

CARL WESLEY CLARK

PERSONAL HISTORY

Carl Wesley Clark, Sr. – born Denver, Colorado, October 29, 1893 –

Son of Harry Robert Clark and Arminta King Clark

died Fayetteville, New York, 7 November 1985

Family - Wife - Anne Taylor Clark

Children - Mrs. William Hall, Norwich, New York

Dr. Carl Clark, Jr. Syracuse, New York

Robert T. Clark, Syracuse, New York

Education - Elementary and Secondary Education at Brooklyn, New York

College – night work at Cooper Union, New York City, New York 1909 - 1910

Professional
Practice -

1908 – 1911 – after working with John B. Roberts, New York City

general contractor, entered the architectural office of Willauer, Shape, and Brady (John B. Peterkin, designer). Messrs. Willauer and Peterkin urged further architectural study and arranged for attendance at University of Pennsylvania's College of Architecture.

1914 – established office in Cortland, New York

1917 – lived at 32 Clinton Avenue, Cortland, New York

1918 – YMCA Secretary in charge of design and field work in the southeastern section of the United States

1919 – 1947 – practicing architect with offices in Cortland, New York.

1925 – 1947 – lived at 82 Tompkins Street, Cortland, New York

1947 – 1989 – practicing architect with offices in Syracuse, New York,

Robert T. Clark, son admitted to the partnership in 1950. Eventually, the firm became Clark, Clark, Millis & Gilson

1989 – Firm sold to Engineers Incorporated.

SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Carl Clark's service to the American Institute of Architects, and in turn his service to the profession, was due to active participation in the affairs of the:

- Syracuse Society of Architects
- Central New York Chapter, AIA
- New York State Association of Architects
- AIA National Committee on School Buildings
- New York State Regional AIA, Committee on School Buildings

He joined the Syracuse Society of Architects soon after its founding in 1926. During his membership, he represented the Society as Chairman of an Off-Street parking committee, in which capacity he met with the City Planning Commission and City Officials in an endeavor to revise the Building Code. He was a member of a Committee meeting with the Mayor to convey the fact that Society members are most interested in any City action that will result in a well organized plan for orderly development of the City and that local architects are able and willing to assist the City in any practical way.

He became a member of the AIA in the year 1922, and was assigned to the Central New York Chapter. Active for many years as the Chairman of the Chapter's Legislative and the Ethics and Violation Committee, he carried through revision of by-laws and Chapter incorporation. He obtained the cooperation of local and area building department officials in preventing violations of professional registration laws.

From 1953 until his retirement he was an active participant of the AIA National Committee on School Buildings. His committee assignments included:

- member of the jury (1954-55-56) for the architectural exhibit, American Association of School Administrators Convention at Atlantic City.
- AIA representative to the National Council for Better Schools.
- AIA representative to the American Library Association.

During those same years he served as Chairman of the New York State AIA Regional Committee on School Buildings. Through his efforts, the committee brought together in Albany outstanding members of the Institute to work with the Board of Regents and State Education Department officials. Achievements of this committee included:

- promotion of better understanding among architects, Regents, and State Education Department officials.
- revision of Department Booklet 17, which includes references to AIA Contract forms, selection of an architect, etc. (Revision instigated through efforts of Carl Clark.)
- obtaining of more standard procedures by the New York State Fire Insurance Rating Bureau and lower rates on school buildings.
- with pressure for cheap schools mounting in New York State, successful in supporting efforts to maintain standards of quality which made for long-range economy.
- sponsoring of resolution at 1954 New York State Association of Architects Convention recommending bid security on public works projects be in the form of certified checks in lieu of bid bonds.
- sponsoring of resolution in 1954 New York State Association of Architects Convention defining responsibility of prospective bidders on public works projects. Case heard by New York State Commissioner of Education upheld intent of resolution, namely that contractor's ability to produce a performance bond does not prove responsibility.

He served as director from the Central New York Chapter AIA to the New York State Association of Architects. During his directorship, his service to the Association covered:

- service on the Convention Committee for four years as Chairman of the Architectural Exhibit, for one year as Program Chairman, and for one year as Seminar Chairman.
- Chairman of the Special School Exhibit Committee for the New York State School Boards annual Convention.
- sponsorship of a proposal to revise the New York State Association of Architects by-laws in that committee duties are clearly outlined and the committee structure is patterned after that of the National AIA. Proposal adopted by Board of Directors.

