

Cleveland Architects

Herbert Bruce Briggs

Birth/Established: August 12, 1866 **Death/Dissolved:** November 9, 1936

Affiliation: Briggs & Nelson

Biography:

Herbert Bruce Briggs was raised on a farm in Sharon Township, Medina County, Ohio. He graduated from Buchtel College (now the University of Akron) in 1889 with a Bachelor of Science degree. In 1889 he entered the Cleveland office of Coburn and Barnum as a student draftsman and superintendent of construction. He worked for that firm until the death of Forrest Coburn in 1897. As superintendent in the office of Coburn and Barnum, Briggs was in charge of construction of the Goodrich House and the original Western Reserve Historical Society Building. Afterwards he joined the firm of F. S. Barnum & Company from 1897 to 1904. He was a member of the firm of Briggs & Nelson from 1904 until 1923. Herbert Briggs was a member of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Cuyahoga County Board of Visitors, and a member of the board of management of the Central Friendly Inn. He was an instructor of architectural drawings in the Cleveland Central Young Men's Christian Association's Institute, chairman of its education committee and a member of committee management. From 1924 to 1929 he served as Ohio's State Architect and Engineer in Columbus. In 1929 he returned to Cleveland where he worked in the office of J. W. Thomas. He then went to Cincinnati to work with the Home Owners Loan Corporation. Upon returning to Cleveland in August 1935, he worked as an architectural inspector for the Federal Housing Authority. He died in November, 1936 of a heart attack.

Building List

| Structure | Date | Address | City | State | Status |
|---|------|--|---------------|-------|----------|
| Library Building for Bowling Green State University (McFall Center) | 1927 | 110 McFall Center East Wooster Street | Bowling Green | OH | Standing |

Sources:

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