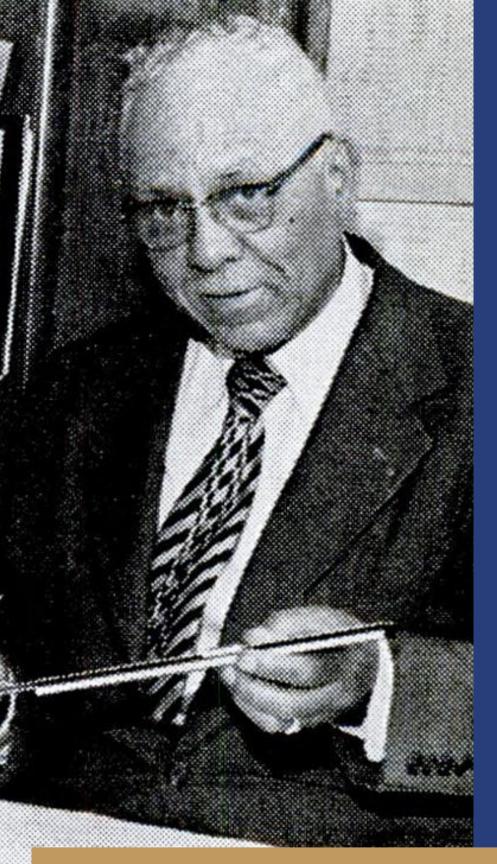# CAN YOU NAME FIVE D.C. ARCHITECTS?

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D.C. ARCHITECTS TO KNOW SERIES: PART ONE

ROMULUS C. ARCHER
(1890-1968)

About:

- Born in Norfolk, VA
- Designed in Colonial Revival and Modern styles
- Second African American architect registered in DC

Buildings Designed:

- St. Paul A.U.M.P. Church, 401 I St. SE (DC Inventory and National Register)
- Row houses, 617-631 21st St. NE
- Eastland Gardens Homes, Eastland Gardens SE
- Capital View Baptist Church, 5201 Ames St NE
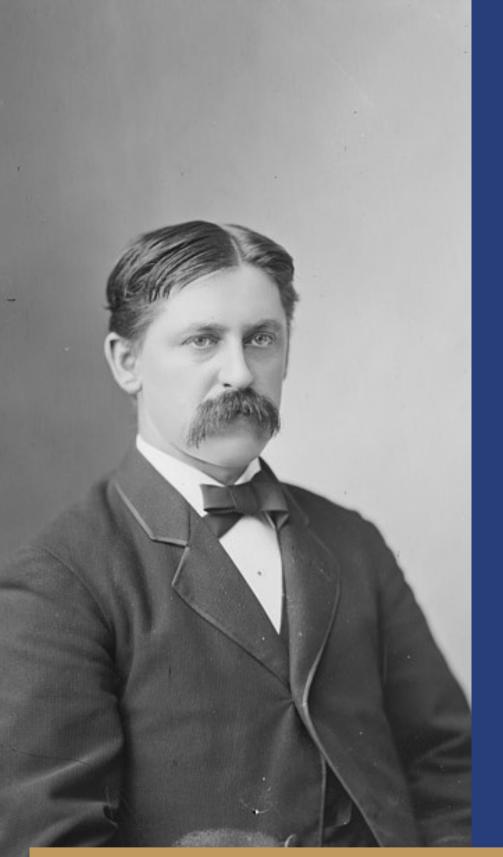
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ST. PAUL A.U.M.P. CHURCH, 1924

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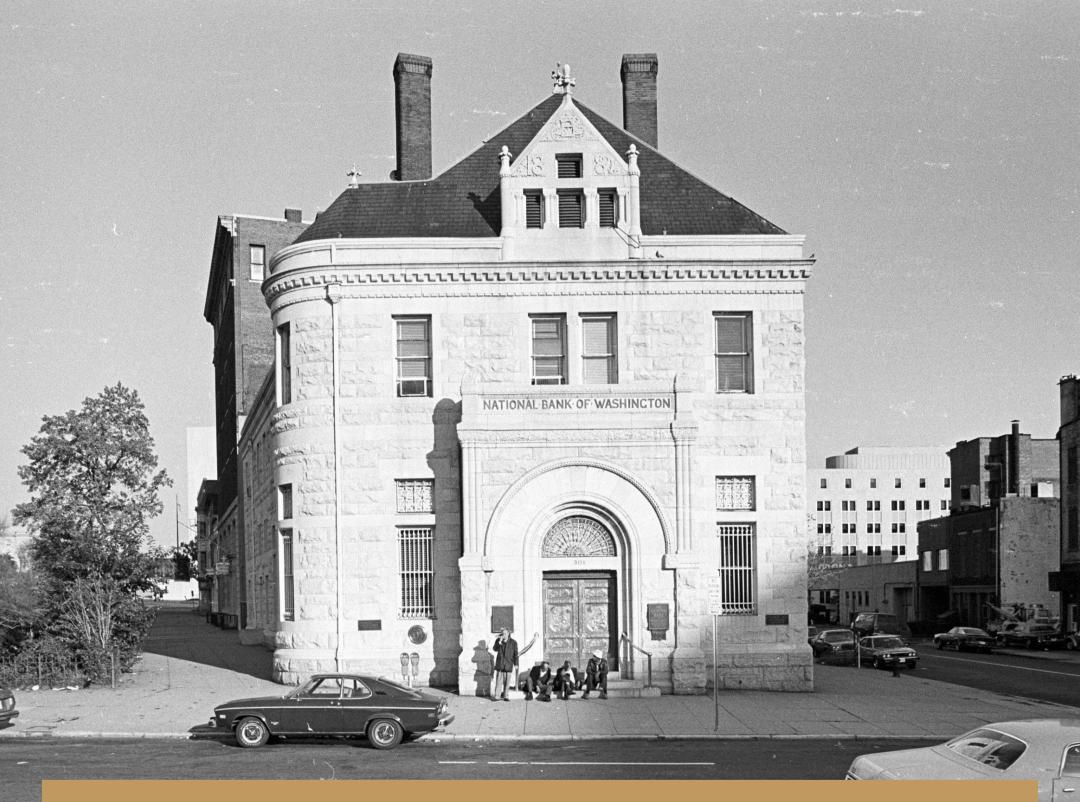
JAMES G. HILL

