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New Orleans, May 30, 1918.

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary,
The American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

PAID
DATE 6/3/18
E.M.S.

Dear Mr. Kemper:-

I am enclosing herewith application for membership in the Institute duly signed by Mr. Edward F. Neild of Shreveport, La., also his check on the City National Bank of Shreveport for five dollars.

This application has been signed by three members of the Institute and for the information of the Secretary, I wish to say that my personal acquaintance with Mr. Neild leads me to believe that he will be a very desirable member of the Institute.

Mr. Neild has not asked for it, but I am of the opinion that he could receive the unanimous endorsement of the Chapter, of which he is already an associate member.

Very truly,

P.S.

I wish to acknowledge receipt and thank you for the writing paper and standard documents recently sent me.

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P A I
DATE *6/3/18 Rems*

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

May 27, 19*18*
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To the Secretary of the American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

SIR:

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects under Class [A, B, C, or D].

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name.....**Edward Fairfax Neild**.....

Address.....**Shreveport, Louisiana**.....

Place and date of birth.....**Shreveport, La., December 3, 1884.**.....

Graduate in architecture.....
[Give name of institutions and year—Evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation to be submitted with application.]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture.....
[Give name and year.]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the École des Beaux Arts.....
[State which, and year.—Evidence of Certificate to be submitted with application.]

If practicing architect, firm name.....**Edward F. Neild**.....

Have been in practice.....**Ten**..... years.....

If draughtsman, employed by.....
[State number of years.]

Collegiate and office training.....**Graduate in Department of Technology at Tulane University, New Orleans, La. Class of 1906.**.....

I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute and the "Circular of Advice Relative to Principles of Professional Practice and Canons of Ethics," and I agree, if elected, honorably to maintain them.

I further agree, if elected to membership in the American Institute of Architects, that if at any time my membership shall cease, either by my own resignation or by any action taken by the Institute, I will then, by that fact, relinquish all rights of any character that I may have acquired by reason of such membership in the property, real or personal, of the American Institute of Architects.

Edward Fairfax Neild
[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application is a member of.....
Chapter, A. I. A.

.....Secretary.
.....Chapter, A. I. A.
[To be omitted when the applicant does not reside in the territory of a Chapter.]

We, the undersigned members of the American Institute of Architects, have carefully examined the foregoing statement and believe it to be correct. We know the applicant personally, and consider that his work and practice warrant his admission to Membership.

25 + no 1/18 dues

Prelim. Fee.....*pd*.....
Initiation.....*must pay*.....
Unan. End.....*no*.....
Exhibits.....*Recd*.....
On Priv. Com. of.....*out*.....

Charles [unclear]
J. J. [unclear]
[unclear]

[The signatures of three Institute members are here required. In the case of "official endorsement" of candidates by a Chapter, the signatures of its officers only shall be here required.]

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

December 19-1918

Dear Mr. Neild:-

As Secretary of the Institute, it is my pleasure and duty to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective November 1, 1918.

You have been assigned to the Louisiana Chapter, and I am sending a copy of this communication to Mr. Wm. R. Burk, the Secretary.

You will receive under separate cover the Proceedings of the 51st Convention. The Annuary for 1918 was not published, at the request of the War Industries Board.

The enclosed statement for \$25.00 for the Initiation Fee should receive your early attention, as the engrossed Certificate of Membership is not sent until this Fee has been paid, and election becomes void within three months of this date for non-payment. Your current Institute dues will not begin until January 1, 1919.

May I take this opportunity to say that the office of the Secretary at the Octagon is for the service of every Institute member. Should the occasion arise, we will be pleased to give you our best cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Secretary,

Mr. Edw. Fairfax Neild,
Shreveport, Louisiana.

PEVB
ENCL

Copy to the Secretary of the Louisiana Chapter

COPY TO

FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

EDWARD F. NEILD
ARCHITECT
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA



December
Eighth
1930

Mr. Frank C. Baldwin, Sec'y,
American Institute of Architects
The Octagon, 1741 New York Ave.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

Replying to your letter of
December 4th, I am enclosing check
for my Institute dues for 1930, and
sincerely regret my negligence in
not sending this check earlier in
the year.

Sincerely yours,

Edward F. Neild

*Paid in full
12/15/30*

cc C.W.King
Shreveport

OFFICE OF
EDWARD F. NEILD
ARCHITECTS
CITY BANK BUILDING
SHREVEPORT, LA.

EDWARD F. NEILD
D. A. SOMDAL
EDWARD NEILD, JR.

January 27, 1936

Mr. Edward C. Kemper
Executive Secretary
American Institute of Architects
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I am enclosing check for \$20.00 which I wish credited to the amount which I owe for dues. I will very shortly remit for the balance, which I understand is \$35.00.

Yours very truly,

Edward F. Neild

cc Ralph H. Cameron
San Antonio



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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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COPY

January 30, 1936.

Dear Mr. Neild:

This will acknowledge with thanks your letter of January 27th and remittance of \$20.00, which has been credited to your dues in default.

In order to retain your membership we are required to have coverage of all delinquent dues by January 31st.

With the thought of assisting you as far as possible in this respect, we are enclosing herewith a note, without interest, payable on or before December 31, 1936, in the amount of \$35.00, to cover the balance of your indebtedness.

If you will execute this note and get it into the mails on January 31st, your membership will be preserved and your good standing as to unpaid dues restored as of January 1, 1936.

By direction of the Treasurer.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

K+C
Encl.

Mr. Edward F. Neild,
City Bank Building,
Shreveport, Louisiana.

AIR MAIL.

