

Who Built the Minnesota Capitol Building?

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Introduction

This document is a compilation of most of the sources of information we have consulted in support of the "Who Built Our Capitol?" project being carried out by the Labor Education Service of the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. This document contains information about the following types of primary and secondary research materials: newspapers, photographs, census records, web sites and books, and was obtained from the Minnesota Historical Society and several county historical societies, the Marble Valley Historical Society and Museum, the Minnesota Department of Health, and the Minnesota Genealogical Society, and numerous individuals. These scraps of information have slowly come together to paint a picture of the lives of the individuals who worked on the Capitol building, and for six men, their deaths on the work site.

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Photos arranged according to date.

Search terms:

Minnesota State Capitol Building
Minnesota State Capitol Building construction and dome
State capitol

1. Breaking ground for the new State Capitol Building.
Photographer: Dickey & Strong
Photographic Collection
March 6, 1896
Location no. FM6.141 p1
Negative no. 83
2. Side of State Capitol Building.
Photographic Collection
1900-1901
Location no. FM6. 142 r7
Negative no. 54129
3. Men Working on Base of the Dome.
Photographic Collection
1900
Location no. FM6.145 r12
Negative no. 63698
4. Base of Dome Showing Brickwork and Stone Facing.
Photographic Collection
1900
Location no. FM6.145 r13
5. Base of Dome Showing Brickwork Before Dome is Put On.
Photographic Collection
1900
Location no. FM6.145 r15
6. Men Working on the Capitol.
Photographic Collection

- Ca. 1901
Location no. FM6.142 r22
Negative no. 4041
7. Men Working on an Area of the Dome; may be space where the Quadriga will stand.
Photographic Collection
1901
Location no. FM6.147 r7
Negative no. 8825
8. Men Working on an Area of the Dome; may be space where the Quadriga will stand.
Photographic Collection
1901
Location no. FM6.147 r8
Negative no. 63697
9. Men Working on Dome.
Photographic Collection
1901
Location no. FM6.145 r8
10. Carved Stone Trim Known as Ancon in the Workshop.
Photographic Collection
Ca. 1901
Location no. FM6.146 r13
Negative no. 8841
11. Minnesota State Capitol construction crew. (at ground breaking?).
Photograph Collection ca. 1896
Location no. FM6.142 p5
Negative no. 62183
12. Minnesota State Capitol construction scene.
Photograph Collection ca. 1896
Location no. FM6.142 p6
Negative no. 62184
13. Laying of the cornerstone, State Capitol
Photograph Collection 7/27/1898
Location no. FM6.141 p12
Negative no. 15398
14. Cornerstone ceremonies, State Capitol.
Photograph Collection 7/27/1898
Location no. FM6.141 r8
Negative no. 54130

15. Block of marble for new State Capitol being hauled down East Fourth Street between Minnesota and Robert.
Photograph Collection ca. 1899
Location no. FM6.142 p2
Negative no. 16359
16. State Capitol construction.
Photograph Collection ca. 1899
Location no. FM6.142 r33
Negative no. 64317-g
17. State Capitol construction.
Photograph Collection ca. 1899
Location no. FM6.142 r34
Negative no. 63241
18. View of the Minnesota State Capitol during construction in 1899 with streetcar in forefront.
Photographer: George E. Luxton
Photograph Collection 1899
Location no. FM6.142 p8
Negative no. 97969
19. Side of State Capitol building
Photograph Collection 1900-1901
Location no. FM6.142 r7
Negative no. 54129
20. State Capitol under construction. 7/3/1900
Photograph Collection
Location no. FM6.142 r35
21. Front view, of State Capitol construction ca. 1900
Photograph Collection
Location no. FM6.142 r10
Negative no. 8797
22. State Capitol roof with partial view of surrounding area toward the west.
Photograph Collection 1900-1901
Location no. FM6.142 r18
Negative no. 8812
23. Construction of State Capitol main portico.
Photograph Collection ca. 1900
Location no. FM6.142 r21
Negative no. 49324
24. View from southeast; shows board fence around State Capitol

