

Gray, Ralph W

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

February 25, 1915.

To the Secretary of the American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

SIR:

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects under Class [A, B, C, or D.] C.

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name Ralph W. Gray

Address 8 Beacon Street, Boston

Place and date of birth Boston, Mass., January 19, 1878.

Graduate in architecture
[Give name of institutions and year—Evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation to be submitted with application.]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture
[Give name and year.]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecole des Beaux Arts
[State which, and year—Evidence of Certificate to be submitted with application.]

If practicing architect, firm name Ralph W. Gray

Have been in practice five years years

If draughtsman, employed by Guy Lowell for two years
[State number of years.]

Collegiate and office training

I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute and the "Circular of Advice Relative to Principles of Professional Practice and Canons of Ethics," and I agree, if elected, honorably to maintain them.

Ralph W. Gray
[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application is a member of Boston Chapter, A. I. A.

Chas. N. Cogswell Secretary.
Boston Chapter, A. I. A.
[To be omitted when the applicant does not reside in the territory of a Chapter.]

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.

[Signature] President.

[The signatures of three Institute members are here required. In the case of "official endorsement" of candidates by a Chapter, the signatures of its officers only shall be here required.]

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May 29th, 1915.

My dear Sir:-

Acting for the Secretary I take pleasure in advising you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, in accordance with the action of its Board of Directors at the May meeting.

This membership became effective on May 30th, and we are sending to you under separate cover copies of the Annuary and Proceedings for the current year, as well as other Standard Institute Documents which you should have.

Owing to the shortness of time before the end of the first half of the year, the Board directed that dues be charged for the last half only, and you will receive a statement on June 30th. Later a Certificate of membership will be sent.

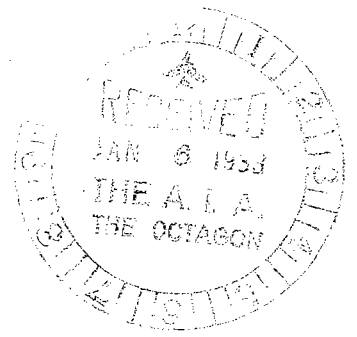
The office at the Octagon is for the service of every Institute member and we are pleased to render that service at all times.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Ralph W. Gray,
8 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

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Chapter of the American Institute of Architects

RALPH W. GRAY, PRESIDENT
WILLIAM D. AUSTIN, VICE-PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
73 NEWBURY STREET, BOSTON

MILLARD B. GULICK, SECRETARY
FELIX A. BURTON, TREASURER

January 5, 1933.

Mr. Edward C. Kemper
Executive Secretary, A. I. A.
1741 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I think I recollect that the Institute, not long ago, adopted a policy of accepting notes for the dues of members for the year just closed, with the idea that the Institute would carry such members up to the end of the year, when, I suppose, their notes would either have to be paid, or perhaps would be extended. I cannot seem to find the letter or document of which I am thinking. Would it be too much to ask you to write me, stating just what the Institute's policy is in this respect, as we shall have to make some adjustment in the matter of dues very shortly, and should like to make one as far as possible in line with the Institute's recommendations.

I realize that the Institute has adopted a policy of leniency, but what I should like to know is what form that policy took in regard to the acceptance of notes from members to cover dues owing, or about to be owed.

Yours very truly,

Ralph W. Gray
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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January 13, 1933.

Dear Mr. Gray:

This is the first opportunity to respond to yours of January 5th.

The Institute is extending the fullest possible measure of cooperation to all members in connection with the payment of Institute dues.

It will accept part payment, or a note without interest in full payment.

When notes mature, the Treasurer has been accepting any reasonable curtailment thereon.

In no cases are memberships being terminated unless unusual circumstances or the large amount of the indebtedness makes such termination mutually advantageous to the Institute and the Member.

The annual meeting of the Institute Board will be held earlier than usual - in Washington on March 15th, in order to give extended and full consideration to the serious financial problem with which the Institute is confronted.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Ralph W. Gray, President,
Boston Society of Architects, A.I.A.,
73 Newbury Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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October 22, 1934

My dear Mr. Gray:

It appears from the record at The Octagon that you sent a check for \$15.00 covering Institute dues for the current year.

As you know, under the plan for adjusting dues, you could have taken a credit of \$5.00.

A number of members followed the same procedure and a list thereof was submitted to President Russell at the time of his recent visit to The Octagon.

It is his understanding that you intended to make a gift of the credit, of the nature outlined in his letter of July 1st, copy of which is enclosed.

The return card which accompanied that letter is also enclosed, for your signature and return if you can assist the Institute to the extent indicated.

