

## Historical Marker - L175 - Detroit Cornice and Slate Building (Marker ID#:L175)



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#### ***Detroit Cornice and Slate Building***

Designed by Harry J. Rill in 1897 for the Detroit Cornice and Slate Company, this building features a finely crafted facade of galvanized steel. The use of sheet metal in commercial buildings evolved from the cast iron structures built in New York in the 1850s. Metal permitted elegant ornamentation to be rendered quickly and cheaply. It was also convenient when, as in Detroit, there was a lack of stone quarries and skilled workers. The Detroit Cornice and Slate Company fashioned many of the building's simulated carvings on the friezes and tympanums in its shop here. Occupied by the company until 1972, the structure's exterior was then restored and its interior was renovated for office and commercial use.

#### **Significant Date:**

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

**Registry Year:** 1974    **Erected Date:** 1975

### Marker Location

**Address:** 733 St. Antoine St

**City:** Detroit

**State:** MI    **ZipCode:**

**County:** Wayne

**Township:**

**Lat:** 42.33440000 / **Long:** -83.04027800

**Web URL:**

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