OFFICE OF
EDWARD F. NEILD
ARCHITECTS
CITY BANK BUILDING
SHREVEPORT, LA.

EDWARD F. NEILD
D. A. SOMDAL
EDWARD NEILD, JR.

January 31, 1936

Mr. E. C. Kemper
Assistant Treasurer
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C.



Dear Mr. Kemper:

As suggested in your letter of January 30,
I am enclosing note due December 31, 1936, for
\$35.00, being the balance which I owe for dues.

Thanking you, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Edward F. Neild

EFN:LB

PAID
note for 35 - 2/1/36

In full 2/1/36

EDWARD F. NEILD
D. A. SOMDAL
EDWARD F. NEILD, JR.

OFFICE OF
EDWARD F. NEILD
ARCHITECTS
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

January 8, 1937

Mr. Charles T. Ingham
Secretary, American Institute of Architects
The Octagon
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have just received your letter of January 2nd, advising me that I have been suspended for non-payment of dues for the year 1936.

I wish to assure you that this is an oversight, and the check for these dues is enclosed herewith. I object to being on your suspended list, and I am writing to ask that you remove my name therefrom.

Please advise me of any other arrears so that I may remit for same at once.

Yours very truly,

Edward F. Neild

EFN:EV
incl.



EDWARD F. NEILD
D. A. SOMDAL
EDWARD F. NEILD, JR.

OFFICE OF
EDWARD F. NEILD
ARCHITECTS
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

January 9, 1937

Mr. Charles T. Ingham
Secretary, American Institute of Architects
The Octagon
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Ingham:

I am enclosing check in
the amount of \$35.00 which, according to
my records, is the amount of my note for
past dues. I mailed you a check for \$20.00
yesterday in payment of my 1936 dues.

Please advise me if I owe
anything further.

Yours very truly,

Edward F. Neild

EFN:EV
incl.



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COPY

January 19, 1937.

Dear Mr. Neild:

This is the first opportunity to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of January 9th, enclosing check for \$35.00 in payment of your note which became due December 31st.

Cancelled note is enclosed herewith.

We also acknowledge with thanks your letter of January 8th enclosing check for \$20.00 in payment of Institute dues for 1936.

Your membership is now in good standing. Formal notice of withdrawal of suspension is in process of printing and will be forwarded to you as soon as available.

The only amount now outstanding on your account is \$20.00 for 1937 dues.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

K+C
Encl.

Mr. Edward F. Neild,
Shreveport, Louisiana.

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1741 NEW YORK AVE NORTHWEST=

I AM CONSIDERING THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AS CONSULTING ARCHITECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GOVERNMENT-OWNED BUILDING IN WASHINGTON DC STOP PLEASE ADVISE BY WIRE COLLECT IF IT IS NECESSARY THAT I HAVE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LICENSE AS ARCHITECT STOP I AM A MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTE STOP=
EDWARD F NEILD ARCHITECT.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

THE OCTAGON

Inter-Office Communication

April 15, 1946

Memorandum of telephone advice of Mr. Beresford of D.C. Registration Board:

Exempt from registration in D.C. -

"Any officer or employee of the United States or District of Columbia practising architecture in that capacity alone."

Mr. Beresford Said:

"I think if he is consulting architect only and the work were to be done by either government architect or a registered architect here in the District of Columbia, then the consulting architect might not be required to be registered, provided he is registered in his home state."

"He would have to be a registered architect in the District of Columbia to prepare plans."

"To be exempt from registration, would have to be consultant with an officer or employee of the United States doing the actual work - or a private architect who is registered here in the District. In this case, do not think it would be necessary to be registered when acting only as consulting architect."

Mr. Beresford recommends that Mr. Neild write to the District Board for a decision in any case.

JH

NO NF 204



Received Oct. 22 1947.

Voted On March 24, 1948

Voted On 19 .

Voted On 19 .

Granted March 24, 1948

NO M 204

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
JURY OF FELLOWS

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. *Name of Nominee* Edward Fairfax Neild *Date of Nomination* Dec. 3, 1946
2. *Address of Nominee* 1205 City Bank Building, Shreveport, Louisiana
3. *Nominee's firm* Neild and Somdal
4. *Nominee's principal place of business* at address above
5. *Nominee's Chapter* Northern Louisiana
6. *Nominee's State Association Member* Louisiana Architects Association
7. *Nominee admitted to Institute* 1918 19 .
8. *Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from* 1918 to Dec. 31, 1947
9. *Nominee's age* 63 *Birthplace* Shreveport, Louisiana
10. *Nominators:* Allison Owen, F.A.I.A. Richard Koch, F.A.I.A.
 Chas. R. Armstrong, A.I.A. Samuel Wilson, Jr., A.I.A.
 N. C. Curtis, F.A.I.A. P. G. Annan, A.I.A.
 Moise H. Goldstein, F.A.I.A. Seymour Van Os, A.I.A.
 F. D. Parham, A.I.A. T. A. Flaxman, A.I.A.
11. *Achievement in design.*

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Neild

*Suggestion
Edward F. Neild*

File

August 21, 1947

Dear Mr. Goldstein:

We regret that meetings here have delayed a reply to your letter of August 5, enclosing the nomination to Fellowship of Edward Fairfax Neild of Shreveport.

We are returning the outline of Mr. Neild's work and are also sending you Form S38 which The Jury insists be used in making such nominations.

Your attention is invited to the requirement that in addition to a biographical sketch, there also should be submitted photographs of the nominee's executed work, or other material or data dealing directly with his achievements.

The nomination signed by ten members and fellows is being held here to be attached to the nomination form when it has been filled in and returned. It will not be necessary again to secure the signatures on the nomination form, which should be a saving of time in the preparation of the documents.

