

Cleveland Architects

Austin Company

Birth/Established: 1861 **Death/Dissolved:** present

Biography:

The Austin Company was founded by English-born Samuel J. Austin (1850-1936). Samuel Austin finished his apprenticeship in 1871 settling in Cleveland where he became a house carpenter. The company started as Samuel Austin, Carpenter-Contractor with offices at 4401 Broadway. The company would later become Samuel Austin and Son Company when son Wilbert Austin (1878-1940) joined the company. The company would move its operations to 14230 Euclid in East Cleveland. It expanded into one of the nation's largest building concerns, designing and constructing huge industrial buildings. They brought important energy-saving innovations into factory plans. Austin Company was hired by the Soviet government to build a large industrial plant and housing for the Nijni auto plant in Novogorod, Russia. By 1931 the company had designed over 5,000 industrial plants and had over 17 branch offices. The company remains based in Metropolitan Cleveland, with offices in Mayfield Heights. It became a part of Kajima USA Group in 2005.

Building List

| Structure | Date | Address | City | State | Statue |
|-------------------------------------|------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------|----------|
| Reliance Manufacturing | 1917 | | Massillon | OH | Unknown |
| Laidlow Works | 1917 | | Cincinnati | OH | Unknown |
| Standard Equipment | 1917 | | Cleveland | OH | Unknown |
| Dayton Metal Products | 1918 | | Dayton | OH | Unknown |
| United States Automatic | 1918 | | Amherst | OH | Unknown |
| Factory | 1918 | | Buffalo | NY | Unknown |
| Engine Machine Company | 1918 | | Matoon | IL | Unknown |
| CAS Products | 1918 | | Columbus | OH | Unknown |
| Barker Asphalt Company | 1918 | | Madison | IL | Unknown |
| Cleveland Automatic Machine Company | 1918 | | Cleveland | OH | Unknown |
| Sunny Point Packing Company | 1927 | | Ketchikan | AK | Unknown |
| W. F. Schlothans Shipyards | 1927 | | Ketchikan | AK | Unknown |
| Geometric Stamping Company | 1929 | | Euclid | OH | Unknown |
| Chase Brass and Copper | 1929 | | Euclid | OH | Unknown |
| Gorky Auto Plant | 1931 | | Nizhny Novgorod | Russia | Unknown |
| Kettering Hall of Science | 1961 | 130 West Loarain Street | Oberlin | OH | Standing |
| Williams Ice Rink | 1963 | 200 Woodland Street | Oberlin | OH | Standing |
| Langston Hall (North Hall) | 1963 | 95 Union Street | Oberlin | OH | Standing |
| Musterole Company | nd | | Cleveland | OH | Unknown |
| Frantz-Premier Company | nd | | Cleveland | OH | Unknown |
| Cape Town Explosives | nd | | Cape Town | OH | Unknown |
| West End Chemical Company | nd | | Death Valley | CA | Unknown |
| Nela Park | nd | | East Cleveland | OH | Standing |
| Chase Brass and Copper | nd | | Cleveland | OH | Unknown |
| Geometric Stamping | nd | | Cleveland | OH | Unknown |
| Canton Steel Foundry | nd | | Canton | OH | Unknown |

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| Gram-Bernstein Company Factory | nd | | Lima | OH | Unknown |
| Edgewater Steel Company | nd | | Oakmont | PA | Unknown |
| Ordinance Engineering Company | nd | | Baldwin | NY | Unknown |

Sources:

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