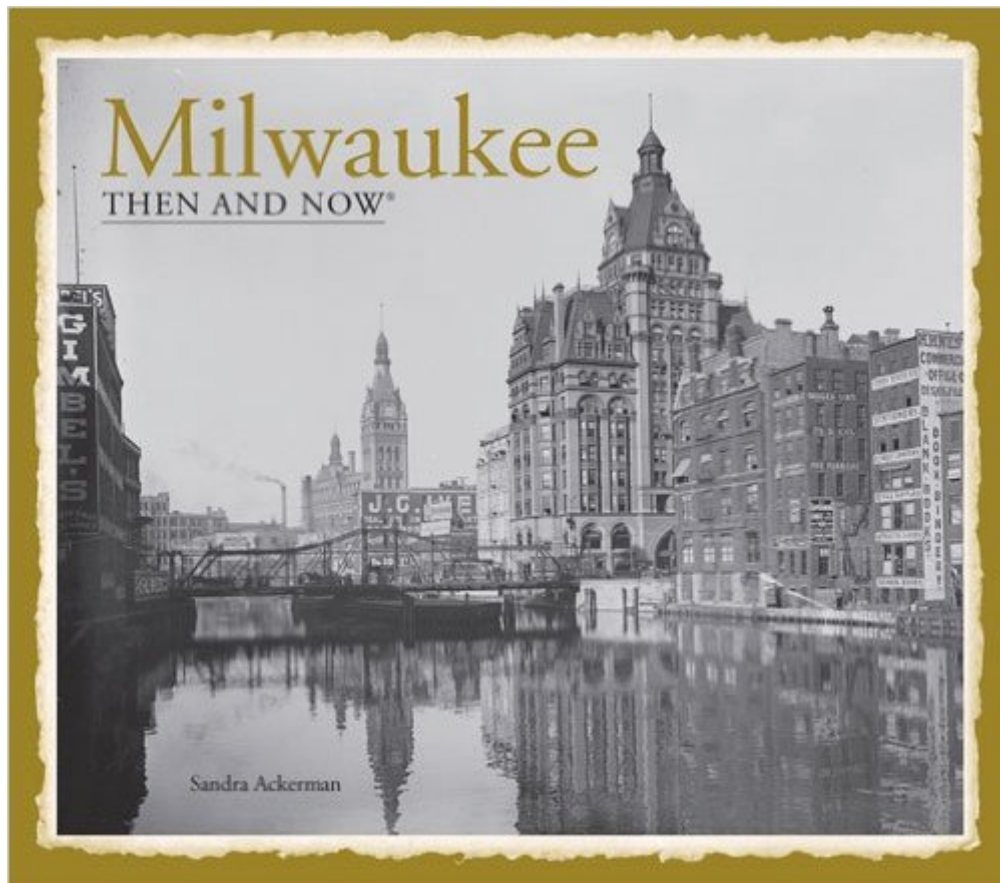


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# Milwaukee: Then And Now®



## Synopsis

Contains a host of local landmarks as they once looked alongside the same viewpoint photographed today. Milwaukee's name, meaning "gathering place by the water," comes from the Native Americans who first populated this attractive area located on the shores of Lake Michigan. The town was founded in the 1840s by the merchants Juneau, Kilbourn, and Walker, and it soon became a thriving center for trade. Many of its early settlers were prosperous New England businessmen seeking new opportunities. These entrepreneurs built churches, schools, and parks that really started to put Milwaukee on the map. German immigrants began to arrive in the late 19th century and the city developed a strong Germanic influence, from its architecture to the frankfurter sausages that are still sold today. Sites include City Hall, Nunnemacher Grand Opera House, Cawker Building, Wisconsin Avenue Bridge, Iron Block Building, Chapman's Department Store, Pfister Hotel, Hull House, Layton Art Gallery, Keenan House, Courthouse Square, Blatz Brewery, Milwaukee River, Usinger's Famous Sausage, Republican Hotel, Espenhain Department Store, Milwaukee Railroad Depot, Mitchell Building, Midwest Grain Exchange, Chicago Northwestern Depot, Maitland Field, Milwaukee Art Museum, Pulaski Street, Schlitz Brewery, Pabst Brewery, Pfister and Vogel Leather, Tivoli Palm Garden, Plankinton, and Pabst Mansions.

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I lived in Milwaukee from birth until graduating from college in 1969 but have hardly been back

since. I remember the city fondly and love to see old photographs and other reminders of my youth. This new edition of "Milwaukee: Then and Now" (2014) by Sandra Ackerman is a reissue of the book first published in 2004. It is a coffee-table sized book of photographs of Milwaukee. The book presents a photograph on an old Milwaukee scene or landmark on the left-hand side of the book followed by a photo of the same site as viewed today on the right-hand side. The old photographs generally are in black-and-white while the recent photos are in clear, well-defined color. Ackerman, a Milwaukee native and Executive Director of the preservationist organization Historic Milwaukee, selected the photos and wrote informative commentaries about the sites and their histories. Many of the old photos predate my time in Milwaukee while the recent photos postdate it. A city which seemed to me stolid and unchanging in my younger days has actually changed a great deal. Still, the book brought back many memories. I enjoyed seeing places and landmarks I knew well, both before and after the time I knew them. Photographs of downtown Milwaukee, with the unique bridges over the Milwaukee River that would divide and rise in the air for passing ships brought back memories. I remember places that I knew, including the lakefront, the old Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Station, the Northwestern Life Building, Layton Art Gallery, County Stadium, the Milwaukee Art Museum, the old Plankinton Mansion and much more. The only photograph of a place near my home was of Washington Park, where I spent some time at the old zoo and even more time walking around the lagoon and hearing concerts at the band shell.

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