

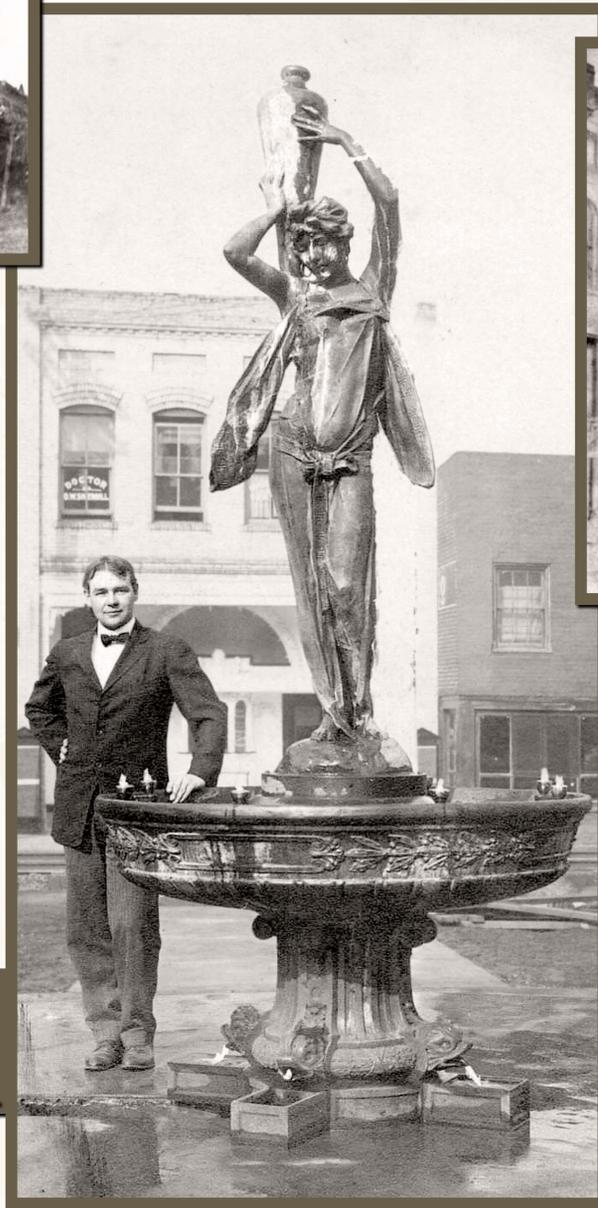
FOUNTAIN SQUARE



The First National Bank opened on June 6, 1896, and later became known as the Unaka National Bank.

Throughout the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Fountain Square was the heart of Johnson City, bearing witness to boom and bust. The Unaka Bank building looked onto the square, its architecture imposing a sense of strength and prosperity to the triangular green space on which stood the fountain that gave the square its name.

The Lady in the Fountain, a Johnson City icon, was installed in 1904 to honor Congressman Walter Brownlow for establishing Soldiers Home in Johnson City.



Jobe's Opera House (1884 - 1905) provided performance space for plays, lectures, high and low opera, and high school commencements.

In the center of the triangle stood a magnificent six-foot bronze sculpture placed atop an ornate fountain. Designed by Alan George Newman and formally named the *Greek Water Carrier*, the work is known locally as *The Lady of the Fountain*. The fountain's bowl overflowed into troughs where animals could drink while their handlers refreshed themselves from the spigots above.



A parade through Fountain Square welcoming the troops home from Europe after World War I.