

Edmunds Jr., James R.  
Baltimore Chapter

By notary

Fee \$ 5.00  
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Yes  
not required  
Dec 29th, 1920

### Application for Membership

To the Secretary of the American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon House, Washington, D. C.

SIR:

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects.

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name James R. Edmunds Jr.  
Address 409 Calvert Bldg. Balto. Maryland  
Place and date of birth Baltimore, April 18th 1890  
Graduate in architecture University of Pennsylvania 1915  
Holder of Scholarship in architecture.....  
[If required in your case, give name of institutions and year.—Attach evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecole des Beaux Arts.....  
[If required in your case, state which, and attach evidence of Certificate.]

If an Associate of a Chapter of the Institute, give name of chapter Baltimore, Chapter

If practicing architect, firm name James R. Edmunds Jr.

Have been in practice Two years

If draughtsman, employed by Joseph Evans Sperry - 6 mos  
[State number of years.]

Collegiate and office training B.S. in Arch, draughtsman E.L. Palmer 6 mos, Loyett + Walter 3 years, in practice 4 years.

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, and of the Chapter of the Institute of which I am then a member.

James R. Edmunds Jr.  
[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application was duly elected an Associate of the Baltimore  
[For use when the applicant is an Associate.]

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date Dec. 22nd 1920  
[Insert date of election to chapter.]

James H. Fowler Secretary.  
Baltimore Chapter, A. I. A.

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.

The signer of this application has received the unanimous endorsement of his Chapter.  
James H. Fowler  
Secretary.

- (1) .....
- (2) .....
- (3) .....

[The signatures of three Institute members are here required unless the applicant has the unanimous endorsement of his Chapter, in which case certification to that effect should be made above by the Secretary. Unanimous endorsement is that endorsement in which each Institute member of the Chapter had an opportunity to express himself by letter ballot either for or against the member proposed. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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March 10, 1921.

My dear Sir:-

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective March 10, 1921.

You have been assigned to the Baltimore Chapter as an Institute member in good standing therein, and the Secretary of the Chapter so notified.

The enclosed statement for dues should receive early attention, as the engrossed Certificate of Membership is not sent until the dues for the first year have been paid. No charge has been made for first quarter of the current year.

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 shall be glad to give you our best cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. James R. Edmunds, Jr.,  
Calvert Building,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

K-P.  
Enclosure.

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JOSEPH EVANS SPERRY, A. I. A.

HERBERT G. CRISP, A. I. A.

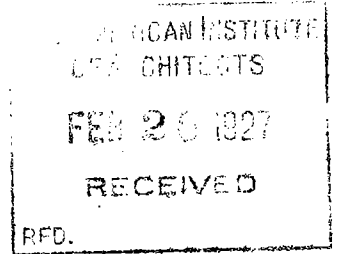
JAMES R. EDMUNDS, JR., A. I. A.

OFFICE OF  
JOSEPH EVANS SPERRY  
ARCHITECT  
409 CALVERT BUILDING  
BALTIMORE, MD.

February 25, 1927.

TELEPHONE PLAZA 2652

SUBJECT



Treasurer - American Institute of Architects,  
Octagon House,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find my check in the amount  
of \$50.00 in payment of my dues to the Institution for  
the fiscal years of 1925 and 1926.

Very truly yours,

*James R. Edmunds Jr.*

JRE:MB

Encl.

*American Institute of Architects  
Pd \$50.00 1925 & 1926  
Now owes for 1927.*

*Exhibits used*

(Proposals for Fellowship must be filed with the Jury of Fellows, at The Octagon, not later than February 1st of any calendar year if it is desired that such proposals be acted upon prior to the second succeeding convention.)

(Issued by the Jury of Fellows)

Confidential

# The American Institute of Architects

The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue  
Washington, D. C.



## FORM OF PROPOSAL FOR FELLOWSHIP

(Before executing read carefully the accompanying document on Principles of Fellowship)

Name of Member Proposed—

Mr. James R. Edmunds, Jr.

Street 409 Calvert Building,

City Baltimore,

State Maryland.

*Notice—Use Ink and Write Legibly Throughout.*

Chapter of Member Proposed—

Baltimore

(Name of Chapter)

Date of Election to Institute—

1920 ✓

(The year is sufficient)

Place of Business—Location of Best Work.

Baltimore

(Principal Place of Business past Five Years)

Baltimore

(One or more cities in which best work is located)

General Conditions of Fellowship: (Chapter II, Article 1, Section 1, By-laws:)

Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects is conferred upon a member who is a citizen of the United States, who, in the opinion of an authorized jury of fellows, shall have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession in design, construction, literature, education or public service.

