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- B. Preston Geren has used the best of methods in his work which has been a credit to the profession in this area. His interest in the younger Architects and their activities in the A. I. A. has been greatly appreciated.

Character

Kindly check the one of the following statements which best describes the character of the nominee, or add a fourth in your own terms.

- [X] The nominee is a person of integrity.
[ ] The nominee has a good reputation.
[ ] The nominee's character is satisfactory.
[ ]

I have known the nominee for 9 years in the relationship of Architect and AIA Member

Signed

[Handwritten signature: Merwyn E. Croston, Jr.]

Merwyn E. Croston, Jr.

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B. It has been the personal privilege of the undersigned to know the nominee at the professional level as a person of keen understanding of engineering and architectural problems. His ability to adapt new materials and techniques is readily recognized and respected by colleagues and competitors alike, as is his unselfish service to the American Institute of Architects at all levels. This unusual combination of ability and service, in our opinion, merits advancement to Fellowship of The American Institute of Architects.

Character

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- The nominee is a person of integrity.
- The nominee has a good reputation.
- The nominee's character is satisfactory.
- \_\_\_\_\_

I have known the nominee for 19 years in the relationship of Professional Practice

Signed Jay Dunlap

F.W.

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- B. Through-out the past twenty-four years of close association with Preston M. Geren, I have been impressed by his ability and his mastery of the science of construction. With precise thinking and methodical analysis he reduces difficult problems to their basic elements and develops orderly, sound and imaginative solutions in keeping with the highest traditions of Architectural Design.

Accepted

Character

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- The nominee is a person of integrity.
- The nominee has a good reputation.
- The nominee's character is satisfactory.
- \_\_\_\_\_

I have known the nominee for 24 years in the relationship of Employee & Associate

Signed

Thaddeus E. Harden, Jr.

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- B. The Nominee has pioneered the use of many new techniques in building construction and engineering

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- The nominee is a person of integrity.
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- The nominee's character is satisfactory.
- \_\_\_\_\_

I have known the nominee for 13 years in the relationship of Colleague

Signed Coyde R. Hueppelspencer  
Coyde R. Hueppelspencer

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- The nominee is a person of integrity.
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I have known the nominee for 12 years in the relationship of fellow member of A. I. A. and practitioner and a great admirer.

Signed W. C. Kneer  
W. C. Kneer

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- B. See attached list

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Character

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- [X] The nominee is a person of integrity.
[ ] The nominee has a good reputation.
[ ] The nominee's character is satisfactory.
[ ]

I have known the nominee for 33 years in the relationship of friend and fellow architect.

Signed Earl E. Koeppe
EARL E. KOEPPE

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EARL E. KOEPPE A.I.A. ARCHITECT

CONTINENTAL LIFE BUILDING

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FORT WORTH 1, TEXAS

Preston M. Geren has always accepted any chairmanship in the A.I.A. with willingness and has always served with distinction and in particular as chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Construction Industry.

He is noted for the organization of his office to produce plans efficiently and is respected for his originality in the approach to and solution of the structural design of his projects.

He is held in high esteem by people working with him.

*factual*

Earl E. Koeppe

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- B. See attached sheet.

**Character**

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- The nominee is a person of integrity.
- The nominee has a good reputation.
- The nominee's character is satisfactory.
- \_\_\_\_\_

I have known the nominee for 40 years in the relationship of Colleague and Personal Friend.

Signed Joe J. Patterson

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It has been my privilege to know Preston Geren intimately since we served together on the faculty of Oklahoma A & M College in 1921 - 23. Later we worked in the same office for seven years.

From my personal observation during the forty years of our friendship, I can say sincerely that I know of no abler architectural engineer. And not only is he technically able but he also possess a singular inventive genius. This quality is brought to bear on each new problem so that one might say he is constantly evolving new techniques and adapting new materials in his structural designs.

In the element of service to the "Institute," the Fort Worth Chapter and the Texas Society of Architects are deeply in his debt for the distinctive service he has rendered, particularly in the field of our relationship with the Society of Professional Engineers and other elements of the construction industry.

In order to conserve the valuable time of the Jury of Fellows, we have purposely limited the letters of support from the Fort Worth Chapter. However, I speak for the Committee on Fellowships of the Chapter and for the entire Chapter Membership who join me unanimously in urging your favorable consideration of Preston M. Geren for elevation to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

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*rec'd*

B. As long ago as 1925 I worked with "Pete" Geren on many multi-story reinforced concrete structures which were ahead of their times in design and economy of construction. He has the unique distinction of being a registered Architect and professional engineer, and has produced many creditable buildings, throughout Texas, from a standpoint of both architecture and engineering. He has always given freely of his valuable time to further the cause of Architecture through the Fort Worth Chapter, Texas Society of Architects and Texas Construction Council.

