

Step back in time to answer last month's photo challenge...



This image shows the destruction of an auto complex located at the corner of Capitol and 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., on July 29, 1971. You can see people gathered along the railing of Amanda Smith Way, looking north. The Dolliver building (originally a post office, now home of OSOS/Corporations) can be seen at the right hand side of the photograph.

*Demolition for Evergreen Plaza, 1971, by Merle Junk, Susan Parish Photograph Collection, Washington State Archives.*

# Present Day



The auto complex was demolished to make way for Evergreen Plaza, still located at the corner of Capitol and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Olympia. Built in 1972 and designed by Seattle architect Chester Lindsay, the modern high-rise building was constructed as part of a movement to create new office space downtown. Over the years, it has housed a variety of professional offices.

*Google Street View screen shot, 2015.*



This 1942 image shows the auto complex when it was Barker Motors, a Buick car dealership and repair shop. Their specialties included "Buick Sales and service, Body and Fender Repairs, [and] Batteries." To your far left, you can see an edge of the Dolliver building's roof. As Capitol Way was established as part of the Pacific Highway 1 (Route 99) thoroughfare, auto related businesses took advantage of the increased traffic through town.

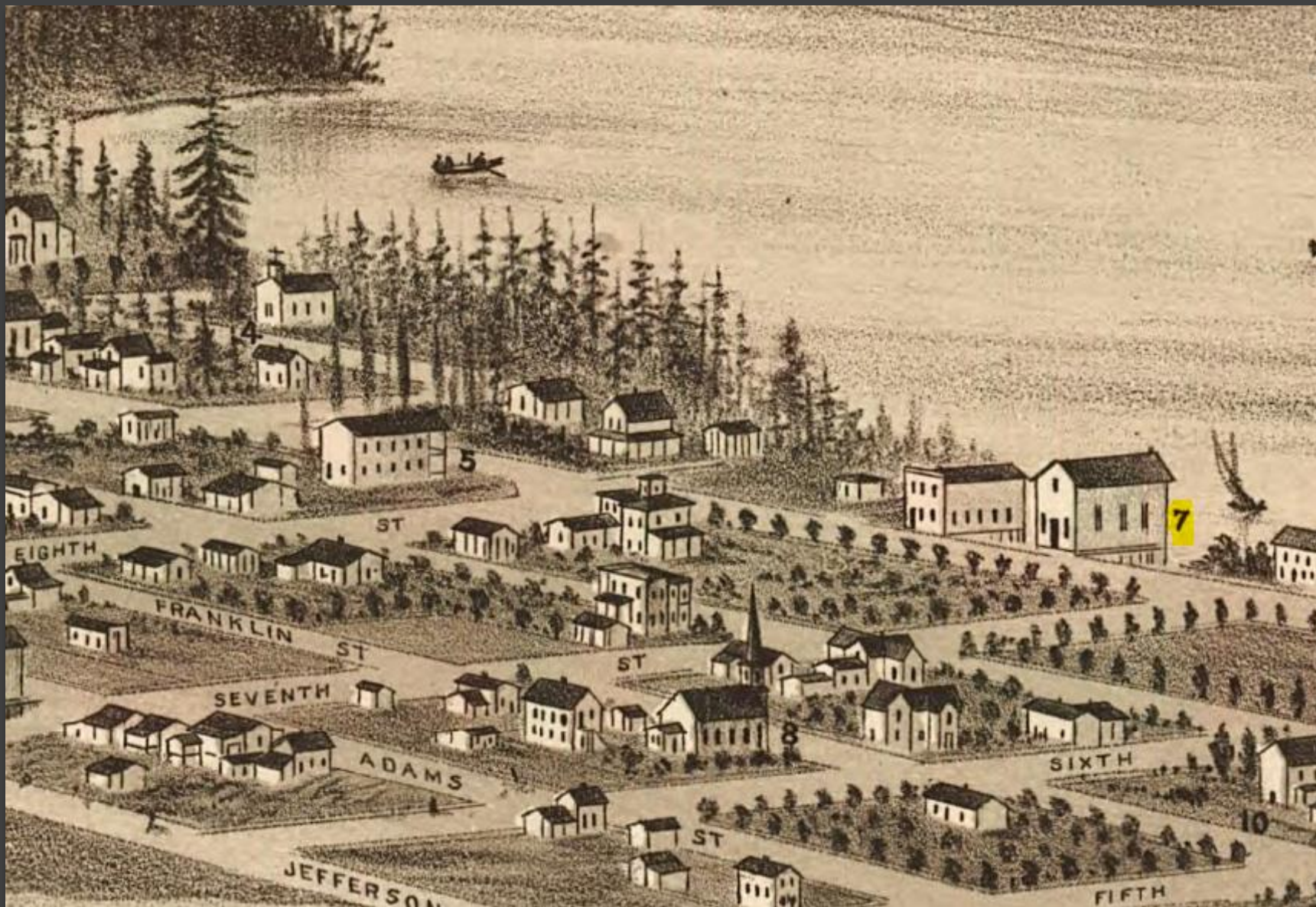
*Capitol Way at 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, by Vibert Jeffers, Susan Parish Photograph Collection, Washington State Archives*





Before the existence of the auto shop and Dolliver building, the area between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> was home to the Olympia Hotel, built in 1889 and destroyed by fire in 1904.

*Olympia Hotel, 1900, Washington State Historical Society.*



Taking it back even further, the site was originally the home of the Unity Church, shown in this drawing by E.S. Glover in 1879. The building next to the yellow 7 marks the church, backed up to the old Deschutes waterway, which had not been filled in yet.

*Bird's-eye view of the city of Olympia, east Olympia and Tumwater, Puget Sound, Washington Territory, 1879, by E.S. Glover, General Map Collection, Washington State Archives.*