

bluestone + associates interpretive planning + design

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#### Why make changes to The Grove's Interpretive Center?

- ✓ An untold story
- ✓ Connect the building, the family and the site
- ✓ Robert Kennicott
  - ✓ a passionate, accomplished and recognized naturalist
  - ✓ observed and collected on The Grove
  - ✓ on staff of Smithsonian; founder of Chicago Academy of Sciences
  - ✓ Robert died at 30 on the banks of the Yukon River in what is now Alaska
- ✓ A story waiting to be told



# How can we improve the experience of the visitors to the Interpretive Center

- ✓ Let Robert be your guide through the building
- ✓ Convey his passion
- ✓ Tell stories about the natural world
- ✓ Respect the personality of the building and its exhibits
- ✓ Create some interactive experiences
- ✓ Involve all the senses: magnification, sound, touch, smell
- ✓ Create "community exhibits"
- ✓ Create "bi-level exhibits"
- ✓ Tell good stories in a conversational dialog
- ✓ Living interpreters
- ✓ Unique three part building: museum, nature center, science center



