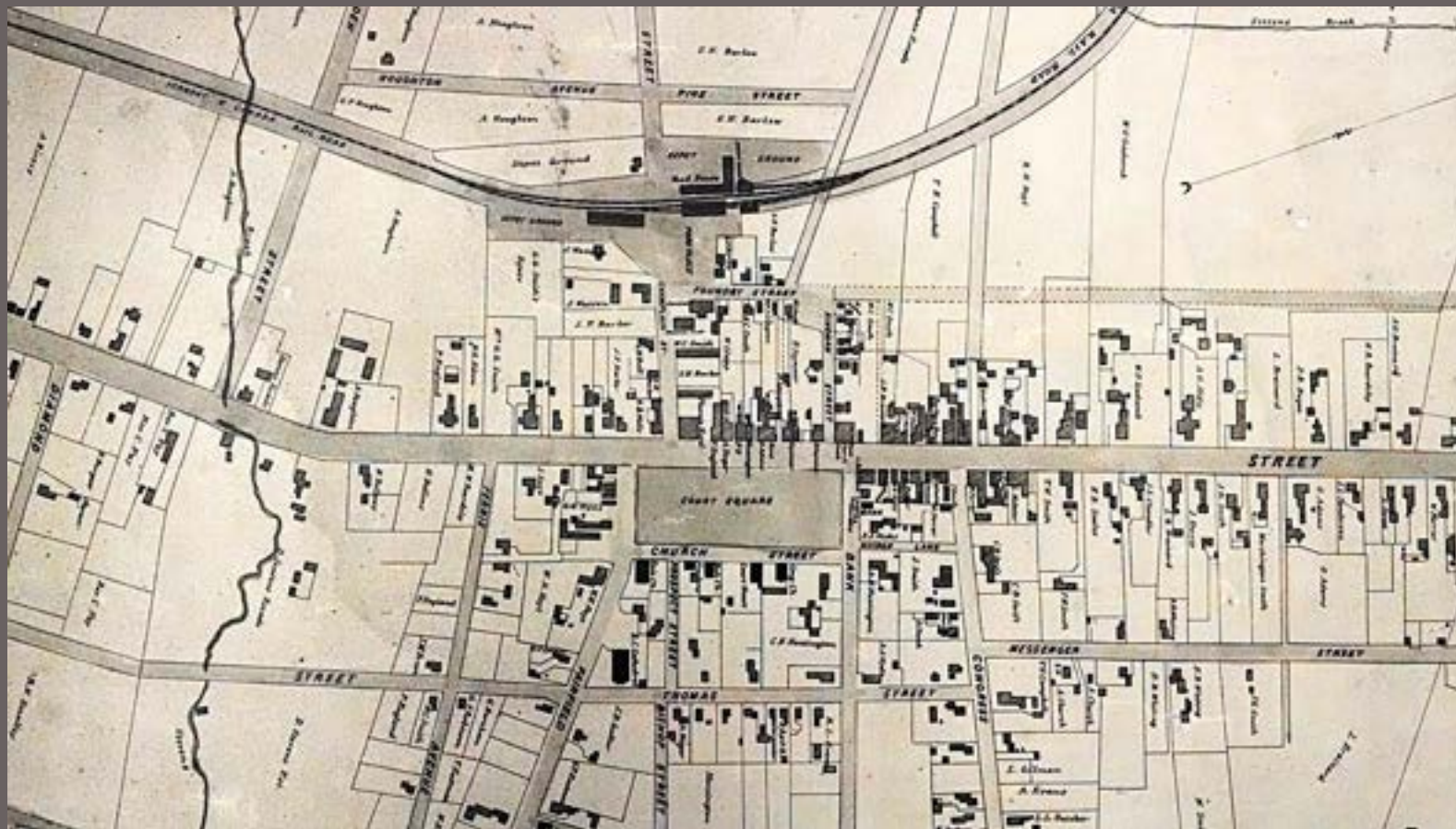
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View Of Saint Albans From Aldis Hill  
1858



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Oldest Known Map of  
Saint Albans 1853



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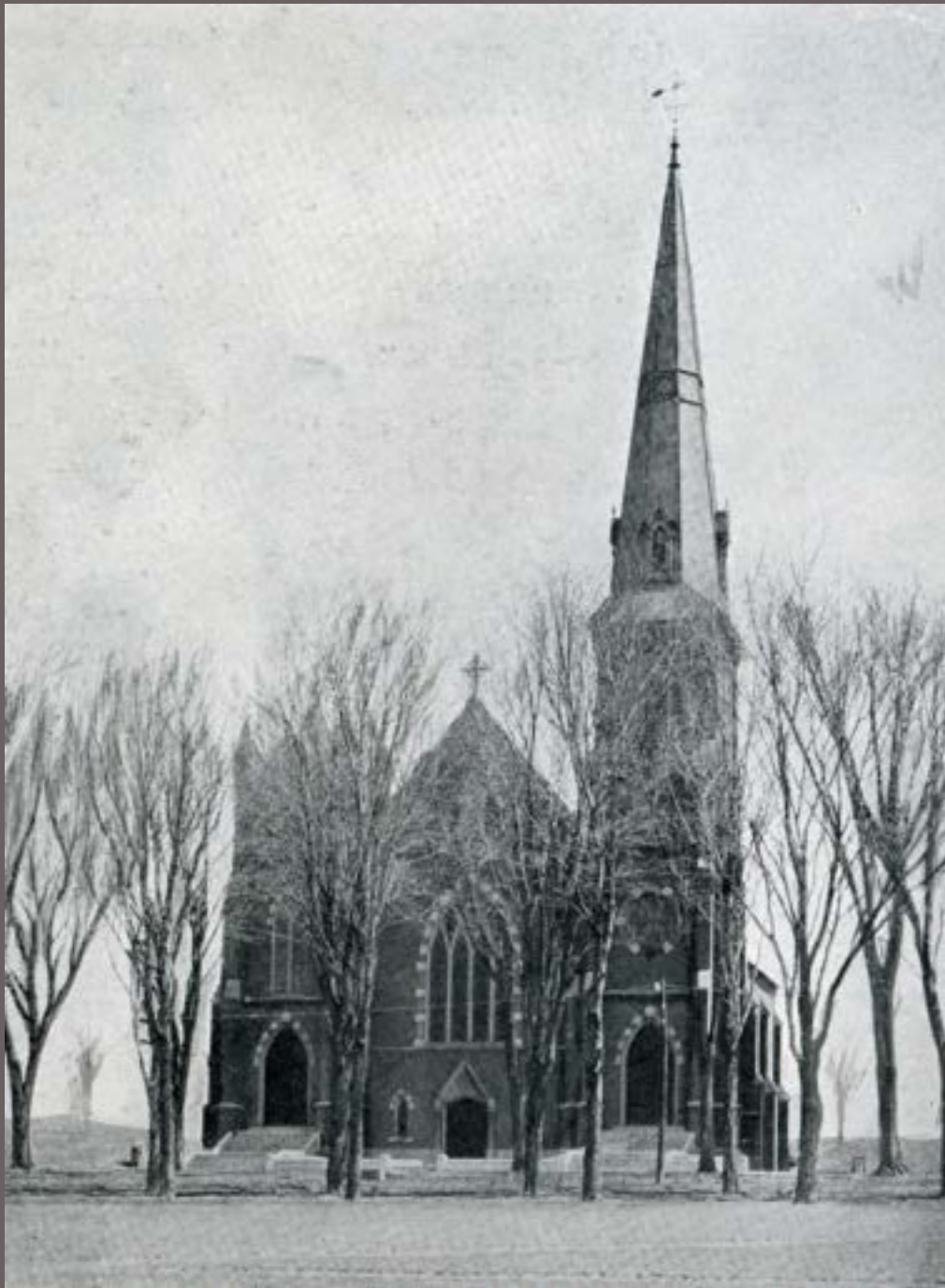
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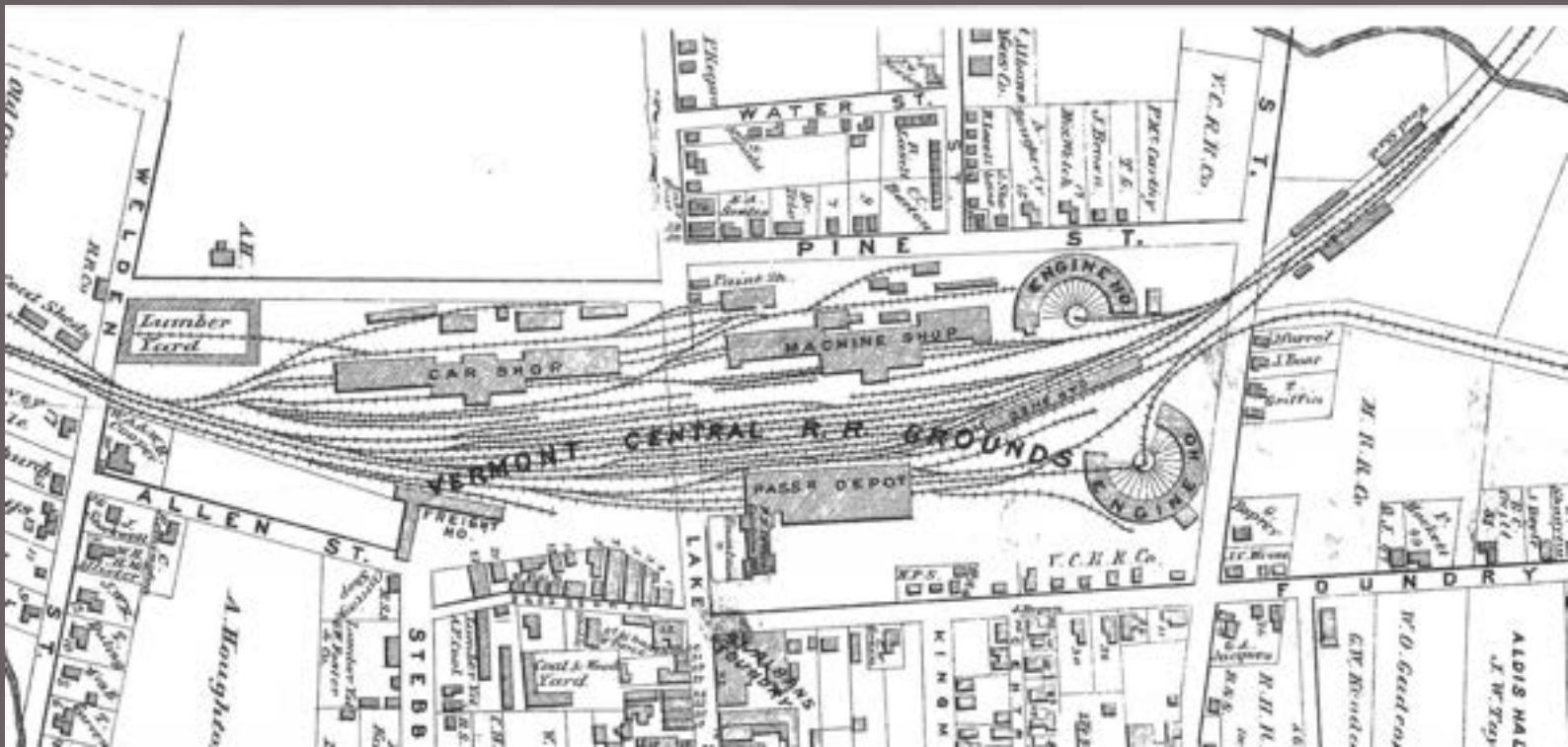
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Vermont Central Railroad Grounds



