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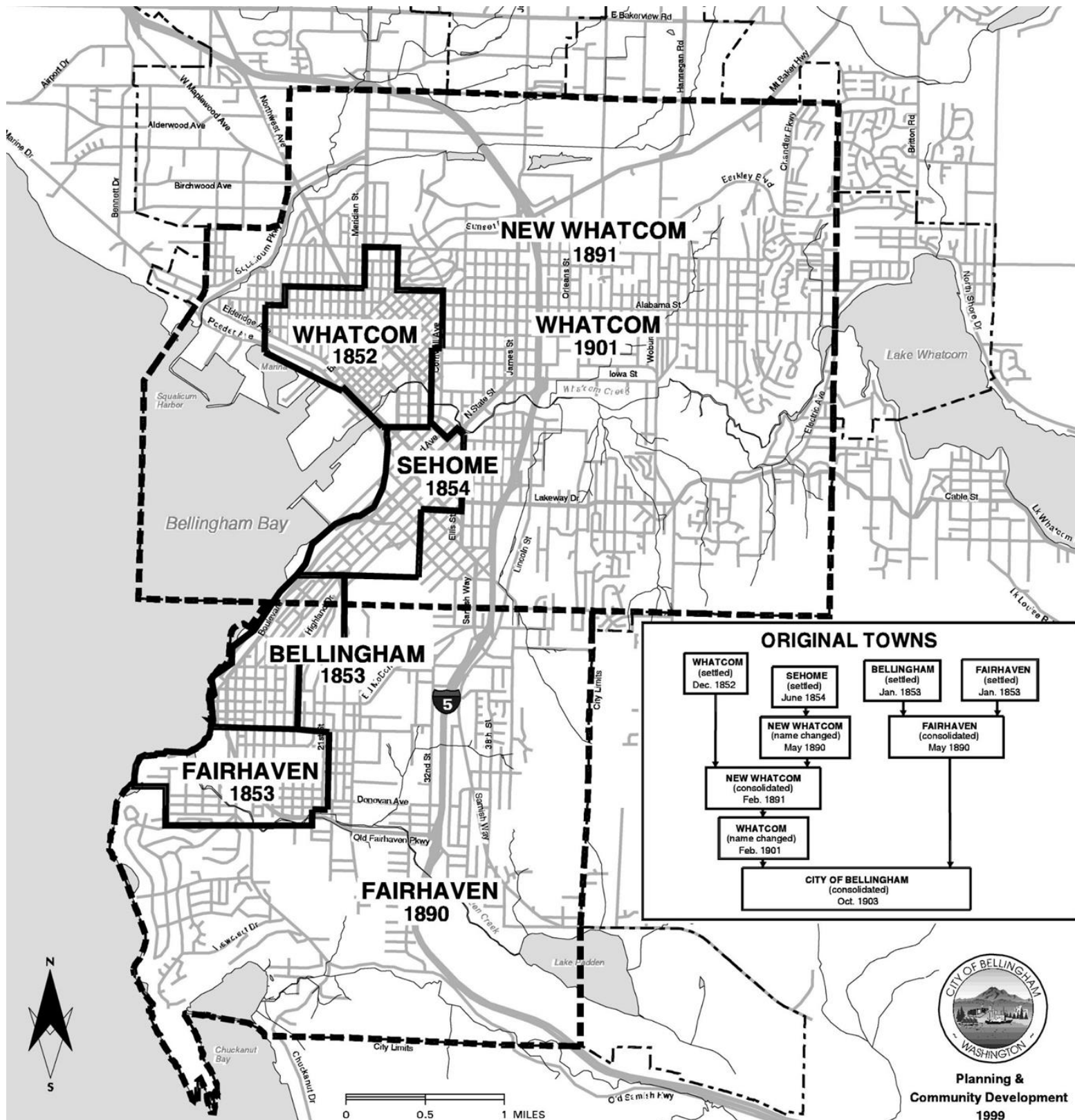
**Above: Lummi camp on Whatcom Creek ca 1891.**

