

Plummer Building



Identification


EBN	127949
Name	Plummer Building
Construction Type	high-rise building
Complex Type	hospital
Complex Name	Mayo Clinic
Current Status	existing [completed]

Location

Continent Name	North America	Address (as text)	112-124 2nd Avenue SW
Country Name	U.S.A.	Main Address	112-124 2nd Avenue SW
State Name	Minnesota	Virtual Address	113-123 2nd Street SW
Metro Area Name	Rochester Metro Area	Latitude	Contact us

City Name	Rochester	Longitude	Contact us
Postcode	55905		

Description

Structural Material	steel	Architectural style	spanish colonial revival
Facade Material	brick limestone terra-cotta	Main Usage	 hospital library
Facade Color	light brown		

Spatial dimensions

Height (structural)	297.54 ft	Height (roof)	297.54 ft
Height (tip)	297.54 ft	Floors (underground)	2
Height (top floor)	232.33 ft	Floors (overground)	19

Years and costs

Year (construction start)	1926	Year (construction end)	1928
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Features & Amenities

- One of the city's famous buildings
- National landmark

Facts

- The main library reading room on the 12th floor is called Mayo Hall. Dr. Plummer selected sixty prominent physicians and scientists to be memorialized with their names engraved in the room's ceiling beams.
- The Plummer Building was the tallest building in Rochester from 1929 until completion of the Gonda Building in 2001.
- It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1969.
- The first two stories are of limestone, while the upper ones are of brick with terra cotta trim.

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- Luis Walter Alvarez, solo winner of the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1968, illegally climbed to the top of the building's steel framework while under construction. He was still a teenager.
- The tower holds a 56-bell carillon, enlarged in 1977 from the original 23-bell carillon dedicated on 16 September 1928.
- The building is named for Dr. Henry Plummer, widely-regarded as the Architect of the Mayo Group Practice. He joined the Mayo in 1901 and designed many of the systems that gave rise to the group practice concept that has become so successful.

Involved companies

Architect.....

Ellerbe & Company
St. Paul
U.S.A.

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Bell Foundry	Contact us	Mechanical Systems Installation	Contact us
Elevator Supplier	Contact us	Owner	Contact us
Facade Supplier	Contact us	Plumbing Contractor	Contact us
General Contractor	Contact us		

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