

WARREN R. BRIGGS, F. A. I. A.
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~~BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT~~

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Mr. D. Everett Waid,,
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Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will find my cheque for \$20.00
in payment of my annual dues for 1921..

As I have closed my office, retired from ac-
tive practice, passed the three score and ten limit and have
been an active member in good standing, for forty years, I
believe I am fully entitled, according to Article IV, Section
11, to be exempt from further payment of dues and hereby apply
for such exemption. Will you kindly see that this request
is granted and greatly oblige,

Yours very truly,

Warren R. Briggs

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June 6, 1933.

Dear Mr. Briggs:

We have received, with deep regret, information concerning the death of Warren Richard Briggs, F. A. I. A., on May 30, 1933.

We appreciate the biographical sketch which was transmitted and which we have placed in the permanent record of the Institute here at The Octagon.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Roger B. Briggs, Esq.,
974 Broad Street,
Stratford, Connecticut.

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Warren Richard Briggs, F.A.I.A.

Died May 30, 1933.

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Warren Richard Briggs, F.A.I.A., was born in Malden, Mass., on June 6th, 1850. He was of good old Puritan stock, being the seventh descendant in a direct line from Richard Briggs, who settled in Taunton, Mass., in 1662. He was educated in private schools in the vicinity of Boston. In his eighteenth year, while preparing for Harvard, he left his studies and unbeknown to his parents, entered the office of a Boston Architect. When his parents learned of this, and attempted to have him resume his studies, he protested so vehemently that it was finally decided to let him follow his natural inclination to become an Architect.

He spent the next four years in the office of Fosbody & Stearns and Cummings & Sears, the leading Architects of that time in the City of Boston.

In the Fall of 1872, he went to Paris, France, to study architecture, entering the Atelier Andre, in the famous Ecole des Beaux-Arts, where he remained two years. Upon his return to Boston, in 1874, he was engaged as instructor for the advanced classes in Architecture and Free Hand Drawing in the City's evening schools for the next two years.

In the summer of 1876, he was called to Bridgeport to do some special architectural work, and soon afterwards,

through the instigation of the late Nathaniel Wheeler, and other prominent citizens, opened an office there, where he practiced his profession successfully alone for thirty-eight years.

In 1913 he formed a partnership with Edward B. Caldwell, Jr., under the name of Briggs & Caldwell, which was dissolved by mutual consent in 1916. In 1919 he closed his office after forty-four years of active practice, and has since lived quietly at his home in Stratford, Conn.

In his early practice, he specialized in School Buildings, and was recognized throughout the country as an authority on their construction, heating, ventilation and maintenance. He wrote extensively upon these subjects for the leading technical journals, and a collection of articles published by him in book form in 1899, under the title "Modern American School Buildings" had a wide circulation, and is used as a hand book in the Architectural Schools.

In 1882, he married Miss Elisa Hawley Beach of this City, who died on January 15th, 1921. She is survived by two children, Mrs. Howard B. Crane of Caldwell, N. J., and Roger Beach Briggs of Stratford, and seven grandchildren, Warren Briggs Crane, Peter Moelle Crane, Stephen Jasper Crane, Howard Beach Crane, Richard Cady Briggs, Roger Beach Briggs, Jr., Tirzah Anne and one brother, William Henry Briggs, of Seymour, Connecticut.

In his younger days, Mr. Briggs was an amateur athlete of marked ability, a skillful baseball player, finished oarsman, excellent boxer and a powerful football player; in fact, he excelled in all outdoor sports, which he loved and took a life-long interest in. He had a wide acquaintance with the leading athletes of his time and was the first man to use a base ball mask outside of Harvard, and in 1874, in conjunction with the late A. G. Spaulding, (his life-long friend) introduced the American game of Base Ball into England through a game played on Kensington Oval in the City of London, in February of that year.

He was one of the founders of the Seaside Club, Seaside Oating Club, Brooklawn Country Club and Metabetchouan Fishing and Game Club of Canada.

He was also a member of the University Club, the Housatonic Club, Connecticut Historical Society Association, Association Amicale des Architectes Anciens Eleven de Jules Andre, Paris, a Fellow and former Director of American Institute of Architects, a Member and three times President of the Connecticut Chapter, A.I.A., and a member of the Architectural League of N. Y., and for eight years its Treasurer.

some of his principal buildings were:

Connecticut state Normal School	New Britain, Conn.
" " Building	World's Fair, Chicago, Ill.
Taunton High School	Taunton, Mass.
Rogers Memorial School	Fairhaven, Mass.
Yonkers High School-	Yonkers, Mass.
First Bridgeport High School	Bridgeport, Conn.

and numerous Grammar Schools throughout New England.

The Fairfield County Court House	Bridgeport, Conn.
The Fairfield County Court House	Danbury, Conn.
The Windham County Court House	Willimantic, Conn.
The Meriden Town Hall	Meriden, Conn.
The Danbury Almshouse	Danbury, Conn.
The Bridgeport Orphan Asylum	Bridgeport, Conn.
The Police and Charities Building	Bridgeport, Conn.
The Y. M. C. A. Building	Bridgeport, Conn.
The Seaside Institute Building	Bridgeport, Conn.
The St. John's Chapel	Bridgeport, Conn.
The Olivet Church	Bridgeport, Conn.
The N.Y. N.H. & H. R.R. Station	Bridgeport, Conn.
The Boys' Club Building	Bridgeport, Conn.
The Connecticut Nat'l Bank Building	Bridgeport, Conn.
The City Savings Bank Building	Bridgeport, Conn.
The First National Bank Building	Danbury, Conn.
The First National Bank Building	Port Chester, N. Y.

Some of his principal buildings, continued.

The First National Bank Building	Meriden, Conn.
The Birmingham National Bank	Derby, Conn.
The Derby Savings Bank	Derby, Conn.
The Southington National Bank	Southington, Conn.

and innumerable Manufacturing, Commercial and Residential Buildings in all parts of the Country.

While in partnership with Mr. Caldwell, they built the Brooklawn Country Club, The Southern New England Telephone Building Extension, Terry Warehouse, Stratford Trust Building, Stratford, Connecticut, Stratford Telephone Building and numerous fine residences.

Mr. Briggs was an ardent republican, but never sought office, or would let his name be used by his party. Nor was he ever connected with any fraternal societies outside of his profession.

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CONNECTICUT CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS



WHEREAS: In the passing of Warren Richard Briggs the profession of architecture has lost a devoted member, the American Institute of Architects has lost an ardent and devoted Fellow and the Connecticut Chapter is deprived of the loyalty and counsel of a charter member, and

WHEREAS: The highest ideals of professional practice were always maintained by Warren Richard Briggs and he staunchly supported every effort for raising the standards of ethical conduct, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects does hereby express its keen sense of personal loss and does cause to be spread upon its records this tribute to the loyalty and devotion of its departed member.