**Left: Photo of Frank Hillaire family in traditional Lummi clothing, taken circa 1915.**

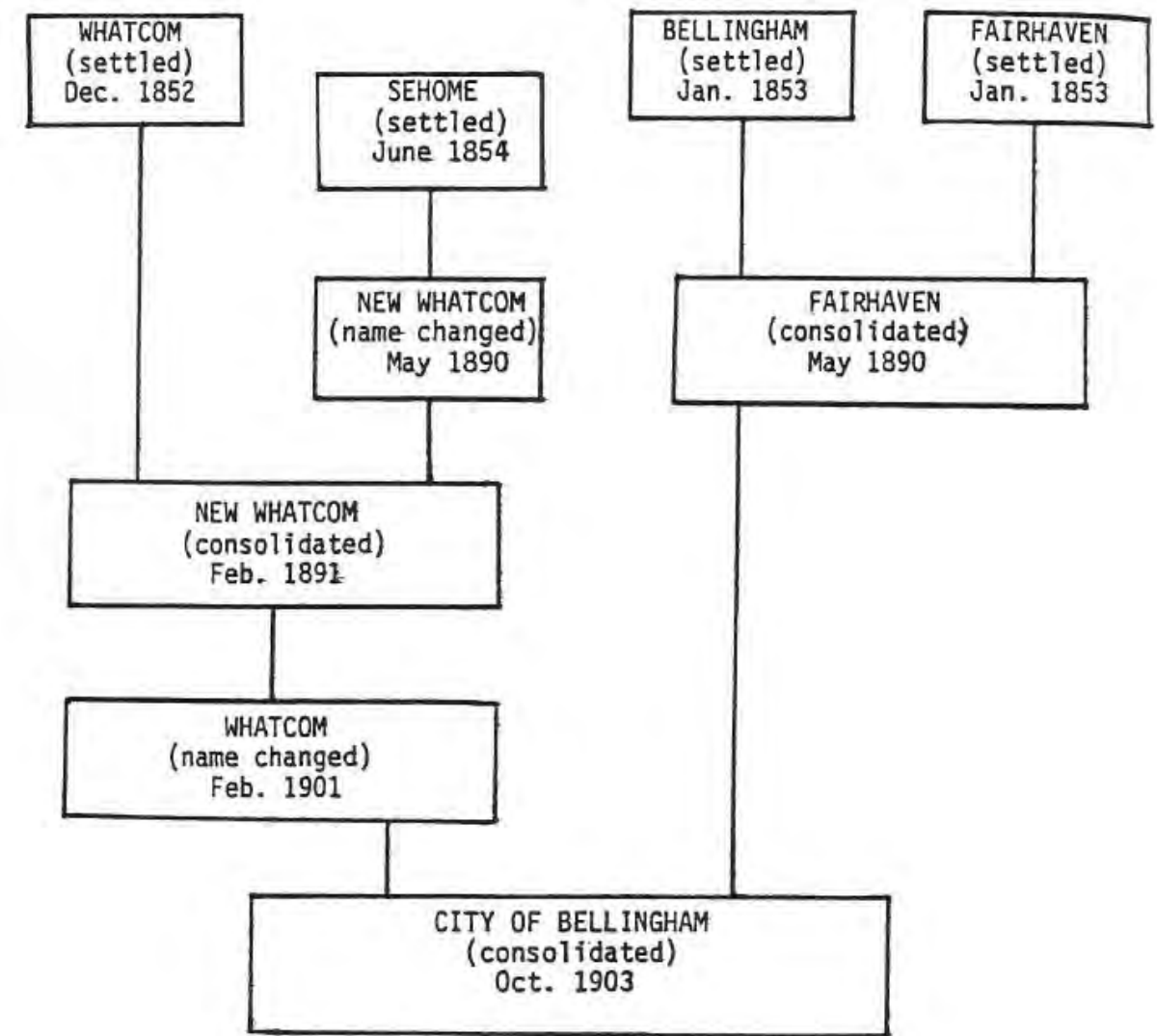


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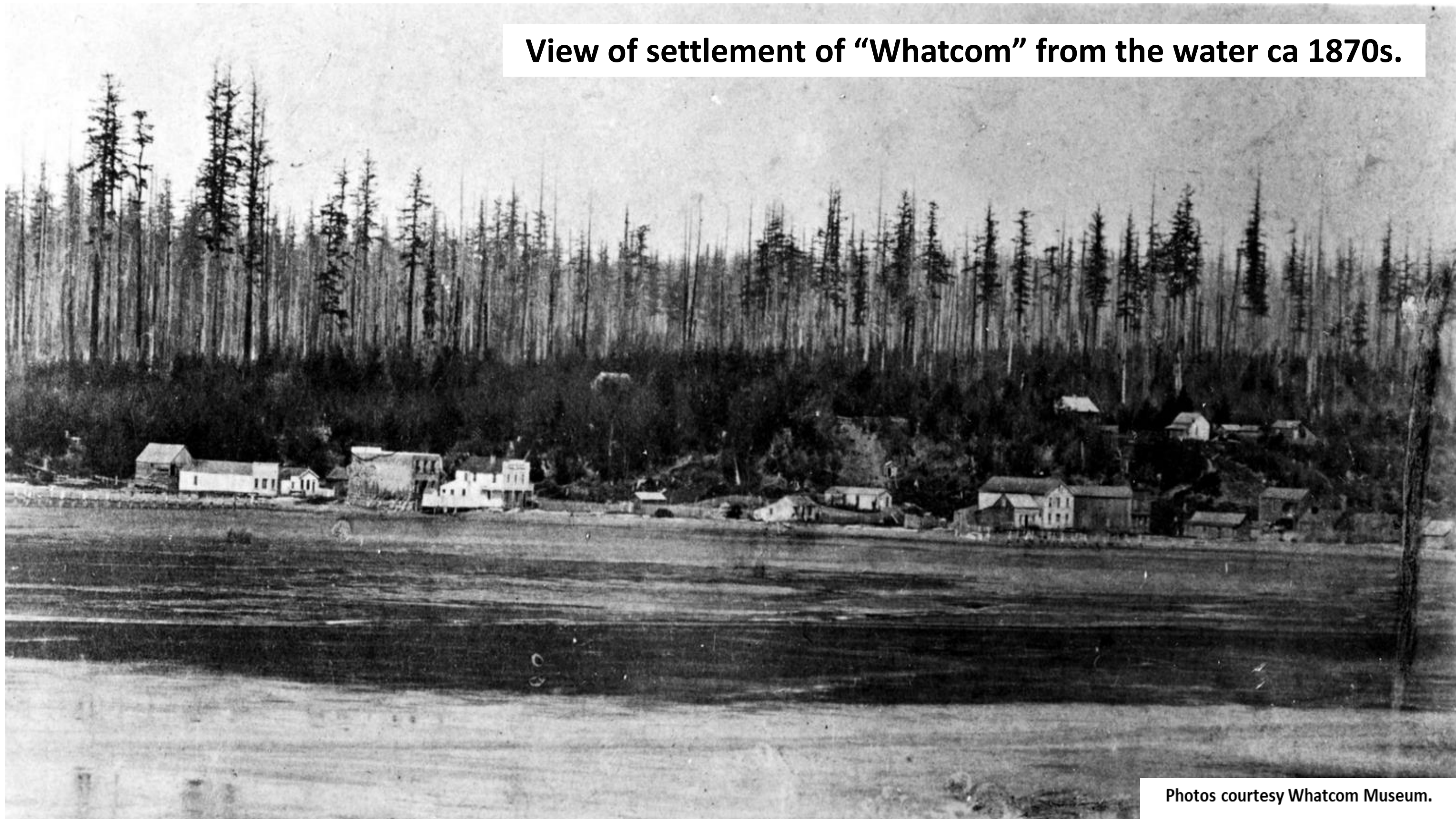




The town of Bellingham was incorporated in 1903, the result of the consolidation of various settlements that formed around Bellingham Bay in the 1850s.



