

Some Firsts  
(in Buffalo unless otherwise noted)

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*Architecture*

- 1668 Construction at Fort Niagara, Niagara County.  
1669 Sailing vessel (on upper Great Lakes), LaSalle's Griffon, Cuyuga Island  
  
1721 House (in the region), Lewiston, Niagara County.  
1758 Commerce, Joncaire's trading post, and,  
"post revolution", salt trade, Black Rock.  
1789 "Buffalonian", white settler, Cornelius Winne.  
1795 Tavern, John Palmer's.  
1796 or earlier: "institution", the Black Rock Ferry.  
  
1800 "Highway", connection from the Hudson River to Lake Erie.  
1804 "City Plan", Joseph Ellicott's map.  
1804 Post Office, in John Crow's Tavern for which first Holland Land sale.  
1806 Brick building, Hodge residence or (?) Juba Storr's store.  
1807 School house, on the Dun Building site.  
1808 Court held, in the Mansion House.  
1810 Court House.  
1812 Organized Church group, First Presbyterian, meetings held in Court House.  
1812 Book published, by E. H. Hutchinson: "Public Speeches...".  
1816 Library, in the Terrace Market, 700 volumes.  
1816 Bank, Bank of Niagara.  
1818 Steamboat (on Lake Erie), the "Walk-In-The-Water".  
1818 Lighthouse (of the U. S. on the Great Lakes).  
1819 Church, First Methodist.  
1821 Harbor breakwater construction. Medical Society of Erie County.  
1825 Canal connection with the Hudson, the "first Engineering school in America".  
1829 Architect reported involved in Buffalo building, William Strickland.  
1830 Iron propellor ship (on the Great Lakes), "The Merchant".  
1832 Street, horsecar, railway.  
1833 Cultural "institution", the Buffalo Apprentices' Society.  
1835 Building to use gas for lighting - and first theater, Eagle Street Theater.  
1836 Architect practising independently, J. H. Merrill.  
1838 Liberty Pole, of four, on the Terrace.  
1842 Mechanized grain elevator (in the world), Dart's.  
1843 Railroad terminal, Lackawanna.  
1845 business telegraph line (in America), between Lockport and Buffalo.  
1845 Poured concrete foundation.  
1847 Jewish congregation, in Hoyt Building; also see First Methodist Church.  
1848 Inland waterway connection with New Orleans.  
1851 Proposal to build a bridge from Buffalo to Fort Erie.  
1855 Waterway connection (Sault St. Marie) with Minnesota grain and ore fields.  
1856 University, Niagara University.  
1878 Telephone system.  
1879 Electric street lighting (in the United States).  
1879 "Fireproof" grain elevator (in the United States).  
1870's Electric passenger elevator, Fornes Block.  
1880 7 story building and "first class" office building, White Fireproof.  
1880 Professional woman architect (in the U. S.), Louise Blanchard Bethune.

- 1890 10 story building, Erie County Savings Bank.
- 1891 Electric streetcar.
- 1895 12 story building, and complete skeleton frame, D. S. Morgan.
- 1895 13 story building, The Guaranty / Prudential Building.
- 1896 Electricity generated at Niagara Falls.
- 1896 Building code.
  
- 1900 Practical motorcycle (in the United States), by Thomas.
- c.1902 Major use of reinforced concrete structure, Pierce Co. factory, or the Graystone / Berkeley Hotel (?).
- 1903 Structural steel shapes rolled, Lackawanna.
- 1913 16 story building, Marine Trust.
- 1921 19 story building, Statler-Hilton Hotel.
- 1924 Cellophane production, by DuPont.
- 1925 22 story building, Liberty National Bank.
- 1929 26 story building, Rand.
- 1930 28 story building, City Hall.

Second

- 1852 Young Mens Christian Association (in America).

Largest

- 1832 Fire.
- 1844 "Flood", inundation of the flats below the Terrace.
- 1860 Office building, Arcade Building.
- 1888 Grain elevator (in the world), The Dakota.
- 1895 Office building (in the United States), Ellicott Square.

Oldest downtown buildings

- in 1861 St. John residence of 1810.
- in 1900 to c.1946, on Main Street, Gothic Hall of 1844.
- in 1975 Abstract Title / First Unitarian Church of 1833.

Tallest building

- in 1828 Steeple of the First Presbyterian Church.
- in 1851 Tower; St. Paul's Cathedral, 274 feet.
- in 1913 New York Telephone, 216 feet.
- in 1929 Rand, c.350 feet plus beacon.
- in 1975 Marine Midland Center, c.530 feet.

Finest architecture

- The Prudential.