Sincerely yours,

K:C

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Ralph W. Gray, A.I.A.
#3 Newbury St.
Boston, Mass.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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LITTLE AND RUSSELL
Architects
20 Newbury Street
Boston

January 30, 1935

The Chairman, //The Jury of Fellows,
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The Committee of the Boston Society of Architects for Fellowship is forwarding to you Proposals for the advancement of the following members of this Chapter to Fellowship:

Ralph W. Gray
William G. Perry
Henry R. Shepley

The Committee is unanimous in its choice of these men and in its belief in their qualifications for advancement.

We trust that the Proposals and exhibits will reach you promptly and will be in order. Owing to the lack of Proposal forms in Boston it was necessary to wire Mr. Kemper for forms, the receipt of which was delayed by the recent storm.

Very truly yours,

JAMES F. CLAPP
EDWIN S. DODGE
CHARLES COLLENS
CHARLES D. MAGINNIS
J. LOVELL LITTLE

By (S) J. LOVELL LITTLE

Chairman, B. S. A. Committee for
Fellowship 1934-35.

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(Issued by the Jury of Fellows)

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The American Institute of Architects

The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C.

FORM OF PROPOSAL FOR FELLOWSHIP

(Before executing read carefully the accompanying document on Principles of Fellowship)

Name of Member Proposed—

Mr. Ralph W. Gray

Street 7 Mount Vernon Place

City Boston

State Massachusetts.

Notice—Use Ink and Write Legibly Throughout.

Chapter of Member Proposed—

Boston Society of Architects
(Name of Chapter)

Date of Election to Institute—

1915
(The year is sufficient)

Place of Business—Location of Best Work.

Boston
(Principal Place of Business past Five Years)
Boston and Vicinity
(One or more cities in which best work is located)

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General Conditions of Fellowship: (Chapter II, Article 1, Section 1, By-laws:)

Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects is conferred upon a member who is a citizen of the United States, who, in the opinion of an authorized jury of fellows, shall have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession in design, construction, literature, education or public service.

PROPOSAL FOR FELLOWSHIP

Jan 29 193*5*

To the Jury of Fellows,
The American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

The following name of *Ralph W. Gray*, a member in good standing,
is submitted to the Jury of Fellows with a recommendation that he be advanced to Fellowship:

Name *Ralph Weld Gray*
(In full)

Address *Boston, Massachusetts*
(City and State)

Place and date of birth *Boston, January 19, 1880*

Graduate of Architecture _____
(Name of College, University or School)

Holder of Scholarship in Architecture—

(Name of Scholarship)

If practicing architect give firm name or names, and state how long connected with each:

Member of no firm.
(Firm name) (Approximate time)

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Ralph W. Gray, born in Boston, January 19, 1880. Noble and Greenough private school, Graduate, Harvard 1901, A. B. After three years in cotton buying business, went to Ecole des Beaux Arts, Paris, 1904 through 1907. Did not take a degree, owing to necessity for rejoining family. Spent two years in office of Guy Lowell, Boston. Has practiced, independently since.

Has had a limited practice, much of which has been in association with other architects, where he has assumed practically all responsibility for the design. Plattsburgh 1917 - Commissioned as Capt. Inf. R. C. August 1917.

Four months at Fort Devens, training recruits. Co France, January 1918 in command of Casual Troops. Served as Liaison officer attached to various French units. Returned in May 1919, and resumed practice.

Hon. Member, Soc. Archeologue, Lunigro, France
Member, Boston Society of Water Color Painters
" Guild of Boston Artists.

ACHIEVEMENT IN DESIGN

1. Architectural Work—

Commercial

Yppee Building *Boston*
Name of Building City or Town

*Corner of Battery March &
 Franklin St. (associated with
 Charles K. Cummings)*

Monumental

River St. Bridge over Charles
Name of Monument Place

*River, Boston & Cambridge
 (with Robert P. Bellows)
 Mortimer Memorial Bridge,
 Hamilton, Mass.
 associated with Peabody, Wilson & Brown.*

Domestic

Benjamin Fay *Harvard, Mass*
Name of Owner Place

*J. Malcolm Forbes, Nonameset Island
 (associated with C.K. Cummings) Mass.
 John B. Buttrick, Concord, Mass
 Morris Gray, Pocasset, Mass.*

Special Work

Cartoons for Tapestries, *Harvard Club of*
Nature of Work Place *Boston*

*Memorials in Library N. E. Hist.
 Gen. Society
 Boston.*

*Water Colors (of great merit.)
 Additions to Dining Hall,
 Middlesex School, Concord, Mass.
 (associated with Chas. K. Cummings)*

2. Here should follow a description of his work in design, showing special attention to the particular features the proponents believe worthy—

A sincere student with great artistic feeling. He has conscientiously tried to combine with the practical requirements of his problems, a simplicity & beauty which he believes is the ultimate justification of the architect. Since 1904 he has painted many water colors, with increasing success. He has held several one-man shows, and is represented in the permanent collection of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