PROPOSAL FOR FELLOWSHIP

Aug. 26 1936

To the Jury of Fellows,  
The American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

The following name of James R. Edmunds Jr., a member in good standing,  
is submitted to the Jury of Fellows with a recommendation that he be advanced to Fellowship:

Name James Richard Edmunds, Jr.  
(In full)

Address Baltimore, Maryland.  
(City and State)

Place and date of birth Baltimore, Maryland

Graduate of Architecture University of Pennsylvania  
(Name of College, University or School)

B.S. in Architecture, 1912.

Holder of Scholarship in Architecture—

Alumni Fellowship, Uni. of Pa. (for one  
(Name of Scholarship)  
year's post graduate study, 1912-13)

If practicing architect give firm name or names, and state how long connected with each:

James R. Edmunds Jr. 1916-1920  
(Firm name) (Approximate time)

Office of Jos. Evans Sperry 1922-1930

H.G. Crisp & James R. Edmunds Jr. 1930-1936.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Born, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1890. Baltimore Md.

Attended Public School - 1895-1907.

" Boys Latin School 1907-08

School of Architecture, University of Pennsylvania 1908-12.

Second Medal, Intercollegiate Arch. Competition 1911.

Travel & Study in France, Belgium, & Italy (June to Dec 1911)

Elected member of honorary scientific society of  $\Sigma. \Xi. \Gamma.$  1911.

Awarded First Prize, Intercollegiate Arch. Competition 1912.

Awarded "Arthur Spayed Brooke Gold Medal" for merit  
in architectural design, 1912.

Granted degree of Bachelor of Science in Architecture 1912.

Awarded fellowship for one year's post graduate study. (N.B.  
Applicant was unable to accept fellowship in fall of 1912 due to  
ill health of his mother)

Worked as draftsman for Edw. L. Palmer Jr. Balto, 1912-13

" " " " Wyatt & Nolting, Balto, 1913-16

Practiced in own name, Baltimore - 1916-17.

" / " " " , Canton, China, 1919-20.

Worked as draftsman for Joseph Evans Sperry Balto, 1920-23

Made partner in Office of Joseph Evans Sperry, 1923-30.

Firm name changed (on Mr. Sperry's death) to

H. G. Crisp & J. R. Edmunds Jr. - Architects - 1930

Travel & Study in England - 1923

" " " " China & Japan 1919.

ACHIEVEMENT IN DESIGN

1. Architectural Work—

Commercial *Hutzler Bros. Department Store Bldgs. Baltimore*  
Name of Building City or Town

" " *Public Garage & Delivery Service Bldg.*

*Factory Building, Maryland, Meter Works, Balto.*

Schools:

*Eastern & Western High Schools for City of Baltimore.*

Monumental

*Monolithic Cross, marking 1st Landing in Md. (1634)*  
Name of Monument Place  
*St. Clements Island, Potomac, River.*

Ecclesiastical:

*St. John's Church, Worthington Valley, Md.*  
*Chizuk Amunoh Synagogue, Baltimore.*

*"Pleasant Hill Farm" (C.V. Miller) Worthington Valley*

Domestic

*"Shawan House" (Restoration) " "*  
Name of Owner Place

*"Meadowmount" (D. St. Pierre DuBose) Chapel Hill, N.C.*

Hospital:

*Union Memorial Hospital Buildings, Baltimore*  
*Dispensary Building Johns Hopkins Hospital, "*  
*Hakstead & Osler Clinics, " " " "*  
*University Hospital, University of Maryland, Balto.*

Special Work

*Reproduction of 1st Maryland State House (1676)*  
Nature of Work Place  
*at St. Mary's City, for State of Maryland.*

*Baltimore Country Club - Baltimore.*

*Young Men's Hebrew Association Building, Balto.*

*State Hospital for Negro Insane - Crownsville, Md*  
*(Group of Buildings for Feeble Minded Patients)*



2. Here should follow a description of his work in design, showing special attention to the particular features the proponents believe worthy—

Mr. Edmund's accomplishments in the field of design are of such remarkable diversity in externals, that the attempt to isolate the germ of spirit requires a search below the surface. With work to consider as far apart as the reconstruction of the Seventeenth Century colloquial building and a rigidly efficient hospital, the observer finds a common quality only by overlooking detail and paraphernalia, and considering how shape and feature have been distributed.

