



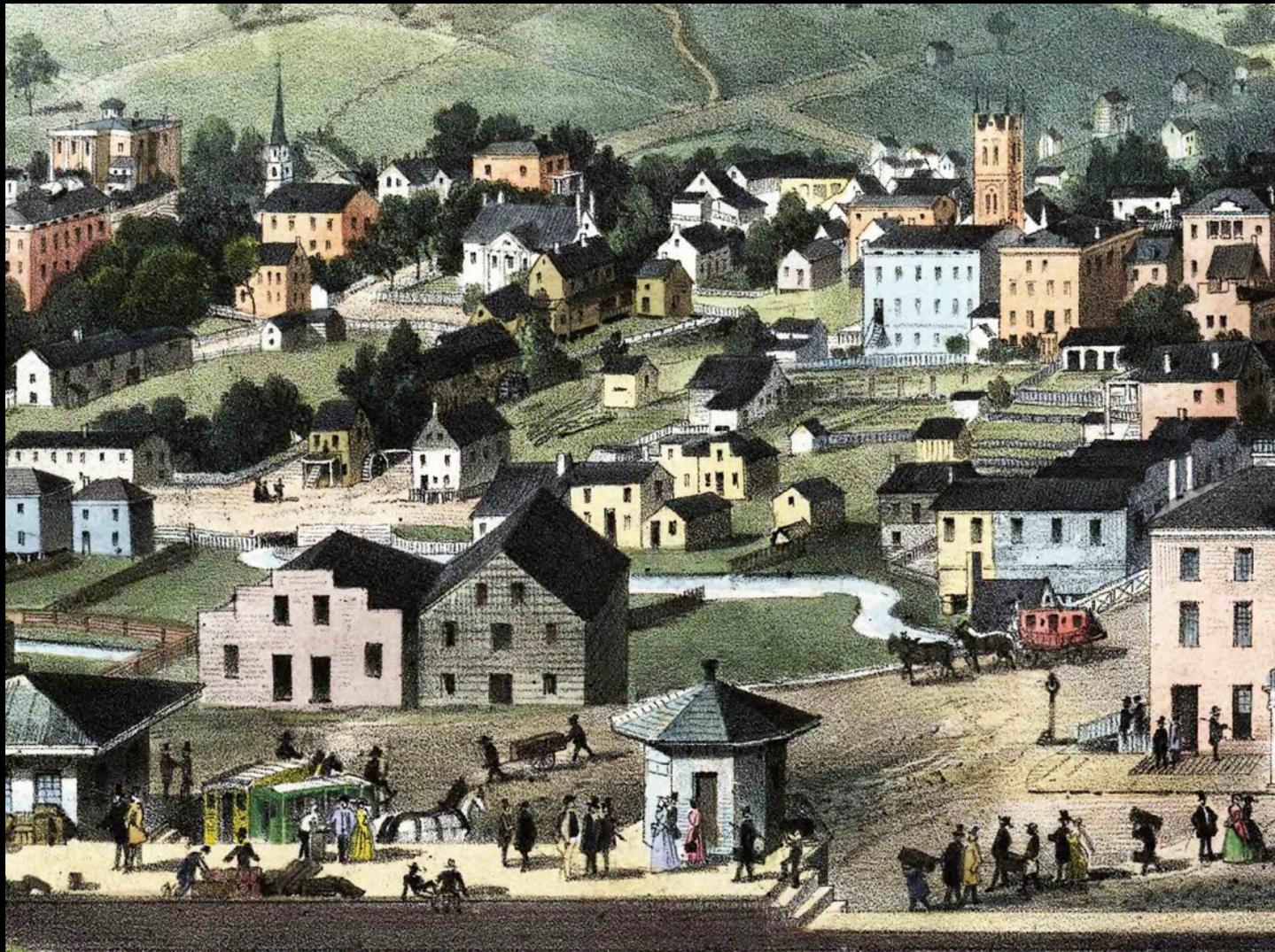
10 Things To Know About Design



2. The Fabric of Downtown: Your History

Your History

- What shaped your town?
- What is physically left in your downtown of your early history?
- What design projects have already been done to celebrate your history?



