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Detroit

Unan. Ind. - *yes*
Exhibits - *not req.*
On Priv. Com. of -

Application for Membership

Feb 19 —, 1930

To the Secretary of The American Institute of Architects.

I hereby apply for Membership in The American Institute of Architects, and certify that the following statements are correct:

Name *WIRT C. ROWLAND*

Address *1536 PENNSYLVANIA AVE*

Place and date of birth *CLINTON MICHIGAN*

Graduate in architecture *NO*

Holder of Scholarship in architecture *NO*

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecolé des Beaux Arts *NO*

If your State has a Registration or License Law and you are not registered, state reasons *REGISTERED*

If practicing architect, firm name *MEMBER OF ORGANIZATION SMITH HUNCHMAN & GRYLLS*

Have been in practice *years* If draughtsman, employed by *CHIEF DESIGNER*

Collegiate and office training *1910-1911 - SPECIAL HARVARD UNIVERSITY - OFFICE 30 YRS.*

I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute and the circular of advice relative to "Principles of Professional Practice," 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.

(1) *Wirt C. Rowland*
[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application was duly elected an Associate of the

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date *1924* (2) *Thasmet Gumbert*
[Insert date of election to chapter.] [Signature of the Secretary of the chapter.]

If the applicant is not an Associate, the following acknowledgment must be signed:

Without endorsement I hereby take note on behalf of my chapter that this applicant is applying for Institute membership (3) *Henry F. Stanton*
[Signature of President or Secretary of Chapter to which the applicant will be assigned if elected.]

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

Registration or License Number.
(Essential if Registered)

It is not mandatory that applicants from Registration or License law states be registered or licensed. But the current number of Registration or License must appear here if the applicant is registered or licensed.

(7) *341*
NUMBER

(4) *Arthur H. Hyde*
(5) *Alex G. Donaldson*
(6)

[The signatures of three Institute members are here required even if 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 applicant proposed, and in which there were no negative votes. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

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

COPY

May 20, 1930

Dear Mr. Rowland;

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in The American Institute of Architects, effective May 20, 1930.

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

A Membership Card is enclosed herewith.

An engrossed Certificate of Membership in The American Institute of Architects is also sent to you, herewith.

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.

Cordially yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Wirt C. Rowland,
1636 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan

K/fhg
Encs.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

February 20, 1936.

Dear Mr. Rowland:

We write with regret to advise you of the termination of your membership in the Institute and the Chapter to which you are assigned, effective December 31, 1935.

As stated in the Notice of December 6th, the Board of Directors extended the time limit for payment of dues in default to January 31. It directed that 1936 dues be not charged against the accounts of those memberships so terminated.

The Officers and Board sincerely hope that as soon as improved conditions enable you to renew your support of the Institute and the Chapter you will apply for reinstatement in the manner indicated on the enclosed excerpt.

By direction of the Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

K:G
Enclosure

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Mr. Wirt C. Rowland
1536 Pennsylvania Avenue
Detroit, Mich.

COPY TO

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PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

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

Wirt C. Rowland
elected a corporate member of The American Institute of Architects and assigned to membership in the Detroit Chapter,
effective July 1, 1938.

APPLICATION NO AP 253

Dated March 16, 1938.
Received April 15, 1938.
Granted July 1, 1938.

MEMBERSHIP NO 253

Chas. J. Saylor Secretary

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
RE-ELECTION TO

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

- A. Name of applicant Wirt C. Rowland Chapter Detroit
- B. Address of applicant 904 Marquette Bldg., Detroit, Mich.
- C. Applicant proposed by Talmage C. Hughes and Malcolm R. Stirton
- D. Application received with check for \$.25.00 on April 15, 1938.
held
- E. Application returned for correction (Back dues \$30.00 for May 2, 1938.
1934 and 1935)
- F. Balance due of \$30.00 received on May 6, 1938.
Application in due order on May 6, 1938.
- G. Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
- (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on 19 , on 19 .
- (b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on 19 , on 19 .
- H. Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on April 15, 1938.
- I. Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission or that application be denied received on April 15, 1938.
- J. No report from chapter executive committee on 19 .
- K. Application sent to The Board of Examiners on June 22, 1938.
- L. The Board of Examiners reported on application on June 22, 1938.
- M. Applicant was admitted on July 1, 1938.
- N. Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter to proposers on June 27, 1938.
- O. Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$ returned to applicant on 19 .
- P. Questionnaire, in re: Registration (Michigan) May 2, 1938. Rec'd 5/6/38

