

Albuquerque Museum Object Detail Report



Albuquerque Street Scene

Date

ca. 1904

Primary Maker

Cobb Studio

Medium

glass plate negative

Dimensions

6 1/2 × 8 1/2 in. (16.5 × 21.6 cm)

Object number

PA1990.013.435.A

Description

A street scene on Railroad Avenue in New Town, Albuquerque, New Mexico. The street is wide and unpaved with cement sidewalks. Men, women, and children walk and gather throughout the street. Many women and children carry perusals and most men wear hats. Storefront buildings line the road on the left, with a hardware store advertising for gas cookware in the forefront. A street trolley rail car can be seen from behind the crowds. Railroad Avenue is now called Central Avenue and runs east to west through downtown, formerly known as New Town, Albuquerque. "Railroad Avenue" came from being located along the city's railway and depot. The name was changed between 1907 and 1908. Central Avenue also overlaps with sections of the historic Route 66 Highway. Emulsion deterioration is occurring on the glass plate causing distortion and emulsion loss. The plate is broken in multiple pieces with the top right corner missing.