

## Cleveland Architects

### John Edelmann

**Birth/Established:** 1857      **Death/Dissolved:** 1900

**Biography:** John Edelmann was born in Cleveland. He spent time in Cleveland, Chicago, and New York. In 1873 he went to work for William Le Baron Jenney, where he met Louis Sullivan. Politically radical, he helped form the Socialist League in New York. He was also an excellent free hand artist. In 1880 in Chicago Dankmar Adler hired him as an office foreman. Louis Sullivan was hired as a draftsman at Edelmann's suggestion. He returned to Cleveland in 1881 where he joined the firm of Coburn and Barnum as a foreman. He returned to Chicago to work in the office of S.S. Beman. During the late 1880's he was living in New York City. In 1894 he was in Forest Hill, New Jersey.

#### Building List

Structure	Date	Address	City	State	Status
Gilman Building	1881	301-7 St. Clair Avenue, NW	Cleveland	OH	Standing altered
Wilshire Building	1881		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Stephens and Widlar Building	1881	321-31 St. Clair Avenue, NW	Cleveland	OH	Demolished

**Sources:**

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The Architects - Directory for 1894 Forest Hill, N.J.- 945 Aqueduct