

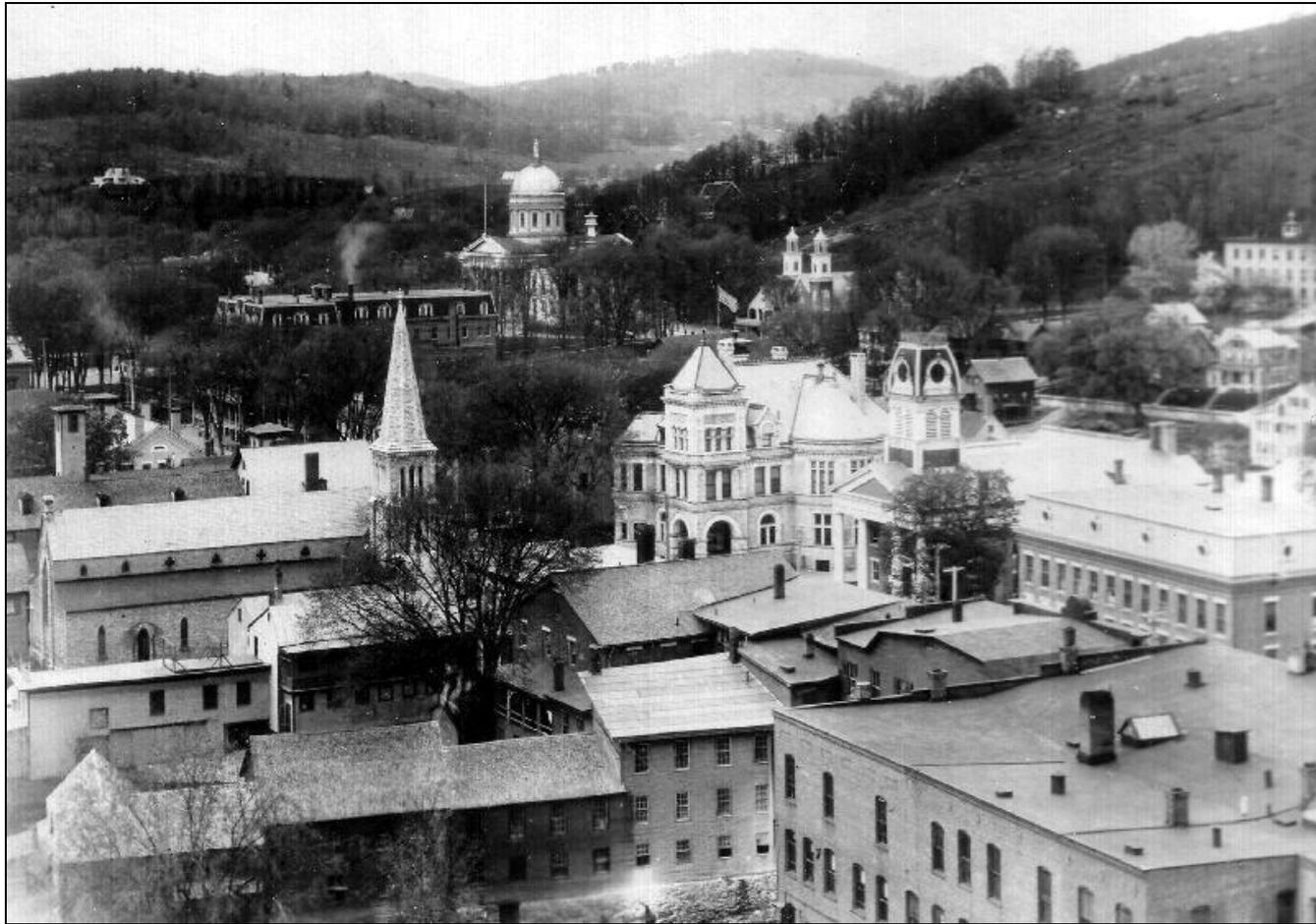
Montpelier Historic District: 1978-2009



Objectives of the Update Project

- Evaluate overall historic character of district.
- Update numbers of historic properties – reflecting demolition, new construction, etc., properties missed earlier
- Update building descriptions to reflect changes and corrections
- Update map to new digital, GIS format
- Take new photographs of **all** buildings and create complete set of archival prints
- Update National Register forms
- Rewrite and expand statement of significance – the history section.