**View of settlement of “Whatcom” from the water ca 1870s.**



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**View of Bellingham from water circa early 1930s.**



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**Holly Street was constructed ca 1888 as a viaduct over the Whatcom Creek estuary, connecting the towns of Whatcom and Sehome.**



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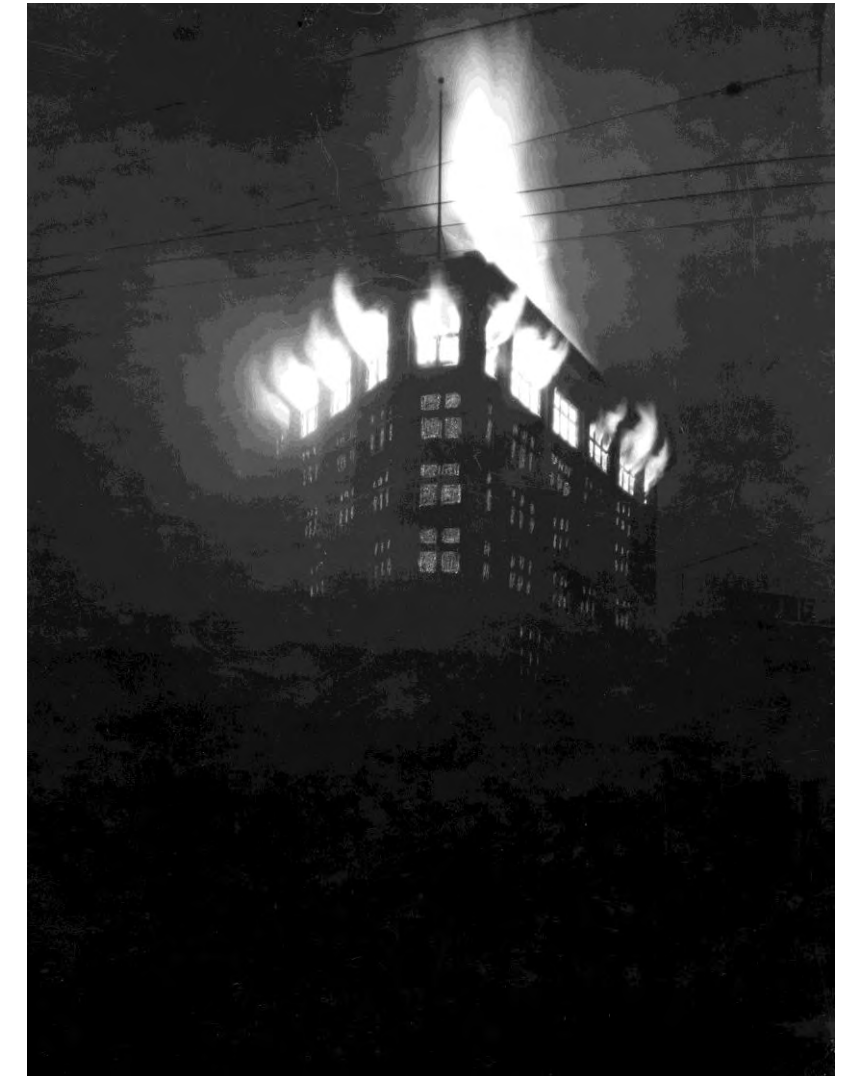
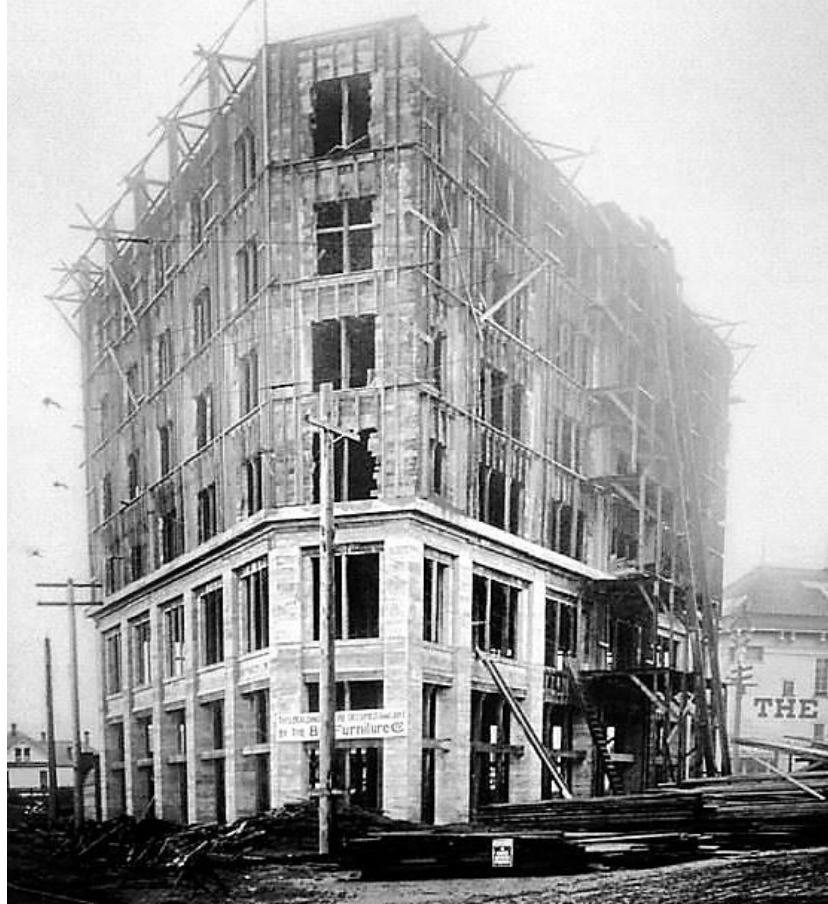




**Charles Cissna's building at the corner of Holly and Prospect Streets, built ca 1900 as the Home Security Savings Bank.**

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**The Hamilton Building was built in 1908 for T.S. Hamilton's Bellingham Bay Furniture Company. After a fire in 1924 a water tank and sprinkler system were added.**



# Klan Is Said to Have More Than 200 Members In City

Robed Men Hold Meeting in Heart of City—Have Been Organizing Here for Year—Word Admitted to Be Difficult—Seattle Team to Initiate Fifty, Says Organizer.