### Character

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- The nominee is a person of integrity.
- The nominee has a good reputation.
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- \_\_\_\_\_

I have known the nominee for 37 years in the relationship of friend and associate

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Signed Edward L. Wilson  
Edward L. Wilson, FAIA

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B.

### Character

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- The nominee is a person of integrity.
- The nominee has a good reputation.
- The nominee's character is satisfactory.
- \_\_\_\_\_

I have known the nominee for 25 years in the relationship of  fellow professional

Signed J. Murrell Beurell FAIA

Oallas

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B. *Technical skill and professional integrity, applied with sound judgement, in the utilization of contemporary developments of the building industry characterize his work.*

Character

Kindly check the one of the following statements which best describes the character of the nominee, or add a fourth in your own terms.

- The nominee is a person of integrity, *of the highest order*
- The nominee has a good reputation, *the best*
- The nominee's character is satisfactory, *superior*
- Every pound & inch qualified for Fellowship*

I have known the nominee for *35* years in the relationship of  *fellow architect & engineer*

Signed *Rayson Gill* AIA

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*Dallas*

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Mr. Geren is considered to be one of the outstanding architects in Fort Worth. His work has been important, highly regarded by the profession and by the public. He has conducted himself by a very high standard of ethics. He is a prominent citizen of Fort Worth and has been active in community and civic affairs. He has actively participated in the affairs of the Chapter, State and

Character National Architectural organizations.

Kindly check the one of the following statements which best describes the character of the nominee, or add a fourth in your own terms.

- [X] The nominee is a person of integrity.
[ ] The nominee has a good reputation.
[ ] The nominee's character is satisfactory.
[ ]

I have known the nominee for 22 years in the relationship of a fellow architect

Signed

Robert M. Johnson FAIA
Dallas, Texas Chapter

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Teacher

### Character

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- 11  The nominee is a person of integrity. (Absolute)
- The nominee has a good reputation.
- The nominee's character is satisfactory.
- \_\_\_\_\_

I have known the nominee for 41 years in the relationship of fellow teacher, and long time continuous acquaintance with him and his work.

Signed

*Philip A. Wilber*  
Philip A. Wilber, A.I.A.

Member of the faculty, School of Architecture, Oklahoma State University 1919 to 1947, Head of

School 1929 to 1947.

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I have known the nominee for 28 years in the relationship of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Donald S. Nelson  
Typed Signature Donald S. Nelson, F.A.I.A.

Date November 13, 1963

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- His distinguished career in many official capacities in the Texas Society of Architects and The American Institute of Architects.
- His outstanding service to his community.

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MR. PRESTON GEREN SR., FOR MANY YEARS THE GUIDING FORCE AS ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER OF A LEADING ARCHITECTURAL FIRM IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS, HAS BY HIS TIRELESS EFFORTS, DONATION OF TIME TO MANY FACETS OF PUBLIC SERVICE, AND LEADERSHIP OF FELLOWPROFESSIONALS, ELEVATED THE IMAGE OF THE ARCHITECT IN THIS AREA. HIS PUBLIC SERVICE WORK IN THE COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE, FORT WORTH SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION, FORT WORTH OPERA ASSOCIATION, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, TEXAS CONSTRUCTION COUNCIL, THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, AND THE WRITING OF TWO BUILDING CODES FOR THE CITY OF FORT WORTH HAS SHOWN THE ARCHITECT, ACTING WITHOUT REMUNERATION, AS A FORCE BENEFITTING ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

HIS PUBLIC SERVICE HAS ALSO BEEN BENEFICIAL TO THE PROFESSION DUE TO HIS STRONG AND FIRM STAND, ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, FOR PROPER ARCHITECTURAL FEES FOR HIS FELLOW PROFESSIONALS FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.

MR. GEREN HAS RECEIVED CITATIONS OF APPRECIATION FROM HIS CITY AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. IT IS HOPED THAT THE INSTITUTE MAY NOW ADD IT'S CITATION OF "ADVANCEMENT TO FELLOWSHIP".

I have known the nominee for 13 years in the relationship of EMPLOYER, FRIEND AND FELLOW PROFESSIONAL.

Signed Charles R. Adams

Typed Signature CHARLES R. ADAMS AIA  
PRESIDENT, FORT WORTH CHAPTER

Date 10/20/64

OCT 26 1964

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I have been out of the country, so have passed dead line set for sending this. Hope it can still be considered.

In my opinion the amendment to this nomination (service to community) is what really and positively qualifies Pete Geren for fellowship. I will not repeat what is enumerated in the amended nomination, but vouch for it and urge his election.

I have known the nominee for 30 years in the relationship of  fellow Architect .