Largest National Register Historic District in Vermont: 563 Properties



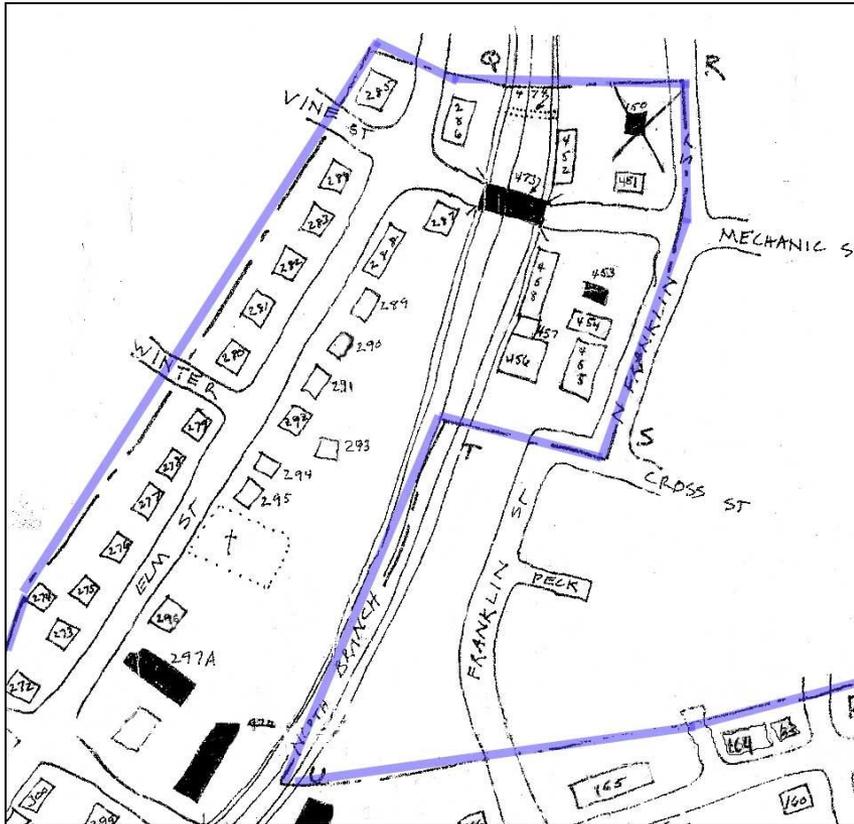
The Basics



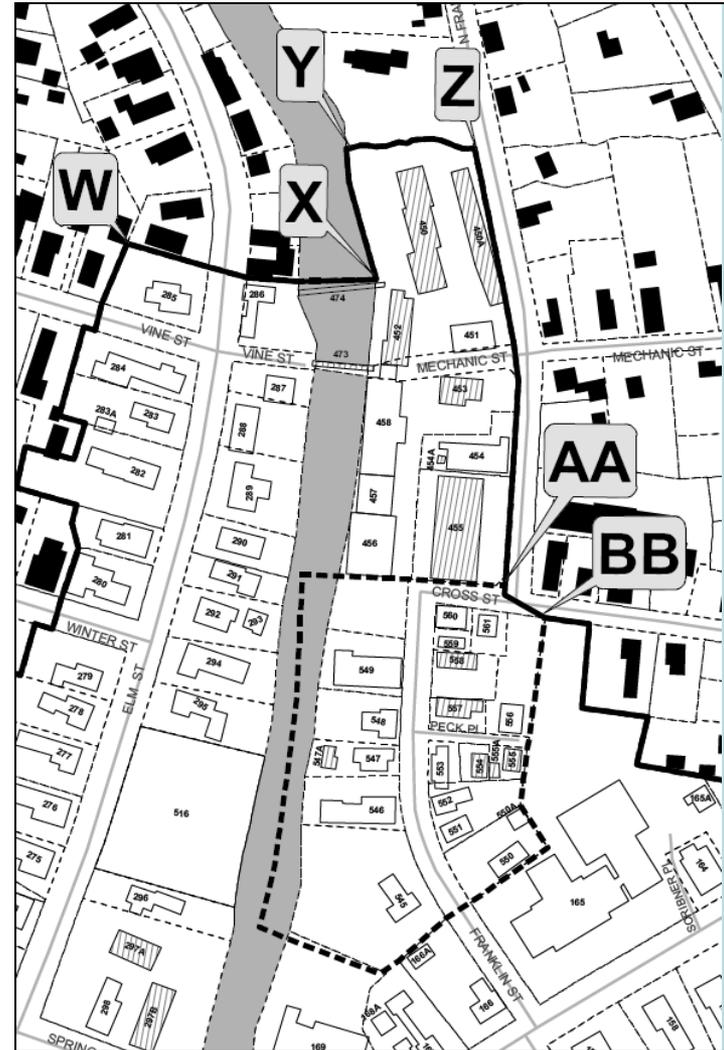
- **1978:** Montpelier Historic District listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978 after 6 years of work
- **1989:** East State Street Amendment added
- **2009:** District updated with new map, history, and photos after 4 years of work

MAP Upgrade:

1978



2009



THE NUMBERS

1978 - 1989 District

530 main properties

+18 accessory properties (i.e. garage)

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548 Total buildings/sites/structures

88% contributing (i.e. historic)

2009 Updated District

563 main properties

+ 90 accessory properties

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653 Total buildings/sites/structures

