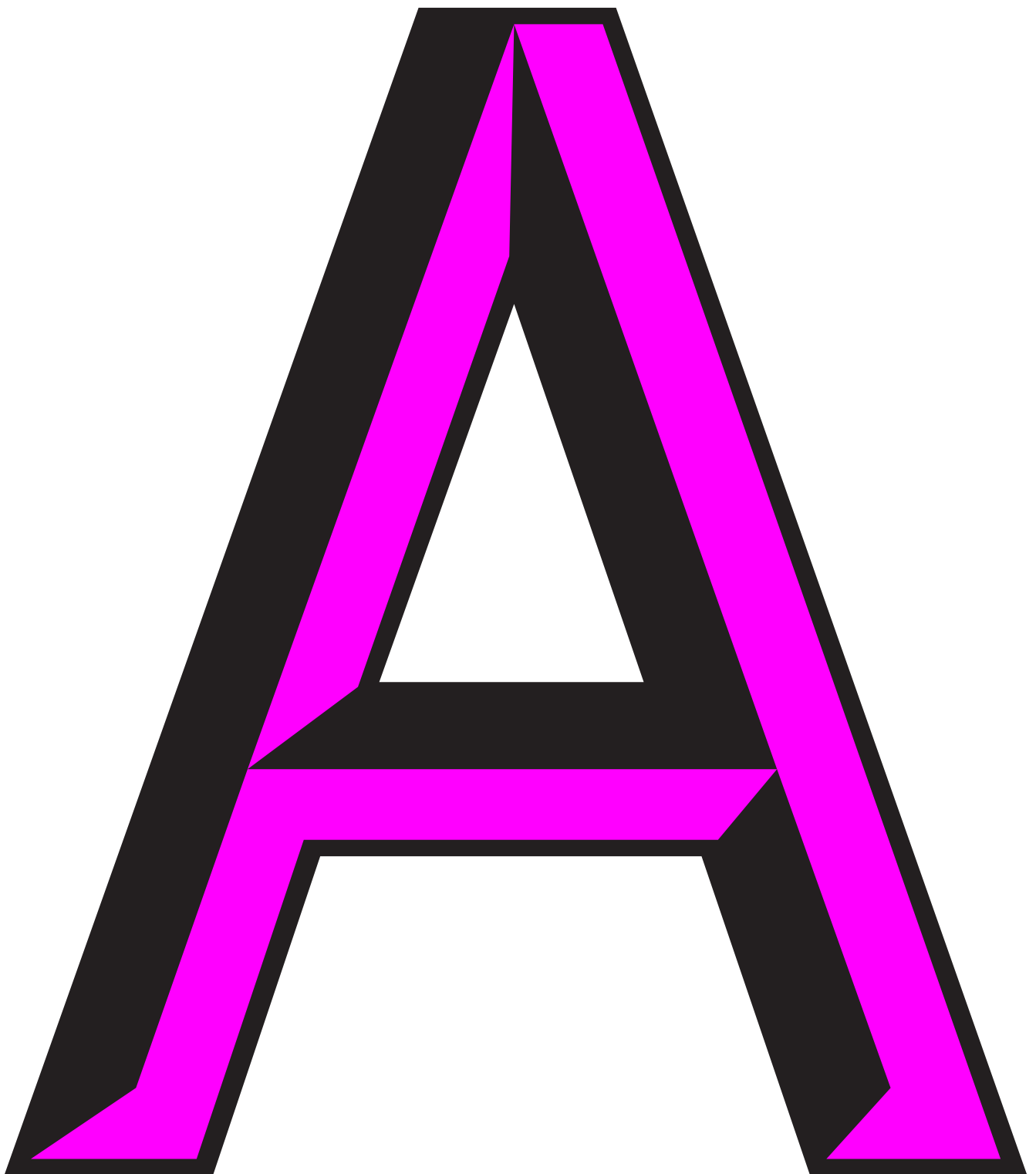


A 117-year old design  
turned into a new  
contemporary typeface



# SOLID & CHISELED



## 1903

1903 is a typeface inspired by carved lettering found on a datestone, above the main entrance to, what once was, Homerton Terrace in east London. Using only four numerals, '1', '9', '0' and '3', as source material for a new font is simultaneously daunting and liberating – 1903 is not a revival of a historical font, but rather an open-ended exercise exploring how a unique style of lettering translates into a modern, contemporary typeface – a font that is legible and readable in small point sizes, yet impactful, idiosyncratic, with plenty of quirks in large point sizes. 1903 is available in one weight and two styles: Solid and Chiseled; the latter style pays homage to the hand carved original source.

