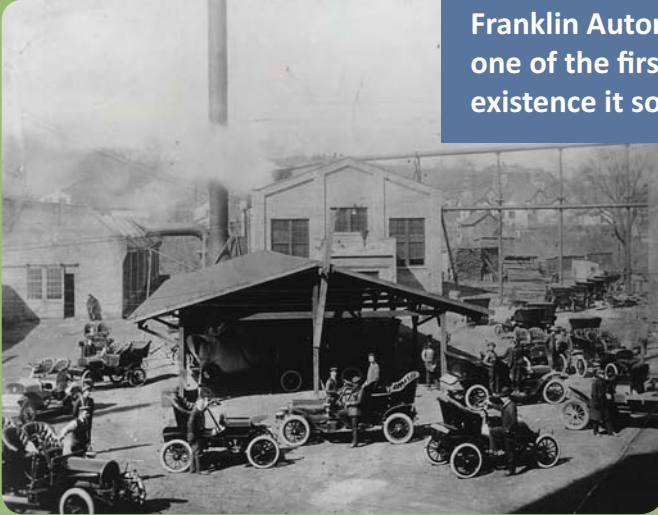


Automobiles

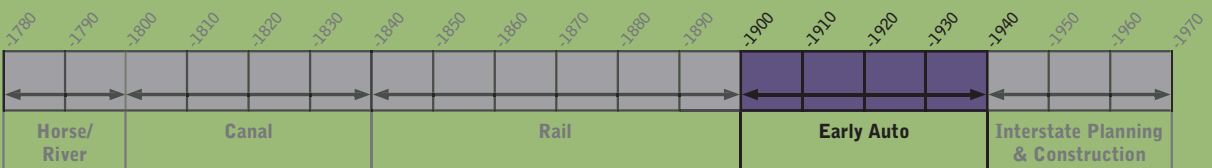
Automobiles entered the scene in the early 1900s. The Franklin Automobile Company, based in Syracuse, was one of the first car manufacturers. In its 30 years of existence it sold about 150,000 vehicles.*



By the early 1900s, Syracuse streets began to experience congestion associated with the railroads, streetcars and newly introduced automobiles operating on city streets.



In order to improve road conditions, the Delaware & Lackawana Railroad began operating on an elevated structure and the New York Central Railroad was shifted north and elevated along the alignment of today's I-690.



* Source: Smithsonian National Museum of American History "America on the Move"