

THE WEEK IN HISTORY



**City Hall under construction
in 1889. Placing steel for the
second floor.** (OHA)

Building City Hall

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

126 years ago: In 1888, work began on the current City Hall building on Washington Street. Syracusan Charles E. Colton was selected as the architect for the project over seven others who had also submitted plans for review. Hughes Brothers received the construction contract and other local firms were used for the interior work.

It is thought that the look of the structure was inspired by architect Henry Hobson Richardson who had designed Albany's City Hall. 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.

— *Daniel Connors of the OHA*