Reason for Being: Mill Settlement



Reason for Being: Courthouse Community

Reason for Being: Transportation Hub – Port, River, Railroad



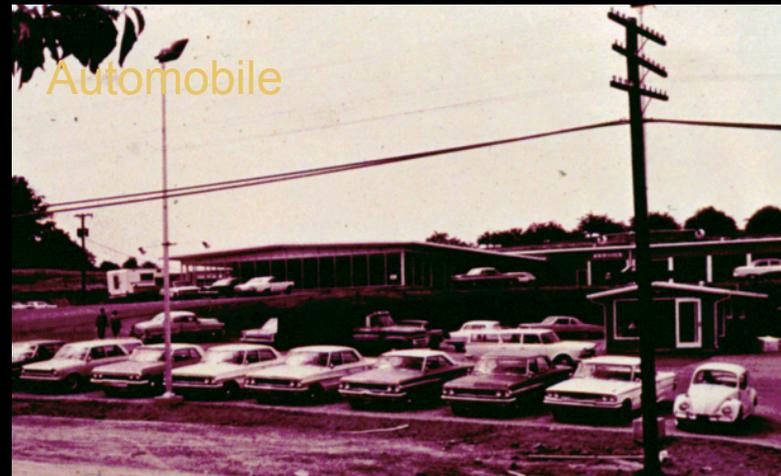
Water



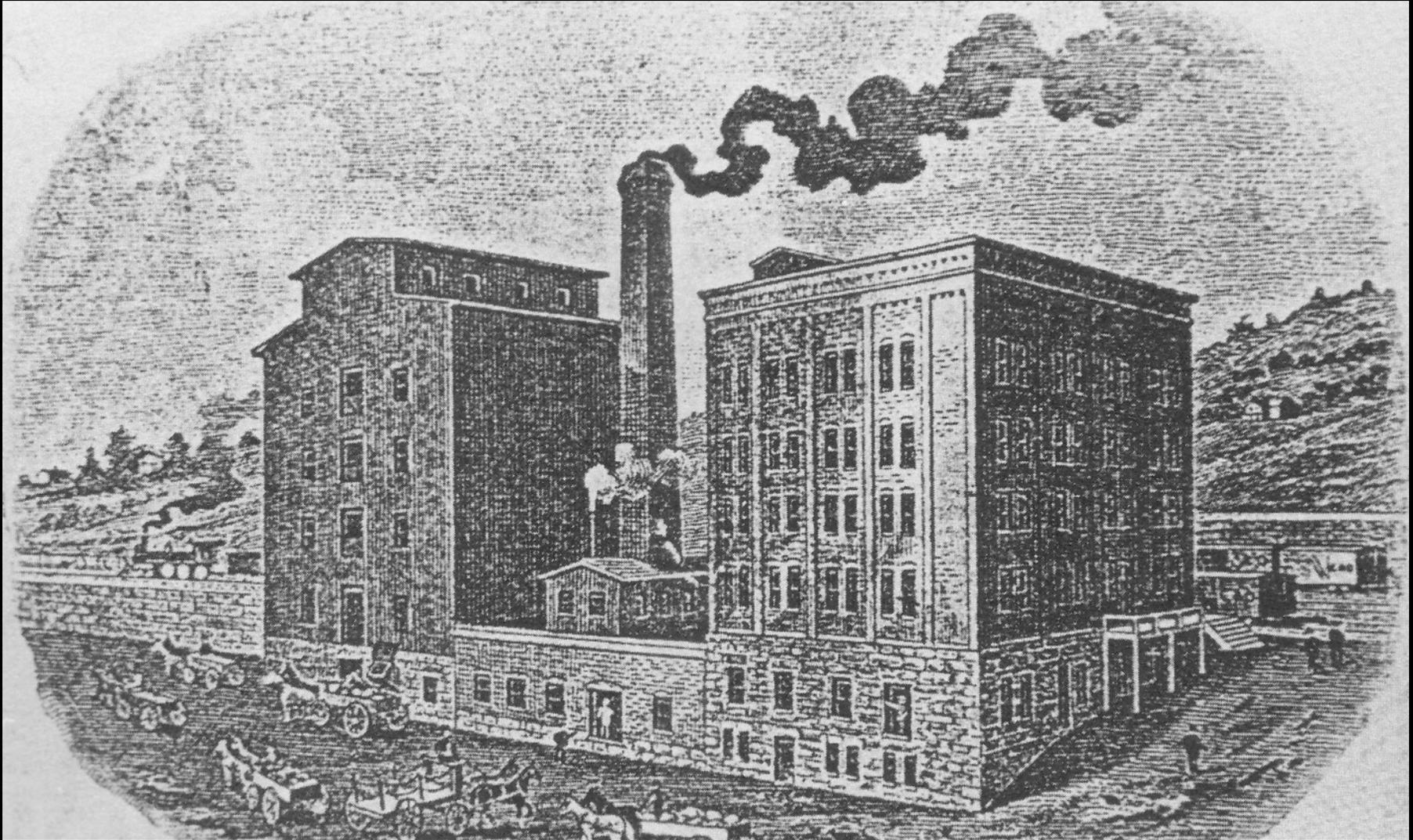
Roads



Railroads



Automobile



Reason for Being:
Industrial - Mining, Logging, Early Factory



Growth and Development:
Expanded Trade and Commerce



Growth and Development: Hotels

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Growth and Development:
Institution - Educational and Medical



Growth and Development: Entertainment Venues



Growth and Development: Related Shipping and Transportation



