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By Richard W. Jackson

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Author Richard W. Jackson began his career in 1937 as a draftsman, focusing primarily on Church buildings, including the Idaho Falls Temple. Later he served as assistant to the Church supervising architect, Edward O. Anderson, directing the design or remodeling
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