

Dated November 15 1946.

Received March 6, 1947.

Granted April 18, 1947.

MEMBERSHIP NO 5221



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

*In due order  
March 13, 1947  
J. J. Gervais*

A Name of applicant... Edgar Robert Firant... Chapter... Chicago.....  
B Address of applicant... 10817 South Prospect Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.....  
C Applicant proposed by... Richard E. Schmidt, F. and Joe Lyle Bennett.....  
D Application received with check for \$..10.00... on... March 6, 1947.  
E Application returned for correction..... 19 .  
F Application in due order on... March 13, 1947.  
Record of registration, Form S39, Sent (Ill.) Mar. 12, 1947. Received. March 17, 1947.  
G Notices sent to chapter executive committee:  
(a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on... 19... on 19 .  
(b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on... 19... on 19 .  
H Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on... March 13, 1947.  
I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission  
on that application was received on... March 6, 1947.  
J No report from chapter executive committee on... 19 .  
K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on... April 10, 1947  
L The Board of Examiners reported on application on... April 10, 1947  
M Applicant was admitted on... April 18, 1947  
N Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter  
to proposers on... April 18, 1947  
O Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$..... 19 .  
returned to applicant on.....

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT

I, Secretary of The American Institute of Architects, hereby certify that, under authority vested in me by The Board of Directors, I have this day duly elected  
Edgar Robert Firant

to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the Chicago Chapter.

Date

April 18, 1947

(a)

*Alexander C. Robinson Jr.*  
Secretary

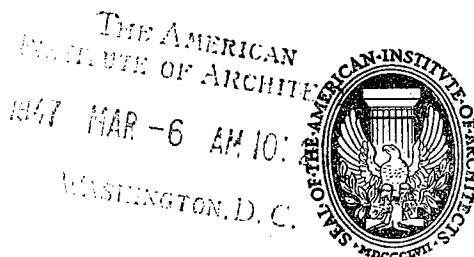
APPLICATION NO

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ORIGINAL

File this original with The Secretary of The American Institute of Architects.

File the duplicate, on yellow paper, with the secretary of the local chapter of The Institute.



The American Institute of Architects

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I, the undersigned, do hereby apply for corporate membership in The American Institute of Architects.

1. My full name is Edgar Robert Firant

2. State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.

2. I am a Natural citizen of The United States

3. My legal residence is in the City of Chicago

County of Cook

State of Illinois

4. State whether residence or office address.

4. My address in The Institute records will be

10817 S. Prospect Avenue

Number 7556 Street South Lafayette Avenue

City Chicago

State Illinois

5. State whether as a practicing architect, a teacher, a public official, etc.

5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as Practicing Architect

6. I desire to be a member of the Chicago Chapter.

7. I declare that I have read the by-laws and the Principles of Professional Practice of The American Institute of Architects, and that I understand the duties, responsibilities and obligations thereunder of a member of The Institute, and I do hereby agree and declare that, if admitted to membership, I will to the best of my ability abide by and comply with such by-laws and Principles of Professional Practice.

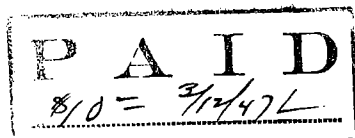
8. I have filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the chapter above named. I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its chapters or state association members.

9. I enclose my check for \$ 10.00, for admission fee and the first year's annual dues. It is my understanding that if for any reason I am not admitted to membership all of said amount will be returned to me, except five dollars which The Institute will retain as an examination fee.

Date Nov. 15 1946

Edgar Robert Firant

Applicant sign full name in ink



## STATISTICS

10. Date of birth June 7, 1917 Place of birth Chicago, Illinois

11. I am registered or licensed to practice architecture in the following named states:

(State or States) By Examination

(State or States) By Exemption

Illinois

Certificate No. 2983

Dated July 20, 1942

(a) I hold a Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

## EDUCATION

12. I attended the following named schools (high school, private school, college or university); have held the following named scholarships; have travelled in the following named countries:

University of Illinois

Illinois Institute of Technology

B.S.Arch.

United States

Canada

France

Germany

Poland

Lithuania

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

13. I list below, in chronological order, the periods of my training as draftsman, the names and addresses of my principal employers, and my classification as draftsman while employed by each:

June 10, 1940 to

Oct. 12, 1940

Albert F. Heino

11059 S. Hale Ave.

Chicago, Ill.

