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## OBITUARY

### Obituary

#### Wilfred E. Mansur.

Elected to the Institute in 1901.  
Died at Bangor, Maine, February 27, 1921.

#### Frederick Bauman.

Elected to the Institute in 1884; to Fellowship in 1889.  
Died at Chicago, Illinois, March 18, 1921.

#### Charles Bickel

Mr. Bickel, whose death was recorded in the April JOURNAL, was born in Columbus, Ohio, in 1854. After receiving his early education, he went to Germany where he pursued his architectural studies, returning to this country where for a brief time he was in practice in Philadelphia. He opened offices in Pittsburgh about 44 years ago and was in continuous practice there until his death.

#### Frederick A. Russell

Fortunate was Pittsburgh when Frederick Russell, who had been sent here from the office of H. H. Richardson, in Boston, in connection with the building of the Court House, decided to cast his lot in this community. To the readers of "The Charette" it is not necessary to review the professional career of this self-sacrificing, public-spirited architect whose unexpected death has taken from us a respected and honored member of our profession.

Mr. Russell's active interest in the Pittsburgh Architectural Club and the American Institute of Architects brought him into personal contact with most of the architects and draftsmen of the community. To know him was to respect him for his unfeigned interest in all matters pertaining to the advancement of the cause of Architecture and for his sympathetic understanding when his counsel was sought on questions of professional practice.

His interest in civic affairs was well known. At the sacrifice of his personal interests he has devoted many hours of gratuitous public service, finding his reward in the satisfaction of having contributed to the advancement of the public welfare.

To those who were so fortunate as to know him intimately was revealed a personal nature which was both a delight and an inspiration. In the presence of sympathetic companions he would relate in his charming manner incidents of his summer vacations at Nantucket; would display with pride his license to operate a motor yacht in the surrounding waters, or would describe with rare enthusiasm some charming New England house or garden that he had visited.

These are only casual incidents of a long acquaintance with Mr. Russell, but they serve to illustrate the qualities that endeared him to his associates who will remember him not only as a capable and public-spirited architect, but as a charming companion, a true friend, and always a gentleman.—From *The Charette*, Pittsburgh.

#### Clarence E. Richards.

Mr. Richards, whose death was mentioned in our last issue, was born in Jackson, Michigan, February 22, 1865. On the paternal side Mr. Richards comes of a family of

pioneers. His great, great grandfather was a pioneer of Massachusetts, his great grandfather a pioneer of western New York, and his grandfather a pioneer of the State of Michigan, moving there in 1831. His father was a pioneer settler of Kansas, moving there in 1870.

In El Dorado, Kansas, he attended the village schools and later the teachers' normal school, and during the years of 1883 and 1886 taught in the country schools of Butler County, Kansas. In 1886 and 1888 he was employed as an assistant engineer in charge of buildings and bridges for one of the branches of the Missouri Pacific Railroad which was then being built through that section of the country.

Mr. Richards went to Ohio in the fall of 1888, and in 1889 he entered the office of Edward Anderson, one of the older architects of Cincinnati, working as a draftsman and superintendent. In 1891 he went to Newark, Ohio, going into business with his brother, who was an engineer, under the firm name of Richards Brothers, Architects. He remained there two years after which he went to Columbus as Superintendent of Construction for the firm of Yost & Packard, Architects. He served in this capacity six years, and in 1898 organized the firm of Richards, McCarty & Bulford, Architects, at the head of which he remained until his death. This partnership has been longer in the practice of the profession, without a change of name or personnel in its organization, than any other firm in the State.

During the period of over 20 years that Mr. Richards was engaged in the practice of architecture in Columbus, his firm became well known throughout the central west, having been connected with many of the largest building projects throughout the States in which it practiced. Among other buildings are the Ohio National Bank, the Citizens Trust & Savings Bank, the Athletic Club of Columbus, the new Ohio Penitentiary at London, Ohio, the largest institution of this kind in the country, and many office buildings, hotels and public institutions throughout the States of Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Kansas, Texas and Iowa.

Mr. Richards was active in the interests of the Ohio State Association of Architects and was a member of the Committee on Prison Architecture of the American Prison Congress. He served as President and Secretary of the Columbus Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Some of the more important works of Mr. Richards' firm in addition to those mentioned above were the Knoxville Banking & Trust Co., Knoxville, Tenn.; The Phoenix Hotel at Lexington, Ky.; the Kemp Hotel at Wichita Falls, Texas; the Hardin County Court House at Kenton, Ohio; and the Beacon Building, Lassen Hotel, Wesley Hospital and First National Bank at Wichita, Kansas.—*Communicated.*

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