

Wiki For Woodhaven



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Making Local History More Accessible

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The Problem

- WCHS created a wiki in 2008 which soon fell into disuse
- Majority of articles were about businesses along commercial corridor
- Very few articles of cultural or historical content
- Minimal organization in place
- Recently increased interest in local history had no outlet



Grosjean Factory (c. 1876), clocktower still stands

The Impact

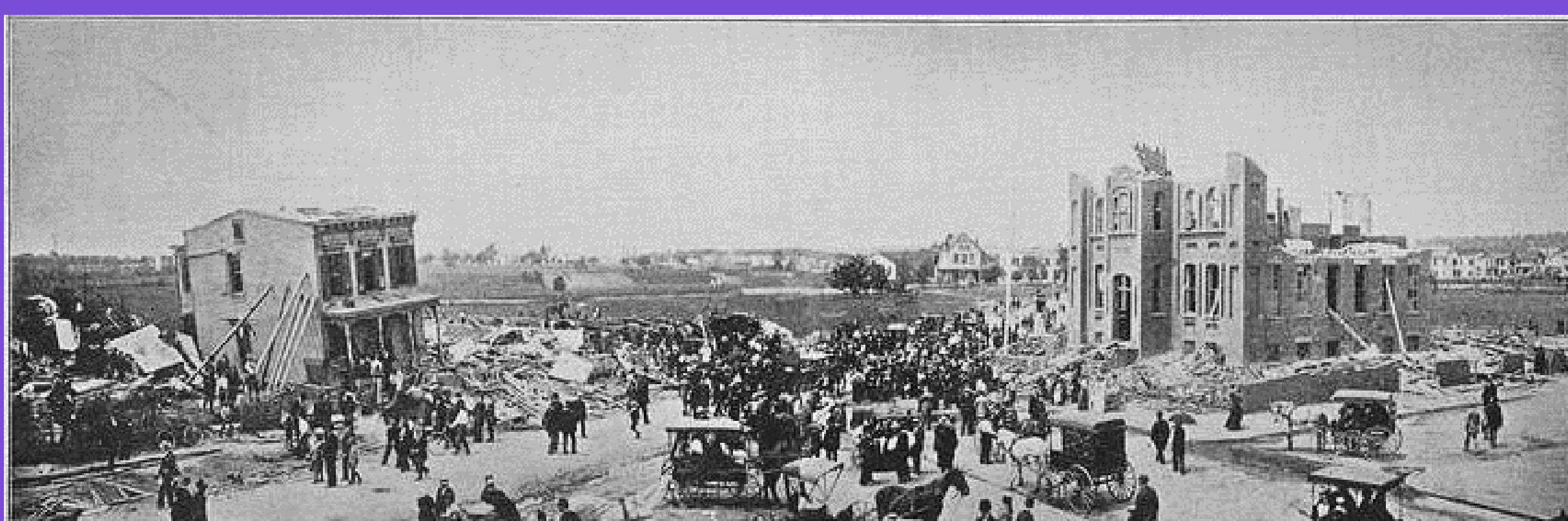
- Wiki is easier to navigate and use
- Guidelines help new users format article submissions for more overall uniformity
- Guidelines also help new users utilize the organization scheme
- New users to include local historians as well as a middle school history club
- Students in history club will learn digital publishing along with local history
- Community will find wiki easier to use

The Solution

- Discussed with stakeholders how best to improve wiki
- Assessed wiki for possible solutions
- Created and applied organization scheme using links and tags, updated home page and navigation structure
- Guidelines document to aid submission by users
- Six example articles to illustrate use of guidelines



1916 construction of elevated train



Aftereffects of 1895 cyclone