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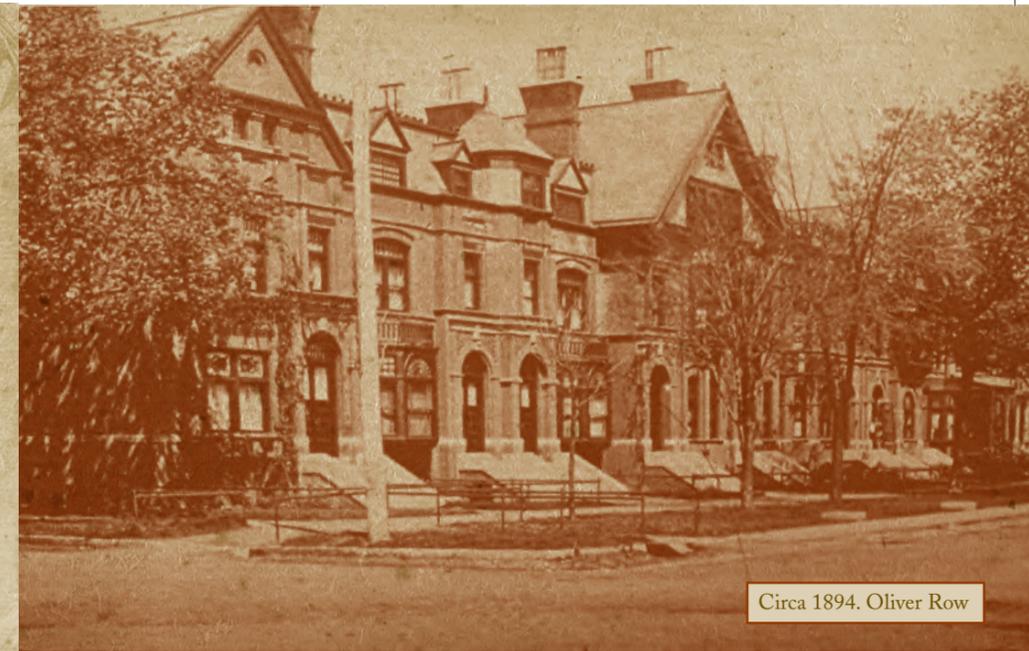
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Walking Tour
A Downtown South Bend Architecture

Then & Now

100 SERIES TOUR



Circa 1894. Oliver Row

A walk along West Washington

A self-guided tour of historic West Washington Street, a National Register District. This easy to walk tour showcases exemplary and eclectic blends of architectural styles and structures dating from the late 19th to the mid 20th century. Go to: DowntownSouthBend.com/livingdowntown.php to download the brochure and mp3 podcast file.

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See for yourself stunning examples of a wide variety of architectural styles from Neo-classical to the modern glass-clad designs made famous by Philip Johnson. Learn about the adaptive re-uses of many buildings, and relive the memories of those lost to Urban Renewal. This is a lesson in history that you'll enjoy and will never forget.

Now... let's start the tour.

Explore and unlock the mysteries and stories hidden in the historic buildings of downtown South Bend. Learn about the visionaries, architects and builders who helped bring these treasures to life. Rediscover the past by visiting buildings dating from pre-civil war days to 1976; our nation's bicentennial.



Circa 1935. Washington St. looking West

107 I & M Building*

Then: 220 W. Colfax Ave.; designed 1929 by Austin and Shambleau; Art Deco

Now: Only Art Deco style structure downtown; privately owned office building



108 Brown & Berteling Buildings*

Then: 224 and 228 W. Colfax Ave. exemplifies once dense urban commercial downtown; reflects Chicago School of Architecture

Now: Well maintained with few alterations to the original character



109 J.M.S. Building*

Then: 108 N. Main St.; designed 1910 by Solon S. Beman; Classical Revival style of Columbian Exposition School for John Mohler Studebaker

