

Home Insurance Building

Identification

EBN	102645
Name	Home Insurance Building
Alternative Name	Royal Insurance Building
Construction Type	high-rise building
Current Status	demolished [destroyed]

Location

Continent Name	North America	Postcode	60604
Country Name	U.S.A.	Address (as text)	LaSalle & Adams Streets, NE corner
State Name	Illinois	Main Address	135 South LaSalle Street
Metro Area Name	Chicago-Naperville-Michigan City Combined Statistical Area	Virtual Address	140 West Adams Street
City Name	Chicago	Latitude	Contact us
District (1st level)	Downtown	Longitude	Contact us
District (2nd level)	Loop		

Description

Foundation System	spread foundation	Architectural style	chicago school
Structural Material	steel	Main Usage	commercial office

Spatial dimensions

Height (structural)	180.44 ft	Height (roof)	180.44 ft
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Height (tip) 180.44 ft Floors (overground) 12

Years and costs

Year (construction end) 1885

Facts

- This is generally regarded as the world's first skyscraper. It was the first tall building to be supported, both inside and outside, by a fireproof metal frame.
- Although the Home Insurance Building made full use of steel framing technology, it was not a pure steel-framed structure since it rested partly on granite piers at the base and on a rear brick wall.
- This was demolished to make way for the Field Building, now known as the LaSalle Bank Building.
- Originally built in 1885 as a 10-story building, 138 feet high. In 1890 two more floors were built on top.

Involved companies

Architect.....

Jenney & Mundie
Chicago
U.S.A.

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