3. Photographs, sketches, or drawings should be submitted of two or three buildings or works—

Photographs River Street Bridge
Works
House for John B. Buttrick
House for Benjamin Joy

Drawings River St Bridge
Works
House for John B. Buttrick
House for Benjamin Joy

Sketches Living Room, G. H. Burnett
Works
Front Entrance " " "

} Photostats

ACHIEVEMENT IN CONSTRUCTION

1. Engineering Construction

Name of Building

Place

2. Books, Treatise, or Articles Written—

Subject

Name of Book or Periodical

3. Photographs

Works

Place

4. Drawings

Building or Works

Place

5. Here should follow a description of the notable work done by the applicant, with special stress laid on his particular achievements and recognition by societies, or other groups—

ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

1. Literary Work—

Books, Treatise, or Articles Written—

Subject	Name of Book or Periodical
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Achievement in Education and Literature— *continued*

2. Here should follow a summary of particular influences that may have been created by any of the works above mentioned if known to the proponents and any recognition accorded by the profession, by societies, or by the public—

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3. Educational Work—

The proponents should direct attention to the position held by applicant, his or her particular force or influence in his or her line of endeavor, and any evidence of recognition by pupils, by the profession, or by the public of his or her achievements.

Sound and logical ideas in regard to Educational Work have made him a valuable consultant for members of the Profession. He is a member of the Overseers Com. to Visit the Schools of Architecture & Landscape Architecture, Harvard University.

4. If under this class applicant has also designed or executed work, then proponents should fill out also the blanks under heading (Achievement in Design)—

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ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

1. Here should follow a clear statement of the field in which his activities have been directed, the influence of that leadership and what accomplishment has resulted—

He has been interested for many years in public works, in and about Boston. Frequently represented the Boston Chapter before Legislative & other Committees. He served six years on the Com. on Public Improvements of the Chapter; chairman for four years. In 1926-1927 was a member of Advisory Committee on Public Improvements, appointed by the Mayor of Boston. Croix de Guerre with star - French Ordre de l'Etoile Noire - French

2. Recite the positions of trust held by applicant in evidence of his recognition as a civic leader—

Name of Societies or Civic Groups	Place
Boston Arch. Club, Secretary	about 1912
Boston Soc. of Architects (Boston Chapter)	Treas. 1924-'26
" " " " " " " "	President 1932-'34
Trustee for invested property,	Boston Soc. of Architects
" Education Endowment Fund,	Boston Arch. Club

His term as president of B.S.A. was a particularly constructive one, due to his efforts.

(Proposers should sign at top of page 10)

Director, Emergency Planning & Research Bureau
Boston.

Signatures: Submitted by

Group of five Members or/and Fellows—

Date January 29 1935

- 1. J. Jory Little F.A.I.A. 20 Newbury St Boston
- 2. D. E. Eason F.R.S.C. 491 Boylston St. Boston
- 3. James J. Clark F.A.I.A. 31 West Street Boston
- 4. Edwin J. Dodge F.A.I.A. 148 State St. Boston
- 5. Charles Collins F.A.I.A. 75 Newbury St. Boston

BY-LAW PROVISIONS AND RULES OF PROCEDURE CONCERNING
ADVANCEMENT TO FELLOWSHIP.

ADDRESS COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN, THE JURY OF FELLOWS
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

BY-LAWS OF THE INSTITUTE.

Chapter II, Article 1. General Conditions of Fellowship.

Section 1. Qualifications.

(a) Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects is conferred upon a member who is a citizen of the United States who, in the opinion of an authorized jury of fellows, shall notably contributed to the advancement of the profession in design, construction, literature, education, or public service.

Section 2. Prerequisite.

(a) Membership in the Institute for not less than ten years shall be a prerequisite to fellowship.

Section 3. Jury of Fellows.

(a) The Jury of Fellows shall consist of six fellows appointed by the President, two of whom shall serve for periods of one, two, and three years, respectively, and until their successors are appointed. The President shall appoint the chairman of the Jury, and shall fill all vacancies occurring in the Jury of Fellows by death, resignation, expiration of term or otherwise.

Section 4. Recommendations for Fellowship.

(a) Method. Any group of five or more members may recommend to the Jury for consideration the name of a member whom they deem qualified for fellowship. Such recommendation shall contain a brief statement of the notable service or achievements which, in the opinion of the nominators, justify the nomination.

(b) Supporting Data. Names of nominees for fellowship shall be submitted with full and explicit data to the Jury of Fellows on forms prepared for this purpose. The Jury shall then request from the chapter officials, the Directors of the Institute, and such other sources as it deems necessary privileged communications relating to the qualifications of the nominees. All recommendations shall remain on file with the Jury of Fellows for at least twelve months prior to final action.

Section 5. Rules of Procedure.

