

## Theodore Conrad, preservation expert

Private services for Theodore Conrad, 84, instrumental in the preservation of historic sites in Hudson County and a lifelong resident of Jersey City, will be held today under the direction of the Houghton Funeral Home in Jersey City.

Mr. Conrad died Friday in his home. He was an architectural model maker. He was one of Hudson County's best known advocates of historic preservation and an authority on local history.

He was trained as an architect at Brooklyn's Pratt Institute and began building scale models for the architectural firm of Harvey Walley Corbett before his graduation. One of the first projects he worked on was the Metropolitan Life Insurance headquarters at Madison Square Park in Manhattan and Rockefeller Center.

Mr. Conrad pioneered the use of machined metals and plastics to replace the wood, plaster and cardboard architects had used to build scale representations of their building designs. For his major innovations, Mr. Conrad was recognized by the American Institute of Architects with its Craftsmanship Medal in 1962.

He had collaborated on such well-known projects as the Museum of Modern Art, the Lever House, the Sea-

gram Building and the Chase Manhattan Bank headquarters and the design of President John F. Kennedy's grave site in Arlington National Cemetery.

Mr. Conrad was an advocate of historic preservation and was a founder and leader of the preservation movement in Hudson County. He was a founding member of the Jersey City Historic District Commission and was instrumental in saving numerous local landmarks, including the Central Railroad of New Jersey, now at Liberty State Park.

Most recently, he had been a leader in the effort to save the Loews Jersey Theatre at Journal Square.

A leader in the movement that eventually led to the opening of Liberty State Park, Mr. Conrad was honored for his efforts by the naming of Theodore Conrad Drive. He was founder and leader of the Riverview Neighborhood Association.

He was president of the Jersey City Historical and Preservation Association and was co-author of a column, Hudson County Then and Now, in the Hudson Dispatch.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth; two daughters, Mrs. Doris Brown and Mrs. Carin Lewis and three grandchildren.

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**THEODORE CONRAD**, 84, of **Jersey City** died Friday. An architect, he had owned a model-making firm. Previously, he worked on plans for Rockefeller Center and the Metropolitan Life Insurance headquarters, both in New York City. He was the 1962 recipient of the American Institute of Architects Craftsman Medal. He was a founding member of the Jersey City Historic Districts Commission, the Brownstone Revival Committee, and the Riverview Neighborhood Association. Arrangements: Houghton Funeral Home, Jersey City.