

UNDER authority to elect members, as vested in me by The Board of Directors of The American Institute of Architects, by resolution of The Executive Committee adopted at its meeting on December 10-13, 1934; and in accord with the attached report of The Board of Examiners, I hereby declare

James W. O'Connor
elected a corporate member of The American Institute of Architects and assigned to membership in the New York Chapter, effective January 1, 1941.

APPLICATION NO AP 680

Dated November 22, 1940.
Received December 3, 1940.
Granted January 7, 1941.

MEMBERSHIP NO 680

Chas. J. England Secretary

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

- A. Name of applicant... James W. O'Connor..... Chapter NEW YORK.....
- B. Address of applicant... 162 East 37th Street, New York, N.Y.....
- C. Applicant proposed by... Wm. H. Gompert... and Julian Clarence Levi.....
- D. Application received with check for \$ 10.00..... on Dec. 3, 19 40.
- E. Application returned for correction..... 19 .
- F. Application in due order on..... 19 .
- G. Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
 - (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on Jan. 3, 19 41, on Dec. 3, 19 40.
 - (b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on Feb. 3, 19 41, on Jan. 3, 19 41.
- H. Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on..... Dec. 3, 19 40.
- I. Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission ~~which application was denied~~ received on..... Jan. 6, 19 41.
- J. No report from chapter executive committee on..... 19 .
- K. Application sent to The Board of Examiners on..... Jan. 7, 19 41.
- L. The Board of Examiners reported on application on..... Jan. 7, 19 41.
- M. Applicant was admitted on..... Jan. 1, 19 41.
- N. Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter to proposers on..... Jan. 7, 19 41.
- O. Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$... returned to applicant on..... 19 .
- P. Questionnaire, re: Registration in New York sent Dec. 3, 1940 Rec'd 12/9/40
 - " " " " New Jersey " Dec. 3, 1940 Rec'd 12/17/40
 - " " " " Virginia " Dec. 3, 1940 Rec'd 12/10/40
 - " " " " Maryland " Dec. 3, 1940 Rec'd 12/10/40
 - " " "(a) " Conn. " Dec. 3, 1940 Rec'd. 12/19/4

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*See order
January 6, 1941
H. H. ...*



ORIGINAL

File the original with The Secretary of The American Institute of Architects.

File the duplicate, on gray paper, with the secretary of the local chapter of The Institute.

The American Institute of Architects

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I, the undersigned, do hereby apply for corporate membership in The American Institute of Architects.

1. My full name is James W. O'Connor

2. State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.

2. I am a natural citizen of United States

3. My legal residence is in the City of New York

County of New York State of New York

4. State whether residence or office address.

4. My address in The Institute records will be

Street 162 East 37th Street

City New York

State New York

5. State whether as a practicing architect, a teacher, a public official, etc.

5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as a practicing architect

6. I desire to be a member of the New York Chapter.

7. I declare that I have read the by-laws, the rules and regulations, and the Standards of Practice of The American Institute of Architects, and the by-laws and rules and regulations of the chapter of which I desire to become a member, and that I understand the duties, responsibilities and obligations thereunder of a member of The Institute, and I do hereby expressly agree and declare that, if admitted to membership, I will to the best of my ability abide by and comply with such by-laws, rules and regulations, and will abide by and uphold said Standards of Practice and conduct my practice of the profession accordingly. I am financially able to undertake all pecuniary obligations of a member to The Institute and to the chapter.

8. Receipt required.

8. I filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the chapter above named and attach his receipt therefor. I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its chapters or state association members.

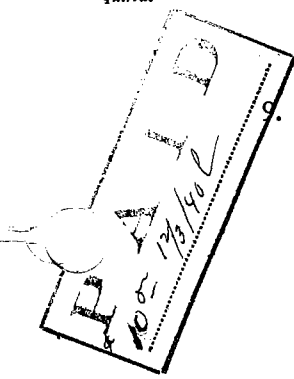
9. I enclose my check for \$10.00, for admission fee and the current annual dues. It is my understanding that if for any reason you do not admit me to membership, all of said amount will be returned to me, except five dollars which you will retain as an examination fee.

