

# Lester T. Burn, FCSI

*“In recognition of your distinguished and dedicated service to the Construction Specifications Institute, as a Charter Member, as a co-founder of your chapter, as a leader in your chapter, as national Vice-President, and as National President wherein your dynamic leadership furthered the organization and growth of the CSI at a critical period in its history, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 22nd day of May, 1963”  
Detroit, Michigan*



LESTER T. BURN was born in Washington, DC, in 1905. After completing high school he was employed by the DC Municipal Architect's Office and for nine years worked full time and attended George Washington University at night to obtain his Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1937.

From 1937 until World War II he was employed as an architect with the Interior Department, Bureau of Indian Affairs. During WW II and afterward he served with the Department of the Navy, completing 42 years of government service prior to retirement in 1967. His duties required extensive travel across the country for monitoring construction projects of first native American and then military nature.

After WW II Burn was a co-developer and home builder of Willerburn Acres in Potomac, Maryland.

In 1970 he became a founder and board member responsible for construction of the highly-rated Rockville (MD) Nursing Home, and he continued service on the board until his death.

In 1948 Burn joined other government architects as a charter member of the new organization devoted to improving construction specifications and worked diligently to assure its success. He served two terms as CSI Vice-President, two years as the fourth Institute President (1953-1955) and three years as Past President. He became a co-founder of the District of Columbia Metropolitan Chapter CSI in 1953 and served as Chapter president 1960-61.

As Chapter Technical Committee Chairman in 1964 he organized a "pink sheet" discussion group which became the precursor of the Institute "green sheets."

Burn continued enthusiastic participation in Institute, Region and Chapter affairs, including committee work, until his death in 1981 in Potomac, MD.

## **CSI Membership**

Member, DC Metro Chapter, 1953

Member-at-large, 1948-1953

Charter Member, 1948

## **Institute Offices, Committees**

President, 1953-1955

Vice President, 1952-1953

## **Chapter Offices, Committees**

President, 1960-1961

## **Awards**

Institute Certificate of Appreciation