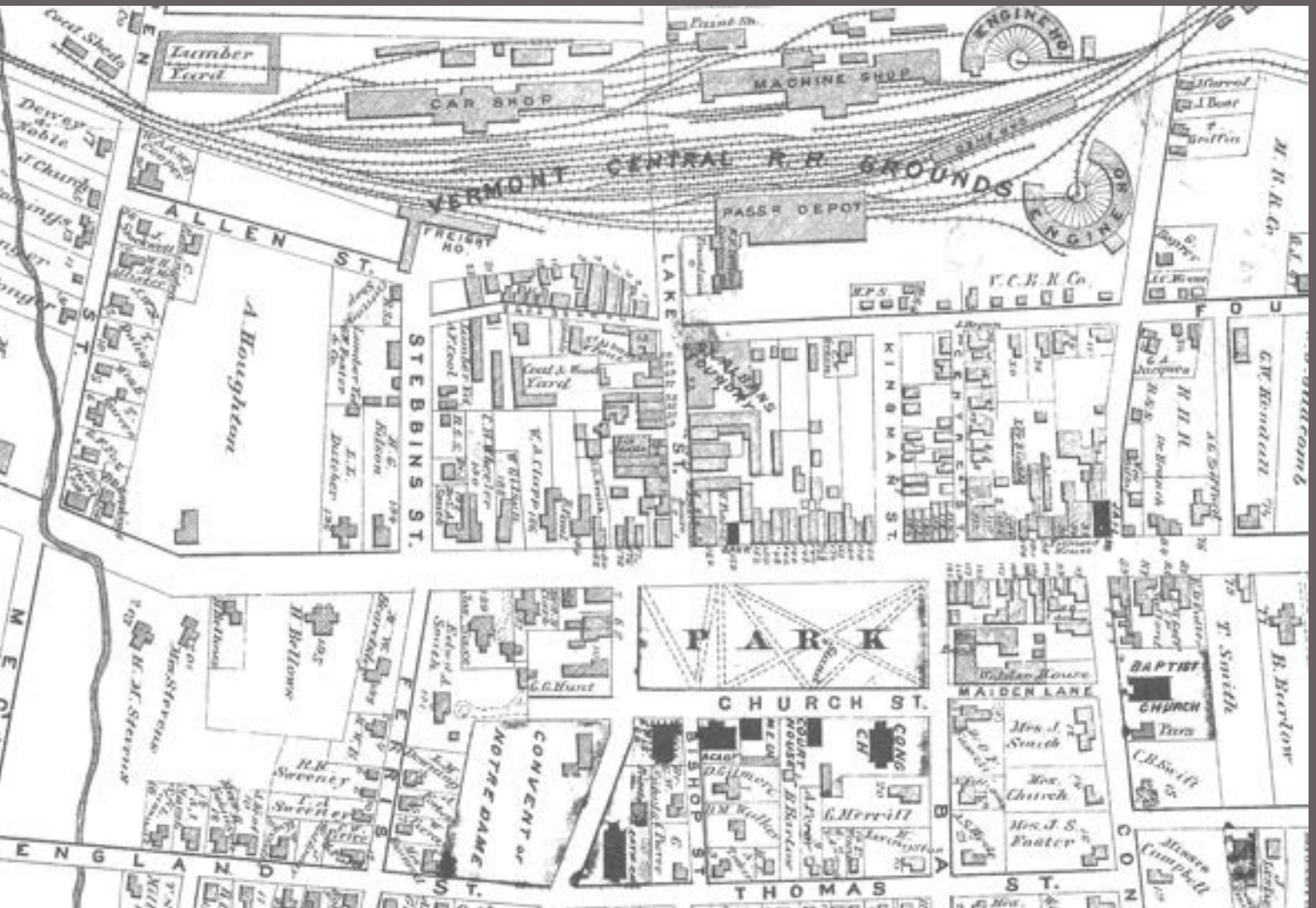
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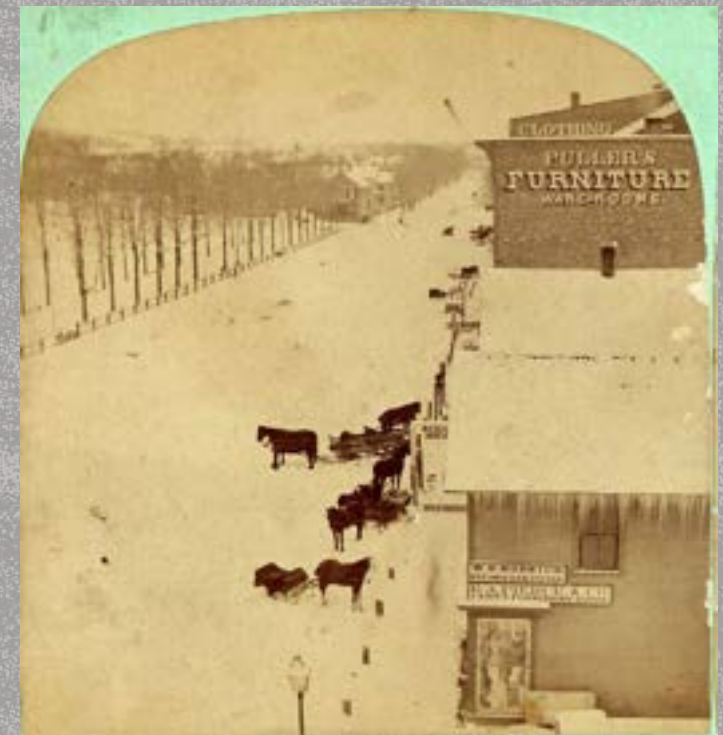
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Map of St. Albans 1871



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Main Street Looking North  
At Taylor Park





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Taylor Park And The Smith Fountain





# THE GREAT FIRES OF SAINT ALBANS

Corner of Main And  
Fairfield Street Looking North





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Main Street Looking South



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Main Street Looking North  
Between Kingman and Center Street





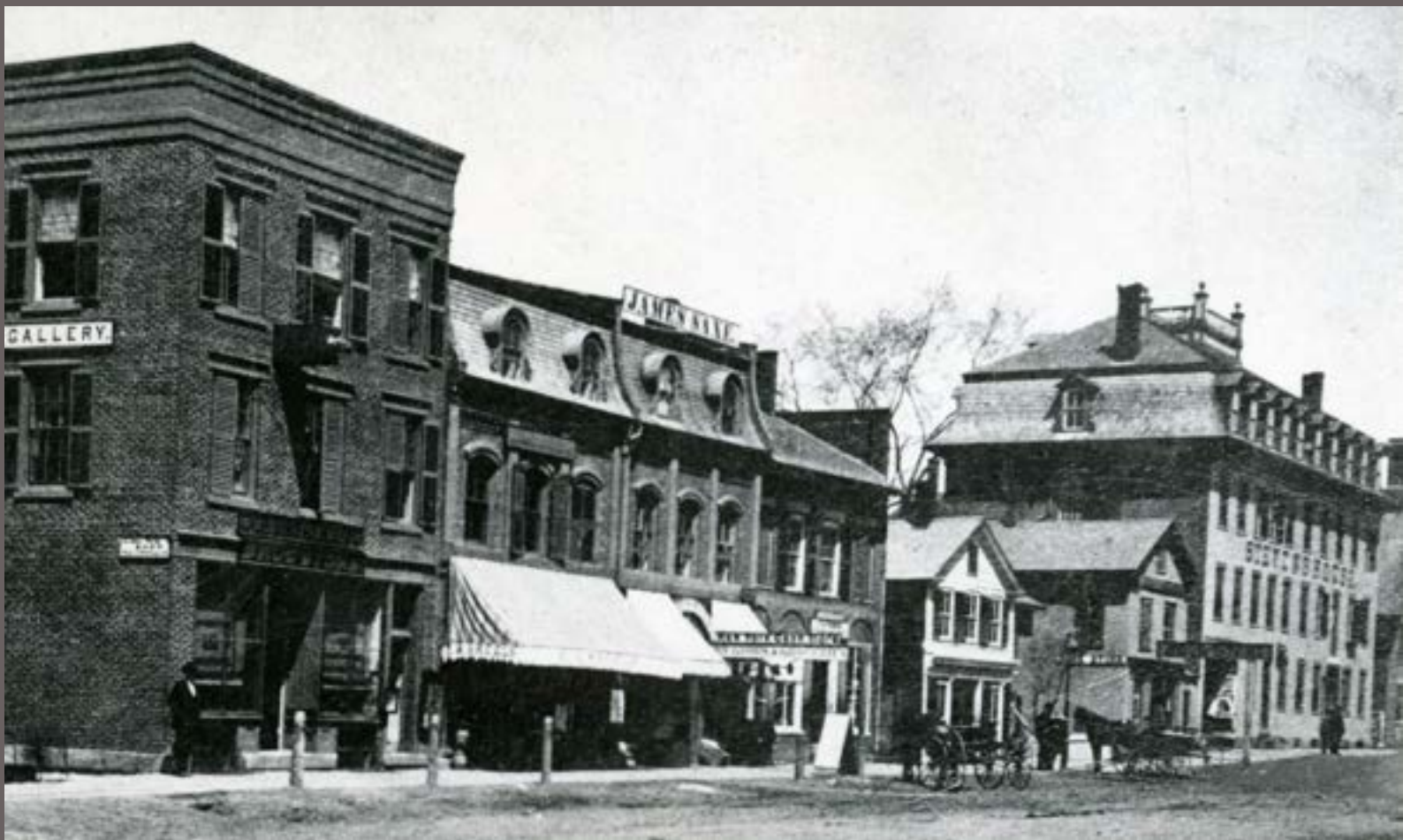
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Lake Street Looking West  
From Main Street

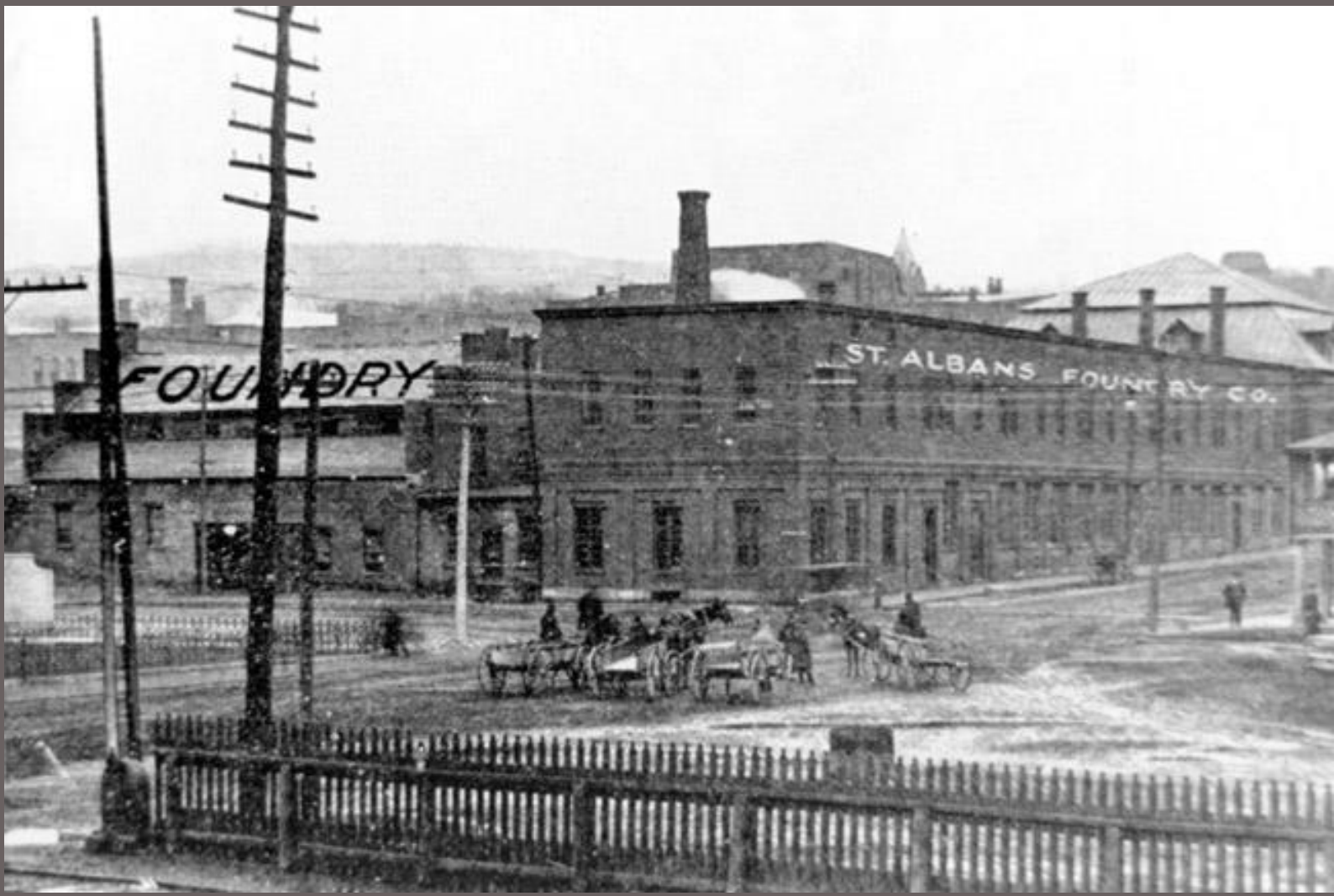




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Lake Street From The Tracks  
Looking West Towards Taylor Park