Draftsman

Oct. 14, 1940 to

May 10, 1941

Geo. Fred Keck

612 N. Michigan Ave.,

Chicago, Illinois

Draftsman

May 26, 1941 to

Oct. 1, 1941

H. Samuel Kruse

127½ S. Locust

Centralia, Ill.

Draftsman

Oct. 22, 1941 to

Mar. 7, 1942

I. M. Cohen

127 S. State St.

Chicago, Ill.

Draftsman

## PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

14. I list below, in chronological order, the periods during which and the states in which I have practiced architecture as an individual or as a member of a firm or corporation or as a public official or have taught architecture or the arts and sciences allied therewith. (State names of firms or corporations or public office and of schools or colleges).

Mar. 9, 1942 to June 26, 1942	Board of Education Fenger High School	Instructor in Architectural Drawing
July 10, 1942 to Feb. 1, 1943	Geo. A. Fuller Constr.Co. Dodge Chicago Plant	Senior Draftsman
Feb. 1, 1943 to July 3, 1944	Dodge Chicago Plant Division of Chrysler Corp.	Plant Layout Engineer
July 6, 1944 to Oct. 30, 1944	Illinois Institute of Technology Chicago, Illinois	Instructor in Descriptive Geometry
Nov. 9, 1944 to date	Schmidt, Garden & Erikson, Chicago.	Designer

## PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

15. Member of Institute from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
16. Junior of Institute from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
17. Associate of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
18. Junior Associate of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
19. Member of State Association in Illinois Society of Architects from Jan. '45 to date

## ENDORSEMENT BY PROPOSERS

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have read the statements made herein above by the applicant and believe them to be correct. I vouch for his honorable standing in this community and in his profession. I believe he is fully qualified for membership and I propose him therefor.

I have known the applicant for five years.

Signed Richard E. Schmidt  
Proposer

104 So. Michigan Ave - Chicago 3.  
Address

Richard E. Schmidt, Jr., 1894  
Address

I have known the applicant for 7 years.

Signed Joe H. Bennett  
Proposer

1384 Orchard St. Des Plaines Ill  
Address

Note: The two proposers must be corporate members of The Institute in good standing.

OFFICERS  
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363 RIDGE ROAD, KENILWORTH  
SECRETARY CHAS. D. FAULKNER, A.I.A.  
307 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE  
TREASURER W. FRED DOLKE, A.I.A.  
189 WEST MADISON STREET

INSTITUTE CHARTER  
1872



STATE CHARTER  
1890

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1946-1947

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JOHN S. CROMELIN, A.I.A.	2 YEARS
NATHANIEL A. OWINGS, A.I.A.	1 YEAR

AND THE OFFICERS

CHICAGO CHAPTER  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

March 4, 1947

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Director  
The American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.,  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Enclosed herewith is the application of Edgar Robert Firant, 10817 South Prospect, Chicago, for corporate membership in the Institute. This application has received the favorable recommendation of the Chapter and is accompanied by an application check in the amount of \$10.00

Sincerely yours,

*Chas. D. Faulkner*  
Chas. D. Faulkner, Secretary  
Chicago Chapter, A.I.A.

CDF.p



THE AMERICAN  
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

AP No

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1947 MAR 17 AM 10:42

WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

Edgar Robert Firant, Chicago, Ill.

(Name of Applicant)

RECEIVED

MAR 14 1947

DEPARTMENT OF  
REGISTRATION AND EDUCATION

SECRETARY,

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,  
Springfield, Ill.

Address

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date March 12, 19 47.

Alexander C. Robinson  
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? Yes
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? yes or by exemption?
3. What was the scope of the examination? Planning & Designing; roof trusses and Details; Specifications; Strength of Materials and Concrete construction
4. What was the period of the examination? 3 days. Written examination yes hours; Oral examination no hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? no If so, give Certificate No. no
6. Date of last registration July 20 19 42 Registration No. 2983 Is it current? Yess

Philip M. Harman  
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date March 14 19 47

Illinois Dept. of Reg. & Ed. (Arch. Div.)  
(Name of Board)

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

COPY

*Application  
closed*

March 28, 1947

April 9, 1947

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3/6/47

Dear Mr. Firant:

This is to acknowledge with thanks your check in  
the sum of \$10.00, under date of November 15, 1946, which  
you sent in payment of admission fee and dues in advance.  
The check has been returned by the bank marked -  
"Account Closed" and we are returning it to you and ask  
that you make another payment to cover same.

