

Cleveland Architects

John William Cresswell Corbusier

Birth/Established: October 31, 1877 **Death/Dissolved:** June 8, 1928

Affiliation: Corbusier, Lenski & Foster

Biography: John William Cresswell Corbusier was a native of Rochester, New York and a graduate of the Mechanics Institute who gained practical experience in Buffalo, New York and New York City, where he worked in the office of Cass Gilbert. He became the lead draftsman in the office of H.V.B. Magonigle who won the competition for the McKinley Memorial in Canton. While in this office he won the gold medal of the New York architectural league. He married the daughter of H. F. Lyman of the Upson-Walton Company. He spent two years in Paris after his marriage, where he continued his study of the gothic cathedral. Upon his return to the United States, he settled in Cleveland, associating with Ralph Adams Cram in erecting the Church of the Covenant, and with Henry Vaughn on the Flora Stone Mather Chapel of Adelbert College. He later went into partnerships with George S. Page and then with William E. Foster. He was a noted church architect. He moved to Hudson in 1911 where he was instrumental in early historic preservation efforts, designing several structures that fit into the character of the early Western Reserve architecture of the town. He was an accomplished singer and was in charge of music at the First Congregational Church in Hudson. Corbusier died of a heart attack while dancing at the Hudson Club at the age of forty-nine. According to his obituary he also designed several unidentified churches in St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Orlando, FL, Indianapolis, Ft. Wayne, Toledo, and Massillon.

Building List

Structure	Date	Address	City	State	Status
Seymour Hall	1913	115 College Street	Hudson	OH	Standing
Evangelical Church of the Holy Trinity	1913-4	50 North Prospect	Akron, Ohio	OH	Standing
Church of the Ascension	1916	13216 Detroit Avenue	Lakewood	OH	Standing
Lakewood Baptist Church	1917	14721 Detroit	Lakewood	OH	Standing
Church of the Good Shepherd Parish House	1917	1100 Stockton Street	Jacksonville	FL	Standing
First Congregational Church Addition	1919	47 Aurora Street	Hudson	OH	Standing
Church of the Good Shepherd Worsham Hall	1920-1	1100 Stockton Street	Jacksonville	FL	Standing
Trinity Lutheran Church	1922	16400 Detroit Avenue	Lakewood	OH	Standing
Ellsworth Hall Western Reserve Academy	1922	178 College Street	Hudson	OH	Standing
Springfield Presbyterian Church	1922-3	207 West 6th Street	Jacksonville	FL	Standing
Grace Lutheran Church	1924		Washington	DC	Standing
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	1926	12305 Arlington Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing
St. Paul Lutheran Church	1926 - 7	127 Cherry Road NE	Massillon	OH	Standing
St. John's Evangelical Church	1926-7		Oak Harbor	OH	Standing
Church of the Saviour	1926-8	2531 Lee Road	Cleveland Heights	OH	Standing
St. John's Lutheran Church	1927		Zanesville	OH	Standing
Grace Lutheran Church	1927	13001 Cedar Avenue	Cleveland Heights	OH	Standing
Church of the Good Shepherd Sanctuary	1928	1100 Stockton Street	Jacksonville	FL	Standing
Salmon Halle Residence	1928-9	2701 Park Drive	Shaker Heights	OH	Standing
First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant	1929	250 West 7th Street	Erie	PA	Standing
J. W. C. Corbusier Residence	c 1911	226 College Street	Hudson	OH	Standing
Residence	c 1912	17050 South Park	Shaker Heights	OH	Standing
Oviatt Street School	c 1920	34 Oviatt Street	Hudson	OH	Standing

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