

Notable buildings of Deseronto, past and present



- 1 Deseronto Iron works, part of the Rathbun Company's empire. The works were destroyed by fire in 1908



- 2 The Dominion Match Factory, now the site of the Deseronto Community Centre

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- 3 Deseronto High School, opened in 1890 and closed in 1963. The building now houses apartments.



- 4 St. Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church, built after the previous church was destroyed by a fire that consumed the western end of Deseronto in 1896.

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- 5 The 'big mill', the Rathbun Company's sawmill. This replaced an earlier building which had been destroyed by fire in 1872. By 1923 the mill had been shut down, as the supply of trees from the company's timber limits began to dwindle.

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- 6 The Bank of Montreal, on the corner of Main and Centre Street. It opened in the early years of the twentieth century. The bank closed in the Depression years and was later taken over by the Town of Deseronto as the Town Hall.

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- 7 Deseronto's Post Office, Main Street: a most impressive building for such a small town. It was designed by Chief Architect of the Dominion, Thomas Fuller and was completed in 1901.



- 8 The Deseronto House Hotel, Main Street, one of several hotels which once graced Main Street. This eastern half of this site is now occupied by the Deseronto Public Library.



- 9 Naylor's theatre, Main Street, completed in the 1890s and a popular focus for amusements in the town for over 50 years. Now derelict.

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- 10 Public Works building, 100 Prince Street. This was once an aircraft hangar from Camp Rathbun, a World War I pilot training facility situated just north of the town.



- 11 United Church, originally the Methodist Church



- 12 St. Mark's Hall, once St. Mark's Anglican Church. The building was deconsecrated in 2001 and is now a private home.



- 13 Some of the buildings that once lined the waterfront of Foresters' Island (not shown on the map, but to the south west of Deseronto). In the centre of the photograph is 'The Wigwam', Dr. Oronhyatekha's house. On the left of the shot is the Foresters' Hall.



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- 14 The most impressive of the buildings that stood on Foresters' Island. This is the orphanage, which was open for barely two years.



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