- construction site.
Photograph Collection ca. 1900
Location no. FM6.142 r25
Negative no. 38516
25. The crew at Biesanz quarry* in Winona who did the drilling of the stone used in the foundation of the State Capitol.
(*Actually, nearby Steinbauer quarry likely supplied the limestone used in the foundation.)
Photograph Collection ca. 1900
Location no. FM6.144 p1
Negative no. 17201
26. Stone columns to be used on the State Capitol dome, St. Paul
Photograph Collection 1900-1901
Location no.
FM6.144 r14
Negative no. 8835
27. State Capitol construction; in background Charles Engelbrecht, Builder, St. Paul
Photograph Collection 1900-1901
Location no. FM6.142 r17
Negative no. 8824
28. Sculptor Daniel Chester French in studio with sculpted figure that may be an early model for "Prosperity" on the Quadriga, State Capitol
Photograph Collection ca. 1900
Location no. FM6.132 r4
Negative no. 8840
29. Construction of State Capitol
Photographer: R. O. Morrison
Photograph Collection, Stereograph
ca. 1900
Location no. FM6.142 r29
Negative no. 53022
30. Baluster columns used in exterior construction, State Capitol, St. Paul
Photograph Collection ca. 1901
Location no. FM6.146 r10
Negative no. 8842
31. Quarry site for State Capitol stone, St. Cloud
Photograph Collection ca. 1901
Location no. FM6.144 r1

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32. State Capitol construction.
Photograph Collection ca. 1901
Location no. FM6.142 p3
Negative no. 53039
 33. State Capitol under construction.
Photograph Collection
ca. 1904
Location no. FM6.142 r30
Negative no. 2850-A
 34. State Capitol under construction.
Photograph Collection ca. 1904
Location no. FM6.142 r31
Negative no. 5376-A
 35. Decorators of the State Capitol, Photographer: Haas & Wright
Photograph Collection 1904
Location no. FM6.142 m2
Negative no. 96958
 36. Decorators of the State Capitol, Photographer: Haas & Wright
Photograph Collection 1904
Location no. FM6.142 m3
 37. Dedication parade for new State Capitol.
Photograph Collection 1905
Location no. FM6.141 r6
Negative no. 76197
 38. Group of men involved in the State Capitol construction;
Zebulon Olson, back row, far right
Photograph Collection ca. 1905
Location no. FM6.142 p7
Negative no. 62185
 39. Portraits of state officials and capitol
employees
Photographer: J. Bowers
Photograph Collection 1905-1906
Location no. FM6.3 h1
Negative no. 43551

Newspapers

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Search terms:

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Minneapolis (Minn.)—Newspapers
Minnesota State Federation of Labor--Newspapers
Ramsey County (Minn.)—Newspapers
Saint Paul (Minn.)—Newspapers
Saint Paul Trades and Labor Assembly (Saint Paul, Minn.)--
Newspapers
Trades and Labor Assembly of Minneapolis

Anchor and Shield (A.O.U.W.) & The AOUW Guide

Publication dates

Newspapers devoted to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, a fraternal order that sold life insurance to working class white men (no women, no African Americans) and also provided social entertainments for its members. From lists of chapter affiliates, it was probably a large organization. Criteria for joining usually printed on front page.

Afro-American Advance

Publication dates: 1899-1905

Articles of interest to African American community in Twin Cities.
No mention of capitol construction

Interurban

Publication dates

Newspaper coverage of the Hamline area of St. Paul. International, national news. Some neighborhood news. No mention of capitol construction or working men or women.

Saint Paul Dispatch

Weekly

1869-1903

-May 7, 1896, page 5/"First Sod is Cut:" ground breaking for capitol building.

-same date and page/ "To A Saint Paul Man:" awarding of foundation contract to George J. Grant.

-May 14, 1896, page 8/Photograph of groundbreaking ceremony.

-May 28, 1896, page 5/"Seventeen Want It: That Many Would Be Superintendent of Construction:" mentions the names of the men who applied for this position.

-July 23, 1897, last page/"On The Grand Order:" full page artists rendering of the interior of the chambers of the Senate, Court, and House of Representatives.

-July 21, 1897 page 5/"Carnival of Fun:" List of events surrounding the laying of the capitol cornerstone.

-July 28, 1897 front page/"Stone in Place."

-August 2, 1897, page 5/"Capitol Building Finances."

-same date and page/"Of Georgia Marble:" comparison of Minnesota granite and Georgia marble.

-June 25, 1903/"Head Long to His Death:" Death of John Corregan.

-January 2, 1905/"Swarming on the New Hive:" political cartoon showing the opening of the capitol building.

-August 16, 1897, front page/ "It Is Settled:" choice of Georgia marble for the exterior.

Saint Paul Pioneer Press

See articles cited in **Appendix 3:** Accidental Deaths

The Minneapolis Journal

Publication dates: 1888-1939

-August 3, 1897, pg. 6/ "Home-Grown Stone."

