

Transcription of 1903 correspondence from Theodate Pope, RG 801, Series 1, Box 25,
folder 5 (done by Nancy Hadley, 10/12/2005)

Received Nov 27 1903

Hill Stead

My dear Mr McKim,

Will you tell me if your address before the Royal Institute of British Architects was
printed, and if so where I can get a copy?

Sincerely,

Theodate Pope

Oct. 28

Farmington

Connecticut

Please send a copy of address, if you have one, to Miss Pope.

C. F. McKim

Received Dec 1 1903

Farmington

Conn.

Mr Glenn Brown

Dear Sir

Thank you very much for sending me the copy of the American Institute Quarterly which
contains the address of Mr McKim that I want.

Very truly,

(Miss) Theodate Pope

Please send a copy of address, if

you have one, to Miss Pope.

C. F. McKim.

Hill Street

1128!!

Dear Mr McKim,

Will you

send me a copy of your address
before the Royal Institute of
British Architects was
printed, and if so where
I can get a copy?

Sincerely,

Theodore Pope.

Oct 28.

Tarrington
Conn.

Tarrington
Conn.

Received

Oct 1 1908



Addressed

Mr Glenn Brown

Dear Sir:

Thank you

very much for sending

me the copy of the

American Institute Quarterly,

which contains the address

of the building now?

Yours truly,

(Theodore) Theodore Pope

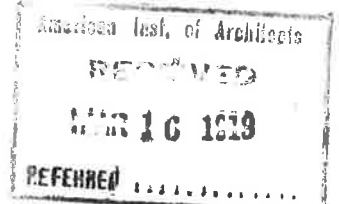


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OCTAGON WASHINGTON; CABLE ADDRESS

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

March 4, 1918.



Dear Madam:-

Last May, almost a year ago, we sent to you some information concerning Institute membership and it is gratifying to receive now your formal application.

Thru a misunderstanding the Chapter was under the impression that your application for chapter membership, with the names of three endorsers thereon, would be suitable in connection with an application for Institute membership, but without the necessity of securing the names of three endorsers on the Institute application.

This is substantially correct but these requirements are so strictly followed by the Board of Examiners that I take the liberty of returning herewith your application for Institute membership and attach thereto ^{ed} ^{the} application for chapter membership.

On the Chapter form Mr. ^a La Farge appears to be the only endorser who is an Institute member, but I am not sure of this as the signature of the third endorser is rather difficult of interpretation. The first endorser is not an Institute member. You will note from the small marked paragraph on the Institute application, in the lower right hand corner, that three Institute members should sign as endorsers.

Will you not be good enough to secure the three necessary signatures and return the application at your early convenience in order that it may come before the Board of Directors, meeting in April just prior to the Institute convention in Philadelphia.

I am sending under separate cover an Annualy. The Institute members of the New York Chapter will be found on page 43.

A receipt to cover the preliminary fee of \$5.00 is enclosed herewith.

By direction of the Secretary,
Very truly yours,

W. S. Parker
Executive Secretary.

Miss. W.P. Riddle,
Farmington, Conn.
K:B
enc.

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MAR 16 1918
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Dear dear Mr. Kemper:

I enclose
my application for
membership in the American
Institute of Architects.

Thanking you for
your kindness in the
matter, I am

Very sincerely,

Woodward Pope Riddle

Pa. 9/24 7/15/18

March 14th 18

Mr John Wallace Riddle

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

COPY

March 16th-1918.

Dear Madam:-

Thank you for your letter of March 14th and the new application.

You will not forget to send in due course the exhibits of three accepted buildings. These exhibits should consist of photographs and working drawings taken from your office files. They will be carefully returned later.

I find that you already have paid the preliminary fee of \$5.00 so your check #3A in that amount is returned herewith.

Very sincerely,

Executive Secretary.

Mrs. Theodate F. Riddle,
Farmington, Conn.

K:B

enc.