A member, by virtue of his membership in The Institute, becomes a member of the chapter of The Institute within the territory of which he resides or has his place of business, as he elects, but he pays an admission fee to The Institute only. The admission fee to membership in The Institute normally is twenty-five dollars. (*For 1936 this fee was reduced to five dollars.*)

A member pays annual dues both to The Institute and to the chapter. The annual dues to The Institute normally are twenty-five dollars (*for 1936 Institute dues were reduced to twenty dollars*) and those to the chapter are fixed in its by-laws.

Normally the period between the time of filing

an application and the time it is acted on by The Board of The Institute is four months. The period will be longer if the application must be returned to the applicant for corrections or if additional exhibits of the applicant's work are required by The Board of Examiners.

If an application is denied, the amount prepaid by the applicant for annual dues and for admission fee, less five dollars for examination fee, will be returned to him.

An applicant whose application has been denied without prejudice may reapply for admission to membership a year or more after the date of The Secretary's notice to him of his non-admission.

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

1. My full name is Wirt Clinton Rowland .

2. State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.

2. I am a natural citizen of The United States .

3. My legal residence is in the City of Detroit ,

County of Wayne State of Michigan .

4. State whether residence or office address.

4. My address in The Institute records will be

Street 1536 Pennsylvania Avenue

City Detroit , State Michigan .

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

5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as Associate Architect .

6. I desire to be a member of the Detroit 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. Exhibit required.

8. I filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the chapter above named and attach his receipt therefor.

I enclose my check for \$25.00, 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 March 16 1938 .

Wirt Clinton Rowland
Sign full name in ink

STATISTICS

10. Date of birth Dec. 1, 1878 Place of birth Clinton, Michigan

11. I am registered or licensed to practice architecture as follows:

States

Registration or license numbers

Michigan

License Receipt 341

EDUCATION

12. I attended the following schools:

(a) High School	3 years	Clinton	Michigan	Graduation year	(c) (d) (e) Write in initials of degree.
		City	State		
(b) Private School	----			Graduation year	
	Name of School	City	State		
(c) College or University	--			for	years.
	Graduation Year	--			Degree
(d) College or University	--			for	years.
	Graduation Year	--			Degree
(e) Post-graduate at	Harvard University			for 1910- years.	none
	Special Graduate Student	1911			Degree

13. I held the following named scholarships:

(a)	----	Year
(b)	-----	Year

14. I have traveled in the following countries:

in Italy, France, England and Algiers	1908
	Year
in Italy, Switzerland, Germany and Grance	1921
	Year
in England, Belgium, France and Spain	1926
	Year
in France, Italy, Switzerland, Alsace Lorraine	
Algiers, Germany and Czech Slavakia	1930

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

15. 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:

<i>Classification</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Name of Employer</i>	<i>City</i>
Draftsman and Designer	1901	1909	Geo. D. Mason	Detroit
Draftsman and Designer	1909	1911	Albert Kahn	Detroit
Designer and Associate	1911	1914	Malcomson and Higginbotham	Detroit
Designer	1914	1922	Albert Kahn	Detroit
Designer	1922	1930	Smith, Hinchman & Grylls	Detroit

Write in Classification Column the word Student, Junior, or Senior, to indicate your classification as draftsman in each case.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

16. 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:

<i>State</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Name of Firm or Corporation</i>
Michigan	1930	1938	O'Dell & Rowland, Assoc. Architects

If your practice was individual do not write in the last column to the right.

