Note how sharp and clear most of the photos are and these are over a 100 years old.

There aren't many old photos as good as this, remember they didn't have film or digital photo cards in those days.

Most probable is that these were glass plate images and taken thru a pin hole type camera and the opening was timed just right to get a dark enough exposure.

Developing was another tedious task during which they had to be careful not to break the glass!



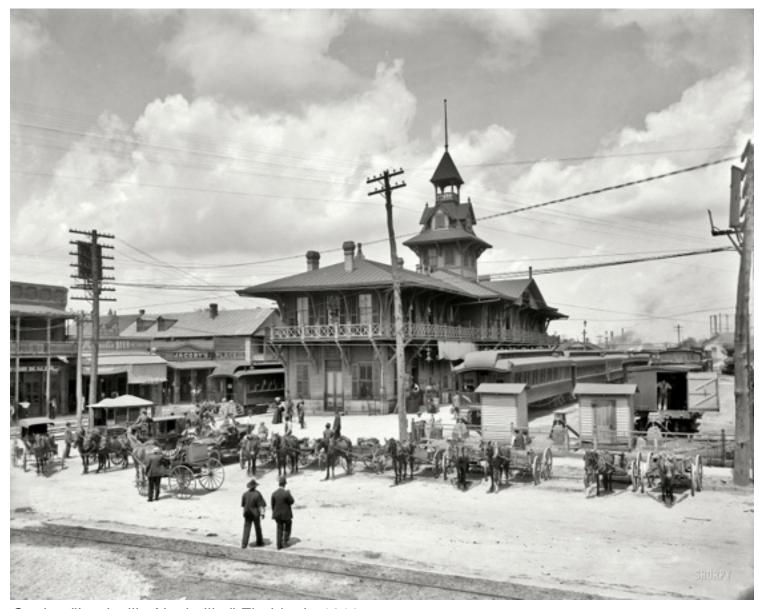
Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, in 1917.



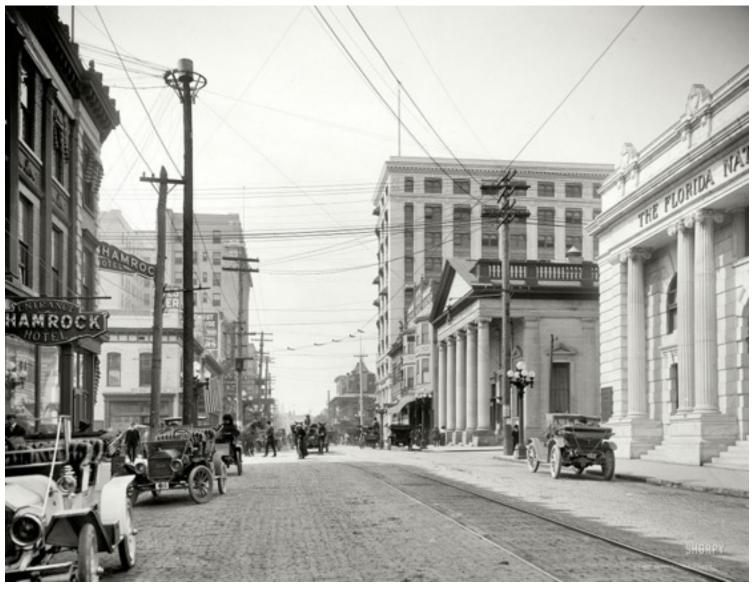
Atlantic City, 1910



The main street of Memphis, north of Avenue Gayoso, 1910.



Station "Louisville-Nashville," Florida, in 1910.



Forsyth Street, Jacksonville, Florida, in 1910. Love those cars.



The beach in Atlantic City, 1915. Note the men in coats and ties.



Grant Avenue after an earthquake in San Francisco in 1906.



Carts for transporting dairy Thompson, Washington, 1927. How in the world did the dairy get those horses so evenly lined up. (Washington County, Wisconsin?)



Washington, DC, 1914. Not so thoughty having those horses run on a railroad tracks. (thoughty? must have been a popular word back in the day) (note the people in the windows)



Cadillac Square, Detroit, Michigan, 1916.



Ninth Street, Washington DC, 1915.



Corner of Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street, New York, 1910.



Broad Street north of Spruce Street, Philadelphia, 1905.



View of Manhattan Bridge from Brooklyn in 1909.



Fire at 55th Street, New York, 1915.



Fifth Avenue, New York, 1913.



Wabash Avenue, Chicago, 1907.



The New York Public Library, New York, 1915. Didn't realize they had 4-laners in those days.



Wall Street, New York, 1911. The 2 sidewalks together are as wide as the street in this pic.



Fifth Avenue, New York, 1913. Look at those top hats!