Sincerely yours,

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director

Assistant Treasurer

Mr. Edgar R. Firant  
10817 So. Prospect Ave.,  
Chicago, Illinois

K:M:a  
encl.

EDGAR FIRANT ARCHITECT

~~7330 LAFAYETTE AVENUE~~  
10817 S. PROSPECT

CHICAGO ~~30~~  
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THE AMERICAN  
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1947 APR -2 AM 9:20  
VINCENNES 4059  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

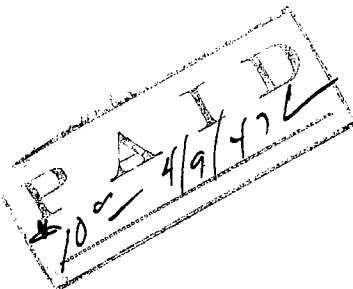
Edward C. Kemper  
Assistant Treasurer  
The American Institute of Architects  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am sorry to have overlooked my check  
for payment of admission fee and dues,  
when I closed my account with The  
Mutual National Bank.

Please accept a postal money order  
for the sum of ten dollars to cover  
the fee and dues.

Sincerely yours,  
Edgar Firant





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

COPY

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.  
Office of The Secretary

April 18, 1947

NOTICE OF ASSIGNED TO MEMBERSHIP

Dear Mr. Firant:

The Secretary is happy to inform you that your application for membership in The Institute was acted on favorably by The Board of Directors and that you were admitted to corporate membership in The Institute and assigned to membership in the Chicago Chapter, effective April 18, 1947. You will be a member of that Chapter, or of some other chapter if you later transfer thereto, until your membership in The Institute terminates.

Your certificate of membership, duly executed by the Officers of The Institute, will be sent in due course.

The Board of Directors welcomes you to membership in The Institute and The Secretary's office is at your service to the extent of its powers.

The policies and activities of The Institute are developed largely from problems arising within the chapters. By taking an active part in your Chapter affairs, you will contribute to the advancement of the objects of The Institute and will increase the benefits to be derived from Institute membership.

We bespeak your active cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

CC to: President,  
Chicago Chapter, A.I.A.  
Secretary

Mr. Edgar Robert Firant, A.I.A.  
10817 South Prospect Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

ACR/kk  
Enclosure

CC to: Proposers - Mr. Richard E. Schmidt, F.A.I.A.  
Mr. Joe Lyle Bennett, A.I.A.

COPY TO

FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER



THE AMERICAN  
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
MAY 24 AM 8:53  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ARIZONA CHAPTER  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Route 5, Box 192  
Tucson, Arizona

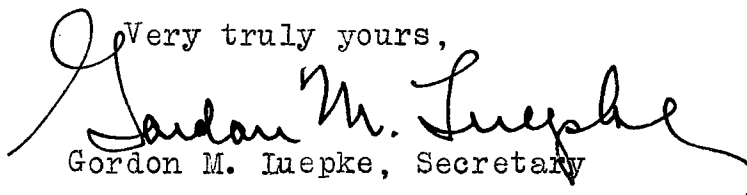
May 19, 1949

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter concerning  
transfer of Edgar Firant, a Corporate Member  
of the Illinois Chapter, to the Arizona Chapter.

Very truly yours,

  
Gordon M. Luepke, Secretary

Enc.

Route 5, Box 192  
Tucson, Arizona

May 19, 1949

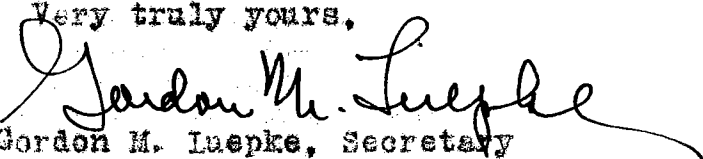
Mr. Charles D. Faulkner, Secretary  
Illinois Chapter, A. I. A.  
307 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Mr. Edgar Firant of your Chapter has changed his residence to this area, and has expressed a desire to transfer his membership to this Chapter. The Arizona Chapter will be very glad to accept Mr. Firant's transfer.

I have advised Mr. Firant to write your Chapter and indicate his desire to transfer to this Chapter.

