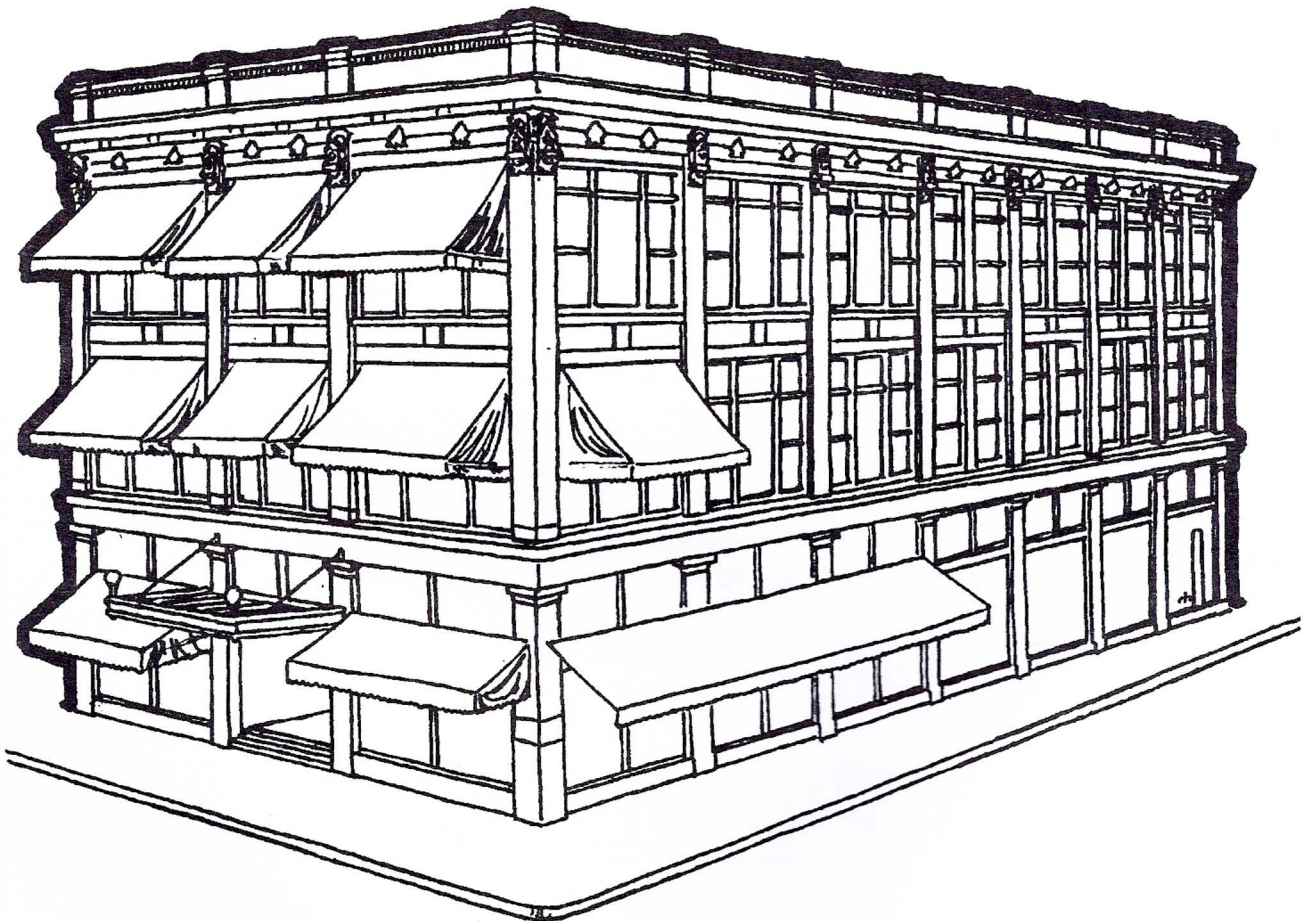


Ramsey's Department Store

520 Main

Ramsey's was opened by Albert and Robert Ramsey in 1910 as part of a chain that included stores in Carthage, Iola, Pittsburg and Atchison.