Please be assured of our desire to be of service in every way possible.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
The Jury of Fellows

Mr. Moise H. Goldstein, F.A.I.A.
American Bank Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

ECK:MB
Enclosure

GOLDSTEIN, PARHAM & LABOUISSÉ
ARCHITECTS

MOISE H. GOLDSTEIN
FREDERICK D. PARHAM
F. MONROE LABOUISSÉ

AMERICAN BANK BUILDING
NEW ORLEANS 12, LA.

THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1947 OCT 22 PM 2:19
N. CORTLANDT CURTIS
CHARLES D. FORD
WASHINGTON, D. C.
Oct. 18, 1947.

BUILDING:

SUBJECT: Nomination of Edw. F. Neild,
North Louisiana Chapter, for
Fellowship.

Mr. Edward C. Kemper,
Secretary to the Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.,
1741 New York Ave. N.W.,
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Ed:

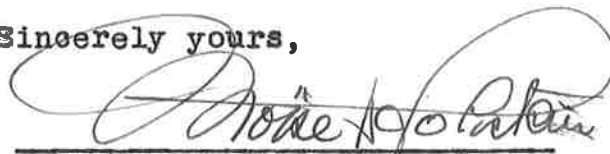
I am returning you now the printed form
of nomination which has the missing information filled in.

I hope that the Jury will be impressed with
the twelve photographs, as indicating the importance of the
practice and the excellence of the work of Mr. Neild and
his associates. I feel personally that the award of a
Fellowship will be a recognition that should have been given
Mr. Neild and this North section of the state some time ago.

In your letter of August 21st you mention that
the signed nomination is being held to be attached to this
form on its return.

Thanking you for your assistance in the above,

Sincerely yours,


Moise H. Goldstein.

MHG/b

Encl.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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October 22, 1947

Dear Mr. Goldstein:

Thank you for forwarding the supporting documents with your letter of October 18 on behalf of the nomination of Edward F. Neild for fellowship in The Institute.

This completes the record unless there are additional documents or supporting letters you may wish to send. As you know the filing deadline is November 1, but the Jury does not meet until early next year, at which time this nomination will be placed before it.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
The Jury of Fellows

Mr. Moise H. Goldstein, F.A.I.A.
American Bank Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

K:R:B

Copy to - Chairman, The Jury of Fellows ✓

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PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

GOLDSTEIN, PARHAM & LABOUISSÉ THE AMERICAN
ARCHITECTS INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

MOISE H. GOLDSTEIN
FREDERICK D. PARHAM
F. MONROE LABOUISSÉ

AMERICAN BANK BUILDING
NEW ORLEANS 12, LA.

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N. CORTLANDT CURTIS
CHARLES D. FORD
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Aug. 5, 1947.

BUILDING:

SUBJECT:

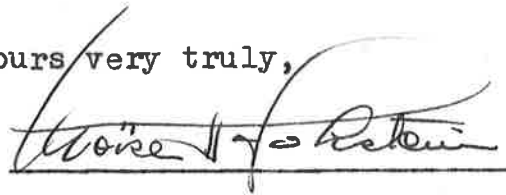
Jury of Fellows,
American Institute of Architects,
#1741 New York Ave., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed nomination to Fellowship of Edward Fairfax Neild of Shreveport, La., bears the date of Dec. 3rd, 1946. It has now been returned to me with signatures, as it was inadvertently carried overlong in the pocket of one of the nominators until he happened to visit Shreveport and add the names of three North Louisiana architects to the nomination. We trust that it will be in time for early action.

The attached Page 2 gives in outline some of the work of Mr. Neild's office. He is a man who has established a fine reputation, and we think it is a deserved recognition of Mr. Neild and his Chapter that he should be thus honored by the Institute.

Yours very truly,



MHG/B

Encl.

New Orleans, La.
Dec. 3, 1946.

The Jury of Fellows,
American Institute of Architects.

Gentlemen:

It is our privilege to nominate Edward Fairfax Neild, of Shreveport, La., a member of the North Louisiana Chapter, for advancement to a Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Neild's large practice is distinguished by high quality of design and excellent execution.

We attach a summary of Mr. Neild's professional activities.

Very sincerely,

Maxim Owen FAIA

Chas. R. Armstrong A.I.A.

W. C. Curtis FAIA

Wm. H. J. Esterlin F.A.I.A.

J. D. Parham AIA

Osceola Fode F.A.I.A.

Samuel Wilson Jr. AIA

P. J. Korman A.I.A.

Seymour Vande A.I.A.

G. A. Klapman A.I.A.

Exhibits Rec'd

NO NF 204

(Nominators leave blank)

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP
BY
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

THE JURY OF FELLOWS
The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue,
Washington 6, D. C.

Date 19

Use typewriter
except for signa-
tures.

We hereby nominate
member of The Chapter,
for fellowship in The Institute for his notable contribution to the advancement of the profession by his
achievements in *design, *the science of construction, *literature, *education, *service to The Institute,
*public service.

Type in full name
of nominee.
Type in name of
Chapter.

*Strike out all
inappropriate
words.

Evidence of the qualifications of the nominee for the fellowship is appended.

**Members' Signatures

Chapter of Signer

**The signatures
of five fellows of
the nominee's
chapter or of state
association mem-
ber to which he
belongs; or of
any ten corporate
members will con-
stitute a nomi-
nation. If you
are a Fellow place
the initials
F.A.I.A. after
your name.

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Signature
in Washington to be attached to the form

THE NOMINATORS SHOULD SEE THAT LETTERS OR DATA ARE SENT
TO THE JURY OF FELLOWS IN SUPPORT OF THIS NOMINATION.

BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

1. Nominee's full name Edward Fairfax Neild

2. Strike out in-appropriate word and write in name of Country.

2. Nominee is a natural ~~naturalized~~ citizen of United States of America

3. Nominee's legal residence 2225 Fairfield; Shreveport, Louisiana

4. Nominee's firm name Neild and Somdal

5. Nominee's principal place of business, address
1205 City Bank Building
Shreveport, Louisiana

6. Type in "N.C. A. R. B." or name of State Board, as case may be.

6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by
State of Louisiana
Department of Occupational Standards
Capitol Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

7. Strike out in-appropriate words.

7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a practicing architect—~~research in architecture—~~
~~research in science of construction—public official—retired~~

8. Type in date of birth and city and Country.

8. Born December 3, 1884 Place of birth Shreveport, Louisiana

9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:

	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
High School	Shreveport, La.	4		Diploma
Private School				
College or University	Tulane University	4	1904	B.S. Engineering
College or University				
Post Graduate at				
Scholarships held				

10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

10. Type in important experiences during employment or additional statistics of importance in nominee's record.

Engaged in the continuous practice of architecture in home city of Shreveport, Louisiana, from 1904 to date. Extensive travel through European countries in the study of architecture. In 1932, selected as Consulting Architect for the Jackson County Courthouse erected in Kansas City, Missouri, resulting from the outstanding success of prior courthouse design and planning, chief among which are: Caddo Parish Courthouse, Shreveport, Louisiana; Maricopa County Courthouse, Phoenix, Arizona. In 1942, firm selected by U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to plan and supervise construction of two large army cantonments for housing displaced aliens. In 1946, firm selected by U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to design a large Veterans Administration Hospital (500 bed, cost about \$7,500,000.) to be built at Shreveport, Louisiana.

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Nominators should read "Principles Underlying the Bestowal of Fellowships", Institute Document No. 9, before completing this nomination. Additional sheets may be inserted to supplement any page, 3 to 7, inclusive. Use typewriting only.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

1. Works

Type (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	Identification of Work	Location of Work (City)	Completed Construction Work (Year)	Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted	
(b)	Caddo Parish Courthouse	Shreveport, La.	1926	(1)	Under column headed "Type" type in (a), (b), (c), or (d), as the case may be.
(d)	Fair Park High School	"	1928	(1)	
(b)	Maricopa County Courthouse	Phoenix, Ariz.	1928	(1)	Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.
(b)	Jackson County Courthouse	Kansas City, Mo.	1934	(1)	
(b)	La. State Office Bldg.	Baton Rouge, La.	1937	(1)	
(b)	La. State Exhibit Bldg.	Shreveport, La.	1938	(1)	
(d)	Coliseum Building at La. State University	Baton Rouge, La.	1938	(1)	
(d)	Dormitory Group La. State University	Baton Rouge, La.	1938	(1)	
(d)	La. State Charity Hospital	Alexandria, La.	1939	(1)	
(a)	United Gas Office Bldg.	Shreveport, La.	1940	(1)	
(d)	Ward Building for East La. State Hospital	Jackson, La.	1947	(1)	
(d)	Veterans Administration Hospital	Shreveport, La.	1947	(1)	

2. Describe nominee's notable work in design, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

(a) Since 1910 nominee has been recognized as outstanding authority on School Building design and construction, and has contributed greatly to the development of the modern school building, both elementary and high school. Examples of these buildings, numbering well over 100, are distributed throughout North and Central Louisiana.

(b) Nominee has been recognized as an authority on the design and planning of courthouses (Ref. page 2, par. 10-3).

(c) During past eight years, firm has planned ten major hospital projects, both public and privately owned. These buildings are noted for their efficient planning, choice of materials and finish.

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Works:

No under construction: To start this year:

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

1. CONSTRUCTION WORK

Type of Work Constructed	Identification of Work	Location of Work	Completed Construction Work (Year)	Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted
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Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

2. BOOKS, TREATISES, OR ARTICLES WRITTEN

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

1. EDUCATION WORK

(List the degrees and the educational positions held by the nominee, and bring out clearly the nominee's signal work and its particular force and influence which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by pupils, the profession, other societies, or the public.)

2. LITERARY WORK

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Subject

*Name of Book or Periodical
Containing Work*

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1. State fully the nominee's signal service to The Institute, his chapter, or his state organization, or to the profession, which the nominators believe has notably contributed to the advancement of the profession, and list the offices in architectural organizations occupied by the nominee and the period of each.

Nominee was one of original founders of the North Louisiana Chapter, A.I.A. and served as president of this group for a number of years.

Nominee has always been an active supporter of the American Institute of Architects, sponsoring the highest standard of ethical practices as endorsed by the Institute.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

1. List the public offices held by the nominee and the positions of trust held by him in recognition of civic leadership, and state clearly his notable work in public service and the particular influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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April 15, 1948

Dear Mr. Neild:

The American Institute of Architects desires to confer upon you the honor of Fellowship, in accord with the action of The Jury of Fellows at its recent meeting.

The purpose of this letter is to request your presence at the 1948 Convention of The Institute to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, on June 22-25, in the Utah Hotel.

At the formal dinner of the Convention on the evening of Thursday, June 24, those who have been elected to Fellowship will receive their certificates, with citations. Presentation will be with appropriate ceremony and it is highly important that each of the newly-elected Fellows be present. The Officers of The Institute and The Jury of Fellows join in the request that you come to receive this honor in person.

