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March 24, 1978

Mrs. Catha Grace Rambusch
Committee for the Preservation
of Architectural Records
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Dear Mrs. Rambusch:

Referring to your letter of March 8 - yes - we have been in continuous Architectural practice for over 80 years.

We have retained the name "William E. Lehman Architect" up until about a year and a half ago when the name was changed to "Lehman Architectural Partnership" with offices at 301 South Livingston Avenue, Livingston, New Jersey 07039. This latter office is manned by my cousins, Mr. John E. Lehman and Mr. Thomas C. Lehman, while I still maintain a branch office at this address.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing a biography of my Father, indicating that besides being an Architect, he was also interested in many other affairs.

Here is a history of the firm as well as I can put it together:

WILLIAM E. LEHMAN ARCHITECT (1896 to 1977)

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| 1) William E. Lehman | 1896 - 1951 |
| 2) Jack H. Lehman | 1907 - 1941 |
| 3) David J. Lehman | 1912 - 1968 |
| 4) William E. Lehman, Jr., A.I.A. | 1929 - 1977 |
| 5) John E. Lehman | 1941 - 1977 |
| 6) Thomas C. Lehman, A.I.A. | 1950 - 1977 |

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LEHMAN ARCHITECTURAL PARTNERSHIP (1977 to Present)

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| 1) John E. Lehman | 1977 - Present |
| 2) Thomas C. Lehman, A.I.A. | 1977 - Present |

OFFICE ADDRESSES

1896 - 1907 - Prudential Office Building - 175 Market Street,
Newark, New Jersey

1907 - 1923 - Scheuer Building (Now 744 Broad Street Office
Building) - 738 Broad Street, Newark, New
Jersey

1923 - Present- 972 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey

1974 - Present- 301 South Livingston Avenue, Livingston, New
Jersey

Concerning old drawings; I am sure you are aware
that all our linen drawings, dated prior to 1940, have been
donated to the New Jersey Historical Society, (Dr. Robert
Morris). In our files there are linen drawings of our more
recent work.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Cordially,

WILLIAM E. LEHMAN ARCHITECT


William E. Lehman, Jr., A.I.A.

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BIOGRAPHY OF WILLIAM E. LEHMAN

Mr. William E. Lehman was born May 28, 1874 in Newark, N. J., the eldest son of Emanuel and Johanna Lehman. Mr. Lehman was educated by the Newark Public School System and also attended Newark Academy. He attended the School of Architecture, Cornell University and graduated in 1895.

He started his career as an Architect in 1896 and opened his office in the attic of the original Prudential Building at Broad and Bank Streets.

Subsequently, his office was relocated to the Scheuer Building at Broad and Commerce St. and later to 972 Broad St.

Mr. Lehman was founder and chairman of the Board of the United States Realty and Investment Co.; president of the Aetna Realty Co.; founder and member of the Board of the United States Trust Co.; founder and member of the board of the United States Mortgage & Title Guarantee Co.; member of the Board of the Bankers Bond and Mortgage Co. of Philadelphia; member of the Board of the Bankers Securities Co. of Philadelphia; member of the Board of the Girard Life Insurance Co. of Phila.; President of the former Manufacturers Building & Loan Association; a member of the Newark Progress Club; honorary member of the Board of Trustees of Temple B'Nai Jeshurun; trustee of the Jewish Orphan Asylum; he was a member of Blue Lodge and became a 33rd degree Mason, Salaam Temple; he was Chairman of the Mayor's Committee 1926 to study Newark Tax Ratables.

Mr. Lehman was licensed as an architect in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Alabama and Canada. During his many years as an Architect, he designed many well known structures throughout the East including the following buildings in this vicinity:

Newark Post Office & Federal Building	Oppenheim Collins Dept. Store
Medical Towers	A. Hollander & Sons
Hotel Douglas	299 Clinton Ave. Apartment
West Orange Town Hall	11 Hill St. office building
Roosevelt Homes Housing	972 Broad St. office building
Alderny Dairy Co.	Progress Club
National Biscuit Co. (30 buildings)	Theatres (30 buildings)
N. J. Bell Telephone Co. (12 buildings)	U.S. Trust Co.
Sears, Roebuck and Co. (42 buildings)	Marzano Bank
Goerke Department Store.	Royal Globe Ins. Co.

Mr. Lehman married Carolyn Haas of Cincinnati, Ohio in 1903 and had three children. He resided at South Broad St. and at 105 Clinton Ave., Newark, until he moved to So. Orange. He died July 30, 1951.

April 30, 1979

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FOR: The New Jersey Historical Society

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

An exhibit featuring the work of one of New Jersey's oldest architectural firms opens June 6 at the New Jersey Historical Society, 230 Broadway in Newark.

"Building New Jersey: Designs by William E. Lehman, Architect," is the display's title. The exhibit, to be mounted in the Society's Little Gallery, will offer drawings, models, photos and documentary architectural material depicting the firm's work nationwide, but focusing on its designs in Newark and other areas of Essex County during the early 20th century.

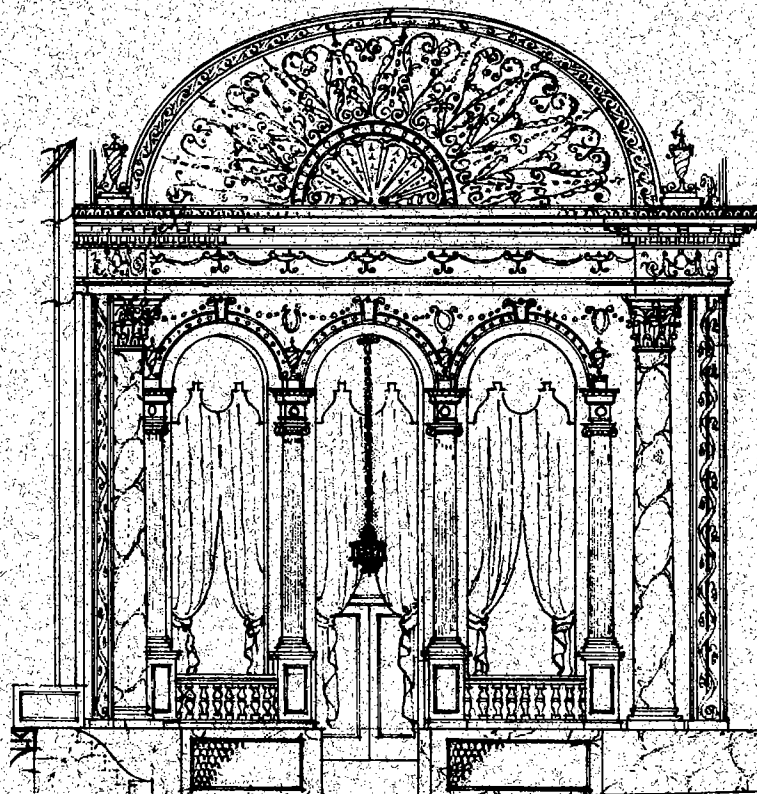
The firm was founded in 1896 by the late William E. Lehman, and continues today with offices in Newark and Livingston. The Lehman material was presented to the Society last year by the firm.

A reception is being planned for the opening date which architects and others interested in architecture and the preservationist field will attend. Persons interested in information about the reception may contact Don C. Skemer, keeper of Manuscripts at the Society.

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LEHMAN, William E.

BUILDING NEW JERSEY



Designs By
WILLIAM E. LEHMAN
Architect

An Exhibition
June 6–September 1

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