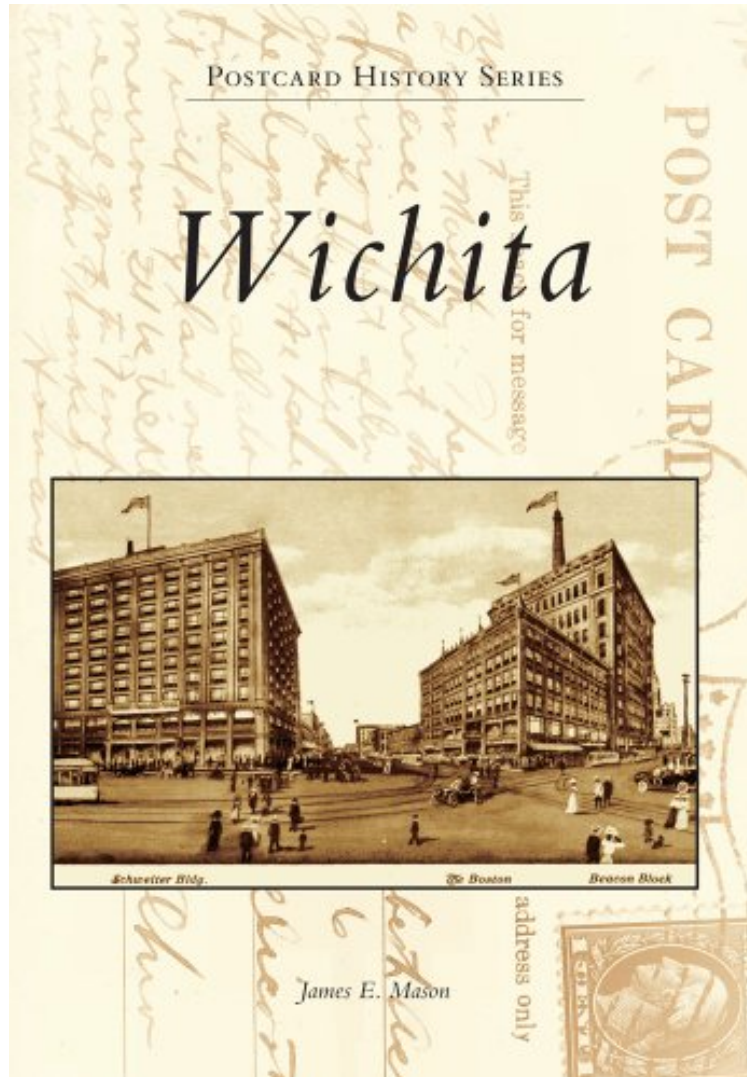


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James E. Mason : Wichita (Postcard History) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Wichita (Postcard History):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Wichita PostcardsBy ScottBra9My daily commute driving on Douglas takes me through downtown Wichita. I often find myself, while waiting on the lights to change. Wondering what downtown Wichita looked like decades ago. Many of the old building are long gone. Some were replaced with "modern" ones. Some were leveled only to be replace by a parking lot. Some of the old ones that still remain were given a "modern look" in the late 1960's and early 1970's. This book was said to have many vintage postcards depicting downtown Wichita and other parts of my hometown. I have had the book for a few days now and have been

enjoying it very much. I have enjoyed viewing the postcards that show what the refaced old buildings looked like when they were new. If you live in or have ever lived in Wichita and would like to take an enjoyable trip into the past this book is for you. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By grandpa Fits into my collection of Wichita Post Cards and other Kansas Towns. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. interesting- ish By K So many postcards with so much history. Interesting for people who live near, have been to or wish to visit Wichita as it gives you places you can drive to and still see. Not so interesting otherwise.

Wichita, Kansas, was founded in 1870 as a small frontier cow town. By 1900, after having gone through one of the most remarkable real estate boom-and-bust cycles in US history, it had become the largest city in the state and a regional hub of commerce. Wichita flourished between 1900 and 1940, and its population quadrupled as it became a world leader in aircraft production. Picture postcards were introduced just as Wichita entered this latter phase of development, and the colorful new form of communication amply documented Wichitas history during those years.

About the Author James E. Mason is a Wichita native. He works as an interpretive naturalist for the Wichita Parks Department at the Great Plains Nature Center. His interest in picture postcards developed as he uncovered postcards while writing *Images of America: Wichitas Riverside Parks*, his first book with Arcadia Publishing. *Postcard History Series: Wichita* reveals the many colorful stories of Wichitas past that are depicted on vintage postcards from a century ago.