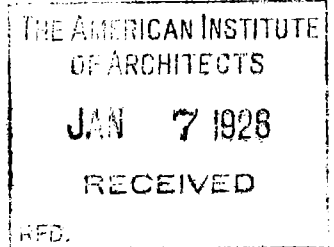


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111 WEST ADAMS STREET
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

December 31, 1925.



Mr. Geo. D. Mason,
508 Griswold St.,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:-

This will acknowledge receipt
of your application dated December 22nd,
accompanied by check for \$5.00.

Your application appears to be
in order and will receive consideration at
the next meeting of the Board which will
be held in January. Meanwhile will you
kindly have the Secretary of the State Board
of Registration of Michigan and the
Executive Secretary of the A.I. A. send us
statements as to your good standing and
present status. This is necessary for our
files.

Yours very truly,

FLORIDA STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE.

(Mrs) Margaret Warmenhoven
Asst. Sec.

M. E. C. Kimpson
Executive Secy.

*Will you kindly make such statement
as they require for completion of my
registration in Florida*

*I am enclosing my check for 20⁰⁰
for 1926 to make that part of it good*

*Sincerely
Geo. D. Mason*

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any applicant desiring Temporary Certificate under rule 10, is required to pay registration fee of \$15.00 and recording fee of \$1.00 in addition to the application fee.

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January 7, 1926.

Dear Mr. Mason:-

This will acknowledge with thanks your check of \$2.00 in payment of current dues.

Also, will you please accept this letter as a formal statement of your good standing in the American Institute of Architects.

You were elected to Institute Membership in 1889.

We are sending a signed copy of this letter, should you wish to forward it to the Florida Registration Board.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. George D. Mason,
508 Griswold Street,
Detroit, Michigan/

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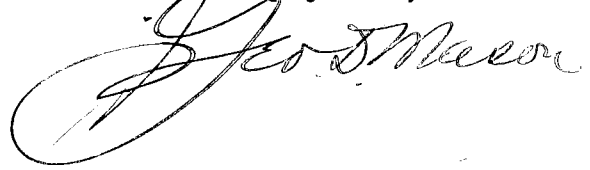
December 13, 1926.

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

Dear Frank:

Please extend to the Board
my sincere appreciation of their kind
words received prior to the dinner,
an honor far beyond my deserts but
which will ever be a delightful memory
for myself and family.

Sincerely yours,



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April 16, 1936



Mr. E. C. Kemper
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Ave.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Kemper:

Will you please advise us if
Geo. D. Mason & Co., 409 Grisold, Detroit, Mich.
are members of your Institute?

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. M. M.".

Publication Department

DMM

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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COPY

April 17, 1936.

Dear Mr. Maldner:

Replying to your letter of April 16th:

Mr. George D. Mason, of George D. Mason and Company,
409 Griswold Street, Detroit, Michigan, has been a Member of
The American Institute of Architects since 1887, and a Fellow
since 1889.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

PHW*B

Mr. D. M. Maldner,
Publication Department,
American Society of Heating & Ventilating Engineers,
51 Madison Avenue,
New York City, New York.

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GEORGE D. MASON
ARCHITECT
409 GRISWOLD STREET
DETROIT, MICH.

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Mason

Feb 6 1942

Dear Mr Ingraham

Thank you for returning the Detroit
Chapter bill - It certainly was inserted
by mistake & I have been looking for it
& wondering what became of it -

Sincerely
Geo D Mason

Mason

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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July 6, 1943

Dear Mr. Mason:

We send this reminder of your pledge, in the sum of \$50.00, in support of the work of The Institute - with particular reference to the Washington Representative.

Check should be made payable to The Institute and sent during the month of July if that is convenient for you - in order that the program of gifts may be brought up-to-date.

By direction of The Treasurer.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer

Mr. George D. Mason, F.A.I.A.
409 Griswold Street
Detroit, Michigan

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April 8, 1946

Dear Mr. Mason:

This will acknowledge receipt of your check for \$9.00 for the first installment of your 1946 Institute dues.

