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GERMAN BETHLEHEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Gargoyle Club)



by: Bob Flood
Sales Rep

Cass Gilbert, one of America's eminent architects, designed numerous homes and churches in the St. Paul area long before his rise to fame as the architect of the Minnesota State Capitol Building. At the corner of Ramsey and Pleasant Streets, which at the time was considered the fringe of St. Paul, stands what was once the German Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. Reminiscent of Fifteenth Century Mountain churches of

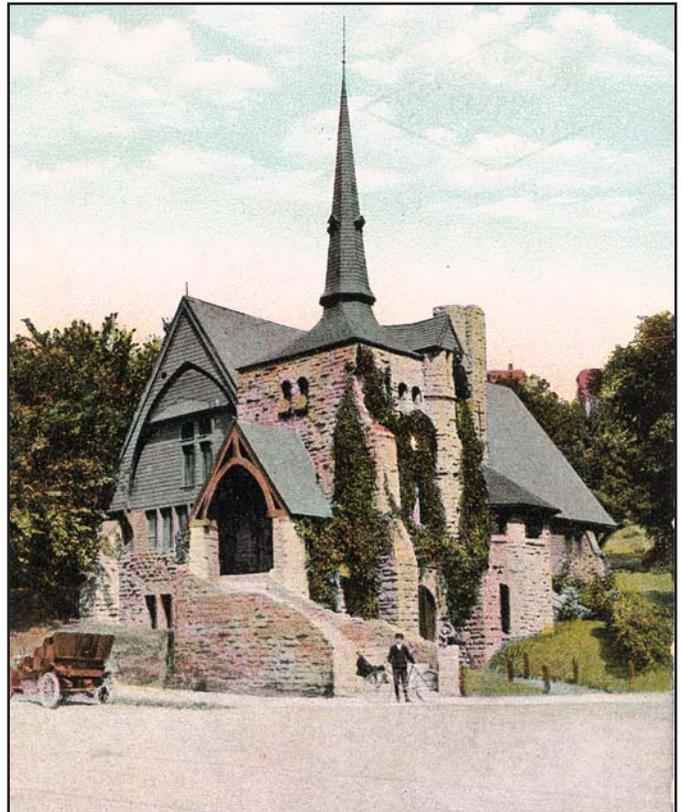
Switzerland, it stands today as one of Cass Gilbert's many contributions to St. Paul's ecclesiastical architecture.

Construction on the church began with the laying of the cornerstone on September 20, 1890 and was dedicated on Christmas Day - just three months later. Total cost was \$8500.00

Our founder, John G. Molin, and his partner Carl Woldt were the masonry contractors on this project and they also owned the quarry that supplied the stone. That quarry, located near St. Claire Avenue and Webster Street in St. Paul, would later supply the stone for many of John Molin's projects and, ultimately, launch him into the building supply business that he established in 1897.

After only 18 years, the German speaking congregation ceased to exist and the building was sold to a group of architects for \$3000.00. It then became known as the "Gargoyle Club".

When Cass Gilbert returned to St. Paul in 1930, he wanted to visit only three of the buildings he had designed - his former home, the Capitol Building, and the German Presbyterian Church. The building was eventually placed on the National Historic Register.



German Bethlehem Presbyterian Church
Circa 1906

WEBSITE UPDATE

IT'S UP AND RUNNING

Molin's new website is now up and running. If you haven't checked it out yet, please do so. All of our load charts and details for hollow core, beams, columns, and structural wall panels are available for your viewing and downloading under "DESIGN/ENGINEERING".

Updated load charts will aid in your research, helping you determine the depth of product to meet your needs. Specific product details, created in an AutoCAD format for version 2000 or later, are available for direct placing into your drawings. The details are a 1 inch to 1 foot scale.

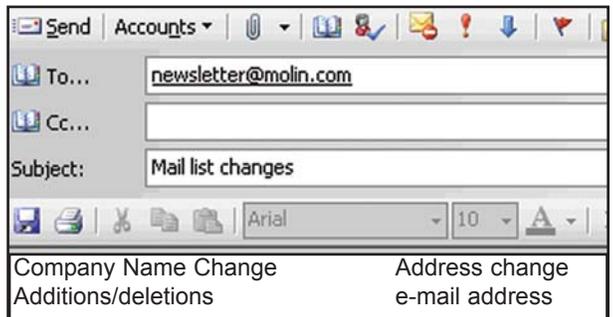
If you like pictures, the "PROJECTS" area is for you. There are hundreds of project pictures for you to peruse, all depicting our products on different projects and applications in various stages of completion.

Finally, the newsletter area. Enjoy our latest, as well as past issues, of the Molinium. Our newsletter is displayed in .PDF file format. If you need the latest PDF reader, there's a link on the newsletter index page.

While we're discussing the newsletter, let's focus on newsletter recipients.

