

Cleveland Architects

Coburn & Barnum

Birth/Established: 1878 Death/Dissolved: 1897

Biography: Coburn and Barnum was one of the most important architectural firms in late 19th century Cleveland. They designed over twenty houses along Euclid Avenue's Millionaires Row, several buildings for Case Institute of Technology, Western Reserve University, and Oberlin College, and large commercial buildings including the Blackstone Power Block. They designed several churches including the Euclid Avenue Congregational Church, the Franklin Avenue Congregational Church, the Olivet Baptist Church, and Trinity Baptist Church. Beyond Cleveland they had commissions in Oberlin, Delaware, and Ashland, Ohio, and Palm Beach, Florida. The office staff included Benjamin Hubbell, W. Dominck Benes, John Edelmann, Albert Skeel, Frank Hall, and Herbert Briggs. The firm would become Coburn, Barnum and Benes, when W. Dominick Benes was made partner, and became Coburn, Barnum, Benes, and Hubbell when Benjamin Hubbell became a partner. The firm dissolved when Forrest Coburn died in 1897. Several of the firm's architectural plans can be found at the Western Reserve Historical Society library.

Building List

Structure	Date	Address	City	State	Status
East Rockport School	1879	1456 Warren Road	Lakewood	OH	Standing
C. M. Spitzer Residence	1879	2830 Franklin Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing
E. J. Blandin Residence	1880	2200 East 46th Street	Cleveland	OH	Standing
William H. Brown Residence	1880	391 Scoville Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
L. A. Hall Residence	1880	730 Dunham Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
W. H. Little Residence	1880		Delaware	OH	Unknown
A. A. Wright Residence	1880	123 Forest Street	Oberlin	OH	Standing
eleven frame dwellings for Col. O. Payne	1880		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Double Residence for George Warmington	1880	4906 - 8 Franklin	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Residence for Thomas Axworthy	1880	3806 Clinton Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Residence for Thomas Axworthy	1880	3802 Clinton Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Henry C. Hawkins Residence	1880 -1	1933 East 66th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
N. W. Cutter Residence	1880-1	1946 East 59th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Rawson Collins Residence	1880-1	2183 East 46th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
F. A. Wyman Residence	1881	5914 Longfellow Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Three frame tenements for I. P. Lamson	1881		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Four frame tenements for W. J. Gordon	1881		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Hiram Little Residence	1881	7615 Euclid Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Dr. N. Schneider Residence	1881	3125 Prospect Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Lee McBride Residence	1881	6107 Euclid Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
J. H. McBride Residence	1881	6111 Euclid Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
George McKay Residence	1881	1915 Prospect Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for John W. Heisley	1882	2411 Baldwin Road	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Furniture Block	1882	1431 West 3rd Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Third Evangelical Reformed Church	1882	1567 East 36th Street	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Cesar Grasselli Residence	1882	2275 East 55th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Business block on River Street for J.B. Perkins	1882		Cleveland	OH	Unknown
Double Residence for William Goodwin	1882	3702 - 8 Cedar Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing
First Congregational Church	1883	4425 Franklin Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Two dwellings on Case for C.B. Cobb	1883		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Bousfield Residence	1883	3804-6 Franklin	Cleveland	OH	Standing
House on Sibley Street for Frank Aldrich	1883		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
House on Sibley Street for Frank Hall	1883		Cleveland	OH	Demolished

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Business block on Huron Road for the Co-operative Building Co	1883		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Dr. Beckwith (Double) Residence	1883	2116-22 Prospect	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
S. T. Wellman Residence	1883		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Brick block for L.E. Holden on	1883		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Sturges Hall	1883-4		Oberlin	OH	Demolished 1963
Garfield Residence Library Addition -	1886	8095 Mentor Avenue	Mentor	OH	Standing
Warren Opera House	1886		Warren	OH	Demolished
North Presbyterian Church	1886-7	4001 Superior Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Western Reserve Medical School	1887	1355 East 9th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Euclid Avenue Congregational Church	1887	9606 Euclid Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Forest Coburn Residence	1888	6100 Franklin Boulevard	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Residence for John Pankhurst	1888	3206-8 Clinton Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Residence for Mrs. A. M. Buell	1888	1763 East 17th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Tenement for J. H. Wigman	1888	2160 E.38th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for A. G. Harbaugh	1888	2022 East 89th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for the Church of the Blessed Hope	1888	3502 Woodland	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Franklin Block	1888	1213 West 6th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
George H. Warmington Residence	1888	6603 Euclid Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Sargent Block	1888	1708-10 West 25th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Double Residence for S. D. Dodge	1888	1762-6 East 17th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Peter Kipp Residence	1888	2205 East 46th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Assembly Hall for St. Francis R. C. Congregation	1888	7111 Superior Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Greiner Block	1889	2600 - 14 Lorain Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Hermann Block	1889	2526 Market Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing
John and Martha Pankin Residence	1889	1443 West 85th Street	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Store and office building for N.O. Stone	1889	314 - 8 Euclid Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Remodelling of George Vail Residence	1889	5211 Prospect Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Caspar W. Hiatt Residence	1889	1704 Crawford Road	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Irving W. Metcalf Residence	1889	1700 Crawford Road	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
James H. Hutchins Residence	1889	3751 Cedar Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Dr. Albert J. Cook Residence	1890	3290 East 55th Street	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Residence for Buckland Bower	1890	2175 East 84th Street	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Residence for Buckland Bower	1890	2167 East 84th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Exchange Building (Commercial Building for George Atwater, Henry Brooks, and Stephen Brooks)	1890	1756-70 West 25th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
W. J. Morgan Residence	1890	8615 Euclid Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Margaret Oerl Residence	1890	2443 East 55th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
(Bishop) William A. Leonard Residence	1890	3054 Euclid Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for Bertram Bower	1890	2175 East 84th Street	Cleveland	Ohio	Standing
Charles Bernard Residence	1890	1930 East 75th Street	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Nursery building for the Cleveland Protestant Orphan Asylum	1890	5030 St. Clair Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
William Alcott Residence	1890	1970 East 69th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Bible Readers School for the Bohemian Mission Board of Cleveland	1890	5111 Fowler Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Helen Gale Residence	1890	4400 Carnegie Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for Titus Ingraham	1891	6110 West Clinton Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Commercial Building for William Grosse	1891	4744-50 Lorain Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing
William Turreff Residence	1891	1867 East 75th Street	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Addition to Andrew Squire Residence	1891	4106 Franklin Boulevard	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Case Institute of Technology – Mechanical Laboratory	1891-2		Cleveland	OH	Standing