Joplin has had many nicknames since its founding in 1873. It has been called the "Klondike of the Ozarks and the City that Jack Built" because of its humble beginning as a mining camp. But this ramshackle boom town quickly evolved into a cosmopolitan city, known all over the world for its elegant hotels and stately public buildings.

Throughout the first half of the Twentieth Century, Joplin was dubbed the "Crossroads of America," because of the major railroads that intersected it, then later due to its position on the famous highway, Route 66.

The buildings pictured in this coloring book represent several periods in Joplin's history. There are the majestic Keystone Hotel and Jasper County Courthouse, constructed during the 1890s building boom. The first decade of the Twentieth Century brought Classical-Revival architecture as demonstrated by the Elks Building and the Federal Building. Advanced construction techniques made highrises such as the Connor Hotel and the Newman Building possible. The Scottish Rite Cathedral represented the finest in architectural and artistic design. During the era of train transportation, the Union Depot and Frisco Depot bustled with activity. People flocked to the Fox Theater to see their favorite movie stars and drove their new automobiles to Gooch's One-Stop for service.

Main Street Joplin is dedicated to preserving the architectural heritage of the downtown area. Although the Keystone, the Connor, and the Courthouse shown in this book are gone, Joplin has many historic buildings of which it can be proud. We urge you to do your part to encourage their preservation so that future generations can enjoy them as well.

If you wish to learn more about Joplin's history and its buildings, contact Main Street Joplin about the video series, "From the Ground Up: The Story of Joplin."

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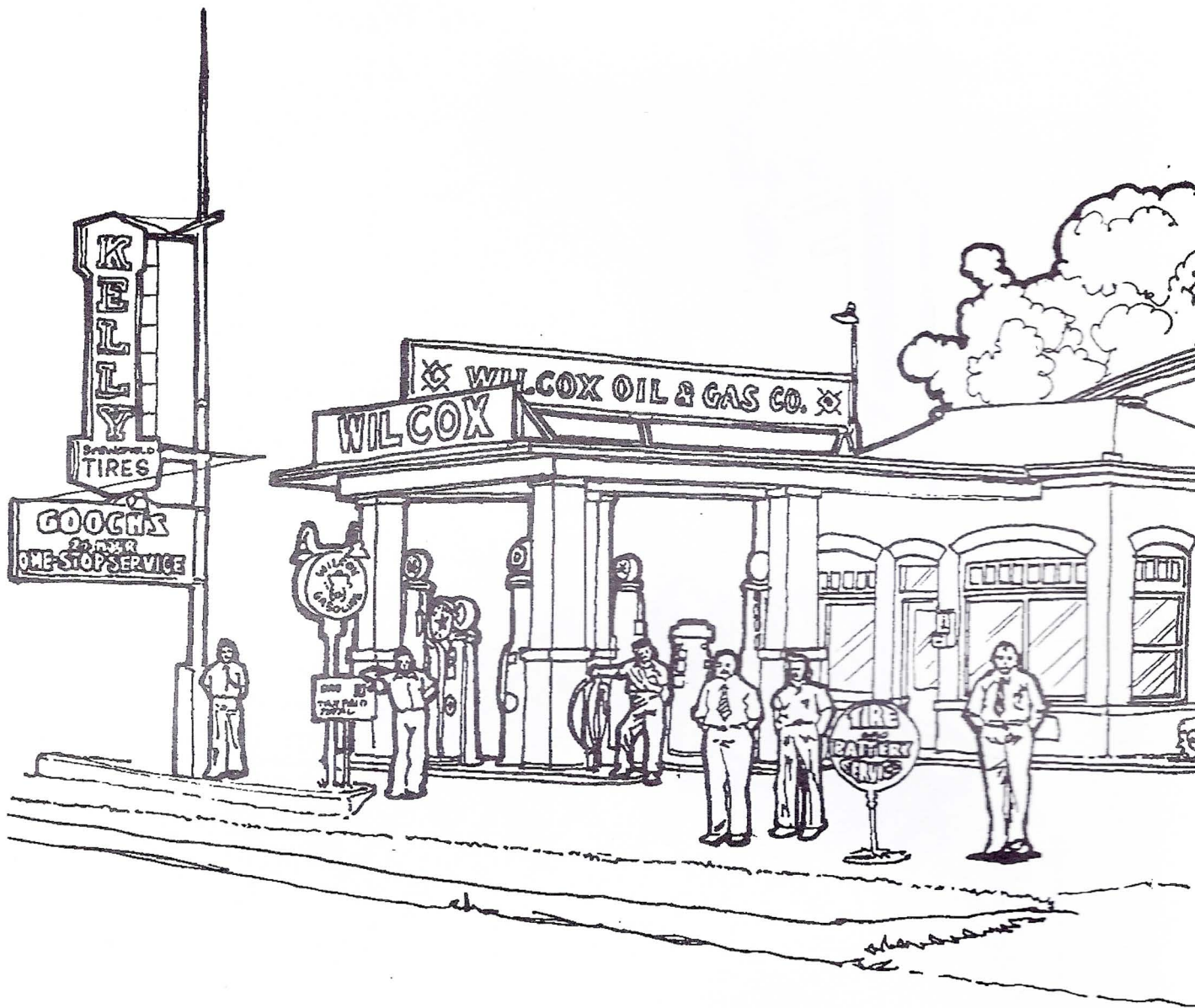
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Jasper County Courthouse