During the summer months, he employed as many as six 4th year Syracuse University School of Architecture students, giving them office and drafting experience. These students also did part time work in the office during the school year.

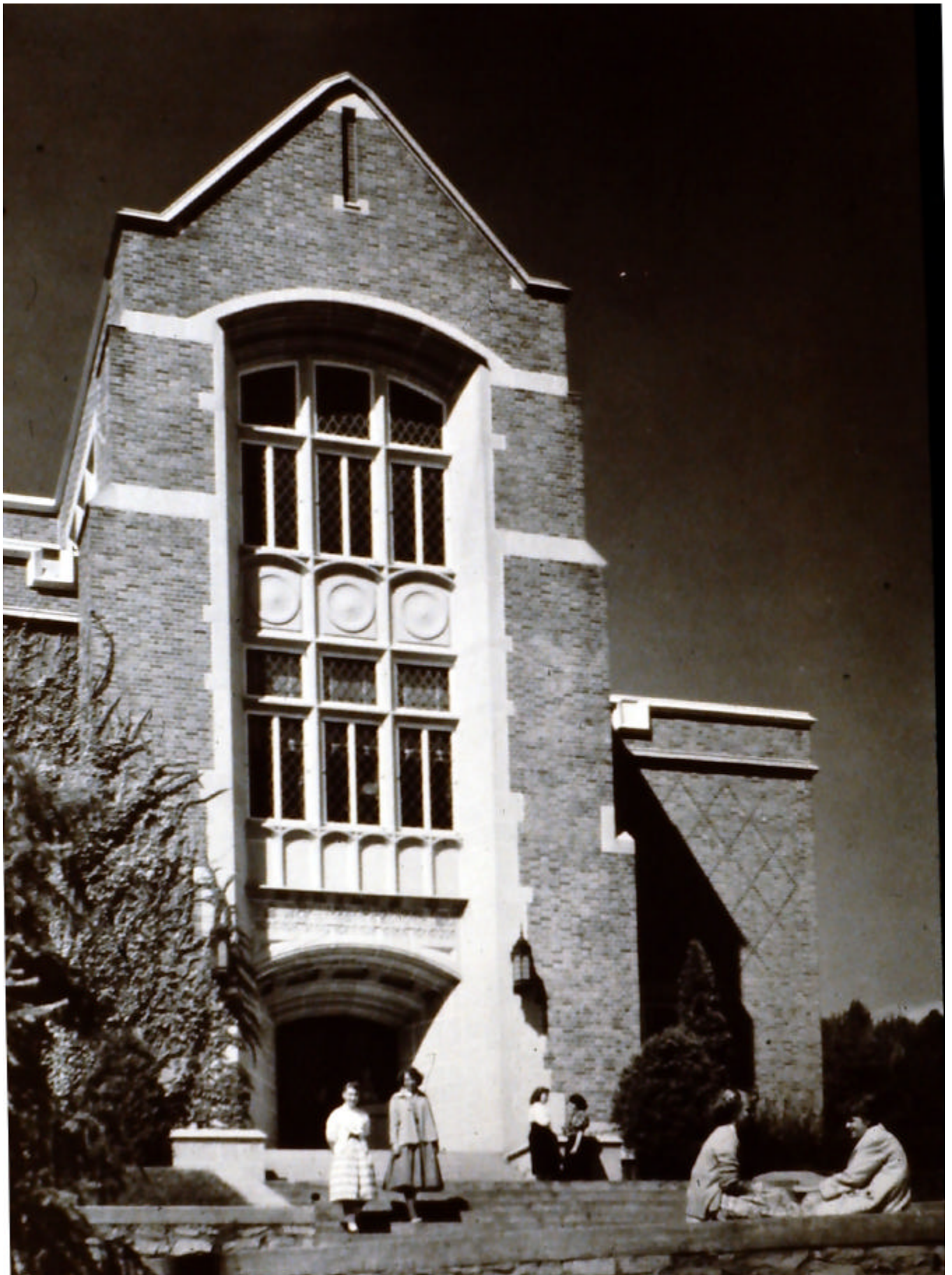
Each year he served as guest lecturer to the 5th year Syracuse University School of Architecture Students in a Philosophy of Architecture course. He served as juror for thesis judgments at the School on many occasions.



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