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Application for Membership

	January 12th, 1925
To the Secretary of the American Institute	of Architects,
The Oc Sir:	ctagon House, Washington, D. C.
I hereby apply for Membership in th	ne American Institute of Architects.
I hereby certify that the following s	statements are correct:
Name Irving Dalton	Porter
Address Room 304 U.S.P.	O., Dallas Texas [City.] [State.]
	D.C., August 20th 1882
Graduate in architecture[If required in your c	(see memorandum) ase, give name of institutions and year.—Attach evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation
	X [If required in your case, attach evidence.]
	the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the
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	(see memorandum)
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naintain them. I further agree, if elected to member nembership shall cease, either by my ow that fact, relinguish all rights of any char	ractice and Canons of Ethics," and I agree, if elected, honorably to rship in the American Institute of Architects, that if at any time my n resignation or by any action taken by the Institute, I will then, by racter that I may have acquired by reason of such membership in the can Institute of Architects, and of the Chapter of the Institute of
I hereby certify that the signer of this [For use when the applicant is an Associate.]	application was duly elected an Associate of the
Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date	[Insert date of election to chapter.]
	Secretary.
	Chapter, A. I. A.
We, the undersigned members of the soing statement and believe it to be core and practice warrant his admission to M	(I) Clarence & Julyer
must send ?	[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.]

Dallas Texas, January 12th 1925

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

Sir:-

In view of the absence of the exhibit drawings required by the accompanyed application and the nature of my eighteen years service with the U.S.Government, I am respectfully submitting this supplemental memorandum with my application.

I have been an architectural draftsman and architect in the Office of Supervising Architect, Treasury Department, since 1906. Prior to that date my architectural training was secured in the Columbia University (now Geo Washington), also in the following offices in Washington D.C.; Waddy B Wood, Geo Oakley Totten, office of Municipal Architect, D.C. and Navy Department, then four years in the O ffice of Supervising Architect at Washington.

The period of 1908-1910 was construction superintendent on Federal Buildings, O.S.A. Since 1910 to date have been employed as Architect by the Supervising Architect, Treasury Department in a supervisory capacity. My official position as architect was secured through the Civil Service Commission upon competative architectural examinations. During the late world war period (1917-1919-) was Captain Engineers U.S.A. overseas.

Owing to my official connections and conduct of the Federal Building work the idenity of my original work is obscured and filed in Washington the property of the Government. My official position limits my private practice to architectural consultations, instructing, and small building projects, not interfering with my official business nor the architectural profession at large.

Respectyfully yours

CLARENCE C. BULGER, PRESIDENT 611-12 PRAETÓRIAN BUILDING DALLAS

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NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER of the AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS Jan. 15th, 1925.

Mr. F. C. Kemper, Executive Secy, A.I.A. The Octagon. Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I am forwarding herewith the application of **Twings** D. Porter in lieu of exhibits Mr. Porter has included a letter of explanation.

Yours very truly.

Mr. J. C. Hemper, Efective Sey, a. I. a., The Octogore, Washington & C.

January 20, 1925.

Dear Mr. Dunne:-

This will acknowledge your letter of the 15th, enclosing the application of Mr. Irving D. Porter, together with his check of \$5.00 to cover the Preliminary Fee.

We are making acknowledgment to Mr. Porter today, advising him that we are not asking him to forward exhibits unless the Board of Examiners should so direct.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. W. Scott Dunne, Secretary, North Texas Chapter of the A.I.A., Melba Theatre Building, Dallas, Texas.

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Mr. E. C. Kemper,

Executive Secretary, A.I.A.

Dear Sir:

Under the regulations laid down for the guidance of the Board of Examiners, applicants for admission to the Institute must qualify under one or more of certain stipulated conditions. As the attached application of Mr. Irving D. Porter of Dallas Tex. is not accompanied by the unanimous endorsement of the local chapter, by exhibits of his work, or by a statement of his graduation from one of the accredited colleges, the Board of Examiners before taking further action, would appreciate some information in addition to that contained in the memorandum accompanying the application.

Paragraph three of the memorandum contains the following.

"Since ISIO to date have been employed as Architect by
the Supervising Architect, Treasury Department in a
supervisory capacity. My official position as Architect
was secured through the Civil Service Commission upon
competitive architectural examinations."

The Board desires to know what the applicant's official title is, whether the supervisory duties mentioned carry with them the authority to make decisions on major architec tural questions, and whether the construction he supervises is from drawings and specifications prepared under his supervision.

In the paragraph above quoted, the applicant refers to an architectural examination of the Civil Service; does this apply to an examination taken for his present supervisory position, or for his earlier position as architectural draftsman?