We have noted your statement that you have reached the age of ninety years, and it occurs to us that you might wish to apply for election as a Member Emeritus of The Institute which would exempt you from further payments for dues to the A.I.A. and the Detroit Chapter, while permitting you to retain all the rights and privileges of corporate membership.

An application form is enclosed, and if you will file it in and sign it, returning to The Octagon before April 20th, we shall be glad to include it on the agenda for The Board of Directors action at its meeting next May.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. George D. Mason, F.A.I.A.
409 Griswold Street
Detroit 26, Michigan

K/g
Enclosures

Copy to Mr. Talmage C. Hughes:

Please let us know of Mr. Mason's standing in the Chapter, and if his signed application is returned it can be submitted to The Board in May.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

THE OCTAGON
Inter-Office Communication

Mason, George D., F.A.I.A. - Detroit
Chapter

Elected: 1889

Eligibility: 89 years of age

Dues: Paid to April 1, 1946

Effective Date: April 1, 1946

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April 11, 1946

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary,
The American Institute of Architects,
1741 New York Ave., NW,
Washington 6, D. C.

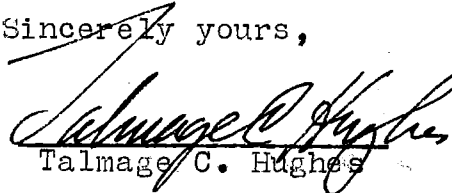
Dear Mr. Kemper:

Thank you for copy of your letter to Mr. George D. Mason, FAIA, relative to his becoming a member emeritus.

We in the Detroit Chapter think this is a splendid idea. Of course, Mr. Mason is in good standing with the Chapter and the Michigan Society of Architects, and certainly there is not other whom we would rather see have this recognition. He has long been considered the Dean of Michigan architects, and his conduct has always been an example for the rest of us.

Please accept our thanks for making this suggestion. I don't know why we didn't think of it before.

Sincerely yours,


Talmage C. Hughes

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Granted 19 .

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP EMERITUS

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:

Strike out the
inappropriate
reason, a or b,
as the case
may be.

I wish to apply for Membership Emeritus in The Institute for the following reasons:

- a. I am more than 70 years of age. *yes*
- b. I am incapacitated and unable to engage in any vocation. *yes*

Write in
name of
chapter.

I have been in good standing in The Institute and the *Detroit* chapter
for 15 successive years or more immediately preceding the date of this application.

Respectfully,

Geo D Mason

Signature

Date *Apr 18* 19 *46*

The applicant may supplement the above reasons in writing below or on sheets which he shall attach to this application. Under exceptional conditions and circumstances, The Board of Directors may lessen the period of good standing but neither of requirements a or b.

I am a Life member in the Masonic Bodies and the Y.M.C.A. - Have an Hon M.A. Degree in the University at Ann Arbor Mich

Our Company was Incorporated in 1928 but I have good partners + draftsmen.

I do not ^{have} any of our earnings as I leave it all for the firm - The Lord only knows how much longer I will have good health?

*My birthday
July 4th 1856.*

Geo D Mason

DUPLICATE
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
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NOTICE OF ELECTION—MEMBER EMERITUS

TO Mr. George D. Mason, F.A.I.A.
409 Griswold Street
Detroit 26, Michigan

It is my privilege to advise you that The Board of Directors has conferred upon you
the title

MEMBER EMERITUS

of The American Institute of Architects and of its component organizations of which you are
a member, exempting you from the payment of annual dues to The Institute and such
organizations, effective April 1, 1946 .

Date May 31,

1946.

Alexander C. Robinson III
Secretary

Notice sent to Detroit Chapter

EMIL LORCH, ARCHITECT
1023 FOREST AVENUE
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

June 25, 1946

Mr. James R. Edmunds, Jr., President,
The American Institute of Architects,
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

George D. Mason will be 90
on July fourth, next week.