703 Virginia

This building was built in 1894 and burned to the ground in 1911. Its cornerstone can be seen at 7th and Virginia.

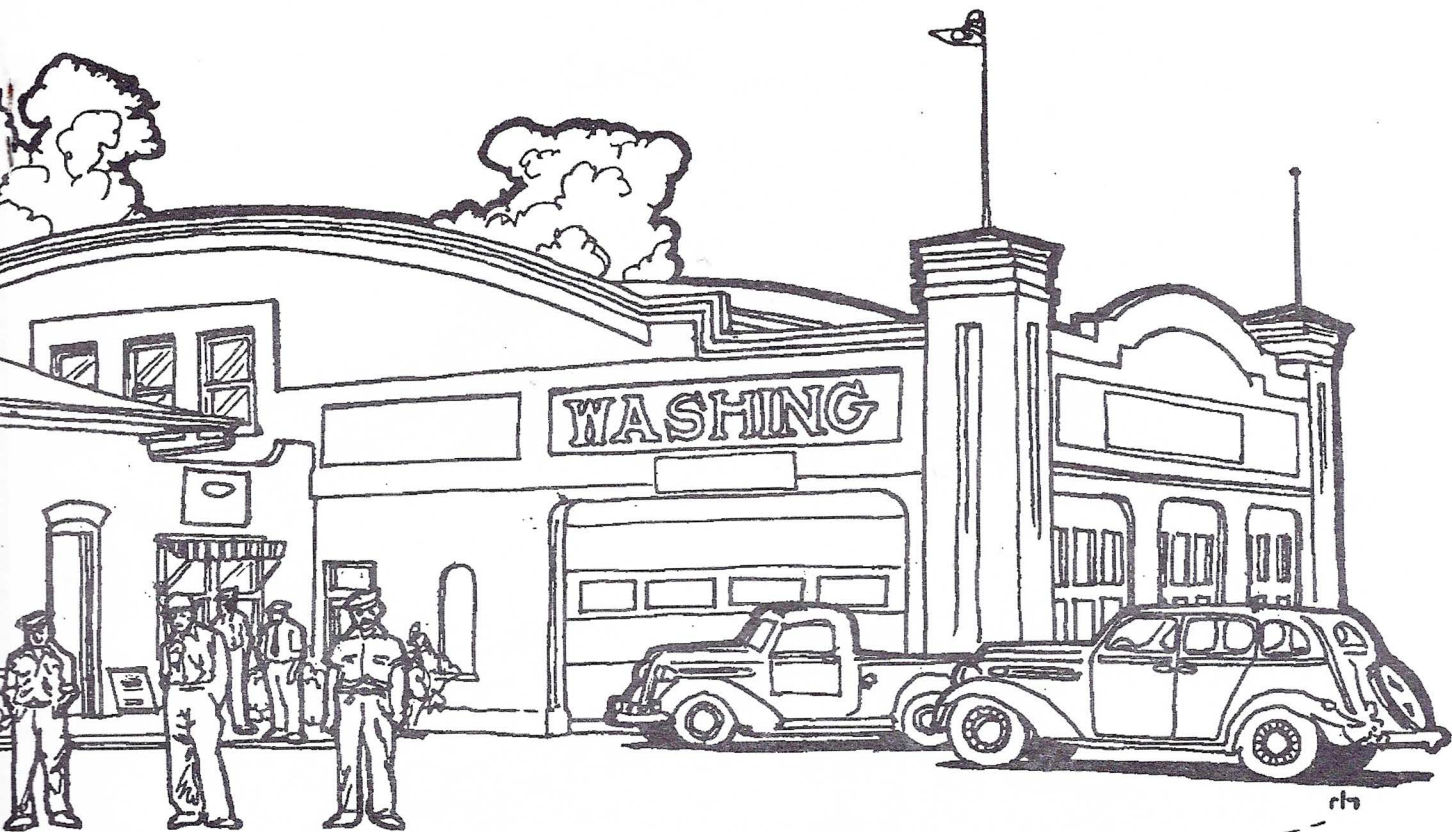




Gooch's Service Station

635 Wall

This service station was built in 1937 in the Spanish mission style. It was located on the northwest corner of 7th & Wall on historic U.S. Route 66.