All the work shows an essence of vividness, of vigor, of sensitiveness to the humanity of a building. The architect seems not to fear certain uglinesses, but they are always the compelling uglinesses, the character marks, such as we like to see in fine old men and fine old women, in bulldogs or Scotties, in Clydesdales or Shetland ponies. Each building is filled with life and shows the hammer marks of human environment. The Devil could never accuse Mr. Edmunds of having got his ideas from books, as he did "Tomlinson". Coming straight out of life, the scars of life are never raw, pitiful, or terrifying. These buildings each make us think of men who have kept strong and keen and gallant in the face of foul weather. They are like seasoned gentlemen unaware of the cheap need for pretence or ostentation.

3. Photographs, sketches, or drawings should be submitted of two or three buildings or works—

Photographs..... *University Hospital, University of Maryland.*

Works

*(Photograph & Working drawings)*

*Baltimore Country Club,*

Drawings..... *(Photographs & Competition drawings)*

Works

*Hutzle Bros Department Store.*

*(Photographs.)*

Sketches..... *First Maryland State House, St. Mary's City*

Works

*(Photographs & Preliminary Sketches)*



# ACHIEVEMENT IN CONSTRUCTION

## 1. Engineering Construction

Name of Building

Place

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## 2. Books, Treatise, or Articles Written—

Subject

Name of Book or Periodical

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## 3. Photographs

Works

Place

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## 4. Drawings

Building or Works

Place

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5. Here should follow a description of the notable work done by the applicant, with special stress laid on his particular achievements and recognition by societies, or other groups—

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**ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE**

1. Literary Work—

Books, Treatise, or Articles Written—

| Subject | Name of Book or Periodical |
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Achievement in Education and Literature— *continued*

2. Here should follow a summary of particular influences that may have been created by any of the works above mentioned if known to the proponents and any recognition accorded by the profession, by societies, or by the public—

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3. Educational Work—

The proponents should direct attention to the position held by applicant, his or her particular force or influence in his or her line of endeavor, and any evidence of recognition by pupils, by the profession, or by the public of his or her achievements.

*Applicant acted as correspondent and critic for varying number of students of the Beaux Arts Institute of Design (circa) 1924 to 1930  
Lecturer on Architecture, Maryland Institute, School of Fine Arts, 1933 and 1935 (Five lectures on history, "Antecedents of American Architecture")*

4. If under this class applicant has also designed or executed work, then proponents should fill out also the blanks under heading (Achievement in Design)—

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ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

1. Here should follow a clear statement of the field in which his activities have been directed, the influence of that leadership and what accomplishment has resulted—

Chairman, Balto Chap. Comm. on Registration  
(Arch.) 1933-35, which drafted and secured of  
passage, present registration law in Maryland, 1935?

2. Recite the positions of trust held by applicant in evidence of his recognition as a civic leader—

Baltimore Chapter, A. I. A. President 1935-36.

Name of Societies or Civic Groups

Place

Maryland State Board of Examiners & Registration  
of Architects (Appointed, 1935 to 1939) Secy & Treasurer.

(Proposers should sign at top of page 10)

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Signatures: Submitted by

Group of five Members or/and Fellows—

Date.....

1. *John D. Scarff* AIA

2. *W. H. ...* FAIA

3. *W. S. ...* AIA

4. *D. W. ...* AIA

5. *Robert G. ...* AIA

*Frank ...* AIA

*William ...* AIA

*Howard F. Baldwin* AIA

*Lucien E. Gaudreau* AIA

*Arthur ...* AIA

August 5, 1936

Note: See amended By-Laws for provisions concerning Fellowship.

The rules of procedure, quoted below, have not yet been reprinted. They have been modified slightly, particularly the time-requirement in Paragraph 5.

Chapter II, Article 1. General Conditions of Fellowship.

Section 1. Qualifications.

(a) Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects is conferred upon a member who is a citizen of the United States who, in the opinion of an authorized jury of fellows, shall have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession in design, construction, literature, education, or public service.

Section 2. Prerequisite.

(a) Membership in the Institute for not less than ten years shall be a prerequisite to fellowship.

Section 3. Jury of Fellows.

(a) The Jury of Fellows shall consist of six fellows appointed by the President, two of whom shall serve for periods of one, two, and three years, respectively, and until their successors are appointed. The President shall appoint the chairman of the Jury, and shall fill all vacancies occurring in the Jury of Fellows by death, resignation, expiration of term or otherwise.

Section 4. Recommendations for Fellowship.

(a) Method. Any group of five or more members may recommend to the Jury for consideration the name of a member whom they deem qualified for fellowship. Such recommendation shall contain a brief statement of the notable service or achievements which, in the opinion of the nominators, justify the nomination.

shall be submitted with full and explicit data to the Jury of Fellows on forms prepared for this purpose. The Jury shall then request from the chapter officials, the Directors of the Institute, and such other sources as it deems necessary privileged communications relating to the qualifications of the nominees. All recommendations shall remain on file with the Jury of Fellows for at least twelve months prior to final action.