My dear President Edmunds:-

Perhaps you have already thought of writing Mr. Mason to congratulate him on his ninetieth birthday on the Fourth of July. Messrs. Albert McDonald and David H. Williams, his partners, and I hope you will be able to do this despite your many other obligations. A note or message from you will surely bring him much cheer and pleasure. His home address, where the holiday will find him, is 746 Collingwood Avenue, Detroit 2.

You of course know his long and distinguished record, which appears in "WHO'S WHO. Not only has he been an Institute member nearly sixty years but in practice actually seventy years something probably unique for an architect. His professional service and standing have been of the highest. Another fine contribution was his presidency, the first, of our Michigan registration board; this was followed by the presidency of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

Mr. Mason's concern for the welfare of the Michigan architectural school has been constant as has been his interest in and helpfulness to the scores of architects who came out of his office, the late Albert Kahn being among those heavily indebted to him. This lovable, modest man and great gentleman is one of our rare personalities and he has been an extraordinary influence for the good of the profession.

We are also hoping for letters to Mason from the presidents of the Detroit Chapter and the Michigan Society of Architects.

I was sorry not to be able to attend the Miami meeting and was happy to read of your re-election on which please accept my hearty congratulations. I am delighted over the recognition given Mr. Kemper's exceptional service and Mr. Louis Sullivan's great contribution.

Sincerely yours,


Emil Lorch.

P.S. I am hoping that the citation and acceptance in connection with the Gold Medal award will be published in the Institute Journal. If the reports read at Miami are available in printed form, they are usually available during the meetings to delegates, I would greatly obliged for copies.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1741 New York Avenue, N. W.

Washington, D. C.

THE OCTAGON

Inter-Office Communication

June 28, 1946

Mr. Kemper:

Mr. Edmunds called saying that he had a letter from Prof. Emil Lorch stating that on July 4 Mr. George Mason W.A.1887, F.1889, will be 90 years old and suggesting that The Institute send some word of congratulations and appreciation to Mr. Mason for his service to The Institute, etc.

Mr. Edmunds said he would take care of this himself but he was ready to catch a plane for Rochester, N. Y.

He would like you to send a telegram to Mr. Mason so that it will reach him on July 3 ~~and~~ with a copy to Prof. Lorch and Mr. Edmunds will acknowledge Prof. Lorch's letter when he returns from Rochester.

Mr. Mason was elected a Member Emeritus 4/1/46.

M.S.Day

(Mr. George D. Mason)
(746 Collingwood Ave.)
(Detroit 2, Mich.)

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

July 10, 1946

Dear Professor Lorch:

President Jim Edmunds, who was at The Octagon today on Institute affairs, directed that we send you the enclosed copy of his telegram to Mr. Mason. This with reference to your letter of June 25th.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director

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Enclosure

Professor Emil Lorch, F.A.I.A.
1023 Forest Avenue
Ann Arbor, Michigan

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NIGHT LETTER

JULY ^{3,}~~2,~~ 1946

(For delivery on the morning of July ^{4,}~~3,~~ 1946.)

Mr. George D. Mason, F.A.I.A.
746 Collingwood Avenue
Detroit 2, Michigan

IT IS MY GREAT PRIVILEGE ON BEHALF OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE AND MANY OTHER ARCHITECTS TO SEND YOU THIS MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON ATTAINING YOUR NINETYETH BIRTHDAY WHICH I UNDERSTAND IS JULY FOURTH.

YOUR LONG LIFE OF SPLENDID SERVICE TO YOUR CHOSEN PROFESSION AND TO THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED FOR ITS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND FOR THE EXAMPLE WHICH YOU HAVE GIVEN US.

HERE'S TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH AND MANY MORE BIRTHDAYS!