# TULIP FESTIVAL CABINET IS DIVIDED ON K. K. K. PROBLEM; MEMBERS THREATEN TO QUIT

# KLANSMEN CONVENE AND WILL STAGE PARADE

City Attorney Sampley Prominent Member of Organization—Women Are In Robes.



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The Ku Klux Klan was active in Bellingham during the 1920s with offices on Bay Street.

After being barred from the Tulip Parade in 1926, the group held their own down Holly Street.

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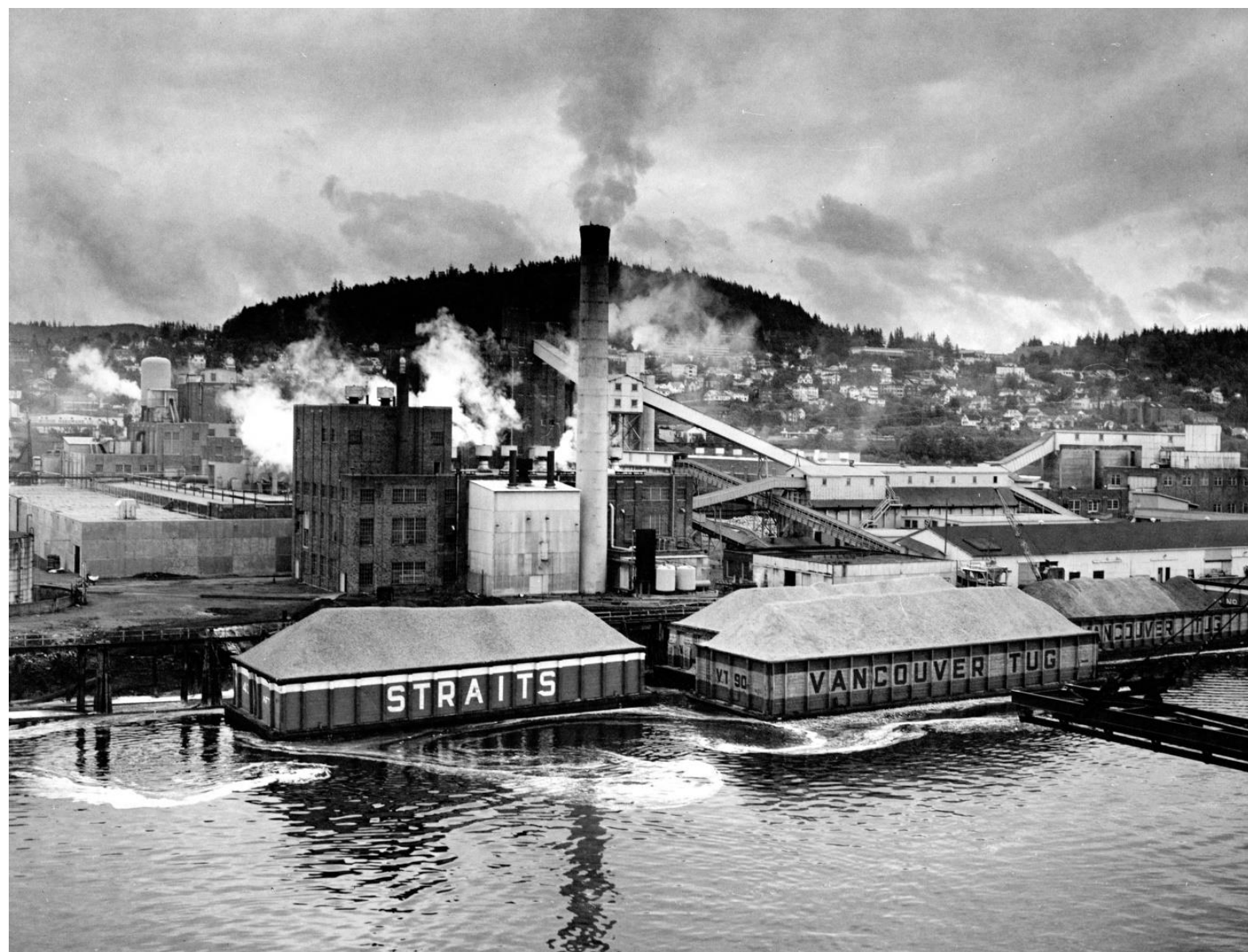
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**Construction began in 1892 on the City Hall for the recently consolidated town of New Whatcom.**

