

Un visionnaire à Chicago

Les magnifiques plages au centre-ville de Chicago furent préservées au 19^e siècle par un homme en particulier, Aaron Montgomery Ward.

Il se battit durant 20 ans et consacra à cet effort une bonne partie de sa fortune ainsi que de sa santé.

Il est aujourd'hui révééré comme un des plus grands bienfaiteurs que la Ville de Chicago a connus au cours de son histoire.



Aaron Montgomery Ward

"I fought for the poor people of Chicago, not for the millionaires", Ward would go on to say. "Here is a park frontage on the lake, comparing favorably with the Bay of Naples, which the city officials would crowd with buildings, transforming the breathing spot for the poor into a show ground for the educated rich."

Today, when we drive along Lake Shore Drive, or walk around the lakefront itself, we do so largely because of Aaron Montgomery Ward. The millions of visitors, many festivals, and countless moments of enjoyment, confirm Ward's vision and sustain an enduring legacy.

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