

Dated November 14, 1941.
Received December 1, 1941.
Granted January 10, 1942

MEMBERSHIP NO 987



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

- A Name of applicant . . . Preston Murdoch Geren Chapter . . . NORTH TEXAS
- B Address of applicant . . . 806 $\frac{1}{2}$ Burnett Street - Fort Worth, Texas
- C Applicant proposed by . . . Hubert H. Crane and Joseph R. Pelich
- D Application received with check for \$10.00 on December 1, 1941
held for exhibits - Requested 12/11 - Rec'd . . . December 26 1941
- E Application returned for correction - Rec'd . . . December 26 1941
- F Application in due order on December 26 1941
Record of registration, Form S39, Sent Texas - Dec. 11 1941. Received. December 20, 1941.
- 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 December 11, 1941
Advice of
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission
~~was not received on~~ received on December 1, 1941.
- J No report from chapter executive committee on 19
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on January 6 1942
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on January 6 1942
- M Applicant was admitted on January 10 1942
- N Notice ~~was not given~~ to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter
~~was not given~~ to proposers on January 10 1942
- O Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$
returned to applicant on 19

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT

I, Secretary of The American Institute of Architects, hereby certify that, under authority vested in me by The Board of Directors, I have this day duly elected

- Preston Murdoch Geren -

to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the NORTH TEXAS Chapter.

Date January 10 19 42

Chas. J. Lyman
Secretary

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*In due order
December 26, 1941
H. Gerens*

THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
Dec 1
1941 NOV 31 AM 9:57
WASHINGTON, D. C.



ORIGINAL

File the original with The Secretary of The American Institute of Architects.

File the duplicate, on gray paper, with the secretary of the local chapter of The Institute.

The American Institute of Architects

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

1. My full name is Preston Murdoch Geren

2. State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.

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

3. My legal residence is in the City of Fort Worth

County of Tarrant State of Texas

4. State whether residence or office address.

4. My address in The Institute records will be

Street 806 1/2 Burnett St.

City Fort Worth, State Texas

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

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

6. I desire to be a member of the Dallas, Texas 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. Receipt required.

8. I filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the chapter above named and attach his receipt therefor. I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its chapters or state association members.

9. I enclose my check for \$10.00, for admission fee and the first year's 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 Nov. 14, 1941

Preston M. Geren
Applicant sign full name in ink

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PAID
\$ 10.00
11/14/41

STATISTICS

10. Date of birth Nov. 2, 1891 Place of birth Sherman, Texas.

11. I am registered or licensed to practice architecture in the following named states:

(State or States) By Examination

(State or States) By Exemption

By Exemption - Texas

(a) I hold a Certificate No. 27 of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

EDUCATION

12. I attended the following named schools (high school, private school, college or university); have held the following named scholarships; have travelled in the following named countries:

Sherman, Texas, High School

Texas A & M College - B.S. in Arch-Eng. - 1912

Travelled in -

Mexico

France

Belgium

England

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

13. 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:

1908-1912 (Summers) Draftsman John Tulloch, Archt., Sherman, Texas.

1912- Structural detailer - Mosher Steel Co., Dallas, Texas.

1913- Architectural draftsman - M K & T Ry., " "

1923-1933 Chief Engineer - Sanguinet, Staats and Hedrick, & Wyatt C. Hedrick
Fort Worth, Texas. - In charge of development of architectural
plans as well as engineering design.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

14. 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 or have taught architecture or the arts and sciences allied therewith. (State names of firms or corporations and of schools or colleges)

- 1913-1914 Giesecke & Geren - Texas
- 1915-1916 Engineering work "
- 1917-1918 Officer - Corps of Engineers
- 1918-1919 Engineering Work - Texas
- 1920-1922 Professor of Architecture & Architectural Eng.,
Oklahoma A & M College
- 1934 to date - Practicing Architect, Fort Worth, Texas.

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 15. Member of Institute from XX to
- 16. Junior of Institute from XX to
- 17. Associate of XX Chapter from to
- 18. Junior Associate of XX Chapter from to
- 19. Member of State Association in Texas organization from/ to date.

ENDORSEMENT BY PROPOSERS

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 10 years.

I have known the applicant for 10 years.

Signed

Hubert M. Grace
Proposer

Signed

Joseph A. Pelich
Proposer
Joseph A. Pelich
1103 Trinity Life Bldg
Fort Worth

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NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER
The American Institute of Architects
Dallas, Texas

Received at
The Octagon on
Dec. 1, 1941
9:57

Nov. 28, 1941

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Inclosed are applications accompanied by checks from Charles E. Armstrong, Preston M. Geren, and James E. Teague of Forth Worth, Texas, and John B. Danna of Dallas, Texas.

The North Texas Chapter has acted on these applications by Chapter action and they have been approved in a formal resolution at the regular stated meeting this month. These men are welcome additions to this Chapter and I hope the National Body will give their approval so that they may be acted members by the first of the year or as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

(s) Arthur E. Thomas

Arthur E. Thomas
Pres. of North Texas Chapter
The American Institute of Archts.

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

COPY

December 11, 1941

Dear Mr. Geren:

Your application for membership in The Institute and its North Texas Chapter, dated November 14, 1941, with your check for \$10.00 attached, has been received. Your desire to become a member of The Institute is appreciated by The Board.

The application is in due order, except in on respect: The Board of Examiners will need photographs of two buildings executed by you as exhibits of your architectural work. If an applicant has been licensed to practice architecture by a written examination The Board may waive the submission of exhibits.

Therefore, as your application states that you are registered by exemption in Texas, exhibits of your work should accompany the application.

The Board of Examiners will hold its next meeting on January 6, and we hope you will be able to comply with this request in good time so that your application may be considered at that meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Chas. J. Sughan
Secretary

Mr. Preston M. Geren, Architect
806 1/2 Burnett Street
Fort Worth, Texas

CTI/fs

Mr. Peary, Secy, North Texas Chapter

Copies to: Mr. Smith, Director, Gulf States District

Proposers: Mr. Hubert H. Crane
Mr. Jos. R. Pelich

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PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

PRESTON M. GEREN

ARCHITECT & ENGINEER

806 1/2 BURNETT STREET

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

December 22, 1941.

THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

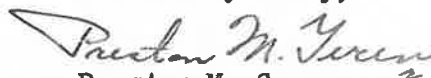
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

- Attention Chas. T. Ingham -

Dear Mr. Ingham:

In compliance with your request of December 11th, I am transmitting herewith
photographs of two buildings executed by me.

