C & P Telephone Company

Original Name: C & P Telephone Company Building

Address: 730 12th Street, NW

Washington, DC 20005

(Downtown Neighborhood)

Architect(s): Ralph T. Walker (Voorhees, Gmelin & Walker, New York)

Year Of Construction: 1928

Current Status: Industrial & Manufacturing

Original Use: Industrial & Manufacturing

This distinctive building is difficult to see, but easy to appreciate. It is a telephone company building designed in 1928 by Ralph T. Walker of the well-known New York City firm of Voorhees, Gmelin & Walker who were corporate architects for the Bell system at the time. This building clearly demonstrates the link between Art Nouveau & Art Deco, with transitional floral motifs, undulating and woven, combined with more modern stepped and fluted pilasters and an eagle in high relief at the top. A purely functional building, it was built originally to accommodate equipment for the newly developed dial system, and is not open to the public, yet the vestibule has beautiful metalwork and fine materials. If you are lucky, someone might let you in for a quick look.



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