Date November 22nd, 1940.

James W. O'Connor
Applicant sign full name in ink

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1940 DEC -3 AM 9:11
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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STATISTICS

10. Date of birth June 3, 1876 Place of birth New York City
11. I am registered or licensed to practice architecture in the following named states:
- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <i>(State or States) By Examination</i> | <i>(State or States) By Exemption</i> |
| New York, Connecticut, Virginia | |
| Maryland, New Jersey | |

(a) I hold a Certificate No. of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

EDUCATION

12. I attended the following named schools (high school, private school, college or university); have held the following named scholarships; have travelled in the following named countries:

Columbia University, School of Architecture
Ecole des Beaux Arts, Paris

Travelled in all European countries

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

13. I list below, in chronological order, the periods of my training as draftsman, the names and addresses of my principal employers, and my classification as draftsman while employed by each:

McKim, Mead & White, draftsman, 1901 to 1903
Schickel & Ditmar, head draftsman, 1903 to 1910

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

14. I list below, in chronological order, the periods during which and the states in which I have practiced architecture as an individual or as a member of a firm or corporation or have taught architecture or the arts and sciences allied therewith. (State names of firms or corporations and of schools or colleges)

Practicing architect under own name in New York City since 1910.

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 15. Member of Institute from _____ to _____
- 16. Junior of Institute from _____ to _____
- 17. Associate of _____ Chapter from _____ to _____
- 18. Junior Associate of _____ Chapter from _____ to _____
- 19. Member of State Association in _____ from _____ to _____

ENDORSEMENT BY PROPOSERS

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have read the statements made herein above by the applicant and believe them to be correct. I vouch for him and for his honorable standing in this community and in his profession. I believe he is fully qualified for membership and I propose him therefor.

I have known the applicant for 40 years.

I have known the applicant for 12 years.

Signed Julian Clarence Leis
 Proposer
 FAIA
 105 W. 40th St
 NYC.

Signed [Signature]
 Proposer
 40 E 49th St
 NYC

Form S39
6-24-38



THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1940 DEC -9 AM 9:34
WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.
Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

James W. O'Connor, New York, N.Y.
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,

Address Bureau of Professional Examinations,
Albany, New York.

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date.....December 3,.....1940.....
Chas. J. Ingraham
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? *Licensed*
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination?.....or by exemption? *yes*
3. What was the scope of the examination? *License issued May 10, 1923 on basis of having been engaged in the practice of architecture for at least one (1) year prior to April 28, 1915*
4. What was the period of the examination?.....days. Written examination.....hours; Oral examination.....hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? *No record* If so, give Certificate No.
6. Date of last registration *June 21, 1940* Registration No. *License 2534* Is it current? *yes*

Herbert J. Hamilton
(Signature of Secretary of Board)
Herbert J. Hamilton, Chief
New York State Education Department
(Name of Board)

Date *Dec. 6* 1940

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.
Office of The Secretary

THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1940 DEC 10 AM 9:24
WASHINGTON, D.C.

RECORD OF REGISTRATION
OF

James W. O'Connor, New York, N.Y.
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,

Address 4030 Fort Avenue,
Lynchburg, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date December 3, 1940.

Chas. J. Ingham
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? yes
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? ✓ or by exemption? yes
3. What was the scope of the examination? verified record of practice
10 years, quality of work well known to
two members of Board
4. What was the period of the examination? ✓ days. Written examination ✓ hours; Oral examination ✓ hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? no. If so, give Certificate No. _____
6. Date of last registration June 15, 1931 Registration No. 228 Is it current? yes

C. G. Massie
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

C. G. Massie Secy.
Virginia State Board for the Examina-
tion and Certifi- (Name of Board)
cation of Professional Engineers,
Architects and Land Surveyors.