Please send your response to The Octagon at an early convenient date.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director

Mr. Edward Fairfax Neild, F.A.I.A.
City Bank Building
Shreveport 23, Louisiana

ECK:MSD

P. S. Your Chapter has been notified and has been requested to make no public announcement until after the Convention at the end of June.

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April 19, 1948 WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Mr. Edward C. Kemper
Executive Director
The American Institute of Architects
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I am happy to have your letter
advising of my election to Fellowship in
the Institute, and am very proud of the
honor.

I will attend the Convention and
will be present at the formal dinner on
the evening of June 24.

Sincerely,



Edward F. Neild

EFN/lis

EDWARD FAIRFAX NEILD--Biographical Statistics

Mr. Neild is a natural citizen of the U.S.A., born December 3, 1884 in Shreveport, La., with a legal residence at 2225 Fairfield, Shreveport. Is a member of the firm of Neild & Somdal with offices in the City Bank Building, Shreveport, La.

Mr. Neild is registered to practice architecture in the State of Louisiana.

Education - Shreveport High School and Tulane University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering in 1904.

Has been engaged in the continuous practice of architecture in Shreveport from 1904. He has travelled extensively in Europe in the study of architecture. In 1932 he was selected as Consulting Architect for the Jackson County Court House in Kansas City, Missouri. Since 1910, Mr. Neild has been recognized as an outstanding authority on school building design, on court houses and more recently, on hospitals, both public and private. In 1946 his firm was selected by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to design the Veterans Administration Hospital of 500 beds in Shreveport.

Other architectural works of the firm are:

- Caddo Parish Courthouse
- Fair Park High School
- Maricopa County Courthouse
- Louisiana State Office Building
- Louisiana State Exhibit Building
- Coliseum Building at Louisiana State University
- Dormitory Group Louisiana State University
- Louisiana State Charity Hospital
- United Gas Office Building
- Ward Building for East Louisiana State Hospital

In 1948 Mr. Neild was advanced to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects with the following citation: "Admitted to The Institute in 1918. He has been one of the chief influences in elevating the standard of civic design in his State. Throughout an active practice his work on many commissions of importance is distinguished by excellence in design. For this achievement in the field of architectural design, Edward Fairfax Neild is advanced to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects."

Edward Fairfax Neild, of 2225 Fairfield, Shreveport, Louisiana, "has been one of the chief influences in elevating the standard of civic design in his state," according to the citation. "Throughout an active practice his work on many commissions of importance is distinguished by excellence in design."

Mr. Neild has designed over 100 elementary and high school buildings, many courthouses and ten major hospital projects. He designed the Louisiana State Office and Exhibit Buildings, the Coliseum Building and dormitory group at Louisiana State University and a veterans administration hospital in Shreveport.

EDWARD F. NEILD
TEXAS EASTERN BUILDING
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

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Neild*

November 24, 1950

Dear Mr. Purves:

I appreciate very much the membership card to the Cosmos Club and regret that I was unable to thank you personally. I endeavored to reach you by phone at your residence but was unable to do so.

I am looking forward to a visit with you on my next trip to Washington.

Sincerely,

Edward F. Neild

Mr. Edmund R. Purves
1741 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C.

EDWARD F. NEILD
TEXAS EASTERN BUILDING
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

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30 January 1951

Dear Mr. Purves:

Concerning the card to the Cosmos Club which you so kindly offered and which I appreciate very much, I find a memorandum which was handed to me at the quarters of The Fine Arts Commission indicating that the card would be left for me at the Club. Please let me know if the card has been prepared and, if so, I will call for it on my next visit to Washington.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Edward F. Neild

Mr. Edmund R. Purves
1741 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C.

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February 5, 1951

Dear Mr. Neild:

Please let me know several days in advance before you next come to Washington. I will then see to it that a card will be prepared and awaiting you at the Cosmos Club.

I enjoyed very much meeting you the other day and hope you will come in and see us again.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director, AIA

Mr. Edward F. Neild, F.A.I.A.
Texas Eastern Building
Shreveport, Louisiana

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SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

15 July 1955

E. F. NEILD
D. A. SOMDAL
E. F. NEILD, JR.
H. C. SHERMAN
W. C. SORENSEN
G. S. SMITHERMAN

Mr. Edmund R. Purves
Executive-Director
American Institute of Architects
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Purves:

We had the great misfortune to lose my Dad during the past week. I know from previous correspondence that he was more than an acquaintance of yours and thought you might be interested in the enclosed clippings.

I saw you in Minneapolis a couple of weeks ago but the opportunity did not present itself to say hello as your time was so completely filled. Hope next time I can have a minute or two with you.

Sincerely,


Edward F. Neild, Jr.

EFN Jr/lrs

July 20, 1955

Mr. Edward F. Neild, Jr., A.I.A.
960 Jordan Street
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Neild:

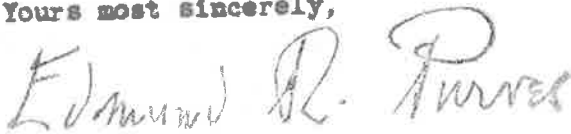
I was distressed to hear of the sad loss which you have sustained and in which we share. I had the privilege of knowing your father who often called at The Octagon when he was in Washington. I enjoyed very much seeing him and benefiting by his friendly advice.

Minneapolis was a difficult place to see people and, as you can imagine, I am here, there and everywhere at convention time.

Thank you very much for sending us the clippings which will go into the Baldwin Archives.

Hoping to have the pleasure of meeting you some day, I am

Yours most sincerely,



Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director

ERP:hrs

cc: Mr. Rankin (w/rf) ✓
Mr. Eger

Mr. Eger: Mr. Neild, Sr. died on July 6, 1955.