Miners Bank

Northwest corner, 4th & Joplin

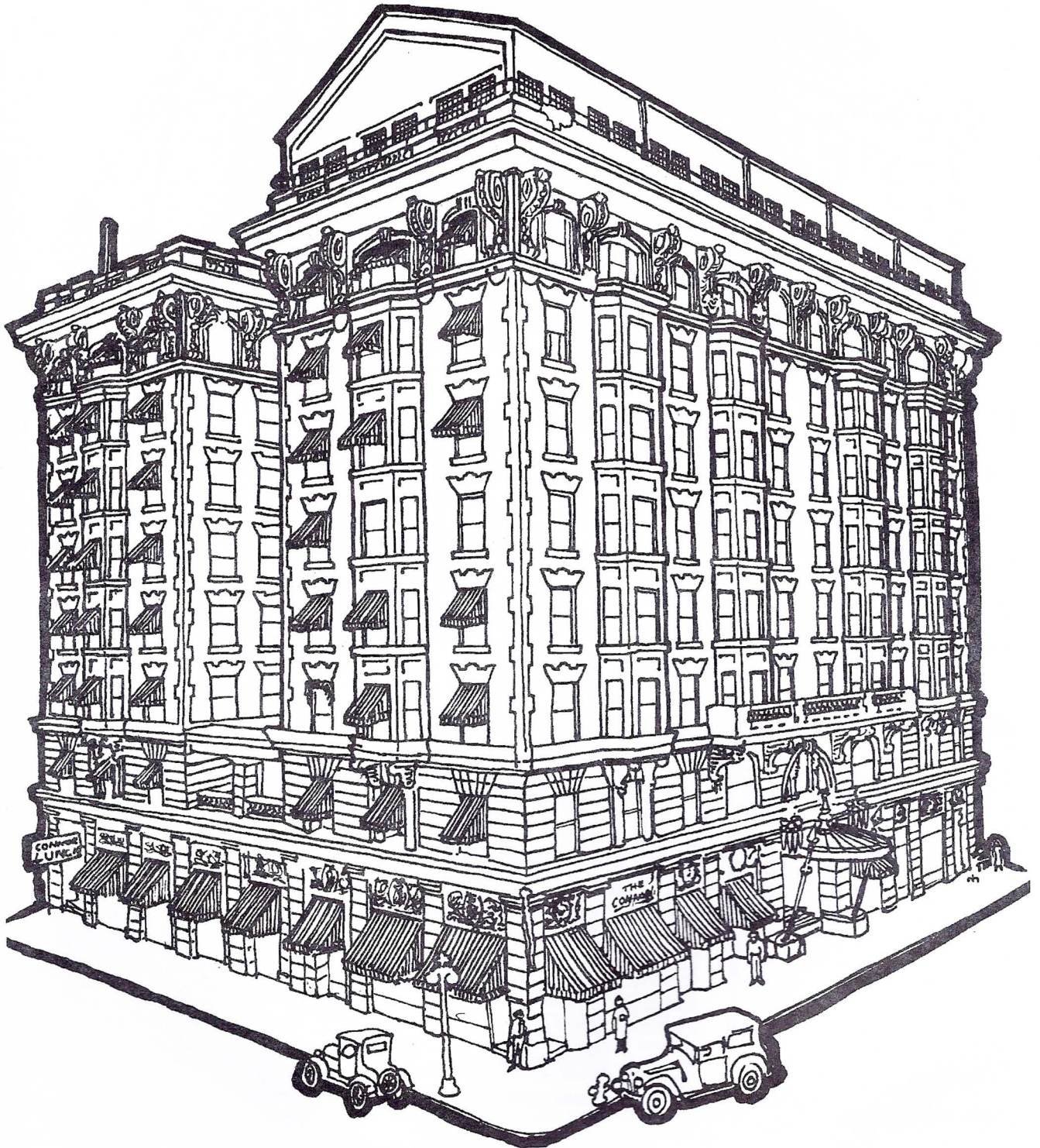
Joplin's oldest bank was organized by Patrick Murphy, one of the fathers of Joplin, in 1882. The building pictured here was completed in 1905 at a cost of \$125,000. When it was completed it was Joplin's largest office building with a barber shop, billiards room, cafe and 100 office rooms.

