

John A. Hamme

John Alfred Hamme was born on the 13 of August of 1897 in York County Pennsylvania.¹ He was born to John B. Hamme and Minnie A. Hamme and was their only child.² In 1918, Hamme received his A.B from Gettysburg College, and in 1925 he received his Bachelor's degree in Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania.³ After his schooling he began to work for his father at his architecture firm. He became an associate of the firm in 1929 and then in 1941 he was promoted to partner of the firm.⁴ After his father's death, the firm was renamed J. Alfred Hamme and Associates.⁵ Some of his notable work includes the Church of the Abiding Presence in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Towson Methodist Church in Towson, Maryland, First Christian Church in Hagerstown, Maryland, and J. E. Baker Co. Office Building in York, Pennsylvania.⁶ In relation to Elizabethtown College, he designed and built Ober Residence Hall, the Gible Science Hall, Baugher Student Center and the Zug Memorial Library.⁷ Hamme also designed the new Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren on South Mount Joy Street.⁸ Shortly after Hamme designed the BSC in 1964, he passed away. Hamme died on the 19 of October of 1965. He was 68 years old.⁹ After his death, his architecture firm was renamed Hamme Associates.¹⁰ Before Hamme died, he gave out two scholarships at Gettysburg, which is still given out to this day. The scholarship is given to the two juniors who have demonstrated in the highest degree the qualities of loyalty, kindness, courtesy, true democracy, and leadership.¹¹

¹ "John Alfred Hamme," Find a Grave, accessed November 20 2017, <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/100160385>

² "John A Hamme," Ancestry.com, accessed November 20, 2017, <https://search.ancestrylibrary.com/>

³ "Hamme, John Alfred," American Architects and Buildings, accessed November 20 2017, https://www.americanbuildings.org/pab/app/ar_display.cfm/23766

⁴ Ibid,.

⁵ "The History of Hamme Associates," Hamme Associates, Accessed November 20 2017, <http://hammeassociates.com/history.html>

⁶ "Hamme, John Alfred," American Architects and Buildings, accessed November 20 2017, https://www.americanbuildings.org/pab/app/ar_display.cfm/23766

⁷ Jean-Paul Benowitz, Peter J. DePuydt, *Elizabethtown College* (Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2014), 20,22,24,36.

⁸ Richard K. MacMaster, *Elizabethtown: The First Three Centuries*, 260.

⁹ "John Alfred Hamme," Find a Grave, accessed November 20 2017, <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/100160385>

¹⁰ "The History of Hamme Associates," Hamme Associates, Accessed November 20 2017, <http://hammeassociates.com/history.html>

¹¹ Gettysburg