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July 22, 1955

Mr. Edward F. Neild, Jr., A.I.A.
960 Jordan Street
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Neild:

As Mr. Purves has written, we appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in sending us the clippings with their testimonials to your father. These will be placed in our Baldwin Memorial Archives - a permanent record of the lives and works of all deceased members.

However, we do have a standard form of collecting this information and hope that we will not be imposing on you too much if we ask that you have it completed for our records. We enclose three copies of this form - two to be returned to this office and one for your own files.

Yours very truly,

J. W. Rankin
Administrative Secretary

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SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

16 August 1955

E. F. NEILD
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E. F. NEILD, JR.
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G. S. SMITHERMAN

Mr. J. W. Rankin
Administrative Secretary
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

I am enclosing two copies of Baldwin Memorial
Archive forms which have been completed in
accordance with your request.

Yours very truly,

Edward F. Neild, Jr.

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Enclosures

Architects
Biography Neild, Edward F.

BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE
of American Architects

NO. _____

Name: Edward Fairfax Neild of (address) Shreveport, Louisiana
Born: 3 Dec. 1884 at Shreveport Died: 6 July 1955 at Kansas City, Mo.
Parents: George Neild and Elizabeth Moss
Married: Ethel Land of Shreveport, La. on 1907
Children: Edward Fairfax Neild, Jr. and Elizabeth Neild Van Hook
Education: Graduated from Engineering School of Tulane University
in 1906 with degree of Bachelor of Science.

Training; and practice as Principal: (Firm Names, Places, Dates, Specialization)

1908 to 1934 Practiced architecture as individual
1934 to 1955 Senior partner, firm of Neild-Somdal-Associates

Professional Memberships and Service: (Institute and Chapter Activities; Teaching)

North La. Chapter, American Institute of Architects
Louisiana Architects Association

Other Affiliations: (Religious, Fraternal, Political, Social)

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Democrat
Shreveport Club

Public Service: (Civil and Military; Community, State, National)

National Commission of Fine Arts

Published Material: (Articles and Addresses; Executed Work; Biographical Data)

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General Background: (Personal Characteristics and Accomplishments; Interests, Digressions, Travels, Friendships, Side-lights, Honors, and Awards.)

Traveled extensively in Europe in the study of architecture and the allied arts.

Awarded Fellowship in American Institute of Architects

Principal Commissions:

Louisiana Public School Buildings: Caddo, Bossier, Webster, Bienville, Lincoln, Claiborne, Franklin, Natchitoches, Red River and DeSoto Parishes (Counties)

Louisiana College Buildings: La. State University, La. Polytechnic Institute, La. State Normal College.

Louisiana Hospital Buildings: Veterans Administration, Shreveport; State Charity, Monroe; State Charity, Pineville; State Tuberculosis, Greenwell Springs; Baptist, Baton Rouge; Baptist, Alexandria; East Louisiana Mental Hospital, Jackson; Schumpert (Catholic) Shreveport.

Courthouses: Baton Rouge, Caddo, Lincoln, Franklin Parishes, Louisiana; Maricopa County, Arizona; Jackson County, Missouri (Associates).

Louisiana State Office Building, Baton Rouge; Louisiana State Exhibit Building, Shreveport; Louisiana State Fair Coliseum, Shreveport; New City Hall and Civic Center, Shreveport; Beck Building, 20 story office, Shreveport; Texas Eastern Building, 14 story office, Shreveport; United Gas Building, 10 story office, Shreveport.

Principal Commissions: (Classified, with locations and Reference Data) (Above)

Compiled by:

Edward F. Neild Jr.

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Edward F. Neild—Artist of Construction

No other man in Shreveport's history has had a greater role in building and beautifying his city and his state than Edward Fairfax Neild, whose death Wednesday ended a brilliant architectural career that brought him national recognition.

The heart attack which claimed Mr. Neild's life came while he was in Kansas City on a mission which, in itself, attested to his professional eminence. At the time he was stricken he was preparing for a conference with an old personal friend, Former President Harry S. Truman, concerning plans for the proposed Truman Memorial Library.

In telling the Shreveport Journal of his personal grief over the death of Mr. Neild Wednesday, Mr. Truman recalled how the Shreveport architect happened to be engaged in 1929 or 1930 as a consultant for the construction of the Jackson County Courthouse in Kansas City. Mr. Truman related that he had visited in Shreveport while still a judge and was so impressed by the beauty of the new Caddo Parish Courthouse that he persuaded Mr. Neild, its architect, to give his professional attention to the Kansas City project. Out of this meeting more than 25 years ago there developed a friendship and respect which resulted in Mr. Neild's being engaged as a consulting architect for the remodeling of the White House while Mr. Truman was its occupant as President of the United States. Before his death Mr. Neild had the satisfaction of helping complete most of the plans for the Truman Memorial Library.

It would be impossible to list all of the magnificent structures with which Mr.

Neild and his associates have helped make Louisiana and other states beautiful. Among them, however, are such imposing buildings as those of the VA Hospital in Shreveport, the United States Post Office and Courthouse in Alexandria, county and parish courthouses in Phoenix, Ariz., Baton Rouge, Ruston, Alexandria, Winnsboro, Shreveport and Kansas City, the Louisiana State Office Building in Baton Rouge, the Louisiana State Exhibits Museum in Shreveport, the Baton Rouge General Hospital, Baptist Hospital Buildings in Alexandria, and State Hospital Buildings in Monroe, Pineville, Jackson and Greenwell Springs. Mr. Neild and members of his staff drew the plans for some of the most beautiful structures on the campuses of Louisiana State University and other state colleges, as well as for many of Shreveport's public schools.

