National Archives Aide Victor Gondos

Victor Gondos, a retired archivist and architect with the National Archives, died Tuesday at his home, 4201 Massachusetts Ave. NW after a long illness. He was 73.

His 23-year career with the National Archives began in 1942. He served as supervisor of records retirement, chief of the business and economics section and head of the Army records branch.

For many years he was chairman of the archival buildings committee of the Society of American Archivists and was consulted by architects and archivists internationally.

Mr. Gondos was greatly interested in U.S. military history and became an early member of the American Military Institute. He was editor of the Institute's journal of military history from 1951 to 1968.

A Chicago native, Mr. Gondos held a Masters Degree in history from the University of Pennsylvania and a doctoral degree in history from American University.

His architectural career began in 1927 with the U.S. Treasury Department. After that he worked for 12 years with his family's architectural firm in Philadelphia

before joining the National Archives.

After his retirement, Mr. Gondos published two books, "Archives and Records Center Buildings," and "The Movement for a National Archives of the United States."

He was a member of the Columbia Historical Society, the Organization of American Historians, the U.S. Commission on Military History, the American Institute of Architects.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of the home, and a brother, Robert Z., of New Jersey.

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