

Cleveland Architects

Charles W Heard

Birth/Established: 1806 **Death/Dissolved:** August 29, 1876

Biography:

Charles W. Heard was born in Onondaga, New York. He settled in Painesville and learned the carpentry trade. He married Carolyn Goldsmith, daughter of Master Builder Jonathan Goldsmith in 1830. They moved to Cleveland in 1833, about the time the Ohio and Erie Canal opened and Cleveland experienced its first substantial population and economic growth. It soon passed Painesville in population and opportunity. The first city directory in Cleveland in 1837 lists Charles Heard as a carpenter and joiner. The 1845 directory listed him as a Master Builder. In 1846 and 1847 he was in partnership with carpenter Warham Warner. The 1850 City Directory shows him in the firm of Heard and Porter, architects and builders. That partnership lasted until 1864. He formed a partnership with his son-in-law Walter Blythe that lasted from 1866 to 1871. From 1871 to the end of his life in 1876 he was the principle in the firm of Heard and Sons, when his sons Lucas Allen and Charles W. Heard Jr. joined the firm. He was active in the community serving as a member of the Board of Education and the Board of Alderman. He lived at 32 Euclid Street. His wife Caroline died on January 9, 1851. They had eight children; the youngest, Lucas Allen, was five when she died. By 1870 the census showed that his real estate was valued at \$80,000 and that his seven adult children and two servants were living with him on Euclid Avenue. He died in 1876 leaving the unmarried children use of his home for seven years.

Building List

Structure	Date	Address	City	State	Status
St. Paul's Church	1848-51	340 Euclid Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Payne Residence	1849	2121 Euclid Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Merchants Bank of Cleveland	1849	512 West Superior Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Perry & Payne's Block	1855		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Lake Erie Female Seminary	1857		Painesville	OH	Standing
Remodeling of the Merwin House	1858	3028 Prospect Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Case Hall	1859-67	233 Superior Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Salem Union School	1860	Fourth Street and School Salem, Ohio	Salem	OH	Demolished
Case Block	1863		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Eagle Street School	1864	610 Eagle Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Rockwell School	1864		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Jennings Place	1872	436 Casement	Painesville	OH	Standing
Euclid Avenue Opera House	1875	2025 East 4th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Addition to engine house #11 Heard and Son	1876		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Ohio House - Centennial Exhibition	1876		Philadelphia	PA	Standing
Crittenden Residence	nd		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Starkweather Residence	nd		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Merwin Residence	nd		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
New England Hotel	nd		Cleveland	OH	Demolished

Sources:

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