





## **A City Rises: The Founding and Growth of Lake Wales**

The story of Lake Wales begins in the late 19th century, when a group of settlers from the Midwest arrived in the area seeking a new life. Drawn to the region's fertile land and abundant water resources, they established a small community that would eventually become Lake Wales.

'Lake Wales Images of America' chronicles the city's early years, showcasing the challenges and triumphs of building a new community. From the construction of the first homes and businesses to the arrival of the railroad, the book provides a glimpse into the determination and resilience of the city's founders.



Lake Wales train station, circa 1910.

## **Industry and Innovation: Shaping Lake Wales' Economy**