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Corner of Lake and Foundry (Federal)  
Street And Looking Northwest



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Vermont Central Headquarters Building and Train Shed

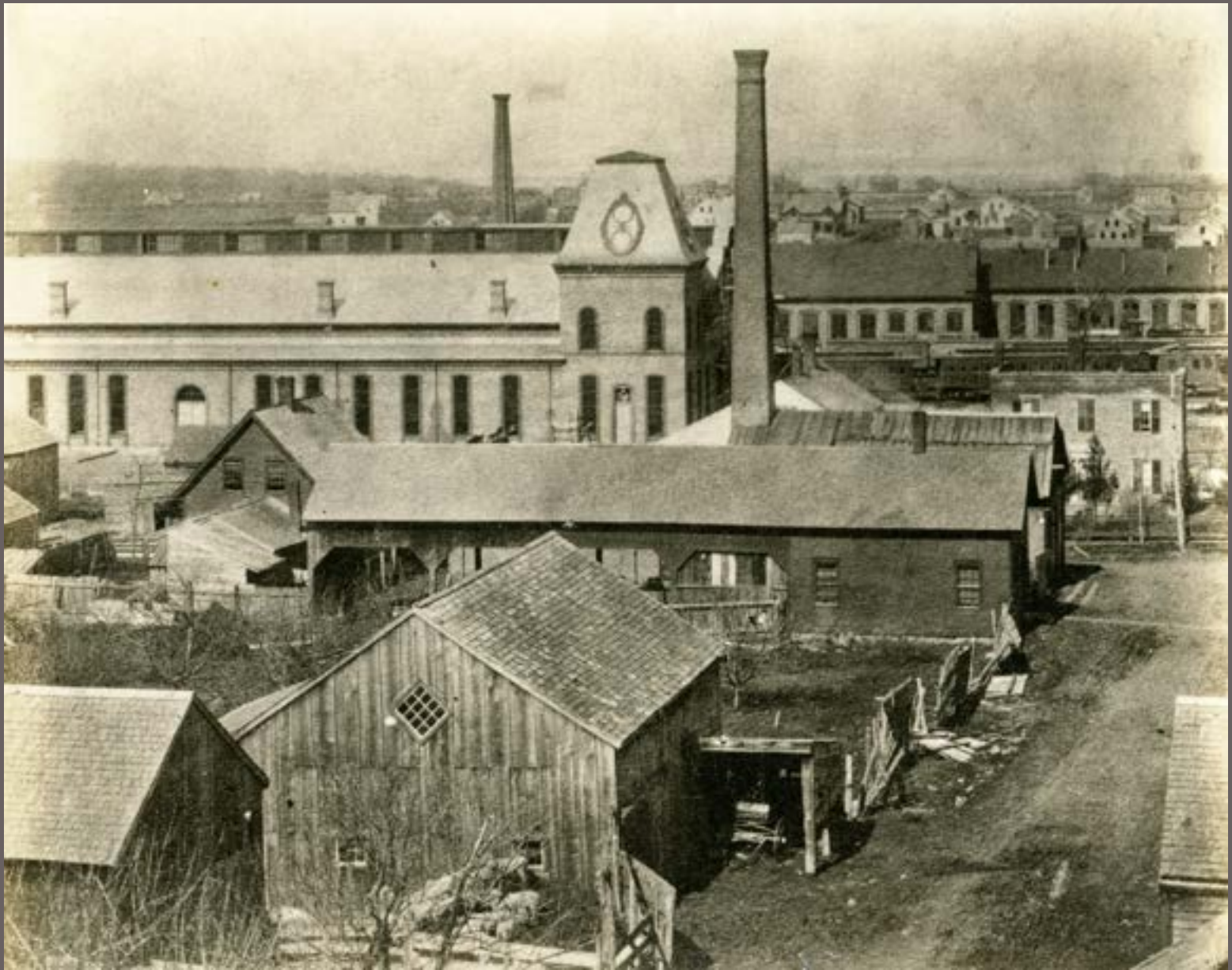




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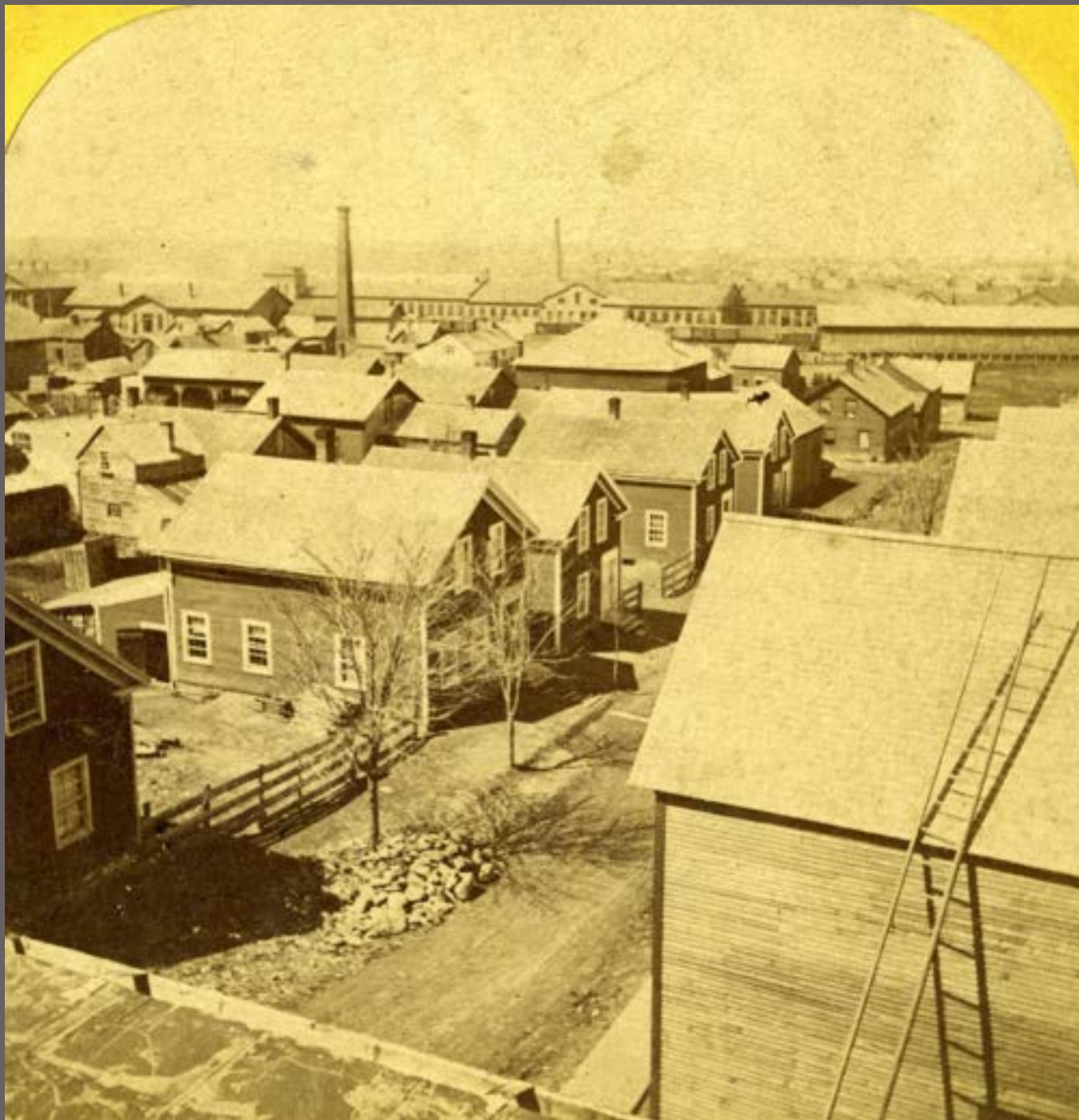
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North End of Vermont Central  
Train Shed



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Inner blocks of Center  
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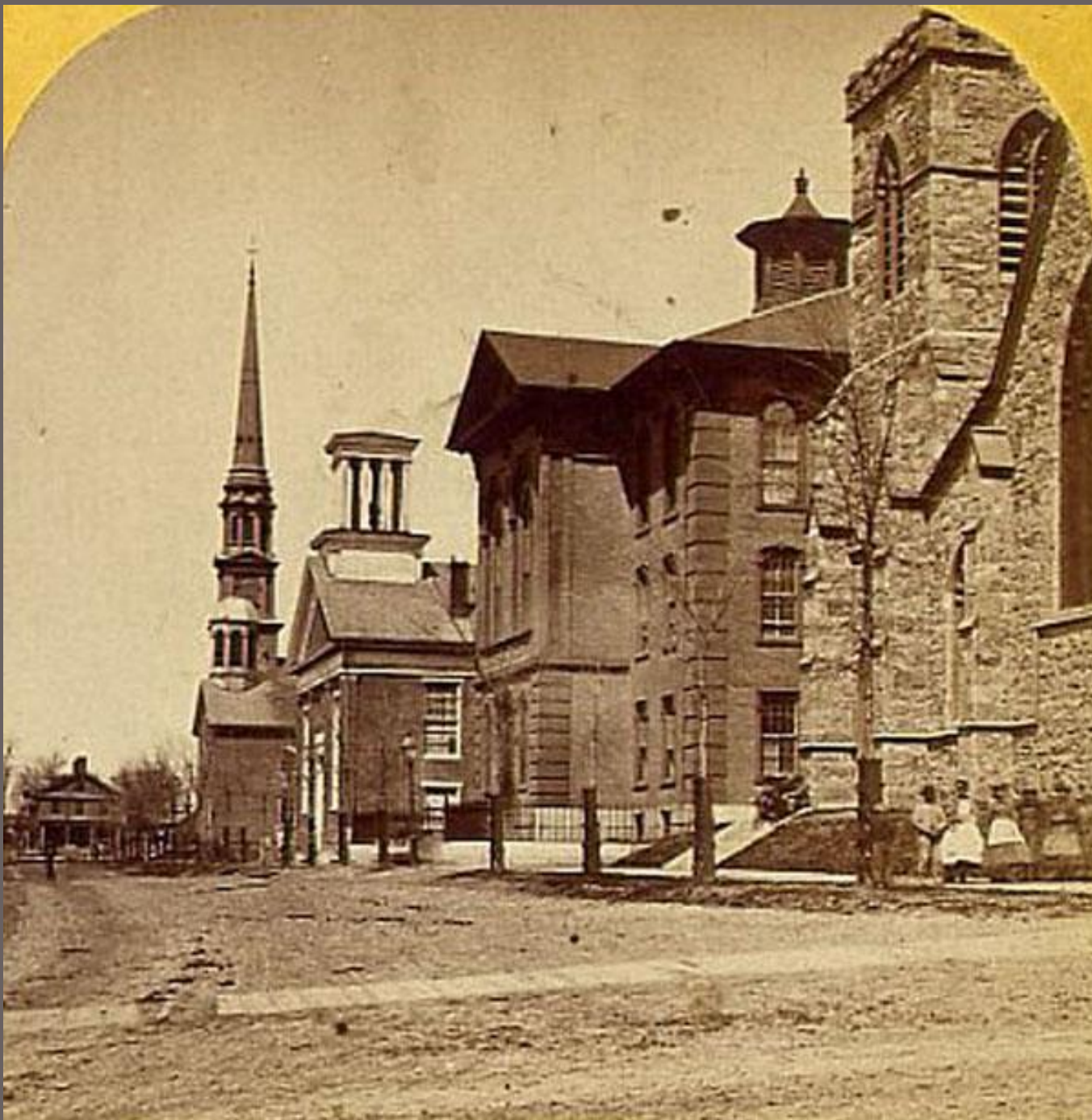




