

Chicago from the air in 1936.

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State Street, Chicago c.1905.



Trams and traffic in early Detroit.

UNITED STATES OFFICE SKYSCRAPERS PART ONE

DATES OF HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS WITH NAMES OF CITIES, BUILDINGS AND KNOWN ARCHITECTS

1950 BOSTON: Suffolk County Courthouse: Desmond & Lord.

1887 CHICAGO: Chicago Board of Trade Building: William W. Boyington.

1895 CHICAGO: Old Colony Building: Holabird & Root.

1900 CHICAGO: Reliance Building: Daniel Burnham & John Wellborn Root.

1930 CHICAGO: Second Board of Trade Building: Holabird & Root.

1932 CINCINATTI: Times-Star Building: H. Eldridge Hannaford.

1936 CINCINATTI: Gwynne Building: Ernest Flagg.

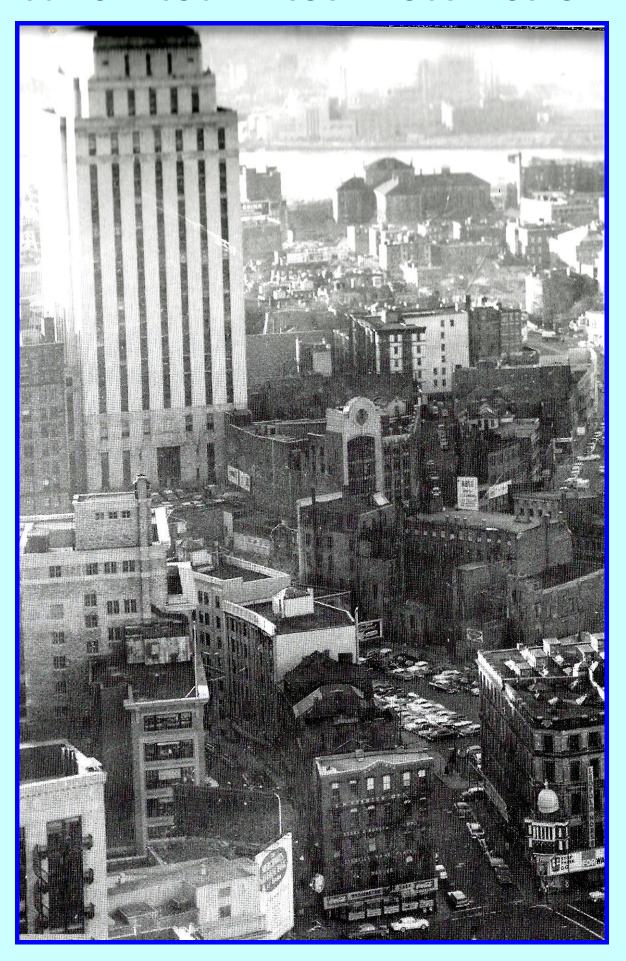
1968 CINCINATTI: Carew Tower: Walter W. Ahlschlager.

1910 DETROIT: Dime Building: Daniel Burnham.

1922 DETROIT: Kresge Building: Albert Kahn.

1928 DETROIT: Fisher Building: Albert Kahn.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE BOSTON



Date of photograph c.1950. West End and Scollay Square.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE BOSTON



Note the window box air conditioning units.

BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING CHICAGO



Date of photograph 1877 showing 320 ft high clock tower, then tallest in Chicago.

BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING CHICAGO



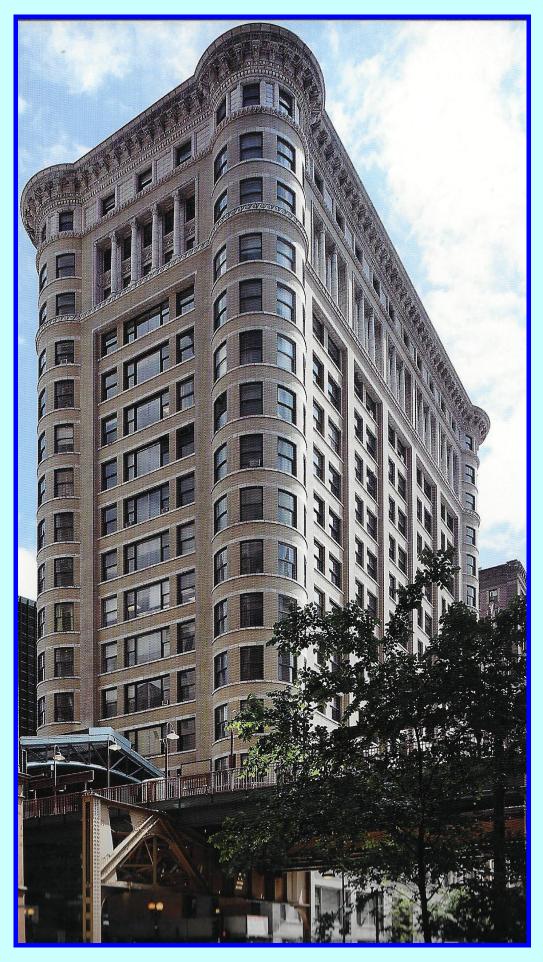
Replacement 1930 Trade Building 605 ft tall, said to be largest futures exchange in the world.

OLD COLONY BUILDING CHICAGO



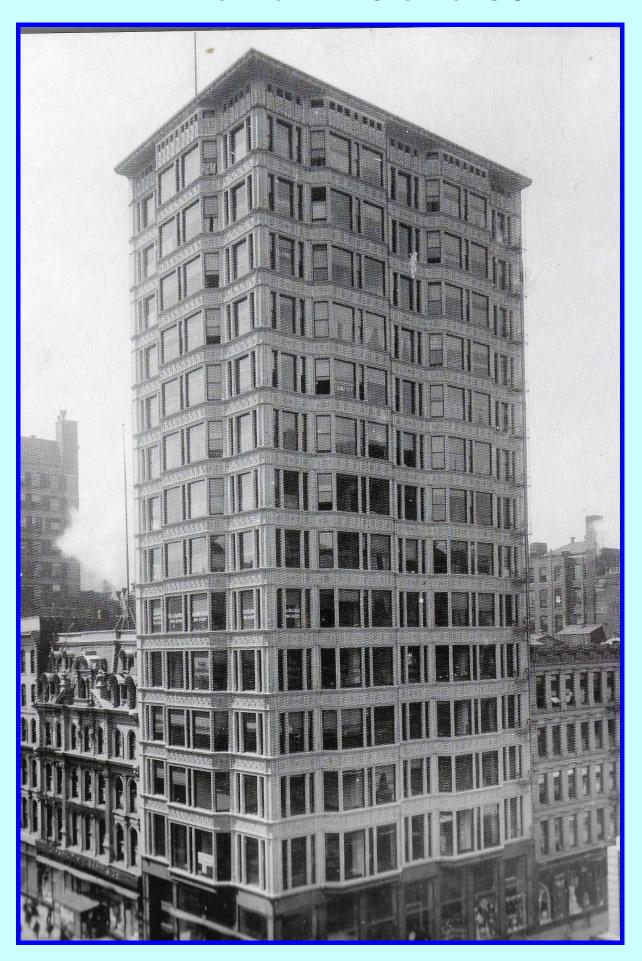
Date of photograph 1895. With 17 floors, the "first to use skeleton construction throughout."

