

Uptown Greenwood

A History in Photos





Uptown Greenwood, pre-1912

DOWNTOWN GREENWOOD AROUND 1908

A post office was first established at Greenwood in 1897. The town was chartered in 1901 and Greenwood County was formed in 1907. By 1908 Greenwood had become a thriving railroad center with a population of slightly over 7500. More than 30 store buildings surrounded the public square which remained unimproved until around 1911. The town's 4 large stables thrived despite growing competition from 2 new automobile garages. The town had electric light, telephone, two newspapers, three banks and shoe heels. By 1908 there were 5 cotton mills and 18 passenger trains daily.

To commemorate the approaching Bicentennial, this representation of the town center was made from old maps, photographs, plots, courthouse records, personal recollections, the 1908 City Directory, and promotional pamphlets published in 1910 and 1912 by the Merchants Association and the Index Publishing Co. Illustrations have been selected from photographs and the 1908 Sears, Roebuck catalogue.

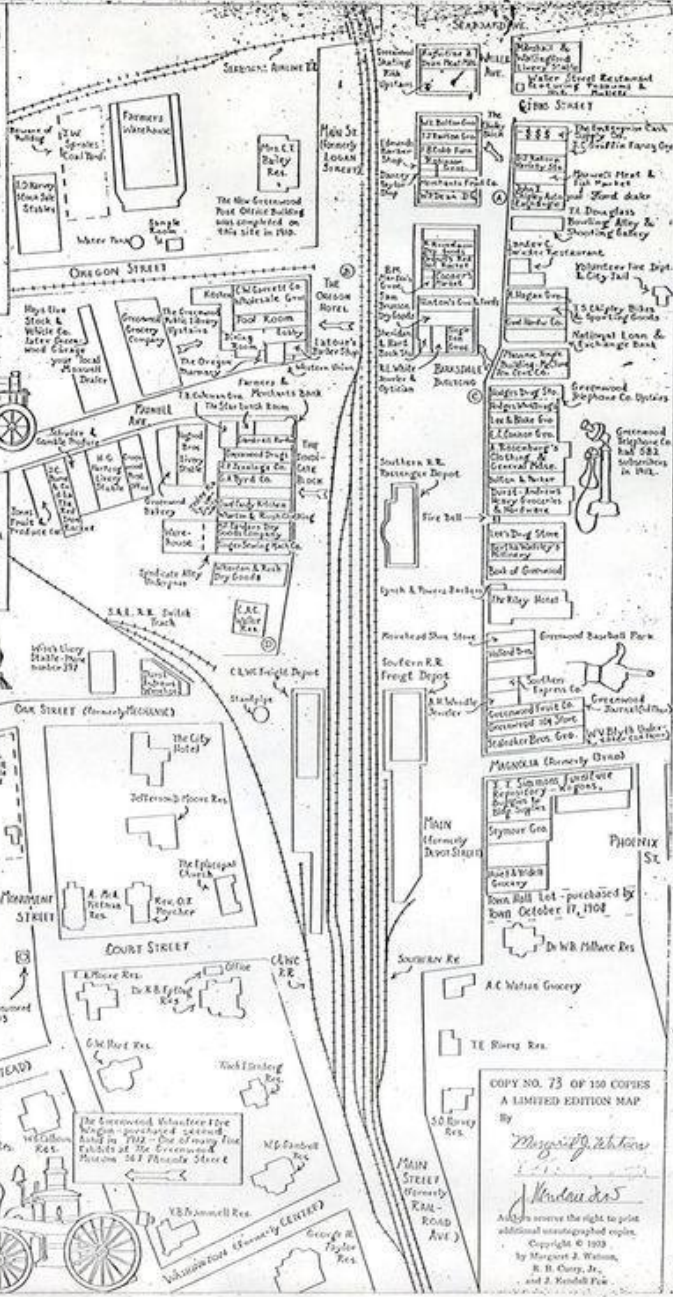
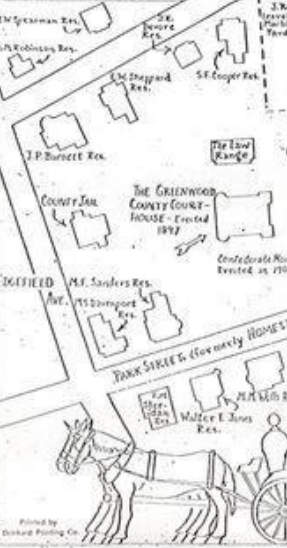


- John I. Chisley is reported to have been the largest automobile garage in the state.
- The original Oregon Hotel, opened in 1898, was destroyed by fire March 1, 1911.
- A replica of the soda fountain from the Hudson Drug Store is on display at The Museum, 311 Main St.
- The Green & Park Street Building (now the Hotel Building) was completed in its original form 13 stories between 1905 and 1912.

GREENWOOD GROWS GREATER
This motto appeared in a special issue of the Greenwood Index in 1911.



Locomotive No. 19 (Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia, 1904) now on display at The Railroad Historical Center, 408 South Main Street.