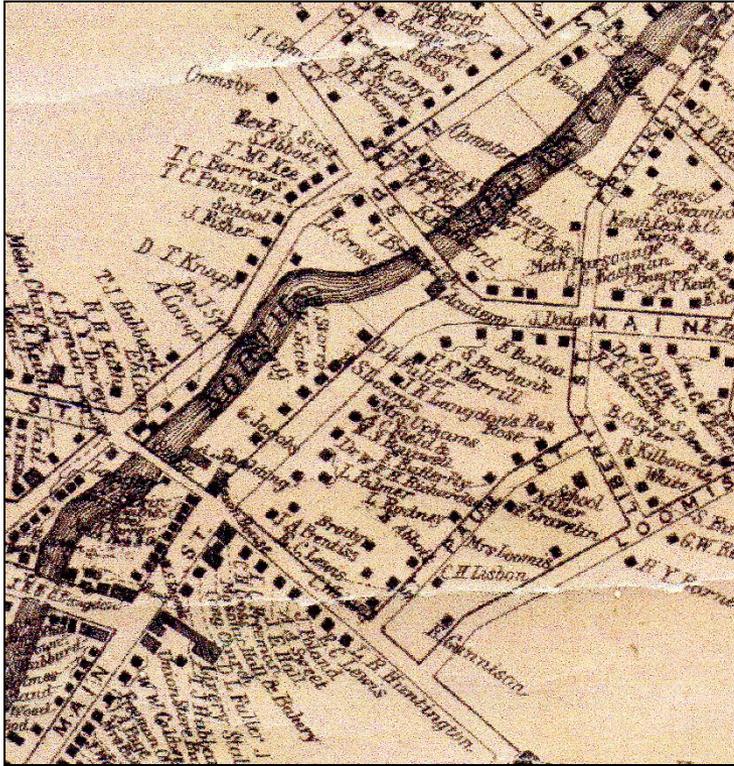
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Changes in 31 years

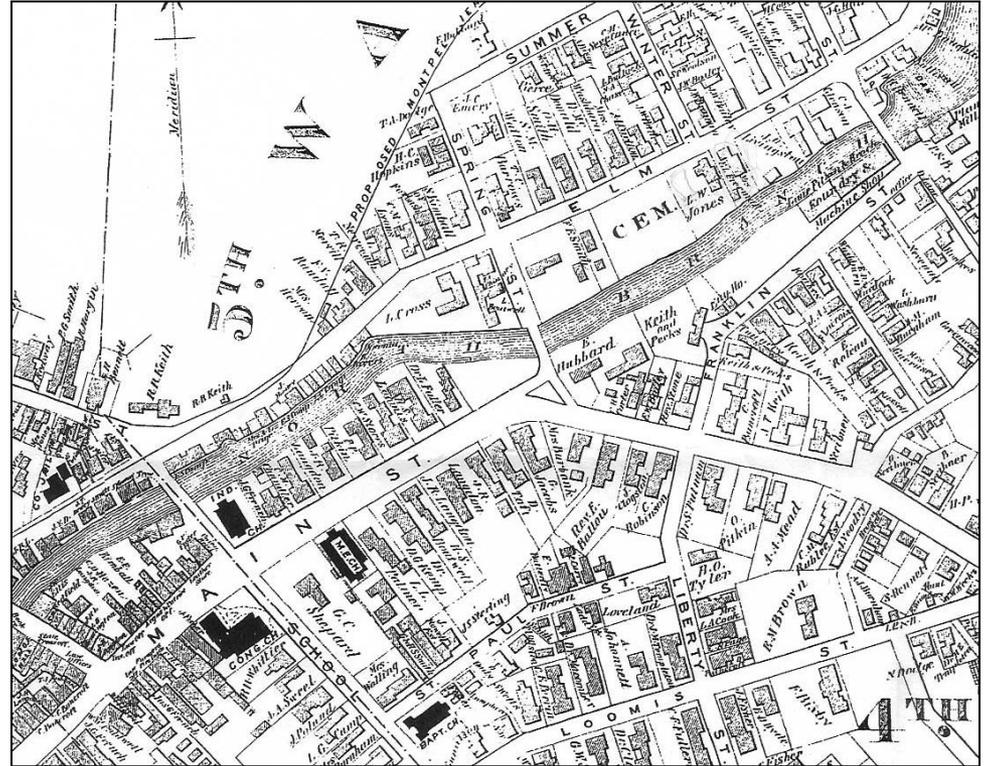
- **19 demolitions of historic buildings**
- **27 now over 50 years old & contributing**
- **13 new buildings**
- **36 new properties documented within updated GIS boundary**
- **85 accessory buildings newly documented throughout district**