OLD COLONY BUILDING CHICAGO



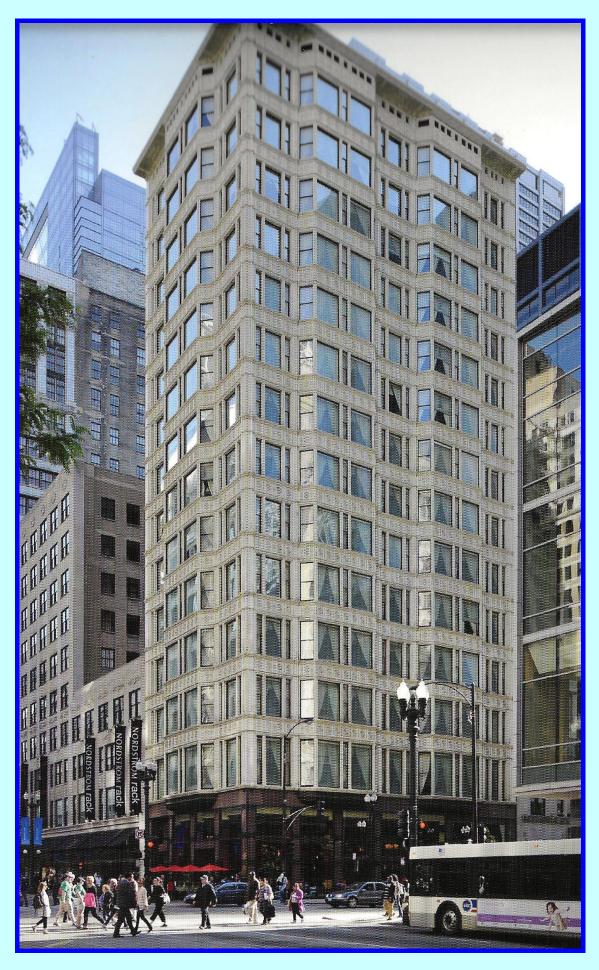
Now with the exterior cleaned and mainly condominiums.

RELIANCE BUILDING CHICAGO



Photograph c.1900. Famous for classic "Chicago Window" and interior steel frame construction.

RELIANCE BUILDING CHICAGO



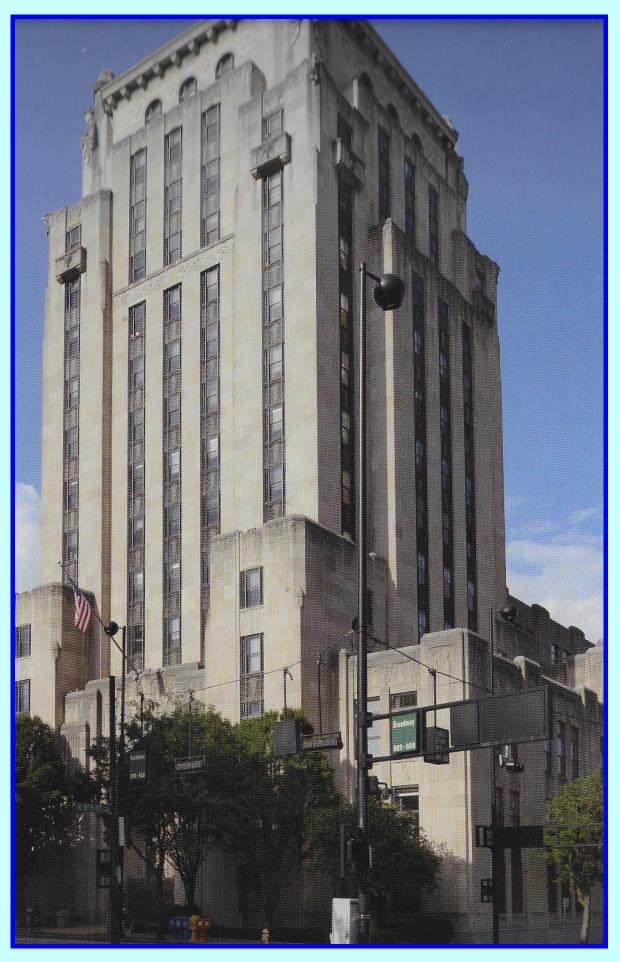
With 14 floors, now refurbished as the Hotel Burnham.

