NEW YORK SKYSCRAPERS
OFFICE BUILDINGS 1894-1933
PART ONE

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Photograph by Andreas Feininger of downtown Manhattan from the Brooklyn Heights
NEW YORK OFFICE SKYSCRAPERS
Dates Built and Architects.

1896-AMERICAN SURETY: Bruce Price.
1897-GILLENDER: Berg & Clark.
1897-CABLE: Harding & Gooch.
1898-ST. PAUL: G. B. Post.
1898-WASHINGTON: C. L. W. Eidlitz.
1899-PARK ROW: R. H. Robertson.

1900-BROADWAY CHAMBERS: Cass Gilbert.
1905-SIXTY WALL STREET: Clinton & Russell.
1907-WEST STREET: Cass Gilbert.
1908-CITY INVESTING COMPANY: F. H. Kimball.
1908-SINGER: Ernest Flagg.
1909-METROPOLITAN LIFE TOWER: Napoleon Le Brun & Sons.
1909-HUDSON TERMINAL: Clinton & Russell.
1910-LIBERTY TOWER: Henry Ives Cobb.
1912-BANKERS TRUST COMPANY: Trowbridge & Livingstone.
1913-WOOLWORTH: Cass Gilbert.
1914-MUNICIPAL: William M. Kendall of McKim, Mead & White.
AMERICAN SURETY LIFE BUILDING 1894
Height 308 ft - 21 floors
GILLENDER BUILDING 1897
Height 273 ft - 19 floors. Demolished 1910 replaced by Bankers Trust Building
CABLE BUILDING 1897
Demolished
ST. PAUL BUILDING 1898
Height 315 ft - 26 floors. Originally the tallest skyscraper then built
WASHINGTON LIFE BUILDING 1898
17 floors. Demolished
PARK ROW BUILDING 1899
Height 391 ft later said to be 380 ft - 30 floors
PARK ROW BUILDING 1899
The tallest building in the world until the Singer Building of 1908
BROADWAY CHAMBERS BUILDING 1900
Height 235 ft- 18 floors. Demolished
FLATIRON BUILDING 1903
Height 307 ft - 21 floors
FLATIRON BUILDING 1903
Unusual for its triangular shape in plan
SIXTY WALL STREET BUILDING 1905
26 floors high block, 14 floors low block. Demolished
TIMES BUILDING 1905
Height 362 ft (476 ft lower basement floor to top of flagpole)- 25 floors
WEST STREET BUILDING 1907
Height 325 ft- 23 floors
CITY INVESTING CO. BUILDING 1908
33 floors, 500,000 sq ft. Constructed in 22 months labour force of 3000 men. Demolished
SINGER TOWER 1908
Height 612 ft- 47 floors. Briefly the world's tallest. Demolished
METROPOLITAN LIFE 1909
Height 700 ft- 50 floors. Design said to be based on Venice's Campanile of San Marco
HUDSON TERMINAL BUILDINGS 1909
Twin blocks each of 22 floors. Now demolished
LIBERTY TOWER 1910
33 floors
BANKERS TRUST CO. BUILDING 1912
Height 539 ft- Floors 37
WOOLWORTH BUILDING 1913
Height 792 ft - 57 floors
WOOLWORTH BUILDING 1913
MUNICIPAL BUILDING 1914
Height 580 ft- 34 floors
MUNICIPAL BUILDING 1914
EQUITABLE BUILDING 1915
Height 538 ft - 40 floors
Construction of the new Times Building

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