

## Cleveland Architects

# Fenimore C Bate

**Birth/Established:** 1857 **Death/Dissolved:** June 27, 1903

### Biography:

Fenimore C. Bate was born in Cleveland. He first appears in the 1876-7 Cleveland City Directory as a draftsman working for architect Walter Blythe. In 1883, he was a draftsman and, the following year, an architect for the Cleveland Water Works Department. By 1885 he was in business for himself as an architect. He was the architect of numerous houses for the middle and upper middle classes as well as of commercial buildings at a time when Cleveland's population was booming. His works were well documented in the architectural journals of the time. Several significant examples of Bate-designed Queen Anne houses survive. These include the Schellentrager House (built 1893), 690 Lakeview Road; the Henry Trenkamp House (1894-5), 1905 East 89th Street; and the Latham Brightman House, now the Holmes County Historical Society (1901) in Millersburg, Ohio. His houses were built throughout Cleveland, northeast Ohio cities and towns, including Fremont and Toledo, and Indianapolis, Indiana. An article in the March 17, 1888 "Cleveland Town Topics" magazine said that Bate-designed homes "all show a refreshing departure from the stereotyped styles of a few years ago". He is best known as the architect of the Romanesque Revival-style Cleveland Grays Armory (1893), 1234 Bolivar Road. He was also a member of the Cleveland Grays. Later in his career he designed more tenement or apartment buildings, a popular building type in turn-of-the-century Cleveland. Architect Edward E. Smith was a draftsman who worked for Fenimore Bate from 1889 until 1894. Throughout Bate's career he designed commercial and industrial buildings. The Megerth Block (1892-3), 8620 - 6 Cedar Avenue, and the addition to the Standard Lighting Building (1895), 4419-37 Perkins Avenue, are two extant commercial-industrial use buildings designed by Bate. He was also the architect of several hotels and hotel additions, though apparently none of those survive. There is an article in the September 22, 1900 issue of the "Interstate Architect" that states that Bate was injured in an accident in his office where he dropped a battery with acid striking him in the face and neck causing him temporary blindness. After a period of failing health, Fenimore Bate died on June 27, 1903 at the age of forty six of apoplexy at home in his New Amsterdam apartment. He was buried in Lake View Cemetery. He left his estate to his wife Helen, including property that he owned on East 20th Street occupied by the Fenimore Apartments.

### Building List

Structure	Date	Address	City	State	Statue
Commercial Building	1880		Buffalo	NY	Demolished
Gilbert Barnes Residence	1882	1427 West 57th Street	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Brick wire mill for Otis and Company	1882		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for Charles S. Paddock	1882	2362 East 46th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Commercial-Residential Building for Jno Sheehan	1882		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Acid Works for Hayes & Co	1882		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for Wm Bingham	1883		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Cleveland Water Works Boiler House	1883		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Three dwellings for Charles French	1883		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Alterations to James Sprankle Residence	1883	3601 Clinton Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing

Cleveland City Forge & Iron Company Works	1883	4411 Lakeside	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for E. R. Hull & Company	1883	1454 East 55th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
George L. Schryver Residence	1883	3714 Carnegie Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Harry Dorner Residence	1884	1444 East 55th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
George H. Baker Residence	1884	2265 East 40th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Two dwellings for Fred Keppler	1884	2684 and 2688 East 48th Place	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Cleveland Storage Company Warehouse	1884	1944 Scranton Road	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Lemuel Rawson Residence	1885	2356-8 East 40th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Fenimore Bate Residence	1885	2416 East 46th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
C. C. Morse Residence	1885	2054 East 83rd Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
D. A. Dangler Residence	1885	3010 Prospect Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Fairmount Pumping Station	1885	2304 Woodhill Road	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Store Building for Henry Laub	1885	3503-9 Broadway	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Addition for American Wire Company	1885	1220 Marquette Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Willis Holden Residence	1886	8409 Cedar Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
H. A. Fuller Residence	1886	1899 East 82nd Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
A. M. Benson Residence	1886	2402 East 46th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Alexander Marshall Residence	1886	2366 East 46th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Henry Boyer Residence	1886	1669 East 55th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Fred Keppler Residence	1886	2483 East 40th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
James Mansur Residence	1886	2426 East 46th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Albert House Residence	1886	2422 East 46th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Terrace for Jarvis Adams	1886	2073-85 East 36th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Bradley Block	1886	2179 Ontario Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Mehnard Block	1886	1685-95 East 55th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
W. J. Hayes Summer Residence	1887	4655 Hayes Road	Ravenna	OH	Standing
Residence for Thomas Quintrell	1887	5817 Longfellow Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Abbie Pettengill and Henry A. Everett Residence	1887	2927 Prospect Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Louis Winch Residence	1887	2047 East 69th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
William H. Flood Residence	1887	8109 Woodland Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing
S. A. E. Lyman Residence	1888	2910 Clinton Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing
D. E. Dangler Residence	1888	3224 Prospect Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Factory for Standard Tool	1888	6900 Central Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Kennard Block (factories)	1888	1144 West 3rd Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
George Walker Residence	1888	8714 Carnegie Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Harry Avery Residence	1888	2097 East 21st Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Samuel Croxton Residence	1888	5802 Longfellow Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Bishop & Babcock	1888	4901-15 Hamilton Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Commercial Building for Alfred Arthur	1888	5013-27 Woodland Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Joseph Einstein Residence	1888	2388 East 37th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Lawrence Fox Residence	1888	1940 East 82nd Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
John Wilcox Residence	1888	1903 East 82nd Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
G. A. Craig Residence	1889	1417 West 58th Street	Cleveland	OH	Standing
E. J. Lobdell Residence	1889	21 Baldwin Street	Hudson	OH	Standing
Ben Salberg Residence	1889	2559 East 37th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for F. H. Penfield	1889	2633-5 East 40th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Lorenzo D. Dodge Residence	1889	1824 East 65th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished

L. A. Roby Residence	1889	1906 East 82nd Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Double Residence for Ben Salberg	1889	2553-5 East 37th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Store and flat building for Charlotte Evans	1889	7901-7 Woodland Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Woodland Hotel	1889	7909 Woodland Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Stores and Tenements for Fred Keppler	1889	3703-9 Woodland Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Arthur S. Gilman Residence	1889	1817 East 63rd Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Edward L. Patterson Residence	1889	5612 Quincy Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for Charlotte Evans	1889	2571 East 79th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for Charlotte Evans	1889	2573 East 79th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for Charlotte Evans	1889	2575 East 79th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
The Morgan Apartment Building for William Mogan	1889	2022 Prospect Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Tower Addition to First Reformed Church	1889	1944 West 32nd Street	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Residence for James Rochford	1889	1565 East 22nd Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for Wilson Dodge	1889	1617 Chester Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Victor Gutzweiler Residence	1889	2021 East 69th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Double Residence for Frederick B. Newton	1889	2423-25 East 43rd Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Augustus Rude Residence	1889	2057 East 81st Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Thomas Manning Residence	1889	1341 Chester Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Edward Patterson Residence	1889	5612 Quincy Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Commercial-Residential Building for Frank King	1889	1772 East 12th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Commercial-Residential Building for Charles Fagan	1889	7515 Woodland Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for Hiram Aiken	1889-90	2420 West 14th Street	Cleveland	Ohio	Standing
William Ludlum Residence	1890	1856 East 63rd Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Arthur Block	1890	5013-27 Woodland Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Dangler Store & Manufacturing	1890	5017 Perkins Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Engine House #17	1890	5305 Chester Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Glenville High School (later Oliver Wendall Homes School)	1890	635 East 105th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Commercial building for Cohen & Drucker	1890	500-2 Euclid Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Fenimore Bate Residence	1890	4802 Scovill Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Alterations to Forest City House Hotel	1890	225-01 Public Square and 201-25 West Superior	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Bishop and Babcock Factory	1890		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Commerical-Residential Building for Alfred Arthur	1890	5013-7 Woodland Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for William Clements	1890	1795 East 65th Street	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Residence for William Clements	1890	1793 East 65th Street	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Residence for Mary Heisley	1890	1833 Dodge Court	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for Mary Heisley	1890	1839 Dodge Court	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Commercial - Residential Building for Adam Kunz	1890	1307 - 13 St. Clair Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Louis Schellentrager Residnece	1890	3525 Cedar Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Factory for Dangler Srove and Manufacturing	1890	4540 Commerce Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Residence for Hiram Aiken	1890	1515 Kenilworth Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Edward S. Isom Residence	1890	1846 East 63rd Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished

Commercial and Office Building for Ralph Cohen	1890	410-18 Euclid Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Bethel House Hotel	1890-1	1468 West 10th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Storage house for Glidden and Joy Varnish Company	1890-1	2686 Lisbon	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for W. J. Kelley	1891	1835 East 63rd Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
F. A. Glidden Residence	1891	6719 Carnegie Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Frank K. Glidden Residence	1891	2233 East 55th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
A. R. Duncan Residence	1891	2337 East 55th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for Anna & Charles Stein	1891	2567-9 East 40th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for Anna & Charles Stein	1891	2571-5 East 40th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for Anna & Charles Stein	1891	2577-9 East 40th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
William J. Gawne Residence	1891	2389 East 43rd Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
William Miller Residence	1891	7335 Euclid Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Standard Stove Company Addition	1891	4601 - 31 Perkins Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Henry Shafer Residence	1891	8504 Carnegie Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
William Beaumont Residence	1891	1810 East 63rd Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Frank E. Newcomb, Jr. Residence and Barn	1891	8115 Cedar Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Two Residences for Thomas J. and John B. Mooney	1891	5600 and 5604 Lexington Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Commercial-Residential Building for John J. Greenbriar	1891	2088 East 89th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Sipe and Sigler Block	1892	1232 East 3rd Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Double Residence for Charles Heller	1892	2331-3 East 55th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
J. C. Trask Residence	1892	1916 East 93rd Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
C. R. Swetland Residence and Barn	1892	1916 East 84th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Rental residences for Helen (Mrs. F.C.) Bate	1892	5914 Utica	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Rental residences for Helen (Mrs. F.C.) Bate	1892	5916 Utica	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Rental residences for Helen (Mrs. F.C.) Bate	1892	5912 Utica	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Rental residences for Helen (Mrs. F.C.) Bate	1892	5910 Utica	Cleveland	OH	Standing
W. D. B. Alexander Residence	1892	1936 East 93rd Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
William A. Banks Residence	1892	8420 Carnegie Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Theatre for the Gehring Brewing Company	1892	1250 - 2 Ontario	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Double Residence for Ernest Holter	1892	2170-2 East 97th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Stores and Tenements for Mary Megerth	1892-3	8620-6 Cedar Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
J. S. Malone Residence	1893	2061 East 89th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Stephen Morris Summer Residence	1893	321 East 185th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Cleveland Grays Armory	1893	1234 Bolivar Road	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Ernest Schellentrager Residence	1893	690 Lakeview Road	Cleveland	OH	Standing
R. H. Fetterman Residence	1893	7911 Euclid Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Standard Tool	1893	6900-18 Central Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
H. Hine Residence	1893	4624 West Prospect	Mantua	OH	Standing
Alterations and additions to American House Hotel for Putt & Reynolds	1893	631-51 W. Superior	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Gates-Handyside House	1893	762 Broadway	Bedford	OH	Standing
Zebulon Davis Residence	1893-6	352 North Market	Canton	OH	Demolished
Residence for A. R. Duncan	1894	2332-4 East 57th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Joseph Habson Residence	1894	1721 Prospect Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Henry Schafer Residence	1894	8504 Carnegie Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished

E. S. Isom Residence	1894	2170-2 East 55th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Addition to Henry Shafer Residence	1894	8504 Carnegie Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Commercial Building for David Hawley	1894	424 - 8 Central	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for Harrison Newcomb	1894	1882 East 20th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Henry Trenkamp Residence	1894-5	1905 East 89th Street	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Standard Lighting Company Building	1895	3-story addition 4419-37 Perkins	Cleveland	OH	Standing
DeWitt Calkins Residence	1895	8520 Carnegie Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
The Mierke (store and apartments) for Herman Mierke	1895	8523-27 Hough Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Addition to Cleveland Press Building	1895	1297-9 West 4th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Alteration to Residence of Thomas and John Mooney	1895	1773 East 55th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Alterations to Residence for Henry Angel	1895	1791 West 47th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
George W. Smith Residence	1896	2738 Noble Road	Cleveland Heights	OH	Demolished
Dr. James Stotter Residence	1897	2708 Bridge Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Fenimore Apartments for F. C. Bate	1897	1863 East 20th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Martha Apartments for F. C. Bate	1897	1851 East 20th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Transfer Building	1897	623-633 Superior Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Edvardus Apartments for John Edwards	1897	1833 East 19th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Offices for Herbert Wright and Company (Interior)	1897	714 Superior Avenue, NW	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Viola Flats for J. J. O'Donnell	1897	810 Summit Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
One-floor Addition to Apartments for John Frawley	1897	1818 East 17th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
John Fraser Residence	1897	7104 Cedar Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Hawthorne Apartments for John Frawley	1897-8	1818 East 17th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Malone Residence	1898	2160 East 86th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Apartment building for George Tipling	1898	1850 8 East 20th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Chelsea Apartment House for Harry Vail	1898	6401 Euclid Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Commercial Building for D.L. Scheirer	1898	1737 East 12th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Griffith Barnes Residence	1898	1431 West 57th Street	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Apartment Building for David R. Jennings	1898	2433 East 43rd Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Lobdell Apartments for F. C. Bate	1898-9	1893 East 20th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Warehouse for Koblitz Brothers	1899	213-21 Howe	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Dewey Theatre for Martin Manning	1899	1882 East 9th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Laurel Block and apartments for M. Herskovitz	1899	2915 Woodland & 2565 E. 29th	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Cerilla Apartments for Charles Stein	1899	1933 East 20th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Anneston Apartments for Charles Stein	1899	1945 East 20th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Store and tenement for L.A. Johnson	1899	1221 St. Clair Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Store and tenement for Thomas Brothers	1899		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Dangler Stove Company Addition	1899	4502 Commerce	Cleveland	Ohio	Standing
Warehouse for Louis and Joseph Koblitz	1899	575-83 Broadway	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Factory for Metal Goods Manufacturing Company	1899-00	5363 Hamilton Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing
E. W. Reaugh Residence	1900	1826 Idlewood	East Cleveland	OH	Standing
Vernon Arms for Herschel Silberman	1900	7515 LaGrange Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Apartment Building for Henry Newcomb	1900	1894 East 20th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished

Evelyn Apartments for Herschel Silberman	1900-1	1857-65 East 75th	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Latham Brightman Residence	1901	484 Wooster Road	Millersburg	OH	Standing
Hotel and commercial building for L.M. Sigler	1901	3523 - 27 St. Clair Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Two story frame barn for J.C. Trask	1901	1916 East 93rd Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for Captain Wilson	1901	12629 Euclid Avenue	East Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Hastings Apartments for Alfred Arthur	1901-2	1773 East 19th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Fairfax Apartments	1902	1845-53 East 75th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Addition to Parish & Bingham Company Factory	1902	5363 Hamilton	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Additions (side, entrance, elevators, store windows) and alterations (miscellaneous on upper suites)	1902	340 Euclid Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Hotel St. Clair for Lucius Sigler	1902	3523-37 St. Clair Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Valentine Hausmann Residence	1902	3188 West 14th Street	Cleveland	OH	Standing
The Towers Apartments	1902-3	6104-6 Euclid Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Cohn, Goodman and Co. Factory	1902-3	1140 West 9th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Warehouse and stable for East Ohio Gas	1903	2298 Ashland Road	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Apartment house for Adolph Friedman	1903	1464 East 90th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished

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