

# Carson Pirie Scott: Louis Sullivan and the Chicago Department Store // University of Chicago Press, 1988 // 9780226761367 // 1988 // Joseph Siry // 290 pages

The Carson Pirie Scott store occupied Sullivan's building from 1904 to 2007 and during that century, the vagaries of style and taste took their toll on it. In 1948, the cornice of the building was removed, streamlining the building for midcentury eyes. But the preservation movement was dawning and the Carson Pirie Scott building was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1975. Carson's realized the treasure they had in Sullivan's design and they hired the Office of John Vinci to restore Sullivan's facades and the main entrance (1978-80). Sullivan employed solutions for this department store design that he had used in his tall office buildings. This was one of the first large stores fully built with steel-frame construction. The Sullivan Center, formerly known as the Carson, Pirie, Scott and Company Building or Carson, Pirie, Scott and Company Store, is a commercial building at 1 South State Street at the corner of East Madison Street in Chicago, Illinois. Louis Sullivan designed it for the retail firm Schlesinger & Mayer in 1899 and later expanded it before H.G. Selfridge & Co. purchased the structure in 1904. That firm occupied the structure for only a matter of weeks before it sold the building (the land under it was The Carson Pirie Scott store in downtown Chicago is wonderful! Even though it is closed (this was in 2011) one can still look in the windows and imagine all the counters and merchandise back in the day. The entrance on the corner is worth a trip itself, it is beautiful and so typical of the Sullivan style. I need to get back to Chicago and take more photos of this lovely entrance. it demands more than one shot, take many and don't forget the street-side of the building where the awning is. Read more. 2 people found this helpful. Chicago Buildings Louis Sullivan Chicago School Modern Photographers. Louis Sullivan: Creating a New American Architecture. "I recommend any lover of progressive design to pick-up a copy of this book and discover something new to love and respect about Louis Sullivan, giant of American Architecture." PrairieMod On the eve of the twentieth century, Chicago was rapidly outgrowing its borders. Sullivan Window Ornamentation. Detail of ornamental windows on the Carson Pirie Scott Store by Louis Sullivan at One South State Street in Chicago, Illinois. Best seen in the large size. Gothic Architecture Beautiful Architecture Beautiful Buildings. Architecture Details. Beautiful Places Art Deco Art Nouveau Arquitectura Magic Places Louis Sullivan.