The new 20-story Henry C. Beck Building in downtown Shreveport and the new nine-story Schumpert Sanitarium will stand with all his other structures as monuments to the memory of Mr. Neild, who was born in Shreveport Dec. 3, 1884, and who had maintained his home here all his life.

An artist of the construction world, Mr. Neild also was an outstanding churchman and civic leader. His contributions to the welfare of his community were immeasurable.

The Journal joins with Mr. Neild's many other friends in expressing sorrow at his passing. To his widow, Mrs. Ethel Land Neild; his daughter, Mrs. James A. Van Hook, and his son, Edward F. Neild Jr.—and to all of his professional associates—we extend our condolences.

Edward Fairfax Neild, Sr.

Edward Fairfax Neild, Sr., was far more than the dean of Shreveport architects. He was nationally recognized in various fields of architecture but particularly as the designer of public, institutional and business structures.

Mr. Neild's death at the age of 70 came in Kansas City where he had planned to confer with former President Harry S. Truman on the \$1,500,000 Truman Memorial Library building, for which ground already has been broken. In designing this structure Mr. Neild was associated with a Kansas City firm, but he was the chief architect.

Several years ago, when Mr. Truman was President, he called upon Mr. Neild to handle the architectural end of the remodeling of the White House at Washington. In the earlier lives of both men, Mr. Truman had summoned Mr. Neild to design the Jackson County (Missouri) Court House. This assignment for the county that includes both Kansas City and Independence, Missouri, the latter being Mr. Truman's life-long residence, came as a result of Mr. Truman's admiration for the Caddo Parish Court House here in Shreveport, for which Mr. Neild also was the architect.

Mr. Neild has been a member of the American Institute of Architects since 1918 and in 1948 he was one of 20 architects of the entire nation selected by that Institute who were made Fellows of the Institute in special ceremonies conducted at Salt Lake City, Utah. This is one of the highest honors that can be accorded an American architect.

Born here of British parents, Mr. Neild made Shreveport his home and his business headquarters throughout his life. He loved this city and took a deep interest in its growth and development entirely aside from his natural desires to see it become architecturally beautiful. He was an active churchman, and so far as his time permitted, always willing to do his share in civic betterment of the community.

Mr. Neild's death will be regretted by a host of friends here and in the architectural field throughout the nation. *The Times* joins them in extending sympathy and condolences to those who survive him.

E. F. Neild Final Rites Here Today

Noted Architect
Dies Unexpectedly
In Mo. Waiting to
See Ex-President

Funeral services will be held today for Edward Fairfax Neild Sr., 70, dean of Shreveport architects who died unexpectedly in Kansas City, Mo., at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday shortly before a scheduled conference with former President Harry S. Truman.

Mr. Neild, according to word received by his family here, apparently was stricken with a heart attack as he was preparing for the conference. His body was found on the bathroom floor by a bellboy he had sent for ice water. He was staying at the Kansas City Club.

Mr. Neild had left Shreveport Tuesday night and had arrived in Kansas City early Wednesday morning. He had gone immediately to the Kansas City Club to freshen up before conferring with the former President over plans for the Harry S. Truman Memorial Library building.

Truman, when notified of Mr. Neild's death, termed it "a great shock."

"I was very fond of him and very close to him," the former chief executive said. "He was a great architect. I feel the loss as deeply as if he had been a member of my own family."

The former President recalled that he first met Mr. Neild in 1929 or 1930 while touring to inspect courthouses prior to the construction of the Jackson County, Mo., courthouse. He said he was so impressed by the beauty of the Caddo Parish courthouse, designed by Mr. Neild, that he contacted him to design the Jackson County building.

Later, Mr. Neild served as consulting architect for the rehabilitation of the White House.

The firm of Neild-Somdal-Associates, of which Mr. Neild was senior partner, and the Kansas City firm of Gentry and Voskamp

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E. F. Neild, Aided Truman Library

KANSAS CITY, July 6 (P).—The head architect on the Harry S. Truman library project died today soon after arriving in Kansas City.

Edward F. Neild, of Shreveport, La., about sixty-five, checked in at the Kansas City Club and went to his room, preparatory to going to breakfast with Lon Gentry, a member of a Kansas City architectural firm associated with Mr. Neild in the library job. When Mr. Gentry arrived, he found Mr. Neild dead on the floor of his room, victim of a heart attack.



EDWARD F. NEILD SR.

F. Neild Final Rites Here Today

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... had been engaged several years ago to draw up plans for the proposed Harry S. Truman Memorial Library. The structure, to be built at an estimated cost of \$1,500,000, will house documents, books and records of the Truman and New Deal administrations.

Funeral services for Mr. Neild will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the Osborn Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Milton Williams, rector of the Episcopal Church in Minden and formerly rector of St. Mark's here, and the Rev. Rudolph Bangert, curate at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Forest Park Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be P. Fullilove Jr., S. B. Hicks, Wendell Sorensen, Henry C. Beck, William S. Evans, Howard C. Sherman, G. Scott Smitherman, and Whitfield Jack.

Mr. Neild's son, Edward F. Neild and his son-in-law, James A. Van Hook, left by plane for Kansas City Wednesday immediately after being notified of the architect's death. The body is expected to arrive in Shreveport at 11:55 a.m. Thursday, and the Osborn Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Neild, who had been engaged in the practice of architecture continuously since 1908, had designed some of the best known buildings in Shreveport as well as in many other cities of Louisiana and elsewhere in the nation.

Friends said he had suffered a heart attack about one year ago but had seemingly recovered without ill effects and was engaged actively in the practice of his profession at the time of his death.