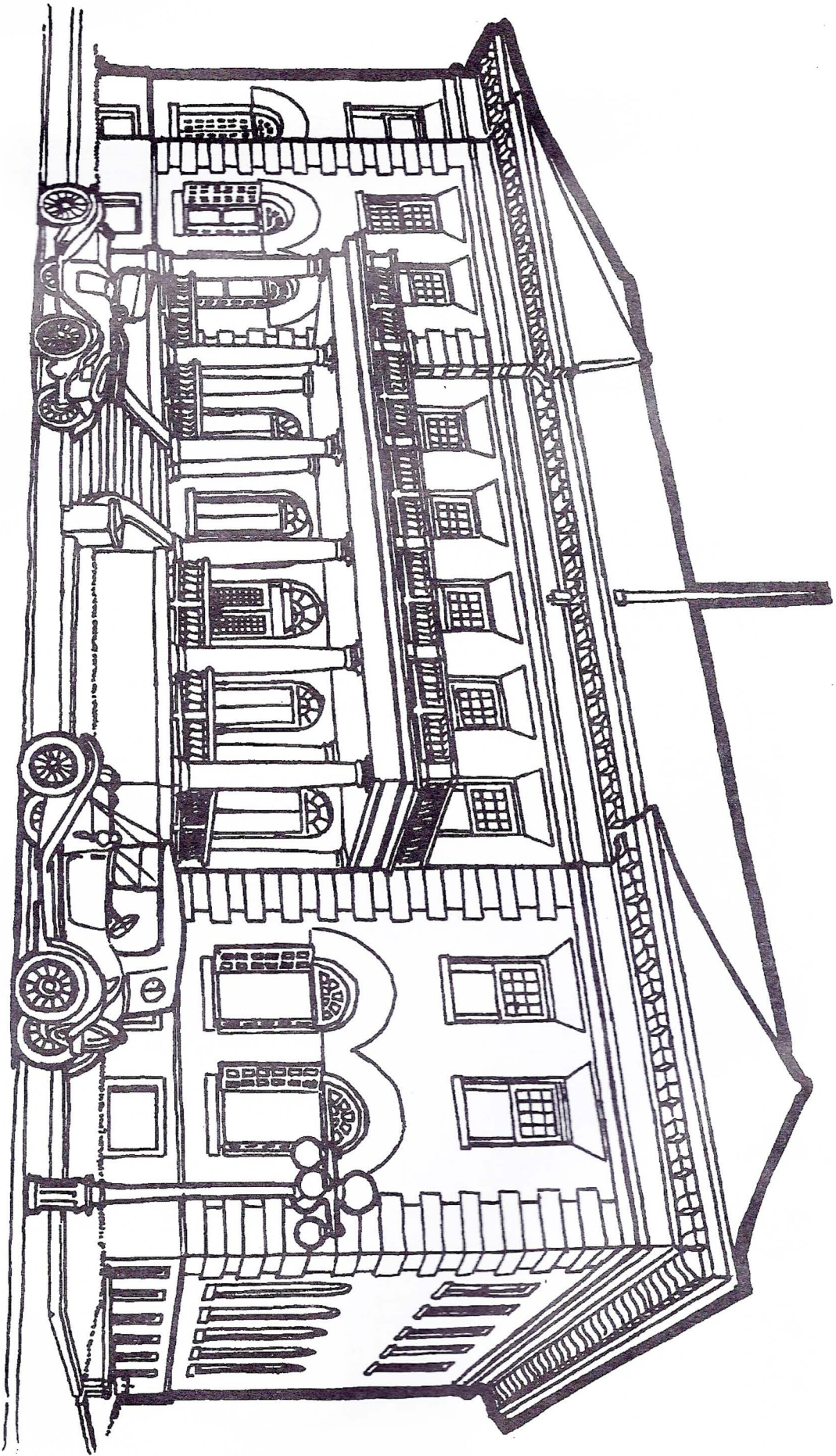


Connor Hotel

Northwest corner, 4th & Main

The Hotel Connor, as it was originally known, held its grand opening on April 12, 1908. Architects for the building were Barnett, Haynes & Barnett of St. Louis, MO. Many famous people stayed in the Connor Hotel. In 1979, the Connor collapsed while workers were readying it for demolition. Some of the artifacts from this hotel can still be found at the Joplin Public Library.