Section 5. Rules of Procedure.

(a) The Jury shall formulate rules for its procedure subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Article 2. Election to Fellowship.

Section 1. Procedure.

(a) Election. Election to fellowship shall be by the Jury of Fellows. Fellows may be elected at any regular meeting of the Jury of Fellows.

(b) Method. Such election shall be by ballot. Four affirmative votes shall be necessary to elect.

(c) Announcements. The names of all fellows so elected shall be announced to the convention.

Article 3. Nomenclature.

Section 1. Nomenclature.

(a) Fellowship in the Institute shall be designated by the initials "F. A. I. A."

RULES OF PROCEDURE.

1. A meeting of the Jury of Fellows may be held at the call of the Chairman, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, and in any event this meeting should occur at least 60 days prior to the date of the Convention.

2. Suggestions to the Jury for advancement to Fellowship may be made as stated in the By-laws.

3. The validity of any objection raised to any candidate shall rest solely with the Jury, and all communications shall be considered only as informative data.

4. The Jury shall file with the archives of the Institute the original recommendation and a statement of its action with

the reasons for election in each case. Privileged communications shall not be preserved.

5. Proposals for Fellowship must be filed with the Jury of Fellows, at The Octagon, not later than February 1st of any calendar year. All proposals so filed will be considered by the Jury and those selected will be cited for the honor of Fellowship at the second succeeding convention.

6. In the event of failure to act favorably upon any recommendation within three years due notice shall be given to the proponents, the recommendation surrendered and privileged communications destroyed. No recommendation so surrendered shall again be presented within two years from such notice.

This is a revised copy of the Rules of Procedure of the Jury of Fellows as amended and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting on November 14, 1930.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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April 29, 1937.

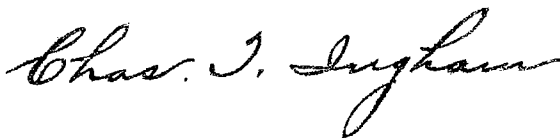
Dear Mr. Edmunds:

It is my privilege to advise you that you have been elected a Fellow of The American Institute of Architects, by action of The Jury of Fellows at its recent meeting.

The certificate of your election to Fellowship will be presented to you at the evening session and dinner on June 4, which concludes the Sixty-ninth Convention of The Institute, to be held in Boston, Massachusetts, June 1-4, inclusive.

The Officers and The Jury of Fellows join in the request that you be present to receive this honor.

Sincerely yours,



Secretary.

Mr. James R. Edmunds, Jr., F.A.I.A.,  
Calvert Building,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

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PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

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

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May 6, 1937

Dear Mr. Edmunds:

Under the established procedure of The Institute, the photographs which accompanied the proposal for your advancement to Fellowship are being returned to you under separate cover, transportation prepaid.

We trust that you will receive these promptly and in good order.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to  
The Jury of Fellows

K/B

Mr. James R. Edmunds, Jr., F.A.I.A.,  
Calvert Building,  
Baltimore, Md.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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July 7, 1937.

My dear Mr. Edmunds:

At the closing session of the Sixty-ninth Convention of The Institute held in Boston, the reading of the announcement of your elevation to Fellowship in The Institute was accompanied by the following citation:

JAMES R. EDMUNDS, Jr., - of Baltimore: A record of sustained effort in the interest of the profession; the distinction of his contributions to design and the care shown in his executed work entitle James R. Edmunds, Jr., to Fellowship in The Institute.

All of the citations were prepared by the Jury of Fellows at the time of the elections.

By direction of the former Chairman of the Jury, Mr. Robert D. Kohn.

Sincerely yours,

ECK:LF

Secretary of the Jury of Fellows.

Mr. James R. Edmunds, Jr., F.A.I.A.  
Calvert Building,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

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Washington 6, D. C.


THE OCTAGON

Inter-Office Communication

noted @ 10 11 30 MSD  
September 23, 1952

TO : Mr. Purves ✓  
Mr. Rankin  
Mrs. Miller  
Mr. Gutheim  
Mr. Taylor  
Mr. Coe  
Mr. Pawley  
Mrs. Pennington

The Office of James R. Edmunds, Jr. announces  
its removal on September 15th to 1025 Saint  
Paul Street, Baltimore 2, Maryland.