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**JANUARY** **1** Edward VII is proclaimed Emperor of India. **17** El Yunque National Forest in Puerto Rico becomes part of the United States National Forest System, as the Luquillo Forest Reserve. **19** The first west–east transatlantic radio broadcast is made from the United States to England.

**FEBRUARY** **11** The Oxnard strike of 1903 becomes the first time in U.S. history, that a labor union is formed from members of different races. **13** Venezuelan crisis: After agreeing to arbitration in Washington, Britain, Germany and Italy reach a settlement with Venezuela, resulting in the Washington Protocols. The naval blockade that began in 1902 will end. **23** Cuba leases Guantánamo Bay to the United States 'in perpetuity'.

**MARCH** **2** In New York City, the Martha Washington Hotel, the first hotel exclusively for women, opens. **3** The British Admiralty announces plans to build a naval base at Rosyth. **4** The Beşiktaş J.K. multi-sport club is founded in the Ottoman Empire. **5** The Ottoman Empire and the German Empire sign an agreement to build the Constantinople-Baghdad Railway. **12** The University of Puerto Rico is founded. **13** Having abolished the Sokoto Caliphate in West Africa, the new British administration accepts the concession of its last Vizier. **14** The Hay–Herrán Treaty, granting the United States the right to build the Panama Canal, is ratified by the United States Senate. The Colombian Senate later rejects the treaty.

**APRIL** **14** Aberdeen F.C. is established by merger as a professional Association football club in Scotland. **19–21** The first Kishinev pogrom, beginning on Easter Day, takes place in Kishinev, capital of the Bessarabia Governorate of the Russian Empire. At least 47 Jews are killed and others injured during mob rioting encouraged by blood libel articles in the press and led by priests; no attempt is made by police or military to intervene until the third day. **26** Atlético Madrid is officially founded as a professional Association football club in Spain. **29** The 30-million-m<sup>3</sup> Frank Slide, a rockslide, kills 70–90 in Frank, Alberta. The 7.0 Ms Manzikert earthquake affects eastern Turkey, leaving 3,500 dead (local time; April 28 23:46 UTC).

**MAY** **4** Leading Macedonian Bulgarian revolutionary Gotse Delchev is killed in a skirmish, with the Turkish army. **13** The port of Burgas, Bulgaria opens. **24** The Paris–Madrid race for automobiles begins, during which at least 8 people are killed; the French government stops the event at Bordeaux, and impounds all the competitors' cars.

**JUNE** **11** Serbian King Alexander Obrenović and Queen Draga are assassinated in Belgrade, by the Black Hand (Crna Ruka) organization. **14** The town of Heppner, Oregon, is nearly destroyed by a cloud burst that results in a flash flood that kills an estimated 238 people. **16** The Ford Motor Company is founded by Henry Ford with \$28,000 in cash from twelve investors. The first president is not Ford, but local banker John S. Gray, who is chosen to assuage investors' fears that Ford would leave the new company the way he had left its predecessor. **27** American socialite Aida de Acosta, 19, becomes the first woman to fly a powered aircraft solo, when she pilots Santos-Dumont's motorized dirigible, 'No. 9', from Paris to Château de Bagatelle in France.

**JULY** **1–19** The first Tour de France bicycle race is held; Maurice Garin wins it. **7** The British take over the Fulani Empire. **23** Dr. Ernst Pfenning of Chicago becomes the first owner of a Ford Model A. **29** The explosion of a United States Cartridge Company magazine destroys 70 homes, killing 22 residents of Tewksbury, Massachusetts. **30–23/08** The Second Congress of the All-Russian Social Democratic Labour Party is held in exile in Brussels, transferring to London.

**AUGUST** The Ilinden–Preobrazhenie Uprising, organized by the Secret Macedonian-Adrianople Revolutionary Organization, breaks out in the Ottoman provinces of Macedonia and Adrianople. **3** The Kruševo Republic is proclaimed in Ottoman Macedonia; it is crushed 10 days later. **4** Pope Pius X succeeds Pope Leo XIII, as the 257th pope. **10** The Paris Métro train fire, at Couronnes, results in 84 deaths. **25** The Judiciary Act is passed, in the Australian Parliament.