Elks Building

Southeast corner, 4th & Pearl

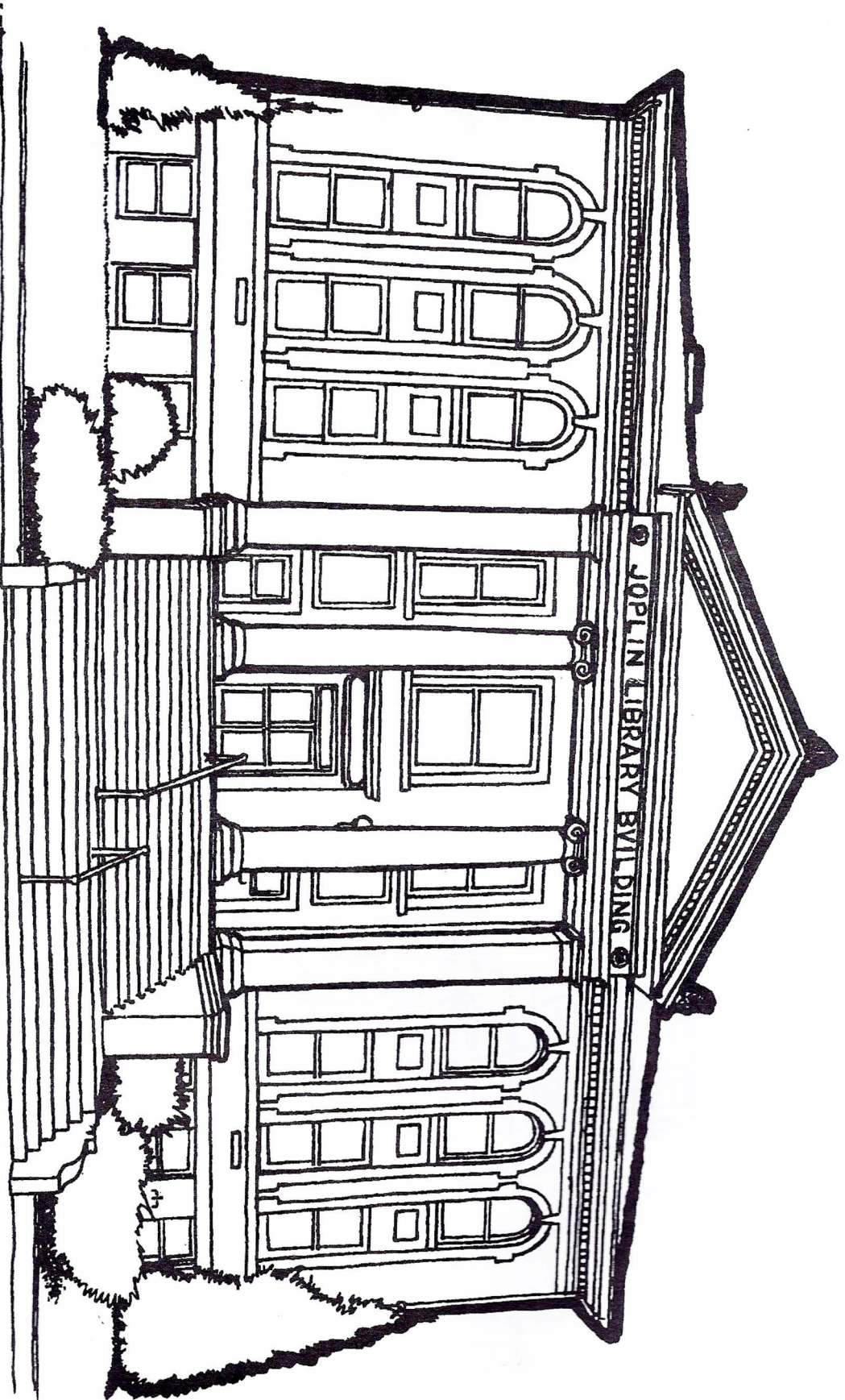
This beautiful Classical Revival style building, built in 1909, now houses offices and is on the National Register of Historic Places.



Keystone Hotel
Southeast Corner, 4th & Main

This was Joplin's first skyscraper. It also had the first elevator in Joplin and was considered the grandest hotel in southwest Missouri. The Keystone was torn down in 1970.

