

Arthur B. Heaton (1875-1951)

Arthur Heaton was a native Washingtonian with an architectural career that spanned over fifty years, and over 1,000 commissions. Mr. Heaton graduated from Central High School in 1892 and trained for his profession through apprentice drafting jobs with Smithmyer and Pelz and Hornblower and Marshall. In 1900 Mr. Heaton opened his own office at 902 F Street, N.W., before continuing his education by travelling abroad for a year's study at the Sorbonne and a tour of Europe to study the Cathedrals of France, Spain, and Italy. Mr. Heaton emerged in the 1910s as one of the region's most successful architectural practitioners.

Mr. Heaton served as the first supervising architect on the Washington National Cathedral and designed numerous educational and commercial buildings including Corcoran Hall and the National Geographic Society building, as well as numerous buildings in the Kalorama Triangle, Cleveland Park, Burleith, and Woodley Park neighborhoods. Almost 10,000 of Mr. Heaton's drawings and designs are currently preserved at the Library of Congress.