

YAKIMA'S GILDED AGE 1887 - 1914

Yakima Memory

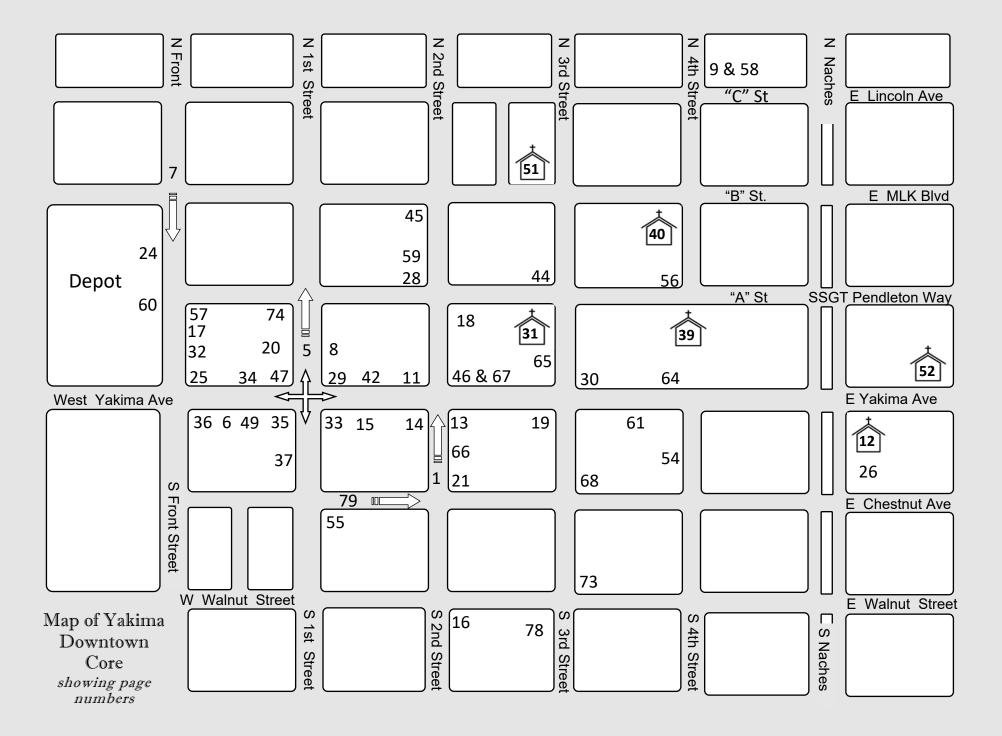
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Present-day South 2nd Street contains a parking lot where early twentieth century buildings once stood.



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YAKIMA'S GILDED AGE 1887 - 1914

The Gilded Age was a period of vibrant economic activity that transformed Yakima's built environment from a dusty wooden railroad town into a substantial community with imposing brick and stone buildings.



Yakima's downtown south 2nd Street facing north from Chestnut St. in 1912. Yakima Valley Museum - 2002- 801- 875 - photograph by Frank P. Lanterman

Present-day Toppenish Creek is pictured on the Yakama Reservation.



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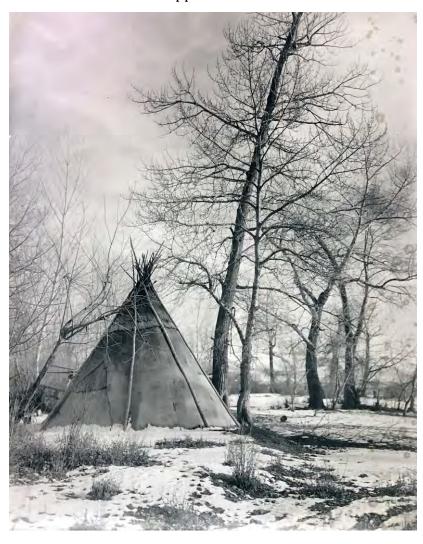
Before towns were established in the Yakima River valley, eastern Washington was inhabited by Early Man and Indigenous Peoples for at least 13,000 years according to archaeologists.

Yakama Dwelling



Edward S. Curtis, 1910, Library of Congress

Toppenish Creek



Lee Moorhouse, 1887, Yakima Valley Museum

Present-day Yakima River is pictured with Two Buttes in view in the background.



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The Yakima River flowed freely for centuries before the introduction of modern irrigation practices and intensive agricultural production by Euro-Americans.



Yakima River at Two Buttes / Pah-oy-ti-koot, (Union Gap)
Yakima Valley Museum - 2002-801-831- photograph by Edward J. Partridge, 1880's

A modern locomotive is pictured traveling near the Yakima Depot.



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In 1885 the Northern Pacific Railroad entered the Yakima Valley and established a new town named North Yakima that was located 4 miles north of existing Yakima City (later named Union Gap).



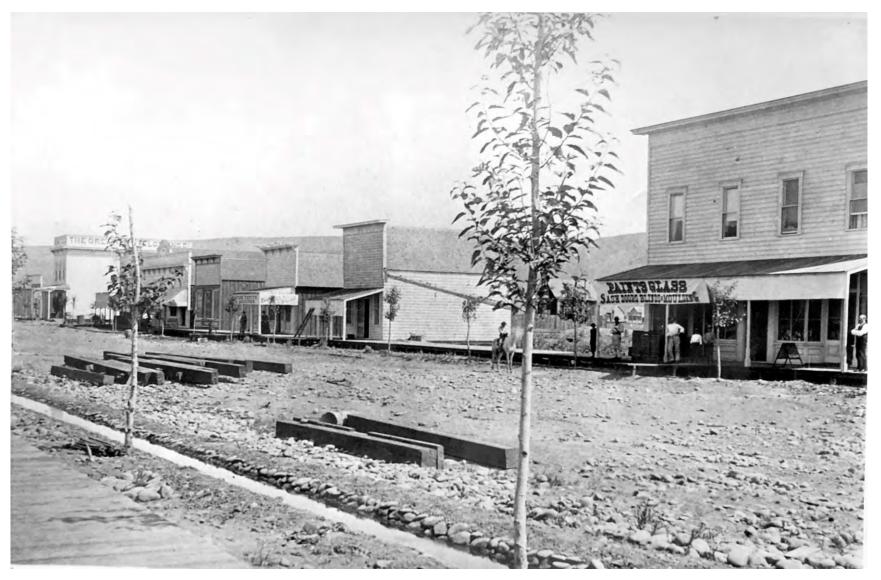
Construction Crew, Northern Pacific Railroad, 1885, Yakima Valley Museum - Photo Album #2

Contemporary North First Street contains a parking lot where early buildings once stood in 1885.



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The first structures built along North First Street in 1885 were wooden frontier-style buildings.



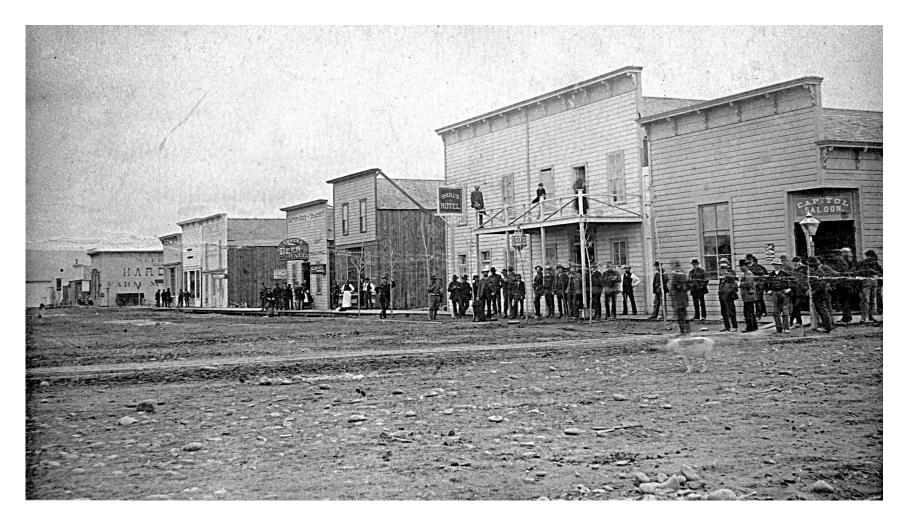
Yakima Valley Museum - 2002-801-874 and Yakima Valley Libraries, Relander Collection Drawer 5 Folder 25 A

A glance down East Yakima Avenue in 2022 reveals a much different urban setting. Crowds of pedestrians and bare dirt streets have given way to paved streets and parking lots designed to accommodate automobiles.



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In 1885 East Yakima Avenue also contained a number of wooden structures on the south side between S Front St and the intersection with South First Street (far left). Some buildings were moved on rollers from Yakima City (now Union Gap) after Northern Pacific offered free lots to businesses as an incentive to move to North Yakima.



Yakima Valley Museum - 2002-802-384

A county jail and a string of modern vehicles have been added to the century old buildings that still remain on present-day North Front Street .