Very truly yours,

  
Gordon M. Luepke, Secretary



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
1741 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.  
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

May 24, 1949

NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Effective Date : May 1, 1949

TO: Transferred Member:

Mr. Edgar R. Firant, A.I.A.  
4076 E. Wilshire Drive  
Phoenix, Arizona

*John*  
Secretary of Chapter  
To Which Member is  
Transferred

Mr. Gordon M. Luepke, Secretary  
Arizona Chapter, A.I.A.  
Route 5, Box 192  
Tucson, Arizona

Secretary of Chapter  
From Which Member  
Is Transferred

Mr. Charles D. Faulkner, Secretary  
Chicago Chapter, A.I.A.  
307 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago 1, Illinois

In accordance with Chapter II, Article 1, Section 7 of the By-laws  
of The Institute this will advise that the above-named corporate  
member has been transferred as indicated.

Sincerely yours,

*Carin A. D. [Signature]*  
SECRETARY

2-3-7  
Firant  
file

May 19, 1952

Dear Mr. Firant:

( See 68 )

This is in response to your card of May 12th concerning a membership emblem in blue with gold letters stating "A Member of The American Institute of Architects".

The emblem to which you refer was discontinued many years ago by The Institute, and we do not have any copies now available for sale. In the meantime, a new emblem in the form of a button pin or watch charm has been manufactured, and is shown on the enclosed sheet, which also includes full details concerning its purchase.

Your order will receive our prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Rankin  
Administrative Secretary

Mr. Edgar R. Firant, A.I.A.  
4130 E. Wilshire Drive  
Phoenix, Arizona.

JWR:mv

EDGAR R. FIRANT

A - I - A  
ARCHITECT

1055 Underwood, s.e., Grand Rapids, Michigan

November 30, 1955

American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Twice in the past I have reported my change-of-address with my payment of dues. However, only the first class mail from the Institute which has been sent to my former Zion, Illinois address has gotten to me in the last three months. Please correct this, and send all correspondence to the following address:

Edgar Firant  
1055 Underwood, s.e.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Also, would you please send me the names and addresses of the presidents and secretaries of the Arizona and Western Michigan Chapters of the A. I. A.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Firant

*members  
Furant, Edgar R.*

FILE COPY - PLEASE RETURN

December 15, 1955

*F.*  
Mr. Edgar R. Furant, A.I.A.  
1055 Underwood, S. E.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Mr. Furant:

We regret very much that our records have been in error on your address, and have made the correction indicated.

The Presidents and Secretaries of the Chapters requested are as follows:

Ralph Haver, President, Arizona Chapter  
207 E. Camelback Rd.  
Phoenix, Arizona

James W. Elmore, Secretary, Arizona Chapter  
5801 N. 30th St.  
Phoenix, Arizona

Ian C. Ironside, President, Western Michigan Chapter  
322 Oxford, East Lansing, Michigan

Richard Prince, Jr., Secretary, Western Michigan Chapter  
511 Monroe St.  
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Yours very truly,

J. W. Rankin  
Administrative Secretary

JWR:mi

1055 Underwood St., S.E.  
Grand Rapids 6, Michigan.

February 17, 1956

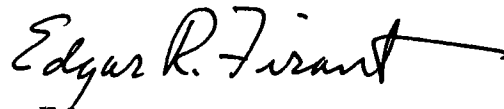
The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I have established residence in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and have a Michigan registration as architect.

I would appreciate it if you would transfer my chapter membership from Phoenix, Arizona to the Western Michigan Chapter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Edgar R. Firant". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Edgar R. Firant





THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Western Michigan Chapter

(Chapter)

Box 671, Kalamazoo, Michigan

(Address)

SECRETARY, Henry G. Groehn

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,

1604

Address ~~705~~ Cadillac Square Building,  
Detroit 26, Michigan

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

Edgar R. Firant

(Name of Applicant)

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date March 5, 19 56

Richard Prince Jr.  
Chapter Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice ~~architecture in your state?~~ Yes
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? \_\_\_\_\_ or by exemption? Reciprocity from Illinois
3. What was the scope of the examination? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What was the period of the examination? \_\_\_\_\_ days. Written examination \_\_\_\_\_ hours; Oral examination \_\_\_\_\_ hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, give Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Date of first registration July 29 19 55 Registration No. 8732 Is it current? Yes

Henry G. Groehn  
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date March 6 19 56