Date Dec. 9 1940

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1940 DEC 19 AM 9:27

WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.
Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

James W. O'Connor, New York, N.Y.
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,

Address 177 State Street,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date December 3, 1940.

Chas. J. Ingham
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? Yes
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination?.....or by exemption? Yes
3. What was the scope of the examination?.....
4. What was the period of the examination?.....days. Written examination.....hours; Oral examination.....hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? No. If so, give Certificate No.....
6. Date of last registration July 1 1940. Registration No. 539. Is it current? Yes.

Edward B. Caldwell
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Edward B. Caldwell
Connecticut Architectural Examining Board
(Name of Board)

Date Dec. 10 1940.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

James W. O'Connor, New York, N.Y.

(Name of Applicant)

1940 DEC 12 AM 9:52 WASHINGTON, D.C. THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

SECRETARY,

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,

Address

Calvert Building, Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date December 3, 1940.

Chas. J. Ingham Secretary

- 1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state?
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? or by exemption?
3. What was the scope of the examination?
4. What was the period of the examination? days. Written examination hours; Oral examination hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? If so, give Certificate No.
6. Date of last registration 19 Registration No. Is it current?

James R. Edmunds, Jr. (Signature of Secretary of Board)

James R. Edmunds, Jr. Maryland Board of Examiners for the Registration and Licensing of Architects. (Name of Board)

Dec 11 40 Date 19

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Application for registration was made in Dec. 1936, but registration was not granted because applicant failed to submit evidence of prior registration, by examination as required by the Maryland Law.

1940 DEC 17 AM 9:07



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.
Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

James W. O'Connor, New York, N.Y.
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,

Address 448 Industrial Office Bldg.
1060 Broad Street,
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date December 3, 1940.

Chas. J. Engleman
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? Yes
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? Yes or by exemption?
3. What was the scope of the examination? Mr. O'Connor submitted satisfactory exhibits of his work and other data for the Board's consideration in lieu of the four day written examination.
4. What was the period of the examination?days. Written examination.....hours; Oral examination.....hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? No. If so, give Certificate No.....
6. Date of last registration July 1940 Registration No. C-2292 Is it current? Yes

Gilbert C. Higby
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Gilbert C. Higby
New Jersey State Board of Architects
(Name of Board)

Date Dec. 16, 1940

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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January 7, 1941

January 7, 1941

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

The Secretary is happy to inform you that your application for membership in The Institute was acted on favorably by The Board of Directors and that you were admitted to corporate membership in The Institute and assigned to membership in the New York Chapter effective January 1, 1941. You will be a member of that chapter, or of some other chapter if you later transfer thereto, until your membership in The Institute terminates.

Your certificate of membership, duly executed by the Officers of The Institute, will be sent in due course.

The Board of Directors welcomes you to membership in The Institute and The Secretary's office is at your service to the extent of its powers.

The policies and the activities of The Institute are developed largely from problems arising within the chapters. By taking an active part in your chapter affairs you will contribute to the advancement of the objects of The Institute and will increase the benefits to be derived from Institute membership.

We bespeak your active cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Chas. J. Hughes
Secretary.

Mr. James W. O'Connor
162 East 37th Street
New York, New York

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PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
JURY OF FELLOWS

Received Oct. 31 1951
Voted On March 12, 19 52
Voted On 19 .
Voted On 19 .
Granted March 12, 19 52

NO M

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. *Name of Nominee* James W. O'Connor *Date of Nomination* Oct. 23, 1951
2. *Address of Nominee* 162 East 37th Street, New York 16, N.Y.
3. *Nominee's firm* James W. O'Connor - James F. Delany
4. *Nominee's principal place of business* New York
5. *Nominee's Chapter* New York Chapter
6. *Nominee's State Association Member* New York State Association of Architects, AIA
7. *Nominee admitted to Institute* 1941 19 .
8. *Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from* 1941 19 to March 1, 1952
9. *Nominee's age* 78 *Birthplace* New York, N.Y.
10. *Nominators:* Executive Committee, New York Chapter, A.I.A.

