

For Presenters

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The notes below each slide take one minute or less to read. If you want to print them, they're downloadable as a single Word document at <http://wihist.org/2iSrDMb>.

All statements have been fact-checked and should be historically accurate.

Our book “The Wisconsin Capitol: Stories of a Monument and Its People” will appear in late summer and contain much more detail about the people and events depicted here.

Unless otherwise noted, all images are from the Wisconsin Historical Society in Madison and are available online at www.wisconsinhistory.org.

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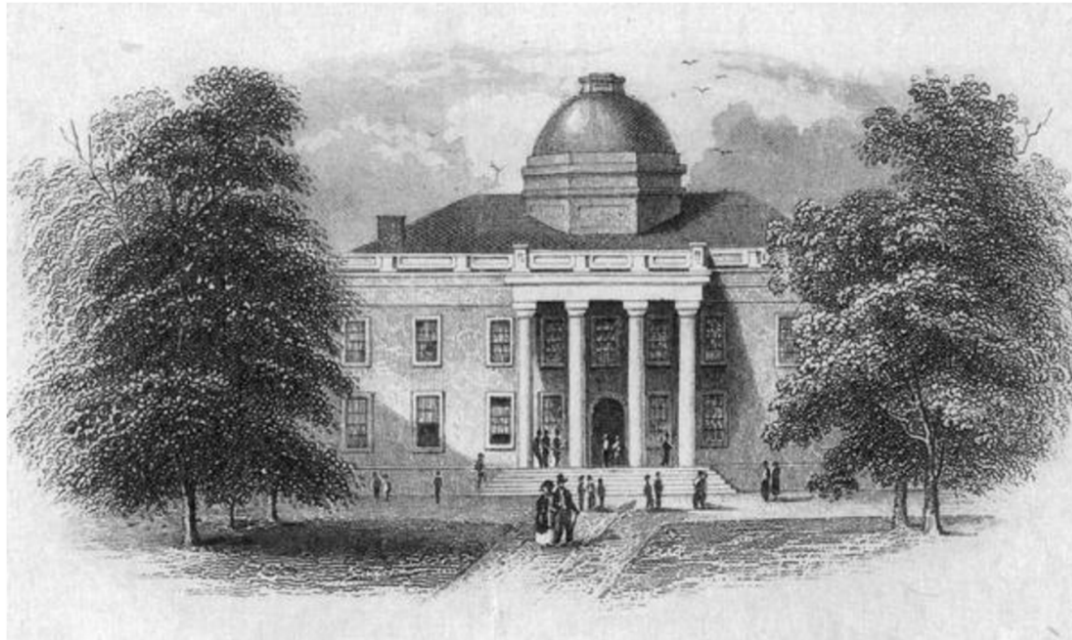
The Wisconsin Capitol, 1917-2017



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Madison was chosen as Wisconsin's capital in 1836.



The first capitol was built between 1837 and 1844.



The second capitol was built between 1859 and 1867.



WISCONSIN STATE CAPITOL.

Wings were added to each end in 1883.



