Chicago from the air in 1936.

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State Street, Chicago c.1905.
Trams and traffic in early Detroit.

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DATES OF HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS WITH NAMES OF CITIES, BUILDINGS AND KNOWN ARCHITECTS

1950 BOSTON: Suffolk County Courthouse: Desmond & Lord.
1887 CHICAGO: Chicago Board of Trade Building: William W. Boyington.
1895 CHICAGO: Old Colony Building: Holabird & Root.
1900 CHICAGO: Reliance Building: Daniel Burnham & John Wellborn Root.
1930 CHICAGO: Second Board of Trade Building: Holabird & Root.
1936 CINCINNATI: Gwynne Building: Ernest Flagg.
1910 DETROIT: Dime Building: Daniel Burnham.
1922 DETROIT: Kresge Building: Albert Kahn.
Date of photograph c.1950. West End and Scollay Square.
Note the window box air conditioning units.
Date of photograph 1877 showing 320 ft high clock tower, then tallest in Chicago.
Replacement 1930 Trade Building 605 ft tall, said to be largest futures exchange in the world.
OLD COLONY BUILDING CHICAGO

Date of photograph 1895. With 17 floors, the "first to use skeleton construction throughout."
Now with the exterior cleaned and mainly condominiums.
RELIANCE BUILDING CHICAGO

Photograph c.1900. Famous for classic "Chicago Window" and interior steel frame construction.
With 14 floors, now refurbished as the Hotel Burnham.
Date of photograph 1932. Art Deco style with 16 floors in concrete and limestone.
In about 2007, the building became the Hamilton County Court of Domestic Relations.
Date of photograph 1936. The building is in the French Beaux-Arts style.
Headquarters of Proctor & Gamble 1914-56, still "one on the city's handsomest buildings."
CAREW TOWER CINCINNATI

Date of photograph 1968. Built with 48 floors in Art Deco style.
At 574 ft, the Tower was the tallest building in Cincinnati from 1930 until 2011.
Date of photograph 1910. The twin towers under construction.
Now called Chrysler House.
Date of photograph 1922. Building has 18 floors; was HQ of S.S. Kresge Company until 1930.
Date of photograph 1928. The Fisher Brothers manufactured automobile bodies.
Awarded "Building of the Century" by American Institute of Architects in 2000.
Michigan Avenue Bridge, Chicago in 1929.

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