Dating with old maps

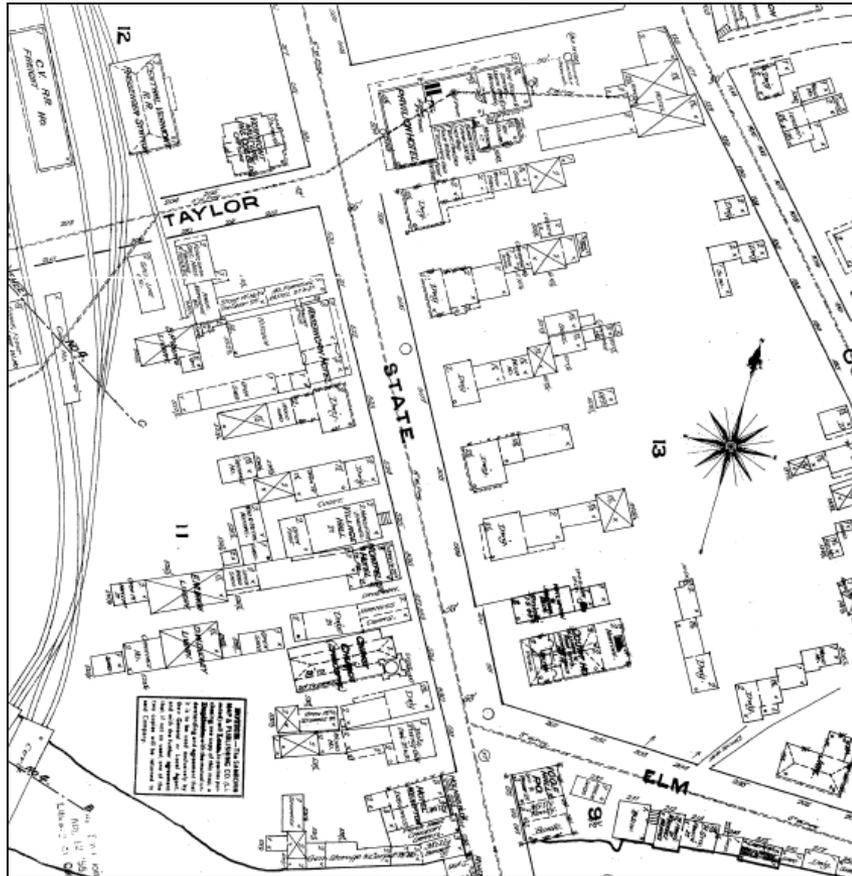
Walling 1858



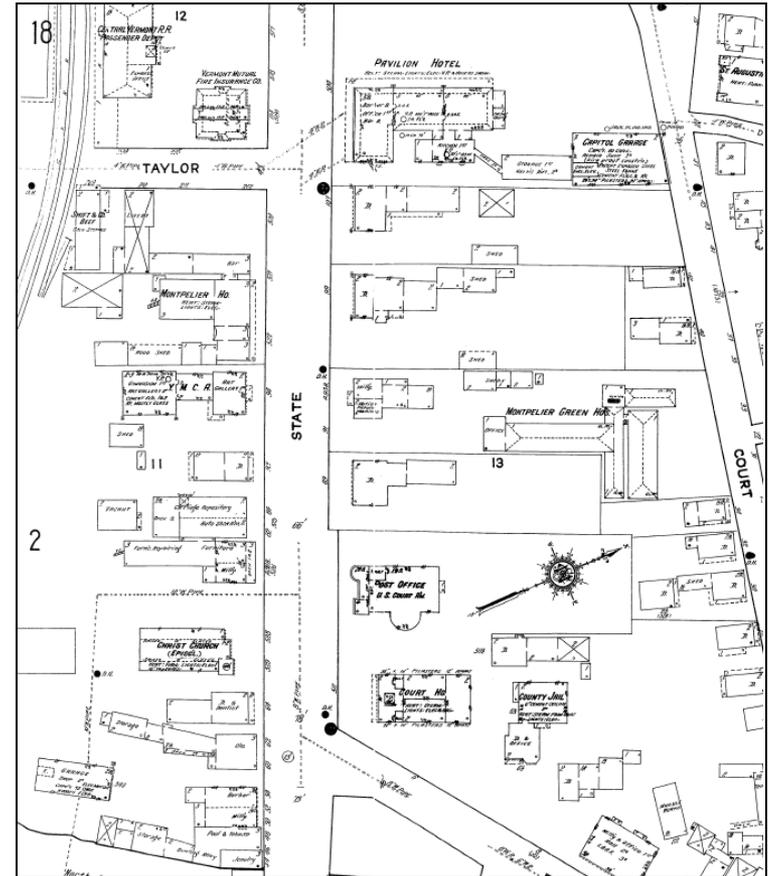
Beers 1873



Sanborn Fire Insurance maps: 1884 - 1945



1884



1915

Using historic photos



Historic District is well preserved & vibrant



Losses & New Faces

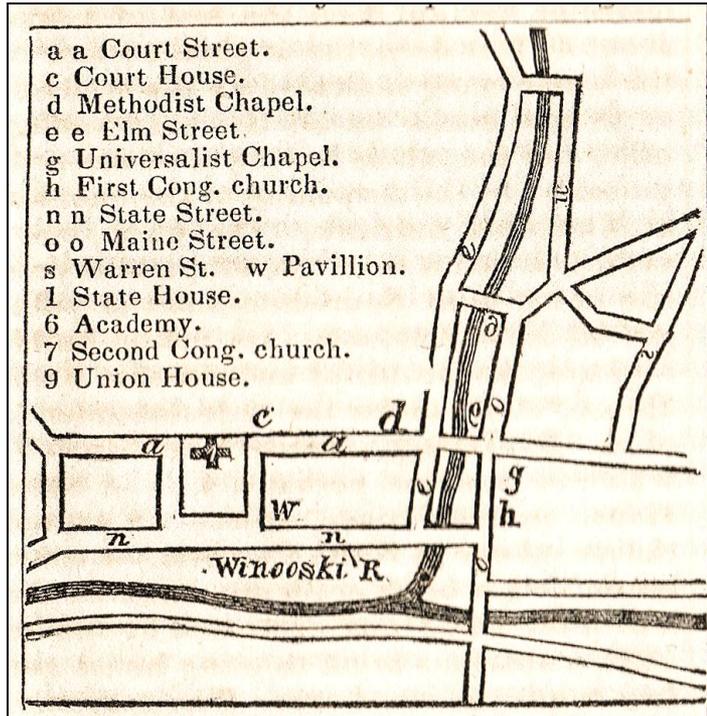


Montpelier,