Assembly



Emma Hawley, librarian



Rotunda

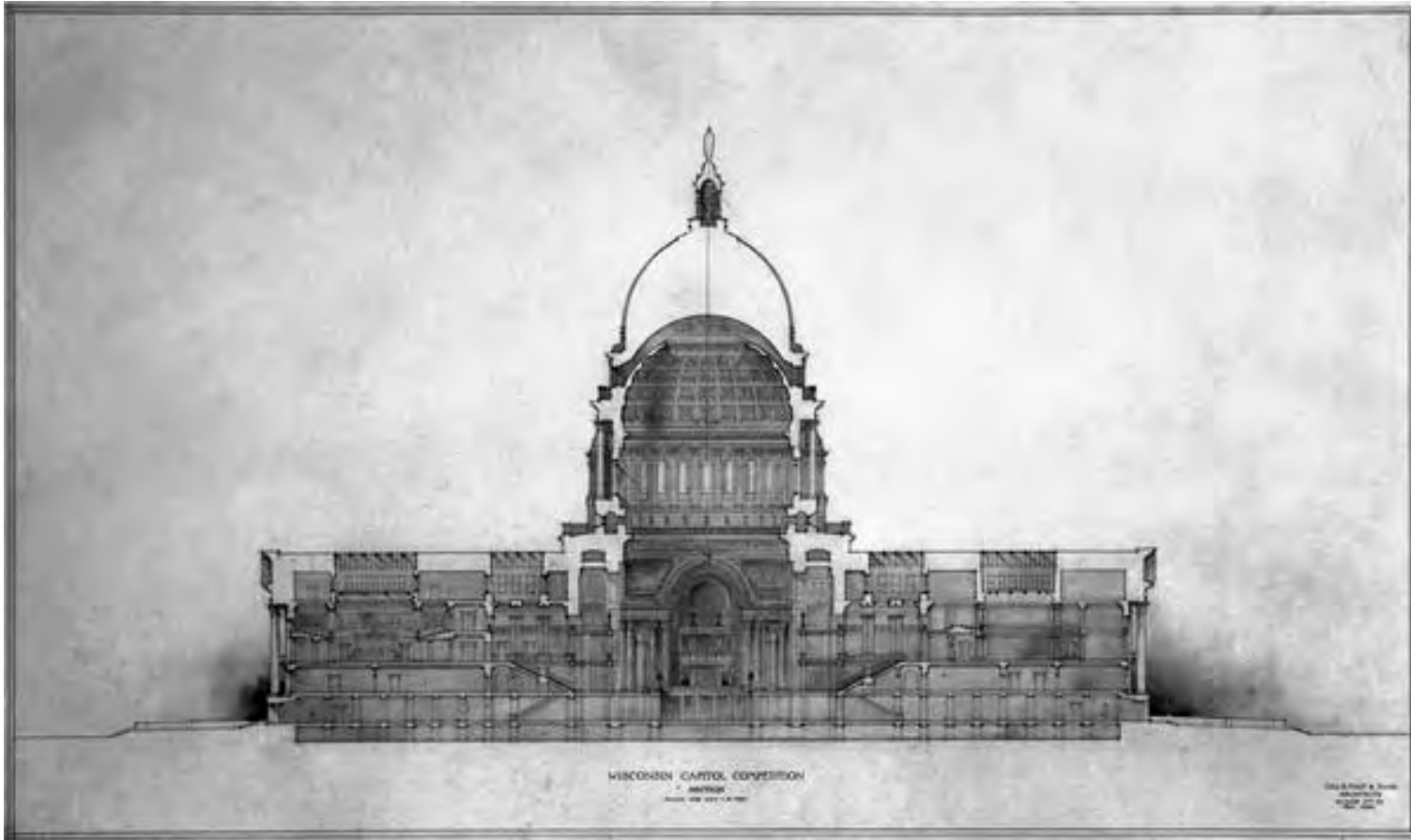
The interior looked like this.



On February 27, 1904, a fire broke out in the Capitol.



Most of the building was destroyed.



Architect George Post

In 1906, lawmakers called for a new capitol to be built.



Ruined parts of the second capitol were torn down.



The third capitol was erected between 1906 and 1917.



Marble was imported from around the world.



The nation's leading artists decorated the interior.



Sculptors carved statues for the exterior.



The Capitol is a museum, shrine, and office building
all at the same time.



The Capitol was restored between 1987 and 2001.

Some Capitol Personalities, 1917-2017



Staff of the Legislative Reference Bureau in 1906.



The first women lawmakers, elected in 1924.



