

Oversize Photo Scanning Project

Denny-Renton Clay & Coal Company

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This photo, taken from Renton Hill facing roughly northward, shows the brick-making plant in 1907. The plant began life in 1901 as Renton Clay Works and merged with the Denny Clay Company in 1905 to become Denny-Renton Clay & Coal Company. Denny-Renton became a major industry in Renton, producing paving bricks, sewer tiles, and pipes. Around the time this photo was taken, the plant employed over 350 people. The plant changed hands several times and finally closed around 1992 with just four employees remaining.



The plant was located just east of downtown and just south of the Cedar River. Today there is almost nothing of the plant remaining. The train tracks have been replaced by the Cedar River Trail and the off-leash dog park now covers a good portion of the site where the buildings formerly stood. Take a walk out there sometime and look for our historic marker just next to the Cedar River Trail! →

An entire listing of historic markers can be found on the Museum's website: www.rentonhistorymuseum.org.