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Commercial Building for John Zabel	1891-2	2562-72 West 14th Street	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Commercial Building for Henry Perkins	1891-2	1390-04 West 3rd Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Commercial Building for James Wood	1892	4431 Lorain Avenue (altered)	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Julius Lamprecht Residence	1892	1856 East 89th Street	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Mizpah Bohemian Congregational Chapel	1892	3736 East 59th Street	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Congregational Church	1892	209 Center Street	Ashland	OH	Standing
Case Institute of Technology – Chemistry Laboratory	1892	2090 Adelbert Road	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
John Roemer Residence	1892	1915-7 East 79th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Thomas Larter Residence	1892	1898 East 82nd Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Olney Gallery	1892	2241 West 14th Street	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Guilford Cottage - CWRU	1892	11112 Bellflower Road	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Charles H. Benjamin Residence	1892	2093 Adelbert Road	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for Western Reserve University	1892	11109 Bellflower	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Cleveland Medical College - Second Building	1892	717 - 21 Bolivar Road	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Jay D. Fuller Residence	1892	1847 East 63rd Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Double Residence for David Beckwith	1892	1839-41 East 63rd Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Interior remodelling of Eliza Clark Residence	1892	2611 Prospect Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Charles Bolton Barn	1892	7016 Euclid Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
E. M. Stover Residence	1892-3		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
D. H. Beckwith Drug Store	1892-3		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
George W. Howe Residence	1892-4	2248 Euclid Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Joshua Gregg Residence	1893	9409 Euclid Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Henry Becker Residence	1893	7211 Woodland Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Residence for David Griese	1893	1760 East 19th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
First Congregational Church	1893	4425 Franklin Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Patrick Donovan Residence (double)	1893	1822-4 East 55th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
P.J. McMyler Residence	1893	18091 Detroit Avenue Lakewood	Lakewood	OH	Demolished
Prof. F. M. Comstock Residence	1893	2085 Cornell Road	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Merrell Block	1893	1900 West 25th Street	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Edson Cass Residence	1893-4	11459 Euclid Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
William Starkweather Residence	1893-4	17868 Lake Avenue Lakewood	Lakewood	OH	Demolished
William H. Silverthorn Residence	1893-4	1945 East 75th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Block for George Evans	1893-4	6902-8 Cedar Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
CWRU - Guilford Cottage Addition	1894	11112 Bellflower	Cleveland	OH	Standing
YMCA	1894	8303 Broadway	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
C. W. Bingham Residence	1894		Palm Beach	FL	Demolished
Double residence for P. J. Donovan	1894	1822-4 East 55th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Church for Cleveland Baptist Missionary Society (First Swedish Baptist Church)	1894	5701 White Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Henry C. Studley Residence	1894	2159 East 46th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Olivet Baptist Church	1894	5022 Bridge Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Immanuel Baptist Church	1894	1285 Parkwood Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Factory and Warehouse for H.B. Perkins	1894	326-40 Frankfort Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Calvary Baptist Church	1894-5	3550 West 25th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
George Christian Residence	1894-5	7341 Euclid Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Office building for Henry C. Rouse	1895		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Washington H. Lawrence Residence	1895	23200 Lake Road	Bay Village	OH	Standing
E. W. Waller Residence	1895	250 South Prospect	Ravenna	OH	Standing
Samuel Burrows Residence	1895	2061 Cornell Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished

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Frederick Sears Residence	1895	1941 East 75th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Frontenac Apartments for W.G. Rose	1895	719 - 23 Prospect Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Two family residence for John Parkin	1896	4312 Bridge Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Case Institute of Technology – Electrical LaboratoryWRU	1897	2104 Adelbert Road	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
John and Martha Parkin Residence	1897	1443-5 West 85th Street	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Residence for Harriet Turreff	1897	1903 East 75th Street	Cleveland	OH	Standing
William Wright Residence	1897	8612 Carnegie Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Double House	1899		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Mary Perkins Lawton Office	nd		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence	Nd	2830 Franklin	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
River Street Building	nd		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Otis Block	nd		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Willson Avenue Riding School	nd		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Crittenden Building addition	nd		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Oberlin College	unk		Cleveland	OH	Demolished

Sources:

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