Executive Secretary  
(Name of Board)  
Mich. State Board of Registration for Architects,  
Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors

Members.  
Firant, Edgar R.  
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.  
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

April 24, 1956

NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Effective Date - April 1, 1956

TO: Transferred Member:

Mr. Edgar R. Firant, A.I.A.  
1055 Underwood Street, S.E.  
Grand Rapids 6, Michigan

Secretary of Chapter  
To Which Member is  
Transferred

Mr. Richard Prince, Jr., Secretary  
Western Michigan Chapter, A.I.A.  
Box 671  
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Secretary of Chapter  
From Which Member  
Is Transferred

Mr. Robert T. Cox, Secretary  
The Central Arizona Chapter, A.I.A.  
1902 East Camelback Road  
Phoenix, Arizona

In accordance with Chapter II, Article 1, Section 7 of the By-laws  
of The Institute this will advise that the above-named corporate  
member has been transferred as indicated.

Sincerely yours,

*Edward L. Wilson*  
SECRETARY

Copy to the Secretary,  
Michigan Society of Architects, A.I.A.



# Grand Valley Chapter A.I.A.

April 10, 1972

Membership Procedures  
The American Institute of Architects  
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is the record for the Institutes Baldwin Memorial Archive Records, for Benjamin W. Hertel.

Edgar Robert Firant, a Corporate Member of the Grand Valley Chapter, passed away recently. Please delete him from the membership list.

Sincerely,

Fredric J. Renaud, AIA, Secretary  
Grand Valley Chapter AIA

FJR/ss

*President* – RICHARD KOPROWSKI, 245 Lafayette Avenue, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502  
*Vice-President* – PAUL BOWERS, JR., 345 State Street, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502  
*Secretary* – FREDRIC RENAUD, 345 State Street, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502  
*Treasurer* – PAUL VANDERLEEK, 595 E. 16th Street, Holland, Michigan 49423  
*Director* – LOREN LOTHSCUTZ, 418 Lafayette Street, Grand Haven, Michigan 49417  
*Director* – WILLIAM THRALL, 35 Lafayette, N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503  
*MSA Director* – BERNARD J. DeVRIES, FAIA, 610 Hackley Union Building, Muskegon, Michigan 49440

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

April 17, 1972

Mr. Fredric J. Renaud, Secretary  
Grand Valley Chapter, AIA  
345 State Street, SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49502

Dear Mr. Renaud:

Re: Death of Edgar Robert Firant

We are very sorry to learn of the death of  
the member indicated above.

For The Institute's Baldwin Memorial Archive  
records, it would be appreciated if you would  
have the enclosed form filled in. The extra  
copy is for the Chapter's files.

Sincerely yours,

Maureen Marx, Director  
Membership Procedures

MM:hrs  
Enclosures

RECEIVED BY

JUN 26 1972

BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE  
of American Architects

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

WOLD, BOWERS, DE SHANE  
& COVERT, INC.

Name: EDGAR ROBERT FIRANT of (address) 1621 Breton Rd., S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan

Born: June 7, 1917 at Oak Park, Ill. Died: March 13, 1972 at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Parents: Adolph and Anna Firant and

Married: June 17, 1944 to Gerda Elisabeth of Swanson on

Children: Laurel E. Firant

Education: University of Illinois and Armour Institute of Technology under L. Mies Van der Rohe

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

Training - designing for Chicago firms Schmidt, Garden & Erickson - 1945-7;  
Perkins & Will - 1953-4; Lescher & Mahoney of Phoenix Ariz. 1947-  
Beyster & Co., Detroit, Grand Rapids Manager, Daverman Co. 52  
Grand Rapids

1959 - Opened his own office EDGAR ROBERT FIRANT, ARCHITECT, GRAND RAPIDS

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

Member of the American Institute of Architects, and the Grand Valley Chapter;  
" Michigan Association of Professions  
" Guild for Religious Architecture; American Soc. for Church Arch

Taught for the Ill. Inst. of Technology, Navy V-12 Program (Descriptive  
Other Affiliations: (Religious, Fraternal, Political, Social) Geometry) 1944; & High School-1942

Member of East Congregational Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.

When in Arizona, was a member of the A.I.A., and also in Illinois.