11. *Achievement* in Architectural Design and Construction

200-10-50

NO NF

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(Nominators leave blank)



CONFIDENTIAL

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

BY
CHAPTER

THE JURY OF FELLOWS
The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue,
Washington 6, D. C.

Date October 23 19 51

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on September 25 19 51 ^{*Type in full name.} nominated **James W. O'Connor** member of this Chapter, for fellowship in The Institute. We enclose evidence of the qualifications of the nominee for the fellowship on which the nomination was based and certify the resolution is as follows:

"Whereas, this Executive Committee believes* **James W. O'Connor** a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the profession because of his achievement in** **architectural design and Construction** that he is worthy of fellowship in The Institute; and

*Type in full name.

**Type in "Design," "Science of Construction," "Literature," "Education," "Service to The Institute," or "Public Service," as is appropriate.

"Whereas, said member has been in good standing in this Chapter for† **ten years** years prior to this date; therefore be it

†Type in number of years.

"Resolved, That‡‡ The New York Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate* **James William O'Connor**

‡‡Type in name of Chapter.

*Type in full name.

for fellowship in The Institute, and the President and the Secretary be and hereby are authorized and directed to prepare the nomination papers and forward them to The Jury of Fellows of The Institute and to do all things proper to forward said nomination."

James Keane President
James Keane
Andrew ...
Oliver ...
Francis Y. Lopez Secretary.

THE NOMINATORS SHOULD SEE THAT LETTERS OR DATA ARE SENT TO THE JURY OF FELLOWS IN SUPPORT OF THIS NOMINATION.

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BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

1. Nominee's full name **James William O'Connor**
2. Nominee is a natural ~~naturalized~~ citizen of **U. S.**
3. Nominee's legal residence **141 East 63rd St., New York 21, N.Y.**
4. Nominee's firm name **James W. O'Connor - James F. Delany**
5. Nominee's principal place of business, address **162 East 37th St., New York 16, N.Y.**

2. Strike out in-appropriate word and write in name of Country.

6. Type in "N.C. A. R. B." or name of State Board, as case may be.

7. Strike out in-appropriate words.

8. Type in date of birth and city and Country.

6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by **New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland**
7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a practicing architect ~~teacher in architecture~~ ~~teacher in science of construction~~ ~~public official~~ ~~retired~~.

8. Born **June 3, 1873** . Place of birth **New York, N. Y.**

9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:

	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
High School	St. Francis Xavier, New York City			
Private School	" " " " "	"		
College or University	Columbia University	1898		B.S.
College or University				
Post Graduate at	Ecole des Beaux Arts, Paris, France			
Scholarships held				

10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

Awards: Silver medal of Architectural League of N.Y. 1936
 Highest award for Domestic Architecture
 President's Medal of Architectural League 1948
 for service to collaboration of the Arts.
 Down Town Association of N.Y. for best building in down-town
 New York City - Atlantic & Pacific S. S. Building 1923
 Uptown Association of N.Y. for best building in up-town
 New York City (Boro. of Bronx) - St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church, 1931
 Secretary of Beaux-Arts Society 1921-1923
 Member of Board of Trustees, Beaux Arts Institute of Design 1937-1940

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10. Type in important experiences during employment or additional statistics of importance in nominee's record.

Nominators should read "Principles Underlying the Bestowal of Fellowships", Institute Document No. 9, before completing this nomination. Additional sheets may be inserted to supplement any page, 3 to 7, inclusive. Use typewriting only.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

