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Historic Buildings in Downtown Seymour

- Name of Building: Farmers Club
- Address: 105 S Chestnut St
- Date Built: 1914
- Brief Biography of Building: In 1914, the Farmer's Club building was constructed by Meedy and Tipton Shields. The building was built for \$40,000 in honor of their grandfather, Meedy W. Shields, Seymour's founder. The building was used for farmers and their families to socialize, especially during harvest seasons due to the long lines at the mill for grain processing. On April 29, 1960, President John F. Kennedy visited the building in his presidential campaign.



- Name of Building: Southern Indiana Telephone and Telegraph
- Address: 301-309 N Chestnut St
- Date Built: 1929
- Brief Biography of Building: The Southern Indiana Telephone and Telegraph building was built in 1929 by W.J. Abraham & Sons. Now the City of Seymour, the building was rumored that the cost of purchasing the exterior terra cotta tiles almost led to the SIT&T Company going bankrupt.



- Name of Building: Seymour Post Office
- Address: 220 N Chestnut St
- Date Built: 1918
- Brief Biography of Building: The Seymour Post Office, built in 1918, was connected by a tunnel to a livery stable to the east to allow mail to be taken to the buggies for delivery. Now it holds the Seymour Museum.



- Name of Building: Seymour Masonic Temple
- Address: 210 W 2nd St
- Date Built: 1901
- Brief Biography of Building: In 1901, the Travis Carter Company built the Seymour Masonic Temple. The Seymour Post Office was in a part of the first floor of the building, along with the Reliable Furniture Company, several railroad unions, and the Masons on the third floor.



- Name of Building: Blish Mill Grain Elevator
- Address: off Jeffersonville Ave
- Date Built: 1854
- Brief Biography of Building: In 1854, John Blish constructed the first mill in the city of Seymour, which would later lead to the Blish Milling Company. Disaster struck on Halloween night in 1885 when the mill was burned down, but it was soon rebuilt. The mill operated until the 1970s and it was torn down in 1976. All that remains today of the Blish Milling Company are the 109-foot-tall grain silos, which can hold 100,000 bushels of grain.



- Name of building: IOOF Building
- Address: 300 N Chestnut St
- Date Built: 1880

- Brief Biography of Building: For many years, grocery stores were located on the first level, offices were on the second level, and the third level was the I.O.O.F. hall. Before 1920, the Seymour Democrat was published in this building.



- Name of Building: Lynn Hotel
- Address: 203 Indianapolis Ave
- Date Built: 1883
- Brief Biography of Building: The Lynn Hotel was designed with marble wash basins, stained glass, and an elegant staircase. The city purchased the building for \$35,000 hoping to turn it into city offices, but later, it was demolished in 1991.



- Name of Building: Kessler Building
- Address: 114-112 W 2nd St
- Date Built: 1910
- Brief Biography of Building: This building, built in 1910, was home to Murphy's and Kessler Hardware. The G.C. Murphy Company was founded in 1906 and expanded to more than 500 variety stores, including the one in Seymour.



- Name of Building: Hustedt Building
- Address: 109 E 2nd St
- Date Built: 1900
- Brief Biography of Building: Before becoming the Vondee theater in 1937, the Hustedt building was a furniture store and once a funeral home. When it became the theater, it could seat 544 people before closing in 1976.



- Name of Building: Seymour National Bank
- Address: 121 N Chestnut St
- Date Built: 1926
- Brief Biography of Building: The Seymour National Bank was established in 1864 during the Civil War. It received the bids to be built in 1926 for \$175,000. The bank merged with First National Bank in 1931.



- Name of Building: Strauss Building
- Address: 113 N Chestnut St
- Date Built: 1895
- Brief Biography of Building: The Strauss building was built in 1895 by the Kaufman family. The Gold Mine Department Store was located here, and in 1929, the store's safe was raided by burglars. It was then burnt down and rebuilt in 1951 to later become Hook's Drug Store.



- Name of Building: Philip Meeh Building
- Address: 113 Indianapolis Ave
- Date Built: 1902
- Brief Biography of Building: Marble Hall Saloon



- Name of Building: Robertson Feed Store
- Address: 111 S Walnut St
- Date Built: 1890
- Brief Biography of Building: This building was originally a grain warehouse for the Hodapp Hominy Company. In 1945, the Robertson family purchased the building and it became the Robertson Feed Store. The family first owned a grain and feed business in Brownstown, but expanded their location.



- Name of Building: Park
- Address: S Chestnut St
- Date Built: 1866
- Brief Biography of Building:



- Name of Building: Walton Hotel
- Address: 102 Jeffersonville Ave
- Date Built: 1854
- Brief Biography of Building: The Walton Hotel has a history of multiple names including the Jonas Hotel, the Hardesty Hotel, the Truman Hotel, and finally the Walton Hotel. By 1912, the offices

for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad were also in the building. On Christmas in 1998, the building was burned in a fire.

