

**THE WEEK IN HISTORY****The legacy of the  
Masonic Temple**

The Onondaga Historical Association looks back at the week in local history:

**97 years ago:** On Feb. 23, 1917, the Masonic Temple on Montgomery Street was dedicated. It was used by the Masons for almost 70 years, until it was taken over by the Metropolitan School for the Arts in 1985.

The drill hall and men's club were converted to recital halls, a theater, a gallery, and administrative offices. The architects of the original building were Edwin H. Gaggin and Thomas Walker Gaggin, who graduated from Syracuse University's School of Architecture.

Their firm was also responsible for designing the YMCA, Crouse-Hinds factory building, additions to St. Joseph's Hospital, several Syracuse University buildings, and the Smith Tower in Seattle.

The former temple now contains apartments.

— *Daniel Connors of the OHA*