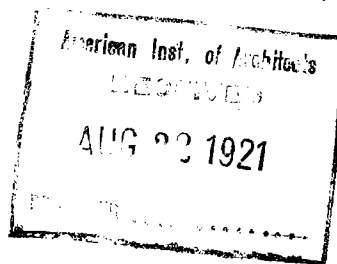


FLORIDA CHAPTER  
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS



607 Bisbee Building  
Jacksonville, Fla.  
8/20/21

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

Dear Sir:-

I enclose communications between the  
Executive Committee and Secretary of Florida  
Chapter re. application of Miss Isabel Roberts  
of Orlando, Fla.

When you have finished with the papers,  
please return same for my file, or whatever is  
customary in like cases.

Very truly

Secretary Florida Chapter  
American Institute of Architects

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American Inst. of Architects  
NEW YORK  
AUG 23 1921

607 Bisbee Building  
Jacksonville, Fla.  
8/12/21

Mr. Jas. R. Walsh  
Member Executive Committee,  
Florida Chapter A.I.A.

Dear Sir:-

The following names for membership in the Institute, and, consequently, the Florida Chapter have been sent to me by Mr. Kemper the Executive Secretary of the Institute:-

Names	Endorsers
<u>Miss Agnes Ballard</u>	Geo. L. Pfeiffer
312 Jefferson Road	O. J. Williams
West Palm Beach, Fla.	H. J. Klutho
<u>H. Geo. Fink</u>	Geo. L. Pfeiffer
Republic Bldg	H. J. Klutho
Miami, Fla.	H. C. Dozier

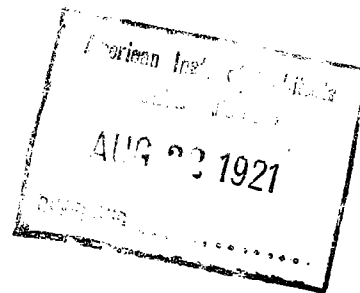
~~These~~ names were vouched for by Mr. Ehmann, some time ago.

Sometime ago, Miss Ida Annah Ryan and Miss Isabel Roberts sent me their applications for signature. In the case of Miss Ryan, who was a fellow student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at the time I was, I was well posted, so signed without doubt. Miss Roberts, I do not know personally, but signed because the application was signed by a member of the Institute from Illinois, and she was very highly recommended by Miss Ryan. As I have signed other applications for the same reason, I could not refuse to sign Miss Roberts. I am, however, sending you communications on the subject for your guidance.

Please make your report in writing, so I can forward same for the information to the Committee of the National Chapter. Or, as secretary of the Executive Committee of the F.C.A.I.A., I will call a meeting, if you so desire.

Very truly  
*H. C. Dozier*  
Secretary F.C.A.I.A.

FLORIDA CHAPTER  
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS



Extracts from Communications regard to  
Application of Miss Isabel Riberts.

From Letter of Mr. E. A. Ehmann, dated July 5, 1921.

" I received a communication from Mr. Murry S. King,  
Orlando, which touches on the following:-

It appears that Miss Ida Annah Ryan, a regis-  
tered architect of Florida, and Miss Isabel Roberts,  
also of Orlando, called on him to be advised how to  
proceed to become members of the Institute.

Regarding Miss Ryan, there can be no doubt, but  
in the case of Miss Roberts care should be taken that  
no person, not a licensed or registered architect of  
Florida, be admitted, she having submitted evidence  
not justifying our examining board to grant her reg-  
istration without examination. "

From letter of Miss Ida Ryan, dated June 28, 1921.

" Miss Roberts trained in the atelier of M. Masque-  
ray, an old friend and Beaux Arts mate of Desire  
Despradelle, and had her first years experience  
(many of them) as designer and manager in the office  
of Frank Loyd Wright of Chicago."

From letter of Miss Ryan, dated Aug. 10, 1921.