TIMES-STAR BUILDING CINCINNATI



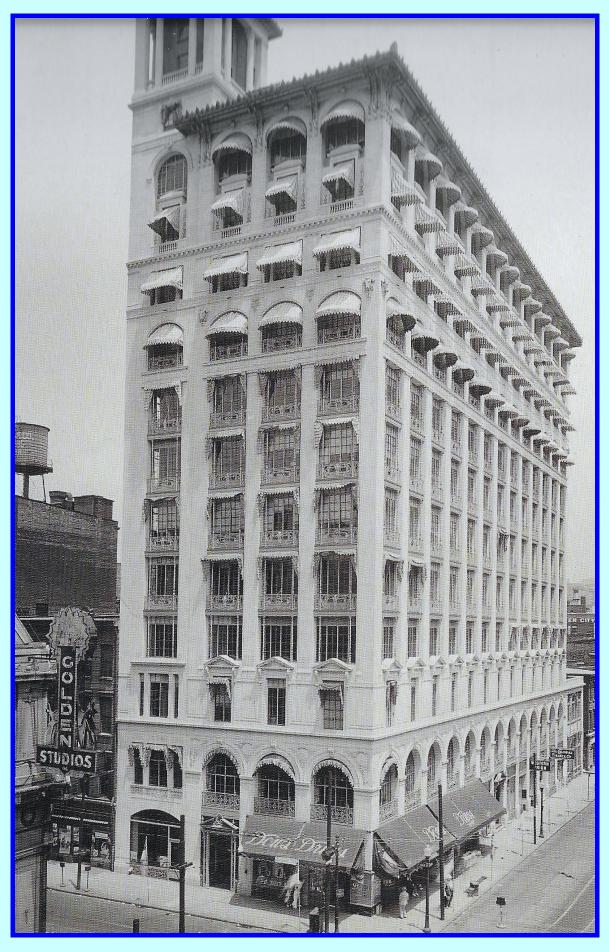
Date of photograph 1932. Art Deco style with 16 floors in concrete and limestone.

TIMES-STAR BUILDING CINCINNATI



In about 2007, the building became the Hamilton County Court of Domestic Relations.

GWYNNE BUILDING CINCINNATI



Date of photograph 1936. The building is in the French Beaux-Arts style.

GWYNNE BUILDING CINCINNATI



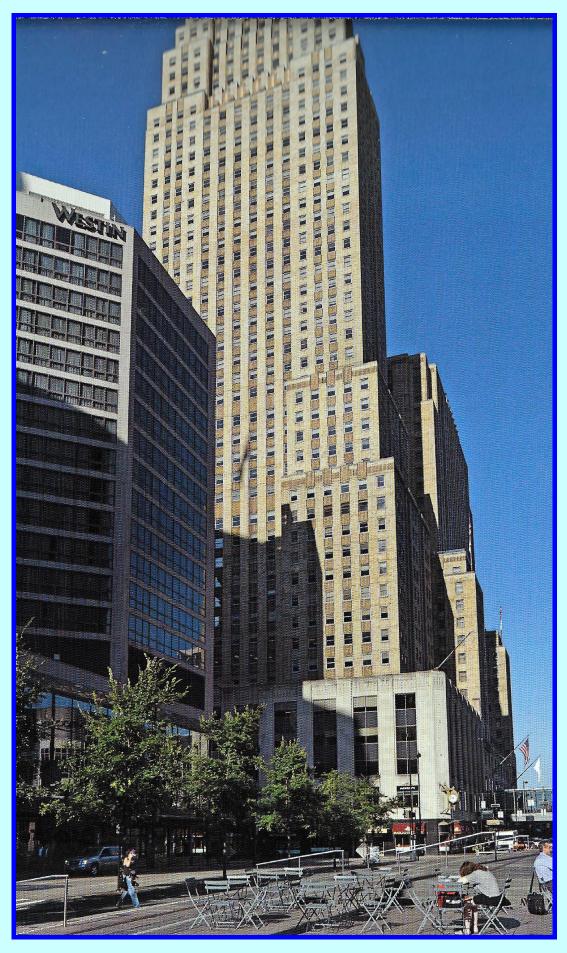
Headquarters of Proctor & Gamble 1914-56, still "one on the city's handsomest buildings."

