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It is important to remember how long-forgotten historical details shape our lives today. My study focuses on Columbia Street, which played a crucial role in the development of Fort Wayne from a former garrison town into a thriving city. The research, based on archival documents, demonstrates how Columbia Street came into existence, its purpose as a major contributor to the development of Fort Wayne, and finally how its neglect and demise have paved the way for other areas of town to fall into similar states of near-extinction. These findings are useful for the Fort Wayne community because they contribute to cultural pride, leading to appreciation for ancestral efforts, and finally to preservation of historical landmarks.