Journal Inst. of Architects
RECEIVED

My dear Mr. Kemper:

I have just
made return, per check
for \$5.00; for which I
thank you.

Two packages containing
photographs & a set of
house plans were sent
you by Parcel Post a
few days ago.

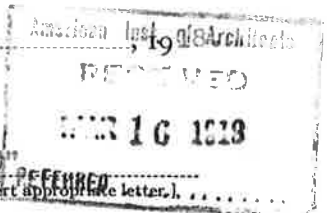
Kindly notify me if
they do not arrive soon.

Very sincerely,
Theodore Pope Radde

Riddle, Theodate Pope
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Application for Membership

January 9, 1918



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

SIR:

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

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name..... Theodate Pope Riddle (Miss John Wallace Riddle)

Address..... Farmington, Connecticut.

Place and date of birth..... Salem, Ohio. February, 1877.

Graduate in architecture.....
[Give name of institutions and year.—Evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation to be submitted with application.]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture.....
[Give name and year.]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecole des Beaux Arts.....
[State which, and year.—Evidence of Certificate to be submitted with application.]

If an Associate of a Chapter of the Institute, give date of admission thereto.....

If practicing architect, firm name..... Theodate Pope

Have been in practice..... Eleven 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.

Theodate Pope Riddle
[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 exact date of election to chapter.]

..... Secretary.
..... 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.

Prelim. Fee... PAID
Initiation... MADE
Unan. End... NO
Exhibits... RECEIVED
On Priv. Com. of... 4-29-18

3 Institute Members

Chas. P. [unclear]
Wm. Rutherford Mead
H. Symmes Richardson

[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 President and 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. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

In accompanying personal
signatures
Chairman

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May 20-1918

My dear Mrs. Riddle:-

As Secretary of the Institute, it is my pleasure and duty to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective May 20th, 1918.

You have been assigned to the Connecticut Chapter, within whose territory your business headquarters are located, and I am sending a copy of this communication to Mr. A. Raymond Ellis, the Secretary, with the suggestion that he communicate with you concerning the matter of dues and affiliation with the Chapter.

You will receive under separate cover the Proceedings of the 50th Convention; and the Year Book for 1917, which in addition to the membership records contain the official documents of the Institute relating to matters of professional practice. The Proceedings for the recent Convention and the 1918 Annuary will be sent as soon as printed.

The enclosed statement should receive early attention, as the engrossed Certificate of Membership is not sent until this initial obligation has been met, and election becomes void within three months of this date for non-payment.

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 will be pleased to give you our best cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

Mrs. Theodate Pope Riddle,
Farmington, Connecticut.

P:VB
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Copy to Mr. Ellis

COPY TO

FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

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Theodate Pope, Architect, Farmington, Connecticut

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June 10, 1918.

My dear Mr. Parker:

I have your letter of recent date, together with the Proceedings of the 50th Convention; and the Year Book for 1917. May I ask you in giving instructions for the engrossed Certificate of Membership for me to, in this case, use my maiden name, THEODATE POPE, as it is by this name I am known professionally ?

I am enclosing my check for \$35.00 in payment of statement enclosed. I wish to express my thanks to you for your kindness in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

(DICT. BY) Theodate Pope Riddle
(Mrs. John Wallace Riddle)

Mr. William Stanley Parker

*Send Pmt 25.00
Mys. 1918 10.00
35.00*

PAID
DATE *9/2/18* *JMS.*

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JUN 12 1918
REFERRED

Charles D. Pope, Architect, Farmington, Connecticut

American Inst. of Architects

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JUN 22 1920

June 21, 1920.

Dear Sir:

REFERRED

I expect to spend the summer in England making architectural studies and I am anxious to meet and consult with certain English architects. I am writing, therefore, to ask you to be kind enough to give me an open letter of introduction, stating that I am a member of the American Institute of Architects, and if you know him personally, a note of introduction to Mr. Alfred Powell, whom I especially wish to consult.