17. I have taught architecture or the arts and sciences allied therewith as follows:

<i>State</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Name of School or College</i>	<i>My Title</i>
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None

18. In my capacity of architect, I have held the public offices listed below:

<i>Title of Office</i>	<i>City and State</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
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None

19. I list below and attach photographs of two or more of the buildings or other works of which I am the author.

<i>Name of Work</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>
Alterations to St. Johns Chapel	Detroit	Michigan
Stevens Memorial Altar -- St. Johns Chapel Detail of same	Detroit	Michigan

Exhibits required.

MEMBERSHIP IN NON-ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

20. I am a member of civic or semi-public organizations listed below:

<i>Name of Organization</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>
1938 Civic Center Committee	Detroit	Michigan

21. I have held offices in non-architectural organizations as follows:

<i>Office</i>	<i>Name of Organization</i>	<i>Year</i>
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none

22. I have written the following papers relating to architecture and the arts and sciences allied therewith:

<i>Title</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>Year</i>
Critical History of Architecture	Adult Educational Institute	1930
An Influence of Glass on Archi- tecture	M.S.A. Bulletin	1938
Numerous Articles for the	" " " "	

MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Reason for Termination</i>
23. Member of Institute	-----	1933	Lack of funds
24. Junior of Institute			
25. Associate of following Chapters:	Detroit Chapter		

26. Member of State Association in Michigan from 1922 to 1938
State

27. I have held offices in the architectural organizations listed below:

<i>Office</i>	<i>Architectural Organization</i>	<i>Year</i>
President	Thumb Tack Club	1918
Director	The Detroit Chapter	1934-35

28. I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its chapters or state association members.
(If there are exceptions, state details)

I certify that each and all of the foregoing statements are true and correct.

Signed *Walter E. Ireland*
Applicant

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 _____ years. I have known the applicant for _____ years.

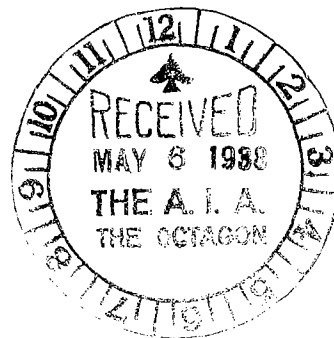
Signed *Thomas P. Hughes*
Proposer

Signed *Malcolm R. Storton*
Proposer

*2239 Cadillac Blvd
 Detroit*

Wirt C. Rowland
904 Marquette Building
Detroit, Michigan

May 5, 1938



Mr. Charles T. Ingham, Secretary
The American Institute of Architects
The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ingham:

I enclose my check for \$30.00 being dues in arrears
for 1934-35.

I hope this may complete my application for your con-
sideration.

Yours truly,

Wirt C. Rowland
WIRT C. ROWLAND

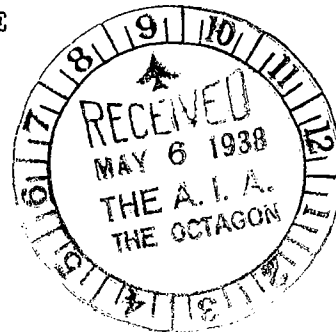
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RECORD OF REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE ARCHITECTURE

OF Wirt C. Rowland, Detroit

APPLICANT FOR MEMBERSHIP IN
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS



1. Is the applicant registered or licensed in the state of Michigan?
_____? Answer: Yes
2. Did the applicant have a Certificate of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? _____
If so, please give Certificate Number _____
3. Was his registration by the State by examination or by exemption?
Answer: By examination: _____ By exemption: Yes
4. If registered by examination, was that examination written or oral?
Answer: By written examination: _____ By oral examination: _____
5. What was the scope of the examination?
Answer: _____

6. Date of last registration: (Has renewed registration for period 1935-1940)
7. Current Registration Number: 341

C. T. Steele
(Signature of Secretary of the Board)

Michigan Board of Examiners for Registration of Architects, Engineers and Surveyors
(Name of Board)

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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June 27, 1938.

Dear Mr. Rowland:

The Secretary is happy to inform you that your application for reinstatement to membership in The Institute was acted on favorably by The Board of Directors and that you were readmitted to corporate membership in The Institute and assigned to membership in the Detroit Chapter, as of July 1, 1938. 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.

The Board of Directors welcomes you again 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,

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Secretary.