  
Henry H. Saylor

HHS:mn

*member  
Edmunds, James*

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WASHINGTON D C  
FEBRUARY 5 1953

JOSEPH D LELAND  
814 STATLER BLDG PARK SQUARE  
BOSTON MASS

JIM EDMUNDS DIED YESTERDAY. FUNERAL FEBRUARY SIXTH 3 PM  
ST DAVIDS CHURCH BALTIMORE. UNDERTAKER JOHN O MITCHELL SONS  
1900 ~~LEES~~ PLACE BALTIMORE

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NED PURVES

Identical Telegrams to:

Mr. Edmunds' office notified:

J. Frazer Smith  
John Richards  
Samuel E Lunden  
Alexander C. Robinson, III  
Walter T. Rolfe  
Edgar I Williams

Raymond Ashton  
Ralph Walker  
Douglas Orr  
Charles Cellarius  
Marshall Shaeffer

~~Miss Foley~~

Glenn Stanton  
Kenneth Wischmeyer  
Norman Schlossman  
Clair Ditchy  
Maurice Sullivan

cc: Mrs. Miller

~~JHR~~

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**THE OCTAGON**  
*Inter-Office Communication*

February 6, 1953.

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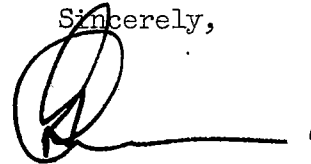
Dear Ned:

Thanks kindly for apprising me of what I imagine was the unexpected passing of our good friend, Jim Edmunds.

The knowledge enabled me to send a message to his family, and my office is forwarding a modest contribution to the Foundation, which I am sure Jim would treasure more than flowers.

Jim's devotion to the Institute was so constant that he leaves many positions unfilled. These, of course, should be brought up at the Board meeting.

Sincerely,



Glenn Stanton

Edmund R. Purves, Executive Director  
The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.



*member  
Edmund J.*

*file*

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

JOHN N. RICHARDS, DIRECTOR, GREAT LAKES DISTRICT  
518 JEFFERSON AVENUE, TOLEDO, OHIO

February 14, 1953

Mr. Edmund R. Purves, F.A.I.A.,  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.,  
Washington, 6, D.C.

Dear Ned:

I was deeply shocked when I received the wire informing me of the passing on of Jim Edmunds.

The Institute has lost one of its strong and most energetic workers, an Architect, who had a great deal of personal responsibility, with his large office, and still he had time to devote a great deal of his time to the business of his professional organization.

I was always one of his great admirers.

Sincerely,

*John N. Richards*

*Thompson*  
*3/15*

Administration Building  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.

February 12, 1953

Dear Mr. Thompson:

At the suggestion of Fritz Gutheim we are sending to you herewith the clippings from the BALTIMORE SUN of February 5 relative to the death of James R. Edmunds, Jr., a past President of The Institute. As this is our only file copy, will you please return it when it has served your purpose?

Jim's passing is certainly a tremendous loss to The Institute and the entire profession, and came as a great shock to all of us.

Very truly yours,

Edmund R. Purves  
Executive Director

Mr. Stephen G. Thompson  
Associate Editor  
ARCHITECTURAL FORUM  
9 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, New York

P:msd

# ARCHITECTURE LEADER DIES AT HOME HERE

**James R. Edmunds, Jr.,  
Nationally Known As  
Hospital Designer**

James Richard Edmunds, Jr., prominent Baltimore architect, whose work was known throughout the United States, died yesterday at his home, 9 Blythewood road, of cerebral hemorrhage. He was in his sixty-third year.

Mr. Edmunds in the course of an active life, did much to change the face of the city, and the buildings he designed include many of the best-known and most-used in Baltimore. He was nationally known chiefly as a designer of hospitals, in which he excelled.

#### Born In Baltimore

He was born here in 1890, the son of the late James Richard Edmunds and Anna Smith Keyser Edmunds. In 1912 he took his B.S. in architecture at the University of Pennsylvania, and traveled and studied in Europe as well.

His European trips took him abroad in 1911 and 1923, and in 1919 and 1920 he traveled in the Far East. From 1923 to 1928 he was the Baltimore correspondent for the Beaux Arts Institute of Design.

From 1912 to 1915 he was draftsman to Edward L. Palmer, Jr., Wyatt & Nolting, a Baltimore architectural firm, and from 1915 to 1917 he practiced here under his own name. In 1920 he joined the office of Joseph Evans Sperry and in 1923 became a partner in the firm.

#### Housing Authority Official

In 1930 he became a partner in the firm of Crisp & Edmunds, and from 1939 until the time of his death was principal of the firm.

Mr. Edmunds has a great love for his city, and with his great but unobtrusive energy and civic consciousness, contributed much to the city's life.

He served as chairman of the Housing Authority, Baltimore City, from 1937 to 1941 and was chairman of the Board of Architectural Review, Baltimore city. Since 1946 he had been chairman of the Lexington Market Authority and since 1949 a member of the Architectural Board of Review, Department of Public Improvements, State of Maryland.