Yours very truly,

Charles D. Pope

E. C. Kemper, Esq.,
Executive Secretary
American Institute of Architects
Washington, D. C.

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

COPY

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June 24, 1920.

My dear Mrs. Riddle:-

As requested in yours of June 21, I enclose herewith a general letter of introduction.

I do not know Mr. Alfred Powell personally, but would be glad to send to you official letters of introduction to him or to any of the officers of the R. I. B. A., whom you might specifically designate.

Mr. Whitaker, Editor of the Journal, has a wide personal acquaintance among the English architects, and he says he would be glad to give you personal notes of introduction if you will write him the matters in which you are principally interested.

Please consider this office at your service in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mrs. Theodate Pope Riddle,
Architect,
Farmington, Connecticut.

K-P.

Enclosure.

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

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COPY

November 11, 1926.

My dear Mrs. Pope:

At this, a spare moment, I write to say that I am indeed sorry I was not in when you called at the Octagon several days ago.

If there is any information or service that we might have rendered will you not write?

When you are in Washington again we hope that you will call and I hope that I will be on hand.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mrs. Theodate Pope,
Farmington, Conn.

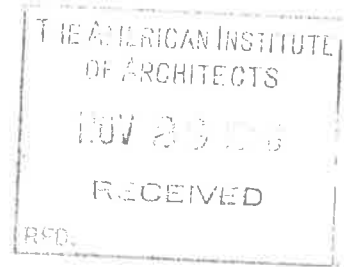
K-G

Charles H. Pope, Architect, Farmington, Connecticut

23

November
19th
1926

File



My dear Mr. Kemper:

Thank you for your courteous note. There was no information I wanted; I simply called upon you as I was passing through Washington.

I hope sometime you will come to see Avon, Old Farms, the school for boys, which I am building.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Pope

THEODATE POPE, A. I. A., FARMINGTON, CONNECTICUT

A.I.A. Dues of \$10.00 were paid on January 17, 1934.

The statement referred to in this letter was attached to the questionnaire and was exhibit "B" - not a request for dues.

LM

Apr. 17,
1934.



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

My dear Mr. Bergstrom:

Mrs. Theodate Pope Riddle has handed me your bill, dated March 1st, 1934, covering -

Annual Dues, Jan. 1, 1934 to Dec. 31, 1934
inclusive, \$25.00

About January 1st, of this year, Mrs. Riddle received your bill dated Jan. 1, 1934, as follows:

Amount to be paid on account dues 1934.. \$15.00
Less Adjusting Credit on account dues for
period 1931-33, inclusive, 5.00
\$10.00

Check was sent to you on January 13th, 1934 for \$10.00

Will you kindly explain the apparent duplicate assessment for the present year, and oblige

Very truly yours,

M. Louise Riddle
Secretary to Mrs. Riddle.

Paid \$10 = 1/17/34

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

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COPY

April 23, 1934.

My dear Mrs. Riddle:

Responding to the note from your Secretary, of April 17th, to Mr. Bergstrom:

The Institute received, in January, your check for \$10 on account of Institute dues.

If the Convention adopts the proposed plan for reducing dues and adjusting accounts, that \$10 will pay for Institute dues for the year 1934.

If there is any modification of the plan by the Convention, we will advise you.

The statement to which you refer was an exhibit to the questionnaire and was not intended as a bill for dues.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

Mrs. Theodate Pope Riddle, A.I.A.,
Farmington,
Connecticut.

ECK*B

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

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COPY
Pope

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January 8, 1941

Dear Mr. Levi:

In your report to the convention in Louisville names of the winners of medals at the Fifth Pan American Congress were listed.

(See 7-1)

A copy of the report is attached. On page 10, under item 48, is a reference to the award of a silver medal to Mrs. Theodate Pope of Farmington, Connecticut.

