

Cleveland Architects

Alexander Robinson

Birth/Established: November 2, 1891 **Death/Dissolved:** February 12, 1985

Biography:

Alexander Robinson was born in Sewickley, Pennsylvania. He received a bachelor's degree from Princeton University and a bachelor's degree in architecture from Columbia University in 1917. He practiced in Pittsburgh from 1919 until 1920 when he came to Cleveland to work in the office of Abram Garfield. In 1926 he became a partner in the firm of Garfield, Harris, Robinson and Schaefer, a forerunner of Westlake, Reed, Leskosky. He was appointed to the National Capitol Planning Commission by President Dwight Eisenhower. From 1964 to 1975 he was a member of the Joint Committee on Landmarks in Washington, D.C. and from 1962 to 1971 was a member of Cleveland's Fine Arts Advisory Committee. He was a fellow in the American Institute of Architects, serving as national secretary from 1943 to 1947. He was also president of the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects from 1935 to 1937, a member of the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, a trustee of the Cleveland Institute of Art, the Musical Arts Association, and the Cleveland Music School Settlement. He won the Cleveland Arts Prize in 1975 and was inducted into the Cleveland Engineering Society Hall of Fame.

Building List

Sources:

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