

Royer, Joseph W.
Illinois

Mr. E. P. King

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Application for Membership

Urbana Ill 1/5, 1921

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 Joseph W. Royer

Address Flat Iron Bldg Urbana Ill
[Number and Street.] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth Urbana Ill Aug 2 - 1873

Graduate in architecture University of Illinois 1895
[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 Ecole 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 Joseph W. Royer

Have been in practice twenty two 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.

Joseph W. Royer
[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.]

.....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.

- (1) James M. White
- (2) Arthur P. ...
- (3) ...

Duration remitted
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 Exhibits not required
 On Priv. Cem. of.....

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

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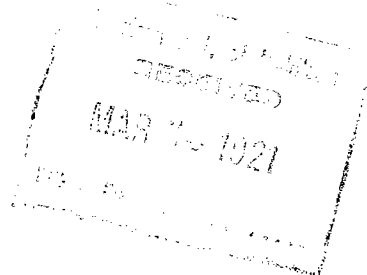
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ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH
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ILLINOIS CHAPTER
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CHICAGO March 21, 1921.

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



Dear Sir:

In accordance with action of the
Executive Committee at its meeting on March 18th,
I am forwarding herewith the application of Mr.
J. W. Royer of Urbana, Illinois with the request
that Privileged Communications be solicited by
you, inasmuch as he is not sufficiently known in
Chicago to secure the unanimous endorsement of
the Chapter.

Yours very truly,

Secretary, Illinois Chapter.
American Institute of Architects.

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*On hand
March 28*



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April 4 1921

Mr William Stanley Parker Secretary A. I. A
Washington D. C.

Dear sir;- I observe by the last bulletin that the Institute is considering the application of Joseph W. Royer for membership. I have known this man ever since college days at the University of Illinois and I do not consider him the right kind of a man to be a member of the American Institute of Architects. I know there are quite a number of architects who feel the same way about the man. Mr J. C. Llewellyn of Chicago knows about Royer and his methods. We all know Mr Llewellyn is square and honest. The Board of Directors would be justified in looking carefully into the character of this man Royer before accepting him as a member.

Very respectfully submitted

Frank A. Carpenter

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Royer

April 8, 1921.

My dear Mr. Carpenter:-

Acting for the Secretary, permit me to acknowledge your letter of April 4, in the nature of a Privileged Communication against Mr. Joseph W. Royer, whose application for Institute membership is now pending.

Please be assured that no final action will be taken on Mr. Rogers' application until your objection and his application have come before the Board of Directors of the Institute.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Frank A. Carpenter,
Architect,
Rockford, Illinois.

K-P.

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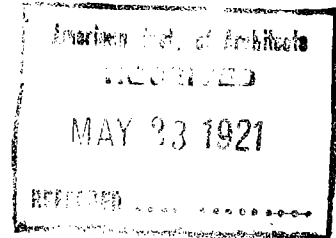
Mr. E. C. Kemper, Ex. Secy.,
A.I.A., The Octagon,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your letter of
April 8, with reference to the application of
Mr. Joseph W. Royer, for institute membership,
we have ^{made} inquiries to the various members of the
Illinois Chapter, and from the opinions obtained,
we believe that it would be impossible to obtain
a unanimous endorsement of his candidacy.

Very truly yours,

Edwin H. Clark
Secretary, Illinois Chapter.



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July 13, 1921.

My dear Mr. Armstrong:

The Institute has pending an application for membership by Mr. Joseph W. Royer, Flat Iron Building, Urbana, Illinois.

His endorsers are Messrs. James M. White, Arthur L. Pillsbury and E. S. Hall.

If elected he would be assigned to the Illinois Chapter as an Institute member in good standing therein.

There was a privileged communication against Mr. Royer, dated April 4, 1921, copy of which is enclosed. We forwarded this to Mr. Edwin H. Clark, then Secretary of the Chapter, on April 8, stating that the application would be held up until release by others of the Chapter.

Am sending a copy of this to Mr. Saxe for his information, and the matter will await the wishes of the Chapter.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. John A. Armstrong,
127 North Dearborn Street,
Chicago, Ill.

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Copy to Mr. Saxe.

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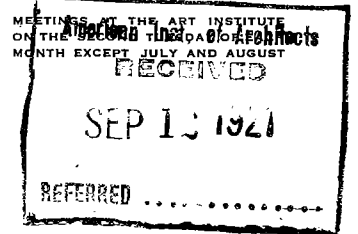


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Sept. 9, 1921

Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Ex. Sec'y,
 American Institute of Architects,
 Octagon House,
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of July 13th in reference to the application for Institute Membership filed by Mr. Joseph W. Royer, would say that by direction of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Chapter, I have endeavored to investigate Mr. Royer's standing both by communicating with his original endorsers also by communicating with the member writing the privileged communication mentioned in your letter.

I am enclosing copies of letters received from the endorsers and will say that I have never received a reply to my letter written to the member mentioned above. In view of the above, the Executive Committee of the Illinois Chapter at its last meeting, voted unanimously recommending the election of Mr. Royer for Institute Membership. I am herewith returning correspondence in reference to this matter.

Yours very truly,

256 Administration Building
Urbana, Illinois, July 28, 1921

Mr. J. A. Armstrong
127 N. Dearborn St.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

I have your inquiry concerning
Mr. Joseph Royer's qualifications for
Institute membership.

