

Fine Art Photography — From the Heart

Every person has a story worth telling...

... And I'd like to tell yours

Nearly Abandoned



WHAT PEOPLE SAY

*“ART BEGINS
WHERE WORDS
END.”*

*EDWARD
WESTON*

The House of Many Windows

This House of Many Windows is in a ‘Nearly Abandoned’ town.

When I look at most buildings – they talk to me. Their story is clear. But sometimes, I have to work a little harder to understand their true nature. Why did they exist in the first place? What happened to them?

What does this school house have to tell us? Built in 1920, this building was the epi-center for the education of the town’s children – a house of learning. Today it is a derelict. How could this happen?

In it’s prime, this town had a population of over 700 people and featured a two story brick school house, general merchandise store, post office, church, milliner’s shop, butcher shop, harness shop,

cheese factory, steam powered flour mill, furniture store, drug store, hardware store, shoe maker, blacksmith shops, two doctor’s offices and a teacher’s hotel with a kitchen.

And three social organizations. A post of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Independent Order of Good Templars.

All the makings of a solid small town in the mid-1800’s to the early 1900’s. This town was built for success.

Today, all the businesses have left. There aren’t enough people left to sustain a local economy.

The question asks itself ‘Who were the people who built this town, worked here and raised their families.

Where have they gone and why?’

I spoke with a few residents but even they couldn’t come up with much information.

And now we’re left with questions, but precious few answers.

Today, it’s just a ‘Nearly Abandoned’ town surrounded by farmland, where the residents moved away searching for better jobs. Who can blame them?

These ‘Nearly Abandoned’ places are where our families once thrived only a generation or two ago. And now they’re fading away. Soon to be gone – forever.

Together, let’s remember them and explore the world’s places that are ‘Nearly Abandoned’.

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BIOGRAPHY

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*“The essence of
leadership is
vision. You can't
blow and uncertain
trumpet.”*

*Father Theodore
Hesburgh*



Dad was a small town photographer in the days of B&W film: wedding, portrait, commercial, events, he did it all. I remember when I was small, sometimes he would set up the camera and I would be able to press the cable release for him. He showed me how to develop and print film. Dad's photography left me with some great memories. Later in life, I found myself drawn back to photography. I decided to pick up a camera. My dad has long since passed, but when I take a picture, I am connected with him. --

About Augie as a photographer?

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“Your vision will become clear only when you look into your heart.

Who looks outside, dreams.

Who looks inside awakens.”

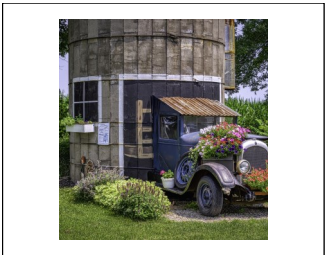
Carl Jung



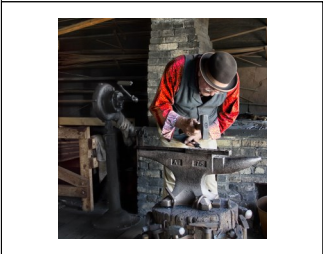
Portraits



Transportation



Fun Shops



Location Photography



Railroads



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The Highground

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