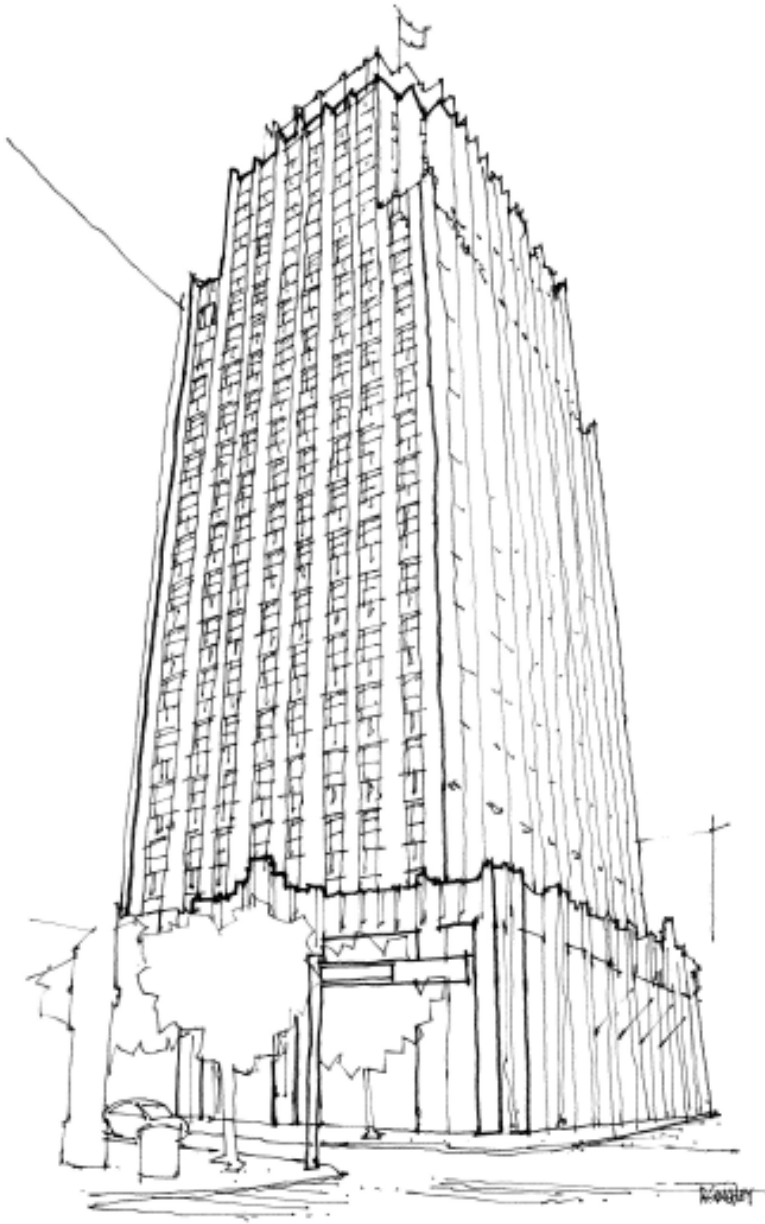
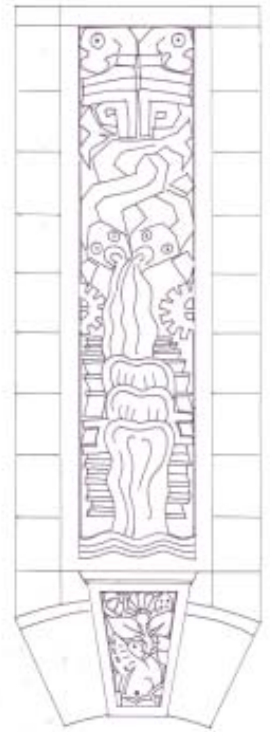


PPL Building - Allentown, PA



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The PPL Building, formerly known as the PP&L (Pennsylvania Power & Light) Building when originally constructed, is the tallest building in Allentown, Pennsylvania. The building is located at the corner of Hamilton and Ninth Streets in downtown Allentown, and rises to a height of 23 stories and is 322 feet tall. The PPL Corporation built the building from 1926 to 1928 to serve as the headquarters of the company. The building was designed by architect and skyscraper pioneer Harvey Corbett and assisted by Wallace Harrison, both of whom went on to design other prominent buildings such as Rockefeller Center, Lincoln Center, LaGuardia Airport and the U.N. Headquarters building. At the time the building was built, it was considered one of "the best examples of a modern office building" and featured the world's fastest elevator. Local legend says that the architects and the construction personnel for the Empire State Building visited the building for research and inspiration. Alexander Archipenko, an Ukrainian sculptor, created the bas-relief sculptures on the PPL building. A bas-relief sculpture is a type of sculpture painting.