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North Front Street in 1886 contained a row of buildings stretching south toward E Yakima Avenue. The depot can be seen on the far right in the distance, with Union Gap's hills in the background. The building at lower left is the approximate location of modern day Yakima County jail in 2022.



Yakima Valley Museum - 2002-801-831

A parking lot occupies the former site of Mason's Opera House (built in 1887).



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One of the first brick buildings constructed in 1887 at the beginning of Yakima's Gilded Age was Mason's Opera House, built by Alan Mason on the east side of the first block of North First Street.



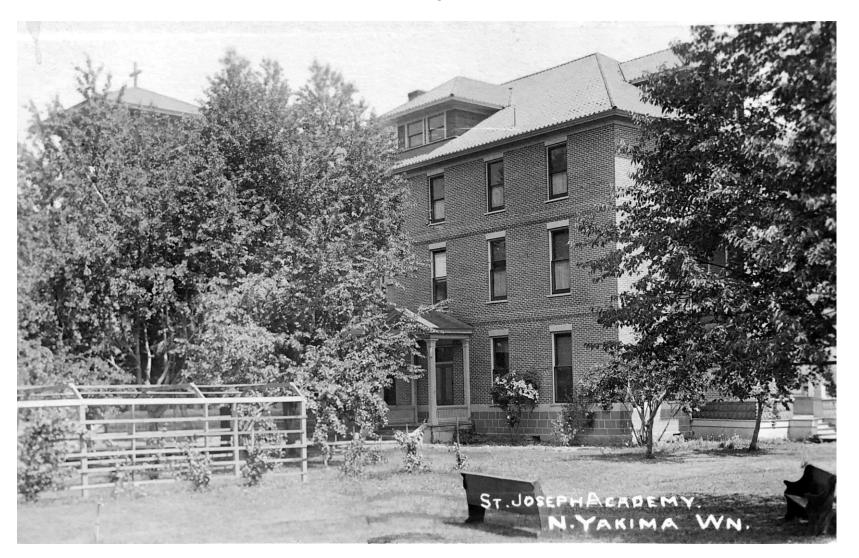
Spike & Co. 1890, Yakima Valley Museum, Photo Album #16

A parking lot and modern office buildings occupy the former site of St. Joseph Academy. The site is now the home of a title company and law office in 2022.



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St. Joseph Academy was built in 1887 on the east side of North 4th Street between C and D streets. The school was one of the earliest brick buildings built in North Yakima.



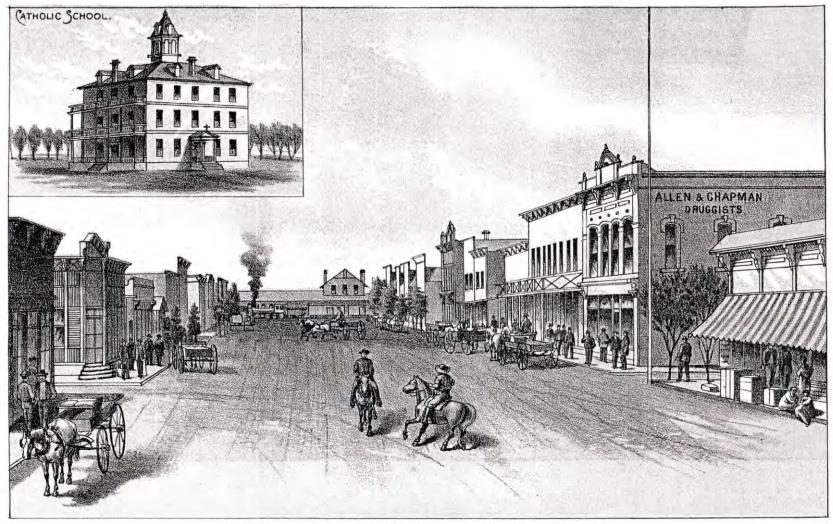
Yakima Valley Museum - Postcards - Schools - 2008-131-441-Ron Ott Collection

Present-day East Yakima Avenue no longer has a depot placed in the middle of the road as it did in 1887.



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An artist with West Shore magazine published a drawing in 1887 showing what the town of North Yakima looked like during that year.



NORTH YAKIMA, W. T.-YAKIMA AVENUE, LOOKING WEST.

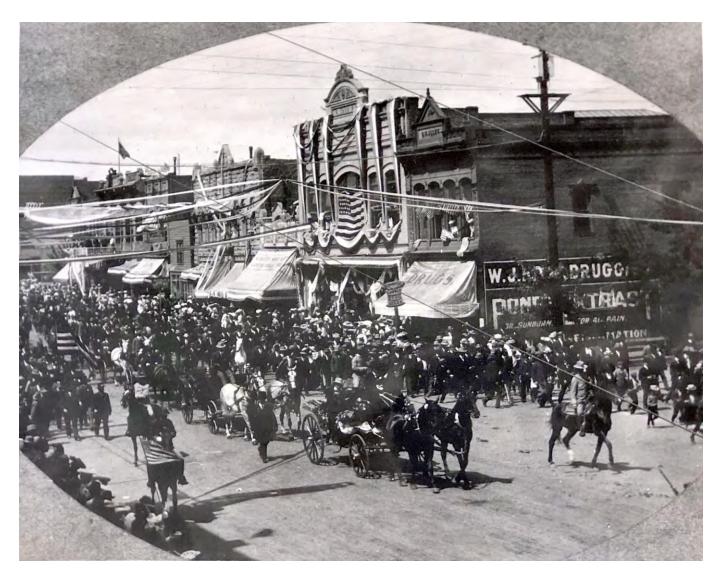
West Shore Magazine-Portland, Oregon. Yakima Valley Museum, 979.82 Yak

The profile of present-day buildings at the intersection of East Yakima Avenue and North 2nd Street resemble the earlier street scene (below) from 1903.



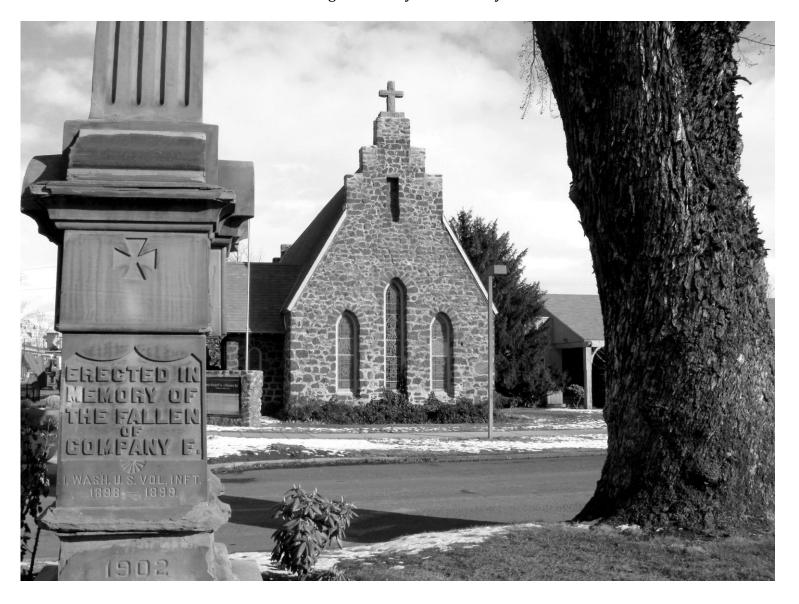
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Buildings constructed in the Pioneer Block in 1887 on the north side of E Yakima Ave between First and Second streets appeared similar in 1903 and still look much the same in 2022.



Yakima Valley Museum-2002-801-739 - photograph by Frank P. Lanterman

St. Michael's Church on Naches Avenue, the oldest church building in Yakima, retains its historical elegance during the twenty-first century.



Jo N Miles 2008

St. Michael's Episcopal Church built in 1888 at 5 South Naches Ave remains at the same location in 2022.



Washington State Historical Society 1994.70.263 - photograph by F. Jay Haynes 1890

A modern restaurant occupies the former site of the Lewis-Engle Building at the SE corner of East Yakima Avenue and South 2nd Street.



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The Lewis-Engle Building was built in 1888 at 202 E Yakima Ave. It housed the Jade Tree for many years until it was demolished and eventually became the site of Cowiche Canyon Kitchen, which is located there in 2022.



Spike & Co. 1890 - Yakima Valley Museum - 2008-027-112 - Photo Album #16

The eleven story Larson Building, constructed in 1931, replaced the 1888 First National Bank building.



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First National Bank was built in 1888 at the SW corner of E Yakima Ave & S 2nd St. It was replaced by the Larson Building in 1931.