Yours very truly,



Preston M. Geren
Architect & Engineer

PMG:LR

Enc.

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

COPY

December 30, 1941

Dear Mr. Geren:

This will acknowledge receipt of the two photographs of buildings executed by you, submitted as exhibits in support of your application for corporate membership in The Institute.

Your application is now complete and will be presented to The Board of Examiners at its meeting on January 6, after which you will promptly be advised of the action taken thereon.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. Preston M. Geren
806½ Burnett Street
Fort Worth, Texas

K/fa

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

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF Ft. Worth.
Preston Murdoch Geren - Dallas, Texas
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY, Texas
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,
Burt Building, Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date December 11, 1941

Chas. J. Ingham
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state?..... yes
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination?..... or by exemption?..... X
3. What was the scope of the examination?.....
4. What was the period of the examination?.....days. Written examination.....hours; Oral examination.....hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? If so, give Certificate No.....
6. Date of last registration July 31, 1941..... Registration No. 27..... Is it current?..... yes..

Sho. D. Bred
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date.....19.....

Texas Board of Architectural Examiners
(Name of Board)

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

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January 10, 1942

Dear Mr. Geren:

The Secretary is happy to inform you that your application for membership in The Institute was acted on favorably by The Board of Directors and that you have been admitted to corporate membership in The Institute and assigned to membership in the North Texas Chapter, effective January 10, 1942. 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.

Your certificate of membership, duly executed by the Officers of The Institute, will be sent in due course.

The Board of Directors welcomes you 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,

Chas. J. Ingham
Secretary

Mr. Preston Murdoch Geren, A.I.A.
306 1/2 Burnett Street
Fort Worth, Texas

CFI:LF
Enclosure

Copies to Proposers: Hubert H. Crane
Joseph R. Pelich

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PRESTON M. GEREN
ARCHITECT & ENGINEER
806 1-2 BURNETT STREET
FORT WORTH, TEXAS
January 26, 1945.

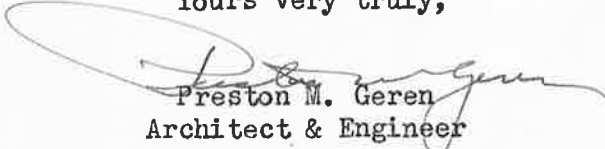
THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1945 JAN 29 AM 9:55
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. Alexander C. Robinson, III
S e c r e t a r y,
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I have just received my membership card for 1945. I do not know exactly how my name is carried on your records, but on this card the middle name is spelled "Murdock". It should be spelled - Murdoch. So far as the card is concerned it is immaterial, but if your records are incorrect, please have them corrected.

Yours very truly,


Preston M. Geren
Architect & Engineer

PMG:LR

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

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COPY

February 9, 1945

Dear Mr. Geren:

Responding to your letter of January 26th:

We find that our records show your middle name correctly as "Murdoch", and the 1945 membership card sent to you was a typographical error.

Enclosed is a corrected card, and we ask that you accept our apologies for the mistake.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

K/g
Enclosure

Mr. Preston M. Geren, A.I.A.
806 1-2 Burnett Street
Fort Worth, Texas

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

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October 25, 1946

Dear Mr. Gerent:

In accordance with the action of The Board of Directors of The American Institute of Architects in issuing a Charter to the new Fort Worth Chapter, A.I.A., I beg to advise that you have been transferred from the North Texas Chapter and assigned to the Fort Worth Chapter as a Charter Member, effective August 15, 1946 - the date of the Charter.

Both Chapters have been so advised.

It is suggested that you get in touch with Mr. Robert P. Wolts, Jr., Secretary of the Chapter, 210 Dan Waggoner Building, Fort Worth 2, concerning the next meeting and other matters of interest.

Sincerely yours,

Alexander C. Robinson III.

Secretary

Mr. Preston M. Geren, A.I.A.
905 Neil P. Anderson Building
Fort Worth 2, Texas

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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October 25, 1946

Mr. Robert P. Wolts, Jr., Secretary, Fort Worth Chapter, A.I.A.
Mr. John P. Wiltshire, Secretary, North Texas Chapter, A.I.A.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the action of The Board of Directors of The American Institute of Architects, in issuing a Charter to the Fort Worth Chapter, A.I.A., I beg to advise that the following corporate members of The Institute, formerly assigned to the North Texas Chapter, have been transferred as Charter Members to the Fort Worth Chapter, effective August 15, 1946 - the date of the Charter:

Charles E. Armstrong, 301 South Henderson, Fort Worth 4
Arthur John Capelle, 212 Lindenwood Avenue, Fort Worth 7
Wiley G. Clarkson, First National Bank Building, Fort Worth
Hubert Hammond Crane, 3804 Bunting, Fort Worth
C. G. Chromaster, 401 Century Building, Fort Worth
Preston M. Geren, 905 Neil P. Anderson Building, Fort Worth 2
Joseph J. Patterson, 112 Westview Avenue, Fort Worth
Joseph R. Pelich, Commercial Standard Building, Fort Worth 2
James E. Teague, 5504 Byers, Fort Worth 7
Edward L. Wilson, 209 Majestic Building, Fort Worth
Robert P. Wolts, Jr., 810 Dan Waggoner Building, Fort Worth 2

Each of the above listed members has been advised accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

Alexander C. Robinson III
Secretary

ACR/g

No. NF 982

Received Oct. 1 19 62

Voted On Feb. 23 19 63

Voted On April 19 64

Voted On April 19 65

Not Granted April 19 65

No. M 982



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
JURY OF FELLOWS

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

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1. Name of Nominee Preston Murdoch/ Date of Nomination Sept. 25 19 62
2. Address of Nominee 5401 Byers Ave., Fort Worth, Texas
3. Nominee's firm Preston M. Geran, Architect & Engineer
4. Nominee's principal place of business 1607 Fort Worth national Bank Bldg. - Fort Worth, T.
5. Nominee's Chapter Fort Worth Chapter, AIA
6. Nominee's State Organization Texas Society of Architects
7. Nominee admitted to Institute January 10, 1942
8. Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from 1 19 42 to December 31 19 62
9. Nominee's age 71 Birthplace Sherman, Texas
10. Nominators: Exec.-Committee, fort Worth Chapter, AIA

