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### Enlarging Old Photos for Fun

Tired of watching boring TV? I said yes to that question many years ago, 1994 to be exact. It took a few years to wean myself off the idiot box. I started reading a lot and found it more relaxing and gee, I learned a lot of new things. Then I got a computer and started a new learning curve. I learned to use Microsoft Word and that led to writing some books and this NL. I also delved into working with photos.

While trying to date old photos I would enlarge them and look for different things that might give a clue to the date the photo was taken. A lot of interesting things came into view, if you look hard enough.

Here is an example.



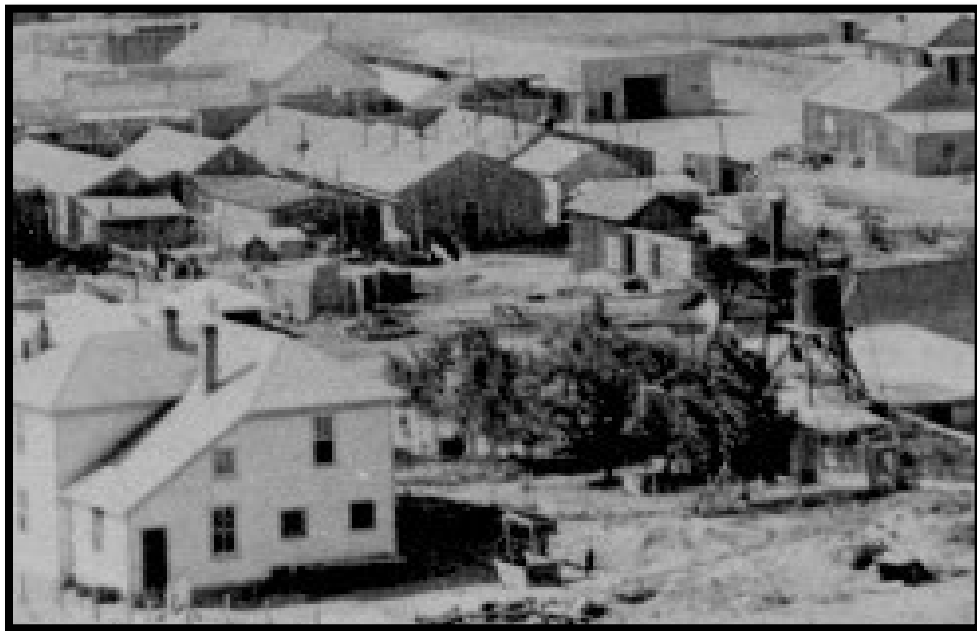
Photo of Ely, taken in August, 1906.

I started looking for buildings that might still exist and then to figure out street locations. The next step is to compare these things with the surrounding hills and other landmarks.



A little bit left of center is the Catholic Church on Murray Street, which leads us up the road to Murray Canyon. The main street, Aultman, is discernable. Other parts of the area fall into place.

Enlarging some more, I found some interesting items.



Notice the trees just to the right of the white house. Could that be a spring? I believe it is and next to it is a windmill, a raised water tank and some piping. Maybe it is NOT a spring, but the people living there had a well and pumped water to have a garden and some trees. I am sure that back in those days it was prudent to build your house close to some water. So let us enlarge the area of the windmill and water tank.



I found several more windmills and water tanks. Here is an enlargement that show one by the side of the Catholic Church on Murray. I don't see it, but Murray Creek ran down by there somehow.



## Old Photo



This is Railroad Day 1906.

It will be interesting to see if the buildings in this photo match up with the ones in the above article. Maybe some windmills can be found.