Also Registered Professional Engineer in Illinois  
Public Service: (Civil and Military; Community, State, National)

community planning;

Member of East Grand Rapids Planning Commission

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

Edgar Firant was noted for his beautiful church designs, among which are:

The Christian Catholic Church - Approx. cost: \$1,160,000.  
Dowie Memorial Drive, Unique arch shape ascending to 60 ft. high  
Zion, Illinois chancel. Seats 13,000. excellent acoustics.  
constructed 1960-1968 Incl. adminis. wing, 21 classrooms, gym.,  
library, etc. Also designed chancel  
furnishings. Chancel window by Gerda Firant

Published in Chicago Tribune - 10/8/59;

" Waukegan News Sun - 11/23/61 & 4/21/62

" Church Management - cover & article - Jan. 1964.

Won citation for church design - Nat'l. Assoc. Evangelical  
Church Groups

All of the churches have had dedication booklets with pictures of the churches. (OVER)

Edgar Firant traveled in Europe, Mexico, all over the U.S., and Canada

Besides churches, in Phoenix, Illinois, and Michigan, he designed misc. bldgs, schools, homes; and a Civic Center complex in Grandville, Mich. recently. And he designed many unique small churches in addition to these listed.

General Background: (Personal Characteristics and Accomplishments; Interests, Digressions, Travels, Friendships, Side-lights, Honors, and Awards.) Edgar Firant loved architecture - He made models & many studies of his buildings.

Churches (cont.): Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church - approx. \$960,000.  
1200 Alpine Church Road  
Comstock Park, Mich.

Published - Grand Rapids Press 3/28/68; 5/4/68;  
& 5/5/68

West Michigan Catholic Newspaper

won: American Institute of Architects award,  
Grand Valley Chapter, Oct. 1970; and  
The James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation  
Award - 1968.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church - approx. \$370,000.  
Roosevelt Park, constructed 1971.  
Muskegon, Mich. seats 450; adminis. area, parlor, classrooms. Altar furnishings include orig. Lutheran symbol hanging over chancel area, designed by architect. Stained glass windows designed by Gerda Firant.

Immanuel Lutheran Church - approx. \$264,000., constructed 1964-5.  
Apple Ave. & Creston seats 450; adminis. area, classrooms,  
Muskegon, Mich. fellowship hall wing. Altar furnishings also designed by Edgar Firant.

First Methodist Church - approx. \$242,000., constructed 1969  
Montague, Mich. seats 350; narthex parlor, admin., classrooms, fellowship hall. Entry through bell-tower.

Shawnee Park Christian Reformed Church - approx. \$284,000. Constructed 1966-8  
2255 Tecumseh Dr., s.e. seats 650; admins. area, fellow-  
Grand Rapids, Mich. ship hall, classrooms.

First Baptist Church - approx. \$243,000. Constructed 1969  
38 South State St. seats 600; offices & classrooms, etc.  
Sparta, Mich.

ReOrganized-Latter Day Saints Church Unique church design on a hill  
4875 Palenque Place, n.e. Grand Rapids Constructed 1967-68

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

Compiled by: Gerda E. Firant (Mrs. Edgar Firant) Date: June 20, 1972

Acknowledgements: Other churches: { United Methodist Church, Grandville, Mich.  
Arcadia Christian Reform Church  
Four Mile Rd., & Plainfield, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Chapel Hill Methodist Church, First Baptist Church, 215 Courtland Ave., Rockford, Mich.  
Kent City, Mich.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, S. Lincoln & Division, Rockford, Mich.

*Firant, Edgar Robert*  
**EDGAR FIRANT  
AND COMPANY, INC.  
ARCHITECT**

August 30, 1974

American Institute of Architects  
Baldwin Memorial Archives of American Architects  
1785 Massachusetts Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Sirs:

After Edgar Robert Firant passed away on March 13, 1972,  
I was requested to send a list of his work to the Baldwin  
Memorial Archives of American Architects and I sent the  
form, filled out, back to you.

Last year we had two exhibits of my husband's work  
at the University of Michigan and at the Grand Rapids  
Art Museum. Since I feel that the first list I sent you  
was incomplete, I am sending you a more complete form to  
be added to Edgar Robert Firant - Architect's file.

I worked with my husband as an Artist-Partner, doing stained-glass  
windows, screens, etc. on his churches, and some of my work  
was shown along with his Architecture.

Very truly yours,

*Gerda Firant*

Gerda Elisabeth Firant  
(Mrs. Edgar Robert Firant)

encl.