(a) The Jury shall formulate rules for its procedure subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Article 2. Election to Fellowship.

Section 1. Procedure.

(a) Election. Election to fellowship shall be by the Jury of Fellows. Fellows may be elected at any regular meeting of the Jury of Fellows.

(b) Method. Such election shall be by ballot. Four affirmative votes shall be necessary to elect.

(c) Announcements. The names of all fellows so elected shall be announced to the convention.

Article 3. Nomenclature.

Section 1. Nomenclature.

(a) Fellowship in the Institute shall be designated by the initials "F. A. I. A."

RULES OF PROCEDURE.

1. A meeting of the Jury of Fellows may be held at the call of the Chairman, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, and in any event this meeting should occur at least 60 days prior to the date of the Convention.

2. Suggestions to the Jury for advancement to Fellowship may be made as stated in the By-laws.

3. The validity of any objection raised to any candidate shall rest solely with the Jury, and all communications shall be considered only as informative data.

4. The Jury shall file with the archives of the Institute the original recommendation and a statement of its action with

the reasons for election in each case. Privileged communications shall not be preserved.

5. Proposals for Fellowship must be filed with the Jury of Fellows, at The Octagon, not later than February 1st of any calendar year. All proposals so filed will be considered by the Jury and those selected will be cited for the honor of Fellowship at the second succeeding convention.

6. In the event of failure to act favorably upon any recommendation within three years due notice shall be given to the proponents, the recommendation surrendered and privileged communications destroyed. No recommendation so surrendered shall again be presented within two years from such notice.

This is a revised copy of the Rules of Procedure of the Jury of Fellows as amended and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting on November 14, 1930.

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March 6, 1936

Dear Mr. Gray:

It is my pleasant duty to advise you of the unanimous action of the Jury of Fellows, electing you to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects. You are thus to become the recipient of one of the highest honors conferred by our Profession.

In order that the Fellowship may be duly conferred by the President and with appropriate ceremony, it is requisite that you be present at the Convention in May.

More definite information will be sent to you concerning the Session at which the Fellows are to be presented to the Convention.

With congratulations and in anticipation of an early reply,

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

Mr. Ralph W. Gray, F.A.I.A.,
7 Mount Vernon Place,
Boston, Mass.

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TELEPHONE
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MEMBER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE
OF ARCHITECTS

RALPH W GRAY
ARCHITECT
137 NEWBURY STREET, BOSTON

March 9, 1936

File

FILE NO.
CONCERNING:

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

Dear Mr. Ingham:

It was very pleasant to receive your letter of March 6 telling me that I have been elected Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. It seems to me that I am the recipient of an honor to which I am in no way entitled but I am, nevertheless, much flattered.

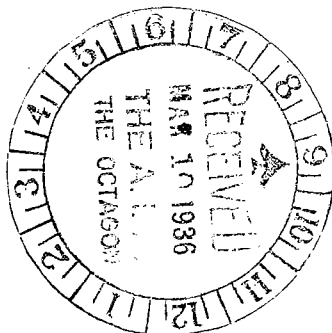
I will make a point of being at the Convention in May so that the honor may be duly conferred.

Thanking you again for your letter, I am

Yours sincerely,

Ralph W. Gray

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

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April 13, 1936

Dear Mr. Gray:

With further reference to the Secretary's letter of March 5th to you, notifying you of your election to Fellowship:

The Certificate of Fellowship will be presented to you with appropriate ceremony at the Dinner, which concludes the Sixty-eighth Convention.

This will be on the evening of Friday, May 8th, at the New Chamberlin Hotel, Old Point Comfort, Virginia.

Full information concerning the Convention program appears in the April number of The Octagon.

It is customary for the newly elected Fellow to receive the Certificate in person.

By direction of the Secretary,

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. Ralph W. Gray, F.A.I.A.
75 Newbury Street
Boston, Massachusetts

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RALPH W. GRAY - Boston Chapter

Advanced to Fellowship, February 25, 1930

CITATION:

A sincere student with a rare ability to combine with simplicity and beauty the practical requirements of his problems. An artist of strength and recognized talent. An honorable record of National service and experience as designer have commanded the award of recognition as Fellow of the Institute.

TELEPHONE
KENMORE 3346

FELLOW
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE
OF ARCHITECTS

~~RALPH W GRAY~~
~~ARCHITECT~~
137 NEWBURY STREET, BOSTON

December 21, 1939

FILE NO.
CONCERNING:

THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1939 DEC 26 AM 10:31
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Your letter to Mr. Gray regarding change of address
was received this morning.

Mr. Gray has already left for Arizona, and as he did
not ask to have his address at The Octagon changed while away,
I think you had better continue sending his mail to this office
where it will be taken care of.

Very truly yours,

Margaret Reil

MR

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