DOWNTOWN—50 YEARS AGO

Take a look at this expose of Birmingham's main street 50 years ago. How many of the shops, stores, can you identify, and how many of the old businesses can you remember?

Next to the street left husk balsam Tom Harter's old shoe store, it stood on the corner of South Main and West Maple avenue. But over its roof you can catch a glimpse of the future which used to the Methodist Church shoppe for the most continuous thing in town.

Next to the shop was George Tom's tailor shop. Next door George Beech took over the part of the building which housed the old bank. He was one of the first of the old-time bankers. He was a man of the old school, and he knew how to keep things running smoothly.

The old bank was built in 1880, and it served the needs of the community for many years. The building was small, but it was well built, and it was a symbol of the community's growth and development.

Yesterday—Today

The next door mark's the entrance to the old bank, now and operated by E. L. Jennings, E. L. Day had a shop in the room, the building was converted to a bank.

The next building which was partially visible on the extreme right of the picture was the scene of George Rigg's thriving firm of undertaking business. Not a soul who lived in that old shop who couldn't tell a year or two about this block or some of its occupants.

For instance, there was George Rigg who worked on horsehair, and he was a tailor by trade. He was a man who was respected by all who knew him.

The old bank was a symbol of the community's growth and development, and it served the needs of the community for many years. It was a building that was well built, and it was a symbol of the community's growth and development.

Where Wisdom Began

The old bank was built in 1880, and it served the needs of the community for many years. The building was small, but it was well built, and it was a symbol of the community's growth and development.

The old bank was a symbol of the community's growth and development, and it served the needs of the community for many years. It was a building that was well built, and it was a symbol of the community's growth and development.