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Kingman Street Looking West  
From Main Street





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Church Street Looking North  
From Fairfield Street



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Church Street Looking South  
From First Congregational Church

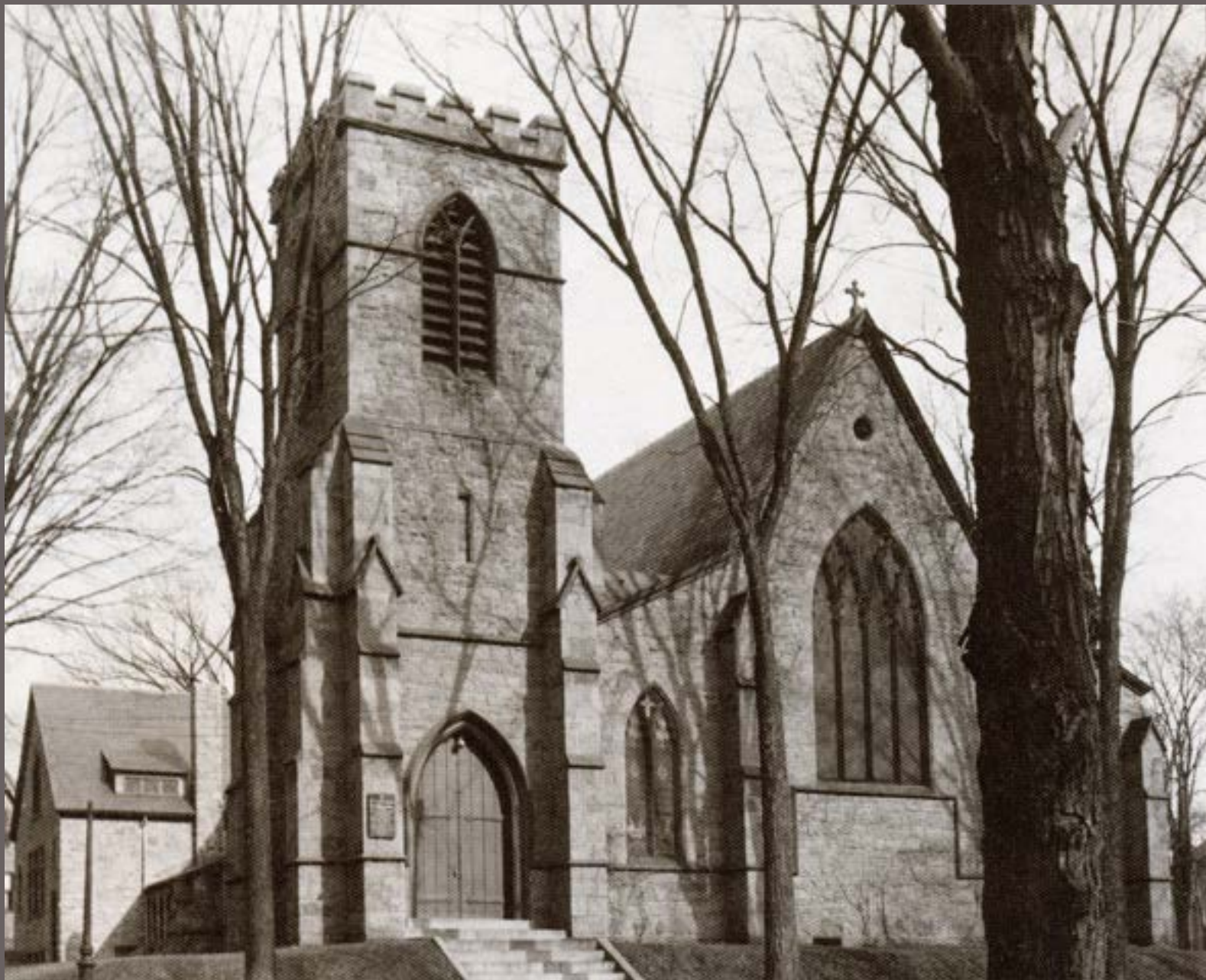




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First Saint Luke's Church  
Before The Fire 1858





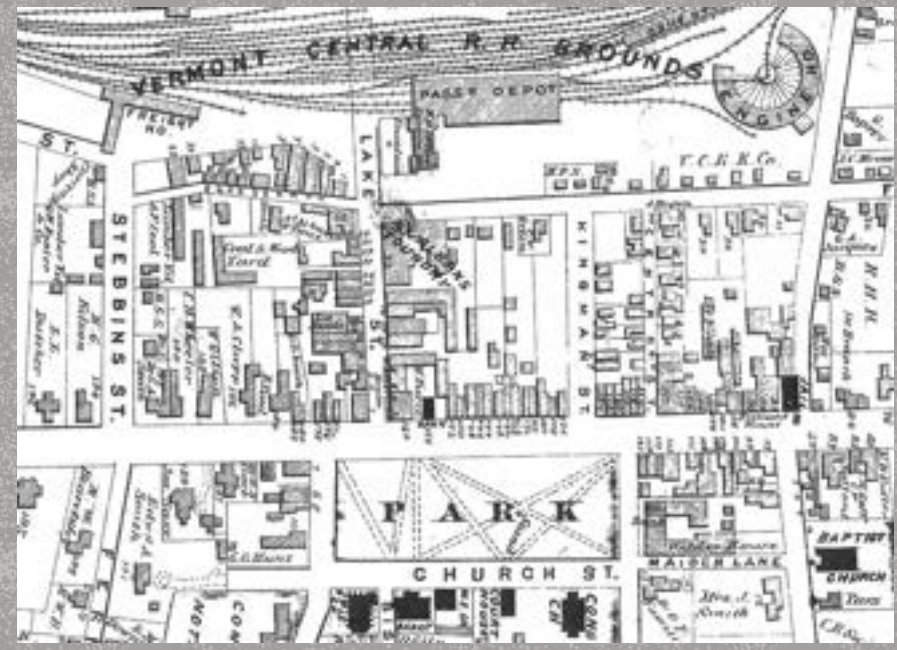
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Second Saint Luke's Church  
After The Fire 1860-1861



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Lake Street Looking South  
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Fire September 18, 1871, Lake Street  
Looking South From Main Street





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Fire September 18, 1871, Lake Street  
Looking East From Federal Street



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First Baptist Church  
Congress Street





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First Baptist Church  
Fire Spring of 1883





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West Side of Main Street  
Between Lake and Kingman Street



# THE GREAT FIRES OF SAINT ALBANS

Fire West Side of Main Street  
November 26, 1891



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Franklin Lamoille Bank and Office Of  
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First Congregational Church  
Church Street, 1890



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Congregational Church Fire  
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Congregational Church  
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Saint Albans Fire  
May 18, 1895



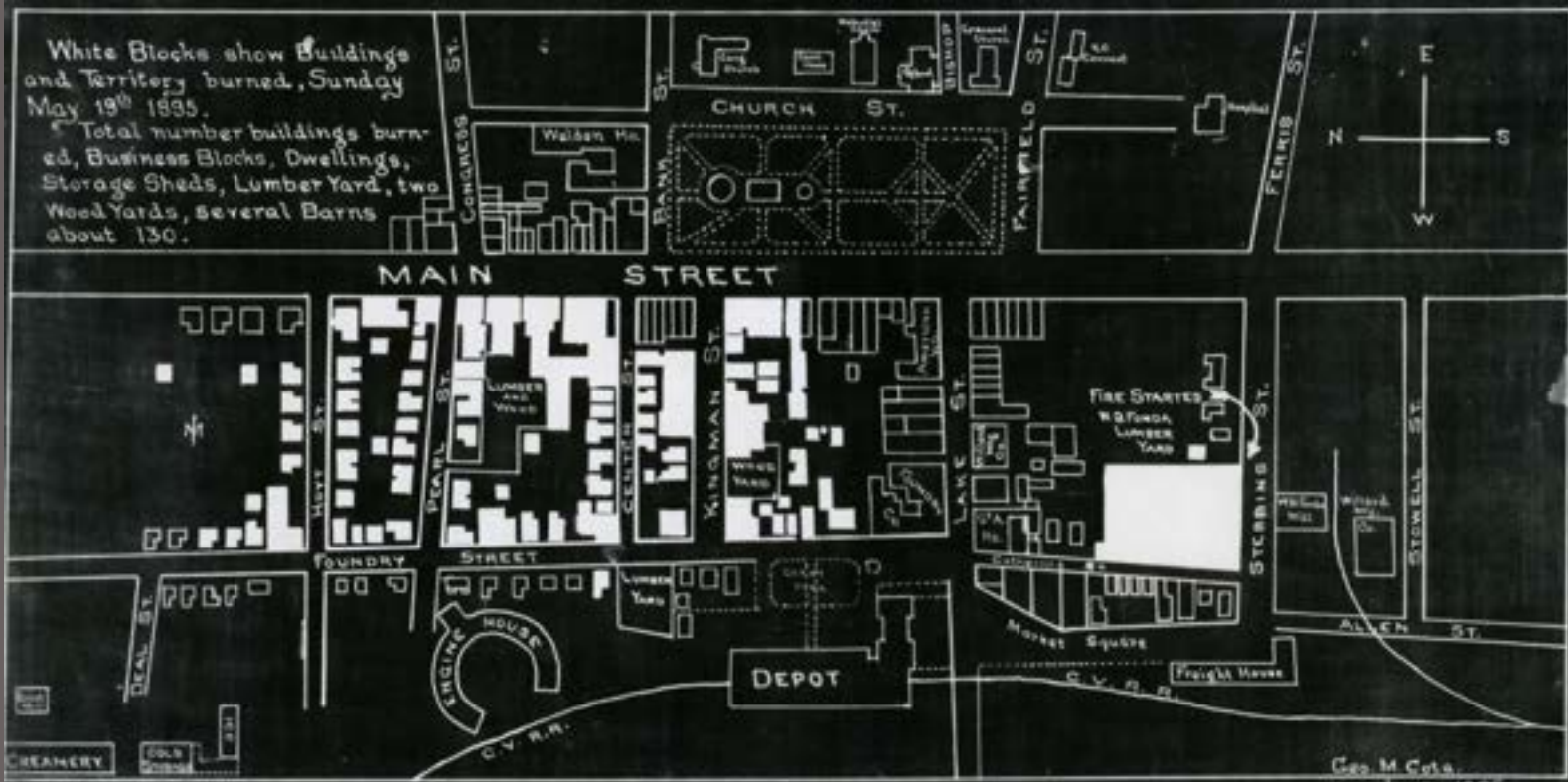
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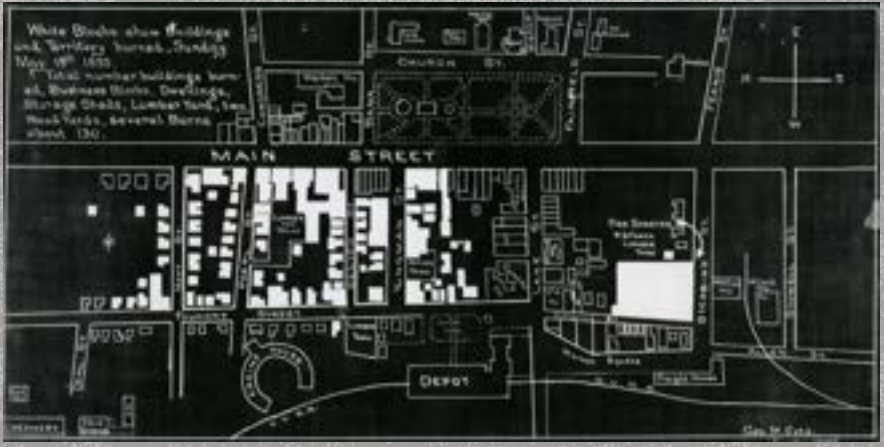
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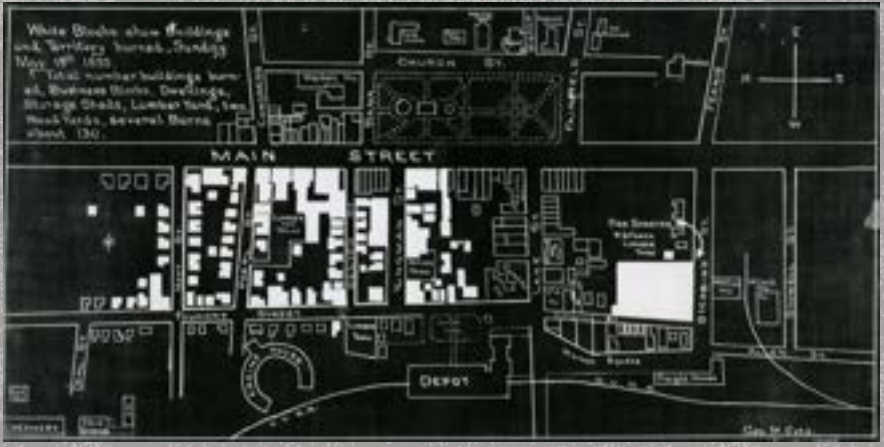


