

## Fast Facts

- 1 The Renaissance Hotel** Built in 1918, the Renaissance Hotel is a Beaux-Arts style building. This was the dominant style of architecture in the U.S. during the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The style is characterized by symmetry, order, grandiosity, formal design and elaborate ornamentation. According to staff, the fourth floor is particularly haunted. Lights flicker, faucets turn on and off and toilets flush by themselves.
- 2 Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument** Honoring the Cuyahoga County veterans of the Civil War, the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument was constructed in 1891, making it over 130 years old. The underground tunnels below the monument are believed to be haunted. Unexplained happenings include strange voices and group tour photos featuring unidentified people.
- 3 The First Electric Streetlight** Charles Bush, a Cleveland inventor, invented and debuted the first electric street lights in 1879 in Public Square. An iron lantern designed by John Root in 1890 to commemorate Bush's achievement can be seen outside of the Society for Savings Building at the corner of Rockwell Avenue and Ontario Street.
- 4 Cleveland Public Library** Designed by Walker and Weeks, the Cleveland Public Library is one of six buildings in Daniel Burnham's 1903 Group Plan. The library's lobby is modeled in a Renaissance style and uses both Italian and Botticino marbles. CPL was one of the first large urban libraries to institute an open-shelf policy and in 2009, became the first library in the U.S. to offer e-book downloads.
- 5 The Arcade**, once called 'Cleveland's Crystal Palace,' was Cleveland's first building to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Buildings listed on the register are often eligible to receive federal tax credits, helping to spur development in the communities where the buildings are located. As of 2021, there were over 95,000 listings on the register, including historic sites and districts.
- 6 The Federal Reserve Bank** opened in 1923 and was designed by Walker and Weeks, one of Cleveland's foremost architectural firms of the 1920s. The building's exterior utilizes pink marble to fit in with the Beaux-Arts character of neighboring buildings. Due to several financial panics at the time, the exterior was designed to convey soundness and safety of the money held within. The building is said to be haunted by a woman named Matilda, who took her life in 1929 after losing it all in the stock market crash. Now she spends her time stalking employees dressed as a flapper.



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- 7 The Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist** is built in the Gothic Revival style. Gothic style architecture is frequently used to depict "creepy" or "haunted" buildings. There are a few speculations as to why: 1) The use of grotesques, gargoyles that are characteristic of the style; 2) the heavy ornamentation, buttressing and pointed arches, also characteristic of the style, that all lead to deep shadows; 3) the rise of the Gothic novel, the settings of which frequently were in Gothic style buildings that were at this time in a state of disrepair and shabbiness.
- 8 Erie Street Cemetery** The oldest grave dates back to 1827.
- 9 Grays Armory** The corner stone of Grays Armory is a three-ton Berea sandstone block. The armory served as a private military company that helped to enforce the law starting in 1837. Needless to say, the 178-year-old building has some remaining spirits. The staff claims to hear unexplained footsteps and apparitions dating to the Civil War era.

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# Haunted Cleveland

A Downtown Scavenger Hunt

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### The Renaissance Hotel

**CLUE:** How many flowers are on each shield that adorn the friezes above the windows on the ground floor?

ANSWER: .....



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### Cleveland Public Library

**CLUE:** What society, as listed on a marble plaque in the grand stairs, has placed its library “for the use of all people interested in technical and scientific subjects”?

ANSWER: .....



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### The Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist

**CLUE:** What year is inscribed on the sign below Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist?

ANSWER: .....



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### Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument

**CLUE:** Who is listed as the architect on the plaque adjacent to the north side of the monument?

ANSWER: .....



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### The Arcade

**CLUE:** What is the company name listed on the kiosk under the stairs by the Superior Avenue entrance?

ANSWER: .....



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### Erie Street Cemetery

**CLUE:** Per the historical marker, how much money did Cleveland village trustees pay to Leonard Case Sr. for the 8 acres of the cemetery?

ANSWER: .....



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### The First Electric Streetlight

**CLUE:** What year is listed on the Society Nation Bank sign adjacent to the Street Light?

ANSWER: .....



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### Federal Reserve Bank

**CLUE:** What year is inscribed in Roman numerals on either side of the statue along Superior Avenue?

ANSWER: .....



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### Grays Armory

**CLUE:** Name one of the six members listed in the Building Committee carved by the entrance.

ANSWER: .....