Mr. Royer does splendid work,
gets out good drawings, and I have never
known of his cutting his commission. He
has been doing a great deal of work and
recently has completed the Linn County
courthouse at Cedar Rapids, Iowa; a large
courthouse and jail at some point in Wis-
consin, which I cannot recall; a courthouse
at Rockford, Ill., and a number of high
schools - the largest, I think, being at
Freeport, Illinois, though I believe he
now has one for Dubuque, Iowa. He was
a student of mine when in the University
and I have had a personal acquaintance with
him ever since, and would not, of course,
have solicited his membership if I had not
felt that he was the right kind of a man
for us to take in.

Yours truly

James M. White
Supervising Architect

JMW:S

ARTHUR L. PILLSBURY
ARCHITECT
7TH FLOOR, PEOPLES BANK BLDG.
BLOOMINGTON ILLINOIS

July 29, 1921.

Mr. John A. Armstrong,
127 N. Dearborn St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of July 23rd concerning the application of Mr. Jos. W. Royer for membership in the American Institute of Architects, I will say that I still want to recommend him for membership. He does a great deal of this work, is successful and keeps a first class office and I know him personally. I have no reasons to think that he has any faults either personally or as an architect that should bar him from being a member.

Yours truly,



EMERY STANFORD HALL, A. I. A.
ARCHITECT
STEINWAY HALL BUILDING
64 E. VAN BUREN ST.
CHICAGO

August 24, 1921.

Mr. J. A. Armstrong, Sec.,
Illinois Chapter of the
American Institute of Architects,
127 N. Dearborn St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

Replying to your letter of July 23 concerning Mr. Joseph W. Royer, I beg to say, that Mr. Royer was a classmate of mine at the University of Illinois, showing himself to be a man of exceptional ability. His abilities were far above the average of the class. His one fault was procrastination, and it is safe to say, that he did most of his work in the last end of his term.

Since graduating from the University he has been in practice almost continuously at Urbana, Illinois. His practice is very extensive, including schools and court houses thruout the middle west. He is a born politician, a hale fellow well met, and in consequence, gets lots of business.

I do not think he has entirely gotten over the habit of procrastination. I do not believe he has ever been guilty of unprofessional conduct, notwithstanding rumors to the contrary. I think a careful tracing of these rumors will indicate that because of his persuasive powers and his large friendships, he has secured jobs where other men of equal professional ability, but not blest with the same mixing power, have failed to secure same. So far as I have been able to determine, the objections to Mr. Royer's practice are largely traceable to jealousies. "Sour grapes" if you please. Of course, if there is anything in these charges I should be the first to object to Mr. Royer's election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, but I am unutterably opposed to the depriving of membership to men in the Institute simply because somebody thinks that somebody did something which they did not do.

Sincerely yours,

E. S. HALL

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CC to Arthur Pillsbury,
Prof. James M. White.

BY C. M. Lewis

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November 30, 1921.

My dear Mr. Royer:-

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective November 11, 1921.

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

The engrossed Certificate of Membership will be sent to you in due course, after engrossing and signing by the President and Secretary. No charge for dues for the remainder of the current year will be made against you.

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. Joseph W. Royer,
Flat Iron Building,
Urbana, Illinois.

K:VB



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



NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

To Mr. Joseph W. Royer,
Lincoln Hotel Building,
Urbana, Illinois.

As you were in default for annual dues to The Institute at the close of the fiscal year just ended, *ipso facto*, your membership in The Institute and in the chapters of which you are a member was suspended.

You will be carried on the rolls until the close of the current year under suspension, unless you clear the default before that time; but if, on December 31 of this year, you are indebted to The Institute for any amount, automatically you will terminate your membership on that date.

Suspension withdraws your right to act as delegate at any Institute meeting or to vote or hold office in The Institute or in any chapter or state association member of which you are a member.

The Board is hopeful your default is temporary and that you will soon clear it, and so restore your standing.

January 2, 19...37.

Chas. J. Ingham
Secretary

*How do you
get this away?
What about my
check for 20.00
Chaujanig National
Illinois
Dec 17-36*

J. W. Royer
*no record of payment
ask for cancelled check*

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Dear Mr. Royer: (faint)

(faint)

Mr. Joseph W. Royer
Lincoln Hotel Building
Urbana, Illinois

January 13, 1937.

Dear Mr. Royer:

Responding to your communication, just received:

We have no record of having received a remittance of \$20.00 in payment of your Institute dues for 1936 and would very much appreciate your sending us the cancelled check to which you refer, in order that we may make a careful check of the records.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

K*C

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[Faint handwritten notes and signatures]

Mr. Joseph W. Royer,
Lincoln Hotel Building,
Urbana, Illinois.

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602 Corn Belt Bank Building :: Phone 2-9215 :: Bloomington, Illinois

Edgar E. Lundeen, A. I. A.

Dean F. Hilfinger, A. I. A.

November 23, 1954

American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

This is to advise you that Mr. Joseph W. Royer, A.I.A., 115 West Main Street, Urbana, Illinois, passed away on November 20, 1954 and should accordingly be deleted from the roster of The Institute.

Yours very truly,

Dean F. Hilfinger

Dean F. Hilfinger

DFH/mb

cc: Charles Behrensmeyer

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JOSEPH W. ROYER, A. I. A.
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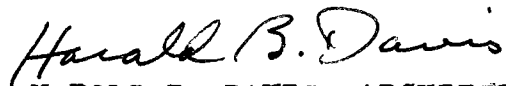
December 7, 1954

The American Institute
of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am sorry to have to inform
you that Mr. Joseph W. Royer died on
November 20, 1954.

Very truly yours,



HBD:ls

HAROLD B. DAVIS, ARCHITECT
Successor to Royer and Davis