Carnegie Library

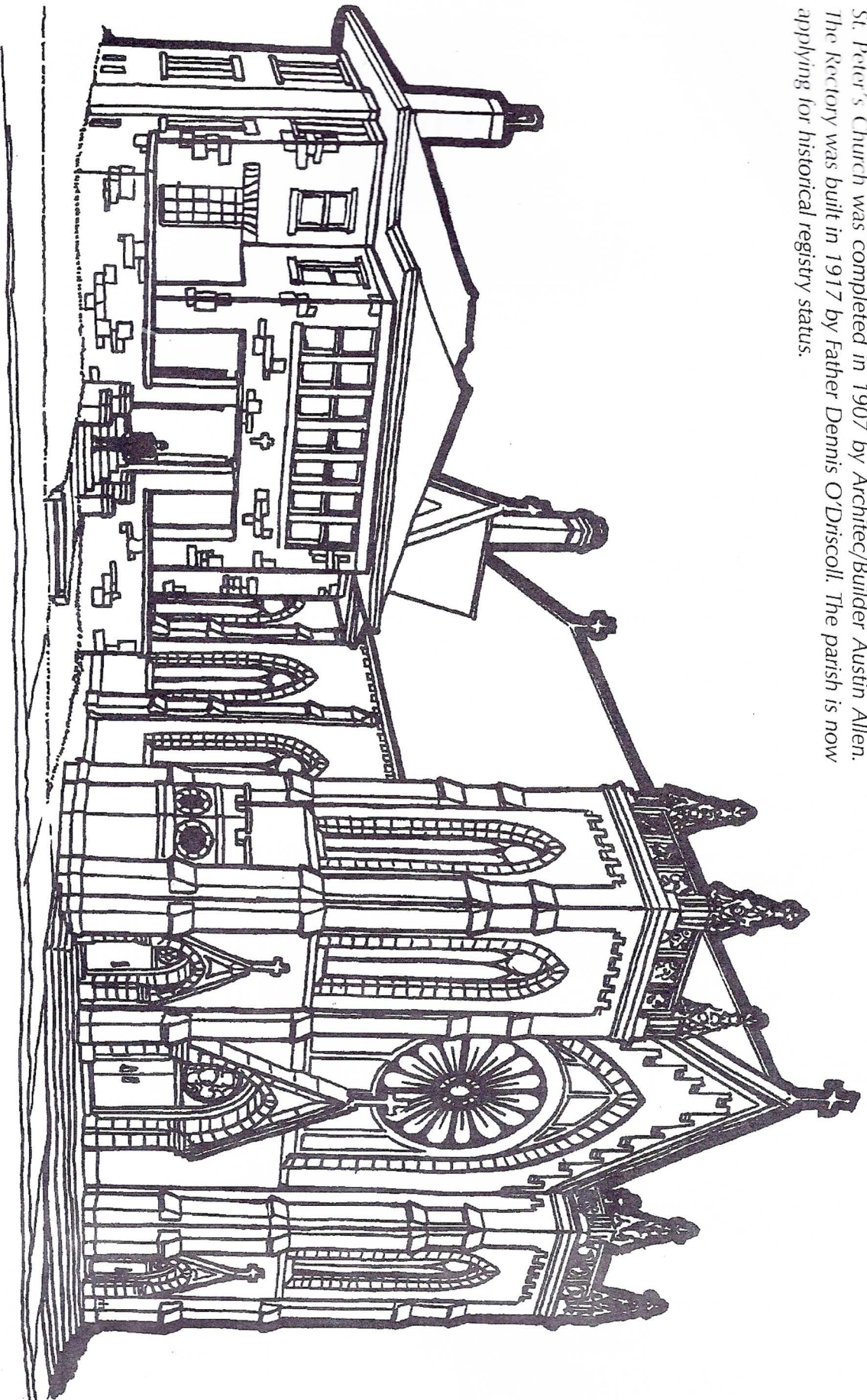


Made of Joplin brick and center creek stone from the quarries of the Joplin White Lime and Cement Co. Andrew Carnegie donated \$40,000 in late 1901. The cornerstone was installed October 8, 1902 and the building was accepted by the Library board in November of 1903.

St. Peter's Church and Rectory

812 Pearl

St. Peter's Church was completed in 1907 by Architect/Builder Austin Allen. The Rectory was built in 1917 by Father Dennis O'Driscoll. The parish is now applying for historical registry status.





Memorial Hall

8th & Wall

Construction of Memorial Hall was started in August 1924 and was dedicated in October of 1925. A bronze tablet was installed to commemorate Alfred S. Michaelis, "who lost his life in a fall as the building was nearing its completion." A second bronze tablet was placed as a tribute to veterans of military and naval service in the United States.