Mrs. Pope, who is one of the distinguished members of The Institute in Connecticut, recently telephoned to ask if we could give her some information concerning the medal - which she has never received.

We have written to her as per enclosed copy of letter and ventured to promise her a further letter from you.

If you will write to her, giving her such information as you may have and making any suggestion which would put the medal in her possession, we would indeed appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. Julian Clarence Levi, F.A.I.A.
150 West Fortieth Street
New York City

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INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1941 JAN 17 AM 9:15

WASHINGTON, D. C.

File

January 16, 1941

Dear Mrs. Pope:

In response to your inquiry of the American Institute of Architects regarding the award of a silver medal to you at the V Pan American Exhibition of Architecture at Montevideo, Uruguay, last March, I beg to confirm our conversation of today.

The award was based on your Exhibit "The Avon School for Boys" which forms part of the A.I.A. exhibition of "Post War" Architecture.

The award is listed on Page 10 of Mr. Bond's and my report as published by the A.I.A. As far as I know, no actual medals or diplomas have ever been issued by the previous Pan American Congresses of Architecture. In fact the medal awarded me at Santiago de Chile in 1925 is evidenced only by a newspaper report!

With warm personal greetings, I am,

Very Cordially,

Julian Clarence Sear
U.S. Delegate to the V Pan American
Congress of Architects.

Mrs. Theodate Pope, A.I.A.
Farmington, Conn.

JCL/EN

Copy to A.I.A.

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Riddle

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Mr. M.
noted
[Signature]

October Fifteenth
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Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Executive Secretary
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I wish to advise you of the death on
August 30th of one of the members of this Chapter,
Theodate Pope Riddle.

Very truly yours,

Victor A. Frid
Victor A. Frid,
Secretary.

~~John W. Riddle~~ - Done
① ~~John W. Riddle~~
② Office

~~491~~
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Riddle

TIME, SEPTEMBER 9, 1946

Died. Mrs. John Wallace Riddle, 77, self-educated architect, second woman member of the American Institute of Architects, founder-designer of the famed ivy-covered Avon Old Farms School in Avon, Conn., widow of the onetime U.S. Ambassador to Russia and Argentina; of uremic poisoning; in Farmington, Conn.

Archivist's note:

The obituaries for Theodate Pope Riddle are incorrect in saying that she was the second woman to join the AIA, and incorrect in the date given as 1916. Three women had previously joined the AIA. Theodate Pope and Marcia Mead were both approved for membership in the same group of applicants in May 1918.

The earliest women members of the American Institute of Architects were:

Louise Blanchard Bethune, Buffalo NY, joined AIA in 1888

(She had joined the Western Association of Architects in 1885. When the WAA merged with the AIA in 1889, the official join date of those who were members of both organizations was officially adjusted to the earlier of the two dates, so her AIA join date is listed as 1885 in member lists of the 1890s.)

Lois Lilley Howe, Boston MA, joined AIA in 1901

Henrietta C. Dozier, Atlanta GA, Jacksonville FL, joined AIA in 1905

Theodate Pope, Farmington CT, joined 20 May 1918

Marcia Mead, New York NY, joined 20 May 1918

Nancy Hadley
Director, Archives and Records
The American Institute of Architects
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TIMES

AUG 31 1948

MRS. JOHN RIDDLE, ARCHITECT, IS DEAD

Widow of Former Ambassador
Designed and Built Avon Old
Farms, Other Schools

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

HARTFORD, Conn., Aug. 30—Mrs. Theodate Pope Riddle, well-known woman architect and widow of John Wallace Riddle, former Ambassador to Russia and Argentina, died today at her home, Hillstead, in Farmington, seven miles west of this city.

Mrs. Riddle was a survivor of the Lusitania torpedoed on May 7, 1915. Interested in physical research, she established a Fellowship at Harvard University.

