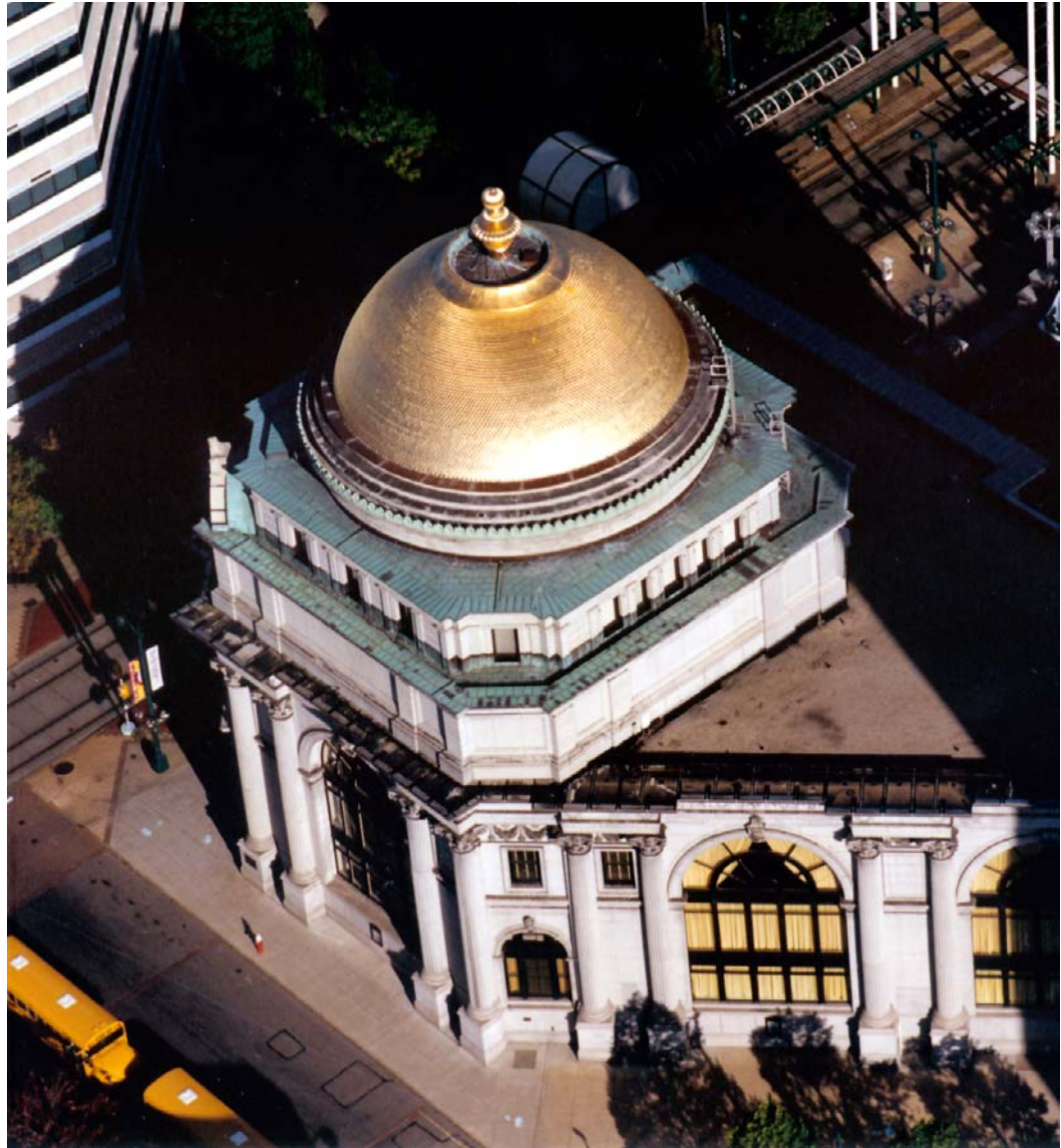


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M&T DOME RESTORATION

Buffalo, New York

The Buffalo Savings Bank building, designed by Green & Wicks, opened in March 1901, topped by a glazed terra cotta dome. The glaze quickly deteriorated, and was painted with aluminum paint, and then gilded in 1953. Buffalo Savings Bank expanded in the 1970's, took the name Goldome Bank, and had the dome regilded in 1979. The bank building has subsequently been acquired by Manufacturer's and Traders Trust Company (M&T).

Hamilton Houston Lownie Architects was commissioned to investigate the cause of rapid deterioration of the gold leaf applied in 1979. Monitoring of moisture conditions during the

winter of 1995 led to the decision to install dehumidifiers in the space under the dome, which appeared to stop further loss of the gold leaf. HHL then prepared specifications for re-gilding with 23.75 karat Rosenoble gold.

Completion: 1998
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