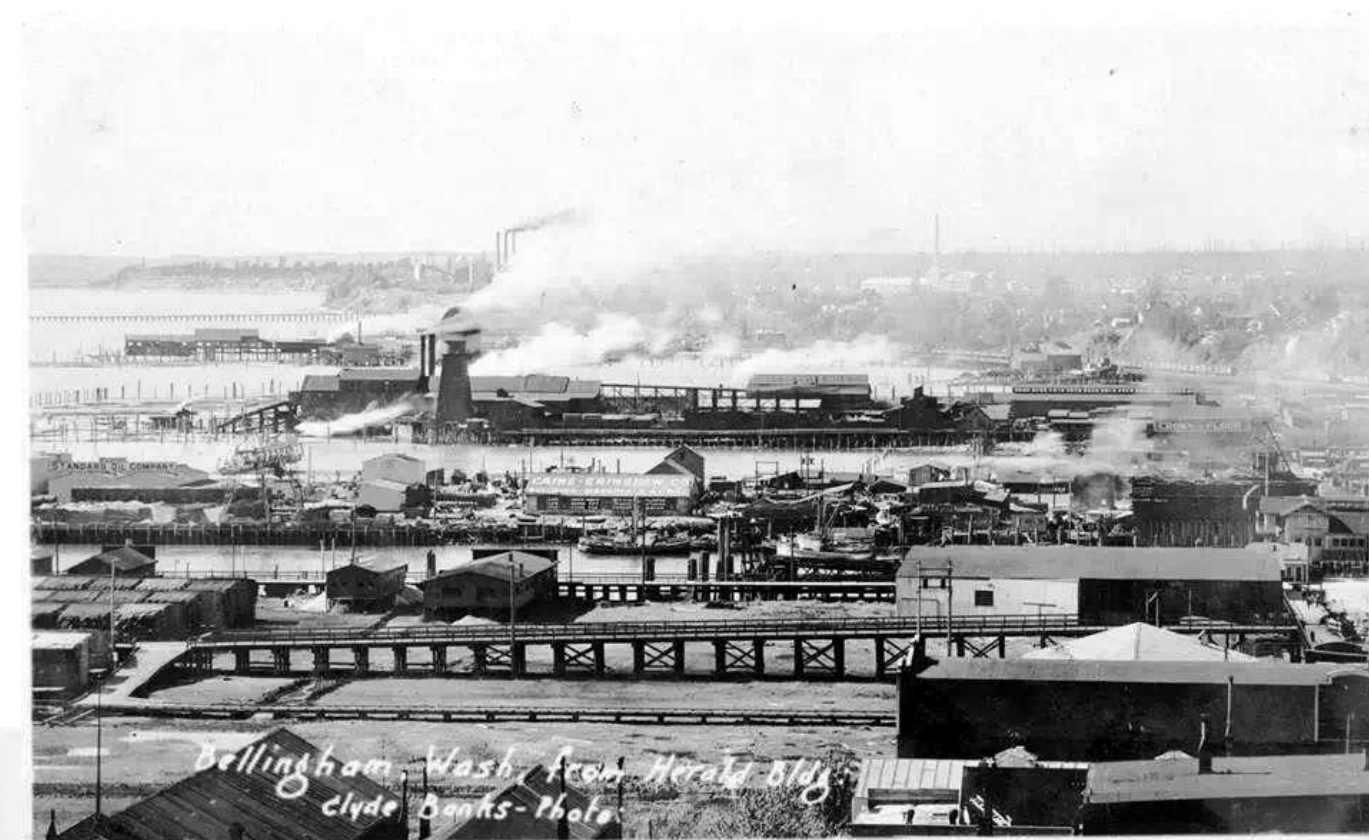
**The building remained City Hall for the town of Bellingham from 1903-1939.**





## Views of Bellingham's industrial waterfront circa the 1920s-1950s

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September 4, 1907 a mob attacked and drove out over two hundred immigrant laborers in what is now known as the “Sikh Riots.” Images from Collier’s Magazine.

BY AUGUSTA WILCOX.  
CITY OFFICIAL PAPER  
BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1907  
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# HINDUS HOUNDED FROM CITY

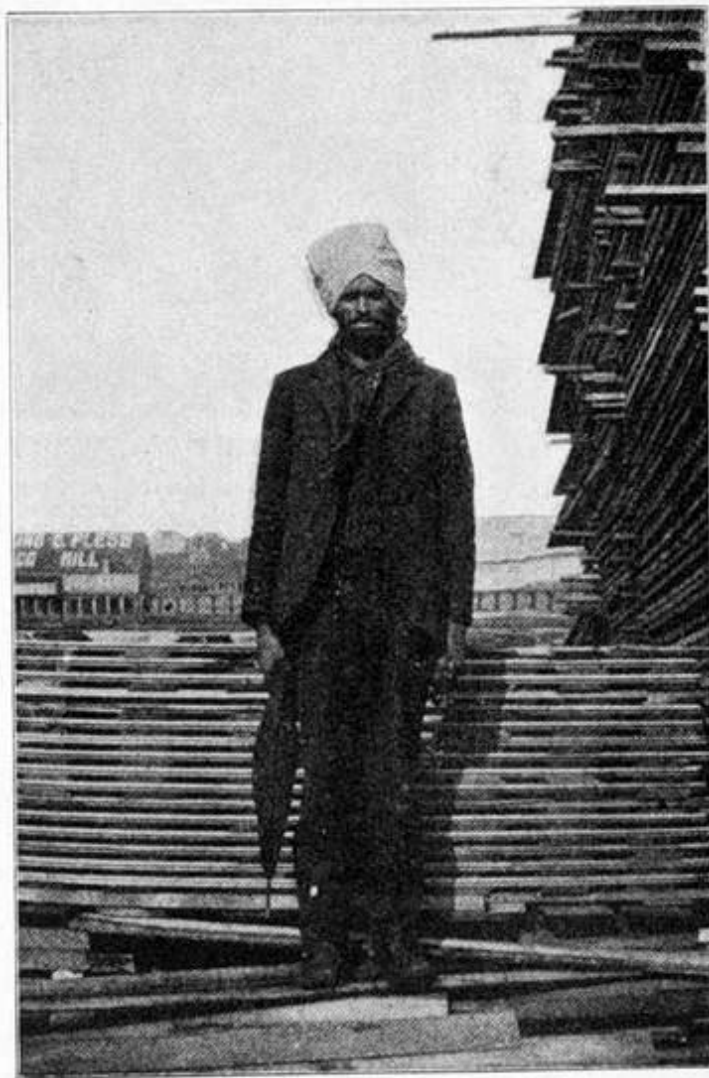
*Mob Drives Foreigners From Lodging Houses and Mills*



BELLINGHAM HINDUS DISCUSSING THE SITUATION WITH THE SPECIAL DEPUTIES



HINDUS ON THEIR WAY TO THE MILL TO DRAW THEIR PAY  
They are under guard of the police after having spent the night at the City Hall as prisoners of a mob



IN STRANGE SURROUNDINGS



THE TWO HUNDRED HINDU PRISONERS  
The room in which they were confined by the mob during the night



Collier's, Sept. 28, 1907





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### Evacuated Local Japanese Board Bus



The big bus that started Whatcom county Japanese on their way to the Tule Lake assemble center in Northern California Wednesday received many of its passengers at the Kenzo Okubo residence, 1406 H,street. There several families had assembled their personal effects. The photograph shows the first of them boarding the bus for Burlington. There they boarded a train for Tule Lake. Okubo left his home with a "for sale" sign on the front wall. The government is storing heavy pieces of furniture and household furnishings for the Japanese until they return. The Burlington assembly of Japanese from Whatcom, Skagit, San Juan and Island counties, totaled ninety-seven. An additional fifty-seven were picked up at Everett, more at Seattle.—Herald staff photo.