(1839/41-1913)

About:

- Born in Malden, MA
- Designed in Romanesque, Gothic, Queen Anne styles (and more!)
- Treasury Department's Supervising Architect, 1877-1883

Buildings Designed:

- Bureau of Engraving and Printing, 301 14th St SW (DC Inventory and National Register)
- Atlantic Building, 930 F St NW
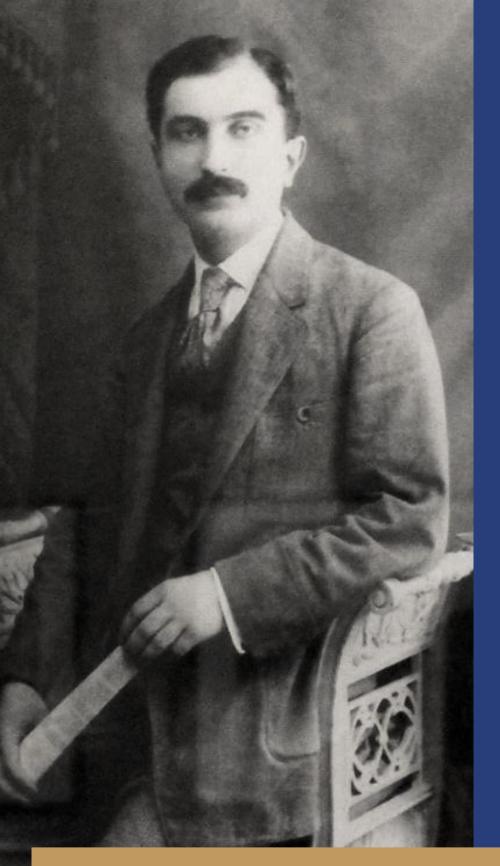- National Bank of Washington, 301 7th St NW (DC Inventory and National Register)

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NATIONAL BANK OF WASHINGTON, 1889

MIHRAN MESROBIAN

(1885-1975)

About:

- Born in Afyon, Turkey
- Designed in Italian Renaissance, Art Deco, and Colonial Revival
- Chief Architect, Wardman Construction Co., 1926-1930

Buildings Designed:

- Cathedral Mansions, 2900-3100 Connecticut Ave NW (DC Inventory and National Register)
- Carlton Hotel, 923 16th St NW (16th St Historic District)
- Dupont Circle Building, 1350 Connecticut Ave NW (Dupont Circle and Massachusetts Ave Historic Districts)

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CARLTON HOTEL, 1926

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CHLOETHIEL WOODARD SMITH

(1910-1992)

About:

- Born in Peoria, IL
- Designed in Modernist style
- Founded Chloethiel Woodard Smith & Associates, the United States' largest woman-run architecture firm in 1970

Buildings Designed:

- Capitol Park Apartments and Townhouses, SW
- Washington Square, 1050 Connecticut Ave NW
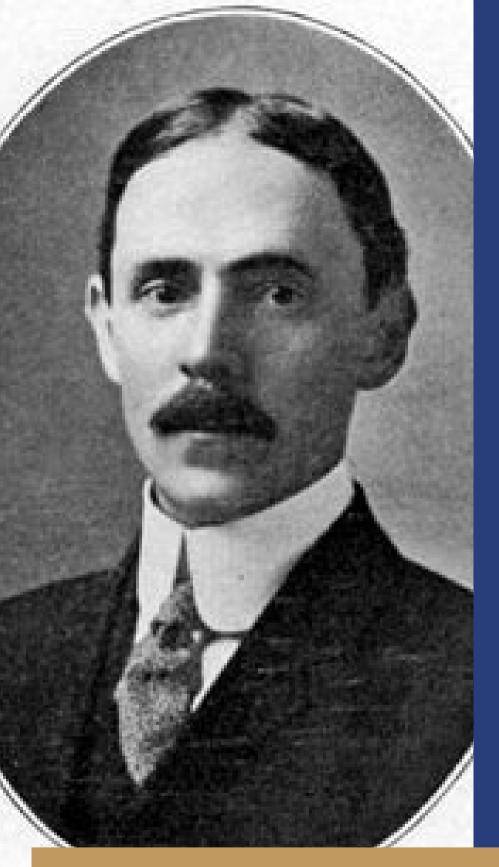- Harbour Square, 500 N St SW (National Register)

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HARBOUR SQUARE, 1967

MASONIC TEMPLE, 1907

WADDY B. WOOD (1910-1992)

About:

- Born in St. Louis, MO
- Designed in Romanesque, Georgian, and Classical Revival styles (and more!)
- Private practice designed homes for presidents and Washington elite
- Self-taught in architecture

Buildings Designed:

- Armstrong Manual Training School, 1st and P Streets, NW (DC Inventory and National Register)
- Masonic Temple, 1250 New York Ave NW (DC Inventory and National Register)
- Woodrow Wilson House, 2340 S St NW (National Historic Landmark)

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