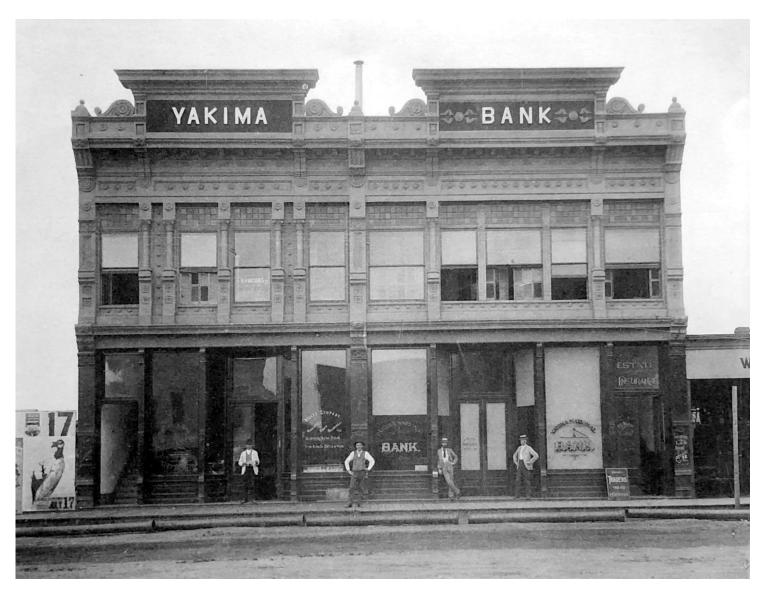
Spike & Co. 1890, Yakima Valley Museum, Photo Album #16

In 2022 Key Bank is located on the same site where Yakima National Bank once stood.



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Yakima National Bank was constructed in 1888 on the south side of the 100 block of E Yakima Ave. It was later demolished and replaced by the east portion of Key Bank.



Spike & Co. 1890, Yakima Valley Museum, Photo Album #16

Yakima Police Department's back lot occupies the former site of Central School on South 2nd Street between Walnut and Spruce Streets.



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Central School was built in 1888 at 217 S 2nd St. It was demolished in 1924.



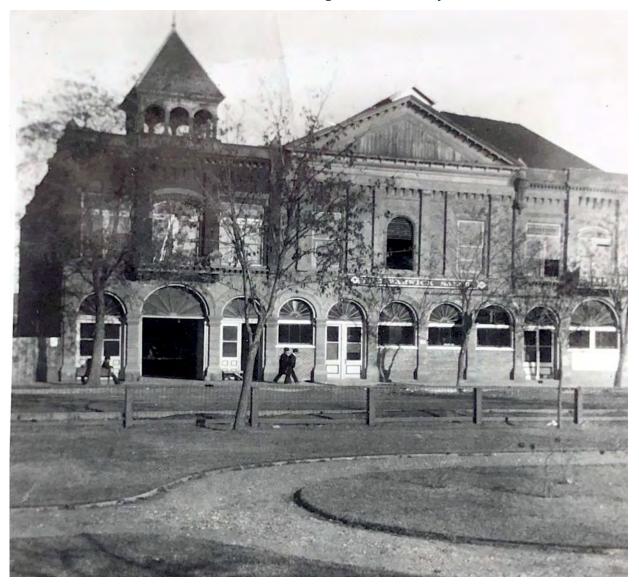
Yakima Valley Museum - 2002-801-659 - Photographs - Schools

The original city hall building (after some re-modeling) still stands next to the Opera House on North Front Street.



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City Hall (left) was built in 1889 at 27 N Front St, and the Opera House next door in 1890 at 25 N Front St. Both buildings remain in the year 2022.



Yakima Valley Museum - 2002-802-537 - photograph by Frank P. Lanterman

In 2022 a parking lot sits at 29 N 2nd St where the Syndicate Building stood in 1951.



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The Syndicate Building was constructed in 1889 at 29 N 2nd St. Over the years the building has housed a furniture store, federal court, an undertaker and, from 1905 to 1951, the Yakima Daily newspaper.



Spike & Co. 1890, Yakima Valley Museum, Photo Album #16

The street scene has changed significantly on the south side of the 200 block of East Yakima Avenue during the past century. The Olive Garden now occupies the same site as the old Hotel Yakima.



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Hotel Yakima was built in 1889 at 222 E. Yakima Ave. The building was demolished in 1989, with plans to build commercial offices.



Yakima Valley Museum - Oversize Photographs - Hotel

A parking lot exists where the Bartholet Hotel once stood on the east side of North First Street.



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In 1885 Hotel Bartholet was the second hotel to be moved from Yakima City to the corner of Chestnut and Front street in North Yakima. That building was destroyed by fire and rebuilt in 1889 at 10 N First St. The building was demolished in 1989.



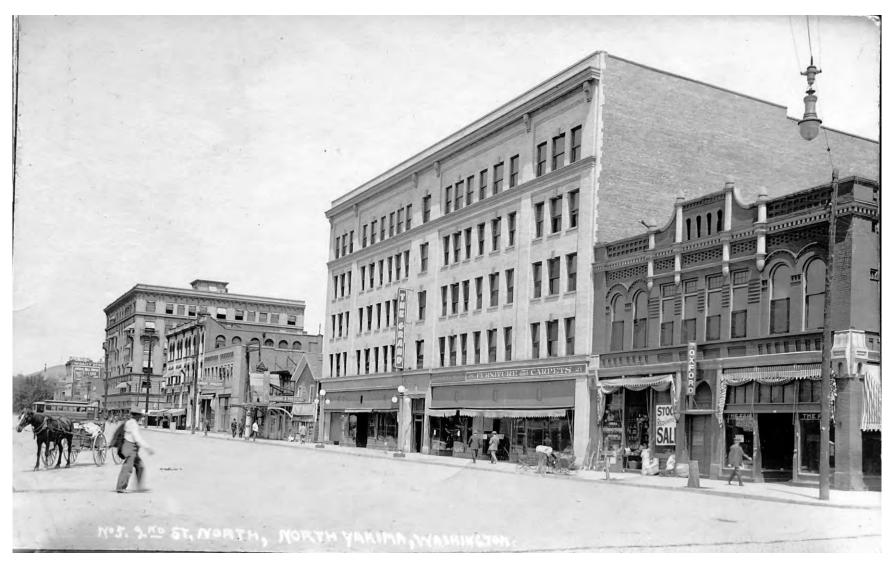
Spike & Co. 1890, Yakima Valley Museum - 2002-802-553m Photo Album #16

The Cadwell Building and Grand Hotel (later Donnelly) once stood on the east side of South 2nd Street where a parking lot exists today.



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The Cadwell Building (far right) was built in 1889 at the NE corner of S 2nd St. and Chestnut St. This 1912 photograph shows both the Cadwell Building and the Grand Hotel. Both have been replaced with a public parking lot (2022).



Yakima Valley Museum- Postcards - Hotels- 2008-131-441-Ron Ott Collection

A drive-up fast-food restaurant replaced the shops and stores once located on the Lowe Block more than 100 years ago.



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The S. J. Lowe block was built in 1889 on the NW corner of E Yakima Ave and N First St. It featured a three-story brick building and a wood-sided hardware store.



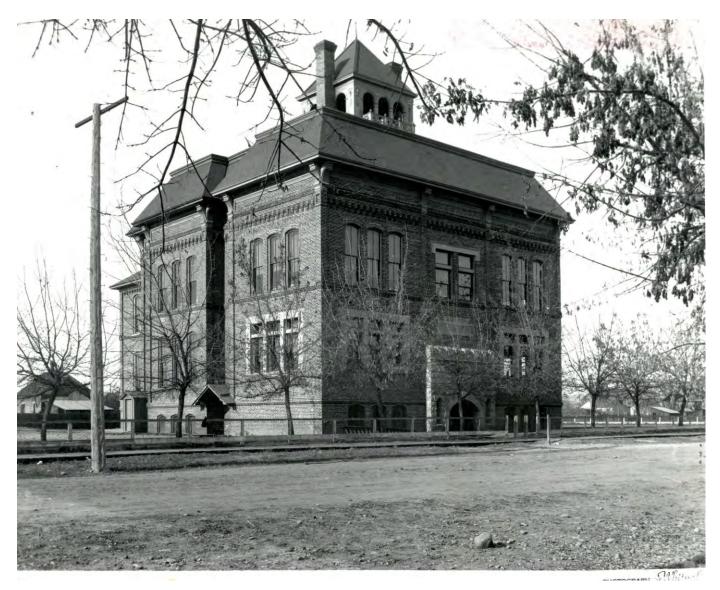
Spike & Co. 1890, Yakima Valley Museum, Photo Album #16

Present day Yakima School District Central Administration offices are located where Columbia School once stood on North 4th Avenue.



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Columbia School was built in 1890 at 112 N 4th Ave. It served as an elementary school, a high school and, from 1928 to 1949, the home of Yakima Valley Junior College. The building was seriously damaged by fire in 1954.