GRAND RAPIDS ART MUSEUM  
230 East Fulton  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502

Exhibition of Works by Edgar R. Firant, architect  
arranged with the help of  
Gerda Elisabeth Firant

July 15 - August 14, 1973

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
NORTH CAMPUS COMMONS GALLERY  
2101 Bonisteel Blvd.  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

exhibition of paintings,  
stained-glass windows  
and screen designs

by  
GERDA ELISABETH FIRANT, m.f.a.

architectural models and views  
of prize-winning churches

by  
EDGAR ROBERT FIRANT, architect

November 5 thru November 23, 1973

Gallery hours: Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

*The University  
of Michigan  
Ann Arbor, Mich*



## Gallery 6

Works by Edgar Robert Firant, architect

1917-1972

Edgar Robert Firant's architecture inspires through its original and dynamic design. The key idea in the creation of churches is to provide inspirational sacred buildings for the worship of God. Firant's designs reflect particular church liturgy. Each church has forthright simplicity of design through functional architecture, yet each is original and aesthetically beautiful.

In Firant's design procedure the scale of each structure was sensitively considered, resulting in unique qualities of space. The acoustics were carefully worked out, and as a result many of his churches are noted for their musical resonance and clarity of sound. Firant also designed the chancel furnishings which include many interesting pulpits, canopies, altars, communion rails, and baptismal fonts. All of the details of each building are coordinated to complement the whole structure as a work of art. Gerda Elisabeth Firant (M.F.A. School of the Art Institute of Chicago) was the artist-partner of her husband, designing stained glass windows, screens, and color planning.

Edgar Robert Firant was educated at the University of Illinois and Armour Institute of Technology in Chicago - studying with Architect Mies Van der Rohe. He graduated in 1940. He taught architectural drafting in high school and taught descriptive geometry in the Navy V12 Program. He was a licensed architect in the states of Illinois, Arizona, and Michigan, and Professional Engineer in Illinois. In Chicago, Phoenix, and Grand Rapids, he was a designer and project manager on hospitals, schools, civic buildings, and churches. He opened his own office in Grand Rapids in 1959.

He was a member of the American Institute of Architects, Chicago Chapter, A.I.A., Phoenix Chapter, A.I.A., Grand Valley Western Michigan Chapter, A.I.A.; Michigan Association of Professions; American Society for Church Architecture; Guild of Religious Architecture; East Grand Rapids Planning Commission.

WORKS OF EDGAR ROBERT FIRANT, ARCHITECT

1917-1972

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1501 Woodside Avenue, Roosevelt Park, Muskegon, Michigan

Constructed 1971-72

Sanctuary, Administration, Parlor and Fellowship Hall. Seats 450 in Sanctuary. Altar furnishings and Lutheran symbol hanging over chancel area designed by architect.

Stained glass windows designed by Gerda Firant, M.F.A.

REED CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

306 South Higbee Street, Reed City, Michigan

Constructed 1972-73

Sanctuary, Administration, Parlor and Fellowship Hall. Seats 310 in Sanctuary.

Stained glass windows designed by Gerda Firant.

CADILLAC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

121 East Harris Avenue, Cadillac, Michigan

Constructed 1972-73

HOLY TRINITY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1200 Alpine Church Road, Comstock Park, Michigan

Constructed 1966-67

Sanctuary, Rectory, Social Hall, Administration, etc.

Reconstruction of damaged church into day school - 1965.

Seats 900 in Sanctuary. Altar furnishings designed by architect.

Wood screens separating chapels from Sanctuary designed by

Gerda Firant. The church is a square - centered on the altar.

The main structure is composed of 4 pairs of steel box girder

arches that meet at the center to form a square skylight. The

intersections of the arches support a 60' high tower.

Awarded The James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation Award, 1968.

Awarded The American Institute of Architects award, Grand Valley Chapter, 1970.

RIVERSIDE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH ADDITIONS

602 Comstock Park, ne, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Construction 1973.

ROCKFORD ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
South Lincoln and Division, Rockford, Michigan

Constructed 1966.  
Sanctuary, Administration, Classrooms and Fellowship Hall.

SHAWNEE PARK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH  
2255 Tecumseh Drive, se, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Constructed 1967-68.  
Sanctuary, Hall and Classrooms. Sanctuary seats 650.

