

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 HUTSON SAMS was born in Bainbridge, Georgia, in 1916. He attended Charleston High School, and Murray Vocational school in Charleston.

Sams entered the architectural profession in 1936, and served as a draftsman, designer, chief draftsman, specification writer, and chief of specifications department.

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

After World War II, Louis held position of 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, South Carolina, for eight months on various civil engineering projects.

He 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 and Columbia, South Carolina.

Sams joined CSI in 1956 and has the distinction of having served as a president of three CSI chapters: 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.

Louis 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.

Sams passed away on 23 January 2007

CSI Membership

Charleston Chapter, 1956
Columbia Chapter
Augusta Chapter
Savannah Chapter

Institute Offices, Committees

Director, FY 1972-74
President, FY 1978

Chapter Offices, Committees

President, Columbia Chapter, FY 1962
President, Charleston Chapter, FY 1965
President, Augusta Chapter, FY 1967

Awards

Institute President's Plaque, 1980, 1988