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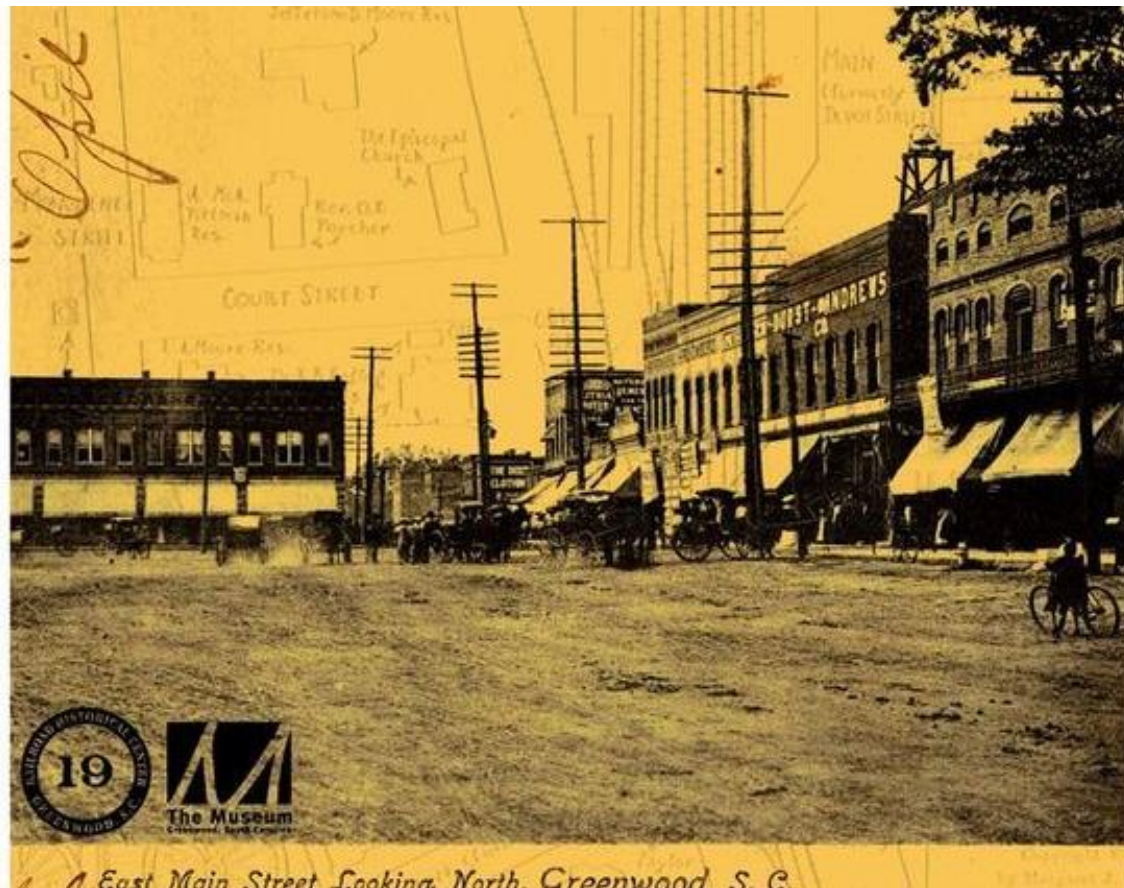
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In the background, from left to right, are the Syndicate Block (now Thayer's), the original Oregon Hotel, the Southern Depot and the Barksdale Building.



East Main Street, Early 1900's



Barksdale Building, early 1900's

Square, Greenwood, S. C.





East Main Street, circa 1930



Uptown 1930's



U.S. Post Office, 1941





West Main Street 1949



Uptown 1950's



Uptown Greenwood, 1953



Textile Building and West Main Street, 1966



1970's



Removing the Railroad Tracks in the 1980's



**Maxwell Avenue Restoration
2000-present**

120 Maxwell

Before and After



122 Maxwell

Before and After



130 Maxwell

Before and After



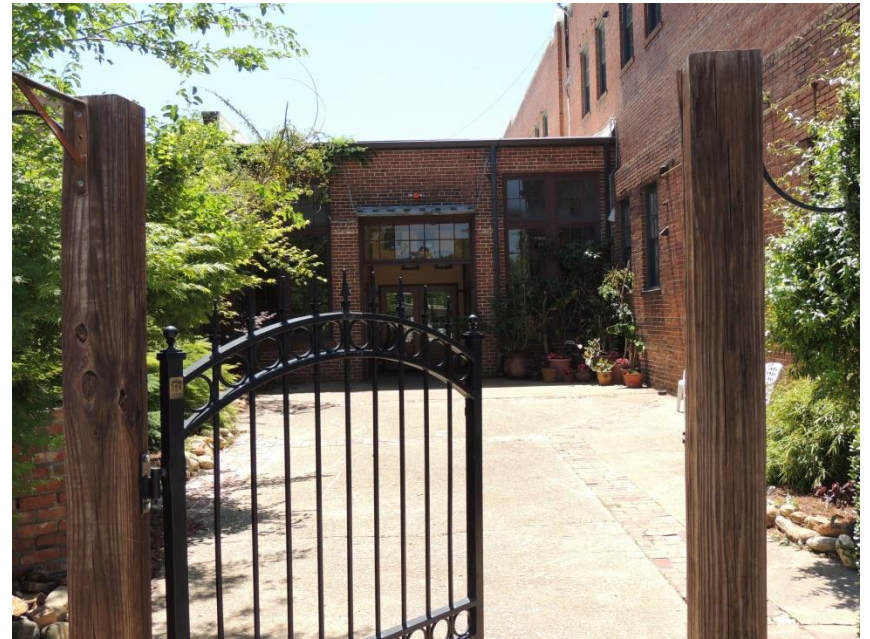
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Before and After



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Before and After



146 Maxwell

Before and After



148 Maxwell

Before and After



237 Maxwell

Before and After



302 Main Street Before and After