Born in Salem, Ohio, where her father, Alfred Atmore Pope, was an iron and steel magnate, Mrs. Riddle came to Connecticut as a pupil at Miss Porter's School in Farmington. Avon Old Farms, one of the schools she designed and built, is now a convalescent home for blinded war veterans. Little or no metal was used in its construction and, even before it was finished, it resembled her conception of a century-old English institution with sagging roofs and ivy-covered walls.

Set Up Westover School

On her return from a trip to Europe, she and the late Mary Hilliard, then a teacher at Miss Porter's School, decided to establish the Westover School at Middlebury, Conn., and Mrs. Riddle designed the school. She also designed the home of John Perkins Chamberlin in Middlebury and the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial in New York.

Mrs. Riddle was a member of the American Institute of Architects, Architectural League of New York, Archaeological Institute of America, National Institute of Social Sciences, Medieval Academy of America, Colonial Dames of America, Society of the Preservation of New England Antiques, Antiquarian and Landmarks Society of Connecticut and the Colony and Woman's Cosmopolitan Clubs of New York.

Designed School for Boys

Mrs. Riddle founded the Avon Old Farms School as a preparatory school for boys. She paid for the school and designed its twenty buildings in the style of a village in Cotswolde, England, to teach boys the practical duties of rural life as well as academic subjects.

In 1931 she turned over the property of the school, estimated to have cost more than \$3,000,000, to the Pope-Brooks Foundation, Inc., which she organized so that the school might continue after her death.

When Mrs. Riddle designed the school as a memorial to her father, she purchased a number of old farms to make up the 2,700 acres of the school. The boys governed themselves in the manner of a New England town government, learned to farm, fish and hunt, and gained practical experience in shop work and forestry.

THE ORIGINAL ROMEIKE PRESS CLIPPINGS

Mrs. J. W. Riddle Dies, Architect, School Founder

Designed Avon Old Farms
as Memorial to Father,
A. A. Pope, Steel Maker

Special to the Herald Tribune

FARMINGTON, Conn., Aug. 30.—Mrs. Theodate Pope Riddle, architect, founder and chairman of the board of Avon Old Farms, preparatory school for boys at Avon, Conn., died here today at her home, Hillstead.

Mrs. Riddle's husband, John Wallace Riddle, American Ambassador to Russia from 1906 to 1909, and Ambassador to Argentina from 1921 to 1925, died five years ago. They were married in 1916.

Though she was never formally educated as an architect, Mrs. Riddle became a member of the American Institute of Architects in 1916, the second woman to be so honored.

Among her architectural works were the Westover School for Girls, Middlebury, Conn., the Hop Brook School, Naugatuck, Conn., and the restoration of Roosevelt House, the birthplace of Theodore Roosevelt at 28 East Twentieth Street, New York. Her chief interest, however, was Avon Old Farms School, opened in 1927, a \$5,000,000 establishment designed by Mrs. Riddle as a memorial to her father, the late Alfred Atmore Pope, iron and steel manufacturer. In 1944 she leased the school to the Army for use as a convalescent hospital for training blind soldiers.

Drew Plans at Fourteen

She was born in Salem, Ohio, the daughter of Mr. Pope and the late Ada Brooks Pope. As a child she always was more interested in doll houses than dolls. She was only fourteen when she drew up plans for a large country house. These, however, were laid away and nearly forgotten until after her graduation from Miss Porter's School in Farmington.

The family then decided to build a country home here, and Mrs. Riddle's plans were sent to a professional architect. It was found that all that was needed were working drawings. Those offered by the firm, however, did not meet with the young amateur's approval and a draftsman was sent to the Pope home. Mrs. Riddle's only training in architecture was received during the eighteen months she and the draftsman worked out the plans for Hillstead, the home where she lived until her death.

Hillstead attracted so much attention among architects that Mrs. Riddle received the commission to design Westover School in 1910. She followed that with the Hop Brook School. She completed the Roosevelt House in 1920. Mrs. Riddle traveled extensively and was en route to Europe aboard the Lusitania to study conditions in Belgium when that ship was sunk by a German submarine on May 7, 1915. She was picked up unconscious after drifting for several hours in a lifebelt.