COUNTY SEAT
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WASHINGTON COUNTY,
& CAPITAL OF
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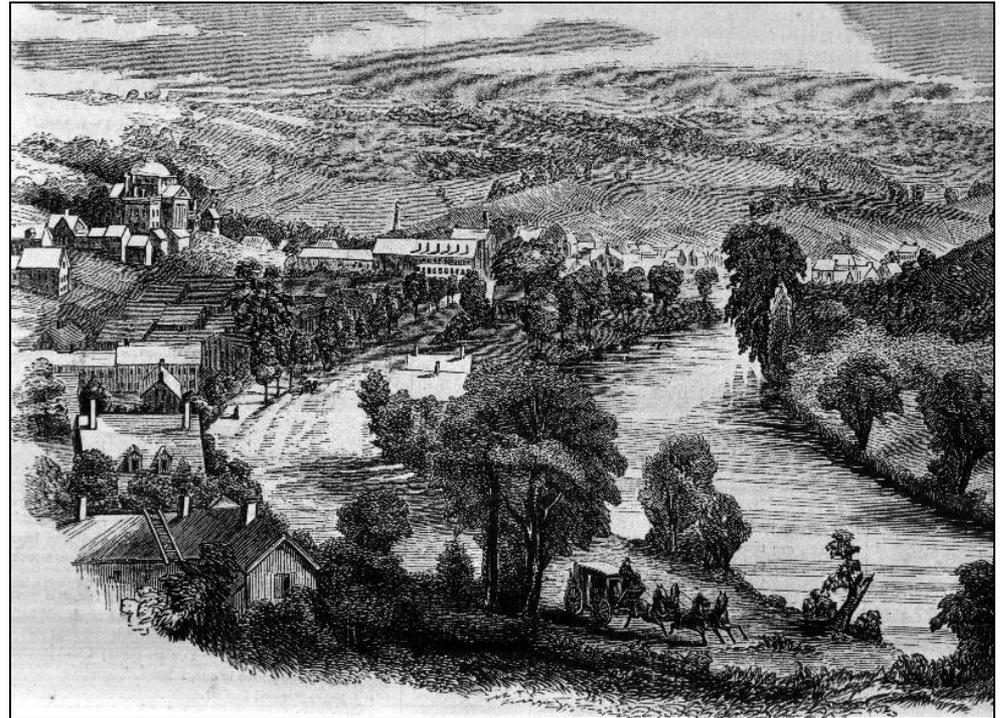


FIRST KNOWN PICTURE OF MONTPELIER, VERMONT. DATED 1821.

Early History

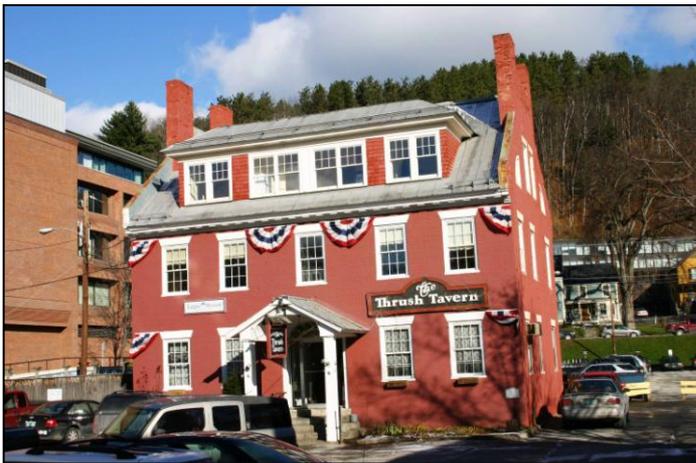
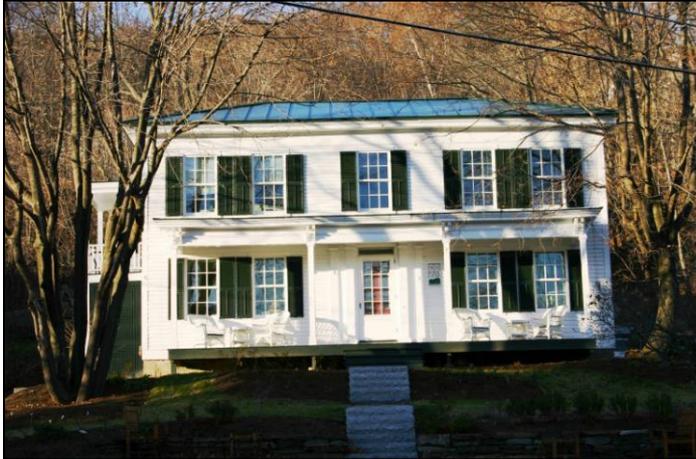