Resulting Attributes: Downtown is Heart of Community/Region



Resulting Attributes:
Reflects Evolution of Community vs. Built at One Time



Resulting Attributes: Architecturally Diverse



Resulting Attributes: Designed for the Pedestrian



Resulting Attributes: Human-Scaled not Auto-Scaled



Resulting Attributes: Mixed-Use and Multi-Story



Resulting Attributes:
Mixture of Public/Private/Institutional Ownership

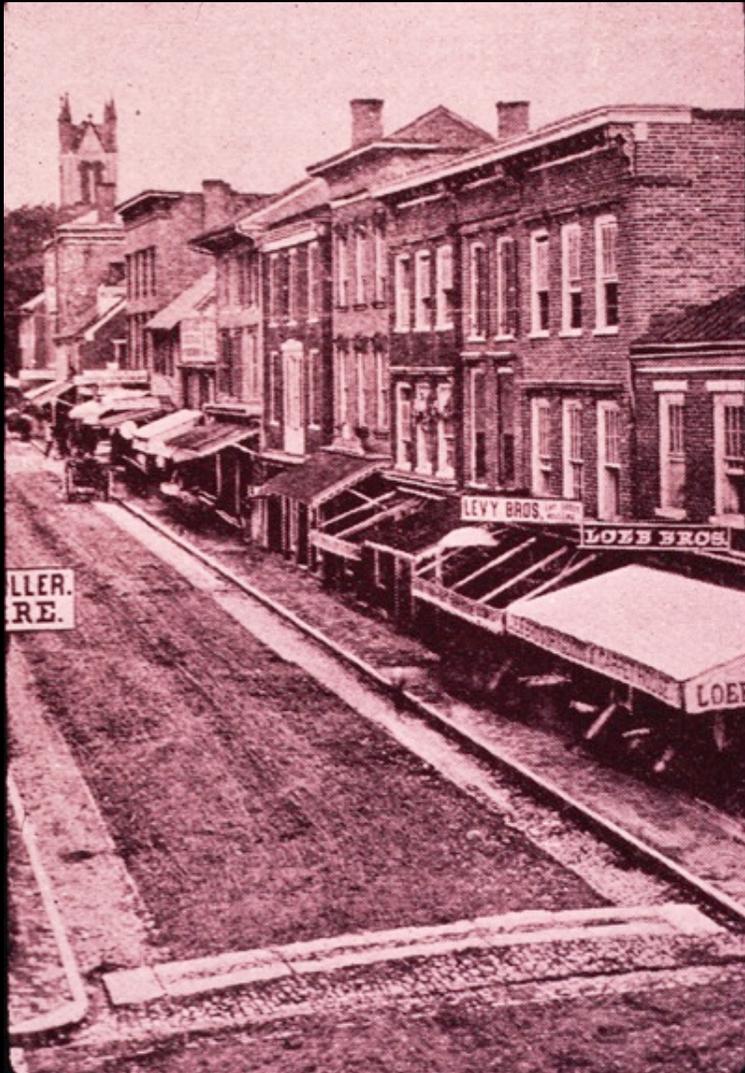


- Founding/ Development, Important Events
- Important Singular Events: New Developments, Natural Disasters
- Famous People
- Folk and Cultural Traditions: Craft, Music, Food

