

## Facts about the Hotel Fairview and the Fire

- ❖ The hotel was built in 1898 and opened on July 1, 1899
- ❖ It was a square building 60 feet long and 60 feet wide with a tower on the roof
- ❖ The hotel was famous for its good food
- ❖ It had a 50 foot long bar with crystal lamps and mirrors behind it
- ❖ There were 28 bedrooms
- ❖ There was a wide main staircase that went from the ground floor to the third floor, and a back staircase
- ❖ Mr. Mathias was the manager, and his wife and child lived in the hotel with him
- ❖ 14 people were staying in the hotel the night of the fire
- ❖ The fire happened at night during hot dry weather
- ❖ Mrs. Mathias and her child jumped from a window and escaped
- ❖ Several people were killed, including Mr. Mathias and the schoolteacher Miss Louise Smith.
- ❖ Nearby pharmacists helped injured guests by putting medicine on their burns.