

**Cleveland Architects**

**Henry J Harks**

**Birth/Established:** January 6, 1865 **Death/Dissolved:** November 14, 1913

**Biography:**

Henry J. Harks attended St. Peter's School and graduated from St. John's College. He studied architecture with B. Hoerstmann and was later a designer for the Woods-Jenks Company. He then studied with architect Samuel W. Lane. His home at 1254 East 84th Street is still standing. He was appointed building inspector by Cleveland Mayor Farley in 1899. In 1903 Mayor Tom Johnson appointed him to the three-member building code commission. He was the architect of several buildings for the Roman Catholic Diocese in Cleveland, including St. Patrick Church (West Park), St. Stephen School, St. Thomas Aquinas Church and School, and St. Vincent Hospital. He lived in Chicago for a short period of time and while there designed the Basilica of St. Adalbert in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He also had several commissions in Toledo, Ohio that may have resulted from his brothers, who were priests at St. Michael Church and St. Louis Church there. He was also widely known as a musician and organist in Catholic churches. He was a resident of the Belgrave Apartments, 8615 Wade Park Avenue, at the time of his death. He died at St. Alexis Hospital after an illness of several months. He is buried in Calvary Cemetery.

**Building List**

Structure	Date	Address	City	State	Statue
Commercial-Residential Building for Ernest Hallon	1894	8901 Buckeye Road	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
James Sheehan Residence	1894	5140 Superior Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Standing
John T. Wamelink Residence	1894	2749 Woodhill Road	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
John Dietrich Residence	1895	7501 Quincy Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Frank Buettner Residence	1895	5141 Broadway	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Commercial-Residential Building for Joseph Beltz	1895	7700 Kinsman Road	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for Frank Dillhoefer	1895	5311 McBride Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for Frank Buttner 36 x 66	1895		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Frame church in	1895		Elwood City	PA	Demolished
St. Patrick of West Park Roman Catholic Church	1895-6	4435 Rocky River Drive	Cleveland	OH	Standing
John P. Beckerle Residence	1896	7409 Carnegie Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Factory for City Machinery Company	1896	430-6 West Prospect Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Joseph Ranft Residence	1896	5714 Scovill Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Factory building on Michigan \$15,000	1896		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Brick Church at 50 x 90	1896		Lorain	OH	Demolished
St. Vincent's Hospital	1896		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
St. Alexis Hospital	1896	5163 Broadway	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Henry J. Harks Residence	1896	1254 East 84th Street	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Anna Fugman Residence	1896	2362 East 85th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
St. Alexis Hospiral Bolier Room	1897		Cleveland	OH	Demolished

St. Stephen School	1897	1911-9 West 57th Street	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Residence for Anton Poelking	1897	1182 East 84th Street	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Residence for Anton Poelking	1897	1220 East 84th Street	Cleveland	OH	Standing
Commercial-Residential Building for August Wiehm	1898	7011 Superior Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Double Residence for Michael J. Kelley	1898	1736 - 40 East 36th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence for Michael Kelley	1898	1736-40 East 70th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
St. Thomas Aquinas Church & School	1898	9101 Superior Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Residence	1899		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Commercial-Residential Building for William J. Delaney	1899	8704-8 Superior Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
St. Michael School	1899-1900	2624 Chase Street	Toledo	OH	Standing
St. Anthony School	1899-1900	617 Junction Avenue	Toledo	OH	Standing
St. Anne's School	1899-1900	2145 Forest Street	Toledo	OH	Standing
Cleveland Fire Department - Engine House #29	1900	1314 East 105th Street	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Cleveland Fire Department	1900		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Notre Dame Convent	1902-4		Toledo	OH	Demolished
Bakery for William Strodbeck	1903		Cleveland	OH	Demolished
St. Thomas Aquinas Church	1903	9115 Superior Avenue	Cleveland	OH	Demolished
Basilica of St. Adalbert	1907-13	654 Davis Avenue NW	Grand Rapids	MI	Standing

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