" My dear Miss Dozier:-

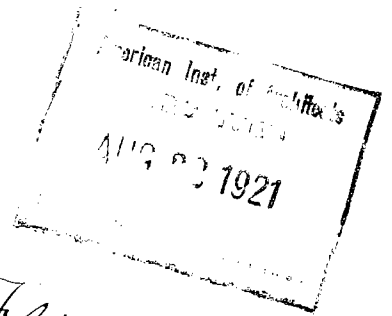
This is to introduce to you by beloved and  
respected partner Isabel Roberts. She is everything  
that her application paper implies and a great deal  
more, I shall surely appreciate your kind offices  
in her behalf.

Sincerely  
Ida Annah Ryan

JAS. R. WALSH  
Registered Architect  
JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

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Aug 18/21



Miss H. C. Doyner J.C.A.I.A.,  
Jacksonville Fla

Dear Miss Doyner

Answering your favor of the 12<sup>th</sup> inst  
regarding applications of Miss Agnes Ballard,  
Mr H. George Fink, Miss Ida Anna Ryan and  
Miss Isabel Roberts whom you refer to are  
personally unknown to me; however as Mr Benfoey  
and Mr Greely's communications are before me  
and who are better acquainted with the parties  
I will advise their decision.

I am inclosing herewith letters from  
both Mr Benfoey and Mr Greely

Yours truly

Jas R Walsh

MELLEN C. GREELEY  
ROY A. BENJAMIN  
ARCHITECTS  
709-711 BISBEE BUILDING  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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August  
17th,  
1921.

Mr. James Walsh, Archt.,  
Werkimer Building,  
City.

Dear Mr. Walsh:-

Confirming telephone conversation  
of a few days ago, relative to communication from  
the Secretary of the Florida Chapter, A. I. A.

It is my vote that Miss Agnes  
Ballard and Mr. H. George Fink, be added to  
the membership of the Florida Chapter, A. I. A.

In regard to Miss Ida Annah Ryan,  
I do not believe from the Secretary's letter,  
that this lady has made application for member-  
ship, but if she has, it is my vote that she  
be added to the roles.

In the case of Miss Isabelle  
Roberts, I do not understand that application  
has been made for membership, but if it has, it  
is my vote that she be not admitted to the  
Florida Chapter until the examining board has  
granted her, her registration certificate, at  
which time I suggest that the name be brought  
before the Board again.

yours very sincerely,

Mellen Greeley

MCG:w.

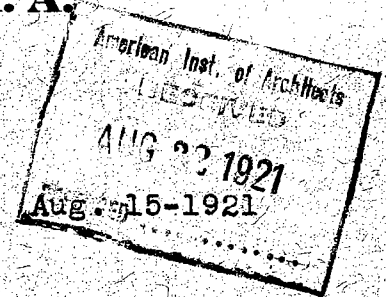


**B. CLAYTON BONFOEY, F. A. A.****ARCHITECT**

SUITE 12, PETTEWAY BUILDING

PHONE 3711

TAMPA, FLORIDA



Miss H.C.Dozier, Sec'y. F.C.A.I.A.  
607 Bisbee Building,  
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Miss Dozier:-

Referring to your communication of recent date in reference to Miss Roberts, becoming a member of the American Institute of Architects, Beg to advise that I do not believe that Miss Roberts, has any right or claim to become a member of the Institute, In view of the fact that she is not a licensed practitioner in the State, and does not seem to make any effort to stand the examination and secure a license to practise, and believe she is now practicing under cover; trying to dodge the issue.

And if her application is sent in would deem it my duty to take advantage of privileged communication to the secretary of the Institute, regarding her application.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "B. C. Bonfoey".

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*Per. approval  
Charles Roberts*

HENRY H. KENDALL, PRESIDENT  
WM. B. FAVILLE, 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT  
ROBERT D. KOHN, 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT

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

WILLIAM STANLEY PARKER, SECRETARY  
D. EVERETT WAID, TREASURER

EDWARD C. KEMPER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

American Inst. of Architects  
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My dear Miss Dozier:

Yours of the 20th is at hand with particular reference to the eligibility of Miss Isabel Roberts for Institute membership.