1842 Map



Engraving c. 1837-1857

Early architectural styles: Federal 1800 – 1830s



Early architectural styles: Greek Revival 1820s – 1860s



1860s



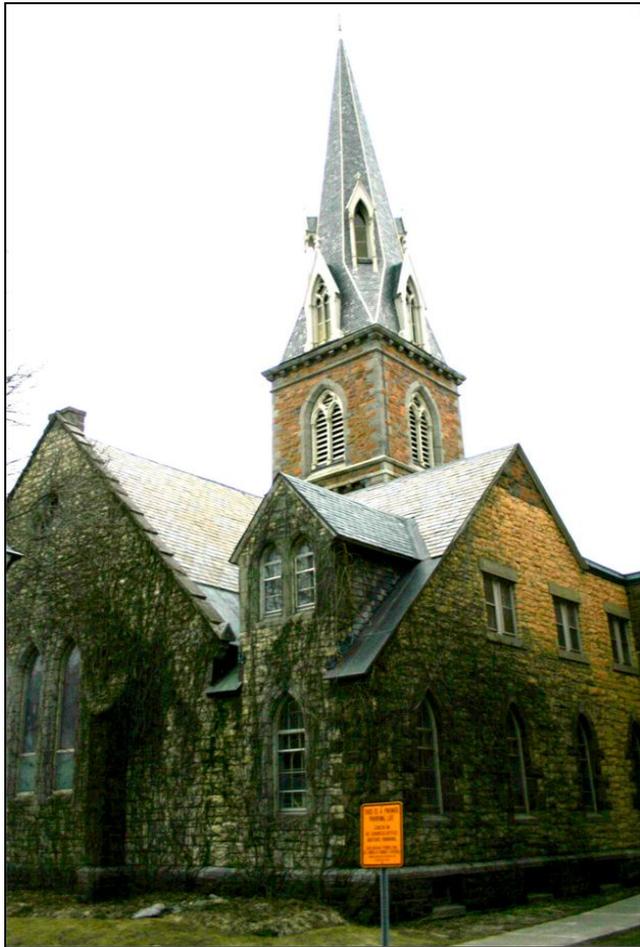
Post Civil War Boom – 5 Architect-designed Churches
1865 - 1874



Churches



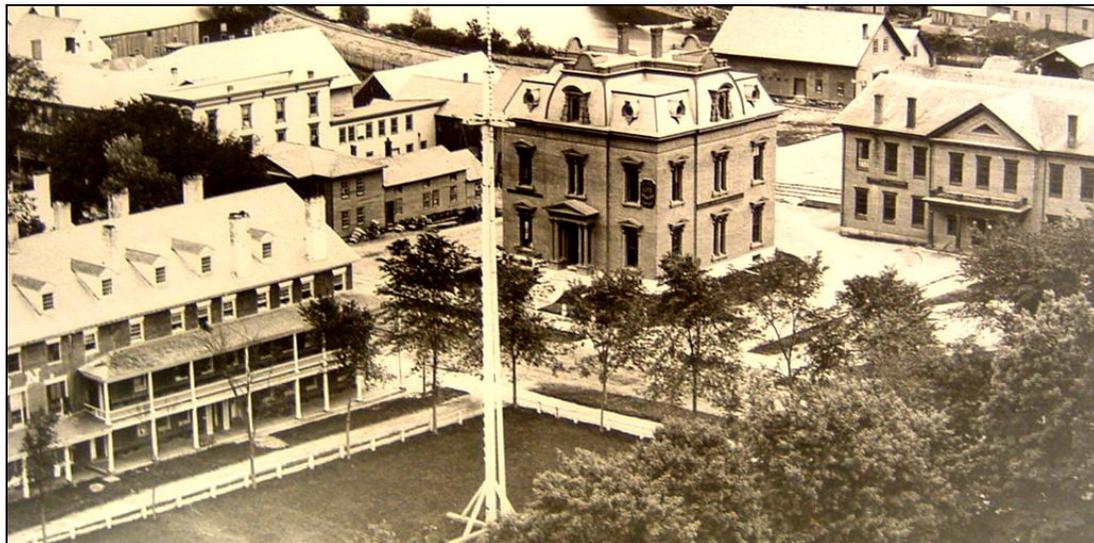
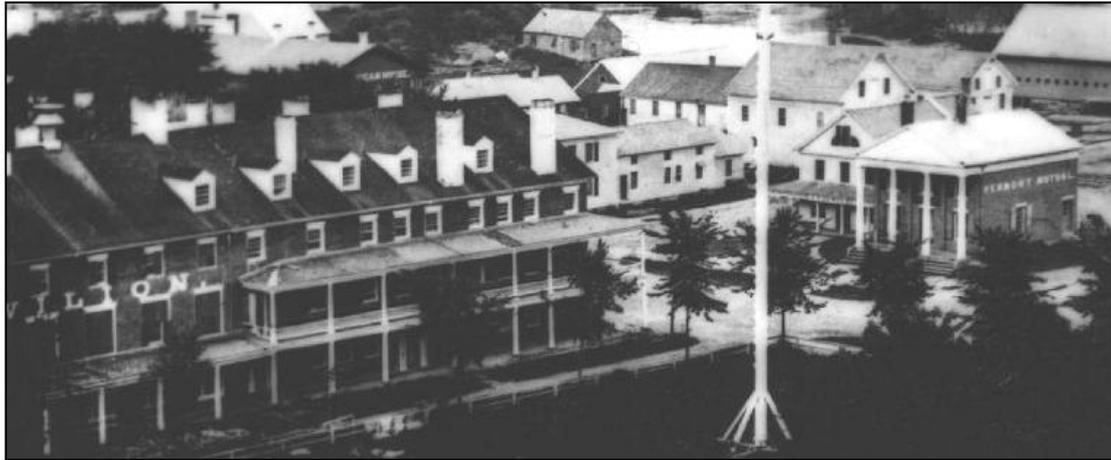
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Important Trends and Building Types