1. Works

Type (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	Identification of Work	Location of Work (City)	(State)	Completed Construction Work (Year)	Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted
d.	Manhattan College	New York	N.Y.	1920	M
d.	Group plan of seven buildings.				
d.	Fordham University	N.Y.	N.Y.	1930	M
	Cardinal Spellman Hall; Collins Auditorium				
b.	St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church,	N. Y.	N.Y.	1931	
c.	Residence of Maitland A. Edey,	Brookville, NY.		1934	
	" H.S. Ladew, Monkton,	Maryland		1927-40	
	" S. Bryce Wing "	" "		1930	
a.	W. R. Grace Company Buildings in	New York, London,		1926,	
		and Lima, Peru,		1922.	
c.	Covered Tennis Courts:				
	Charles E. F. McCann, Oyster Bay,	Long Island, NY.		1924	
	Mrs. E. Woodward Vietor, Locust Valley,	Long Island, NY.		1921	

Under column headed "Type" type in (a), (b), (c), or (d), as the case may be.

Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

2. Describe nominee's notable work in design, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

The more than a thousand separate jobs of James O'Connor's office include schools, college buildings, churches, office buildings, hospitals, residences, covered tennis courts, stables and beach cobanas. Each has architectural merit; all reflect an architectural sincerity and professional competence which comes from a man of unusual modesty, true judgment and aesthetic understanding. Although much of the best work dates from a period of American affluence in the 1920s, the same keenness and up-to-dateness is shown in such a project not yet completed, and hence not illustrated, as the new T.B. and C.D. Hospital on Welfare Island, New York City. It is particularly the residential work of James O'Connor, with such auxiliary buildings as the covered tennis courts, of which there are more than 25, which have contributed to the excellence of architectural design in this area.

James O'Connor is an artist, a man of professional integrity, who long since has merited the honor of Fellowship.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

1. CONSTRUCTION WORK

<i>Type of Work Constructed</i>	<i>Identification of Work</i>	<i>Location of Work</i>	<i>Completed Construction Work (Year)</i>	<i>Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted</i>
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Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

2. BOOKS, TREATISES, OR ARTICLES WRITTEN

<i>Subject Title</i>	<i>Where Published</i>	<i>Date Published</i>
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3. Describe nominee's notable work in the science of construction and any recognition thereof by other societies, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

1. EDUCATION WORK

(List the degrees and the educational positions held by the nominee, and bring out clearly the nominee's signal work and its particular force and influence which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by pupils, the profession, other societies, or the public.)

2. LITERARY WORK

(List the original written works of the nominee and state clearly the particular force and influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by other societies, the profession, educational institutions or the public.)

*Book, Treatise
or Article*

Subject

*Name of Book or Periodical
Containing Work*

*Year Work
Published*

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE

1. State fully the nominee's signal service to The Institute, his chapter, or his state organization, or to the profession, which the nominators believe has notably contributed to the advancement of the profession, and list the offices in architectural organizations occupied by the nominee and the period of each.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

1. List the public offices held by the nominee and the positions of trust held by him in recognition of civic leadership, and state clearly his notable work in public service and the particular influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession.

March 19, 1952

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

The American Institute of Architects desires to confer upon you the honor of Fellowship, in accord with the action of The Jury of Fellows at its recent meeting.

The purpose of this letter is to request your presence at the 1952 Convention of The Institute to be held in New York, New York, June 24 - 27, 1952, in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

At the formal dinner of the Convention on the evening of Thursday, June 26, those who have been elected to Fellowship will receive their certificates. Presentation will be with appropriate ceremony and it is highly important that each of the newly-elected Fellows be present. The Officers of The Institute and The Jury of Fellows join in the request that you come to receive this honor in person.

Your Chapter has been notified and has been requested to make no public announcement until after the Convention in June.

Please send your response to The Institute at an early convenient date.

Yours sincerely,

Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director

Mr. James O'Connor, F.A.I.A.
162 East 37th Street
New York 16, New York

ERP:G:w

April 18, 1952

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

At the recent meeting of The Jury of Fellows, your nomination for advancement to Fellowship was considered, and I have the honor to inform you, in behalf of the Jury, that you were advanced to Fellowship for achievement in Design.

At the Convention there will be an exhibition of the work of the newly-elected Fellows, and to that end the Jury has had to make as comprehensive, yet as small a selection of your exhibits as possible for this occasion.

