

Phillips, Edwin Brewster
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Application for Membership

JUG 27, 1923

To the Secretary of the American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon House, Washington, D. C.

SIR:

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects.

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name EDWIN BREWSTER PHILLIPS

Address 1139 MADISON AVE. MEMPHIS TENN.
[Number and Street.] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth ST. SIMON'S ISLAND GEORGIA

Graduate in architecture UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA B.S. ARCH. 1913
[If required in your case, give name of institutions and year.—Attach evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture.....
[If required in your case, attach evidence.]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecolè des Beaux Arts.....
[If required in your case, state which, and attach evidence of Certificate.]

If an Associate of a Chapter of the Institute, give name of chapter.....

If practicing architect, firm name RAYMOND B. SPENCER ARCHT. EDWIN B. PHILLIPS ASSOCIATE.

Have been in practice SEVEN years.....

If draughtsman, employed by.....
[State number of years.]

Collegiate and office training.....

I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute and the "Circular of Advice Relative to Principles of Professional Practice and Canons of Ethics," and I agree, if elected, honorably to maintain them.

I further agree, if elected to membership in the American Institute of Architects, that if at any time my membership shall cease, either by my own resignation or by any action taken by the Institute, I will then, by that fact, relinquish all rights of any character that I may have acquired by reason of such membership in the property, real or personal, of the American Institute of Architects, and of the Chapter of the Institute of which I am then a member.

Edwin B. Phillips
[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application was duly elected an Associate of the.....
[For use when the applicant is an Associate.]

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date.....
[Insert date of election to chapter.]

Unanimous endorsement by the Chapter
Raymond B. Spencer Secretary.
Phillips Chapter, A. I. A.

We, the undersigned members of the American Institute of Architects, have carefully examined the foregoing statement and believe it to be correct. We know the applicant personally, and consider that his work and practice warrant his admission to Membership.

Received of Edwin B. Phillips \$ 7.50 7/24/23
Initiation
Annual Dues
Transfer
C. P. D. C. of

- (1) Raymond B. Spencer
- (2) E. B. Harrison
- (3)

[The signatures of three Institute members are here required unless the applicant has the unanimous endorsement of his Chapter, in which case certification to that effect should be made above by the Secretary. Unanimous endorsement is that endorsement in which each Institute member of the Chapter had an opportunity to express himself by letter ballot either for or against the member proposed, and in which there are no negative votes. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

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

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November 30, 1923.

Dear Mr. Phillips:-

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective November 17, 1923.

You have been assigned to the Tennessee Chapter as an Institute member in good standing therein, and the Secretary of the Chapter has been so advised.

No charge for 1923 dues will be made against you and your subscription to the Institute Journal will begin with the January issue.

May I take this opportunity to say that the office of the Secretary at the Octagon is for the service of every Institute member. Should the occasion arise we shall be glad to give you our best cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Edwin Brewster Phillips,
1139 Madison Avenue,
Memphis, Tennessee.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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July 27, 1925.

Mr. Mellen C. Greeley, Secretary,
State Board for Registration of Architects,
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Sir:-

This is to advise that Mr. Edwin Brewster Phillips,
of Spencer and Phillips, Inc., 540 Goodwin Institute
Building, Memphis, Tennessee, is a member in good stand-
ing in the American Institute of Architects.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

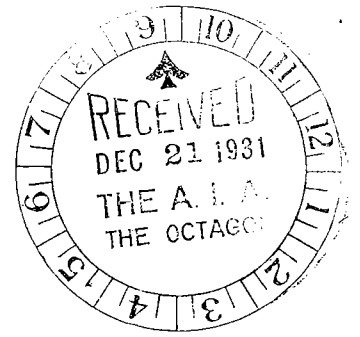
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EDWIN B. PHILLIPS
ARCHITECT
FIDELITY BANK BUILDING
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

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December 19, 1931.

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Return to
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Received Payment
American Institute of Architects
12/21/31

Mr. Edwin Bergstrom, Treasurer,
American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I feel greatly embarrassed at my inability to take care of my A. I. A. dues for 1931 at this time, but I just can't raise the amount. Enclosed herewith is a check for \$5.00 which is indeed a pitiful attempt at a payment on account, but I trust that it will be acceptable.

The volume in business in this section has been only 35% of last year's (which was an off year too) so our incomes have suffered proportionately. Unhappily we have a burden of professional taxes which must be met or the sheriff locks us up, and these have about ruined the architects. Our state, County and City fees run close to \$200.00 a year and do not vary no matter what the volume of business.

Yours very truly,

Edwin B. Phillips

EBP/S
Encl-

Check \$5.00 for 1931

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MEMBER AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

EDWIN B. PHILLIPS
Architect

EXCHANGE BUILDING
MEMPHIS, TENN.

