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Archie Heard joined Carrier Engineering Company Ltd of London in 1929 and was sent on a training course to Carrier in the United States where he first met Willis Carrier. Archie stayed with Carrier Companies throughout his working life, becoming MD of the British Company and retiring in 1972. During this period he met Willis Carrier on a number of occasions and spoke with many of Carrier's directors, managers and staff throughout the world. Archie was also Chairman of the IHVE Archaeology Working Party until in 1982 it became the CIBSE Heritage Group with Brian Roberts as Chairman.

The definitive biography of Willis Carrier has long been regarded as that written by Margaret Ingels (Engineering Editor for Carrier Corporation), published in 1952. Archie Heard collected information on Willis Carrier throughout his career and wrote his alternative biography of "The Chief." The draft, typed manuscript, unchecked and with a few text errors passed to the Heritage Group and is now published, unaltered, in electronic form.

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