Sam Pierce, gatekeeper for five governors, 1922-1936

THE CAPITAL TIMES

Only Madison Paper With Complete Associated Press Service

MADISON, WIS., SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1933

TEN PAGES

Dome Topples Off Statehouse

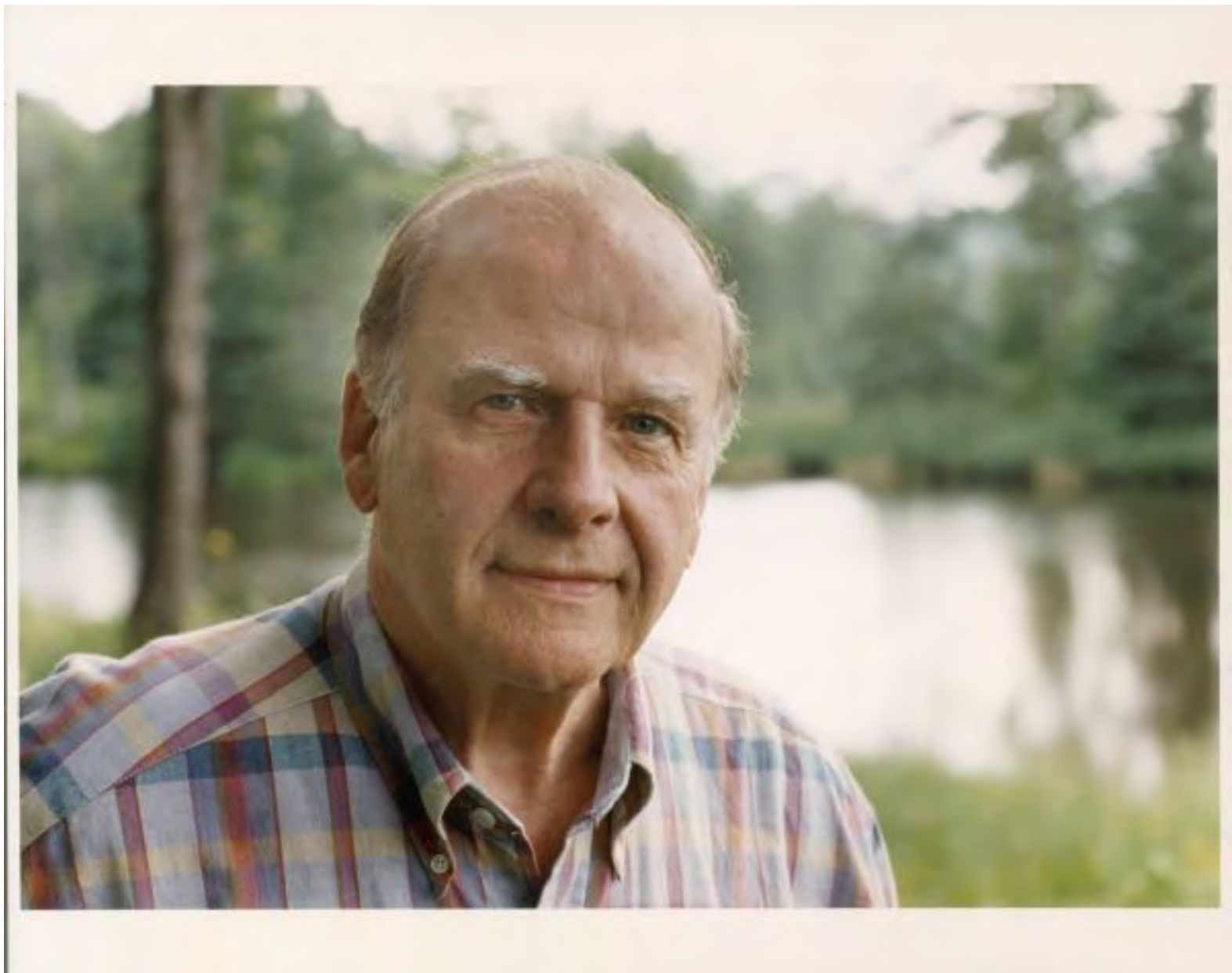
--April Fool!



When the sixth of a series of mighty blasts toppled the capitol dome from its supports this morning, a Capital Times cameraman arrived just in time to snap this unusual and sensational photograph of the mass of granite and steel as it fell. This remarkable action picture shows the pillars and blocks of stone as they hurtled to the ground when the dome collapsed. This picture was taken looking toward the W. Washington ave. entrance of the capitol.

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April Fools' Day, 1933



Environmentalist Governor Gaylord Nelson



“Republicrat” Governor Lee Dreyfus



Republican Tommy Thompson,
Wisconsin's longest-serving governor



Act 10, February 2011



Civil rights, 1961



Vietnam war, 1970

Half a century
of demonstrators, 1961-2011



A home for democracy



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To learn more:

Stan Cravens: "Capitols and Capitals in Early Wisconsin"
<http://wihist.org/2dMIYmb>

Michael Keane: "Restoring the Vision"
<http://wihist.org/2ewQoML>



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