

Manhattan Life Insurance Building

Identification

EBN	102481
Name	Manhattan Life Insurance Building
Alternative Name	Manhattan Life Insurance Company Building
Construction Type	skyscraper
Current Status	demolished [destroyed]

Location

Continent Name	North America	Lot Number	Contact us
Country Name	U.S.A.	Postcode	10005
State Name	New York	Address (as text)	64-70 Broadway, 17-19 New Street
Metro Area Name	New York-Newark-Bridgeport Metro Area	Main Address	60-80 Broadway
City Name	New York City	Side Address	1-29 New Street
District (1st level)	Manhattan	Virtual Address	1-7 Wall Street 73 Exchange Place
District (2nd level)	Financial District	Latitude	Contact us
Block Number	Contact us	Longitude	Contact us

Description

Structural Material	concrete	Main Usage	commercial office
Architectural style	beaux-arts / historism		

Spatial dimensions

Height (structural)	348 ft	Height (roof)	348 ft
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Height (tip) 348 ft **Floors (overground)** 18

Years and costs

Year (construction start) 2003 **Year (construction end)** 1895

Facts

- When finished, the granite, terra-cotta, and brick-clad structure rose 348 feet above the sidewalk to the structure's lantern top.
- On its high floors a copper-clad iron bridge spanned the light court of the U- shaped building, which featured several engineering firsts, including the use of pneumatic caissons for the foundations, designed by engineer Charles Soosmith.
- By the 1960s, the building was no longer particularly tall or fashionable, and was demolished to make way for the 1965 addition to the Irving Trust Company's Art Deco One Wall Street, now The Bank of New York.
- The Manhattan Life Insurance Company, founded in 1850, began construction of this skyscraper in 1893.
- The interior was heated and cooled through one of the first uses of electric ventilation.
- When completed in 1894, the 348-foot structure designed by Kimball & Thompson was the tallest building in the world.
- Wishing to create an architectural symbol to outshine its rivals, in 1892 the Manhattan Life Insurance Company held a competition for its new headquarters at 64-70 Broadway across from Trinity Church, selecting architects Kimball and Thompson.

Involved companies

Architect.....

Kimball & Thompson
New York City
U.S.A.

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