As anyone who maintains an address database knows, it is one of the hardest items to keep accurate. If you'd help us verify our list, it would be a win-win situation for all. Our list would be "clean" and you'd receive only the newsletters you wanted. The best and easiest way to accomplish this, is to e-mail us. Please note any changes to your company name, address, and newsletter recipients. If someone would rather be notified by e-mail, vs. receiving a newsletter by snail mail, simply send us their e-mail address and we'll notify them when a new newsletter is placed on our website.

The preferred address to use for this is: newsletter@molin.com. You can also use the "CONTACT US" page on our website, or call us directly at 651-786-7722. Thanks for your help and cooperation.



PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

STILLWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Owner: City of Stillwater
 Architect: Miller Dunwiddie
 Engineer: Meyer, Borgman, & Johnson Inc.
 Contractor: Adolfson & Peterson Construction

Products:
 Hollow Core 39,300 SF
 Beams/Columns 2,260 LF
 Foundation Wall Panels: 14,000 SF



Erik Molin
Res Sales Rep

The Stillwater Public Library and Molin Concrete Products Company were both established in 1897. One hundred and nine years later, they are working together along with Adolfson and Peterson Construction to improve the learning and community experience in Stillwater, MN. Andrew Carnegie of the U.S. Steel Company built almost 1,700 libraries, Stillwater Public Library, built in 1902, being one of them. Since then the library was given an addition in 1973 and a renovation in 1987. This most recent expansion seeks to provide an overall better library experience while solving some of the libraries issues of the past: space, demand, and street parking.



Stillwater Public Library
Circa 1903

The project was originally designed as a cast in place concrete structure. When that construction method proved to be too costly, the job was redesigned as a precast concrete building. Meetings early on allowed the design team to coordinate most of their efforts. Lisa Klein, Senior Project Manager for A&P said, *"For the size of the contract, this job went very smooth. The upfront meetings during the shop drawing process were great. Having them saved time and money for every one in the long run. It's nice when it is done right the first time. Molin did a great job."*



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John Senftner, engineer from Meyer Borgman & Johnson said, *"Molin was a true team player. Their input and guidance prior to the design phase and throughout the project was great."*

The updated library will have many new features that will better serve the Stillwater community. To create additional parking, the lower level will include 47 spaces of underground parking. The main level will feature: group study rooms, a computer training lab, a children's room, and more space for the library's collection. Architect Laura Faucher adds *"The upper level will retain the building's 1902 interiors, add multi-purpose community rooms, and feature an open-air terrace that will overlook downtown Stillwater and the St. Croix Valley."*

Molin Concrete Products Company is delighted to be able to take part in this historic project, which will benefit the City of Stillwater for years to come.

WHAT'S IN YOUR BACKYARD? A NICE SIGHT FROM OUR OFFICE



TOURS - PRESENTATIONS - EVENTS SCHEDULE YOURS NOW

Upcoming Events

Sept. 11-12 ND AIA Convention
 Sept. 13 Molin Open House
 and Plant Tour



Recent Plant Tours

MN Property Inspectors Feb 17th

Call Molin to schedule your lunch box presentation or plant tour.

SAFETY

ALWAYS COMES FIRST

SAFETY! a word some people on jobsites might take lightly. Molin Concrete Products does not. All of our field employees are trained extensively in many areas, including Employee Right-to-Know, MNOSHA AWAIR Program, PPE, and Fall Protection just to list a few. Molin just completed an annual review of all of our safety programs, a full day event which included 16 different topics. This annual event is done in addition to weekly safety meetings, new employee safety training and random site visits.

Cranes, rigging, and field service trucks are inspected daily and annually. Our employees follow OSHA Sub-Part M for fall protection and all employees wear hard hats, high visibility safety vests, safety glasses, steel toe work boots, and, when cutting plank, respirators that have been fit tested.

When Molin gets to a jobsite we review safe access requirements for our crane and delivery trucks. The crew reviews our fall protection plan and setting sequence with the contractor. Once we start setting an area, a control access zone is set up on the precast deck with warning lines and a safety monitor. Ladders are tied off and only Molin employees are permitted in this area. No one is allowed on the deck or below the deck where we are setting product. All openings in the deck are covered, nailed down and marked "hole do not remove", or roped off if an area is to large to cover. **When Molin leaves a site, our portion of the project is then turned over to the controlling contractor on site.**

These are some of the things we do to ensure that our employees are safe and return home every night. As you can see, everyone at Molin is committed to safety and will continue to be.

We hope everyone has a fun and safe summer!



On a jobsite

Fax Back Information Form

For more information,
fax this form to (651) 786-0229

- Hollow Core Plank
- Foundation Wall Panels
- Structural Wall Panels
- Prestressed Beams/Columns
- Prestressed Stadia
- Residential

Please have a representative call me:

- I have immediate needs.
- Please call in _____ months.
- Interested in having a lunch box seminar.
- Interested in having a plant tour.

If you know of someone who should be added as a newsletter recipient, or taken off the list, please let us know.

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Company:

Address

City:

Comment:

State:

Zip

Your wish is our command with our fax back form!
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