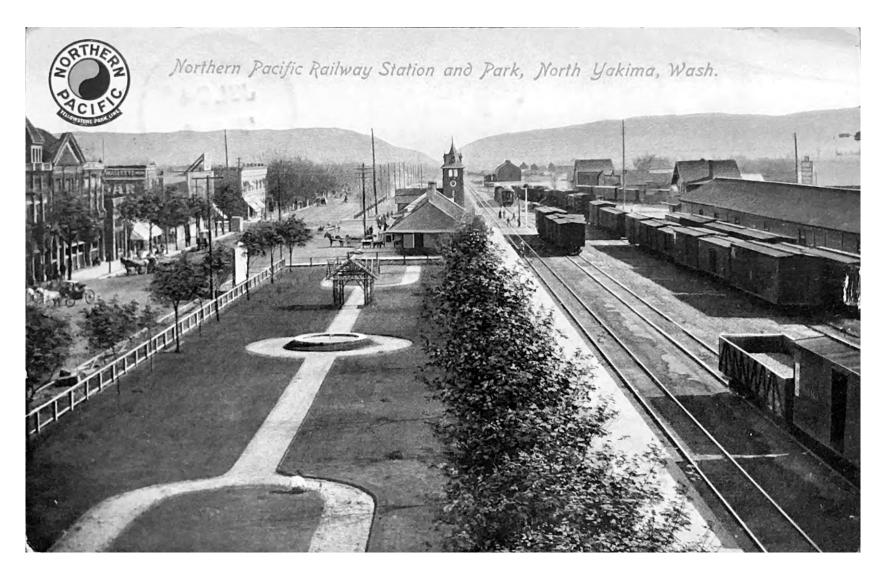
Yakima Valley Museum photographs - Schools - Columbia - by Frank P. Lanterman

A contemporary parking lot and depot built in 1910 occupy the site where Northern Pacific Park existed in 1898.



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Northern Pacific Railway built a new train depot on N Front St in 1898, and added a lush public park that included a fountain, trees, and irrigation sprinklers.



Yakima Valley Museum -2008-131-669 - Postcards - Ron Ott Collection

Present day Lund Building remains at the NE corner of South Front Street and E Yakima Ave.



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The Lund Building was constructed in 1899 at 5 N Front St. Originally it housed the Alfalfa Saloon. The building still remains in 2022.



Yakima Valley Museum - 2002-802-584 - photograph by Jim Newbill - 1984

The lower half of St. Michael's original rectory has been preserved at St. Michael's Church on Naches Avenue.



Jo N Miles 2022

St. Michael's Rectory was constructed in 1899 on the south side of the Episcopal Church at 5 Naches Ave S.

The bottom story of the original building is all that remains in 2022.



Yakima Valley Museum - 2008-027-316 - Photographs - Churches

Present day office buildings occupy the former site of the North Yakima High school (1900 - 1907) on North 3rd Street between D and E streets.



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The original North Yakima high school building and Lincoln Annex were built in 1900 on N 3rd St between D & E streets. The building was destroyed by fire on January 6, 1907.



Yakima Valley Museum - 2002-801-698 - Photographs - Schools-City-High School

Performance Park replaced the early Larson's Theatre at the NW corner of N 2nd Street and SSgt Pendleton Way (formerly A Street).



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Larson's Theatre was built in 1900 at the NW corner of N 2nd St and A St. The building was renamed Yakima Theatre in 1903.



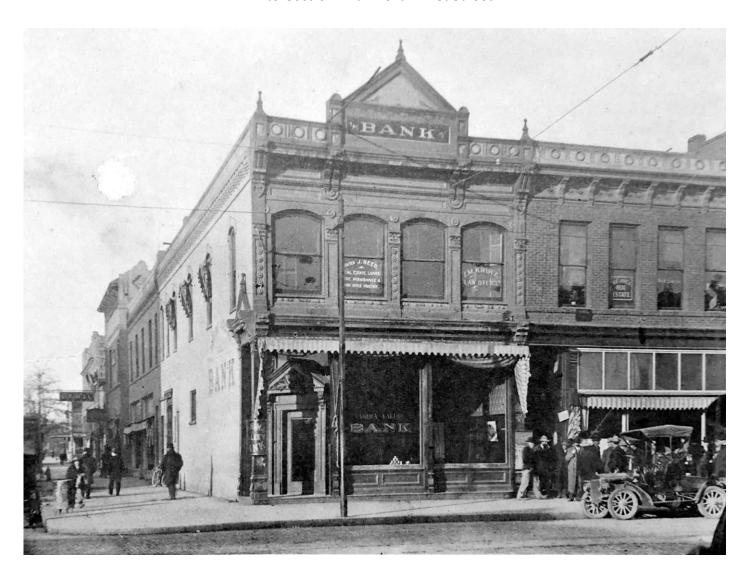
Yakima Valley Museum - 2002-154--021 - Oversize photographs - Buildings

A modern bank building now occupies the lot where early Yakima Valley Bank stood in 1902.



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Yakima Valley Bank incorporated in 1902 and was located at 101 E Yakima Ave on the NE corner intersection with North First Street.



Brooks & Schreiber, Yakima Beautiful, 1909, p 28. Yakima Valley Museum

The former downtown Yakima Mall stands where Coffin Bros. Department store once flourished in 1902.



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Coffin Bros. Department Store was built in 1902 at 301 E Yakima Ave on the NE corner of E Yakima Ave and N 3rd St. The building was demolished in 1954.



Yakima Valley Museum - 1996-036-001 - Olive E. Thompson

The Liberty Building, constructed in 1931, replaced the Presbyterian Church originally at 32 N 3rd Street.



Jo N Miles 2022

In 1902 the Presbyterian Church was built at N 3rd St and A St. It was replaced by the Liberty Building that stands there in 2022.



Yakima Valley Museum - 2001-800-750 - Photographs - Churches - by Frank P. Lanterman

National Register of Historic Places: "Erected in 1902...the first floor was a tavern and the upper story served as a hotel."



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The Commercial Saloon was constructed in 1902 at 7 N Front St. The building remains in 2022.



Contemporary photo 2020 - anon

In 2022 Key Bank occupies the lot where Yakima National Bank was built in 1903 at the corner of S. First Street and E Yakima Ave.



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In 1903 Yakima National Bank built a new building at the corner of E Yakima Ave and S First St, just a few feet west of their original site.



Yakima Valley Museum - Oversize Photographs - Buildings

A fast-food restaurant occupies the space where Schott's Cash Store and Fawcett Bros. Hardware stood in 1903.



Jo N Miles 2022

The former Lowe block at the NW corner of E Yakima Ave and N First St was occupied in 1903 by Henry H. Schott Cash Store and Fawcett Bros., the same corner that McDonald's restaurant occupies today.



Yakima Valley Museum - 2002-801-848 - Photograph by Frank P. Lanterman

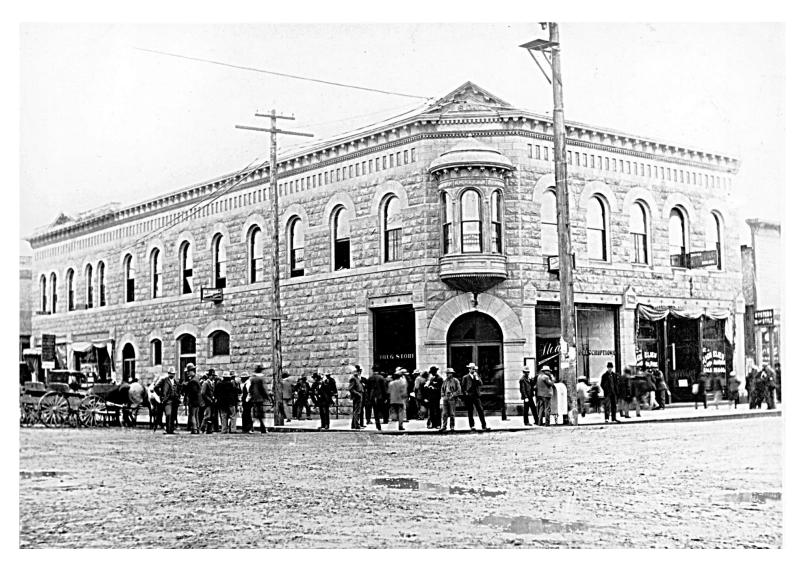
Drive-up banking and modern traffic signals dominate the view where the Sloan Building stood in 1903.



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The Sloan Building was constructed in 1903 at 24 E Yakima Ave on the SW corner intersection with S First St.

It is the site of Key Bank drive-up services in 2022.



