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Birth Date: October 10, 1883

Occupation: Engraver

1904-1909: E.A. Wright Co.

1909-1911: Security Bank Note Co.

1911-1917: American Bank Note Co.

Worked for several other companies

1934-1951: Bureau of Engraving and Printing

Death Date: November 1956

Engraved frame on the Charles W. Eliot postage stamp - Scott 871 - issued 1940

"As does any serious artist, Arlt labored over his work so that the finished engraving would prove to be his best effort. As an example, when he studied the model for the Iowa Territory stamp (A310), the corn did not look right. He asked a colleague at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, who lived in the suburbs, to bring a corn stalk from his garden. After several days with the eight-foot stalk in his presence he proceeded to engrave the design ...

...Arlt stated that he had been in the engraving business over thirty years before he finally engraved a die that seemed to meet his expectations perfectly...

...Mr. Arlt engraved over 100 postage stamps." - "The Engraver's Line: An Encyclopedia of Paper Money & Postage Stamp Art" by Gene Hessler, BNR Press, Port Clinton, Ohio, 1993, p. 34.

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