**Nobuye "Pat" Shima, daughter of Asajiro and Suye Shima, waiting to board a bus during the "relocation" of Bellingham's resident Japanese-Americans to internment camps in June of 1942.**





**The Cissna Apartment Hotel was built in 1929 on the former site of Charles Cissna's Fair Department Store.**

Photos courtesy Whatcom Museum.





**The Countryman Building dates from 1904, when it was home to “The Racket” mercantile store.**

**In 1924 the building was updated in Spanish Colonial Revival Style with glazed tile and stucco.**

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**Architectural sketch of the Montague and McHugh department store building drawn by John Graham Sr. The building was constructed in 1927 and later became the Bon Marche. It has been known as the Crown Plaza building since 1991.**



*Montague McHugh*

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Built in 1927, the Mount Baker Theatre was part of a “Metropolitan District” in downtown Bellingham.

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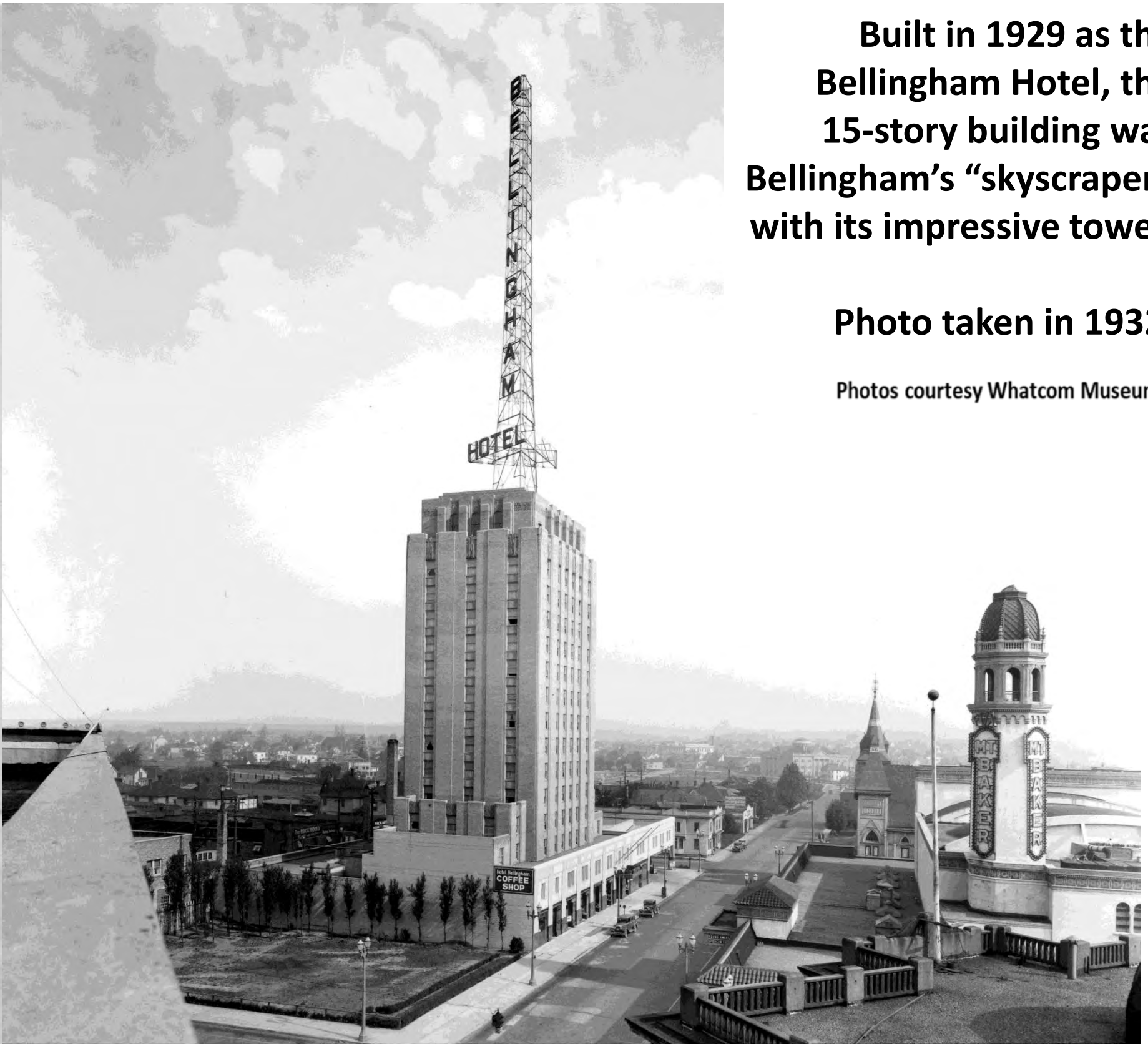




**Interior views of the Mount Baker Theatre, built in 1927.**

Photos courtesy Whatcom Museum.





Built in 1929 as the Bellingham Hotel, the 15-story building was Bellingham's "skyscraper" with its impressive tower.

Photo taken in 1932.

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**Built in 1908, Bellingham's downtown Carnegie Library was the second of two built in Bellingham. The building sat on top of a rocky outcrop of stone, and subsequent re-grading of streets required the addition of more steps.**

Photos courtesy Whatcom Museum.





