Historical Marker - S743 - David Whitney Building (Marker ID#:S743)





Significant Date:

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

Registry Year: 2016 Erected Date: 2016

Marker Location

Address: 1 Park Avenue

City: Detroit

State: MI ZipCode: 48226

County: Wayne

Township:

Lat: 42.33581600 / Long: -83.05031200

Web URL:

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David Whitney Building

Opened in 1915, this building was named for David Whitney, Jr. (1830-1900), a Detroit lumber, real estate and shipping magnate. During construction, the Detroit Free Press called it the "finest in the country." Daniel H. Burnham and Company designed the structure with retail on the first four floors, including clothing stores and jewelers. A central four-story atrium allowed light into the interior of the upper-floor offices, most of which were medical. When the Whitney family sold the building in 1966, more than three hundred doctors and dentists had offices here. The building was listed in the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Grand Circus Park Historic District in 1983. It reopened in 2014, rehabilitated for use as a hotel and apartments.

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