January 6, 1936



Mr. Charles T. Ingham, Secretary
The Octagon, 1741 New York Ave.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Through Mr. R. J. Regan, 1935 Secretary of the Tennessee Chapter, I am sending you \$50.00 to be credited to my Institute dues. When you have an opportunity to check up my account, I would appreciate a statement to date so that I may take care of the balance.

If the Annuary is published this year please have any reference to my connection with any other Architect deleted. I have neglected to inform Mr. Kemper about this matter as it entirely slipped my mind. My present status is that of an independent Architect and ~~his~~ in association with no other individual.

Thanking you for your courtesy in these matters,
I am,

Yours very truly,

Edwin B. Phillips

EBP/RMF

Check for \$50.00 received from Mr. Regan - 1-6-36.

This pays Mr. Phillips' dues up to January 1, 1936.- Statement for 1936 dues is attached.

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Copy to Mr. R. J. Regan, Acting Secretary
Tennessee Chapter, A.I.A.

January 15, 1936

Dear Mr. Phillips:

We received your letter of January 6th, with regard to your Institute dues account. Mr. Regan, past Secretary of the Tennessee Chapter, had transmitted your check for \$50.00 for your past dues, which we wish to acknowledge with thanks.

Your Institute dues are now paid to December 31, 1935, leaving in your account the dues for 1936, only, in the amount of \$20.00. A statement therefor is attached.

The Annuary will not be published for 1935-1936, due to lack of funds. However, we have made a note of the change you wish to make by omitting any reference to association with other architects, and when the Annuary is next published the correction will be made.

Sincerely yours,

K/g
Enc.

Executive Secretary

Mr. Edwin B. Phillips, A.I.A.,
Exchange Building,
Memphis, Tenn.

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Phillips, Edwin B

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BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE
of American Architects

NO. _____

Name: Edwin B. Phillips of (address) 1855 Harbert Ave.,
Memphis, Tenn.
Born: Dec. 25, 1889 at St. Simon's- Mills, Georgia Died: July 11, 1957 at Memphis, Tenn.
Parents: Brewster Phillips and Eugenia Robinson
Married: Marie deBrutz Grainger of Wilmington, N.C. on 1917
Children: (2) Ann - Brewster

Education: City High School - Asheville, North Carolina Bachelor of
Davidson College - Davidson, " " - 2-yrs Science in
University of Pa.- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 3-yrs Architecture

Training; and practice as Principal: (Firm Names, Places, Dates, Specialization)
Architect
1916 - 1917 - General Practice, Edwin B. Phillips Asheville, N.C.
1919 - 1922 - General Practice " Chattanooga, Tenn.
1922 - 1957 - Ecclesiastical, Residential & Commercial - " Memphis, Tenn.

Professional Memberships and Service: (Institute and Chapter Activities; Teaching)
American Institute of Architects
Tennessee Chapter American Institute of Architects
Memphis " " " "
Past President Tennessee Chapter AIA

Other Affiliations: (Religious, Fraternal, Political, Social)
Episcopalian - Past President Men's Loyalty League of Calvary -
Episcopal Church, Memphis, Tenn.
Optimist Club - Past President
Kiwanis Club - Memphis, Tenn.
Public Service: (Civil and Military; Community, State, National)

World War I, 1st Lieutenant Coast Artillery
Military Order of World Wars

Published Material: (Articles and Addresses; Executed Work; Biographical Data)
Phillips was intrigued with the study of architecture at an early age and was drawing plans for homes and designing rooms from the time he was 12 years of age.
He headed his own office in the Exchange Building, Memphis, Tenn.
Mr. Phillips felt that a building's style of architecture depended largely on its location. He favored English and Colonial types if the site were suitable. "Modernistic plans for commercial work are clever and practical", he once explained, "but the exterior design is still crude. In several more years the plans will be refined to the point of beauty. Modernistic architecture is too cold at present.

ECCLESIASTICAL:
1926 - St. Marks Methodist Church, Charlotte, N.C.
" - Methodist Church South, Fulton, Ky.
1927 - St. James Lutheran Church, Concord, N.C.
1928 - Methodist Church, Milan, Tenn.
1928 - St. Luke's Methodist Church, Memphis, Tenn.
" " " Educational Bldg., - 1950
" " " " " 1955

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General Background: (Personal Characteristics and Accomplishments; Interests, Digressions, Travels, Friendships, Side-lights, Honors, and Awards.) Ecclesiastical - continued -