Does the original work, referred to in paragraph four of the memorandum "filed in Washington", refer to buildings designed under the supervision of the applicant? In such cases it has been the practice of applicants to submit blueprints of such drawings.

In the absence of drawings for government work, would not the applicant care to submit data on the private work mentioned, such as statements on his practice as consultant and instructor THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS ARCHIVES For information or study purposes only. Not to be recopied, quoted, or published without written permission from the AIA Archives, 1735 New York Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20006

or photographs and drawings of buildings designed by him.

Pending the receipt of the desired information, the application with the correspondence attached, are returned enclosed.

Very truly yours

Board of Examiners

May 12, 1925.

Dear Mr. Porter:-

With further reference to your application for membership in the American Institute of Architects, we find that certain specific information will probably be desired by the Board of Examiners before whom the application must come.

We would therefore appreciate it if you would answer the following questions:

- That is your official title at the present time?
- Do the supervisory duties mentioned in your application carry with them the authority to make decisions on major architectural questions?
 - Is the construction which you supervise executed from drawings and specifications prepared under your supervision?
 - Was the civil service architectural examination to which you refer taken for your present supervisory position, or for an earlier position as architectural draftsman?
 - Does the original work referred to in the fourth paragraph of your memorandum, under date of January 12th, refer to buildings designed under your supervision?
 - If so will you not submit blue prints of such drawings?
- In the absence of drawings of Government work which you have done will you not submit data on the private work mentioned, with regard to your practice as consultor and instructor.
- Do you care to submit photographs and drawings of any buildings designed by you?
 - Please do not consider this office to be overly technical. We aim to place every application before the Board of Examiners in complete form and to anticipate questions which might be raised by the Board.

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If you will respond informally and promptly to the foregoing, we will expedite your application.

Very sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Irving Dalton Porter. Room 304-U. S. P. O., Dallas, Texas.

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Dallas Texas, May 25th 1925

Mr. E.C.Kemper, Executive Secretary, A.I.A, Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter of the 12th instant relative to my application for membership in the A.I.A, and will reply to same, referring to paragraphs;

Par 3- (your letter)- My present title since last year is DISTRICT ENGINEER, a title wished on me by the reclassification board, or some other source. I am an Architect. There are five such DISTRICT ENGINEERS covering the United States.

Par 4- YES.

Par 5- About 40 percent prepared in this office, but the drawings and specification for the major projects are prepared at the Washington office. A large portion of the major projects are prepared in Washington from data and sketches furnished by myself after investigations in the field.

Pa5-6- Earlier position in the office of Supervising Architect, present position by promotion, at consent of Civil Service Commission.

Par 7- YES

Par 8- Yes - IF IMPERATIVE.

Par 9- See post card, served two months as consultor, called in by Dr E.A.Cary, owner. Will furnish more data if inperative. As to later part this question, am now engaged in establishing a school of Architecture at the S.M.U., Dallas Texas, in capacity chairman Educational committee. Other data if imperative.

Par 10- If imperative, YES.

Note inclosed nature of my official instructions in one or two instances. Trusting this information will be satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

Treasury Department, Washington D.C.,

July 28th 1922

Mr. I.D.Porter,
Supervising Superintendent
#310 P.O., Dallas Texas,

Sir:

As soon as your present duties will permit visit Fort Worth Texas, for the purpose of ascertaining the probable cost to the Government of a suitable site for a new public building in that city and the amount which the Government could probably realize by the sale of the present Post Office site and the building thereon.

Investigateen is also desired concerning the amount of space which would be needed------

Submit a report on your findings and include a statement

At Dailas make a similiar investigation and submit a report of your findings with recommendations regarding a building plan for that city.

Your actual traveling and subsistence expenses -----

Respectfully,

(Signed) Jas A Wetmore,
Acting Supervising Architect.

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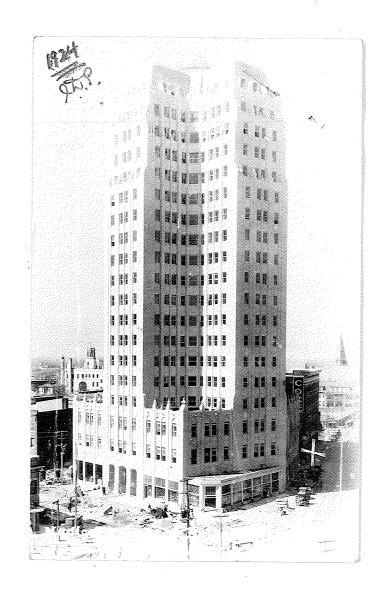
Answer:-

"Performs his duties largely upon his own responsibility under general instructions; under specific instructions performs such duties as giving advice to representaives of other Departments on construction problems, valuation on property, suitibility of sites etc.,"

Signed VN (Von Nerta)
Technical Officer.