**SEPTEMBER** Texas State University in San Marcos, TX opens its doors, as Southwest Texas Normal School. **11** The first stock car event is held at the Milwaukee Mile. **14** Joseph Chamberlain resigns as British Colonial Secretary, in order to campaign publicly for Imperial Preference. **15** Grêmio Foot-Ball Porto Alegrense is founded in Porto Alegre, Brazil. **24** Edmund Barton steps down as Prime Minister of Australia, and is succeeded by Alfred Deakin. **27** The Wreck of the Old 97 Fast Mail train at Stillhouse Trestle, near Danville, Virginia, kills 11 people and inspires a ballad. **29** Prussia becomes the first locality to require mandatory driver's licenses for operators of motor vehicles.

**OCTOBER** Frank Nelson Cole proves that 267–1 is composite, by factoring it as 193,707,721\* 761,838,257,287, after trying every Sunday for 3 years. **1–13** First modern World Series: The Boston Red Sox defeat the Pittsburgh Pirates, in 8 games. **6** The High Court of Australia sits for the first time. **10** The Women's Social and Political Union is founded in the U.K.

**NOVEMBER** **2** First African American Woman to charter a bank. **3** With the encouragement of the United States, Panama proclaims itself independent of Colombia. **13** The United States recognizes the independence of Panama. **17** The Russian Social Democratic Labour Party splits into two groups: The Bolsheviks (Russian for 'majority') and Mensheviks (Russian for 'minority'). **18** The Hay-Bunau-Varilla Treaty is signed by the United States and Panama, giving the U.S. exclusive rights over the Panama Canal Zone. **23** Colorado Governor James Hamilton Peabody sends the state militia into the town of Cripple Creek, to break up a miners' strike.

**DECEMBER** **16** The Taj Mahal Palace Hotel in Bombay (now Mumbai), India, opens its doors to guests. **17** The Wright Brothers made the first controlled, sustained flight of a powered, heavier-than-air aircraft with the Wright Flyer. Orville Wright flies an aircraft with a petrol engine, the Wright Flyer, at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, in the first documented and successful powered and controlled heavier-than-air flight. **30** The Iroquois Theatre fire in Chicago kills 600. **31** The National Association for Women's Suffrage (Sweden) is founded. The Lincoln-Lee Legion is established to promote the American temperance movement, and the signing of alcohol abstinence pledges by children. The first box of Crayola crayons is made and sold for 5 cents. It contains 8 colors; brown, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet and black. Osea Island off Maldon, Essex, England, is bought by Frederick Nicholas Charrington to provide an addiction treatment centre. The Czech women's organisation Ženský Klub Český is founded. American motorbike brand, Harley-Davidson was founded in Wisconsin. Compression Rheostat, as predecessor of industrial automation and industrial equipment parts brand, Rockwell Automation was founded in Wisconsin, United States.

**NOBEL PRIZES** Physics: Antoine Henri Becquerel, Pierre Curie, and Marie Curie. Chemistry: Svante August Arrhenius. Medicine: Niels Ryberg Finsen. Literature: Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson. Peace: William Randal Cremer

**1903** (**MCMIII**) was a common year starting on Thursday of the Gregorian calendar and a common year starting on Wednesday of the Julian calendar, the 1903rd year of the Common Era (CE) and Anno Domini (AD) designations, the 903rd year of the 2nd millennium, the 3rd year of the 20th century, and the 4th year of the 1900s decade. As of the start of 1903, the Gregorian calendar was thirteen days ahead of the Julian calendar, which remained in localized use until 1923.

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SOLID

ABCDEFGHIJKLM  
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CHISELED (CAPS ONLY + ASSOCIATED GLYPHS)2

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 NOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
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# COMBINED

ABCDEFGHIJKLM  
 NOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
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LAYERED

ABCDEFGHIJKLM  
 NOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
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1903