Bank Street Looking Southwest Towards VCRR Headquarters Building



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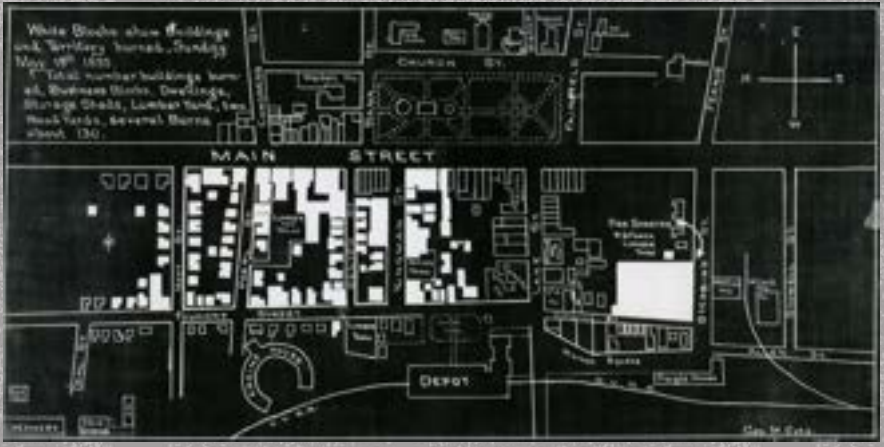


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Looking Southwest From Kingman Street



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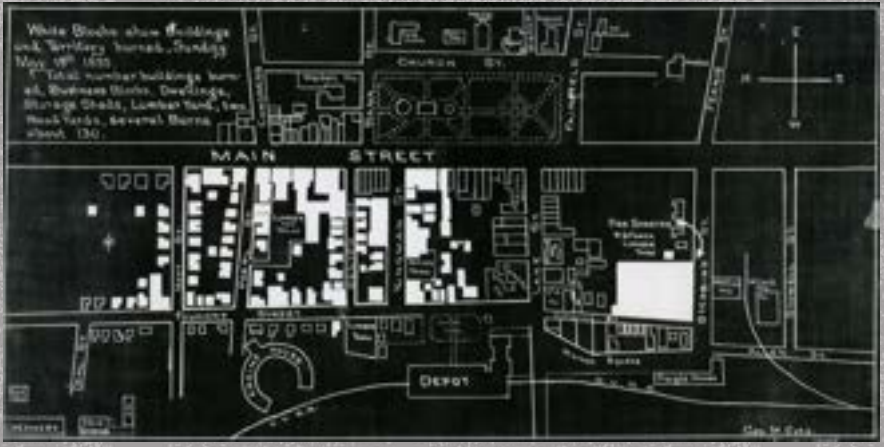


Main And Kingman Street Looking South



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After The Saint Albans Fire  
May 19, 1895

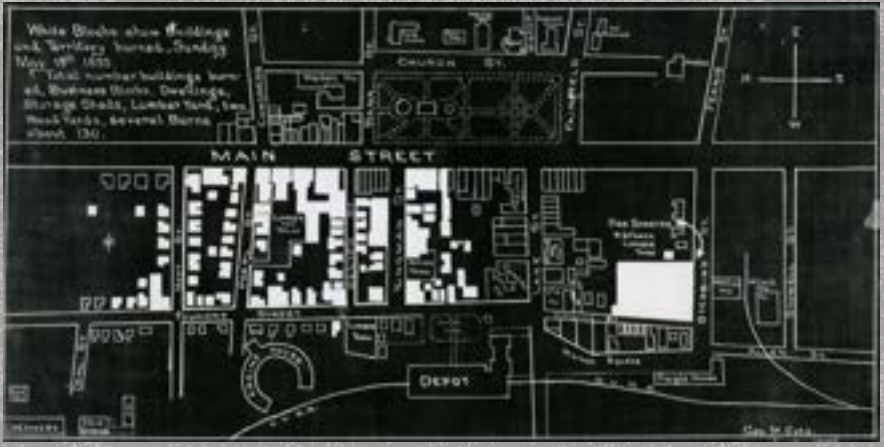


Looking Southwest Main And Kingman Street After the Fire



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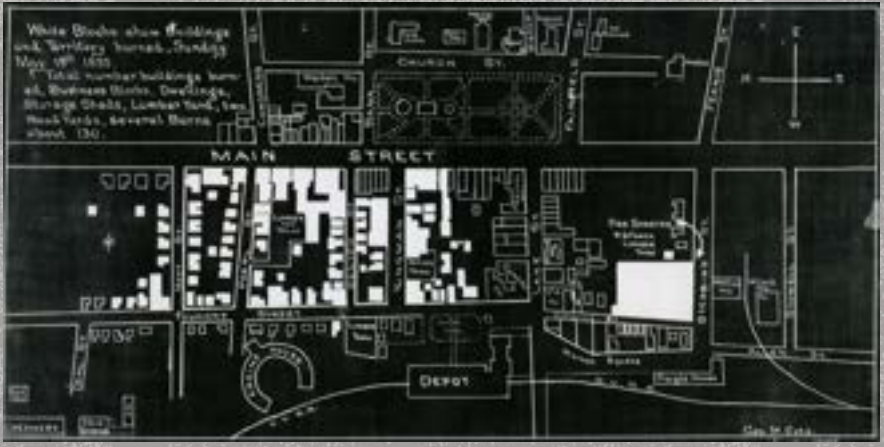


Main Street Looking West Along Kingman Street And At Train Shed



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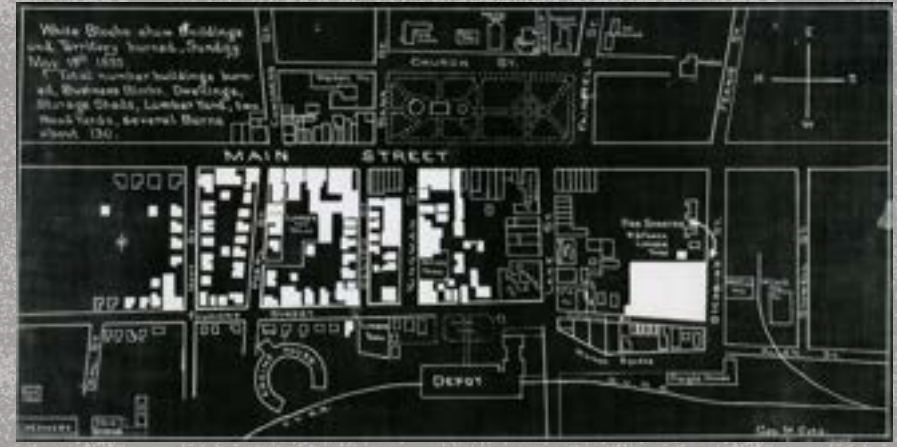
Looking South From Kingman Street





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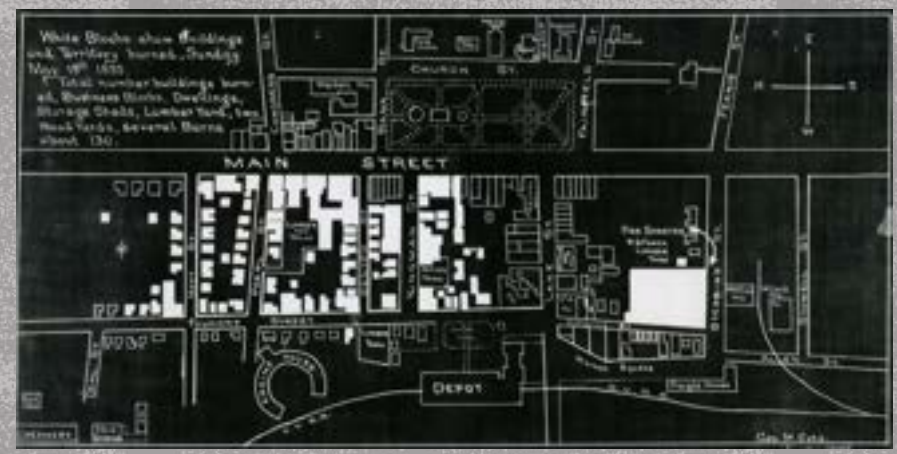
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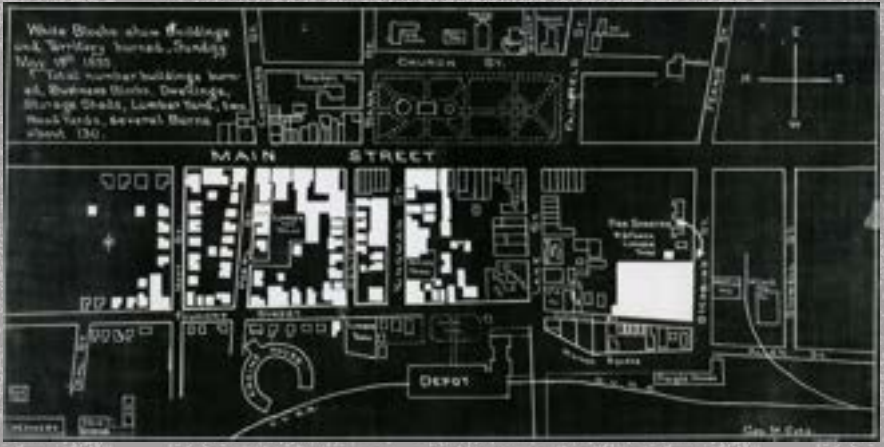


Looking East Towards Main Street Between Kingman and Lake Street



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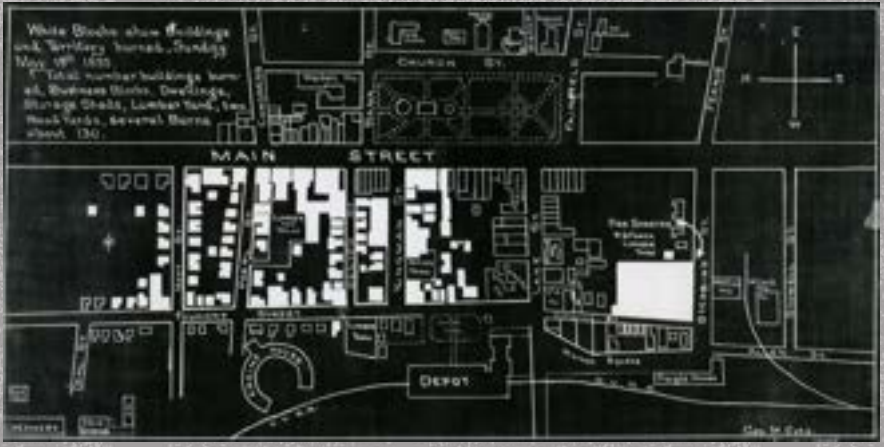


Looking East Towards Main Street Between Pearl and Center Street



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From Upper Floor, VCRR Headquarters Building Towards Kingman St.





