

Cleveland Architects

W Dominick Benes

Birth/Established: June 14, 1857 **Death/Dissolved:** May 15, 1935

Affiliation: Hubbell & Benes

Biography:

W. Dominick Benes was born in Prague, Austrian Empire and was ethnically Bohemian. His family immigrated to America in 1866, first settling in Chicago and then moving to Cleveland. He was educated in the public schools of Prague and Cleveland. He went to work for his uncle, architect Jon V. Benes of Chicago. After returning to Cleveland he worked for Andrew Mitermiler from 1873 to 1876. He went on to work for the firm of Coburn and Barnum. He later became a partner in the firm of Coburn, Barnum & Benes that eventually became Coburn, Barnum, Benes & Hubbell. After Forrest Coburn's death, Hubbell and Benes formed their own partnership. He was Jephtha H. Wade III's personal architect. He designed the interior of the Wade yacht, and the music room of the Wade home at Euclid and East 40th Street. That relationship eventually led to the commissions for the Wade Memorial Chapel at Lakeview Cemetery, the Wade Residences in the Wade Allotment and Gates Mills, and the Cleveland Museum of Art. He retired to an estate on North Miles Road overlooking the Chagrin River Valley where he devoted himself to his hobby of flower culture. He died in the Cleveland Clinic and was cremated.

Building List

Structure	Date	Address	City	State	Statue
Residence remodelling for Mary Farnam	1894	7302 Herman Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing
James Cole Residence	1894	2221 East 40th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Two frame residences	1894		Lakewood	OH	Unknown
Residence for James Cole	1894		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for Mrs. M. Karda	1894	4919 Broadway	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Philip Ziska Residence	1894-5	1674 East 82nd Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Dr. Michael A. Albl	1895	5074 Broadway	Cleveland	OH	Standing

Sources:

"W.D. Benes Retired Architect is Dead"; Plain Dealer May 16, 1935

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