It does not appear that her application for Institute membership has been received at this office. If it is received with three endorsers and the required exhibits, we have no choice but to submit it to the Chapter and to the membership. The communication to the Chapter will come to you and a privileged communication will go to every Institute member, including all in Florida. This is a safeguard which is followed in all cases and I am sure its wisdom will appeal to you.

I am returning herewith all of the letters which were enclosed in yours of the 20th, as we can hardly consider them privileged communications in advance of the receipt of an application. If the application comes in, under the procedure indicated above, you might return the letters as privileged communications, if you so desire.

*See dozier*

Very truly yours,

*E. C. Kemper*  
Executive Secretary.

Miss Henrietta C. Dozier,  
607 Bisbee Building,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

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Enclosures

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Mr. William Stanley Parker, secretary,  
The American Institute of Architects,  
Octagon House, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Under separate cover I am mailing application for membership in the American Institute of Architects together with exhibits required under 'Group 11'. The house built for my mother at River Forest and Unity Chapel now under construction happen to be the only work of which I have photographs here in Florida. The De Rhodes House was built in 1908 or '09, but I have been unable to find photographs.

Yours very respectfully,

*(Miss) Isabel Roberts*

From Isabel Roberts,  
222 S. Orange Avenue,  
Orlando, Florida.

September 11-1921.



Roberts, Isabel  
Florida

Ep. Beck

Application for Membership

September 11, 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 Isabel Roberts

Address 222 S. Orange Ave., Orlando Florida  
[Number and Street.] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth Mexico, Mo. 1899-1901-1901 1874

Graduate in architecture Three years in Ecole des Beaux Arts - Designer in charge of St. Louis Exposition  
[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 Ryan & Roberts, Orlando Fla.

Have been in practice in Florida independently for several years

If draughtsman, employed by From 1902 to 1914 served as  
[State number of years.]

Collegiate and office training draughtsman with Frank Lloyd Wright of Chicago, Engel & Drummond, and Drummond & Chick  
10 years or more with

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.

Isabel Roberts  
[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) John H. M. [unclear] (Illinois Chapter) A. I. A.
- (2) Murietta C. [unclear] (Florida Chapter)
- (3) H. V. [unclear] (Illinois Chapter)

[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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To Anyone, Anywhere:

Miss Isabel Roberts was my assistant in the practice of Architecture for several years and I can recommend her without reservation to anyone requiring the services of an Architect.

*Frank Lloyd Wright*

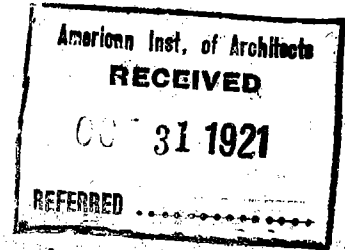
Taliesin,  
Spring Green,  
Wisconsin.

August,  
Sixth,  
1920.

*(Heavily Stained)*

October 29-1921.

Mr. William Stanley Parker,  
Secretary A. I. A.  
The Octagon House,  
Washington, D. C.



Your notice of Oct. 20/21 received.

Have worked with Miss Roberts for more than a year as partner and have found her to be an all-round designer and architect. Her good judgment, unerring taste and high ideals of architectural practice make her a more than ordinary credit to the profession.

Twelve years of practice and design in the office of Frank Lloyd Wright in every-day contact with his personality and standards have given purity, exactitude and inspiration to a type of work that is pleasing and original.

I consider Miss Roberts' eligibility unquestionable.

Sincerely,

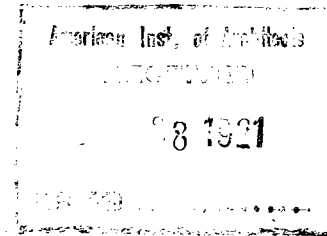
*Ida Annah Ryan*

Ida Annah Ryan,  
222 So. Orange Avenue,  
Orlando - Florida.

E. A. EHMANN, A. I. A., F. A. A.  
135 E. BAY STREET  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

October 26, 1921.

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



Gentlemen:-

Referring to the application of Miss Isabel Roberts, Orlando, Florida, as published in yours of October 26th.

