

Cleveland Architects

Jacob Snyder

Birth/Established: March 12, 1823 **Death/Dissolved:** December 29, 1890

Biography: Jacob Snyder, an Akron-based architect, was born in Columbia County, Pennsylvania. His father was a contractor and builder. He learned the trade while living at home. He went to Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where he took a general college course and theoretical course. After finishing coursework he went into business in Columbia County. He moved to Akron in 1853 where he began business as a grocer. Two years later he was engaged in the contracting business and building and architecture. In 1863 he formed a partnership in the lumber manufacturing business. He served on the Board of Education, as a trustee of Portage Township. Politically he was raised a Democrat, but switched political alliances during the Civil War becoming a Republican. He was also in favor of Prohibition. He was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Akron, where he was superintendent of Sunday School for several years. He made a specialty of church designs, and was the originator of the Akron Plan for churches, that included the church and radiating classrooms. He designed some buildings in Cleveland and outlying suburbs.

Building List

Structure	Date	Address	City	State	Status
First M.E. Church	1858	44 East Sandusky and Walnut	Mechanicsburg	Ohio	Unknown
First M.E. Church	1867-72	170 South Broadway	Akron	OH	Demolished
Ohio Agricultural College	1871	230 North Oval Drive	Columbus	Ohio	Demolished
Hower House	1871	60 Fir Hill	Akron	OH	Standing
Methodist Episcopal Church	1873-5	71 North Park Place	Painesville	Ohio	Standing
Huling Hall - Allegheny College	1879		Meadville	PA	Standing
Baptist Church	1881		Bradford	PA	Unknown
Presbyterian Church	1881		Lagrange	Indiana	Unknown
Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church	1881		Minneapolis	Minnesota	Demolished
First M.E. Church	1886		Memphis	Tennessee	Demolished
Chatauqua Publishing House	1886		Meadville	PA	Demolished
Crouse Gymnasium - Buchtel College	1887		Akron	Ohio	Demolished
Presbyterian Church	1888	301 North Main Street	Abbeville	SC	Standing
Baptist Church	1892		Bedford	OH	Standing
Trinity Lutheran Church	nd	48 North Broadway	Akron	Ohio	Unknown
First Baptist Church	nd	131 South Broadway	Akron	Ohio	Unknown
St. Paul's Episcopal Church	nd		Akron	Ohio	Unknown
First Congregational Church	nd	120 South High Street	Akron	Ohio	Unknown
Grace Reformed Church	nd	106 South Broadway	Akron	Ohio	Unknown
German Reformed Church	nd	224 South Broadway	Akron	Ohio	Unknown
J. F. Sieberling Office	nd		Akron	Ohio	Unknown
Aultman, Miller & Company	nd		Akron	Ohio	Demolished
First M.E. Church	nd		Oil City	PA	Demolished
First M.E. Church	nd		Augusta	Georgis	Unknown
United Brethern Church	nd		New Brighton	PA	Unknown
Presbyterian Church	nd		Warsaw	Indiana	Unknown
M.E. Church	nd		Camden	NJ	Unknown
Baptist Church	nd	1 East 2nd Street	Elyria	Ohio	Unknown
Woodland Avenue Presbyterian School	nd		Cleveland	Ohio	Demolished
Insane Asylum	nd		Newburg	Ohio	Demolished
Perkins High School	unk		Akron	Ohio	Demolished

Sources:

“Gone to Eternal Rest – Death Last Nigh of Jacob Snyder” Akron Daily Beacon 12.30.1890