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Architect Cass Gilbert

One of America's leading architects of the early 20th Century, Cass Gilbert (1859-1934) was born in a home that stood at this site. After studying at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Gilbert apprenticed with prominent architectural firm McKim, Mead, and White. The critical success of his first major public building, the design of the 1895 Minnesota State Capitol, established his national reputation. His influential 1912 Woolworth building, at 792 feet, was then the world's tallest building, earning Gilbert's nickname of "Father of the Modern Skyscraper." Combining classical designs with modern technology, Gilbert also created the United States Supreme Court building (1932) in Washington, D.C., an enduring icon of American justice and democracy. His other achievements include the Arkansas and West Virginia capitols, the U.S. Custom House in New York, and several buildings at Oberlin College. Gilbert served as the president of the American Institute of Architects and the National Academy of Design.

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Minnesota State Capitol by Cass Gilbert



The Woolworth Building (1911-1913)

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