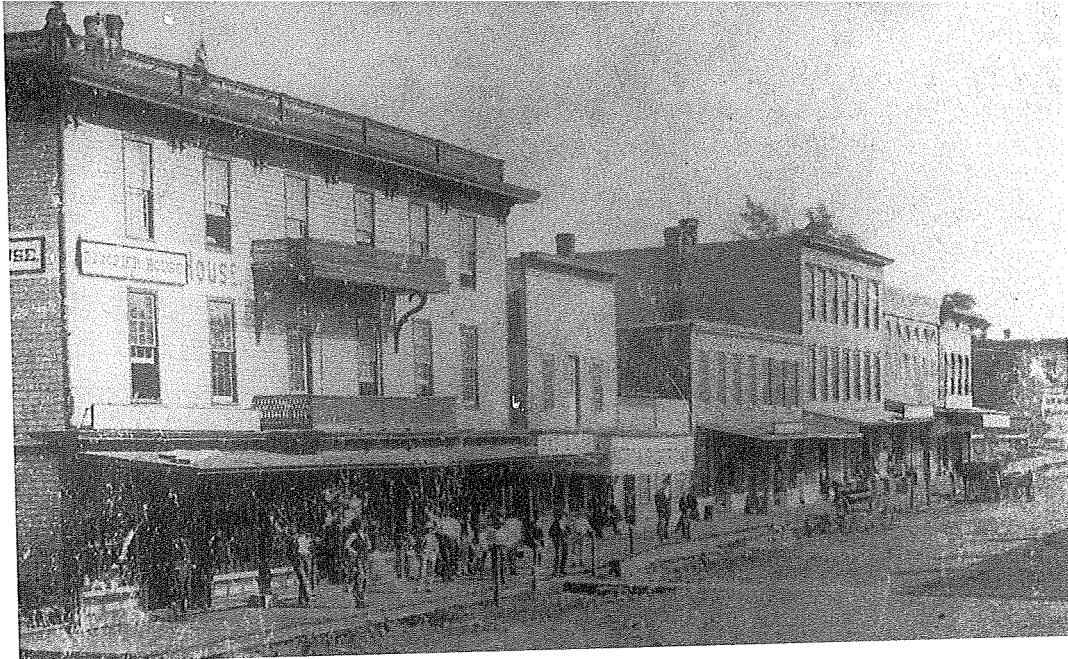


Division Street, looking south toward E. Fifth Street, ca. 1886. The Central Block has not yet replaced the three-story Empier Hotel at the southeast corner of E. Fourth and Division, and small one-story stores still line the 500 block.



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.