JAMES R. EDMUNDS, JR., PRESIDENT

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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June 10, 1948

Gentlemen:

This is the first moment in which to say that your telegram of June 4 announcing the passing of George D. Mason, distinguished member and Fellow of The Institute, was received with deep regret.

We arranged for some flowers to be sent in the name of The American Institute of Architects.

We should appreciate it greatly if you would send for the historical file at The Octagon, any resolutions or newspaper clippings concerning the life and professional work of Mr. Mason.

Sincerely yours,


Executive Director

George D. Mason & Company
409 Griswold Street
Detroit 26, Michigan

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Inter-Office Communication

George Dewitt Mason Dies; Designed Masonic Temple

FUNERAL SERVICES for George Dewitt Mason, 91, dean of Michigan's architects and designer of some of the finest buildings in the city, including the Masonic Temple, were scheduled today in St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral.

Mr. Mason died Thursday at his apartment in the Wilshire Hotel. His death ended a career that began in 1873, when he became a draftsman in the office of the late Henry T. Bush, and continued through World War II, when he received Government appointments to plan three large housing projects—Brewster, Parkside and Herman Gardens.

With only a high school education, and self-taught in his chosen profession, Mr. Mason started his first business, a partnership with Zachariah Rice, in 1878, five years after his graduation from the old Detroit High School. Twenty years later he went into business alone, and in 1920, with three partners, he incorporated George D. Mason & Co.

LARGEST IN WORLD BESIDES THE MASONIC

Temple, largest fraternal building in the world, which was completed in 1927, notable buildings in the city designed by Mr. Mason included the Pontchartrain Hotel, which was torn down to make room for the First National Bank; the club house of

the Detroit Yacht Club, the First Presbyterian Church, the Central Woodward Christian Church, and Trinity Episcopal Church, said to be the finest example of Fourteenth Century Gothic architecture in America.

Mr. Mason aided many of the city's prominent architects at the start of their careers. The late Albert Kahn started out as an office boy under Mr. Mason and later was his chief draftsman for nine years. More than a score of others received their early training in the Mason office.

Mr. Mason was born July 4, 1856, in Syracuse, N. Y., where he received his elementary education. The family moved to Detroit in 1870. After he went into business he made several trips to Europe to study the architecture of various countries and periods. The designs for Trinity Church resulted from one of these trips.

RECOGNITION GIVEN

RECOGNITION OF HIS eminence in his profession was extended in 1915 when he was elected first president of the Michigan State Board for Registration of Architects. In 1928 he was named president of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, and in the same year the University of Michigan honored him with the degree of master of architecture.

Mr. Mason was a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the Michigan and American Institute of Architects, the Detroit Engineering Society, and the American Federation of Arts.

A daughter, Mrs. James D. Fulton, of Chicago, survives.



Mr. Mason

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409 GRISWOLD STREET
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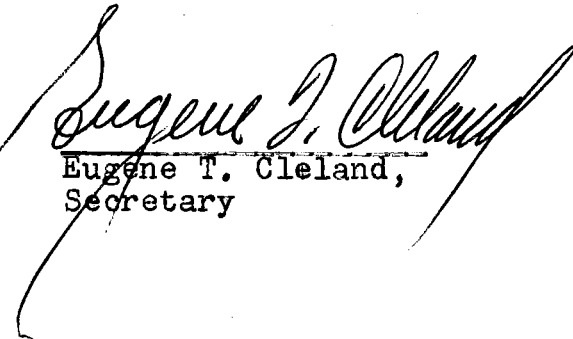
Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find three copies of the Archive of George DeWitt Mason, deceased, compiled by Professor Emil Lorch of the Detroit Chapter and reviewed by Albert C. McDonald, also of the Detroit Chapter.

If you desire additional copies, we have a couple more which we could turn over to you.

Very truly yours,

DETROIT CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS


Eugene T. Cleland,
Secretary

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Mason, George D.

BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE
of American Architects

NO: _____

Name: George Dewitt MASON of (address) Wilshire Hotel, Detroit

Born: July 4, 1856 at Syracuse, N.Y. Died: June 3, 1948
at Detroit

Parents: James H. Mason and Zada E. (Griffith) Mason
(came to Detroit in 1870)

Married: 1882, Miss Ida Whitaker (deceased) daughter of:
Capt. & Mrs. Byron Whitaker,
Detroit.

Children: Lillian (Mrs. Jas. D. Fulton,
Glencoe, Illinois.)

Education: 1871--1873 - Detroit High School

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

1872 - Summer Vacation - in office of Mortimer L. Smith.
1873--1878 with Henry T. Brush, as an Associate part of the time.
1898-1902 and 1903-1920, individual practice. {1878-1898, member of Mason
1902-1903 - Mason and Kahn (Albert) {and Rice (Zachariah),
Architects, Detroit.
1920-1948, George D. Mason and Co. -- Mr. Mason, A. C. McDonald, and
H. G. Wenzell-(deceased 1939)
D.H. Williams, Jr., president-Jan. 1948; E.T. Cleland, 1947.
1936. Mr. Mason was Chief Architect of the Brewster and Parkside
Housing projects; and partner of group designing of Herman
Gardens Project.
A. C. McDonald was associate of Mr. Mason 1910-1920; for
a time, Wirt--- C. Rowland was an associate of Mr. Mason.

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

1887 - Member, Western Assoc'n. of Architects.
1889 - A.I.A.
1892 - Fellow A.I.A. Michigan Chapter - later Detroit Chapter.
1914 - Michigan Society of Architects - later an Honorary member.
1915--1919 President, Mich. State Board of Regist. Architects.
1928--1929 President, National Council of Architects Registration Boards.
American Federation of Arts.
Engineering Society of Detroit.
Through membership in The Michigan State Assoc'n. of Architects
(founded in 1884) he became in 1887 a member of the Western Assoc'n.
of Architects, founded in 1884 (Leigh Hunt).
He became a Charter member of the Michigan Chapter A.I.A. after the
Western Assoc'n. of Architects was merged with the A.I.A. in 1889.

1946 - Emeritus, A.I.A.

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

He was an Episcopalian.

Detroit Athletic Club; Detroit Yacht Club; Witenagemote Club, Det.
(Charter Member)

Society of Free Masons, 32nd Degree.

Public Service:

A member of first Board of Building Inspectors, Detroit. 1 year,
early in his practice.

Executed Work:

In addition to the building mentioned below, many other buildings
of various types could be added. Throughout all these years,
residential work was being done, much of it construction of large
houses, urban and otherwise:

Mason & Rice, Architects:

- 1879 - D. M. Ferry & Co. Warehouse
- 1880 - Central Market Bldg.
- 1883 - Thompson (Old Peoples') Home
- 1886 - Y.M.C.A. (Romanesque)
- 1887 - Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island
- 1888 - R. R. Station, Walkerville (Romanesque)
- 1889 - First Presbyterian Church (Romanesque)
- 1889 - Detroit Business University Bldg.
- 1891 - Trinity Episcopal Church (Gothic)
- 1892 - Hiram Walker & Sons Office Bldg., Walkerville, Ont. (Renk.)
- 1893 - Old Masonic Temple (Romanesque)
- 1894 - T. W. Palmer Warehouse.
- 1898 - Detroit Opera House (Renk.) with A. W. Chittenden.
- 1900 - Berry Bros. Office Bldg. (Renk.)

1902--1903 Mason & Kahn (Albert) Architects

Temple Beth El (Classical)

Psychopathic Ward - Univ. of Mich. (Georgian); Engineering Bldg., U. of M.

1902--1903 (Mason & Kahn (Albert) Architects:
(Continued)

Palms Apts. (Renk.)
Woodward Ave. Apts. (Renk.)
Belle Isle Aquarium (Renk.)
Horticultural Bldg., Belle Isle
20th Century Club (Renk.)

