

Cleveland Architects

Levi Johnson

Birth/Established: April 25, 1786 **Death/Dissolved:** December 19, 1871

Biography:

Levi Johnson was a Carpenter - Builder who was born in Herkimer County, New York. He came to Cleveland in 1806. He built the first frame building in Cleveland for an office for Judge Walworth. His early years were spent building houses in Cleveland and Newburgh. He received a contract from the Cuyahoga County Commissioners to build the first simple frame Courthouse in 1812-3. During the War of 1812 he became a ship builder. He was also the first Cuyahoga County coroner. In 1831 he contracted with the federal government to build a lighthouse on Water (now West 9th) Street. He lived in a house at the corner of Water (West 9th Street) and Lake (Lakeside Avenue) streets.

Building List

Structure	Date	Address	City	State	Statue
First Cuyahoga County Courthouse	1813		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Lighthouse	1831		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Winslow Residence	1832		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Lighthouse	1836		Sandusky	OH	Demolished
Lighthouse	1840		Saginaw	MI	Demolished
Lighthouse	1842-3		Western Sister Island	OH	Demolished
Portage River Light House	1847			OH	Demolished
Johnson Block	1853		Cleveland	OH	Standing
Marine Block	1858		Cleveland	OH	Demolished

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