**The library was demolished in 1953.**

**Note in the photo at left is a “book chute” to make moving the libraries contents easier.**

**The library was depicted in a mural on the side of the recently repainted Crown Plaza building.**

Photos courtesy Whatcom Museum.





**A view of the leveled site for Bellingham's Federal building at Magnolia and Dock Streets (Cornwall Ave) circa 1908.**



Photos courtesy Whatcom Museum.

**Bellingham's Federal Building began in 1912 and was completed in 1913. The main floor housed the post office and featured convenient street-level entrances.**

Photos courtesy Whatcom Museum.





**View of train cars on Railroad Avenue near Chestnut circa 1914.**



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**Bellingham Bay and  
British Columbia  
Railroad locomotive at  
the depot on Railroad  
between Chestnut and E  
Maple (site of Farmer's  
Market today)  
Circa 1891.**

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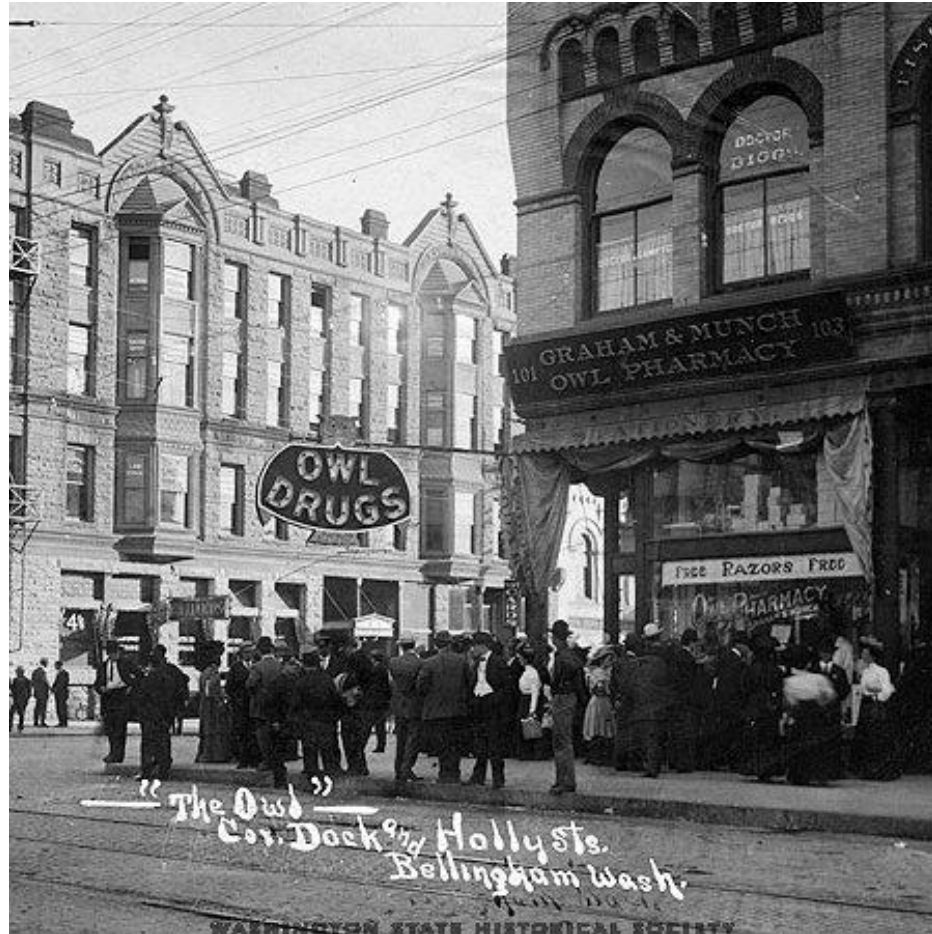
**Welcome arch across Railroad Avenue and crowds waiting for the arrival of the first B.B.C. train, June 1891.**

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**Aftermath of the "Great Water Fight" June, 1891. The building with the people on the roof is the site of today's Little Cheerful Café**





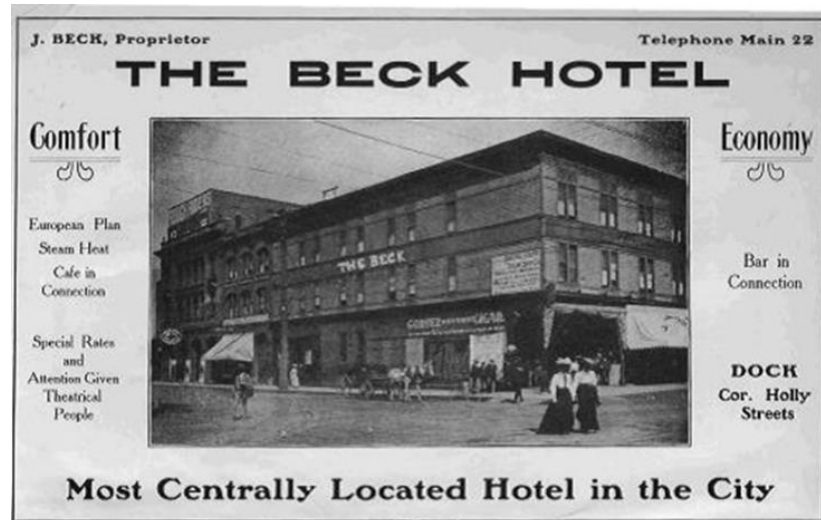
Built in 1895 the Fischer Block was originally home to the Owl Pharmacy and was known for years as the “Medical Building.”

A third story was added in the 1930s.





## Jacob Beck's Grandview Hotel and saloon, corner of Holly and Dock Streets (Cornwall Ave) built in 1888 on the "outskirts" of town..



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The Bellingham National Bank, built in 1913.

