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R. F. SCHUCHARDT--BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Born Milwaukee, Wisconsin, December 14, 1875.

Educated in public and private schools of Milwaukee.

Graduated University of Wisconsin 1897 B. S. E. E.

Degree E. E. in 1911.

Began central station experience in Janesville, Wisconsin. Then with consulting engineering firm of Meysenberg and Badt in Chicago, and in June 1898 entered employ of the Chicago Edison Company (predecessor of Commonwealth Edison Company) as night operator in the then new storage battery substation in the old Edison Building. After a year in the Statistical Department and seven years in the Testing transferred to the Engineering Department and in 1909 made Electrical Engineer of the Company.

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In 1901 President of the (old) Chicago Electrical Association.

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In 1907 served as one of the experts in the historic Colorado Springs street lighting controversy.

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In 1907 awarded the Chanute Medal of the Western Society of Engineers.

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1918-9 President Lake View Civic League.

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1926 Chairman Washington Award Commission - W. S. E. and four Founder Societies.

Memberships:

A. I. E. E. since 1903; Fellow 1912; V. P. 1922-4

Western Society of Engineers - Chairman Elec.

X

Section 1913.

Illuminating Engineering Society - Chairman Chicago

X

Section 1911-12.

The Society of American Military Engineers

N. E. L. A. - President Chicago Section 1911-12;
Chairman National Technical Section 1922-3; Chairman Power
Survey Committee Great Lakes Division.

The Institution of Electrical Engineers (British)
Chicago Regional Planning Association - Director

X
since 1923

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City Club of Chicago - Director 1922-27.

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University Club of Chicago

X
Chicago Engineers Club

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Chicago Association of Commerce - Member Ways and
Means Committee 1918-22.

X
University of Wisconsin Club of Chicago - President 1922.

X
American Academy of Political and Social Science
Tau Beta Pi.

1906 Married Ada L. Briggs, Chicago; one son, one
daughter.

Author:

Panama and the Isthmian Canal 1912
Historic play of University of Wisconsin 1922
Various technical papers and reports.

Lectured to many engineering colleges and societies
on general subjects and on superpower.

Numerous engineering societies chairman.