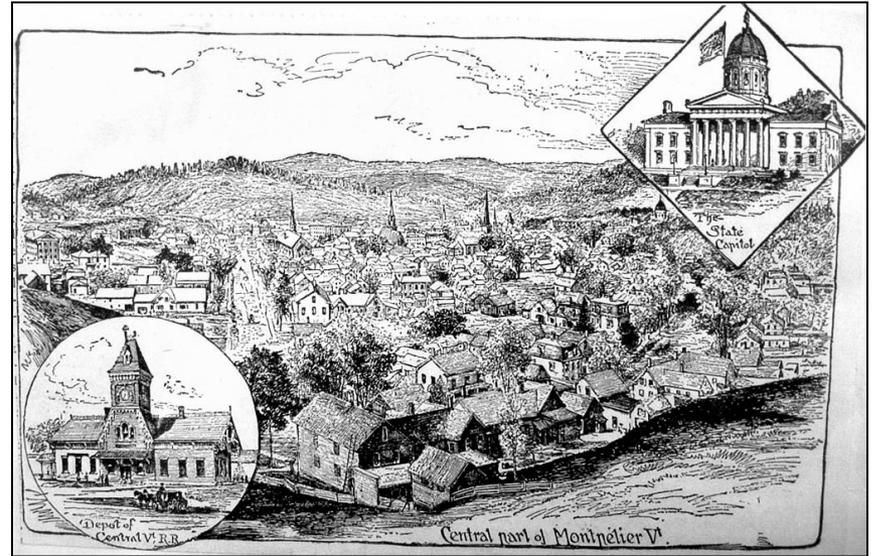
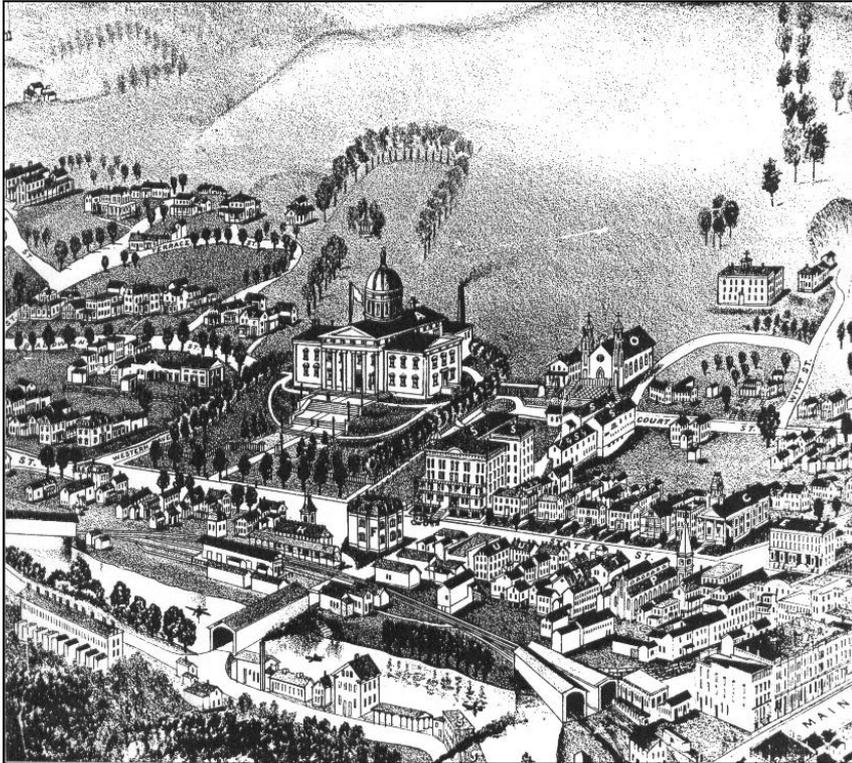


Later 19th century views:

1884 Birds-Eye View

&

c. 1890 view showing 2nd RR Sta.



c. 1880-90 view from Statehouse



Major 19th Century Public Buildings



Mid-late 19th Century Styles: Italianate 1850s - 1900



Mid-late 19th Century Styles

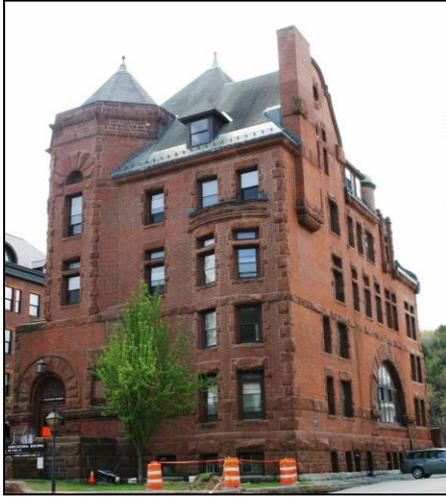
French 2nd Empire (1860s – 1890s) & Queen Anne (1870s -1890s)