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**Beck's Theatre was built in 1902, and later became the American Theater.**

**The theater was demolished in 1959 to make way for J.C. Penney's new building.**



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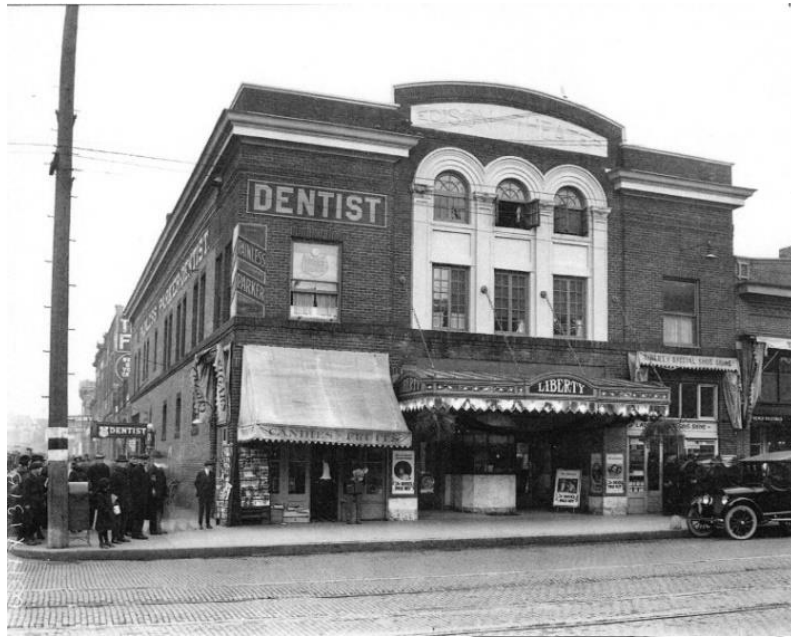
The Red Front Building at the corner of Holly and “Canoe” (Commercial Street) dates from 1900.

The Clover Building, erected in 1899 and named for Ella Higginson's "Four Leaf Clover" poem.



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**Built in 1914, the Liberty Theater hosted a Charlie Chaplin Contest in 1921.**

**It was torn down for the parking garage in 1969.**



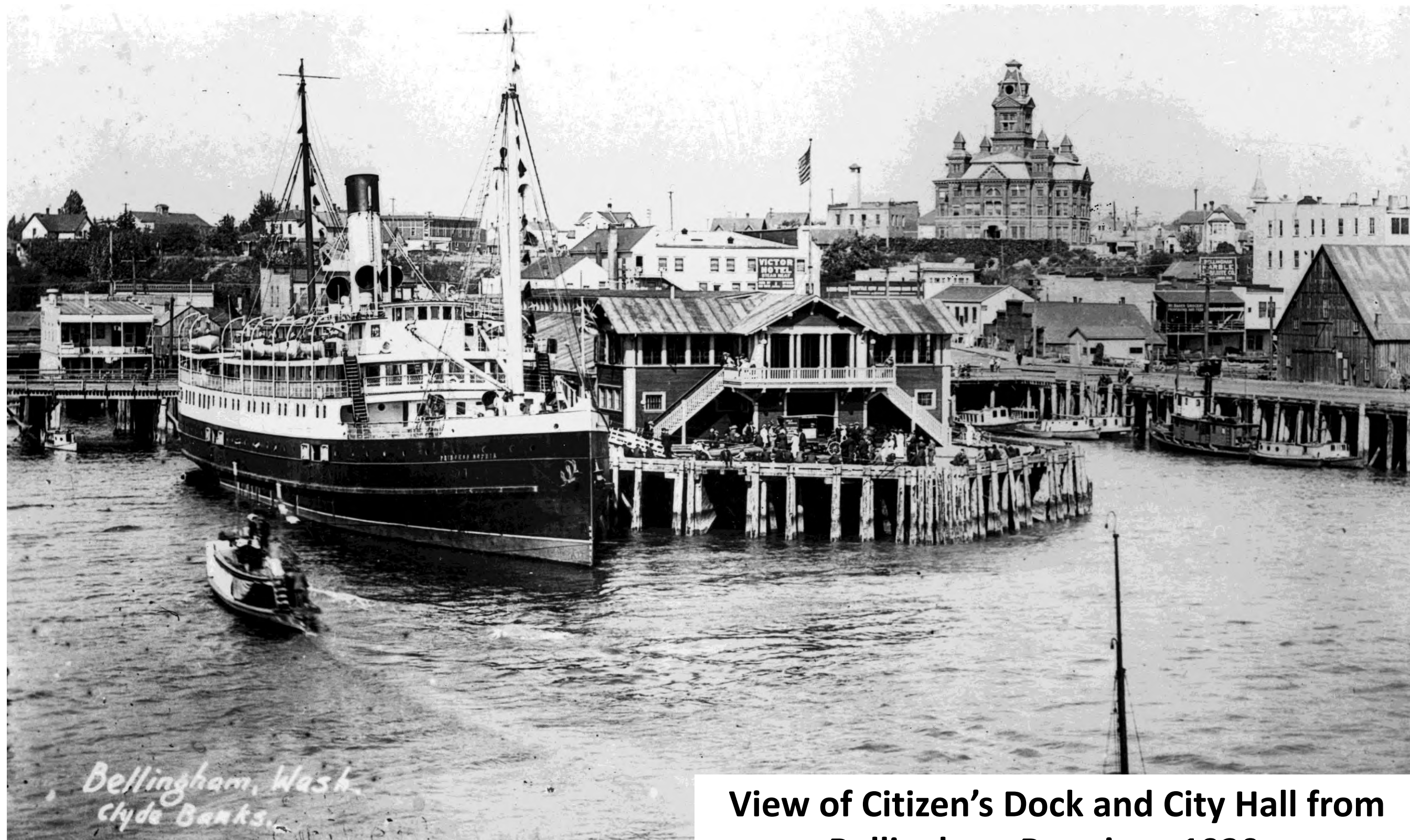
**The Grand Theater was built in 1912 and demolished with neighboring buildings in 1971.**



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**View of Citizen's Dock and City Hall from  
Bellingham Bay circa 1920s.**