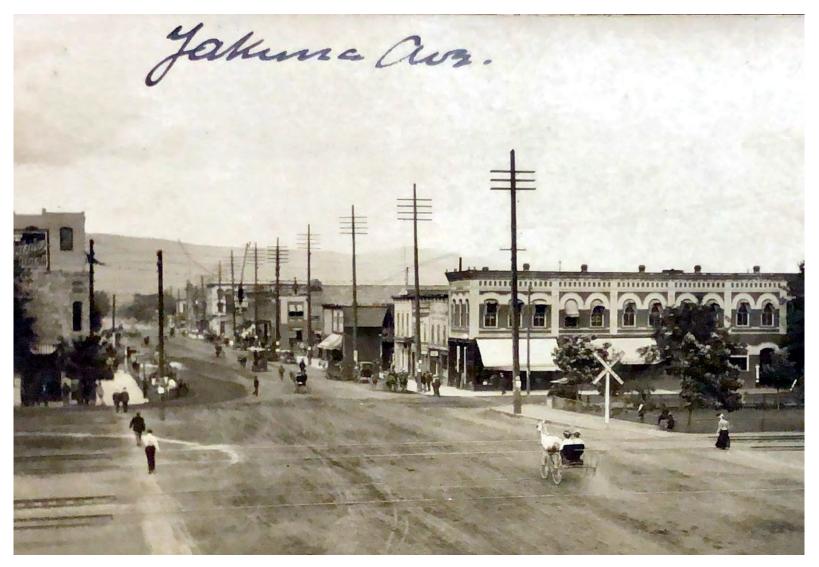
Yakima Valley Museum - 2002-802-588 - photographer unknown

Drive-up banking occupies the space at S Front St and E Yakima Ave where Frank Shardlow's saloons once stood.



Jo N Miles 2022

The Shardlow Building was constructed at 3 S Front St in 1903. It contained a number of saloons and restaurants on the ground floor and boarding rooms on the upper level. It is the site of Banner Bank drive up in 2022.



Yakima Valley Museum 2008-131-620 - Postcards - Yakima Ave 1900-1910 - Ron Ott Collection

No longer a hotel, the Pacific now houses Downtown Association of Yakima offices and Yakima Maker Space.



Jo N Miles 2020

The Pacific Hotel was built in 1903 at 16 S First St and photographed in 1910 after a third floor had been added. Camels passed by during one of many parades. The building remains at its original location in 2022.



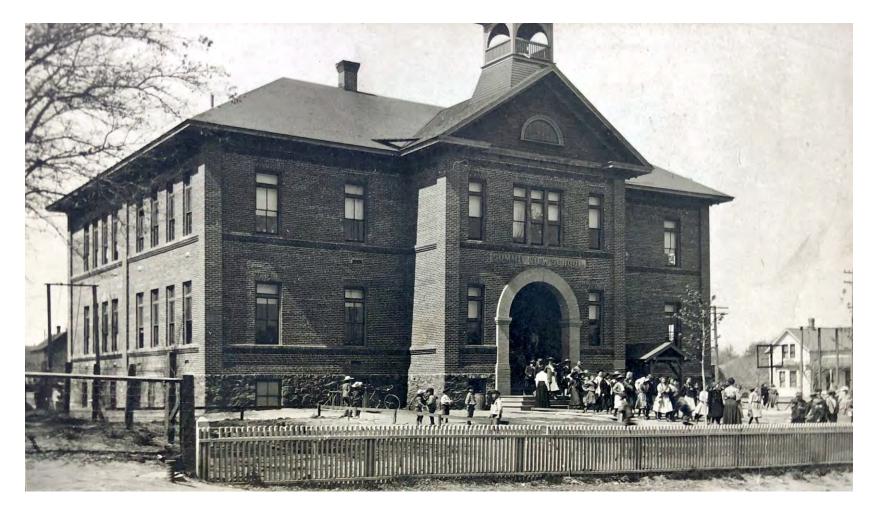
Yakima Valley Museum - 2008-131-572 - Postcards - Hotels - Ron Ott Collection

In 2022 Roosevelt School stands where early Summit View School was located in 1904.



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Summit View School was built in 1903 at the intersection of 16th Ave and Summitview Ave where modern Roosevelt School stands in 2022.



Yakima Valley Museum - 2008-131-411 - Postcards - Schools- Summit View - Ron Ott Collection

No sign of a church remains on SSgt Pendleton Way ("A" St.) at the intersection with North 4th Street.



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The Methodist Church was built in in 1905 at N 4th St and A St and demolished in 1968.



Yakima Valley Museum - 2008-131-061 - Postcards - Churches - Ron Ott Collection

The exterior elegance of St. Joseph Catholic Church has been preserved for more than 100 years.



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St. Joseph Catholic Church was built in 1905 at 212 N 4th St. The building was extensively damaged by fire in 1999, then rebuilt and reopened in 2001.



Yakima Valley Museum - 2006-800-004 - Oversize photographs - Churches

Still stately after more than a century, the Larson mansion attracts visual attention from motorists and passers-by.



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The A.E. Larson Rosedell Mansion at 1811 W Yakima Ave was under construction in 1905. The building remains at its original location in 2022.

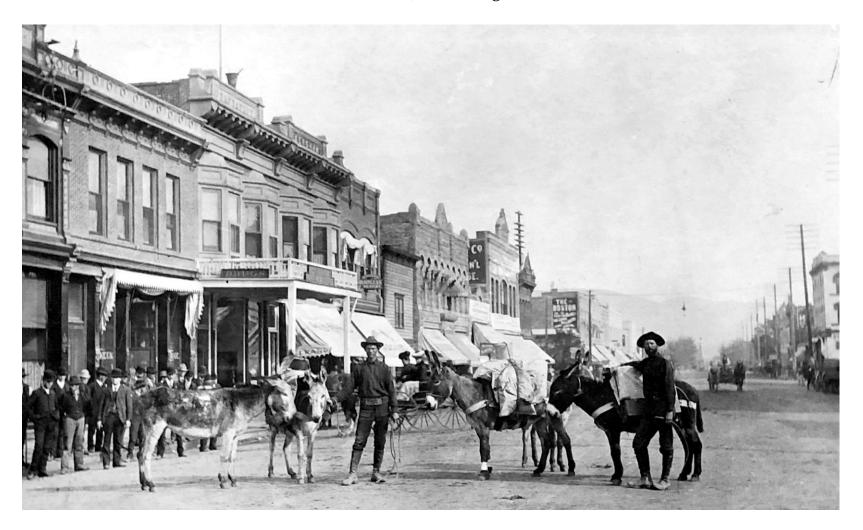


The 2022 profile of buildings lined up along Yakima Avenue is similar to how it appeared in 1905, but there are fewer donkeys along the 100 block of Yakima Avenue in 2022.



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A pack train was photographed in 1905 on the north side of the then unpaved 100 block of E Yakima Avenue. Also known as the Pioneer Block, the buildings were built in 1887.



In 2022 a modern church sits where Barge School was located in 1905 on N. Naches Ave. at East "E" Street.



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Barge School was built in 1905 at N Naches Ave & East E St.



Yakima Valley Museum - 2008-131-446 - Postcards - Schools - Ron Ott Collection

A modern expanded library opened in 1959 that replaced Yakima's Carnegie Library built in 1906.



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Yakima's Carnegie Library was built in 1906 at 102 N 3rd St. It was demolished in 1957 to make way for a new library building at the same location.



Yakima Valley Museum - Delle Studio Photo Album #55

A courthouse building constructed in 1941 sits on what once was the front lawn of the original 1906 building.



Jo N Miles 2022

Yakima County Courthouse was built in 1906 on the SW corner of N 2nd St and A St until it was demolished in 1961 and replaced by a modern building that exists there today (2022).



Yakima Valley Museum - 2001-801-024 - Government - County - Buildings

A one-story bank building occupies the corner where the Miller Building once stood.



Jo N Miles 2022

The Miller building was constructed in 1906 at the NE corner of E Yakima Ave and N 2nd St. It was demolished in 1986.



Yakima Valley Museum - 2002-802-572, -Commercial Facilities - Office Buildings - by Frank P. Lanterman

A modern drive-up restaurant occupies the corner where Hotel Washington once stood.



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In 1906 builder Patrick Mullins constructed Hotel Washington, a new addition to the Lowe building at the NW corner of East Yakima Ave and N First St.



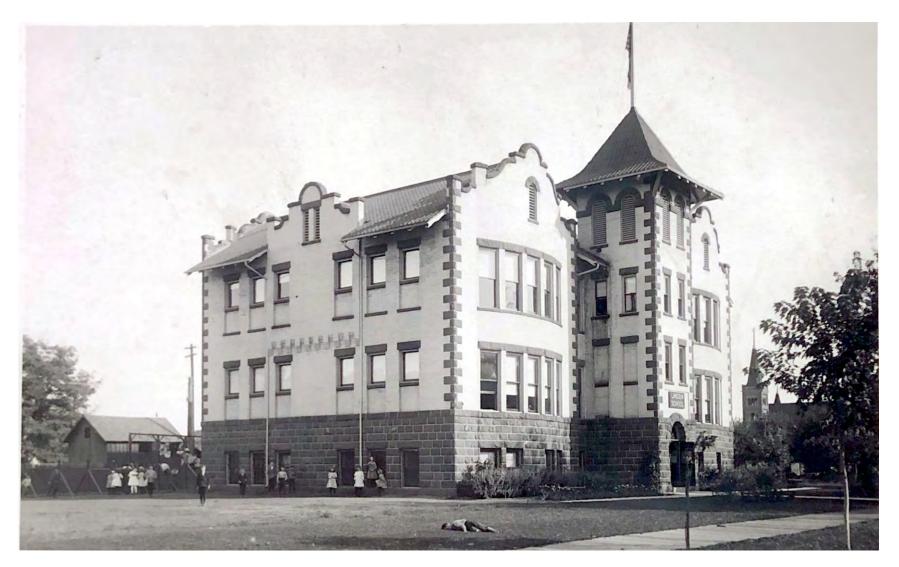
Yakima Valley Museum - 2008-131-547 - Postcards - Commercial Facilities - Hotels - Ron Ott Collection

 $Lincoln\ School\ has\ been\ replaced\ by\ office\ buildings\ on\ N.\ 3rd\ St.\ between\ D\ and\ E\ Streets.$



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The Lincoln School was built in 1907 at 401 N 3rd St. where modern office buildings exist in 2022.



