

## OKANOGAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### RUBY

QUEEN CITY OF THE OKANOGAN COUNTY SILVER BOOM, RUBY WAS BORN IN THE SPRING OF 1880. MAIN STREET, FOLLOWING THIS COUNTY ROAD, WAS 50 FEET WIDE. BOTH SIDES WERE SOLIDLY LINED BY BUSINESS PLACES FOR A QUARTER OF A MILE. CABINS AND SHACKS CLUNG TO THE HILLSIDES. RUBY BOOZED WHEN MINERS POURED IN FROM THE FIRST THOUGHT. THE ARLINGTON, FOURTH OF JULY, AND OTHER NOTABLE HONES IN RIDGES TO THE WEST WITH WHISKEY A DOLLAR A QUART, NO ONE WENT THIRSTY. TEMPORARY OKANOGAN COUNTY SEAT FOR 11 MONTHS, RUBY WAS ABANDONED OVERNIGHT WHEN THE PRICE DROPPED OUT OF SILVER IN '92. ONLY A FEW STONE FOUNDATIONS REMAIN OF WHAT WAS ONCE THE MOST FANCY MINING CAMP IN THE NORTHWEST.