Commercial Development



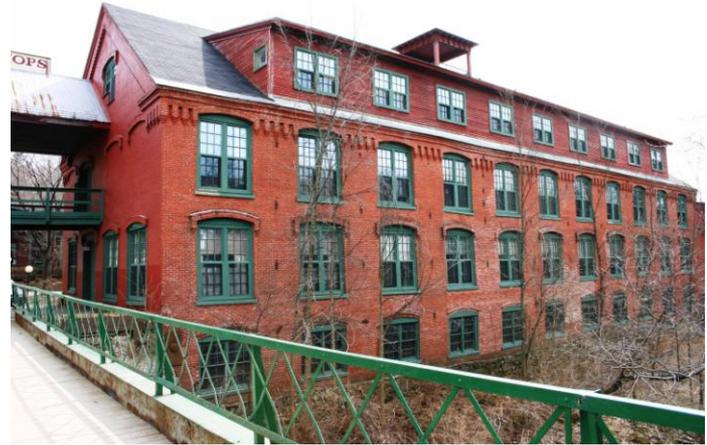
Office & Institutional Development



More downtown buildings of note



Other Buildings of Note



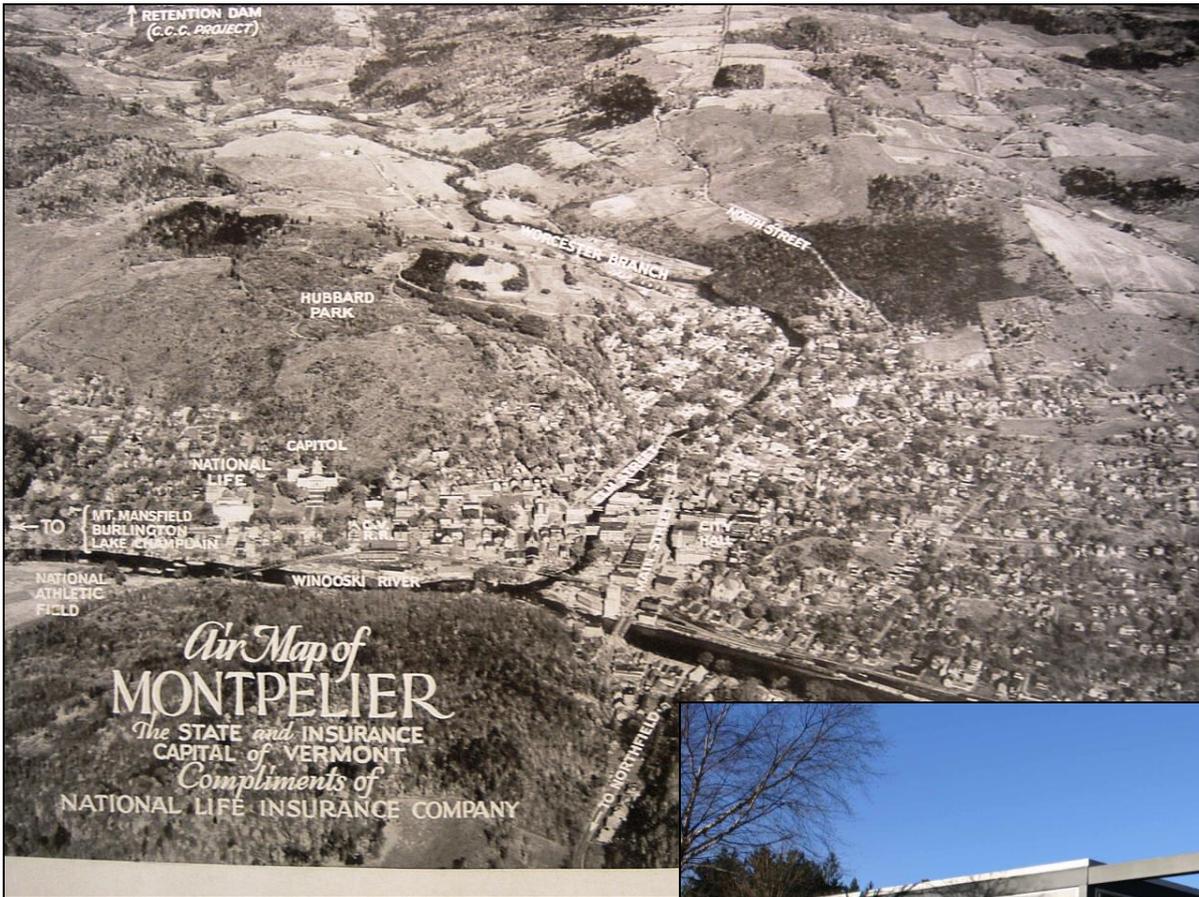
Structures etc.



20th century styles & trends



“Insurance Capital”



20th century styles & trends



20th century trends: Multi-unit housing



Montpelier Historic District: A Great Success

- Vibrant downtown and commercial area
- Successful use of historic tax credits
- Local historic district has guided appropriate change to preserve and enhance the city's wonderful historic character in all neighborhoods

