

# Louis H. Sams\*, FCSI

*"In recognition of your distinguished achievements and proficiency in compiling and writing construction specifications within the building construction field, and your generous contributions to the advancement of the Institute purposes through the founding of four Chapters of CSI and service at chapter, region, and Institute levels, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 4th day of June, 1969"*  
Houston, Texas



LOUIS H. SAMS was born in Bainbridge, Georgia in 1916. Sams entered the profession in 1936 and served as a draftsman, designer, chief draftsman, specification writer, and chief of specifications department.

Louis joined CSI in 1956 and has the distinction of having served as a president of three CSI chapters: The Columbia, Charleston, and Augusta. In addition, he served in various other capacities with all three chapters. He served as an alternate member of the Jury of Fellows in 1971 and on Institute technical committees T8 and T4.

Sams was recognized by the Institute for award winning specifications on various construction projects and was cited for his contributions to the Institute's technical program.

During World War II, Sams was chief civilian engineer in Area Engineers Office, Corps of Engineers, North Charleston, SC, and chief civilian engineer in the Post Engineers Office, Charleston Port of Embarkation.

After World War II, he held position as quantity surveyor (estimator) and construction superintendent for Skinner and Ruddock, General Contractors, Charleston, South Carolina;

assistant manager, specifications and estimates branch, District Public Works Office, Sixth Naval District, Charleston, South Carolina; manager, Specifications Branch, Lyles Bissett, Carlisle and Wolff, Architects Engineers, Columbia, South Carolina; manager, Specifications Department, Jones and Fellows, Architects-Engineers-Planners, Augusta, Georgia; manager, Specifications Department, Lafaye Associates, Architects, Columbia, South Carolina; and manager, Specifications Department, Lucas and Stubbs (now LS3P) Architects, Charleston, South Carolina.

After retiring from LS3P in 1981, he served as City Engineer for the city of Charleston, South Carolina, on temporary assignment for three months; and, after that, as a consultant to the Town Engineer of Mt. Pleasant, SC, for eight months on various civil engineering projects.

In addition to the above, also served as consultant on various projects for Department of Public Services, City of Charleston, South Carolina; Inspectorate International Inspection Office, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and several different architects and engineers in Charleston, South Carolina and in Columbia, South Carolina

## **CSI Membership**

Charleston Chapter, 1956  
Columbia Chapter  
Augusta Chapter  
Savannah Chapter

## **Institute Offices**

Director, 1971-74  
President, FY1978

## **Chapter Offices**

President, Columbia Chapter, FY1962  
President, Charleston Chapter, FY1965  
President, Augusta Chapter, FY1967

## **Awards**

**Institute**  
President's Plaque, 1980, 1988