

In the spring of 1902, a fellow student, Fred Pickett—who later became an architect—and myself got the thrill that comes once in a lifetime when Mr. Frazer agreed to let us carve one of the capitals that set atop the four columns which adorn the front of the building; I think it is the one on the inner column of the right hand pair. There is a figure of a jay hawk with wings outspread on the corner of the capital and standing on a skull. Well Fred Pickett carved one face including half the jayhawk and the skull, while I did the other half. I suppose other students watching us work, accounts for the report that I was the carver.

It has been thirty years since I saw Mr. Frazer or his son Vitruvius. I located Theo. Frazer, who I did not know, and told him about this enquiry; and he will be very glad to give you any information he possesses.

Mr. W. Salathiel of Independence, Kansas wrote me about your enquiry about two weeks ago. Difficulty in locating young Frazer and illness delayed my answer till last Saturday. Mr. Salathiel got my letter yesterday while you were writing to me; and you may hear from him before you get this letter.

Sincerely yours,

A. Tommasini