Under separate cover, we are returning your photographic exhibits and we are asking that you have the four photographs which we have selected and marked with a yellow tab enlarged to conform with the instructions enclosed. We have no other means of indicating the photographs to you except by the use of yellow tabs since there was no identification on the mounts.

The photographs so marked should be sent to:

A.I.A. Fellowship Exhibit
Department of Architecture
Pratt Institute
215 Ryerson Street
Brooklyn, New York

to be delivered by June 9, 1952.

We should like you to keep this information confidential.

Cordially yours,

H. Daland Chandler
Chairman, The Jury of Fellows

Mr. James W. O'Connor, F.A.I.A.
162 East 37th Street
New York 16, New York

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O'Connor

April 21, 1952

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

Will you be kind enough to let us know whether or not you have received the letter sent to you by Mr. Purves under date of March 19th advising you of your election as a Fellow of The Institute.

So far as I know, we have not received acknowledgment of that letter and we want to be sure that you have received it.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
The Jury of Fellows

Mr. James W. O'Connor, F.A.I.A.
162 East 37th Street
New York 16, New York

FHG:mw

April 23rd 1952
P.O. Box # 392
Westbury, L.I.

My dear Miss Gervais -

I am answering your letter
of April 21st and am
sorry you never received
Ackr. owledgement of Mr. Purves'
Kind letter. Mr. O'Connor
has been ill, so for the time
being I am writing for him.

Would you be so kind
as to extend to Mr Purves
and the Jury of fellows
Mr. O'Connor's thanks and

My dear Sir,
I am
Great appreciation of
the Fellowship Award
which has deeply touched
and thrilled him more
than most anything in his
life.

Again many thanks,

Sincerely -

Ernest O'Connor

April 29, 1952

Dear Mrs. O'Connor:

Thank you very much for your note of April 23rd advising that Mr. O'Connor did receive notification of his advancement to Fellowship.

I am relieved on that score, but know that Mr. Purves will be distressed to learn of Mr. O'Connor's illness. We all hope that he will be much improved by the time of the Convention in order to receive his Fellowship Certificate at the Annual Dinner.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
The Jury of Fellows

Mrs. James O'Connor
P. O. Box #392
Westbury, Long Island
New York

FHG:mv

bcc: Mr. Purves

Mrs. J. W. O'Connor

P. O. Box 392

Westbury, Long Island

May 5th 1952

My dear Mr. Purves,

I am writing to you for Mr. O'Connor, who has been ill and will be unable to attend the dinner on the evening of Thursday, June 26th to receive his certificate of Fellowship. He is so very disappointed to miss this great occasion as he is very appreciative and touched about this new award and we have asked

his Associate, Mr. John T.
Nelson to accept the certificate
for him that night, as Mr. Nelson
is a member of the A. D. A., also.
I am hoping to accompany
Mr and Mrs Nelson and be there
that night so I can tell
Mr. O'Connor all about it.

With many, many thanks
and much gratitude to you,
The Officers of the Institute
and The Jury of fellows -

Sincerely -

Spizer O'Connor

May 8, 1952

Dear Mrs. O'Connor:

We are indeed sorry to learn from your letter of May 5th that because of illness Mr. O'Connor will be unable to be present at the annual dinner of The Institute at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on June 26th to receive his Certificate of Fellowship. We sincerely hope that Mr. O'Connor will soon be completely recovered from his illness.

It will be a pleasure to have you attend the dinner and also Mr. John T. Nelson who will accept the Fellowship Certificate on behalf of your husband.

Looking forward very much to the occasion and with much appreciation of your kind letter, I am

Sincerely yours,

Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director

Mrs. J. W. O'Connor
P. O. Box 392
Westbury, Long Island, N.Y.

P:mad

bcc: Messrs. Stanton, Holden, Levi
Frank Keally

May 8, 1952

Re: Fellowship - J. W. O'Connor

Dear Frank:

Attached is a copy of a letter received from Mrs. J. W. O'Connor of Westbury, Long Island, with respect to her husband not being able to attend the annual dinner of The Institute on June 25th to receive his Certificate of Fellowship, together with a copy of my reply.

