San Joaquin County

San Joaquin County Courthouse in Stockton. Part 2 of 5: Stockton.





City Hall

Stockton is one of California's first cities, dating from 1850. The city hall dates from 1928. (January 2002)



Weber Street

The Argonaut Building on one of the main streets. (January 2002)



The Channel

The channel has changed in the last ten years. There is a ball park, arena and hotel on the right. There is a new marina on the left. (January 2002)



Civic Auditorium



Courthouse Plaza



Courthouse Plaza



Courthouse–Weber Street



McLeod Lake



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Miner Street

The 12-story Medico-Dental Building (1927) on the right is the tallest building in Stockton. (January 2002)



Public Safety Building



St. John's Episcopal Churh

This historic church was built in 1858. The church was founded in 1850. (March 2003)



State Building and deCarli Plaza





The Downtown Marina



The Channel



The old Sperry Flour Warehouse



The Stockton Hotel

At this point it is closed waiting to be renovated. (March 2003) Today it provides senior & low income housing.



The Stockton Hotel

The hotel has been converted to apartments for low income people. It is on the Register of Historic Places. It was built in 1915. (March 2009)



Bank of Stockton



Bank of America Building

It is also known as Cort Tower, after the developer who renovated the building. It is now home to a charter school. (March 2009)



Old fire house on Pilgrim Street

The firefighters union now owns this old firehouse. (March 2009)



The Genova Bakery

The historic bakery still thrives, selling its french bread and rolls, and Italian groceries. (March 2009)



Levinson's



New County Building



Main Street

This began as an Amercan Savings bank. It is now owned by Chase. (March 2009)







Center Street

Stockton is famous for its symphony, which, at close to one hundred years, is the third oldest continuously operating symphony in California, following the San Francisco Symphony and the Los Angeles Philharmonic.









The Arena

(March 2009)



The Arena

(March 2009)



The Stockton Ball Park

Some claim the poem "Casey at the Bat" was written about a ball game on this site 100 years ago. The Ports are one of the winningest professional baseball teams in the country. (March 2009)






de Carli Plaza



(March 2009)

Morris Chapel – University of the Pacific

(March 2002)



Burns Tower – University of the Pacific

UOP dates back to 1850. It moved to Stockton from San Jose in the 1920's. Burns Tower is the administrative building, and contains a carillon that can be heard each noon through the area. (March 2002)



Lafayette Street



Lafayette Street



Courthouse Square



Senior Housing



St. Mary's Church – Washington Street

This is the oldest brick church in the Central Valley. (August 2002)





Annunciation Cathedral Rose and Van Buren Streets

Lafayette Street

Note the Asian languages. This makes a good cultural test. They are, from left to right: Vietnamese, Chinese, Hindi, Cambodian, and Hmong (I think). (August 2002)



Santa Fe Tracks



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Stockton once had three rail stations – two of them are still working. This handles Amtrak trains to the Bay Area. (February 2007)



Magnolia Historical District

Stockton has managed to preserve part of its old historical residential district. The Magnolia Historical District is north of downtown. (February 2007)



The old headquarters of Sperry FlourThis is located at the head of the channel where Sperry Flour had its warehouse. (February 2007)



East Stockton

East Stockton is known as Okieville. Dustbowl migrants of the 1930's settled here. There are some interesting examples of folk art here. (September 2010)



East Stockton

(September 2010)



Catholic Cemetery – Harding Way



Rural Cemetery



Rural Cemetery



(March 2009)

California Street

Alpine Market was once the street car barn back in the day when Stockton had street cars. They diappeared in the 1950's. (2009)



Stockton Iron Works

The north side of the channel was filled with industry that has gradually disappeared. (2009)



Lido Hotel – Wilson Way

Wilson Way was once Highway 99 when it passed through town. The Lido Hotel is mentioned in the novel "Fat City." (2009)



Stockton Port

Stockton has always been a port. It is the farthest that miners could come by water in Gold Rush days. It became a deep water port in the 1930's. (2009)



Stockton Port



Asian Farmers' Market

Stockton has several farmers' markets. The Asian Market downtown is open all year. (August 2002)



Cambodian Temple Grounds

Local Cambodians have built very large statues on their extensive temple grounds on the southeast edge of Stockton.



Cinco de Mayo

This overcast May 5th did not dampen the spirits of the Cinco de Mayo parade-goers. (February 2007)



Hmong New Year

At the Hmong New Years celebration. The Hmong are among serveral groups that settled in Stockton in the aftermath of the Vietnam War. (January 2002)



Weber Street – Transit Center

All the bus lines connect at the new transit facility. (February 2007)



Weber Street – Transit Center

Some buildings are new but some old facades have been kept. (February 2007)



Weber Street

(February 2007)



Weber Street

Weber St. was one of Stockton's main streets when it had a thriving downtown. (February 2007)



Rail Station

The rail station is still used for trains running up and down the Valley. (February 2007)



Old neighborhood cafe on Church Street

A large factory was located across the street. It is long gone. (2010)



New movie complex downtown





The Old Fox Theatre Downtown

To make sure that people come downtown, this is the only theater besides the new complex that is allowed in the city. It features live music and classic movies. (August 2009)



New county administration building

This is a Chihuly glass piece hanging in the lobby of the new county building. (August 2009)



Flora Street Center/ Old Weber Primary School

One of the old schools (1873) that has survived the wrecker's ball. It is still used by the school district for various purposes. (August 2009)



Superintendent's House-old State Hospital The state hospital dates back to the 19th

Century. Now it is a branch of a state college. (August 2009)



Old Post Office-Hunter Street

This was once the main post office. A classic example of WPA moderne architecture, it contains wall-sized murals of early days in Califormia. Now it is a charter school. (August 2009)