(1) Joseph P. Patterson, FAIA	(6) Clyde R. Hueppelsheuser, AIA
(2) Earl E. Koeppe, AIA	(7) William C. Kneer, Jr., AIA
(3) Thaddeus E. Harden, Jr., AIA	(8) Morris B. Parker, AIA
(4) Jay Teel Dunlap, AIA	
(5) Merwyn Ernest Croston, Jr.	
11. Achievement SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION and SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE
and as of 1965 - PUBLIC SERVICD

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP
BY
CHAPTER

THE JURY OF FELLOWS, A.I.A.
The Octagon, 1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Date Sept. 25, 1962

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on Sept. 25, 1962*^{Type in full name.} nominated* Preston Murdoch Geren, member of this Chapter, for fellowship in The Institute. We enclose evidence of the qualifications of the nominee for the fellowship on which the nomination was based and certify the resolution is as follows:

"Whereas, this Executive Committee believes* Preston Murdoch Geren, a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the profession because of his achievement in** "Science of Construction" and "Service to the Institute" that he is worthy of fellowship in The Institute; and

*Type in full name.

**Type in "Design," "Science of Construction," "Literature," "Education," "Service to The Institute," or "Public Service," as is appropriate.

"Whereas, said member has been in good standing in this Chapter for† sixteen years prior to this date; therefore be it

†Type in number of years.

"Resolved, That‡‡ the Fort Worth Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate*

‡‡Type in name of Chapter.

*Type in full name.

Preston Murdoch Geren

for fellowship in The Institute, and the President and the Secretary be and hereby are authorized and directed to prepare the nomination papers and forward them to The Jury of Fellows of The Institute and to do all things proper to forward said nomination."

Joe J. Patterson FAIA
T. S. A. Director
Earl E. Koufner
Mem. Exec. Comm.
William E. Hardoff
Mem. Exec. Comm.

Jay D. Dunlap
President
W. J. ...
Vice President
B. ...
Mem. Exec. Comm.
W. A. King
Treasurer
Paul ...
Secretary.

THE NOMINATORS SHOULD SEE THAT LETTERS OR DATA ARE SENT TO THE JURY OF FELLOWS IN SUPPORT OF THIS NOMINATION. ALL SUCH COMMUNICATIONS SHALL BE PRIVILEGED AND NO COPIES SHOULD BE GIVEN TO OTHERS.

10/1/62

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BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

1. Nominee's full name Preston Murdoch Geren

2. Strike out in-appropriate word and write in name of Gov.

2. Nominee is a natural naturalized citizen of the United States of America.

3. Nominee's legal residence 5401 Byers Ave., Fort Worth, Texas.

4. Nominee's firm name Preston M. Geren, Architect and Engineer.

Nominee's principal place of business, address 1607 Fort Worth National Bank Building
Fort Worth, Texas

5. Type in "N.C. A. R. B." or name of State Board, as case may be.

6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by
the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners

7. Strike out in-appropriate words.

7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a practicing architect ~~teacher in architecture~~
~~and in the line of architecture-public officials~~

8. Type in date of birth and city and Country.

8. Born November 2, 1891 Place of birth Sherman, Texas, U.S.A.

9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:

	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
<i>High School</i>				
	Sherman High School, Sherman, Texas	4	1908	
<i>Private School</i>				
<i>College or University</i>				
	The A. & M. College of Texas, College Station, Texas	4	1912	Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering.
<i>College or University</i>				

Post Graduate at

Scholarships held

10. Type in important experiences during employment or additional statistics of importance in nominee's record.

10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

- a. Served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War I, was wounded in action in Belgium and was awarded a citation by the Commander of the A.E.F. and the Croix de Guerre by the Government of France.
- b. Served as Professor of Architecture and Head of the Department of Architecture at Oklahoma A. and M. College, Stillwater, Oklahoma, for two years, 1921-1923.
- c. Served as Chief Architectural Engineer in the firm of Sanguinet, Staats and Hedrick (later Wyatt C. Hedrick, Inc.) for ten years. 1923-1933.
- d. Established his own office for the practice of Architecture, Jan. 1, 1934, and has continued his practice to the present date.

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Nominators should read "Principles Underlying the Bestowal of Fellowships", Institute Document No. H-501 before completing this nomination. Additional sheets may be inserted to supplement any page, 3 to 7, inclusive. Use typewriting only.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

1. Works

Type
(a) Commercial
(b) Monumental
(c) Domestic
(d) Special

Identification
of Work

Location
of Work

(City)

(State)

Completed
Construction
Work
(Year)

Photographs
Submitted

Under column
headed "Type"
type in (a), (b),
(c), or (d), as
the case may be.

Type in last col-
umn to right the
number submitted
in each case.

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See Page 1

2. Describe nominee's notable work in design, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

1. CONSTRUCTION WORK

Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

Type of Work Constructed	Identification of Work	Location of Work	Completed Construction Work (Year)	Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted
a. High School	Robt. E. Lee High School	Midland, Texas	1961	3
b. Office Building	Equitable Savings Association Bldg.	Ft.Worth, Texas	1961	2
c. Office Bldg. and Bank	First National Bank Building	Ft.Worth, Texas	1961	1
d. Office Bldg. and Bank	Continental National Bank	Ft.Worth, Texas	1956	1
e. Refrigerated Warehouse	U.S. Cold Storage Warehouse	Ft.Worth, Texas	1955	2

2. BOOKS, TREATISES, OR ARTICLES WRITTEN

Subject Title	Where Published	Date Published
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3. Describe nominee's notable work in the science of construction and any recognition thereof by other societies, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

- a. The Robert E. Lee High School was planned with a large percentage of interior rooms, relieved with glass partitioned vistas into enclosed, skylighted and landscaped centers of circulation. By reducing the total exterior exposure, and with careful attention to architectural details and coordination of mechanical equipment, Preston M. Geren achieved a structure of high quality and air conditioned at a cost comparable to that of a conventional, non-air conditioned building. The building was awarded a Citation in 1961 by the American Association of School Administrators.
- b. In the design of the Equitable Savings Association building, Preston M. Geren used special solar shading devices, carefully angled and proportioned to effectively shield the interior from direct sunlight and horizontal glare while retaining a full view of the adjoining park area.