-same date and page/"That Capitol Stone:" article about organized labor.

-September 1, 1897, front page/"In A Shell of Marble."

-same date, page 4/" The Capitol Stone:" editorial about out of state materials.

-September 2, 1897, front page/ political cartoon-shows out of work Minnesota quarry man

-August 28, 1897/"No Georgia Marble:" article about organized labor's opposition to Georgia marble being used in state capitol building construction.

The Minneapolis Tribune

-August 4 1902, p. 6/ 400 men working on capitol; "Last marble laid:" Stoneworkers strike over non-union blacksmith

-January 28, 1904/ "All Join Together: Contractors and laborers unite in fight against Capitol Commission" Painting and decorator companies and workers protest against Capitol Commission using outside painters

See also articles cited in Appendix 3: Accidental Deaths

The Minnesota Union Advocate

Publication dates: February 5, 1897 – December 28, 1900

-April 28, 1897/Local Events: article about how work on the new government building would provide work for local bricklayers.

-June 25, 1897/"Of Native Stone:"article demanding the use of Minnesota stone in the new capitol building construction. "Mass Meeting:" union resolution to support the use of Minnesota stone.

-September 3, 1897/Labor Day issue. A number of articles about female union leaders.

The Laborer/ The Socialist Party of Minnesota

1894

No local information on labor or working men in St. Paul or Ramsey county. Consists mostly of national news, a lot of Socialist ideologies explained.

The Saint Paul Daily Globe

Publication dates:

Daily

-May 6, 1898, page 4/"Only Lived a Few Hours:" article about the death of Felix Arthur.

-May 21, 1899/" Some Bad Accidents:" article about the injury of William (Vernon)Cole and the death of Michael McNierney.

-April 28, 1900/" One Dead, One Injured:" article about the death of Albert Swanson.

-June 30, 1900, page 2/"Capitol Accidents Fall:" article about the death of Florian Zauner.

-January 3, 1905/full page on the opening of the new capitol building.

The Saint Paul Union Advocate

Publication dates:

Weekly

Paper consists of national news items, essays on why organized labor was important-local news largely devoted to local union meetings. Classified ads consisted of union supported business.

-Friday, January 2, 1903/Woman's issue

-many missing issues. Mostly reprints of articles of national labor interest. Very brief blurbs of local union meetings.

The Union/Official Organ of the Minneapolis Trades and Labor Assembly

Publication dates: 1894-1907

Weekly

Miscellaneous Records

Death Records

Coroner's Record Books, 1901-1975

State Archives of Ramsey County

Record ID: 001735745

John Carrington (AKA Corigton, Corregan, Bowdin, or Bowden)

Post Mortem Examination Record/J. Ohage, MD

June 25, 1903.

Minnesota Health Department

Death Record Cards 1900

Saint Paul

Ramsey County

Microfilm Roll 12, A-R

Alfred Magnuson (AKA L. Magnuson) Death Card

Minnesota Health Department

Death Record Cards 1900

Saint Paul

Ramsey County

Microfilm Roll 13, S-Z

Albert Swanson Death Card

Florian Zauner (AKA Florane Zauner) Death Card

Labor Union Records

Search Terms

-labor and laboring classes—Minnesota
-labor unions—Minnesota—Saint Paul

International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 36

Saint Paul, Minn.

Organizational records for 1903-1907

Carpenter's and Joiners Brotherhood of America, Local 87

Organizational records consisting of:

- Union meeting minute books,
- Local membership and dues records,
- financial records, and daybooks.

Daybooks

Vol. 22

-this is a detailed record of dues payment on the part of union members. Shows name and date of initiation, birth date, and record of payment.

Vol.51

-Membership and visitor records. Names and addresses of members from other locals who have traveled to the Twin Cities to work. Very extensive record. Dated 1899-1920s.

Vol. 58

-Daybook summary of expenses. The pages are very full of members names. Many members working at this time.

Vol. 50

Record Book begins in 1885

-Very detailed record of expenses. Shows receipts on the left page expenses on the right.

Vol. 57

Day book

-shows records of payments by members. Very detailed. Includes summaries of payments and expenditures.

Vol. 55

Ledger book—pages cut out

Bricklayers, Masons, and Cement Blocklayers, Local 1

Organizational records for 1882-1950.

P-6, Box 2, book labeled Vol.2

- correspondence and related records,
- traveling cards,
- certificates of deposit,
- secretary's record books. Some mention of where the men were working but nothing on the capitol site. Does contain the

names and addresses of individual members. Also contains lists of men who were delinquent with their dues payments.