Twenty Buildings at School

Mrs. Riddle began planning Avon Old Farms in 1919. The school's twenty buildings, in the style of a medieval Cotswolds village, are surrounded by 2,700 acres of meadows and forests on the Farmington River.

The school had its own smithy, carpentry shop and mill, and the students were instructed in handicrafts as well as in the liberal arts.

"I wanted the boys surrounded by the old Colonial New England life," she said in 1944 when she announced that the school was being closed temporarily. "They governed themselves in the manner of a New England town government, and they learned to farm the land, plant and reap, fish in the streams and hunt in the woods."

When the Army took over the school Mrs. Riddle continued to operate the dairy farm and supplied the Army with milk from the farm's herd of forty cows.

Won Agricultural Awards

Mrs. Riddle received the Leoni W. Robinson medal from the New Haven Architectural Club in 1922 and a diploma and silver medal from the Fifth Pan-American Congress of Architects, held in Montevideo in 1940.

Her memberships, besides the American Institute of Architects, included the Architectural League of New York, the Archaeological Institute of America, the National Institute of Social Sciences, the Mediaeval Academy of America, the Colonial Dames, the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities and the Antiquarian and Landmarks Society of Connecticut. Her clubs included the Colony and Women's Cosmopolitan in New York and the Town and Country Club of Hartford, Conn.

Mo. m. 2-3
Pope

Ed :

ARCHITECTS

Is it true that Mrs. Riddle was a member of The AIA. I am unable to find any record that she ever was.

Will you return the clip, please.

September 30, 1946

Tal Hughes,
120 Madison Ave.,
Detroit 26

WASHINGTON, D.C.
1946 SEP 30 AM 8:39
THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Responding to your note:

Am returning the clipping from the New York Herald Tribune concerning Mrs. Riddle. She was a member of The Institute and practiced under the name of Theodate Pope.

deceased 1946

Sincerely yours,

noted
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ECK:dd
Enclosure

Mr. Talmage C. Hughes, Chairman
Committee on Public Information, A.I.A.
120 Madison Avenue
Detroit 26, Michigan

August 14, 1975

Mr. Oliver Jensen, Editor
American Heritage
1221 Avenue of the Americas
New York, N.Y. 10020

American Heritage
26(3) April 1975
P 98-101

Dear Mr. Jensen:

I have just read with considerable interest Theodate Pope's account of the sinking of the Lusitania, in the April issue.

However my reason for writing is that in the prefatory note the following appears: "Eventually she became a fellow of the American Institute of Architects." I have had her name called to my attention once before as a fellow of the A.I.A. and at that time I did quite extended research and could find no evidence in our files that she was ever a fellow. We have again rechecked our records with the same result.

She did become a member of the A.I.A. in 1918 and remained so until her death. The way your sentence is written it occurs to me that someone has possibly misinterpreted her becoming a member as indicating that she became a fellow.

If your office or those who supplied you with the information have any substantive evidence that she was indeed a fellow we would like to know so that we can endeavor to verify it, but until such is forthcoming it would seem that she was never a fellow of the A.I.A.

Sincerely yours,

George E. Pettengill, Hon. AIA
Librarian Emeritus



AMERICAN HERITAGE

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October 29, 1975

Mr. George E. Pettengill, Hon. AIA
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. Pettengill:

In the matter of Theodate Pope, I am sure that you are absolutely correct. We got our information from a man who is, unfortunately, now deceased, but I assume that he mistook her being a member for being a fellow.

In any event, we will put your letter in our error file, and should the article be reprinted, the mistake will be corrected.

We greatly appreciate your courtesy and interest in our magazine.

Sincerely yours,

Richard F. Snow
Associate Editor

RFS/jl