Signed Thos D Broad FAIA

Typed Signature THOS D BROAD

Date 5 Nov. 1964 Dallas

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I have known the nominee for 20 years in the relationship of professional confrere

Signed

*Ralph Bryan*

Typed Signature Ralph Bryan, FAIA

Date September 21, 1964

*Dallas*

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October 1, 1964

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

Gentlemen:

I have been advised that Preston M. Geren, Sr. is being proposed by the Fort Worth Chapter of the American Institute of Architects for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects under the classification of "Science of Construction", "Service to the Profession" and "Public Service."

It is with sincere pleasure that I take this opportunity to recommend him to this honorable body and I second the nomination for his advancement to the status of Fellowship in the Institute.

I have personally known Mr. Geren for many years. I have associated with him professionally in a joint venture on a large shopping center in Fort Worth in 1959, and his work was of a high quality. Mr. Geren is held in high regard by his fellow professionals for his unflagging and unselfish labors in behalf of his community, which has been reflected in at least one instance by the unanimous selection by the five architectural firms retained to design the new Fort Worth Convention Center, to be their Chairman and Spokesman.

Time 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. He has been very active in the field of public service, acting as Chairman of many civic institutions, the Community Chest Drive, Fort Worth Opera Association, committees on writing Fort Worth building codes, as well as those on zoning and education, and is a Director of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Geren is most honorable, a man of fine character and of fine accomplishments. As a practicing architect in the State of Texas for the past 35 years, it is with great pleasure that I speak in his behalf.

Yours very sincerely,

*George L. Dahl*  
George L. Dahl, F.A.I.A.

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(state the category or categories)

The nomination lists the following activity as a basis for advancement:

- His eminence as an architectural engineer.
- His distinguished career in many official capacities in the Texas Society of Architects and The American Institute of Architects.
- His outstanding service to his community.

Activity

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I have known the nominee for ..... years in the relationship of .....

Signed .....

Typed Signature .....

Date .....

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Mr. Geren has pioneered architecture and the services of an architect in the Fort Worth area for many years. He has been a leader in community service and has never refused to do anything but a top notch job for the Texas Society of Architects.

I have known the nominee for 25 years in the relationship of Fellow Member of the Texas Society of Architects

Signed Arthur Fehr

Typed Signature Arthur Fehr, FAIA

Date 23 September 1964

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SERVICE to The PROFESSION -

This is to state directly and positively -

- a) Nominee earned and should have been accorded Fellowship 20 years ago;
- b) Nominee was effectively in the vanguard in:
  - securing enactment of- Texas Architectural Registration Act;;
  - founding- Texas Society of Architects;
- c) Nominee's consistent and outstanding professional bearing has advanced the image of the Architect throughout Texas, particularly in the Ft Worth / Dallas area, adding immeasurably to the public's esteem for the profession;
- d) Nominee's indefatigable activities for committees in which we have held common membership have forwarded to a substantial degree- procedures in professional practice.

- 1) friend,
- 2) fellow practitioner,
- 3) co-worker in professional endeavors.

I have known the nominee for.....35.....years in the relationship of.....

Signed *Harry D. Payne*

Typed Signature Harry D. Payne - F.A.I.A.

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I know of no other person more deserving to be honored by the Institute than Mr. Geren. His integrity is beyond question and the large number of major commissions he has received and executed with distinction are evidence to the trust and esteem he has earned from the business community of the State of Texas. He has rendered many services to his profession and community, far beyond the normal call of duty, and has always extended unselfish assistance, both professionally and personally to those who need help and encouragement. Mr. Geren has provided for everyone who knows him an image of the Architect that will do untold good for years to come. Nor is he the type to rest on past accomplishments but rather continues today to serve his clients, the community and the profession in every way possible. Even at his advancing age he maintains the same pattern of work and enthusiasm that has been so characteristic ever since he began his practice. By naming Mr. Geren a Fellow, the Institute will certainly advance the profession of Architecture; for he is the outstanding example of the competent, well-rounded, successful practitioner, the type of Architect to whom all can point with justifiable pride.

*See memo*

I have known the nominee for 14 years in the relationship of friend and associate.

Signed Raymond R. Rapp, Jr. AIA

Typed Signature Raymond R. Rapp, Jr.

Date October 26, 1964

*Houston*

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I have known the nominee for 3 years in the relationship of ASSOCIATE

Signed George R. Rodgers AIA

Typed Signature George R. Rodgers, A.I.A.

Date September 18, 1964

*N. E. Sepas*

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*filed in by nominator*



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- B. Preston Geren, Sr., is considered by architect and layman alike to be the architect in the city of Fort Worth. All of his services to public, client and Professional Society have been superior. Both the A.I.A. and Mr. Geren would receive a large bonus from Fellowship in the Institute.

Character

Kindly check the one of the following statements which best describes the character of the nominee, or add a fourth in your own terms.

- The nominee is a person of integrity.
- The nominee has a good reputation. ✓
- The nominee's character is satisfactory.
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I have known the nominee for 18 years in the relationship of friend

Signed George S. Sowden  
George S. Sowden, A.I.A.

F. W. W. W. W. W.

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