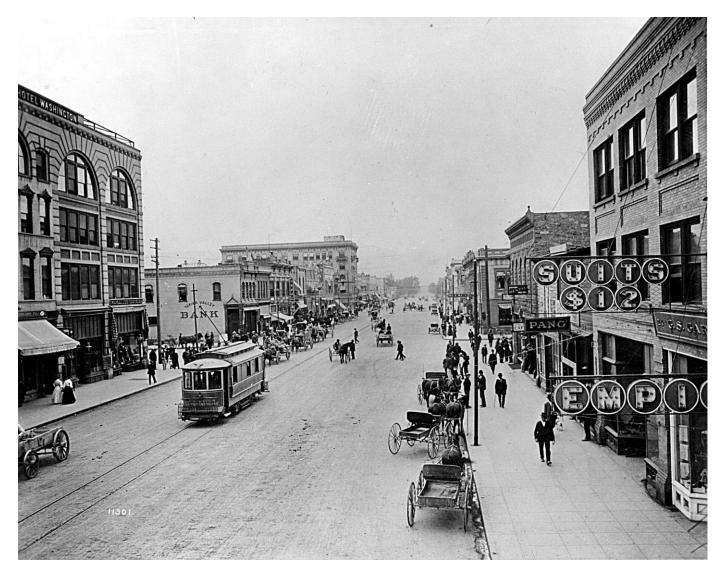
Yakima Valley Museum - Postcards - Schools - Lincoln

Drive-up banking occupies the south side of E. Yakima Ave. where the Empire Hotel once stood.



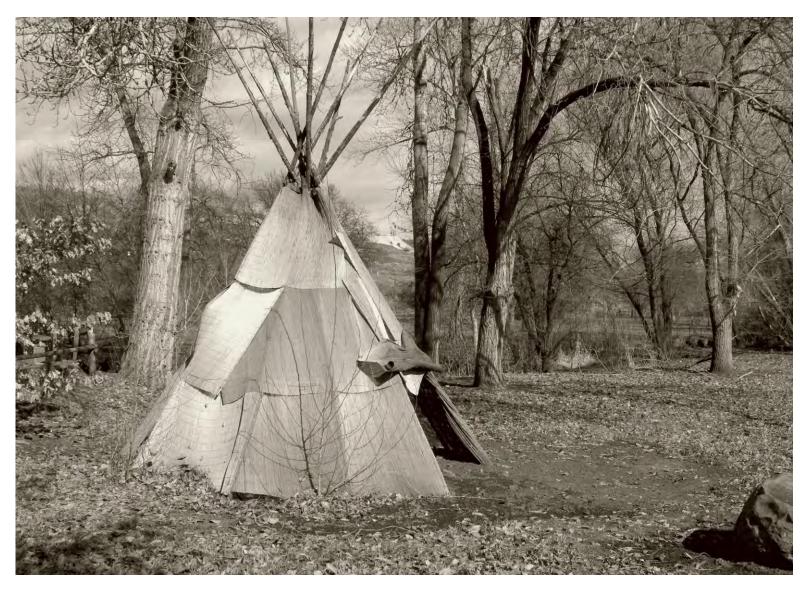
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In 1908 the newly built Empire Hotel at 12 E Yakima Ave can be seen on the right in the street scene photograph taken by Asahel Curtis. The building was demolished sometime in the 1940's.



Yakima Valley Museum - 2002-801-846 - Photographs - Yakima Avenue 1900 - 1910 - by Asahel Curtis

A twenty-first century replica of a Native mat lodge was displayed at St. Joseph Mission at Ahtanum Creek in 2008.



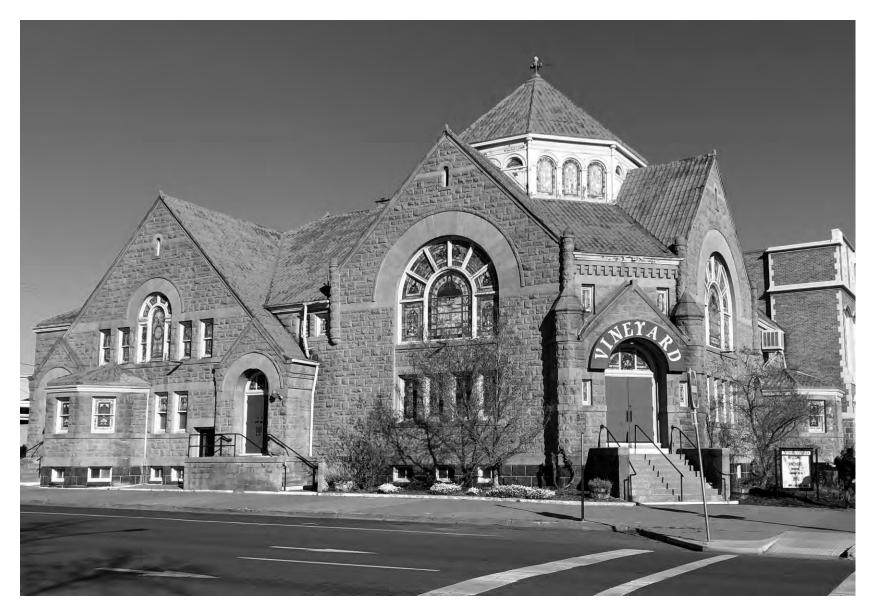
Jo N Miles 2008

Native American presence was common in and around Yakima in 1908. Residents often shared their association with this unique heritage on postcards mailed to friends and relations all over the country.



Yakima Valley Museum - Postcards - 2021-047-001 - Native Americans

The church building has maintained its magnificent appearance for more than a century at 221 E Martin Luther King Blvd.



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The Church of Christ building was built in 1908. It still stands as Vineyard church at 221 E Martin Luther King Blvd in 2022.



Another well preserved church building enhances downtown Yakima at the corner of N 6th St and E Yakima Avenue.



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First Baptist Church building was built in 1908.



Yakima Valley Museum - 2001-800-792, Photographs - Churches - Jack R. Whitnall

The original sign from old North Yakima High School can still be seen at the site of A.C. Davis High school in 2022.



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North Yakima High School was built in 1908 at S 6th Ave. and W Pine St. - the same location as A.C. Davis High School in 2022.



Yakima Valley Museum - Postcards - Schools - 2008-131-477 - Ron Ott Collection

The view of the back of The Capitol Theatre in 2022 where Yakima's first YMCA building stood in 1908.



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Yakima's first YMCA building was built in 1908 on the west side of S 4th Street.



Yakima Valley Museum - Postcards - Organizations - 2008-131-3251 - Ron Ott Collection

The renovated Hotel Tieton building is pictured in 2022 at the corner of S. First Street and East Chestnut.



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Hotel Tieton was built in 1909 at the SE corner of S First Street and E Chestnut, where it remains in 2022.

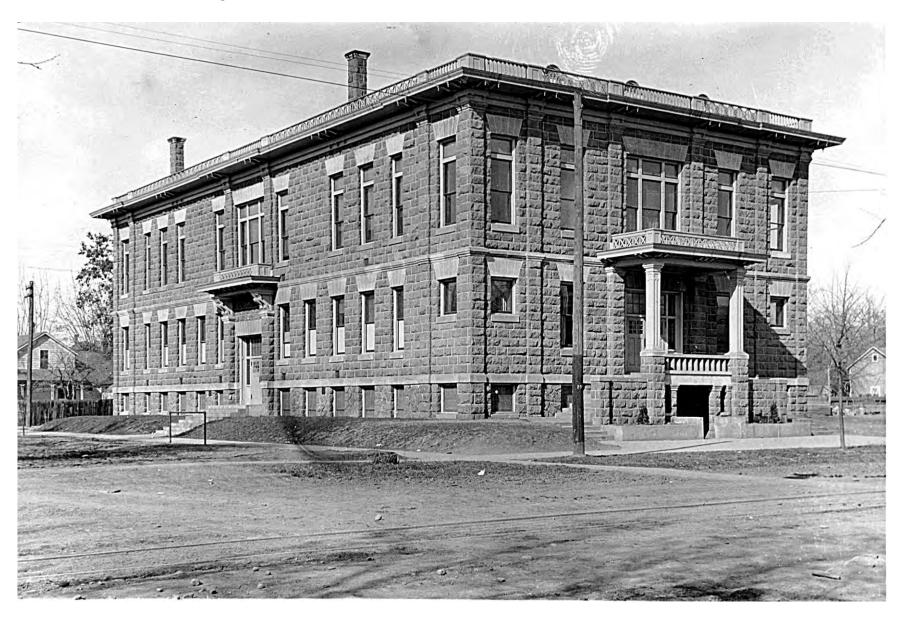


Yakima Valley Museum - Photographs - Commercial Facilities - Hotels

The original Marquette School still stands surrounded by modern paved streets, stop signs, street lights and shade trees.