He was also a director of the Fidelity Trust Company, president of the Children's Rehabilitation Institute, and had been a member of the board of governors of the Baltimore Country Club, which he designed, for many years.

#### Designed High Schools

The long list of buildings in and around Baltimore which Mr. Edmunds designed includes both Eastern and Western high schools, the General Hospital and Psychiatric Institute of the University of Maryland, and all the recent work at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, especially the new Surgical and Research Building.

Among buildings he designed which are either under construction, or have yet to be built are Baltimore county's new high school

(Continued on Page 20, Column 2)

# James Richard Edmunds, Jr., Architect, Dies At Home Here

(Continued from Page 32)

at Catonsville, the People's Court Building and the Jewish Medical Center at Mount Washington.

He also designed a number of commercial buildings, and was responsible for modernizing the downtown stores of Hutzler Brothers and Hochschild, Kohn & Co. in Baltimore, and for the modern stores recently built by those companies in Towson and Belvedere.

#### A Hospital Architect

Outside his native state, Mr. Edmunds was known chiefly as a hospital architect, and the list of the hospitals he designed includes the Tennessee Baptist Hospital at Knoxville, Tenn., the Lancaster General Hospital in Pennsylvania, and the Veterans Administration hospitals in Tallahassee, Fla., and Greenville, S.C.

He also designed the Nemours Foundation building at Wilmington, Del., and the University of Pennsylvania Physics Building at Philadelphia, was one of the three architects associated with the Veterans Hospital in Maryland and acted as architectural consultant on the airport terminal building at Friendship Airport.

#### Knowledge Widely Recognized

His wide knowledge of his profession was recognized nationally and internationally. Mr. Edmunds was not only a registered architect in eight states, but he also was an honorary member of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

He was chairman of the Con-

struction Advisory Council of the United States from 1948 to 1949, and became president of the American Institute of Architects, whose membership increased greatly during his period of office.

Mr. Edmunds opposed the school which thought membership of the Institute should be confined to leaders of the profession and pressed for the admission of all reputable and qualified architects when he was elected to the presidency of the Institute in 1945.

The Institute appointed him in 1948 to head its committee which studied the effects of atomic energy on design.

#### Funeral Services Friday

Mr. Edmunds is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Eddington Campbell Edmunds, and three children, James R. Edmunds 3d, of Ruxton, Page Edmunds, 2d, of Riderwood, and Mrs. Frances Campbell Ketcham, of Wilmington, Del.

His brother, the late Charles K. Edmunds, a former provost of the Johns Hopkins University and president of Ling Nan University, Canton, China, died in 1941, but three sisters survive. They are Mrs. Helen Robinson of London, and Mrs. Harry F. Perkins and Mrs. Carl C. Rutledge, both of Burlington, Vt.

The funeral services will be held at St. David's Church, Roland Park, on Friday at 3 P.M. and burial will be in Druid Ridge Cemetery.

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RETURN TO THE A. I. A.  
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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## James R. Edmunds, Jr.

James R. Edmunds, Jr., whose sudden death occurred yesterday, was so modest and unassuming that even friends who imagined they knew him well will no doubt be surprised when they read the long list of his achievements.

As an architect he stood high in his profession both locally and nationally. His most prominent monuments in the city are the Eastern and the Western High Schools and the University Hospital. Hospitals were his specialty. He did most of the recent work for the Johns Hopkins. His imprint is on a number of hospitals in other parts of the country. He also was consultant to the Surgeon General. In matter of design he adhered to no particular school. He was distinguished rather more for his scope, which extended from the conservative to the modern.

Public spirit was a conspicuous attribute. He gave generously of his time as a consultant on architectural matters to both the city and the State. As president of the American Institute of Architects he labored diligently and effectively for his profession.

Those outside his profession as well as those within it loved him for his graciousness, his unaffected sincerity and his abounding hospitality. His passing leaves a void that will be hard

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March 5, 1953

Dear Mr. Purves:

Many thanks for the material on James  
R. Edmunds you sent us on Feb. 12. In accordance with  
your request I am returning it, herewith.

Respectfully yours;

*Stephen G. Thompson*  
Stephen G. Thompson  
Associate News Editor

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March 12, 1953

Mrs. James R. Edmunds, Jr.  
9 Blythwood Road  
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Hessie:

The Board of Directors had a meeting in Washington last week and one of the early items on the agenda was the sad news of Jim's death. This was our first meeting since his passing and the first official notice to the entire Board.

