

Boston. **AMES BUILDING**, 1 Court St., 1889, Shepley, Rutan and Coolidge, architects. Granite base, sandstone, brick; 13 stories, rectangular, flat roof; 3-story granite base with battered ground-floor walls, triple arched main floor with row of arched windows above, carved ornamentation on arches and string course; 8-story shaft with center 4 bays beneath arched and rectangular sections, polychromatic mosaic decoration; 2-story attic with row of round arched windows below rectangular entablature windows, heavy cornice. Richardsonian Romanesque with Second Renaissance Revival elements. Considered Boston's first skyscraper. *Private; not accessible to the public.*