CAREW TOWER CINCINNATI



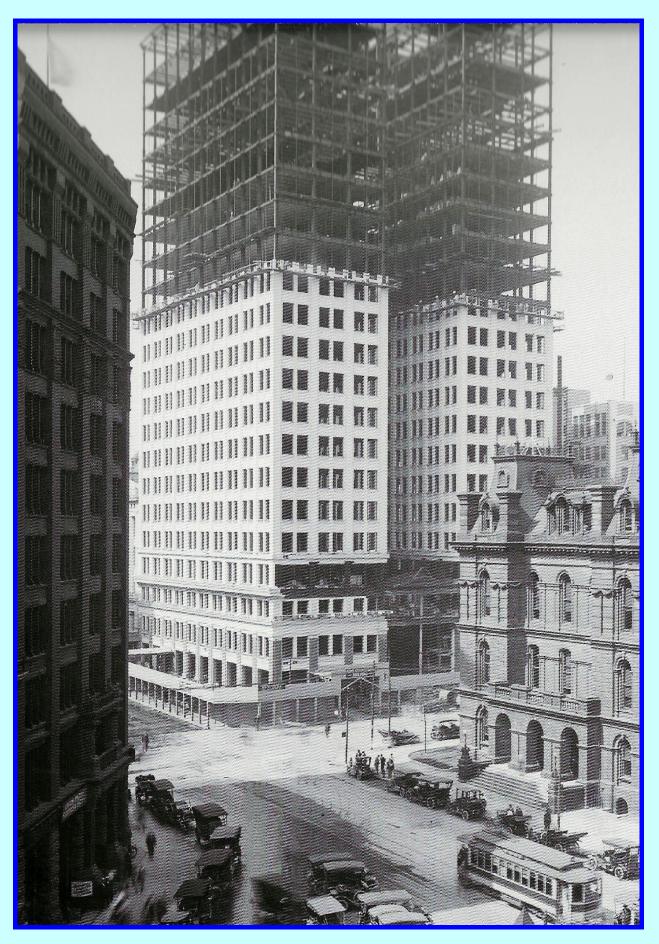
Date of photograph 1968. Built with 48 floors in Art Deco style.

CAREW TOWER CINCINNATI



At 574 ft, the Tower was the tallest building in Cincinnati from 1930 until 2011.

DIME BUILDING DETROIT



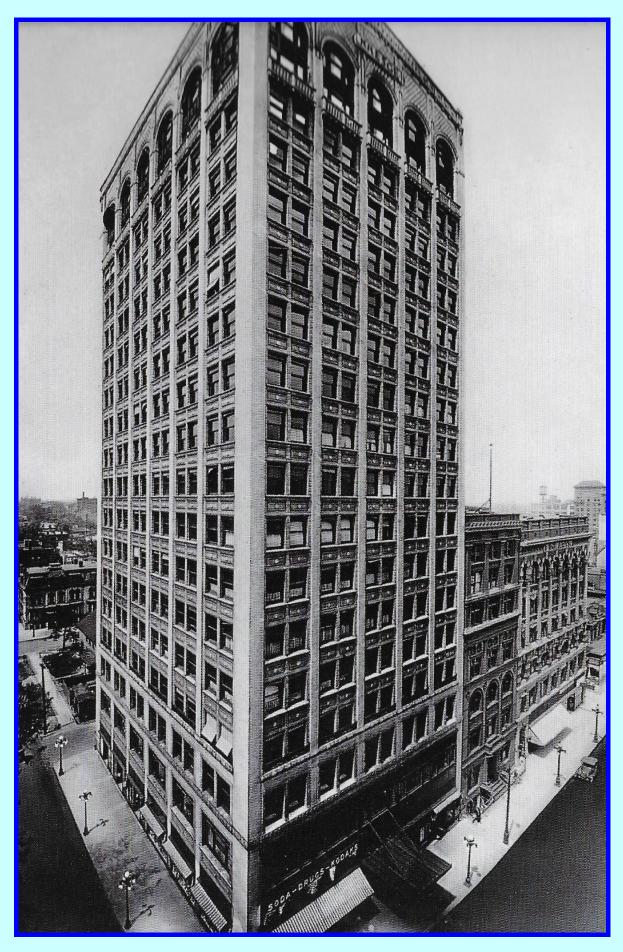
Date of photograph 1910. The twin towers under construction.

DIME BUILDING DETROIT



Now called Chrysler House.

KRESGE BUILDING DETROIT



Date of photograph 1922. Building has 18 floors; was HQ of S.S. Kresge Company until 1930.

KRESGE BUILDING DETROIT



Became Kales Building 1930. Unoccupied since 1986, became residential high rise in 2005.

FISHER BUILDING DETROIT



Date of photograph 1928. The Fisher Brothers manufactured automobile bodies.

FISHER BUILDING DETROIT



Awarded "Building of the Century" by American Institute of Architects in 2000.



Michigan Avenue Bridge, Chicago in 1929.

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