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

3. (Continued)

- c. When completed, The First National Bank was the largest office building utilizing cellular steel floor decking for the distribution of heating and cooling air. To adapt the system to a structure of this size, and to maintain the design-concept of the building, Preston M. Geren directed the development of new components and modifications of standard units of equipment.
- d. The Continental National Bank is the tallest office building having an all welded structural steel frame. The reduced total tonnage of steel used with its subsequent economies in space and cost is a result of Preston M. Geren's progressive evaluation of new techniques and procedures in construction.
- e. The U.S. Cold Storage building is a refrigerated warehouse. In its design Preston M. Geren pioneered in the application of pre-cast, post-tensioned concrete structural units, achieving long spans with economy and fitted to the modular storage of palletized cold storage products.
- f. Mr. Geren's personal contributions to the Science of Construction are indeed noteworthy; but when one considers his influence on the younger Architects with whom he has associated and the apprentices who have worked for him, the magnitude of his accomplishments become even more impressive. His ability to get directly to the heart of the problem in analyzing the suitability of materials, form and function has been invaluable to the profession locally in setting a high standard for those associated with him.
- g. The highly ethical plane upon which Mr. Geren conducts his professional affairs is well known in this area and reflects credit upon the entire architectural community. His reputation for honesty and fairness to client and contractor alike is such that his advice and counsel are frequently sought by other architects and members of the construction industry throughout the State.

Mr. Geren has used this same approach in the organization of his office and his relationships with his personnel. He has developed such efficient procedures assuring the orderly progression of work throughout the design, working drawing, specification, checking, and construction phases, that his methods have been adopted by a majority of younger architects who have had an opportunity to study them.

- h. Preston M. Geren taught at Oklahoma A. & M. College for a duration of two years only, but his influence remains at that institution and has expanded to others, especially in Texas, where his former students and associates now teach architecture. Although his time

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

3. h (Continued)

is limited due to the obligations of a large practice, he remains a teacher, always willing to share his knowledge and experience with others. For many years it has been his policy to employ several college students in architecture during the summer months, providing these young men with early opportunity for sound practical experience.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

1. EDUCATION WORK

(List the degrees and the educational positions held by the nominee, and bring out clearly the nominee's signal work and its particular force and influence which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by pupils, the profession, other societies, or the public.)

2. LITERARY WORK

(List the original written works of the nominee and state clearly the particular force and influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by other societies, the profession, educational institutions or the public.)

*Book, Treatise
or Article*

Subject

*Name of Book or Periodical
Containing Work*

*Year Work
Published*

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE

1. State fully the nominee's signal service to The Institute, his chapter, or his state organization, or to the profession, which the nominators believe has notably contributed to the advancement of the profession, and list the offices in architectural organizations occupied by the nominee and the period of each.

a. Preston M. Geren is a Charter Member of the Fort Worth Chapter, A.I.A. and prior to its creation he was a member of the North Texas Chapter, A.I.A. Chapter records for the years prior to 1956 have been destroyed; hence, specific dates and occasions of his service to the Chapter during that period cannot be cited; however, his contemporaries remember his staunch support of Chapter activities and his vigor in pursuing and completing all assignments in Chapter affairs. His leadership in such vital matters as "By-Laws", "Uniform Fees", "Standard Contract Forms" and "Relations with Allied Construction Industries" has been a priceless asset to the Chapter and to the Construction Industry.

b. Preston M. Geren was very active in the formation and support of a local chapter of the Texas Society of Architects in 1939, 1940 and 1941, difficult years prior to that organization's affiliation with the American Institute of Architects.

c. At the Chapter level, Preston M. Geren served in the following capacities:

1946 - Active member of the Chapter's original By-Laws Committee.

1949 - President of the Fort Worth Chapter, A.I.A.

Specific records of his service from 1950 to 1956 are no longer available.

1956 - Active member of the Awards and Scholarships Committee.

1956 - Chairman of the School Buildings Committee. One of the activities of this Committee was the establishment of a uniform fee structure agreeable to both the Architects and the Fort Worth Independent School District.

1957 - Active member of the School Buildings Committee.

1958 - Chairman of Committee on Relations with Construction Industry.

1958 - Active member of the School Buildings Committee.

1959 - Chairman of the Hospital and Public Health Committee.

1959 and 1960 - Chairman of Committee on Minimum Recommended Fees.

1961 - Chairman of Committee on Relations with Construction Industry.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE

1. (Continued)

- d. At the Regional level, Preston M. Geren actively participated in the following functions of the Texas Society of Architects:

1948 - Director, Texas Society of Architects.

1948 - Member, T.S.A. Committee on Education.

1952 - Member, T.S.A. Committee on By-Laws.

1951, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958 and 1959 - T.S.A. Representative on The Texas Construction Council, serving as President of the Council in 1956.

1958 - Member, T.S.A. Committee on School Buildings.

1961 - Chairman, T.S.A. Committee on Relations with Professional Engineers.

1962 - Member, T.S.A. Committee on Relations with Professional Engineers.

- e. At the National level, Preston M. Geren served as Preservation Officer on the Committee for the Preservation of Historic Buildings for the years 1960, 1961 and 1962.

- f. In civic and public affairs, Preston M. Geren has faithfully represented the local Architects in many notable activities in a manner that reflects credit to the Profession and honor to the Institute. He assisted in the preparation of Fort Worth's original Building Code and was the Chapter's representative on the committee that revised the Building Code in 1960. He served as Chairman of the Fort Worth City Zoning Board of Adjustment from 1940 to 1946, inclusive. He is currently a Director of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. In all of these activities, his sound judgment in Civic Affairs and as an Architect has become well known to members of the other Professions and to the construction industry.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

1. List the public offices held by the nominee and the positions of trust held by him in recognition of civic leadership, and state clearly his notable work in public service and the particular influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession.

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1. List the public offices held by the nominee and the positions of trust held by him in recognition of civic leadership, and state clearly his notable work in public service and the particular influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession.

For over 40 years Preston Murdoch Geren, Sr., has been "Mr. Architectural-Engineer" in Fort Worth. A Charter Member of the Texas Society of Architects, he has always been a tireless worker for the good of our Profession but this has not limited his labors. Times without number he has been called upon, by local governmental agencies, for advice and assistance in matters both technical and civic. He has never been too busy to answer these calls.

A partial list of his labors in the field of Public Service follows:

1. Division Chairman, Community Chest Drive, 1938.
2. Division Chairman, Fort Worth Opera Association, 1958.
3. President, Technical Club of Fort Worth, 1930.
4. Member of Committee which wrote the first Fort Worth Building Code, adopted in 1928.
5. Chairman of Committee which wrote the revised Fort Worth Building Code now in use, adopted in 1959.
6. Chairman, Zoning Board of Adjustment, 1940-1946 inclusive.
7. Long-time member of Education Committee, Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce.
8. Presently a Director, Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce.
9. President of Texas Construction Council, 1956.
10. Member, Board of Directors, Fort Worth Symphony Association.
11. Long-time member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and many times a Vestryman, including service as both Junior and Senior Warden.

