

Division Street, looking down toward  
 5th Street, ca. 1886. The Central Block  
 has not yet replaced the three-story  
 Empier Hotel at the southeast corner  
 of E. Fourth and Division, and small  
 storefront stores still line the 500 block.



Division Street, looking south toward E. Fifth Street,  
 ca. 1940.

Right: Bridge Square facades, 1997. Today, the one-  
 to three-story commercial buildings of the Division  
 Street area are incorporated into the Northfield  
 Downtown Historic District. The 65 buildings in the  
 Historic District date from 1857 to the 1970s, with  
 47 constructed before 1900. One, the Northfield  
 Lyceum (1857) dates from the 1850s, two from the  
 1860s, fourteen from the 1870s, fourteen from the  
 1880s, and fifteen from the 1890s. Red brick and  
 buff-colored limestone are the dominant materials,  
 and there are a great variety of architectural styles  
 and decorative treatments.



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