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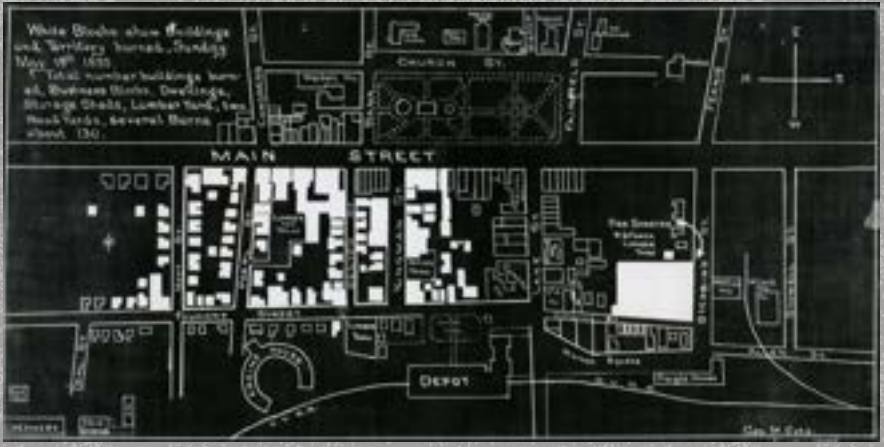
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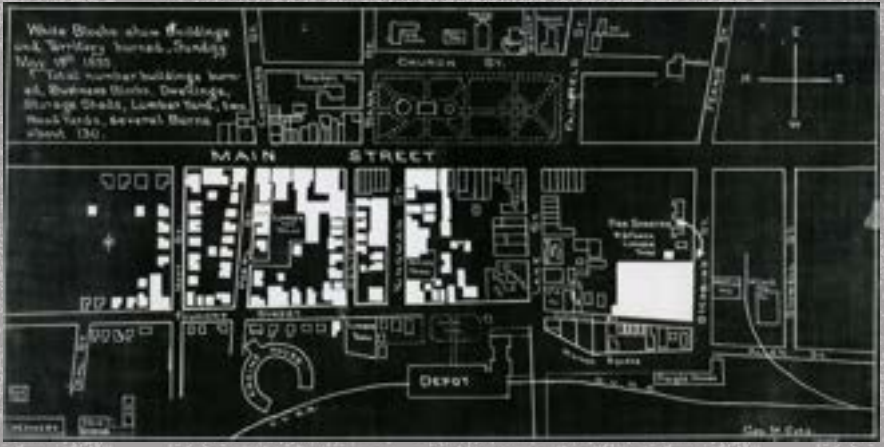


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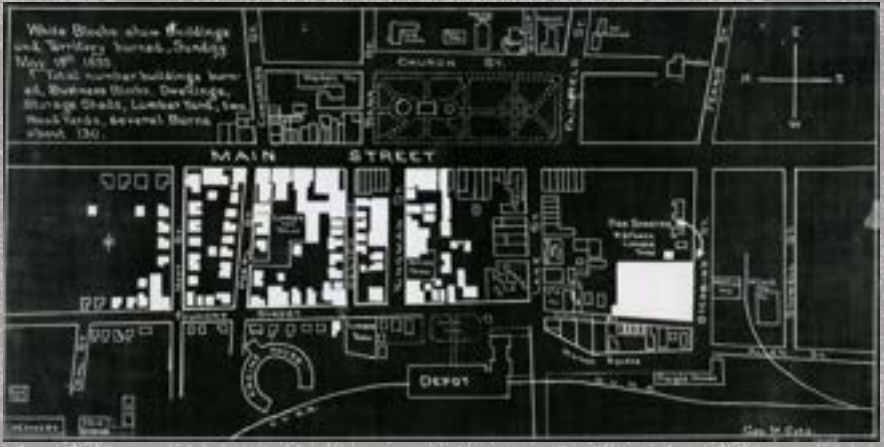


Looking Northeast Towards Kingman Street Before The Fire



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After The Saint Albans Fire  
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Looking Northwest Towards Kingman Street After The Fire



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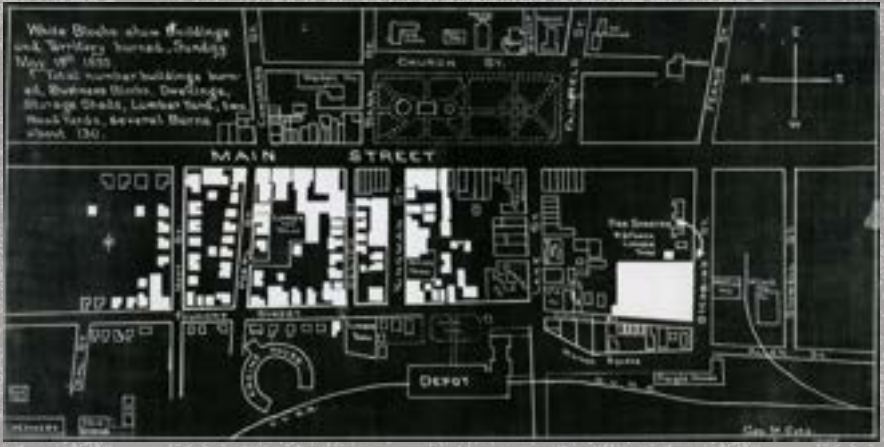


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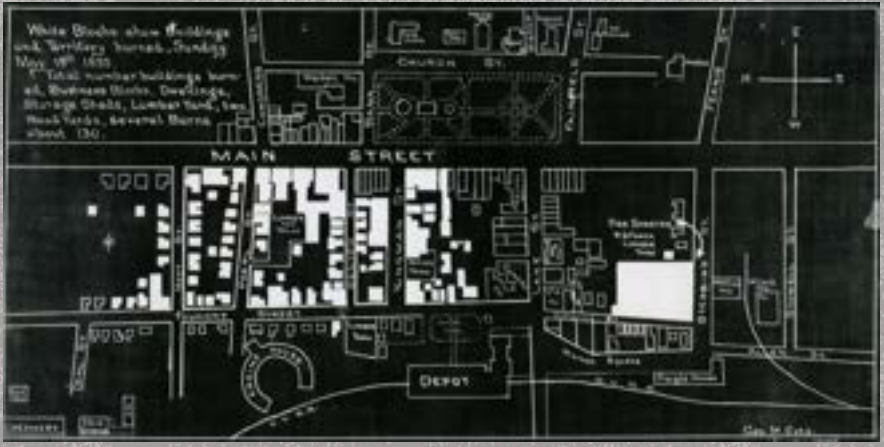


From Center Street Looking At The Back of the Messenger Building



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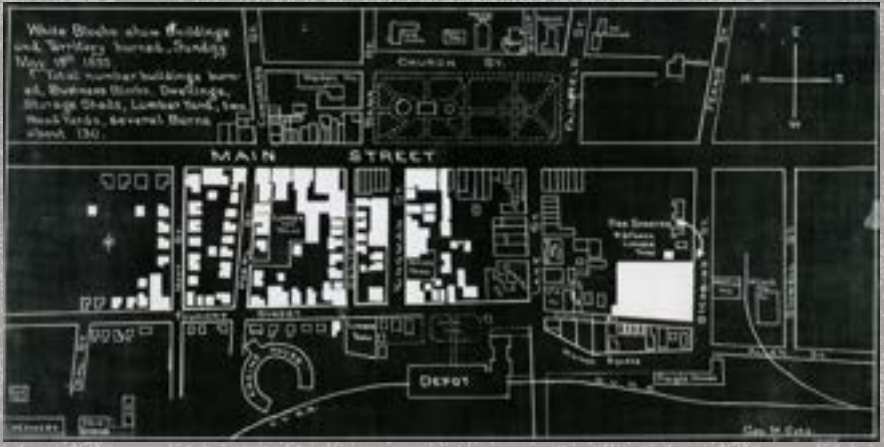


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Looking North Towards Kingman Street





Post Office and Custom House, Kingman Street

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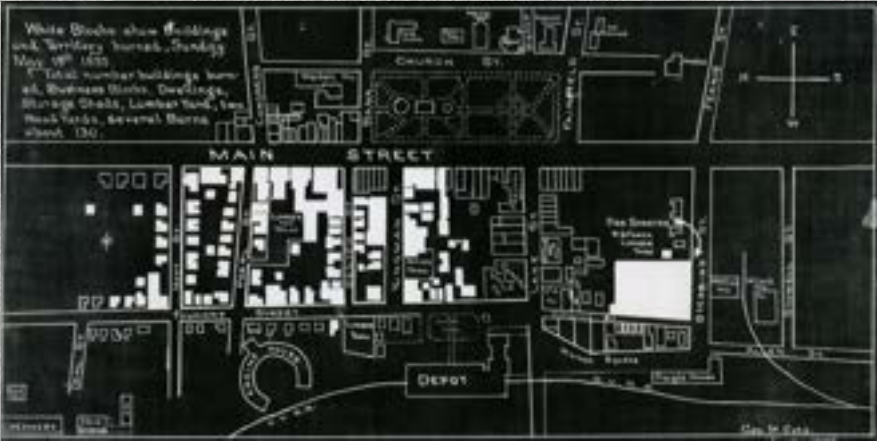




Looking Northeast Towards Pearl and Hoyt Street

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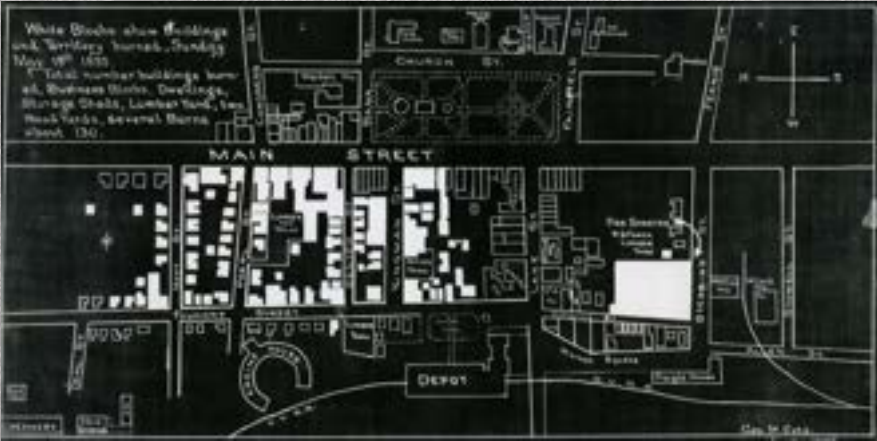