Although it is customary for chapter presidents to accept the Fellowship certificates for absentees, it is my opinion that in view of Mrs. O'Connor's letter, it would be gracious to accede to her request.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director

Mr. Frank Keally, F.A.I.A.
17 East 49th Street
New York 17, New York

P:md
cc: Messrs. Stanton, Holden, Levi

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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O'Connor

August 11, 1952

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Dear Mr. O'Connor:

Under separate cover we are sending your Fellowship Certificate which you were unable to receive at the 1952 Convention in New York.

Yours very truly,

J. W. Rankin
Administrative Secretary

Mr. James W. O'Connor, F.A.I.A.
162 E. 37th Street
New York 16, New York

JWR/hd

cc: Mr. Hugh Ferriss, President
New York Chapter, A. I. A.

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JAMES W. O'CONNOR • JAMES F. DELANY
ARCHITECTS
162 EAST 37TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

JOHN T. NELSON
WILLIAM G. MYLES

LEXINGTON 2-8777-8

December 22, 1952

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JW*

American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue N W
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Mrs. James W. O'Connor has requested us
to inform you of the death of Mr. James W. O'Connor,
F.A.I.A., on November 17, 1952.

Yours very truly,

Elizabeth Turner

Secretary to

Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Delany

115 EAST FORTIETH STREET
NEW YORK 16 NEW YORK

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December 1, 1952

~~Mrs. J.W. O' Connor
Box 392 - WESTBURY, LI.
Wheatley ~~Sts~~ Road
Old Westbury, Long Island
New York~~

MAIL —
RESIDENCE {

Dear Mrs. O'Connor:

Our National Headquarters, at 1741 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington 6, D.C. has requested that we ask you to fill out these forms for their records, and return them.

Sincerely,

Lois Forsch

Lois Forsch, Assistant
to Executive Secretary

NO. _____

BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE
of American Architects

Name: JAMES W. O'CONNOR

of (address) 162 E. 37th St., New York City, N. Y.
(office)

Born: 6/3/1873 at NEW YORK CITY

Died: 11/17/52 at Hospital, Glen Cove, L.I., N.Y.

Parents: Janet Hardie & Wm. O'Connor and

Married: Dorothy L. Williams (deceased) of New York City (1926) on
" Elinor Gunn New York City Oct. 30, 1937

Children: Collette Whitlock, Cathal W., Maureen Carlbon and Roderic Ladew O'Connor

Education: Columbia Univ. 1898
E'cole Dps. Beaux Arts in Paris

Training; and practice as Principal: (Firm Names, Places, Dates, Specialization)

Own Firm - O'Connor & Delany - 1903

Accredited early training - McKim, Nead & White

Professional Memberships and Service: (Institute and Chapter Activities; Teaching)

American Institute of Architects

Architectural League of New York

Trustee - Beaux Arts Institute of Design, New York

Other Affiliations: (Religious, Fraternal Political, Social)

Racquet and Tennis Club, New York

Piping Rock Club, Locust Valley, L. I.

On The Board of N. Y. Foundling Hospital, New York

Public Service: (Civil and Military; Community, State, National)

Published Material: (Articles and Addresses; Executed Work; Biographical Data)

(OVER)

General Background: (Personal Characteristics and Accomplishments; Interests, Digressions, Travels, Friendships, Sidelights, Honors, and Awards.)