As you know, Jim's many committee and other assignments had made him an almost continuing member of the Board and we always looked forward to seeing him in one capacity or another at our Washington meetings. The fact that his passing leaves five vacancies to fill is an indication of how highly his services were valued and how generous he was with his time and talents. The Institute stands deeply in his debt.

The Board has asked me, on their behalf, to send you and your family their sympathies, entertaining the hope that this expression of their great affection and appreciation will afford some measure of comfort to you in your bereavement.

We treasure with you the memory of a rare and understanding friend whose spirit still pervades and inspires.

Sincerely,



CLAIR W. DITCHY, SECRETARY

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Dear Clair

With you on my behalf  
thank the Board for their  
sympathy - and for their  
feeling about Jimmy -  
both so beautifully and  
so sincerely expressed in  
your letter to me?

It is real comfort to  
know that his interest  
in the Institute is ap-  
preciated by you who  
also have his welfare

at heart. Any good  
that came of it was his  
reward.

I especially like your  
thought that his spirit  
"still pervades and in-  
spires". The Institute  
was so much a part of  
his life. He found his  
strongest friendships  
and pleasant associa-  
tions there.

Sincerely

Bessie

Wednesday, March twenty-fifth

Member  
Edmunds James

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March 27, 1953

Mr. Edmund R. Purves,  
Executive Director, A.I.A.  
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ned:

I think this letter from Bessie Edwards should  
be in The Institute files. I made a copy for myself,  
and am sending the original on to you.

As ever,



CLAIR W. DITCHY, SECRETARY

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513 Park Avenue-1

27 March 1953

Mr. J. W. Rankin, Administrative Secretary  
The American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

We regret to inform the Institute of the passing of  
Mr. James R. Edmunds, Jr., a Fellow in the Institute and a  
past-President of the Institute and this Chapter, on  
4 February 1953.

We enclose a copy of the Resolution passed by the Chapter  
at its regular meeting on 11 March 1953. The Resolution covers  
in part his contribution to the profession.

We understand that there are forms for the historical  
records of the Institute. If this is correct, kindly forward  
these for completion.

Sincerely yours,

*Carson M. Cornbrooks*  
Carson M. Cornbrooks, Secretary  
Baltimore Chapter  
American Institute of Architects

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the untimely and sudden death on February 4, 1953 in the sixty-third year of his age, of James R. Edmankis, Jr., Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, has brought great sorrow and sense of loss to the members of this Chapter to whom his genial personality has been a constant joy, his sturdy professional qualities a bulwark of strength and -

WHEREAS these same qualities have endeared him to his many clients and other associates, and to the members of the profession throughout the country to whom he has given years of devoted service in committee activities, as past-President of the Chapter, as Treasurer of the Institute and finally as President of the Institute and -

WHEREAS in a long and active professional career he has achieved not only local distinction in a wide variety of design but has been recognized nationally as a leader in hospital design and consultation for the comfort of man, and -

WHEREAS we of this Chapter who have enjoyed and cherished the privilege of our association with him desire to express and record our appreciation of his worth and of our loss -

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Baltimore Chapter, American Institute of Architects, that there be spread upon the minutes this sincere expression of our sorrow at his passing and the acknowledgement of great loss to our profession at home and abroad and be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be sent with our sympathy to his family, his business associates, and to The Octagon.

Baltimore, Maryland  
11 March 1953

Member  
Edmunds, James R.

Administration Building  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.

April 1, 1953

Mr. Carson M. Cornbrooks, Secretary  
Baltimore Chapter, A.I.A.  
1020 St. Paul Street  
Baltimore 2, Maryland

Dear Mr. Cornbrooks:

We wish to acknowledge your letter of March 27 and are sending herewith biographical forms for Past President James R. Edmunds, Jr.

It goes without saying that The Institute has already been made aware of this sorrowful event and The Secretary has expressed to Mrs. Edmunds the regret of The Board of Directors and The Institute itself.

Yours very truly,

Edmund R. Purves  
Executive Director, A.I.A.

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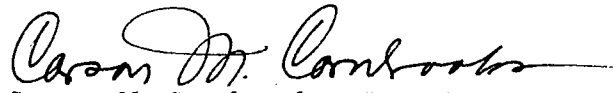
19 August 1953

Mr. Edmund R. Purves, Executive Director  
The American Institute of Architects  
The Octagon  
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Purves:

In accordance with your letter of 1 April 1953, we are enclosing form for the Baldwin Memorial Archive of American Architects with information concerning Mr. James R. Edmunds, Jr.

Sincerely yours,

  
Carson M. Cornbrooks, Secretary  
Baltimore Chapter  
American Institute of Architects

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cc: Mr. James R. Edmunds, III

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BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE  
of American Architects

Name: James Richard Edmunds, Jr. of (address) 9 Blythewood Road, Baltimore 10, Md.