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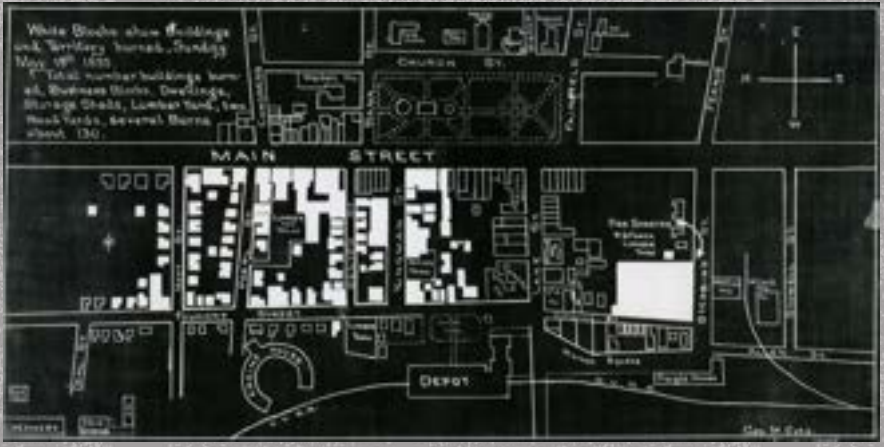
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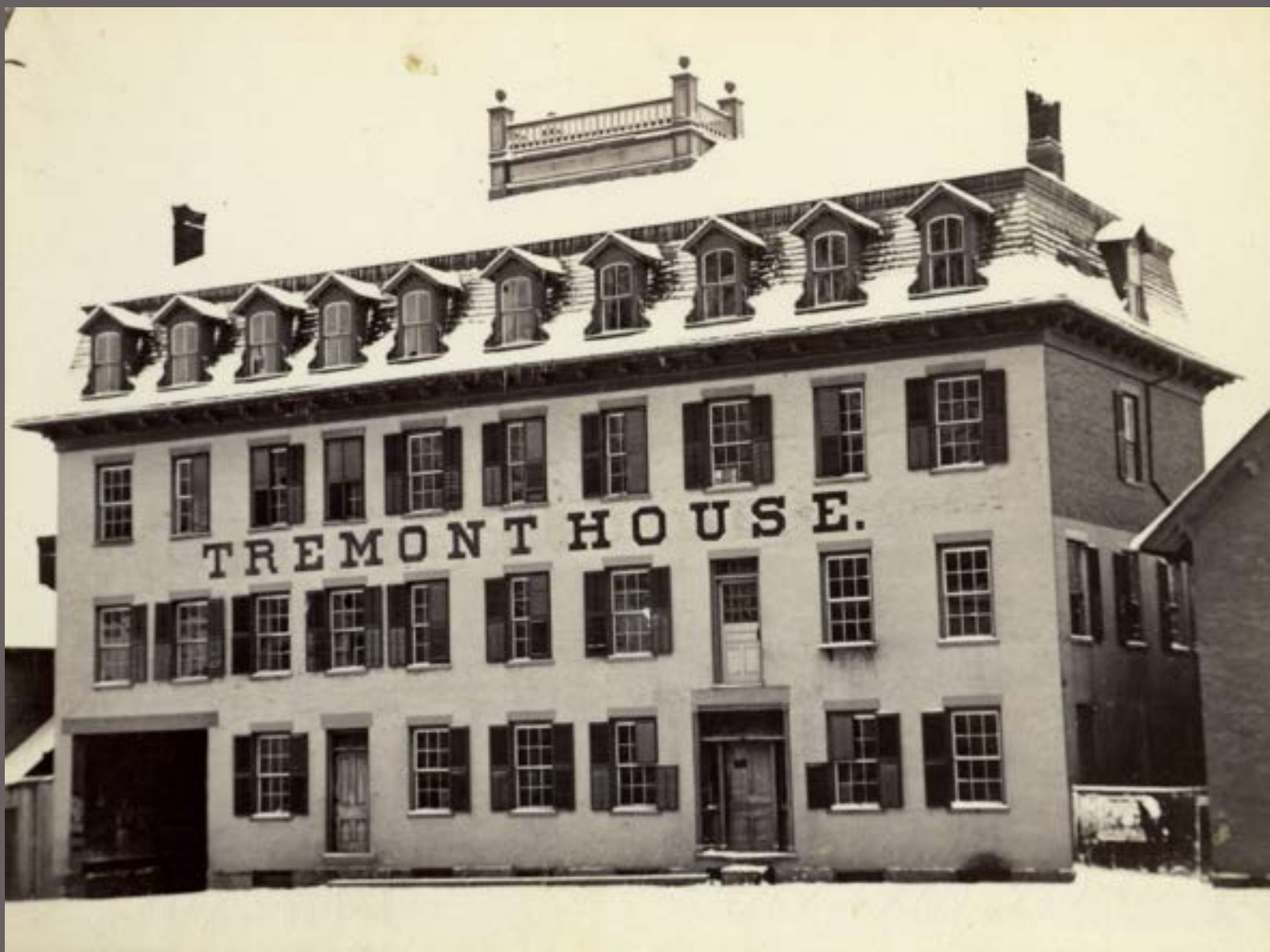
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Looking South From Hoyt Street





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Tremont House  
Main Street, Built 1820, Closed 1881



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Glens Falls Shirt Co.  
Main Street



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Glens Falls Shirt Co.  
Fire 1895





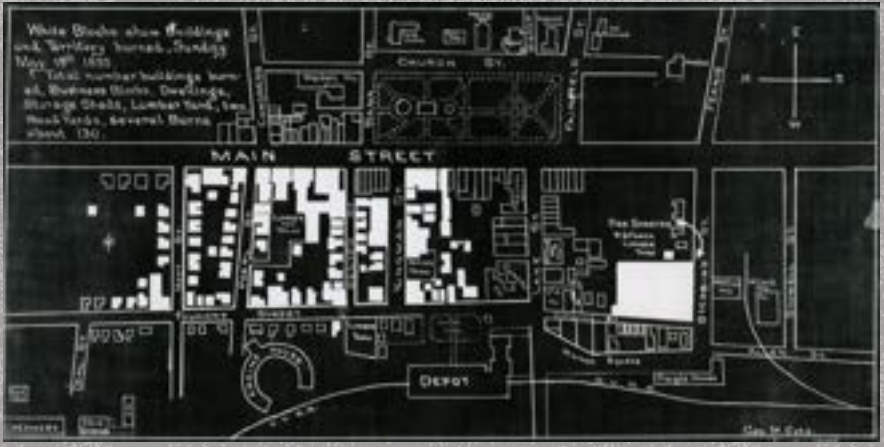
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Welden House  
Built 1864



WELDEN HOUSE, ST. ALBANS, VT.

This house has just been completed and furnished by the St. Albans Hotel Co. at a great expenditure. It contains nearly one hundred and fifty rooms with all the modern improvements, and is one of the most attractive Hotels in New England. It is very pleasantly situated in the beautiful village of St. Albans, looking on the Park and affording a great variety of beautiful views of Lake Champlain and Islands in the Lake; also views of the Green Mountains and the Adirondack Mountains New York. It is a delightful place for families to spend the summer, and beside the advantages of two Mineral Springs at Highgate and Albany.

DEPART.	WEEKLY	MONTHLY
Single Room	1.00	3.00
Double Room	1.50	4.50
Family Room	2.00	6.00
Board	1.00	3.00
Stables	50	1.50

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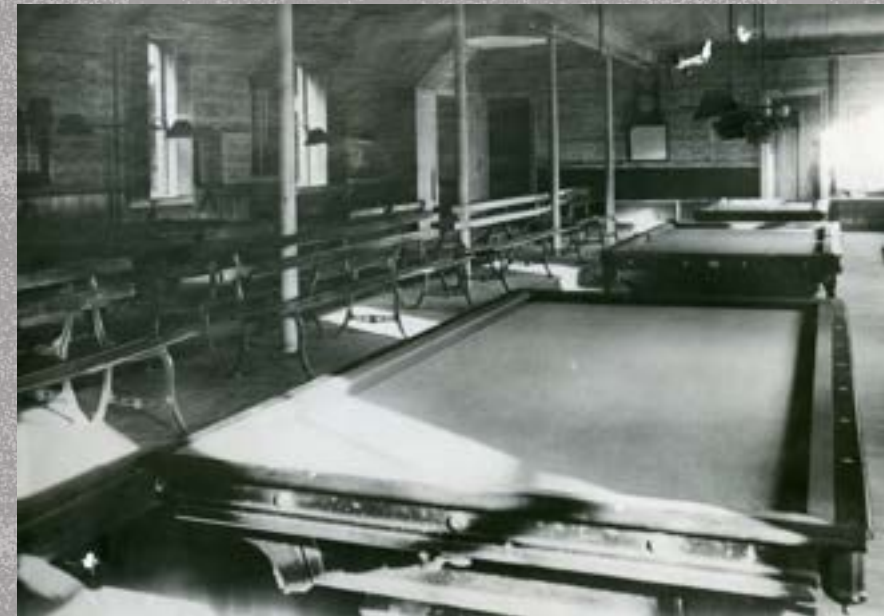
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Welden House  
Lobby And Front Desk



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Welden House  
Dining Room And Billiard Room





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Welden House  
Fire 1897



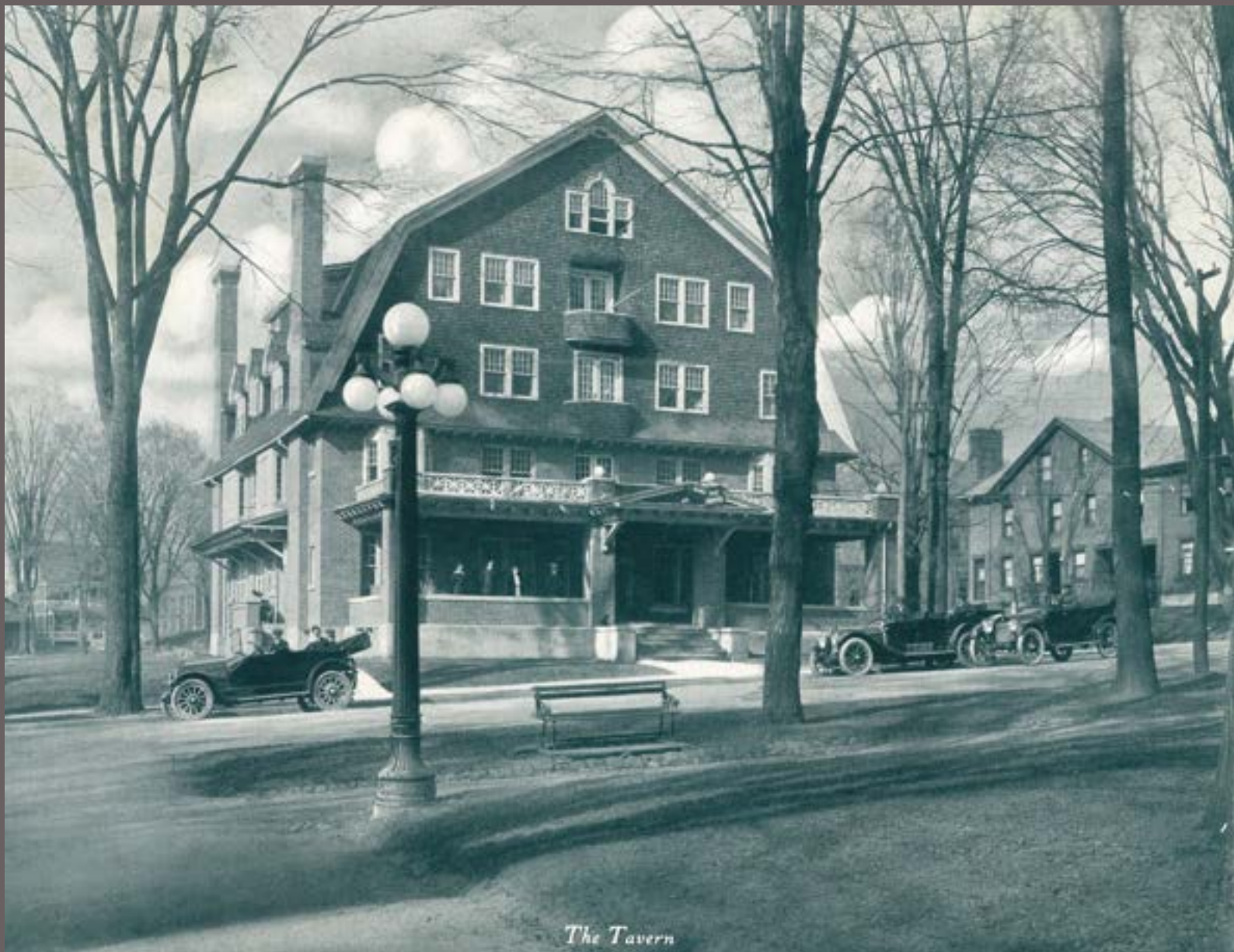
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Welden House  
Former Site



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The Colonial Inn 1910  
The Tavern 1919



*The Tavern*



Colonial Inn,  
St. Albans, Vt.



