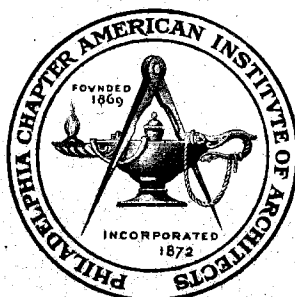


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Philadelphia, October 25, 1916.

Mr. E. C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary, A. I. A.,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Acknowledging your letter of August 1st, 1916, relative to the selection of Mr. Emlyn L. Stewardson of the Philadelphia Chapter for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute, I would state that the Executive Committee at its meeting held on September 12th, 1916, acting for the Philadelphia Chapter, formally approved the selection of Mr. Stewardson for advancement to Fellowship.

With reference to your request for a statement to be presented to the Convention with the name of Mr. Stewardson, I submit the following written by Mr. Frank Miles Day:-

"The Board of Directors of the American Institute of Architects nominates for Fellowship in the Institute, Mr. Emlyn L. Stewardson of Philadelphia

Mr. Stewardson was born in 1863, and graduated in 1884 from the University of Pennsylvania. In 1887 he was admitted to partnership in the firm of Cope & Stewardson, which had been formed two years earlier and he participated in the rapidly growing practice of that firm.

Upon the untimely deaths of John Stewardson and Walter Cope, Emlyn L. Stewardson became the head of the firm of Cope & Stewardson and he remains that of its successor, Stewardson & Page. Of the great number of highly interesting works executed by these firms, it suffices to mention Blair and Little Halls at Princeton, Denbeigh, Pembroke and Rockefeller Halls and the library at Bryn Mawr; the Overbrook School for the Blind near Philadelphia; Washington University at St. Louis, and the extensive dormitories at the University of Pennsylvania. The earlier of these buildings set a higher standard for collegiate architecture than our country had previously attained, and the later of them worthily maintain that standard.

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On account of Emlyn L. Stewardson's part in these and many other equally admirable buildings and on account of the high standard of ethical conduct which he has maintained throughout his thirty years of practice, his election as a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects is a tribute that has too long remain unpaid."

Very truly yours

Edward A. Crane
Secretary.

P.O.Box 308
Princeton, N.J.

October 31, 1959

Mr. Edmund Purves
Executive Secretary, A.I.A.
The Octagon,
1735 New York Ave. N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Purves:

I am in the process of gathering material for my Senior Thesis at Princeton University. My subject is the work of the firm of Cope and Stewardson. Emlyn Stewardson was my grandfather and John my great uncle, a fact which does not seem to be of much help as everyone in the family has forgotten so much. However, both my father, and my Aunt Rosamond Taylor suggested immediately that I get in touch with you. Since then, I have had letters from Mr. Thomas P. Cope and Mr. Robert Rodes McGoodwin in which they suggest the same.

I am, of course interested in any general information on the subject that you might have. Does the A.I.A. have a library in which I might be able to find something? I have one specific question: I recently discovered an article written by one John V. Van Pelt, F.A.I.A., in the May(?) 1945 edition of the A.I.A. Journal. In this article he says that he has in his possession letters written him by John Stewardson on the subject of architecture. I would like very much to get hold of these letters if possible but have no idea how to find Mr. Van Pelt, if he is still alive. Can you shed any light on the subject?

I will be very grateful for anything you can tell me, and look forward to hearing from you. I am,

Very Sincerely,

William E. Stewardson

Roe Blvd, W.
Patchogue, N.Y.

*Mr. Pettengill
Princeton, N.J.*

November 5, 1959

Mr. William E. Stewardson
P. O. Box 308
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Stewardson:

I was very interested in your letter of October 31st, which I have taken the liberty of referring to our Librarian, George E. Pettengill, who may be of further assistance to you. Doubtless, he will be writing to you.

John V. Van Pelt's address is Eos Blvd., W., Patchogue, New York. I remember your Aunt Rosemond very well and your grandparents, your grandfather having been one of Philadelphia's most distinguished architects.

If we can be of further help to you, please let me know.

In the meantime, wishing you all success and with my respects to your Aunt Rosemond, I am

Yours sincerely,

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

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cc: Mr. Thomas Cope
Mr. Robert McGoodwin
Mr. George Pettengill *check file*