Historical

& MODERN

Quirky

CHISELED

Detailed

1903

1 9 0 3 Regular

2 0 2 0 Medium

1 2 3 4 Bold

5 6 7 8 ExtraBold

2 0 2 0 Black

1903

Rational Refined Reduced  
RECOMMENDEND

Electromagnetic Exquisite  
EMBLEMATIC

Glamorous & Grandiose  
GEOGRAPHICAL

Modern Multifunctional  
MONUMENTAL

Organized Observational  
OMNIPRESENT

1903

Democratic Deliberate  
DEMOCRATIC

Notably Natural Normal  
NEWSWORTHY

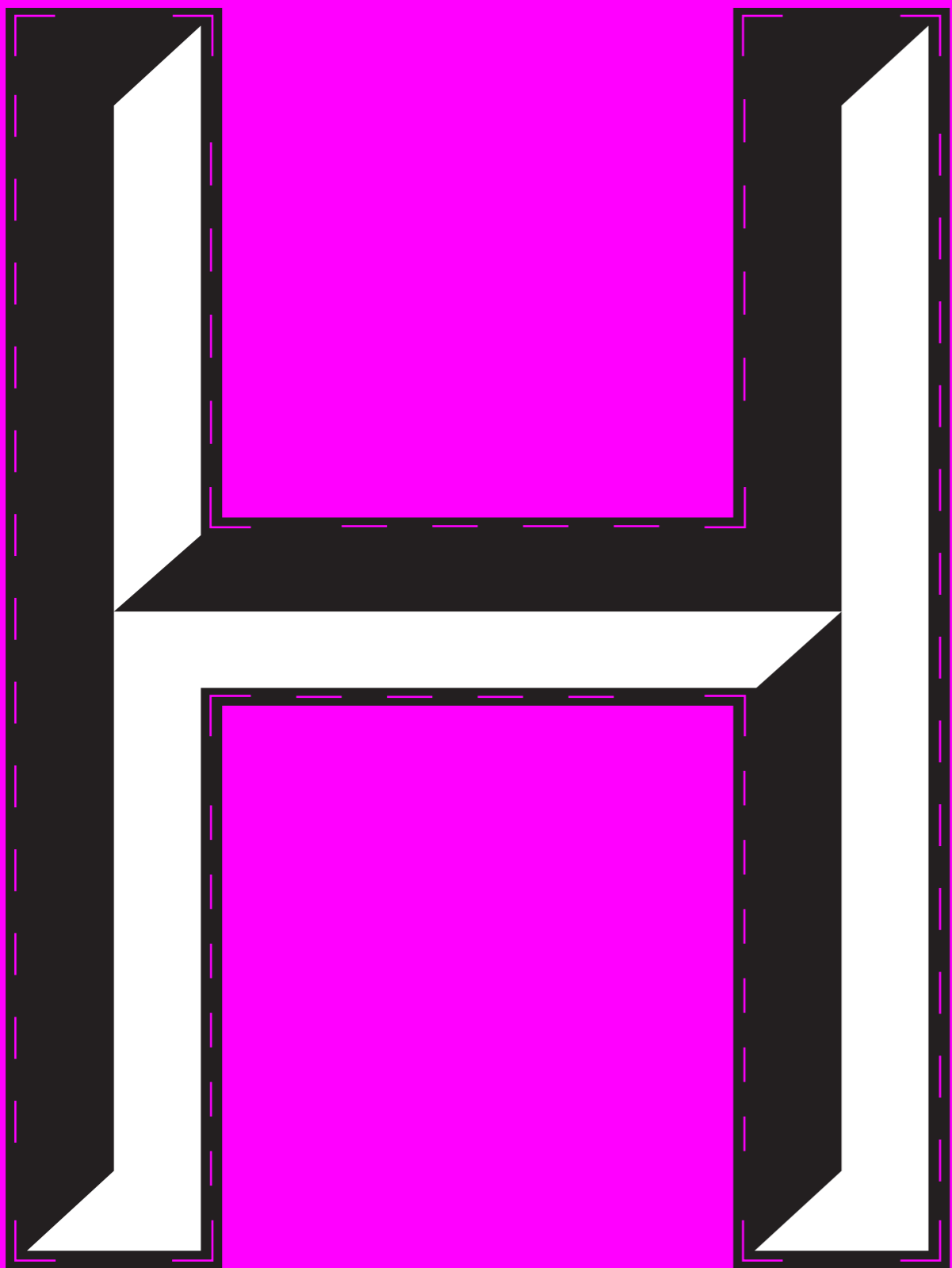
Aerodynamic & Applied  
AMBITIOUS

Biotechnical Bibliographic  
BUREAUCRATIC

Considerable Conclusive  
COMPLIMENTARY



1903



CHISELED

MARBLE

+67

CARVING

+135

SCULPTURE

+75

ARCHITECTURE

+8

NAMES & INSCRIPTIONS

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Contrary to popular belief, Lorem Ipsum is not simply random text. It has roots in a piece of classical Latin literature from 45 BC, making it over 2000 years old. Richard McClintock — a Latin professor at Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia, looked up one of the more obscure Latin words, consectetur, from a Lorem Ipsum passage, and going through the cites of the word in classical literature, discovered the undoubtable source. Lorem Ipsum comes from sections 1.10.32 and 1.10.33 of ‘de Finibus Bonorum et Malorum’ (The Extremes of Good and Evil) by Cicero, written in 45 BC. This book is a treatise on the theory of ethics, very popular during the Renaissance.

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