

Purcell and Elmslie Timeline

- 1869 George Grant Elmslie (1869-1952) born at Foot O' Hill Farm, Scotland
- 1880 William Gray Purcell (1880-1965) born in Oak Park, Illinois
- 1884 Elmslie emigrates to US with his family at age 16
- 1887 Elmslie goes to work for Joseph L. Silsbee, a prominent Chicago architect
- 1889 Frank Lloyd Wright secures Elmslie a position at Adler and Sullivan
- 1903 Purcell and Elmslie meet at an Oak Park dinner party
- 1903 Purcell graduates from Cornell University School of Architecture
- 1903 Elmslie gets Purcell a job with Sullivan for five months
- 1903-6 Purcell interns on the West Coast
- 1906 Purcell and George Feick, Jr. (1880-1947) go on European tour
- 1907 Firm of Purcell and Feick established in Minneapolis
- 1907 Purcell designs the Catherine Gray House, Minneapolis, Minnesota (moves in at Thanksgiving)
- 1907 Purcell meets John Jager (1871-1959)
- 1908 Purcell and Feick hires Marion Alice Parker
- 1908 Purcell marries Edna Summy (1881-1959)
- 1909 Stewart Memorial Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 1909 Art glass panels for bay window of Stricker House, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 1909 Elmslie leaves Sullivan
- 1910 Elmslie joins Purcell in Minneapolis - firm becomes Purcell, Feick, and Elmslie
- 1910 Elmslie marries Bonnie Hunter
- 1910 T.B. Keith residence alterations/furniture, Eau Claire, Wisconsin
- 1910 E.L. Powers residence, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 1911 James Purcell is born August 8th (adopted later by the Purcells)
- 1912 E.W. Decker residence, Wayzata, Minnesota
- 1912 Bonnie Elmslie dies
- 1912 George Elmslie moves to Chicago, opens P & E branch office
- 1912 Merchants National Bank of Winona, Winona, Minnesota
- 1912 Henry Babson residence alterations/furniture, Riverside, Illinois
- 1913 Feick leaves the firm. Firm becomes Purcell and Elmslie
- 1913 Edna S. Purcell residence, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 1913 Madison State Bank, Madison, Minnesota
- 1914 Edward W. Decker house, Wayzata, Minnesota
- 1914 Minnesota Phonograph Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 1915 Douglas Purcell is born February 23 (adopted later by the Purcells)
- 1916 Farmers and Merchants Bank, Hector, Minnesota
- 1916 Purcell accepts job with Alexander Brothers Leather Belting Co. in Philadelphia (commutes between Philadelphia and Minneapolis)
- 1918 Purcell puts Edna S. Purcell house on the market
- 1918 Edna S. Purcell summer residence, Rose Valley, Pennsylvania
- 1919 Sale of Edna S. Purcell Residence to Mr. and Mrs. Anson Cutts for \$15,000
- 1919 Purcell quits Alexander Brothers Leather Belting Co.
- 1919 Purcell moves to Portland, Oregon to open engineering firm with cousin
- 1921 Purcell dissolves Purcell and Elmslie
- 1921 Purcell's house at Georgian Place, Portland, Oregon
- 1922 Elmslie's Capitol Building and Loan Association, Topeka, Kansas
- 1928 Elmslie's Western Springs Congregational Church, Western Springs, Illinois
- 1935 Purcell's son Douglas dies of meningitis June 26th in Portland, Oregon
- 1935 Purcell marries Cecily O'Brien (1903-1960) on November 10th
- 1953 Walker exhibition on Purcell and Elmslie