-Resolution adopted that supports the use of home materials on new capitol building.

P-6, Box 4, Day Books
Vol. 16

-Account books of the union local #1. Detailed records of local income and disbursements.

Vol. 18

-Names of scab bricklayers and amount of their fine (\$50).

Vol. 17

-Extensive record of traveling cards, correspondence.
-Names of members and their dues payments.

Vol. 14

-Names and addresses of union members and names of individual(s) to whom death benefits were to be paid.

Vol. 6

-meeting minutes

Records representing several Minnesota bricklayers, stonecutters, masons, mosaic and tile layers unions stored at the Minneapolis office of **Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Union Local 1**, 1888-1996

See Appendix 5 for list of all volumes and some entries relevant to Capitol and the local's address.

Records representing several sheet metal and related unions in Minnesota, 1895-1967, stored at the offices of **Sheet Metal Workers Local 10**, Maplewood, MN

See Appendix 5 for list of all volumes and an entry relevant to Capitol and the local's address.

St. Paul Building and Construction Trades Council

No longer has any records from the Capitol construction era

Address Books

Minneapolis-Saint Paul City Address Books
Dual City Blue Books, 1897-1898 (Household directories)

This particular book contained the following information:

- pg. 3-"Hints on Etiquette"
- pg. 24-25-City government officials and their addresses
- pg. 25-Fire department
- pg. 27-List if all churches
- pg. 33-Social clubs
- pg. 35-Names and addresses of newspapers
- pg. 43-65-Streets and avenues in St. Paul
- pg. 247-St.Paul shopping guide

Other Files Relating to Capitol Construction

Minnesota's New Capitol, America's Most Artistic Building and the Handsomest West of the Alleghenies
Call # F613.S82 N656 1904-**Unavailable**

Minnesota Historical Society Sound and Visual Collection/Charles W. Jerome Photographic Albums
Album #- Exterior and Interior Photos of Minnesota Capitol Building
Call # II.16

Specifications of the General Construction, State Capitol Building for State of Minnesota, located in City of St. Paul
Author: Minnesota: Board of State Capitol Commissioners
Call # F613.S8 C2 M6

Minnesota History Society Pamphlet Collection
Pamphlets Relating to the Minnesota State Capitol and Environs St. Paul, MN 1898
F613. S8 C2
Photos of the grounds surrounding the construction site and later photos of the grounds after the capitol was built. Shows the immediate neighborhoods surrounding the capitol.

Minnesota Board of State Capitol Commissioners
Call # 113.C.1.8F
113.C.1.9B
113.C.1.10
112.D.1.2F-I

These specific collections contain specifications, bids, and contract awards for all the construction and interior furnishings for the capitol construction. Extensive and detailed.

Call # 113.C.2.1B

In addition to information re furnishings, this particular file contains detailed payroll information from Dale & Baumgartner, and Butler Brothers and the final settlement with Cass Gilbert showing the names of all the contractors and suppliers and the total amount they were paid.

Examples:

Butler Brothers Capitol Extra Work Pay Roll, Bill 11270, 1905
Lists specific jobs, such as fastening gallery seats, replacing broken windows, etc. with names, occupations pay rates and hours.

Dale & Bumgardner (subcontractor) payroll records for New Capitol, November 1904 lists names, occupations, hours, pay rates and total monthly compensation.

Historic Preservation Office
National Registry of Historic Places
Minnesota State Capitol Building
Casiville Bullard House (bricklayer & stone mason)

Minnesota Historical Society/Museum Collections

Oakland Women's Temperance Union (St. Paul, Minnesota)
c. 1905/Meeting Announcement
Call # 1989.358.2

Bureau of Labor Statistics, Biennial Report, 1899-1900
119.C.4.5.B
Includes information on numbers of people employed, their occupations, working time and weekly wages, inspection reports and accident statistics broken down by occupation.

Labor and Industry Dept., Bureau of Labor Statistics Biennial Reports, 1888-1930

119.C.4.5.B

The 1903-04 Report has detailed information on Minnesota accidents and strikes, including a 1904 lockout in Kasota of International Stone Cutters Union quarry workers by C.W. Babcock, which supplied the limestone for the interior of the Capitol.

Music Collection

Sheet Music for songs from Capitol Construction period
"The Appeal: Grand Triumphal March" by William A. Weir. St. Paul: W.J. Dyer & Bro.
"Minnesota Street Rag March" by Fred Swanson. St. Paul: American Music Publishing.