Born 4/1/1890 at Baltimore, Md. Died: 2/4/1953 at Baltimore, Maryland

Parents: James R. Edmunds and Anna Smith Keyser (Edmunds)

Married: Elizabeth Campbell of Baltimore on 11/25/1913

Children: James Richard Edmunds, III  
Page Edmunds, II; Frances Campbell Edmunds

Education: City College, Baltimore; Boys Latin School, Baltimore  
University of Pennsylvania, B.S. in Arch. 1912

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

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

Other Affiliations: (Religious, Fraternal Political, Social)

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

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

see attached sheet

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Training and practice as Principal:

1912-15            Draftsman, Edward L. Palmer, Jr., Wyatt & Nolting,  
Architects, Baltimore

1915-17            Practiced in own name in Baltimore

1920                Draftsman, Office of Joseph Evans Sperry.

1923                Partner, same office

1930                Partner, Crisp and Edmunds, Architects, Baltimore

1939-Date         Principal of The Office of James R. Edmunds, Jr.,  
Architects

Professional Memberships and Service:

Honorary member of Royal Institute of British Architects  
American Institute of Architects, member 1923; Fellow 1937  
American Hospital Association  
Treasurer, The American Institute of Architects, 1934-44  
President, The American Institute of Architects, 1945-47  
Faculty Member, Maryland Institute of Architects  
Member, School of Fine Arts Board, University of Pennsylvania  
Engineers Club of Baltimore  
Baltimore Association of Commerce

Other Affiliations:

Member, Psi Upsilon  
Member, Sigma Xi  
Maryland Club  
Baltimore Country Club  
Gibson Island Club  
Racquet Club  
American Club of London  
Maryland Historical Society

Public Service:

- \* Director, Fidelity Trust Company  
Chairman, Housing Authority of Baltimore City  
Secretary-Treasurer, State of Maryland, Board of Registration and  
Examination of Architects  
Special Consultant, U. S. Engineer's office, Re Veterans Hospital Program  
President, Construction Industry Advisory Council, U. S. Chamber of  
Commerce
- \* Member, Board of Directors, National Council for the Preservation of  
Historic Sites and Buildings
- \* Chairman, Lexington Market Authority, City of Baltimore
- \* Member, Architectural Board of Review, Department of Public Improvements,  
State of Maryland
- \* & Consultant to Surgeon General, United States, Federal Hospital Council,  
U.S.P.H.S.
- \* Architectural Consultant, National Institute of Health, U.S.P.H.S.
- \* Chairman, City of Baltimore, Board of Architectural Review
- \* President, Children's Rehabilitation Institute (cerebral palsy)

\* Serving at the time of Mr. Edmunds' death

General Background:

Dynamic personality with equal capabilities for work and relaxation. Ardent sports enthusiast particularly football and lacrosse. When in college competed in track and field events and college theatricals. Hobbies included photography both motion picture and stereo-scopic, model railroads, stamp collector; has particularly fine American collection. Enthusiastic fisherman and wild fowl hunter. Well read on the subjects of astronomy and modern theories of relativity and space. Favorite past times: crossword puzzles, card games, chess and particularly the ancient game of dominoes. Traveled extensively in China, Japan, Mexico, The Carribean, Spain, Portugal, Italy, France, British Isles, Canada, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, United States. Included among his friends were a great many people of all professions and businesses in Baltimore and many in almost every corner of the United States and in several countries in Europe and China. In addition to his prominence in Hospital design, he was also considered an authority on early American and Colonial architecture. He had great interest in restoration work being particularly active in the Maryland Historical Society and the National Council for the Preservation of Historic Sites and Buildings.

Principal Commissions:

Hospitals:

Johns Hopkins Hospital and various projects since 1926, Baltimore, Md.  
University of Maryland Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, various projects  
since 1930

Jewish Medical Center, Baltimore, Maryland, since 1949; development  
of entire new plant.

East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, Knoxville, Tennessee, 1947

Baltimore Veterans Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, 1950

Hospital and various buildings, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1942

Various buildings, Crownsville State Hospital for the Colored Insane;  
Crownsville, Maryland, since 1929.

Stella Maris Hospice, Archdiocese of Baltimore, 1952.

Friendship International Airport Terminal Building, 1950

Physics Building, University of Pennsylvania, 1951

Hutzler-Towson Shopping Center, 1952

Catonsville High School, Baltimore County, Maryland, 1952

Eastern High School, 1935

WBAL Broadcasting & Transmitting Station, 1946

Parochial Church, School and Convent, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church,  
1941 to 1952



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