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- 1 Island Pond** - A remnant of the distant geologic past, Island Pond is a jewel in the middle of Sayre as pictured in a painting done by noted Sayre artist M. Louis Gore. The artist was a descendent of Bradford County pioneers and the creator of a number of murals throughout the area. He passed away in 1967 at the age of 90.
- 2 Former Location of Sayre High School** - Sayre's earlier high school building was constructed in 1891, the same year Sayre was incorporated as a borough. In 1882, Sayre became an independent school district and graduated its first class in 1887. The high school became known as the Central Grade School when the new high school was built in 1928 just a block away. The site now hosts First Citizens Bank.
- 3 Desmond Street** - Sayre's downtown features a bevy of Victorian-style buildings. The former Desmond Street Park was a downtown oasis for many years until the establishment of the J.J. Newberry store in the late 1950's. Desmond Street was named for former Assistant Superintendent of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Thomas Desmond.
- 4 Lehigh Valley Railroad Station** - The two-story brick railroad building served as a passenger station for the Lehigh Valley Railroad from 1881 to the early 1960's when passenger service by train ended. Sayre was the location of massive repair shops for the railroad mainly due to its location between New York and Buffalo. The railroad industry attracted skilled machinists and others seeking employment including a number of immigrants from Italy, Poland and the Ukraine.
- 5 The Wilbur Hotel** - Originally built in 1880 for Robert A. Packer, the Wilbur Hotel has had its ups and downs over its more than 139-year history. A \$3.5 million renovation in 2001 transformed the Hotel into a stately apartment complex with first floor retail space.
- 6 The U.S. Post Office** - Sayre's first post office was located in the old train station in 1874 and H.G. Spaulding was the postmaster. After a fire in the building, the post office was moved to Desmond Street.
- 7 Former Location of Coleman Memorial Parish House** - On November 10, 1909, the Coleman Memorial Parish House was dedicated and presented to the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer by Mary Packer Cummings, sister of Robert A. Packer and daughter of Asa Packer. The architecture of the former building was referred to as Sixteenth Century Gothic.
- 8 Sayre High School** - Constructed in 1928, the Sayre High School was located on a site some locals called "Tabernacle Hill" due to the existence of a wooden structure used by a traveling preacher named H.W. Stough. The Valley War Memorial Swimming Pool was built in 1951 and additions to the school were made in the late 1960's and early 1970's to accommodate the "baby boomers."