

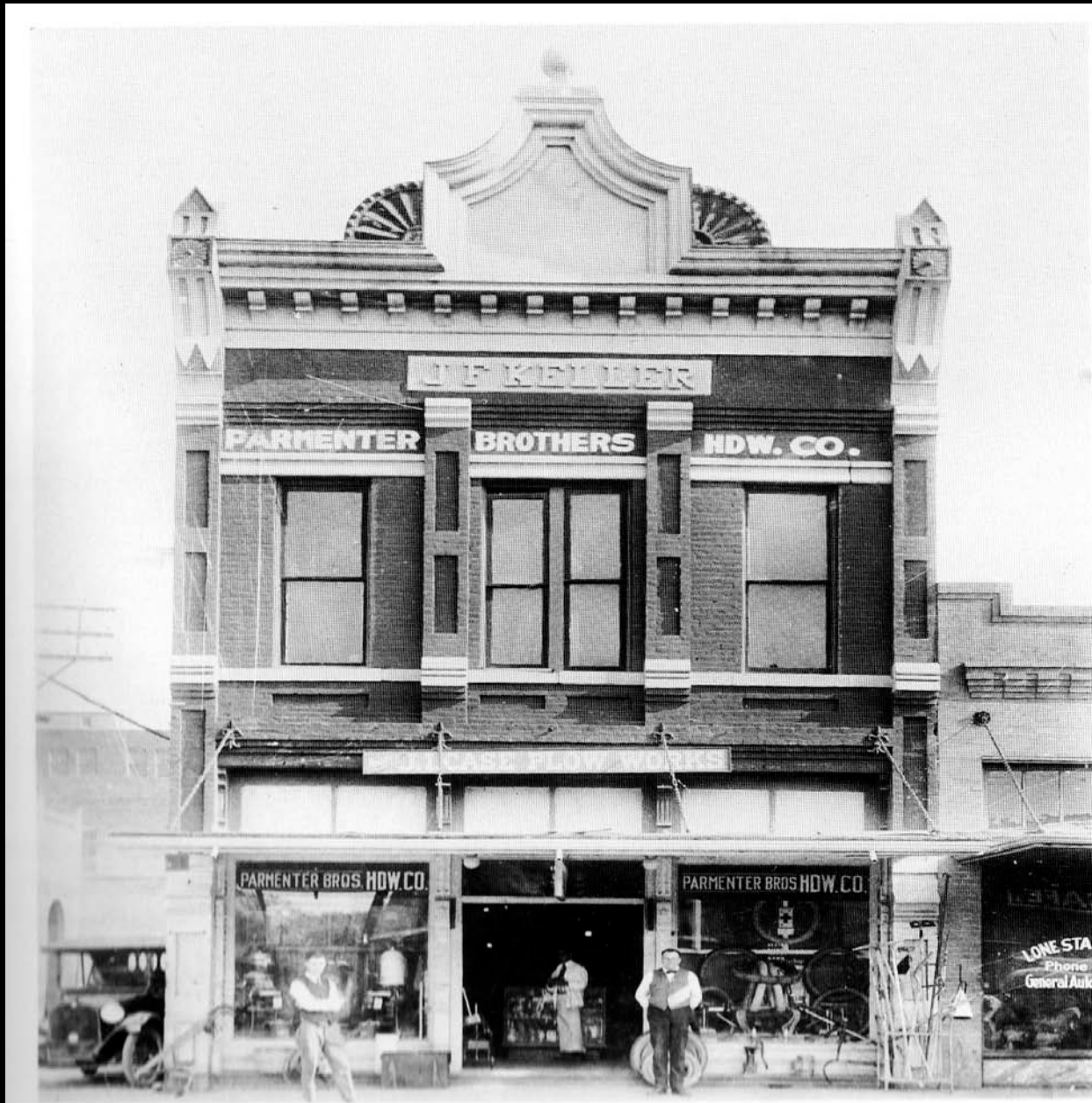
Downtown Proud

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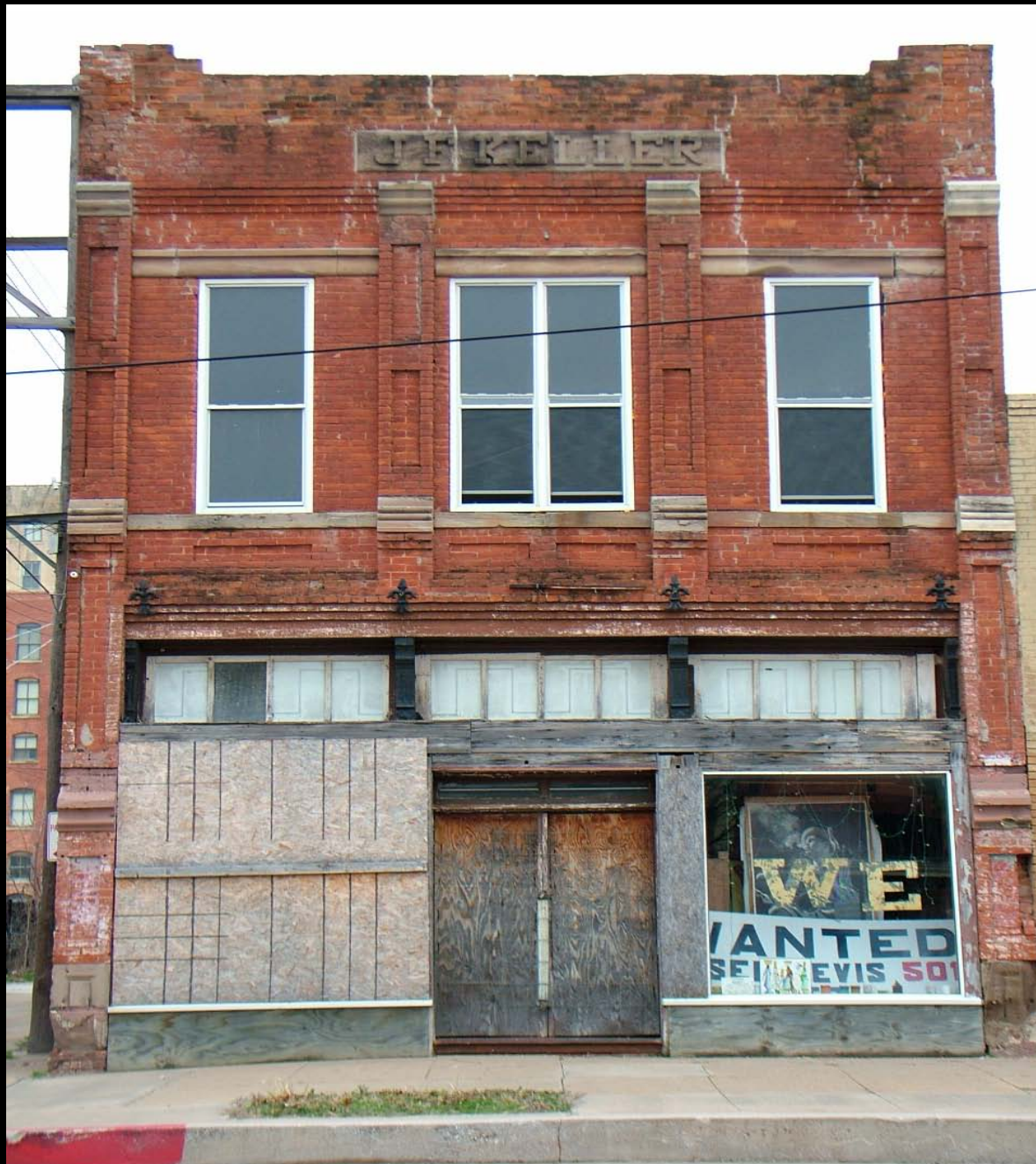
My photo essay is titled, "Downtown Proud." I took pictures of the abandoned and decaying buildings of a once booming business area in Wichita Falls, Texas. I am able to show the stark contrast of past and present business buildings with older pictures depicting their heyday. This is a social problem in many cities around the country. The allure of building the new and discarding the old instead of repairing it has become the new norm of the consumer society. My photo essay addresses this issue in the form of business structures.



Downtown Wichita Falls, Texas--Seventh Street (Courtesy of the Wichita Falls Museum of Art and Midwestern State University)



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Downtown Wichita Falls, Texas-Seventh Street



Downtown Wichita Falls, Texas-Ohio Street



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Downtown Wichita Falls, Texas-Scott Street



Downtown Wichita Falls, Texas-Lamar Street



Downtown Wichita Falls, Texas-Sixth Street