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Yakima Valley Museum, 2002-801-708 - Photographs - Schools - Parochial - by Frank P. Lanterman

The original Hotel Sydney building still stands on the SE corner of N. Front St. and SSgt Pendleton Way (formerly A St.)



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Hotel Sydney was built in 1909 at the SE coroner of N Front St and A St. Retail businesses, the hotel lobby, bar and cafe were all on the ground floor. The top two floors held 60 guest rooms.



Yakima Valley Museum - 2008-131-606 - Postcards - Hotels - Ron Ott Collection

A parking lot and office buildings occupy the lot where St. Joseph's Academy once stood at N 4th St between C and D.



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St. Joseph's Academy was constructed in 1888, then remodeled and expanded in 1909 at N 4th St between C St and D St. The school was closed in 1969. It was later demolished and replaced by the modern office buildings that exist there in 2022.



Yakima Valley Museum - 2002-801-709 - Photographs - Schools - Parochial - by Frank P. Lanterman

The Elks Temple once stood at 114 N 2nd St where a Yakima County employee parking lot exists in 2022.



Jo N Miles 2022

Elks Temple was built in 1909 at 114 N 2nd St where a county parking lot exists in 2022.



Yakima Valley Museum - Postcards - Organizations - 2008-131-573 - Ron Ott Collection

$Yakima's\ remaining\ depot\ building\ still\ stands\ where\ it\ was\ constructed\ in\ 1910.$



Jo N Miles 2022

The Northern Pacific's North Yakima train depot was built in 1910 at 32 N Front St.



Yakima Valley Museum - 2002-802-165 - Photographs - Transportation - Railroads - by Frank P. Lanterman

The original Commercial Hotel and the Wilson building still anchor the SE corner of E. Yakima Ave and S 3rd St in 2022.



Jo N Miles 2022

In 1902 the Wilson Building in was built on the corner of the 300 block of E Yakima Ave. The Commercial Hotel was built in 1910. Both buildings remain in 2022.



Yakima Valley Museum - 2008-131-3217 -Postcards - Hotels - Ron Ott Collection

The Savoy Hotel was built in 1910, and still stands at 322 W Yakima Ave in 2022.



Contemporary photo 2020 - anon

The Savoy Hotel lobby was a popular place to get dressed up and socialize in 1921.



Yakima Valley Museum 2002 803 672

The Belinda Mulrooney Carbonneau Castle was built in 1910 at 620 S 48th Ave. where it remains in 2022.



Contemporary photo 2021 - anon

Belinda Mulrooney Carbonneau (1875 - 1967) made a fortune during the Klondike gold rush operating a hotel in Dawson City and several mining claims. She moved to Yakima and built a substantial house where she was living with her parents in 1920.



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Yakima Valley Museum 2004 800 198

Yakima Valley Museum 2003 800 022

The Masonic Temple has been remodeled into a modern hotel facility at the center of downtown Yakima.



Jo N Miles 2022

The Masonic Temple was under construction in 1911 at 321 E Yakima Ave. It housed business offices and retail on the lower floors with a ceremonial Freemasons hall on the top floor.



Yakima Valley Museum - Postcards - Organizations - Masonic

The Coffin-Rundstrom Furniture building, built in 1911, now houses a mini mall, bakery and record shop.



Jo N Miles 2022

The Coffin-Rundstrom Furniture building was under construction in 1911 at 6 N 3rd St.



Yakima Valley Museum - Photo Album #52

In 2022 a parking lot occupies the site of the Hotel Grand (later Hotel Donnelly) on S 2nd Street.



Jo N Miles 2022

Hotel Grand (Donnelly) was built in 1911 at 17 S 2nd St, adjacent to the Cadwell Building (right), which was built in the 1890's. The hotel was destroyed by fire in 1975.



Yakima Valley Museum - 1996-154-002 - Photographs - Commercial Facilities - Hotel

A one-story bank building replaced the once stately Miller Building.



Jo N Miles 2022

The Miller Building was built in 1906 at the NE corner of E Yakima Ave and N 2nd St. In 1911 it was expanded and extended to six stories. It was demolished in 1986 and became the site of Wheatland Bank.



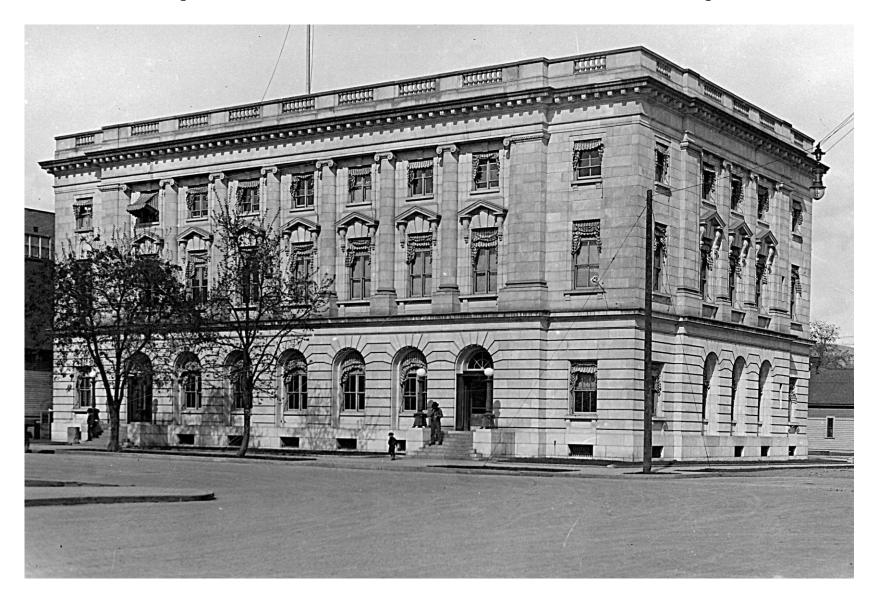
Yakima Valley Museum - Postcards - Commercial Facilities - Office Buildings

An expanded federal building retains its original grandeur at the same location on S 3rd St and E Chestnut. An addition was added on the east side of the building (note its absence from the photo below.)



Jo N Miles 2022

 $The \ Federal \ Building \ - \ Post \ Office \ - \ Courthouse \ was \ built \ in \ 1911 \ at \ 25 \ S \ 3rd \ St \ where \ the \ building \ remains \ in \ 2022.$



Yakima Valley Museum - 2001-801-063 - photograph by Frank P. Lanterman

In 2022 a picnic shelter on the Yakima Greenway stands in the approximate vicinity where Sumach Park was located from 1908 to 1913.



Jo N Miles 2022

Sumach Park was privately owned by by banker William Steinweg, but it was open to the public. This Tea House at Sumach Park was photographed in 1911.



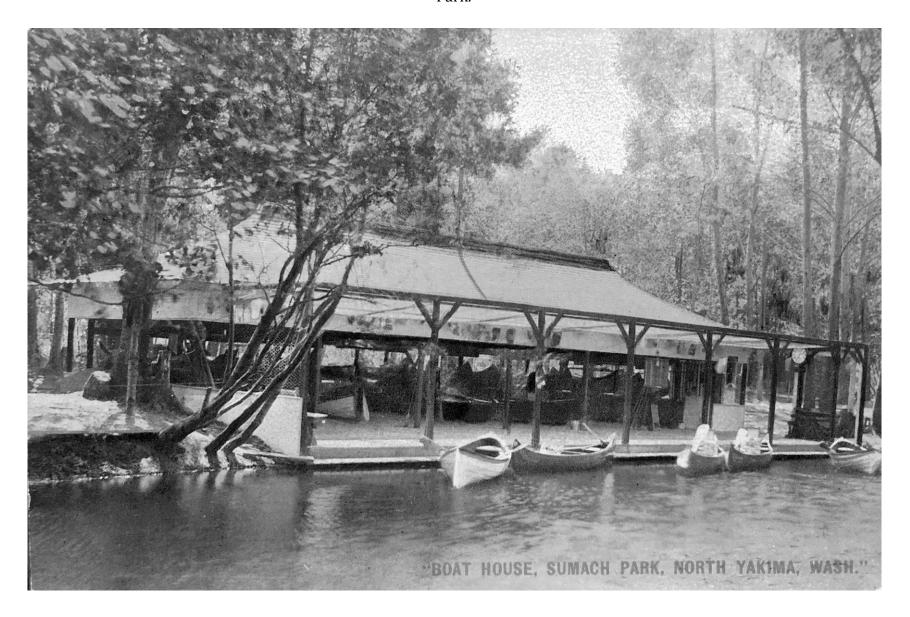
Yakima Valley Museum - 2008-131-2765 - Postcards - Parks - Ron Ott Collection

Reflection Lake at Sarg Hubbard Park on the Yakima Greenway is a reminder of the old Sumach lagoon from more than a century ago.