He was working on plans for the new Shreveport Club, to be erected adjacent to the Henry C. Beck Building, recently. His firm also designed the new Schumpert Sanitarium, now under construction, as well as the Broadmoor Baptist Church.

Mr. Neild was a native and lifelong resident of Shreveport. He was born here on Dec. 3, 1884, a son of the late George Frederick Neild of Liverpool, England, and Mrs. Elizabeth Moss Neild, daughter of a prominent Versailles, Ky., family.

He was educated in the public schools of Shreveport and was a graduate of the engineering school of Tulane University. He earned his bachelor of science degree in 1906 and later traveled extensively in Europe in pursuit of his study of architecture and allied arts.

From 1908 to 1934, Mr. Neild had practiced architecture on an individual basis, but since 1934 he had been practicing as senior partner of the firm of Neild-Somdal-Associates. His partner in the firm, Dewey A. Somdal, is in Europe at the present time.

Mr. Neild had been a member of the American Institute of Architects since 1918, and in 1948 he was among 20 distinguished architects made fellows of the institute in ceremonies conducted in Salt Lake City, Utah. This is one of the highest honors that can be accorded any architect, and Mr. Neild was cited at that time as "one of the chief influences in elevating the standard of civic design in his state."

Former President Truman said most of the plans for the Truman Memorial Library already had been worked out by Mr. Neild and Lon Gentry, partner in the Kansas City firm, and no delay is anticipated.

Gentry said Mr. Neild had telephoned him from Union Station in Kansas City shortly after his arrival there and had made arrangements to meet him for breakfast as soon as he had freshened up from the trip. His body was found a short while later. Coroner Joe Conners of Kansas City investigated and said a request for a post mortem examination would be made to Mr. Neild's family.

Mr. Neild, who resided at 1075 Erie St., was a member of the Shreveport Club and the Shreveport Country Club. He also was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. He had served as a director of the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce from 1947 to 1950 and, throughout his life, had been a patron of the arts.

By political affiliation, he was a Democrat although he never engaged actively in politics. He had been a personal friend of Truman for many years.

Mr. Neild's firm designed Japanese relocation centers for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Rohwer, Ark., and Jerome, Ark., during World War II.

The U.S. post office and courthouse at Alexandria and the courthouses in Baton Rouge and Phoenix, Ariz., also are examples of his work.

Locally, his outstanding works include the Veterans Administration Hospital and the Caddo Parish courthouse. The Louisiana State Exhibit Building on the Fair Grounds also was designed by Neild.

Other examples of his work are

Neild, Edward Fairfax
Died July 1955

the following: Baton Rouge General Hospital, Baton Rouge; Baptist Hospital buildings, Alexandria; the Louisiana State Office Building, Baton Rouge; hospital buildings for the state of Louisiana in Monroe, Pineville, Jackson and Greenwell Springs; numerous buildings on the campus of Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, and many buildings on the campus of Louisiana College at Pineville.

In addition, he also designed many public school buildings, office buildings, hotels, churches and commercial structures throughout the state.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Ethel Land Neild, whom he married in 1907; his son, Edward Neild Jr.; one daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Neild Van Hook; five grandchildren, Edward Neild III, Helen Neild, Patricia Neild, James A. Van Hook Jr. and Elizabeth Van Hook, all of Shreveport, and two cousins, H. B. Neild and John A. Neild, both of Beaumont, Tex.

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Edward F. Neild



Dewey A. Somdal

WERE CO-ARCHITECTS — A Shreveport, La., architectural firm, Neild & Somdal shared the responsibility with the Kansas City firm of Gentry & Voskamp in the planning and designing of the Truman Library. The architects' preliminary plans were drawn up for a site at the Truman farm near Grandview.

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When Mr. Truman moved into the White House he named Edward Neild to membership on the National Commission of Fine Arts, which is charged with maintaining high standards of building design in the Capital City. Also during this early period the White House was renovated and in the early discussion of this problem, Mr. Truman called on Mr. Neild for advice.

When plans for the Library got under way Mr. Truman again called on his old friend, Edward Neild. On July 6, just a year ago, Mr. Neild died unexpectedly in a Kansas City hotel while here in con-

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WERE CO-ARCHITECTS — A Shreveport, La., architectural firm, Neild & Somdal shared the responsibility with the Kansas City firm of Gentry & Voskamp in the planning and designing of the Truman Library. The architects' preliminary plans were drawn up for a site at the Truman farm near Grandview.

Mr. Truman's first connection with Neild & Somdal was back in the late 20's when he heard about the courthouse the firm had built at Shreveport. He inspected it personally and the firm together with a Kansas City firm got the job for designing the present Independence courthouse.

When Mr. Truman moved into the White House he named Edward Neild to membership on the National Commission of Fine Arts, which is charged with maintaining high standards of building design in the Capital City. Also during this early period the White House was renovated and in the early discussion of this problem, Mr. Truman called on Mr. Neild for advice.

When plans for the Library got under way Mr. Truman again called on his old friend, Edward Neild. On July 6, just a year ago, Mr. Neild died unexpectedly in a Kansas City hotel while here in con-

nection with business for the Library.

Mr. Neild was a graduate of Tulane University in New Orleans. From the time of his graduation to his death, he practiced his profession in Shreveport; however, planning commissions carried him into many states in the country. His leadership in the profession was recognized a number of years ago by his elevation to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Somdal had been a partner of Mr. Neild for the past 20 years and is a Fellow of the Institute also.

The form of the plan of the building, as built, was developed to fit the high crown of the hill overlooking the slope down to the park. The courtyard, which the building partly surrounds, will ultimately be completely enclosed. The plan is basically two buildings, one the exhibit area the other the