Mr. Wirt C. Rowland, A.I.A.,
1536 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

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DETROIT CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
TALMAGE C. HUGHES, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
120 MADISON AVENUE
DETROIT 26, MICHIGAN

June 20, 1946

Board of Directors,
The American Institute of Architects,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Detroit Chapter of The American Institute of Architects held on June 17, 1946 ^{it was} voted to remit all annual dues in the Chapter that may accrue to Mr. Wirt C. Rowland, A. I. A., a member of this Chapter.

This action was taken because of Mr. Rowland's profound influence on the architecture of Detroit, the excellence of his design and because of his contributions to the profession of architecture, and further because he is now incapacitated and unable to engage in any vocation.

The Executive Committee requests that The Institute take similar action by exempting Mr. Rowland from payment of Institute dues, and that he be made a Member Emeritus of The Institute.

For your information, Mr. Rowland was 67 years old last December 1. His membership in The Institute has not been continuous, having been interrupted from 1933 to 1938 for lack of funds.

The Executive Committee would like to nominate Mr. Rowland for Fellowship in The Institute, if there is any way to overcome the requirement of ten years' continuous membership. It is not believed that we should wait until 1938.

Sincerely yours,


Talmage C. Hughes

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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COPY

Rowland

June 26, 1946

Dear Tal:

This will acknowledge yours of June 20 with regard to the case of Mr. Wirt C. Rowland. The Secretary, under general authority of The Board, can remit his Institute dues up to the end of 1946 but not beyond that. This will be put forward without delay.

A permanent remission of dues can be accomplished by electing Mr. Rowland a Member Emeritus. Herewith is a form of application which he should fill out or which should be filled out for him and sent forward to The Octagon.

With regard to his nomination for Fellowship, we enclose a form of proposal which is self-explanatory. If it is executed it should be sent to The Jury of Fellows at The Octagon - for submission to The Jury at its next meeting which will be in the Spring of 1947.

The Jury will have to decide with regard to the ten years continuous membership.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director

Mr. Talmage C. Hughes, Executive Secretary
Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.
120 Madison Avenue
Detroit 26, Michigan

ECK:MSD

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DETROIT CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
CLAIR W. DITCHY, PRESIDENT
5 WEST LARNED ST.
DETROIT 26, MICHIGAN

July 16, 1946

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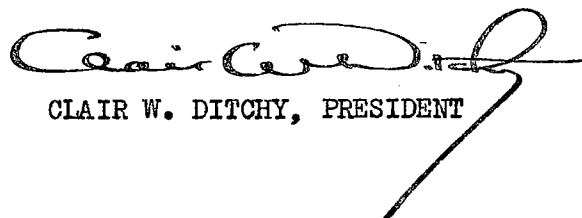
Mr. E. C. Kemper
Executive Director, A.I.A.
1741 New York Avenue N. W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Ed:

You will find enclosed an application for Membership Emeritus for Wirt C. Rowland.

At a meeting of our Board of Directors, it was agreed that the president of the Chapter should sign the application for Mr. Rowland. Your letter to Tal Hughes indicates that this procedure is proper.

Yours very truly,



CLAIR W. DITCHY, PRESIDENT

CWD/rh

cc: Mr. Hughes.

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DUPLICATE



Nº APR

Dated 19 .
Received 19 .
Granted 19 .

Nº M

(Do not fill in above dates)

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

JUL 18 1946

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP EMERITUS

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:

Strike out the
inappropriate
reason, a or b,
as the case
may be.

I wish to apply for Membership Emeritus in The Institute for the following reasons:

~~a. I am more than 70 years of age.~~

b. I am incapacitated and unable to engage in any vocation.

Write in
name of
chapter.

^{not} I have been in good standing in The Institute and the Detroit chapter
for 15 successive years or more immediately preceding the date of this application.

Respectfully,

Date

July 16 1946

Wint C. Rowland
Signature

The applicant may supplement the above reasons in writing below or on sheets which he shall attach to this application. Under exceptional conditions and circumstances, The Board of Directors may lessen the period of good standing but neither of requirements a or b.