# THE GREAT FIRES OF SAINT ALBANS

The Tavern 1919  
The Lounging Room And Porch



*The Lounging Room*



*The Bread Room*



# THE GREAT FIRES OF SAINT ALBANS

The Tavern 1919  
The Dining and Lounging Room



*The Dining Room*



*The Lounging Room*



# THE GREAT FIRES OF SAINT ALBANS

The Tavern 1919  
Bedroom And Tea Room



*Bed Room of Suite 5*



*Tea Room*





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The Tavern 1919  
Fire February 1924



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The Tavern 1919  
Fire February 1924



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The Jesse Welden Inn 1941



ESSIE WELDON INN FIRE, JAN. 31, 1948. |



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The Jesse Welden Inn 1941  
Fire January 31, 1948



# ARCHITECTURAL VARIETY

1815-1849      1<sup>ST</sup> GENERATION (RED)  
PRE-RR & PRE FIRES

1850-1870      2<sup>ND</sup> GENERATION (BLUE)  
POST-RR & PRE-1871 FIRE

1871-1891      3<sup>RD</sup> GENERATION (PURPLE)  
POST 1871 FIRE & PRE-1891 FIRE

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(ORANGE) POST-1891 FIRE & PRE-1895 FIRE

1896-1938      5<sup>TH</sup> GENERATION (GREEN)  
POST 1895 FIRE



# WAVES OF REBUILDING

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**1845 (1<sup>st</sup> Generation)**



**1852 & 1853 (2<sup>nd</sup> Generation)**



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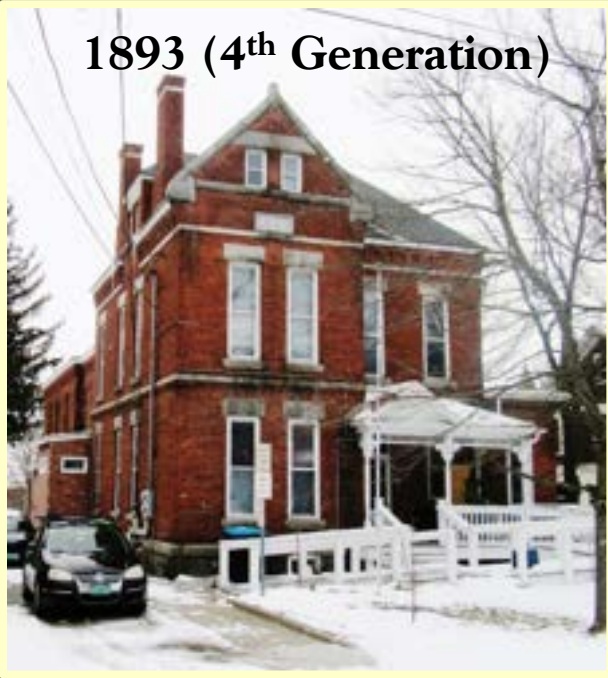
**1883 & 1885 (3<sup>rd</sup> Generation)**



**1870-1875 (3<sup>rd</sup> Generation -  
Transformations)**



1893 (4<sup>th</sup> Generation)



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1897 (5<sup>th</sup> Generation)

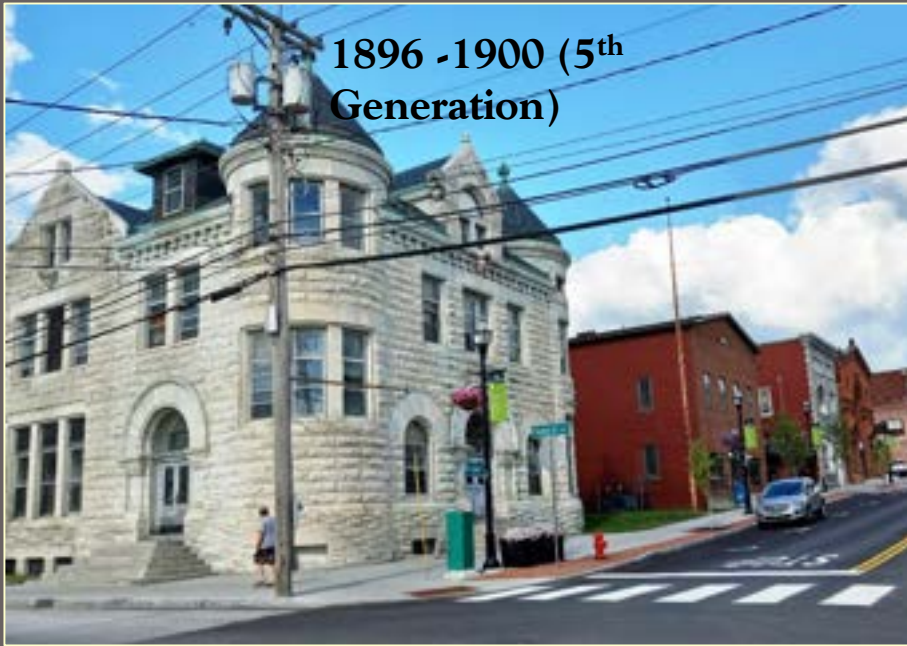


1895 -1915 (5<sup>th</sup>  
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1896 – 1909 (5<sup>th</sup> Generation)





**1896 -1900 (5<sup>th</sup> Generation)**

**Examples of architectural breadth in the downtown**

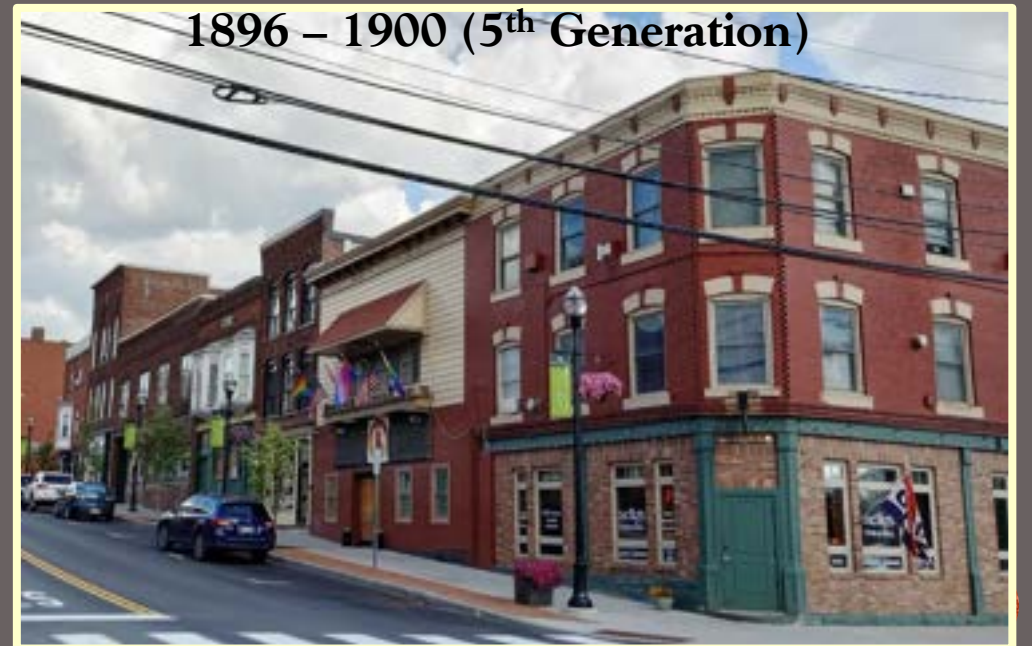
**KINGMAN STREET**



**1896 (5<sup>th</sup> Generation)**



**1896 -1900 (5<sup>th</sup> Generation)**



**1896 - 1900 (5<sup>th</sup> Generation)**



c.1860



## Block of Surviving 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Buildings

c.1870



c.1880s



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Block of  
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Buildings



c.1915

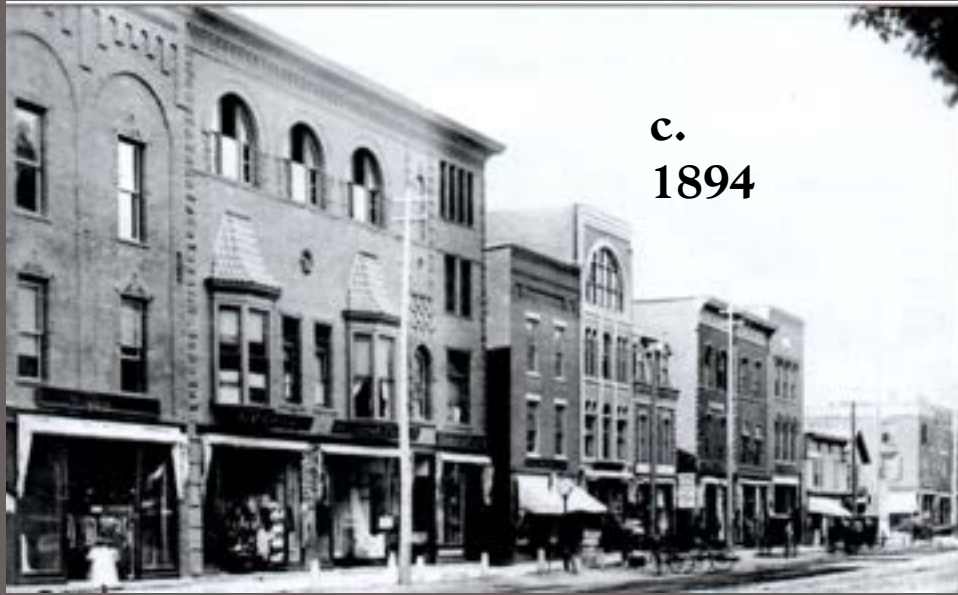


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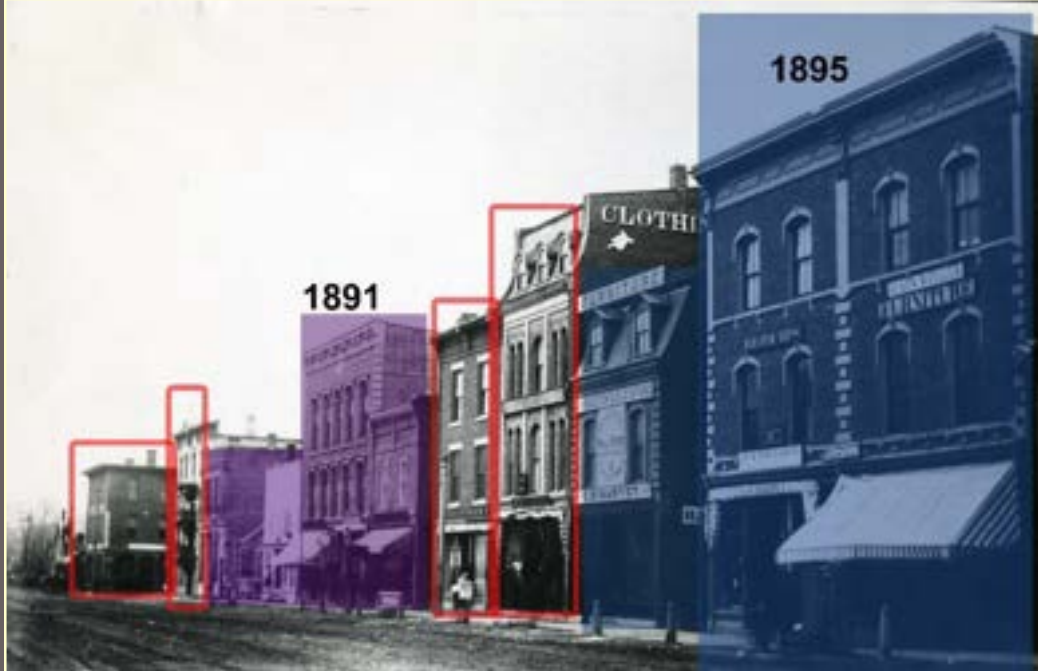
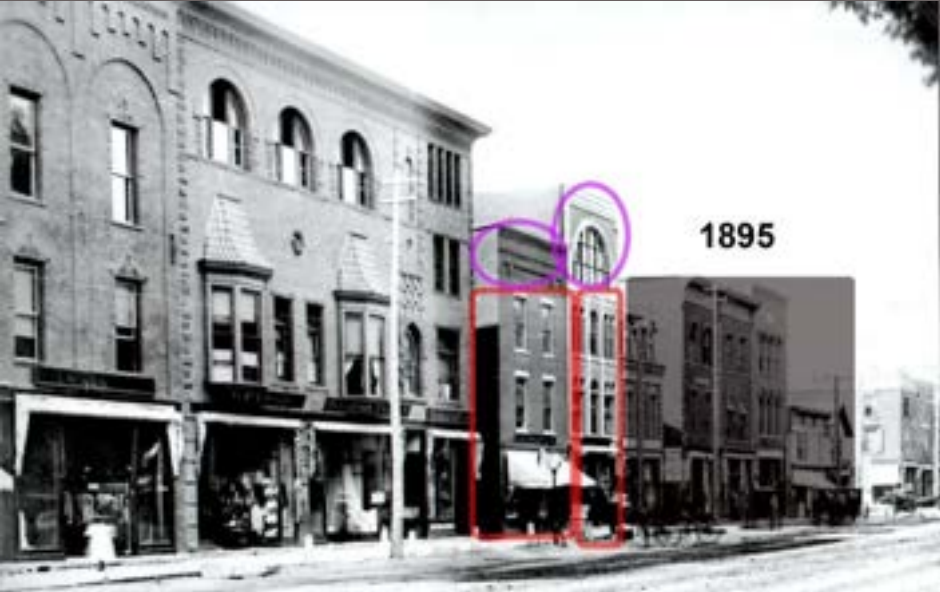
Block with  
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Collection of  
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Thanks For Listening