George D. Mason, Architect: (Albert C. McDonald, Associate 1910-1920;
for a time, Wirt C. Rowland was an assoc.)

1907 - Ponchartrain Hotel (Renk.)
1911 - Detroit Fire & Marine Ins. Bldg. (Classical)
1917 - Lincoln Motor Plant
1920 - Third Church of Christ, Scientist (Classical)

George D. Mason & Co., Architects

1922 - Detroit Yacht Club (Renk.)
1923 - Trinity M.E. Church, Highland Park (Gothic)
1924 - D. M. Ferry & Co. Warehouse "D"
1925 - Dearborn Masonic Temple and High School (Classical)
1926 - Pilgrim Congregational Church (Georgian)
1926 - Broadway Chambers, a loft bldg.
1926 - U. S. Grant School (Tudor)
1922-1926 The Masonic Temple (Gothic)
1927 - Standard Savings & Loan Bldg. (Classical)
1928 - Detroit Press Bldg.
1930 - Central Woodward Christian Church (Gothic)
1930 - Highland Park Y.W.C.A. (Georgian)
1931 - Y.M.C.A. Law School, Detroit (Neo-Classic)
1933 - Kalamazoo Post Office (Neo-Classic)
1936 - George D. Mason, Chief Archt. - Brewster, Parkside ~~and~~
Gardens housing projects.

George D. Mason & Co., Architects:
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1938 - Sixth Church of Christ Scientist.

1944 - St. James Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe (Georgian)

1946 - Dr. Zina Pitcher Elem. School (Modern)

1948 - Mayflower Congregational Church (Georgian)

On June 5, 1948, Mr. Mason's funeral services were conducted at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, Detroit, of which he was supervising Architect.

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

Honorary member, Mich. Society of Architects.

" " Alpha Rho Chi, Architectural Fraternity.

1928 - Honorary degree of Master of Architecture, conferred by University of Michigan.

1928 - Medal of Detroit Chapter awarded George D. Mason & Company on the completion of the Central Woodward Christian Church, Detroit.

1929 - A similar award was also made to the firm for the new Masonic Temple.

A U. S. delegate to the International Congress of Architects, Rome 1911.

A U. S. delegate to the " " " " Budapest, 1930.

George Mason was a modest, lovable man, devoted to his family, and a loyal, unswerving friend. He was an ideal travel companion and visited Europe in 1884, 1911, 1924 and 1930. He was the last survivor of those who organized the Michigan Chapter of the A.I.A. An architect of exceptionally long practice, having begun as a practitioner at the age of 22, and having had an unusually wide experience and a choice clientele, he lived through the many changes in American architecture, his practice including almost every type of structure.

With changes in colleagues and staff, a high quality of design, construction and equipment was maintained along with conscientious personal service, whatever the problem. He was distinguished by high professional integrity and held the respect and affection of all who knew him. Those who left his office to engage in practice reflected his all-round thoroughness, many becoming well known as architects.

Always a student, he had an excellent library, travelled extensively and was an ardent admirer of Italian art, of its beauty and technical mastery. He was a friend of Detroit craftsmen and himself a good draftsman and water colorist. He interested himself in architectural education and apparently was the first ^{Detroit} architect to seek out and employ graduates in architecture. He was one of those who urged the establishment of architectural instruction at the University of Michigan and supported the movement to make the department a separate professional school. A notable contribution to giving the profession a suitable status was made by Mr. Mason as president of Michigan's first Board for the Registration of Architects, 1915-19.

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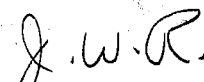
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Dear Mr. Cleland:

This will acknowledge and thank you very much for the biographical data of the late George DeWitt Mason of the Detroit Chapter. This is certainly the most complete biography we have received on anyone, and as such, will be most valuable.

Yours sincerely,



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