Mr. Geren has received numerous citations, among them being the following:

1. Distinguished Service Citation from Texas Construction Council, 1957.
2. City of Fort Worth Distinguished Service Award, 1951.
3. City of Fort Worth Distinguished Service Award, 1959.
4. Loyal Service Award, Fort Worth Technical Club, 1930.
5. Outstanding Service Award (Engineer of the Year) Fort Worth Chapter, Texas Society of Professional Engineers, 1956.

Two recent events indicate the deep regard in which Mr. Geren is held, as an architect and engineer, by his community and by his fellow professionals. The first was his recognition by the publication of a biographical article, one of a series entitled "Summer Sketch Book" about notable Fort Worth citizens and published in the Fort Worth Press, (he was the only architect selected for this honor). The second was his unanimous selection, by the five architectural firms retained to design the new Fort Worth Convention Center, to be their Chairman and Spokesman.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

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The Executive Committee of the Fort Worth Chapter, A.I.A., unanimously agrees that Mr. Geren's unflagging and unselfish labors in behalf of his community have vastly improved the public image of the architect and have been of such significance as to merit his advancement to Fellowship, not only in the category of Public Service, but in those of Science of Construction and Service to the Profession as well. In this opinion the entire Chapter wholeheartedly agrees.

If we, his nominators, have not made a good case for Mr. Geren's advancement it is not because of his lack of worthiness but because of our inadequacy to communicate to you what is in our hearts.

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March 13, 1963

Mr. Marwyn E. Croston, Jr., President
Fort Worth Chapter, AIA
P. O. Box 765
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Croston:

The Jury of Fellows has requested me to advise you of the following action it has taken on the nominations before it of corporate members of your Chapter who were considered for advancement to Fellowship:

Referred to Meeting of The Jury in 1964:

Preston Murdoch Geren

Any further material that you wish to submit in connection with this nomination should be received by The Jury of Fellows at The Octagon by November 15, 1963.

Nomination Before The Jury at Three Meetings Without
Favorable Action:

Robert Pratt Welts, Jr.

We regret to inform you that this member has not been honored with Fellowship by The Jury of Fellows. The exhibits in support of his nomination are being returned under separate cover.

The Jury has asked me to inform you that, in their deliberations during the past three years, this proposal has been considered among the several hundred carefully reviewed as to qualifications.

May 4, 1964

Mr. Charles R. Adams, President
Fort Worth Chapter, AIA
600 Bailey, Suite 211
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Adams:

The Jury of Fellows has requested me to advise you of the following action it has taken on the nomination before it of a corporate member of your Chapter who was considered for advancement to Fellowship:

Referred to Jury Meeting in 1965:

Preston Murdoch Geren

Any further material that you wish to submit in connection with this nomination should be received by The Jury of Fellows at The Octagon by November 15, 1964.

Very truly yours,

Clinton Gamble, FAIA
Secretary

CG/m

cc: Executive Secretary, Fort Worth Chapter, AIA



FORT WORTH CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
September 17, 1964

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

Gentlemen:

This letter is in reference to the nomination of Mr. Preston Murdoch Geren, Sr., Fort Worth, Texas, which has been filed with the Jury of Fellows by the Fort Worth Chapter, A.I.A., acting through its Executive Committee.

It is the desire of the current Executive Committee that Mr. Geren's category be expanded to include Public Service. In support of this desire on the part of the Fort Worth Chapter the following material is submitted herewith:

1. Executed copy of Page 7, A.I.A. Form H-503.
2. Photostatic copies of citations from:
 - a. The Texas Construction Council.
 - b. The City of Fort Worth, 1951.
 - c. The City of Fort Worth, 1959.
 - d. The Technical Club of Fort Worth, 1930.
 - e. The Fort Worth Chapter, Texas Society of Professional Engineers.
3. A newspaper article from the Fort Worth Press.

We respectfully submit that Mr. Geren is eminently worthy of advancement to Fellowship in the category of "Public Service" and urge that this honor be bestowed upon him.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph J. Patterson".

Joseph J. Patterson, F.A.I.A., Chairman
Committee of Fellowships
Fort Worth Chapter, A.I.A.

JJP:mw
Enclosure

detached



THE TEXAS CONSTRUCTION COUNCIL regularly assembled authorizes its Executive Board by resolution to inscribe the name of its President for the year 1956

PRESTON MURDOCHGEREN

Upon the permanent records of the Council for his faithful performance of office and distinguished Leadership and to express the appreciation of the Councils Sponsors THE LEAGUE OF TEXAS MUNICIPALITIES TEXAS SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS MUNICIPAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION A.G.C and the TEXAS SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS whose great Organizations join in the interests of the CITIZENS of the Sovereign State of TEXAS and the great Southwest

This Certificate of Merit by resolution of its Executive board is dated DECEMBER 14, 1957 Signed by its president and attested by its secretary


President

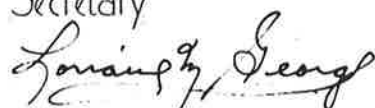
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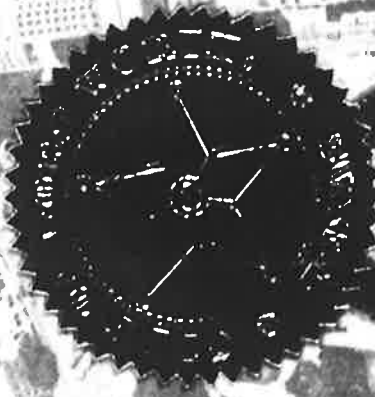
CITY OF FORT WORTH

Distinguished Service AWARD

Presented to PRESTON M. GEREN for outstanding service

as CHAIRMAN, ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Given this 25 day of OCTOBER 1951.