1943	Church of the Good Shepherd,	Memphis, Tenn.	1948
1951	" " " Educational Bldg.	" "	
1947	Madison Hts. Methodist Church	Memphis, Tenn.	
1948	First United Lutheran Church,	" "	
1948	Presbyterian Church,	Tunica, Miss.	
1948	Riverside Park ME Church,	Jacksonville, Fla.	
1949	Lenoir College Lutheran Church,	Hickory, N. C.	
1949	Houston Methodist Church,	Houston, Miss.	
1949	Greenville, Methodist Church	Greenville, Miss.	
1949	Oxford Methodist Church	Oxford, Miss.	
1949	Highland Heights Methodist Church	Memphis, Tenn.	
1949	Springdale Methodist Church	Memphis, Tenn.	
1950	First Baptist Church	Forest City, Ark.	
1950	Greenville Presbyterian Church	Greenville, Miss.	
1950	St. Stephens Methodist Church	Memphis, Tenn.	
1952-54	" Educational Bldg.,	"	
1950	LaBelle Baptist Church, Educational Bldg.	Memphis, Tenn.	
1951	Oxford Baptist Church	Oxford, Miss.	
1952	Coffeerville Methodist Church,	Coffeerville, Miss.	
1952	Presbyterian Church-Educational Bldg.	Cleveland, Miss.	
1952	Waynesboro Methodist Church	Waynesboro, Tenn.	
1952	Colonial Park Methodist Church	Memphis, Tenn.	
1952	Epworth Methodist Church, Edu. Bldg.,	"	
1952	First Assembly of God	"	
1953	Murray Methodist Church,	Murray, Ky.,	
	Advance planning First Educational Bldg. Completed		
1953	Obion Methodist Church,	Obion, Tenn.	
1953	Whitehaven Methodist Church, "Unit A"	Memphis, Tenn.	
1956	" " " "Unit B"	"	
1954	Charleston Methodist Church	Charleston, Miss.	
1954	Presbyterian Church, Educational Bldg.	Yazoo City, Miss.	

COMMERCIAL:--*

1923	Bank of Dyersburg,	Dyersburg, Tenn.
1937	Poinsett Lumber Co., Office Bldg.,	Truman, Ark.
1939	Fire Station	Memphis, Tenn.
1945	Mid South Oil Co.	" "
1950	Orkin Exterminating Co. Office Bldg.	Memphis, Tenn.

RESIDENTIAL:--

1923	Mrs. Alice Dana Burnett	Memphis, Tenn.
1926	Judge Fentress	Memphis, Tenn.
1931	Walker Taylor	Wilmington, N.C.
1936	E. E. Blevins, Memphis; P. L. Denton,	Marks, Miss.
1939	Oliver Benton	Jackson, Tenn.
1940	H. O. Erwin, Memphis; K.B. Nonpeny	" "
1944	Home In Chickasaw Gardens	Memphis, Tenn.

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

Compiled by: G. Albert Chandler, AIA

Date: October 11, 1957

Acknowledgements:

JUL 12 1957

Edwin Phillips Dies After A Long Illness

Church Designs His Specialty

Edwin B. Phillips, a past president of the Tennessee Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, died at his home at 1855 Harbert at 4 p.m. yesterday after a long illness. He was 67.



Mr. Phillips specialized in churches and had designed St. Luke's Methodist Church, Calvary Methodist and Madison Heights Church, among others in Memphis, as well as churches throuth the Mid-South and in North Carolina, Louisiana and Florida. His general practice also included much fine residential and commercial work.

Born on St. Simon Island, just off the coast of Brunswick, Ga., Phillips was intrigued with the study of architecture at an early age and was drawing plans for homes and designing rooms from the time he was 12 years old. He had designed many homes and commercial buildings before he went to college.

Received Degrees

After high school graduation he worked four years to finance his technical education. He graduated from Davidson College in North Carolina and received his degrees in architecture and engineering from the University of Pennsylvania.

He was a first lieutenant in the Coast Artillery during World War I.

He returned to the drawing boards, working three years in Chattanooga before coming to Memphis in 1922.

He headed his own office in the Exchange Building.

Mr. Phillips felt that a building's style of architecture depended largely on its location. He favored English and Colonial types, if the site were suitable.

"Modernistic plans for commercial work are clever and practical," he said some years ago, "but the exterior design is still crude. In several more years the plans will be refined to the point of beauty. Modernistic architecture is too cold at present."

Work Was Hobby

He enjoyed watching football and played tennis occasionally but his hobby was architecture—"I get more fun out of pondering a design than any possible hobby," he said.

He was a past president of the Memphis Optimist Club, past president of the Men's Loyalty League of Calvary Episcopal Church, a member of the Military Order of World Wars and the Kiwanis Club.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Mary deBrutz Grainger Phillips, and a daughter, Mrs. John C. Wyckoff II, both of Memphis; one sister, Mrs. C. F. Reed of Washington, and five grandchildren. His son, Lt. Comdr. Brewster Phillips II, died in 1947 while in the Navy.

Services and burial at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at Oakdale Cemetery, Wilmington, N. C. National Funeral Home is in charge.

Phillips, Edwin