Specialist in Indoor Tennis Courts - Designed and Built more than 20.
Private Homes in Long Island, Maryland, Middleburg, Virginia and Greenwich, Conn.
Morrisania Housing Project, Bronx, N. Y.
1,500 Cancer & Tuberculosis Hospital for New York to be erected on Welfare Island
Laboratory, Manhattan College at Van Cortlandt Park, New York
School Buildings - La Salle Academy
6 story Hospital Building and Convent at St. Vincent's Hospital - 7th Ave., N. W.
Downtown Building for Grace Steamship Lines

HONORS AND AWARDS - Medal Architectural League, 1937
President's Medal Architectural League 1948
Fellow of The American Institute of Architects, 1952

Principal Commissions: (Classified, with locations and Reference Data) (Above)

Compiled by:

Date:

Acknowledgements:

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11/18/52

JAMES W. O'CONNOR, ARCHITECT, IS DEAD

Designer of Schools, Convents
and Public Housing Projects
Started Career in 1903

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

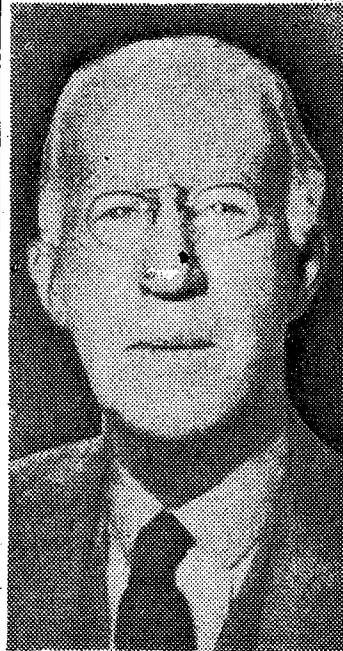
GLEN COVE, L. I., Nov. 17—James W. O'Connor, noted New York architect, died this morning at the North Country Community Hospital, after a brief illness. He was 77 years old.

A native of New York, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William P. O'Connor. He founded his own firm here more than forty years ago, and during the last twenty-five years was in partnership with James F. Delaney at 162 East Thirty-seventh Street. They designed schools, convents, churches and public housing projects as well as planning and creating some of the most beautiful residential work on the East Coast.

Mr. O'Connor was graduated from Columbia University in 1898 and received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Architecture. He went to Paris, where he studied at the Ecole des Beaux Arts. Shortly after his return here in 1903, he established his own architectural firm.

Mr. O'Connor was a specialist in indoor tennis courts, having designed and built more than twenty including one built for the late Mrs. Charles F. McCann, and the court at Piping Rock Club, both on Long Island. Among the private homes he designed were residences on Long Island, in Maryland, Middleburg, Virginia and Greenwich, Conn.

In partnership with Mr. Delaney, he designed the Morrisania Housing project in the Bronx. The firm recently had completed plans for a new 1,500 bed tuberculosis and cancer hospital for New York to be erected on Welfare Island. He also helped to design a laboratory building for Manhattan College at Van Cortland Park, two five-story school buildings and a dormitory for the La Salle Academy at 44-50 East Second Street, for the Brothers of the Christian



James W. O'Connor

Schools. He also helped design the six-story hospital building and convent at 7 to 15 Seventh Avenue for St. Vincent's Hospital.

Mr. O'Connor received the Medal of the Architectural League in 1937 for the domestic architecture and the prize for the best-designed building in downtown New York, that of the Grace Steamship Lines. He also received the President's Medal of the Architectural League in 1948, the organization's highest honor, and this year was named a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects for the contributions to the profession by his achievement in design.

He was a member of the Architectural League of New York, the Society of Beaux-Arts Architects and a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. He was a trustee of the Beaux-Arts Institute of Design and for many years had a prominent part in the staging of the well-known annual Beaux-Arts Balls.

He was a member of the Racquet and Tennis Club and the Piping Rock Club. For many years he maintained homes at 141 East Sixty-third Street, New York and Syosset, L. I. For the last two years he resided at Old Westbury, L. I.

His first wife, Dorothy Ladew Williams, died in 1926. He married Elinor Gunn, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Newton Gunn, on Oct. 31, 1937. Also surviving are two sons, Roderick L., and Cathal W. O'Connor and two daughters, Mrs. Marshall Carlbom and Mrs. Collette Whitlock.