OTHER ARCHIVES

Fred Danner, Cleveland, MN

Private collection of Kasota, MN area photographs and documents, including many materials on local limestone industry from Capitol construction period

Georgianna E. Herman Center for Human Resources and Labor Studies Library

The Penny Press

-Dec 9, 1895; pg. 8; Issue 43; col E/ "Labor Federation Workingmen of the State Discuss Matters of Interest to Their Organization" (Opposes use of convict labor in building Capitol)

-April 21, 1896/ Bids on Capitol foundation

-May 12, 1896; Issue 135; col D/ "Northwest Notes Winona, MN Stone from the Steinbauer quarry..."

-May 1, 1896; pg. 10; Issue 126; col C/ "George J. Grants Gets It"

Immigration History Research Center, Andersen Library, University of Minnesota

Letters and archives of ethnic organizations.

Materials on Capitol sculptor Carlo Brioschi in the John Vannelli collection. Odone Papers have extensive clippings on the Italian community beginning in early 1900s

Le Sueur County Historical Society

Photos of Charles Babcock, quarry owner

Books and pamphlets on history of area stone industry

Minnesota State Capitol Historic Site Office files

Several folders of notes and references to MHS records on Capitol and contact information for several families whose ancestors worked on the Capitol

Northwest Architectural Library, Andersen Library, University of Minnesota

Books on the Butler Brothers Co. and Minnesota stone

Records of Drake Marble Company and Flour City Iron Works

Two folders of Cass Gilbert-related items including articles from the Improvement Bulletin (See Appendix 7.)

New York Historical Society, Cass Gilbert Collection

Extensive collection of architectural plans, correspondence, other documents and photographs. (See appendix guide to these records.)

Ramsey County Historical Society

No records on Capitol construction found

St. Paul Public Library – St. Paul Collection
No records on Capitol construction found

Stearns County History Museum and Research Center, St. Cloud, MN
Extensive collection of photographs, maps, newspaper articles
and books on the area granite industry
A Century of Enduring Beauty: Cold Spring Granite Company.
Cold Spring, MN: Cold Spring Granite Co., 2002.

St. Cloud Daily Times

-January 25, 1898, p.2 "May Remove to St. Cloud" Rockville Co.
-September 1, 1898, p. 3/ "Public Auction: Sale of Rockville
Granite Company's Property"
-September 30, 1898 "He Bought the Plant: Henry Alexander
Buys the Rockville Granite Co. Outfit"
-February 17, 1913, p. 3/"Rockville Producer Dead" Henry
Alexander

Wisconsin Historical Society John R Commons Labor Archive
Extensive collection of many international and local unions'
records, including convention and local **minutes.**

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Videotaped Interviews **CUT MOVE TO AKOWLEDGMENTS SECTION**

Capitol Dome 2010 Restoration Construction Site

Jason Alferness, Laborers Local 563

Rickey Klандe, Bricklayers Local 1

Sean Cotton, Structural Engineer, HGA Architecture
Ginny Lackovic, Architect, HGA Architecture
Harley Meyer, Dome Restoration Project Superintendent,
JE Dunn Construction Co.
Kevin Schenemann, Laborers Local 563
Paul Schwartz, Bricklayers Local 1
Steve Youngstrom, Bricklayers Local 1

Descendants of Capitol Construction Era Workers

Alvin Bous, grandson of stonecutter
Elaine Olson Ekstedt and Linda Olson, great granddaughters of
Zebulon Olson Capitol crane operator
Howard Vetter, Chairman Vetter Stone, grandson of Capitol
construction era quarry worker Bernard Vetter
Jim Vetter, Manager, Vetter Stone

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Library, University of Minnesota

Fred Danner
Cleveland, Le Sueur County, MN

Private collector: photographs and documents on the history of Kasota, MN area

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Howard Vetter,
Chairman, Vetter Stone, Mankato MN

James Vetter, Vetter Stone, Mankato MN

The current building is Minnesota's third capitol. Learn about all three buildings. The winning entry was the work of Cass Gilbert, an influential local architect who was just 35 years old. The chosen site was the rise of land called Wabasha Hill several blocks north of downtown. The present Minnesota State Capitol was an ambitious undertaking for a state that was only 37 years old. After nine years of construction at a cost of \$4.5 million, the building was opened to the public on Jan. 2, 1905, one day before the 34th legislature convened. Construction. Channing Seabury, chairman of the Capitol Commission, broke ground for the new building on May 6, 1896.