I wish to protest against favorable action on this application for the reason that this applicant is not a registered or licensed architect of Florida. Her application was up before the board of architecture, but as it was found that her exhibits were not up to the standard set by the board, she was required to take the class examination. She had the opportunity to do so last June, but failed to make an appearance.

In her application to the board she stated that she lived in Chicago for several years next preceeding coming to Florida and mentioned several buildings designed by her. But obviously she could not have practiced in the state of Illinois without registration and she admits that she was not registered by that state.

She has lived in Orlando for about two years and was until recently in the employ of an architect there. Several months ago her name as architect appeared on a letterhead together with Miss Ida Annah Ryan, a registered architect, also of Orlando. I as secretary of the board, protested against this, as she was holding herself out to the public as an architect, but without success, until I drew her attention to the fact that the board could no longer take her sex into consideration, but would be required to take the necessary steps to compell compliance with the law. She finally thru Miss Ryan agreed to change her designation so that it could not be said that she was an "architect".

I have absolutely no objection to her becoming a member of the Institute the moment she has been admitted to ~~practice in Florida~~, but I do object to her becoming an institute member first and then on the strength to make application to the board under section 11 of the act as an institute member.

E. A. EHMANN, A. I. A., F. A. A.  
135 E. BAY STREET  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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As this contingency may arise again, I would ask that the Institute do not establish a precedent by admitting applicants not registered architects of Florida to membership in the Institute.

I am mailing copy of this letter to Mr. Murry S. King, A.I.A., Orlando, member of the board, and Miss H.C. Dezier, Secretary of the Florida chapter.

Yours truly,

EAE/e

Architect, A.I.A.



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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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November 19, 1921.

*Confidential*

My dear Mr. von Holst:

The Institute has pending the application of Miss Isabel Roberts, which you endorsed. She is now located at 222 South Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida, and is practicing under the firm name of Ryan & Roberts.

Members of the Florida Chapter have written that Miss Roberts should qualify under the State Registration Law before being elected to Institute membership.

The Executive Committee would appreciate your confidential advice as to her general eligibility.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. H. V. von Holst,  
72 West Adams Street,  
Chicago, Ill.

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H. V. VON HOLST  
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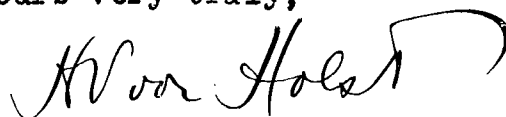
Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Executive Secretary,  
The American Institute of Architect,  
The Octagon House, Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Kemper:-

Answering your inquiry of November 19th in regard to the eligibility of Miss Isabel Roberts to Institute membership, I would state that I feel no hesitation in saying that I consider Miss Roberts a credit to the profession. Quite a number of years ago she worked in my office and I appreciated ~~it~~ at that time her ability and judgment of architectural matters. I hope that she will be successful in becoming an Institute Member.

Trusting that this is the information you desire, I am

Yours very truly,



HVvH/HG.

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My dear Mr. van Bergen:

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Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. John S. Van Bergen,  
Architect,  
Bavaria, Illinois.

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JOHN S. VAN BERGEN  
ARCHITECT



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1922

Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Executive Secretary,  
The Octagon House,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Kemper:

Your letter of November 19th had been mislaid, due to the fact that I have been moving my office. Please pardon my delay in answering.

I have known Miss Isabel Roberts for a number of years and when I had the opportunity of endorsing her application for membership to the American Institute of Architects, I was very glad to do so. Miss Roberts is a woman of very high caliber and from her years of experience certainly ought to be able to qualify for membership. As to her qualifying under the Florida State Registration Law, that seems to me to be purely a local state affair, and not of Institute concern. Here in Illinois I have never known that a "license to practice" was a qualification for membership in the Institute. In fact, there are great numbers practicing here under our state law that would never be admitted. It has always been my understanding, and I hope I am right, that the Institute stands for the professional side of an architect's qualifications, and not merely the part as prescribed by law.

I would, without hesitation, endorse Miss Roberts' application, for I think that the A. I. A. needs members of her kind.

Thank you for your letter just received.

Sincerely yours,

*John S. Van Bergen*