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The Boat House, pictured at Sumach Park in 1911, hugged a lagoon on the Yakima River, near present day Sarg Hubbard Park.



Yakima Valley Museum - 2008-131-2770 - Postcards - Parks - Ron Ott Collection

More than 100 years ago the Blossom Festival parade of 1912 was photographed on this block of E Yakima Ave.



Jo N Miles 2022

Pioneer Block and The Emporium at E Yakima Ave and N 2nd St hosted parades and celebrations during the early 1900s. The Emporium building still remains. The Pioneer Block building on the end was replaced by the Yakima Trust building in 1920s.



Yakima Valley Museum - Postcards - Events - Blossom Festival 1912

In 2022 the Olive Garden restaurant stands where the three-story Lewis-Engle building was located.



Jo N Miles 2022

Early parades passed by E Yakima Ave and the Lewis-Engle Bldg., known for decades as the Jade Tree Restaurant. The building was demolished and eventually became the site of Cowiche Canyon Kitchen located there in 2022.



Yakima Valley Museum - Postcards - Events - Blossom Festival 1912

The remodeled fire station originally opened in 1912. It remains as a private business at the corner of S 3rd St and E Walnut.



Jo N Miles 2022

The North Yakima Fire Department headquarters opened in 1912 at 129 S 3rd St. In 2022 it still exists, occupied by small businesses.



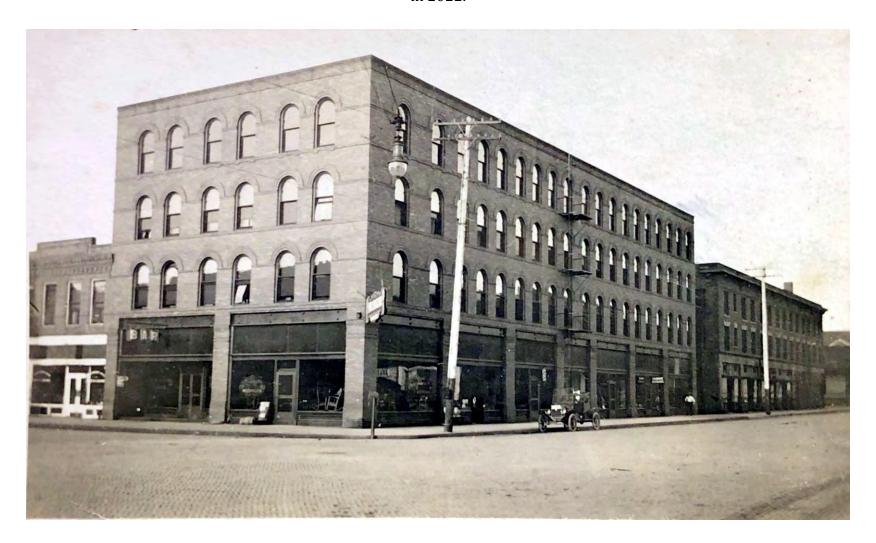
Yakima Valley Museum 2001 800 978 - Photographs - Fire Department - by Frank P. Lanterman

What once was the Michigan Hotel and Barrel House in 1913 exist under different names in 2022.



Jo N Miles 2020

The Michigan Hotel and adjacent Barrel House buildings were constructed in 1913 and still stand at 20 - 26 N First St in 2022.



Yakima Valley Museum -2008-131-593-Postcards-Hotels- Ron Ott Collection

In 2003 St. Elizabeth hospital was sold and renamed Yakima Regional Medicine and Cardiac Care Center. In 2022 a modern hospital building stands empty where St. Elizabeth's had existed since 1913.



Jo N Miles 2022

In 1913 St. Elizabeth's Hospital was built at S 9th Ave and W Walnut St The original building was replaced by a newer hospital building on the same site in 1963.



Piping from the natatorium's artesian well still remains next to the car wash just east of A.C. Davis High School.



Jo N Miles 2022

The Natatorium was a swimming pool built in 1913 at 201 S 6th Ave. Owner John Clemmer used a nearby artesian well to fill the pool and for his water delivery business.



Yakima Valley Museum -2002-850-191-Photographs-Commercial Facilities-Natatorium

The City of Yakima's Lions Indoor Pool is located a block south of the original Natatorium site.



Jo N Miles 2019

The Natatorium's indoor swimming pool tank was filled with natural artesian water at 90 degrees, and emptied at the end of every day. It operated until the 1930s when Lions Pool outdoor facility was built for public use just a few yards away.



A modern Yakima Police Department complex stands where the National Guard Armory was built in 1914.



Jo N Miles 2022

The National Guard Armory was built in 1914 on S 3rd St between E Walnut and E Pine where the Yakima Police Department and city jail exist in 2022.



Yakima Valley Museum-2008-131-4120-Postcards-Military-Ron Ott Collection

None of the old buildings from 1899 remain in this 2022 street scene at the intersection of S 2nd St and E Chestnut.

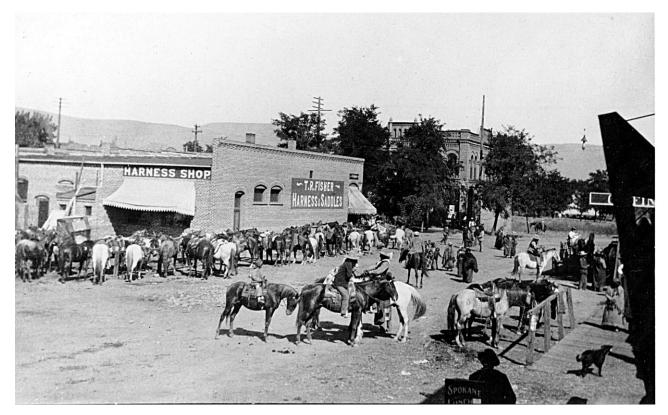


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As the Gilded Age came to a close in 1914, a new age began to emerge in 1915. The new age was characterized by prohibition laws, more automobiles, World War I, Spanish Influenza, and the Roaring '20s. Blacksmith shops, livery stables, and barns at schoolyards for children's horses have disappeared. However, the elegant buildings that remain more than 100 years later serve as reminders that quality of life was enjoyed long before there were airports and Internet.

Because planning for the future requires understanding the past, Yakima Valley Libraries and Yakima Valley Museum have preserved these historical images and made them available to the public at Yakima Memory (https://archives.yvl.org).

Visitors are always welcome!



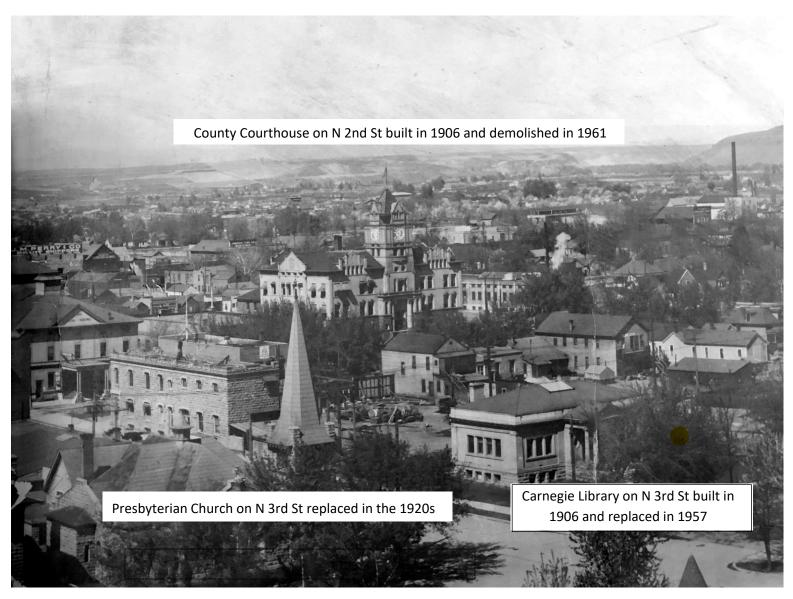
East Chestnut Street facing east toward S 2nd Street (Cadwell Building in the background) ca 1899

Not many old buildings remain within this section of town except the 1910 depot seen in the distance.



Jo N Miles 2022

View of North Yakima, Washington 1910



Yakima Valley Museum - Oversize Photos