CHAPEL HILL METHODIST CHURCH  
Kent City, Michigan

Constructed 1967. Sanctuary, Narthex-parlor, Hall, Meeting rooms.  
Sanctuary seats 260. Unique ceiling construction in Sanctuary.

MONTAGUE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH  
Montague, Michigan

Constructed 1967-68. Sanctuary, Narthex-parlor, Hall, Administration  
and classrooms. Narthex seats 350. Entrance through bell tower.

REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS  
Palenque Place, ne, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Constructed 1967-68. Sanctuary, Hall and stage, Parlor, meeting  
rooms, etc. Sanctuary seats 290. Unique church on a hill.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
651 Phoenix Street, South Haven, Michigan

Constructed 1970. Sanctuary, Administration unit and meeting rooms,  
Chapel. Sanctuary furnishings by architect.

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2627 44th Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Windows designed by Gerda Firant.

SPARTA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
38 South State Street, Sparta, Michigan

Constructed 1969. Sanctuary, Offices and Classrooms. Chancel  
furniture by architect. Sanctuary seats 600. Windows designed  
by Gerda Firant.

THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Dowie Memorial Drive, Zion, Illinois

Sanctuary and 22 meeting rooms - constructed 1960-61  
Administration and Educational unit - constructed 1961-62.  
Gymnasium and classrooms - constructed 1967-68.  
Sanctuary seats 1,300. It has unique arch shape which is 60' high at chancel. High chancel window of stained glass and concrete designed by Gerda Firant. Altar furnishings designed by architect.

Awarded The National Association of Evangelical Church Group citation for excellence of design, 1961.

ARCADIA CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH  
Four Mile Road and Plainfield, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Constructed 1962-63.  
Sanctuary, Hall and Meeting rooms.

ROCKFORD FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
215 Courtland Avenue, Rockford, Michigan

Constructed 1963-64.  
Sanctuary, Library, Classrooms.  
Stained glass window designed by Gerda Firant.

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
3020 Lake Michigan Drive, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Constructed 1963-64.  
Sanctuary, Hall and Meeting rooms.

MUSKEGON IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Apple Avenue and Creston, Muskegon, Michigan

Constructed 1964-65  
Sanctuary, Administration, Classrooms, Fellowship Hall wing.  
Sanctuary seats 450.  
Altar furniture designed by Edgar Firant.

MAMRELUND LUTHERAN CHURCH ADDITIONS  
4085 Lutheran Church Road, Kent City, Michigan

Constructed 1965-66.  
Sunday school rooms, Chapel and Parlor.

GRANDVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
3140 Wilson, sw, Grandville, Michigan

Constructed 1971. Sanctuary, Administration, Fellowship Hall, Meeting rooms, etc. Chancel furniture designed by architect. Stained glass windows by Gerda Firant.

GRANDVILLE CIVIC CENTER  
Wilson Avenue, sw, Grandville, Michigan

Constructed 1969. Public Library & Public Safety Building

CITY OF WYOMING COMMUNITY & SCHOOL SWIMMING POOLS  
Jackson Park School, Wyoming, Michigan - Constructed 1971-72.

WOODLAND TRAVEL CENTER  
5190 Plainfield Avenue, ne, Grand Rapids, Michigan

MICHIGAN FRUIT CANNERS OFFICES AND PLANT ADDITIONS  
Fennville, Michigan

HEMLOCK PUBLIC SCHOOL ADDITIONS  
Hemlock, Michigan

MEDICAL BUILDINGS:

Krajci Pharmacy, Grant St. & St. Joseph Ave., Niles Michigan  
Carlson Dental Medical Building, Rockford, Michigan  
Lindenfeld Medical Office Building, Niles, Michigan  
Hoekstra Medical Offices, 909 Fulton St., Grand Rapids, Michigan

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Robert Hutchinson residence, Fennville, Michigan  
Thompson residence, 4011 Reeds Lake Blvd., Grand Rapids, Michigan  
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Swanson residence, 2945 Bonnell Drive, Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Smith residence, 2053 S. Chesaning Dr., se, Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Firant residence, 1621 Breton Rd., Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Scott residence, 3510 Apache Ct., sw, Grandville, Michigan  
Edgar residence, 1129 Idema Drive, se, Grand Rapids, Michigan

In Phoenix, Arizona - The Central Methodist Church, Central Avenue  
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church (with firm of Leshner & Mahoney)  
Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church additions.

All color planning by Gerda Firant, M.F.A.