



Walter Burley Griffin 1876-1937

Distinguished international architect, Walter Burley Griffin, moved to Elmhurst in 1893 from Maywood, Illinois, where he was born in 1876. His contributions to Elmhurst's notable architectural legacy include the homes at 281 Arlington and 248 Arlington, and a clubhouse at the Elmhurst Golf Club.

A graduate of the University of Illinois School of Architecture, Griffin worked in the office of famed architect, Frank Lloyd Wright, before starting his own firm.

Griffin's special interest was landscape and town planning. In 1912, Griffin won an international competition to design the City of Canberra, the national capital of Australia, and moved there to oversee the implementation of his design. He died in 1937 due to injuries suffered in a fall from scaffolding.