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Porter called.

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When they come in

May 5, 1921

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letter to Kemper, such In object to will for kindly let me Know, otherwise will for please pigos to sent the sent to the form of the sent to the sent

D. EVERETT WAID, PRESIDENT, NEW YORK

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EDWARD C. KEMPER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 11, 1925.

Dear Mr. Simon:-

Herewith is the application of Irving D. Porter, of Dallas, Texas, which has been pending for some time. See your note of May 5th to Mr. Donn.

We wrote to Mr. Porter on May 12th and his reply is next attached to the application under date of May 25th. It was on the strength of this reply that Messrs. Donn and Smith approved and the case is now submitted to you.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Louis A. Simon, Office of Supervising Architect, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

K:VB ENCL My dear Kemper:

In the matter of application of m. Drong D. Porter for membership in the Justitute. Mr. Simon of the Committee on admissions (Bd. J Exam) held who this ahplustin for futhe information. I have had a conference with and he wishes to have me write you as To just what he Thinks proper to have their applicant cleared up and admitted into the a. I.a. of poss-Ible - His letter of May 25 - 1925, answering Certain questions in letter in him of May 12 me desire to have him submit bleck prints - see questions and ausum - Par. 7 and 8. and also Par 10. as a photos. The must insist in sutmission of exhibits as a matter of from anyway. Tuendy your

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October 16, 1925,

Dear Mr. Porter:-

With further reference to your application for Institute membership, we find that the formalities are almost, but not quite, complete.

The Board of Examiners would like to receive from you the customary exhibits of executed work. These exhibits were referred to in paragraphs 7. 8 and 10 of my letter of May 12 to you. In your enswer of May 25, paragraphs 7. 8 and 10, you state that you would be willing to sent the work referred to.

If you will do this, sending the exhibits called for, we will then be in a position to secure final action on your application.

Those men who are not graduates in Architecture of some leading University are generally required to submit exhibits, unless unanimously endorsed by the local Chapter. I say this by way of explanation and so that you will not consider this office over technical.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Irving D. Porter, Room 304 U. S. P.O., Dallas, Toxas.

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Dallas Texas September 16th 1927.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT ENGINEER Irving D. Porter

> POST OFFICE DALLAS, TEXAS

> > Dear Mr. Kemper:-

Reference is made to your letter of October 16th 1925, and to our conversation of the 8th instant while I was in Washington, all in connection with my application for the Institute membership, and the delayed exhibits of my work that you require.

In this connection, and along the lines of our conversation, there is forwarded you parcels post insured, under seperate cover, one bundle of four sets of drawings covering four construction projects that have been completed, where I was the Architect. The drawings, specifications, contracts and general supervision is my individual efforts.

The four sets of drawings sent you for the review of the Board of Examiners consist of, Exhibit A- Exhibit B-Exhibit C and Exhibit D. This is only a few of my efforts that I have been able to handle, when not regularially engaged in my official duties for the Office of The Supervising Architect, Treasury Department.

This work is not submitted as an exhibition of the quality of draftsmanship nor the type of construction that we as Architects are especially proud of. I like many others, would perfer to submit something of a monumental timl character and work suitable for a public exhibition hall, however, I am submitting these exhibits with a view of showing you the quality of service I am attempting to give my clients, in the matter of detail, complete drawings and protection .

Exhibit "A"- was not constructed, although the site was cleared and foundations staked out, as can be ascertained from the letter of owner, due to sudden slump in building construction. However, all work was completed up to point of drawing up contract. The work will no doubt proceed shortly. Cost\$60,000.

Exhibit "B"- is a clinic for crippled children and also for reconstruction of children and adults. Cost \$45,000.00 Exhibit "C"- First design was for two story, but the project was built for two stories, and finished for the present as a one story. **Gost** \$14,000.00 - two story **\$bout** \$24,000.00 Exhibit "D"- small residence cost about \$4500.00 and is submitted to show that I give as much attention to a small job, in detail and completeness of drawings as a big job. This job was finished about three months ago, and I have not as yet had a photograph of the finished project, and do not want to wait for one to submit with drawings, as I am now anxious to have my application compreheted at an early date as practicable.

I am sure that **the** Exhibition Committee will consider these exhibits adequate, as an index to the service given a client, which I believe is the principal object of the Institute.

Kindly return the drawings after they have served their purpose, at my expense. I wish to state that I enjoyed my little visit to the Octagon House last week, although it is no stranger to me, as I was raised in Washington. I also enjoyed our visit and conversation with you and trust I will have the pleasure of another visit in the near future.

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September 23, 1927

Dear Mr. Porter:

A week's vacation has delayed a response to yours of September 16th.

