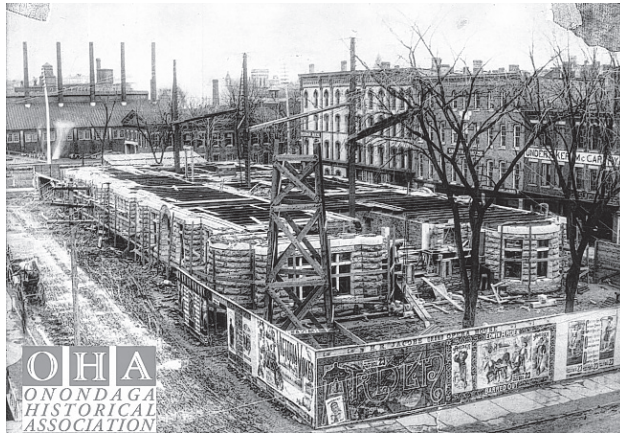


## LOCAL HISTORY

# City Hall inspired by Romanesque style

Each week, the Onondaga Historical Association looks back at important events:

**127 years ago:** In 1889, work began on the current City Hall building located on Washington Street. Syracusan Charles E. Colton was selected as the architect for the project over seven others who had submitted plans for review. Hughes Brothers of Syracuse received the construction contract and other local firms were used for the interior work. The appearance of the structure is believed to have been



**City Hall under construction.** (OHA photo)

inspired by architect Henry Hobson Richardson, who designed Albany's City Hall and Trinity Church in Boston. The style of architecture is known as Richardson Romanesque. The building was completed in 1892 and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1976.

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