[Signature]
Mayer

ATTEST:

[Signature]
City Secretary

CITY OF FORT WORTH

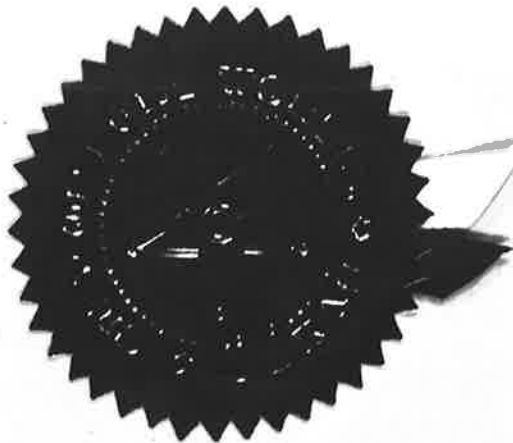
Distinguished Service

AWARD

Presented to Houston M. Beren, Sr. for outstanding service

as CHAIRMAN OF THE BUILDING CODE COMMITTEE 1958-59

Given this thirtieth day of October A.D. 1959.



[Signature]

Mayor

Attest: [Signature]
City Secretary





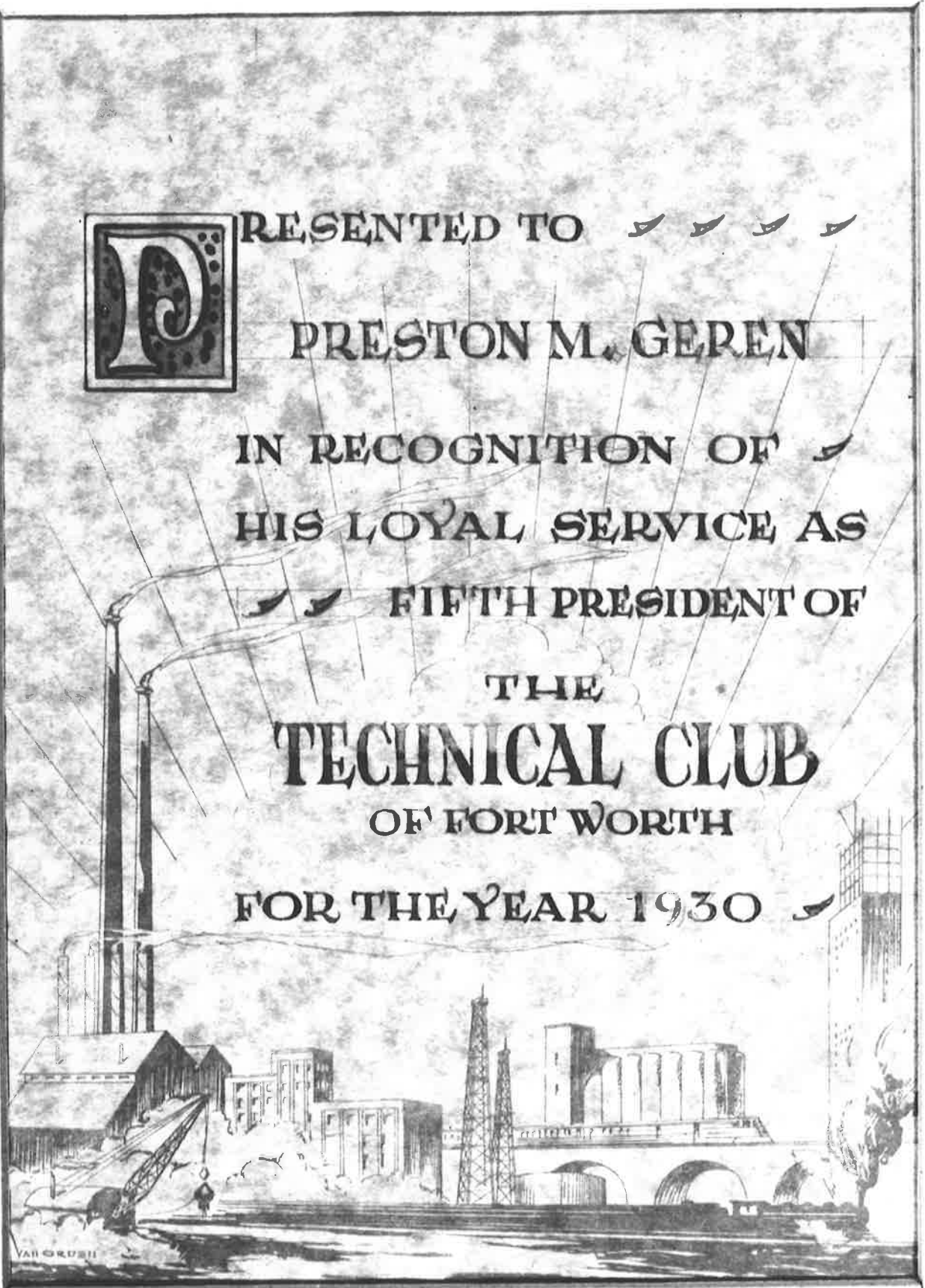
PRESENTED TO

PRESTON M. GEREN

IN RECOGNITION OF
HIS LOYAL SERVICE AS
FIFTH PRESIDENT OF

THE
TECHNICAL CLUB
OF FORT WORTH

FOR THE YEAR 1930



VAN ORDEN

For Outstanding Service

THE FORT WORTH CHAPTER OF THE

TEXAS SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

hereby names

PRESTON M. GEREN

ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

In recognition of:

1956

Valuable service to the engineering profession by achievement of high position in the Building Construction Industry through engineering accomplishment.

Significant contributions to engineering science through service in organizations dedicated to the advancement of engineering technology.

Eminent public service as a working member of numerous local organizations devoted to the moral and civic betterment of the community.

Inspiration to young engineers by maintaining high standards of ethics in engineering practice.



Wallace B. Hartshorn
PRESIDENT • FORT WORTH CHAPTER

Robert L. Scholtz
SECRETARY • FORT WORTH CHAPTER

Summer Sketchbook



Preston M. Geren Sr.

Members of the first Officers Training School at Leon Springs will gather here next May for their 49th annual Roll Call.

Helping make the arrangements is a man who, but for the smallest kind of lie—white, of course—would never have made his first roll call.

And, but for the poor marksmanship of a German soldier, Preston Murdoch Geren Sr. would not have made it back to answer another of the camp's roll calls.

Mr. Geren had his degree in architectural engineering from Texas A&M College and was in charge of the San Antonio office of a Dallas steel company when World War I broke out.

IN DALLAS VISITING relatives, he read that an Army officer would be there to interview applicants for the first Officers Training School at Camp Leon Springs.

"I knew I was going to get in that war anyway, so I went down," Mr. Geren says.

