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Expanding Old Tucson into a Multi-Cultural Heritage Center

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1846-47  Mexican American War
1849  California Gold Rush
1853  Gadsden Purchase
1854  Copper is discovered in AZ
1856  U.S. Camel Corps
1857  San Antonio to San Diego Stagecoach Mail line, Tucson becomes major supply line

1861-1865  Civil War
1862  Tucson occupied by Southern Forces, Capture of Tucson by Union Forces
1866  Tully, Ochoa & Co Merchandize Business, Zechaendorf & Co Merchandize Business
1867  Tucson becomes capital of Arizona Territory
1869  St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church Built
1870  Arizona Citizen begins publication
1872  Public School Department organized, Population: 3,500
1873  San Diego to Tucson Telegraph, Ft. Lowell Built
1877  Tucson Incorporated
1879  Arizona Daily Star begins publication
1880  Southern Pacific Railroad begins operating, St. Mary’s Hospital opens, Population: 7007
1881  Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe begin operating
1883  City Chartered, Electric lights
1891  University of Arizona opens
1893  Arizona State Museum established
1897  Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson established

1898-1901  Spanish American War
1899  First Cars arrive in Tucson, Population: 7,531
1906  Mule drawn streetcar retired, Electric Streetcar, University of Arizona to downtown
1907  Southern Pacific Railway Station built
1912  Arizona becomes a State, Population: 13,193

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Tucson’s History from 1850-1912
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Legend
- New Buildings
- Existing Buildings
- Repurposed Buildings
- Theme Areas
- Railroad
- Plaza

Entry

Main Street

Farming

Transportation

Downtown

Mexican Village

Military

Native American Village

Heritage Festival

Ranching
Entry

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Farming

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Downtown
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