Now: Privately owned and leased to restaurants/retail on first floor; variety of businesses throughout



106 Former Oliver family downtown architecture

Then: Located along Main St.; Oliver Hotel, Oliver Opera House, City Hall donated by Oliver family have been demolished; Late Victorian Row Houses, Oliver Row, converted to commercial use by 1920s

Now: On Oliver Hotel site sits 25-story Chase Building; Opera House is vacant lot and part of parking structure; City Hall is access to loading docks of Morris; Oliver Row is Main Street Row



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110 Third St. Joseph County Courthouse*

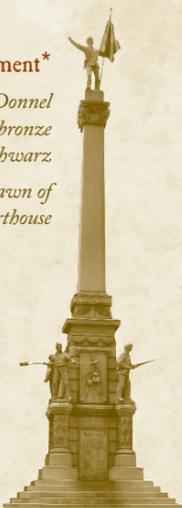
Then: 101 S. Main St.; built 1897; designed by Shepley, Rutan and Coolidge; Classical Revival style with Beaux Arts detailing

Now: Renovations preserved architectural features including interior balcony and murals depicting local history

111 The Soldier and Sailor Monument*

Then: Built 1903; designed by McDonnell and Sons from New York with bronze figures by Rudolf Schwarz

Now: Relocated 1967 to North lawn of Third St. Joseph County Courthouse



112 Tower Building*

Then: 216 W. Washington St.; designed 1929 by Austin & Shambleau; neo-gothic style; first to reach South Bend building code height limit

Now: Privately owned



113 Second St. Joseph County Courthouse*

Then: 112 S. Lafayette; built 1855; designed by John Mills Van Osdel; Greek Revival style; moved to current location 1896

Now: Oldest remaining building in downtown



"A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots."
- Marcus Garvey

104 Second St. Joseph Hotel*

Then: 117-119 W. Colfax Ave.; Federal style building constructed 1868; former home of Second St. Joseph Hotel, South Bend Bait Company

Now: Oldest existing commercial structure in downtown; privately owned



105 John G. Kerr & Company Building*

Then: 121 W. Colfax Ave.; 1891 commercial Italianate; one of earliest three structures in South Bend

Now: Only remaining three story commercial Italianate in South Bend

103 Morris Performing Arts Center & Palais Royale*

Then: 211 and 201 N. Michigan St.; built 1921; Spanish Renaissance Revival style by J.S. Aroner of Chicago

Now: Full restoration of the theatre 1999 and ballroom 2002; owned/operated by City of South Bend