DUPLICATE

Nº APR

Nº ME

Rowland



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

NOTICE OF ELECTION—MEMBER EMERITUS

TO **Mr. Wirt C. Rowland, A.I.A.**
1536 Pennsylvania Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

It is my privilege to advise you that The Board of Directors has conferred upon you the title

MEMBER EMERITUS

of The American Institute of Architects and of its component organizations of which you are a member, exempting you from the payment of annual dues to The Institute and such organizations, effective **December 31, 1946**.

Date **August 27,** 1946

Alexander C. Robinson
Secretary

*noted
JW*

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THE AMERICAN
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To the Board, American Inst Architects
The Octagon Washington, D.C.

Please let me thank you for conferring
on me the title of Membership Emeritus.

I have spent forty four years in architectural
design and am still very enthusiastic about
architects.

For the patrons and employers, whom
I have been allowed to serve, and for my
fellow workers I surely thank them for their
help and friendship.

Respectfully

Wirt G. Packard
1536 Pennsylvania Ave
Detroit 14 Michigan

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Rowland

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1741 New York Avenue, N. W.

Washington, D. C.

THE OCTAGON

Inter-Office Communication

December 19, 1946

Memo for the Office:

At The Board meeting, Mr. Gamber advised that Mr.
Wirt C. Rowland of Detroit is deceased.

E. C. Kemper

NOTED:

msd
XZ
M.B.
JHJ

ECK:MSD

cc: Mrs. Miller
Mr. Taylor
Mr. Coe
Mr. Saylor
Mr. Purves

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New 14-20 note
for
WIRT C. ROWLAND

Wirt C. Rowland, AIA, prominent Detroit Architect, passed away on Nov. 30, the day before his 58th birthday, at the home of his cousin, Mr. Frank Burroughs, in Grand Rapids, where he had been taken by ambulance on Nov. 27. He was unmarried. Services were at Clinton, Mich. on Tuesday, ~~November~~ Dec. 3.

A year ago in September he became ill, necessitating his retirement from business and confinement to his home, with Mrs. F. C. Ritchie, 1536 Pennsylvania Ave., in Detroit, where he had lived for 35 years.

Born in Clinton, Mich., Dec. 1, 1878, he received his early education there, his post graduate degree at Harvard University in 1910 and continued his studies there as a graduate student in 1911.

He began his architectural experience in the office of George D. Mason, the "Dean of Michigan Architects", in 1901, continuing until 1909. He was designer for Albert Kahn from 1909 to 1911; designer and associate with ^bAlcenson & Higginbotham, 1911 to 1914; with Albert Kahn again, 1914-1922, and with Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, 1922-1930. From 1930 to 1938 he was a partner with H. Augustus O'Dell. For three years, during the war, he was with the firm of Giffels and Vallet, Inc., L. Rossetti, Associated Engineers and Architects, during most of which time he was at the Naval Ordnance Base, Norfolk, Va.

Wirt Rowland was one of the foremost modernists, yet steeped in tradition. His versatility was exemplified by his work - the Union-Guardian Bldg., Greater Penobscot Bldg., the Jefferson Ave., Presbyterian Church and many other structures. He was in charge of design for the leading firms during periods of Detroit's greatest building activity. The two office buildings mentioned were done about the same time and are of contemporary design, The Church of Gothic. All are from the office of Smith, Hinchman & Grylls. The Rayl Bldg., at Woodward and Grand River Avenues, was one of the first to make use of

terra cotta and other modern materials. It was designed by Rowland for Baxter and O'Dell.

Rowland was a profound scholar, musician and artist. Some of his black and white drawings illustrating the music of Brahms and Bach are marvels. Recently he had been engaged, at home, on the Edwin S. George Foundation project for church sculptures and windows.

He was a member of the Detroit Chapter of The American Institute of Architects, had served as Chapter Director in 1934-35, and was recently made a member emeritus of both the Chapter and the Institute. His devotion to his profession was shown by the time he gave voluntarily toward helping the younger men. In 1918 he was president of the Thumb Tack Club of Detroit. In 1938 he was a member of the city's Civic Center Committee.

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INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
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