We received your exhibits safely, and these, in connection with your letter, will come up at the next meeting of the Board of Examiners. That should be between October 1st and 10th, and you can depend upon me to present your application with a word of explanation and to advise you, promptly, when the somewhat lengthy procedure has been completed.

Sincerely yours.

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Irving D. Porter, District Engineer, Dallas, Texas.

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OFFICE OF DISTRICT ENGINEER

Porter I.D. POST OFFICE DALLAS, TEXAS

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Mr. Edward C. Kemper. Executive Secretary, A.I.A., The Octagon, 1741 N.Y.Ave., Washington. D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:-

I was in Washington week of Dec 10th due to my mother's death. You will remember that I spoke of her illness when I saw you in Washington last September. At the time of my last Washington trip I called to see you, but you were still in San Antonio, Texas. I hope you enjoyed your visit to our Texas State.

Since my last visit, I have received from your office the drawings that were sent you as exhibits. I write to inquire the status of my application for membership in the A.I.A. I understood that the exhibit committee had passed on the exhibits.

The North Texas Chapter, A.I.A., have installation of officers on January 9th, next, and I am anxious to have my membership in the A.I.A., completed by that time if possible. Will appreciate any action that you might be able to take along these lines, and trust that my application can be favorably acted upon.

Sincerely yours,

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



January 7, 1928.

Dear Mr. Porter:-

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in The American Institute of Architects, effective December 1, 1927.

You have been assigned to the North Texas Chapter as an Institute Member in good standing therein, and the Secretary of the Chapter has been so notified.

The enclosed statement covering dues for the current year should receive prompt attention.

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.

Sincerely yours.

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Irving D. Porter, Office of District Engineer, Treasury Department, Dallas, Texas.

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IRVING D. PORTER, A. I. A. ARCHITECT

DALLAS

December 16,193

The American Institute of Architects, The Octagon, Washington, D.C. (Mr.Edwin Bergtrom, Treasurer).

Dear Sir;-

There is attached herewith my check in amount of \$25.00 to cover my 1933 Institute dues, with the understanding that my 1932 dues be remitted in whole, in accordance with the memorandum of resolution as passed by the Board of Directors dated August 5th,1933.

I am very anxious indeed to retain my membership in the Institute but to do so it is imperative that I take the advantages offer members by the Board of Directors in the matter of past dues. It is true that I am not wholly dependent upon income from private practice and been hit as hard in financial matters as the private practicing Architecets, but my reverses in the past two years has been exceptional in the way of enforced furloughs, salary deductions and more especially by the death of my parents last year and year prior to that and this year a \$1600.00 hospital and doctors bills for my wife who underwent a serious operation.

I am forwarding you this check and letter through Mr. Frank Witchell, president of the North Texas Chapter who is familiar with my situation and will I am sure be only to ready to attest to the facts in my case and make an indorsement that I be granted the privilages as set forth in the letter to the members dated August 5th, 1933.

Indorsement and recommendation by Mr.Frank Witchel,
President North Texas Chapter,

Dated

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.



January 8, 1934

Dear Mr. Porter:

This will acknowledge your letter of December 16, 1933.

As the requirements of the Board have been met, your Institute dues for the year 1932 have been remitted in full.

This will acknowledge with thanks your check covering dues for the year 1933.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. Irving D. Porter, Room 550, U. S. P. O., Dallas, Texas.

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Copy to the President,
North Texas Chapter.

DALLAS CHAPTER AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

September 17, 1973

MEMORANDUM

To: Maureen Marx, Director, Membership Procedures

Fr: Rosemary Schroeder, Executive Secretary

Re: Termination of Membership - James H. Wilkerson

Confirming our telephone conversation of this morning, James H. Wilkerson is not liable for supplemental dues as he has no employees. The failure to advise you of this fact was due to an oversight on Mrs. Wilkerson's part as she handles his books and did not know of his indebtedness until advised in August - at which time she promptly remitted, but did not check the box.

Also, I failed to mention this morning that we recently lost two Member Emeriti They are John B. Danna, Sr., and Irving Porter.



REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK OF DALLAS

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TRUST DEPARTMENT

HARDIE O. HERMAN ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT AND TRUST OFFICER

October 2, 1973

AIA Journal 1735 New York Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20006

Re: Estate of I. D. Porter

Gentlemen:

This Bank is acting as Independent Executor of the Estate of Irving D. Porter who resided at 3883 Turtle Creek Boulevard, Dallas, Texas. Would you please remove Mr. Porter's name from your mailing list.

Enclosed is your mailing coupon.

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Sincerely yours,

Hardie O. Herman

Assistant Vice President

and Trust Officer

HOH/mh/31-14 Enclosure

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