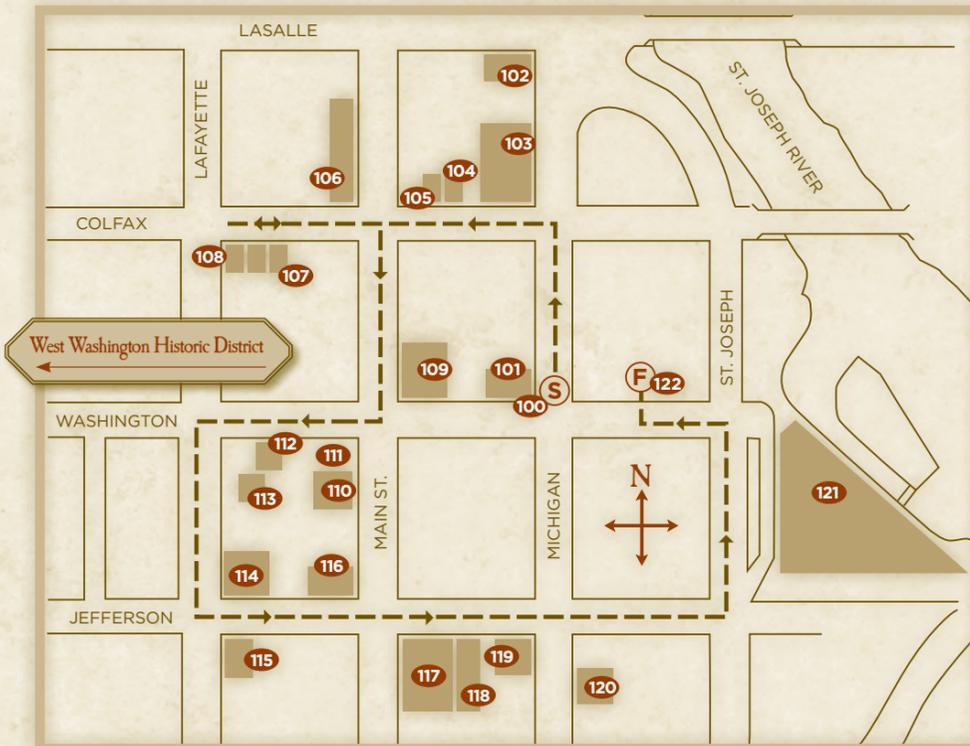


102 LaSalle Hotel*

Then: 237 N. Michigan St.; built 1921; Renaissance Revival/Chicago School blend by Nicol, Schuler and Hoffman; located at hub of bustling transportation intersection

Now: Retains most original interior/exterior detailing

* Denotes listing in National Register of Historic Places



START (S)

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100 American Trust Company Clock

Then: Installed February 1913 by E. Howard & Co.; restored 1987 moved inside the 1st Source Bank Atrium

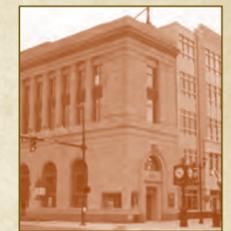
Now: Smaller scale replica



101 American Trust Bank*

Then: 111 W. Washington St.; site of Lathrop Taylor's trading post est. 1829; Bank built 1924; Classical Revival Style designed by Virthum & Burns; site is intersection of three history byways - the Lincoln Highway 1913 route, the Michigan Road, and Dixie Highway

Now: Renovated 2009; privately owned adaptive reuse spaces; Lincoln Highway historic plaque on building



FINISH (F)

122 Original American Trust Company Clock

Located inside the 1st Source Bank Atrium



121 Century Center

Then: 120 S. St. Joseph St.; built 1977; International style influences of Post Modernism by Philip Johnson and John Burgee

Now: Houses convention/theater space; South Bend Museum of Art

120 Blackstone Theatre*

Then: 212 S. Michigan St.; built 1919; Beaux-Arts style by Henry Newhouse; renamed State Theatre 1931

Now: City of South Bend maintains façade; privately owned and ready for restoration/renovation



119 Studebaker Blacksmith

Then: SW corner Jefferson and Michigan; constructed 1852; grew into Studebaker Block

Now: Citizens Bank Building Plaza



Studebaker National Museum Archives



114 County City Building Plaza

Then: 227 W. Jefferson; built 1968 during height of urban renewal; International style by Maurer, Mathews and Toth

Now: Still serves as County City Building



115 Knights of Pythias*

Then: 224 W. Jefferson; built 1922; Chicago style by W.W. Schneider and N. Roy Shambleau

Now: Privately owned office building



116 Farmers Security Bank*

Then: 133 S. Main St.; built 1915; designed by Perkins, Fellows & Hamilton; Chicago School style with dark brick and terra cotta trim suggesting Art Deco style not popular until ten years later

Now: Elevators manned by last elevator operators in downtown; privately owned office building



117 Federal Building*

Then: 204 S. Main St.; built 1932; Neo-Classical style; designed by Austin & Shambleau; originally served as Post Office

Now: Federal Court Rooms; offices



118 Citizens Bank Building*

Then: 112 W. Jefferson; built 1913; designed by Freyermuth & Maurer; Chicago School style and 1893 Chicago Exposition

Now: Privately owned; bank/professional offices