The interviewing was on the second floor, and there was a line reaching down the stairs to the sidewalk when he arrived. He stood all morning. By noon he was in sight of the office door.

Then a sergeant came out, announced that the interviewing captain was going to lunch and told the applicants they could return later.

THE LINE BROKE up, with much grumbling. The sergeant then agreed to issue slips of paper with numbers on them so they could get their same places in line. One man spoke up and said he was first. Mr. Geren announced he was second. "Which wasn't true," he confessed. "I was about 10th, but no one protested so I got the slip with No. 2 on it."

When his turn came after lunch, the sergeant stepped out again and announced: "If we take this man (Geren) we'll have our quota. The rest of you can go."

With a first lieutenant's commission in the Army Engineers, Mr. Geren went overseas to be shot down in Belgium, after being in the Reserve at St. Mihiel and in the Meuse-Argonne fight.

DURING BATTLE reconnaissance, he was shot off of a motorcycle, for which he was given a citation and later the French Croix de Guerre.

Fortunately, the bullet hit him in the leg, and it didn't even break a bone.

After the war, Mr. Geren worked several places, including a short stay in Abilene, before coming to Fort Worth in August, 1923, as chief engineer with Sanguinet, Statts and Hedrick.

His first job was on the addition to the old First National

Bank Bldg., at Seventh and Houston.

But he remembers most from his first days in Fort Worth the building of the present Fort Worth Club Bldg., 306 W. Seventh.

He had come to Fort Worth ahead of his family. When they arrived, workers were digging the basement for the Fort Worth Club Bldg.

MR. GEREN remembers driving his wife by there and telling her: "That steam shovel is digging my grave."

The reason: The contract had been let for the excavation and foundation before the plans for the building were made.

If he wanted to today, Mr. Geren could look out his 11th floor office window of the Fort Worth National Bank Bldg. and admire any number of buildings, old and new, that he or his firm designed either alone or with associates.

To name a few, there's Continental National Bank, First National Bank, Union Bank, Equitable Savings & Loan Assn. and Mutual Savings and Loan, and of course

the building that houses his attractive offices.

But he has little time to rest on past laurels. With blinds drawn, he's busy pouring over new projects.

A METICULOUS worker, Mr. Geren says no one has ever designed a perfect building. But they all keep trying.

"I tell my doctor friends that they bury their mistakes, but our's just stand there for everyone to see and ask 'Who in the hell did that?'"

Mr. Geren went into business for himself in January, 1934, when the depression was still much in evidence. "I told my wife I might as well. I had everything to gain and nothing to lose."

Among his first projects going it alone were Lily B. Clayton Elementary and Arlington Heights High Schools. He's been doing work for the public schools here ever since.

After the disastrous explosion of the New London School, Mr. Geren got the architectural job on the new building. "That started us off in East Texas and we have work all over the state."

MR. GEREN HAS no special favorite building, but he admits he has a special liking for the new air-conditioned Robert E. Lee High School building in Midland. And he's very interested in the underground high school his firm designed and which is being built at Lake Worth.

"As far as I know it's the second underground school in this country," Mr. Geren says. The first was in Artesia, N. M.

Air conditioning has changed the design of buildings in his time. "We have to compensate for the cost of air conditioning and minimize the cost of it," he says.

When he came to Fort Worth only bank lobbies and hotel coffee shops were air conditioned — and not very good at that.

"I TELL MY draftsmen they don't know how well off they are," he says, recalling many days working over a drafting board in a room with 110 degree temps. "I played golf then," he recalls, "to get out and get some cool breeze."

A member of all the important engineering and architectural organizations, Mr. Geren has also won a number of honors. They include the Texas Society of Professional Engineers award of Engineer of the Year in 1956.

That same year he was president of the Texas Construction Council and was given a citation by all member organizations.

He assisted in preparation of the city's old building code adopted in 1928, and also helped develop the code now in effect. He was chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for six years.

Twice he's received the City of Fort Worth's Distinguished Service Award.

A long-time member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, where he's served on the vestry several times and in many other capacities, he leaves that up to younger men now.

"They're the ones who are going to have to be doing it, and they may as well learn now," he says.

Mr. and Mrs. Geren are parents of three, grandparents of 11. Their oldest daughter, Linda, is the wife of Capt. John Nichols of the Navy's Seventh Fleet. They are now moving to a new home in Coronada, Calif., nearby his base at San Francisco.

Their only son is Preston M. Geren Jr., graduate of Georgia Tech, World War II veteran and an associate of his father since the late 1940's.

Their youngest is Alma, wife of Dr. W. F. Key Jr. of Clinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Geren live at 5401 Byers. "Though I'm an architect and have owned three homes, I've never built one myself for myself," he says.

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April 20, 1965

Mr. Robert W. Chambers, President
Fort Worth Chapter, AIA
c/o Chapter Office
P. O. Box 9614
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Chambers:

The Jury of Fellows has requested me to advise you of the following action it has taken on the nomination before it of a corporate member of your Chapter who was considered for advancement to Fellowship:

Nomination Before The Jury at Three Meetings
Without Favorable Action:

Preston Murdoch Geren

We regret to inform you that this member has not been honored with Fellowship by The Jury of Fellows. The exhibits in support of his nomination are being returned to you under separate cover.

The Jury has asked me to inform you that, in its deliberations during the past three years, this proposal has been considered among the several hundred carefully reviewed as to qualifications.

The Rules of Procedure of the By-Laws of The Institute permit the resubmission of a new nomination after the lapse of one year following this action. The Jury suggests that, if you take this course, the new presentation would set forth full information supporting your belief in the nominee's notable qualifications. (See "Principles Underlying the Bestowal of Fellowship", AIA Form No. H501.)

Very truly yours,



Oswald H. Thorson, FAIA
Secretary

OHT/m



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

January 30, 1970

**Mrs. Charles Adams
Executive Secretary
Fort Worth Chapter, AIA
P. O. Box 9614
Fort Worth, Texas**

**Re: Death of Mr. P. H. Geren, Sr., AIA,
on December 25, 1969**

Dear Mrs. Adams:

We are very sorry to learn of the death of the member indicated above.

For The Institute's Baldwin Memorial Archive records, it would be appreciated if you would have the enclosed forms filled in. Two copies should be returned to The Institute and the third copy is for the Chapter's files.

Sincerely yours,

Maureen Marx, Manager
Membership Procedures

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Preston
M.

BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE
of American Architects

NO. _____

Name: Preston M. Geren of (address) 5401 Byers, Ft. Worth, Texas 76107

Born: Nov. 3, 1891 at Sherman, Tex. Died: Sept. 21, 1969 at Ft. Worth, Texas

Parents: James Preston Geren and Maria Fearn Putnam Geren

Married: Linda Giesecke of Austin, Texas on June 14, 1921

Children: Linda Lee Geren Nichols, Preston M. Geren, Jr., Alma Caroline Geren Key

Education: Public School, Sherman, Texas.
College: Texas A&M College, Bachelor of Science and Architecture, 1912

Training; and practice as Principal: (Firm Names, Places, Dates, Specialization)

Please see attached sheet.

Professional Memberships and Service: (Institute and Chapter Activities; Teaching)

Charter Member of the Texas Society of Architects and Fort Worth Chapter of American Institute of Architects. Past President of Fort Worth Chapter A.I.A. Elected Life Member of American Society of Civil Engineers.

Other Affiliations: (Religious, Fraternal, Political, Social)

Religious: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Ft. Worth, Texas.
Fraternal: 52nd Degree Mason
Social: River Crest Country Club. Fort Worth Club

Public Service: (Civil and Military; Community, State, National)

Please see attached sheet.

Published Material: (Articles and Addresses; Executed Work; Biographical Data)

None.

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General Background: (Personal Characteristics and Accomplishments; Interests, Digressions, Travels, Friendships, Side-lights, Honors, and Awards.)

A person dedicated to architecture and the construction industry. Recognized by all who knew him as a person of great ability and integrity.

His interests were limited to his work, family, church and art. He read much and collected volumes of historic writings and drawings of architecture. Except during World War I, his travels were limited to the Western Hemisphere, which included several trips to the Caribbean and in the Pacific to Hawaii. His friendships were principally in the construction industry - contractors and architects throughout the state. These included: Thos. S. Byrne, James T. Taylor, Oscar Taylor and Harry B. Friedman, all successful contractors in the Fort Worth, Texas area over the last 50 years. Tom Broad, FAIA, Harry D. Payne, FIA, Joe Patterson, AIA, Grayson Gill, AIA, Wyatt C. Hedrick, AIA, and Robt. Woltz, AIA, were architects with whom he associated most frequently. He had the ability to define problems simply and then solve them. His appreciation of craftsmanship was acknowledged and respected by mechanics of all trades.

He held a life membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers, was twice given the Distinguished Award by the City of Fort Worth for outstanding contribution to the City for his work on the City Codes (1951 and 1959). In 1956, he was selected Engineer of the Year by the Texas Society of Professional Engineers. The Texas Construction Council in 1957 awarded him a Certificate of Merit for his service to the construction industry. In 1958 the "Nipper and Trowel" Association of Fort Worth Lathers and Plasterers recognized him for his creative design in plaster at the Travis Avenue Baptist Church. In 1969 the Fort Worth Chapter of Associated General Contractors, in an unprecedented ceremony, recognized Preston M. Geren, Sr. for his ability, integrity and dedication to the construction industry at a testimonial dinner with a commemorative plaque. On the same day, the Mayor of the City of Fort Worth and Judge of the County of Tarrant proclaimed February 5, 1969 as "Preston M. Geren, Sr. Day" in recognition of his unprecedented service to the community and construction industry.

List of Awards:

Robert E. Lee High School, Midland, Texas. Design Citation 1960. American Association of School Administrators and AIA.

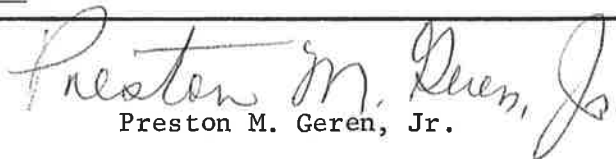
First National Bank, Fort Worth, Texas. Award of Merit 1961. Texas Society of Architects

Lower School Building, Fort Worth Country Day School, Fort Worth, Texas. Design Citation 1965. American Association of School Administrators and AIA.

'Awards' continued on attached sheet.

Principal Commissions: (Classified, with locations and Reference Data) (Above) Please see attached sheet.

Compiled by:


Preston M. Geren, Jr.

Date:

March 25, 1970

Acknowledgements:

Awards: (continued)

Carling Brewing Company, Fort Worth, Texas. Top Ten Plants 1965. Factory Magazine
McGray-Hill Publications.

Student Center, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.
Merit Award 1966. Kitchen Design Institutions Magazine.

Principal Commissions:

New London High School, New London, Texas. Arlington Heights High School, Fort Worth,
Texas. Continental National Bank, Fort Worth, Texas. First National Bank, Fort
Worth, Texas. Fort Worth National Bank, Fort Worth, Texas. Carter Air Field, Fort
Worth, Texas. Carling Brewery, Fort Worth, Texas. Hubbard Hall, TWU, Denton, Texas.
Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas. Ball High School, Galveston, Texas.
Robert E. Lee High School, Midland, Texas.

Training:

Private practice of architecture Austin, Texas, with brother-in-law, under firm name
of Giesecke & Geren from 1914 to 1916. Chief Engineer for J. F. Johnson, General
Contractor, Austin, Texas, 1919 to 1921. Professor and Head of Department of
Architectural Engineering at Oklahoma A&M, 1921 to 1923, also practiced as Consult-
ing Engineer during this time. In 1923, he was Chief Engineer and Chief of Produc-
tion for firm of Sanguinet, Staats & Hedrick (later Wyatt C. Hedrick, Inc.) in Fort
Worth and remained there until 1934. He began private practice of architecture in
1934 and in 1949 created his partnership with his son, Preston M. Geren, Jr., re-
taining the name of Preston M. Geren, Architect & Engineer. In January, 1969,
Associate Partners were taken into the firm and the name of the firm was changed to
Preston M. Geren, Architect & Engineer and Associates.

Public Service:

Beginning of World War I he entered First Officer's Training Camp at Camp Leon
Springs and was commissioned First Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers. He served
overseas, taking part in battles of San Mihel and the Argonne Forest. He was wounded,
received the Purple Heart and the Croix de Guerre.

He was Chairman, Fort Worth Zoning Board of Adjustment, 1940 to 1946. Also, Chair-
man, Fort Worth Building Code Committee, 1958 to 1959, charged with responsibility
of directing preparation of new Building Code. He was member of the Building Code
Writing Committee, which wrote the first Building Code for City of Fort Worth in
1928.