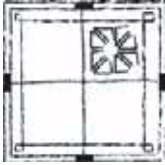


UNIFIED VISION

THE ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN OF THE PRAIRIE SCHOOL

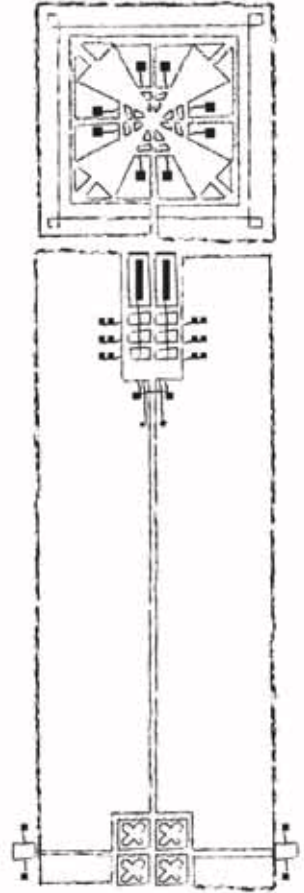


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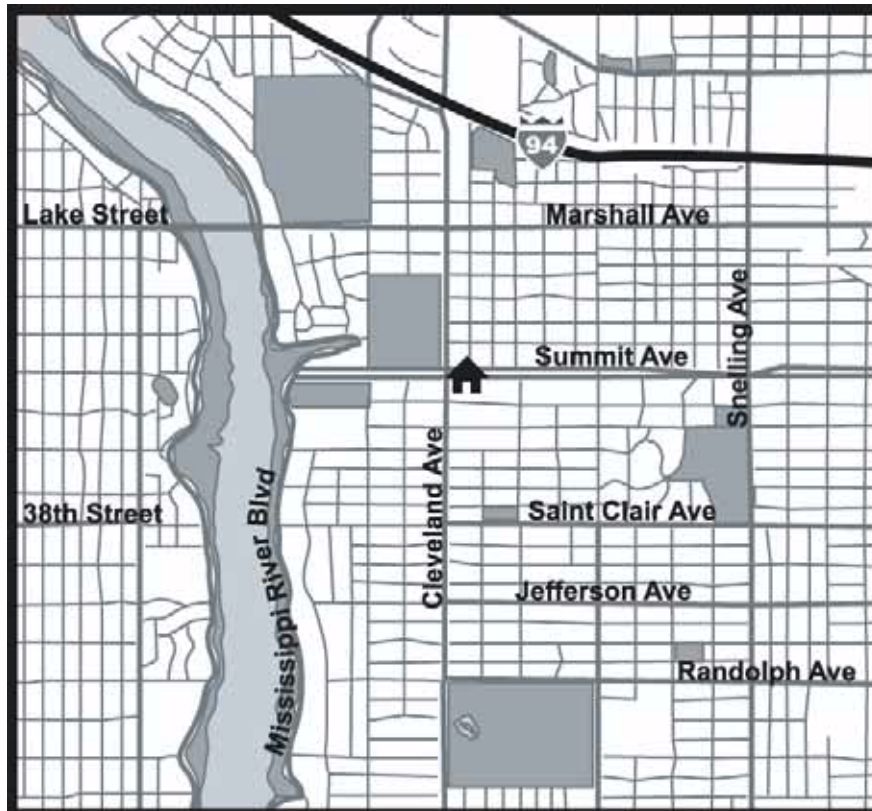


GREATER MINNESOTA

The nine buildings in the Greater Minnesota tour include three examples of the great Midwestern Prairie School bank type, with opulent structures by Louis Sullivan (considered the father of the Prairie School), George Washington Maher, and the team of Purcell, Feick, and Elmslie. The terrain covered includes St. Paul, Red Wing, Winona, and Owatonna.



ST. PAUL



WARD BEEBE HOUSE

Stop #1

2022 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul



Architects: Purcell, Feick, and Elmslie
Year: 1912

Ward Beebe, a veterinarian turned physician, and his wife, Bess Leuthold Beebe, commissioned Purcell, Feick, and Elmslie to design this house on Summit Avenue. Purcell later described the house as "a re-transcription of the Oscar Owre type," referring to the 1911-12 Owre House at 2625 Newton Avenue South, Minneapolis. Both houses feature overhanging eaves and a side entryway, and share similar plans. Purcell was pleased with the finished house and noted that the unusual corner windows allowing views up and down Summit Avenue were "accepted as a fine response towards a choice and expensive location."

When looking at this house in person, please respect the privacy of the people who live there.

WARD BEEBE HOUSE

HISTORIC PHOTOS:



Ward Beebe House,
St. Paul
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Art glass window
Ward Beebe House,
St. Paul
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