Using Community History to Tell Your Unique Story

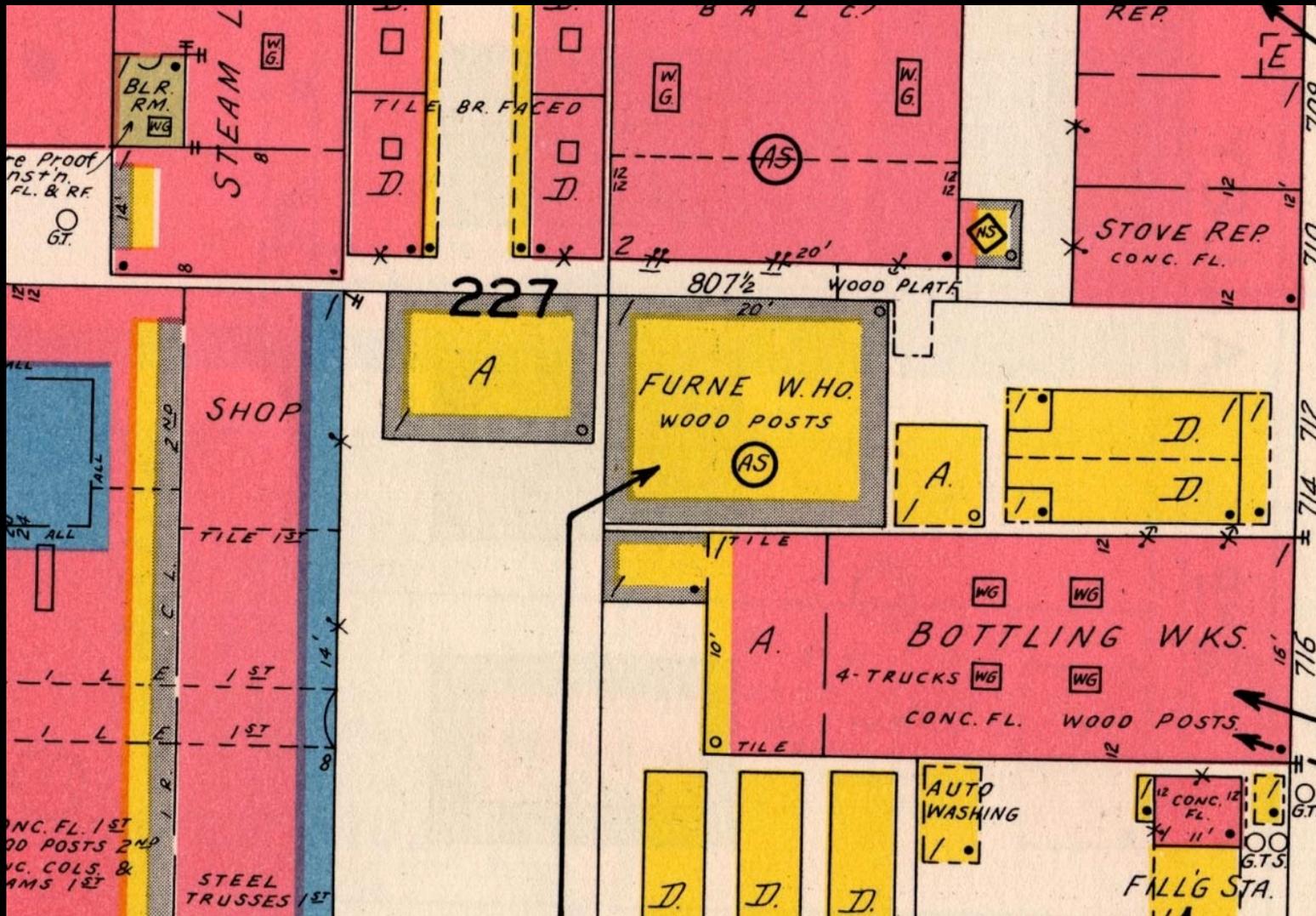


Resources



- Photo collections
- Newspaper Archives
- Oral Historians

Resources



Historic Maps – Sanborn Insurance Maps



- Library
- Historical Society
- DHR
- State Library
- Va Historical Society

National Register Nominations

Exercise

What shaped your town, why did it come into being?

What is physically left in your downtown from that early development that can be used in your downtown's reinvention? i.e. train station, river warehouses, etc.

What downtown projects have already been done that celebrate the history of your town that you might be able to build upon?