

Grunsfeld, Jr., Ernest A.
New York

Application for Membership

Dec 28, 1923

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

SIR:

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects.

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name ERNEST A. GRUNSFELD JR.

Address 56 WEST 45 ST. N.Y. N.Y.
[Number and Street.] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth Albuquerque N.M. Aug 25, 1897

Graduate in architecture Mass. Institute of Technology 1918
[If required in your case, give name of institutions and year. Attach evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture Medal A.I.A. (1918), Ketch Prize, Medal S.A.D.G.
[If required in your case, attach evidence.]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecole des Beaux Arts Entrance E.D.B.A. March 1921
[If required in your case, state which, and attach evidence of Certificate.]

If an Associate of a Chapter of the Institute, give name of chapter N.Y.

If practicing architect, firm name E. A. Grunsfeld Jr.

Have been in practice in New York years 2

If draughtsman, employed by [State number of years.]

Collegiate and office training M.I.T. '18. Visiting student American Academy in Rome 1921-22. Charles Butler, Andrew Thomas, Robert Kohn, Clarence S. Stewart, Registered Architect State of New York; Raymond Almirall; Ecole des Beaux Arts, Paris. 1921-22

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

I further agree, if elected to membership in the American Institute of Architects, that if at any time my membership shall cease, either by my own resignation or by any action taken by the Institute, I will then, by that fact, relinquish all rights of any character that I may have acquired by reason of such membership in the property, real or personal, of the American Institute of Architects, and of the Chapter of the Institute of which I am then a member.

Ernest A. Grunsfeld Jr.
[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application was duly elected an Associate of the N.Y.

[For use when the applicant is an Associate.]

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date June 11, 1923 -
[Insert date of election to chapter.]

Robert Kohn Secretary.
Chapter, A. I. A.

We, the undersigned members of the American Institute of Architects, have carefully examined the foregoing statement and believe it to be correct. We know the applicant personally, and consider that his work and practice warrant his admission to Membership.

- (1) Charles Butler
- (2) Clarence Stewart
- (3) Robert Kohn

Prelim. Fee \$1.00 1/28/24
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[The signatures of three Institute members are here required - the applicant has the unanimous endorsement of his Chapter, in which case certification to that effect should be made above by the Secretary. Unanimous endorsement is that endorsement in which each Institute member of the Chapter had an opportunity to express himself by letter ballot either for or against the member proposed, and in which there are no negative votes. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

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January 29, 1924.

My dear Mr. Grunsfeld,

Permit me to acknowledge with gratification, and on behalf of the Secretary, your application for membership in the American Institute of Architects, received by reference from the New York Chapter.

This will be acted upon sometime in March, and you will be advised in due course of the action taken.

Acknowledgment is also made of your remittance of \$5.00 to cover the preliminary fee.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Ernest A. Grunsfeld, Sr.,
56 West 45th Street,
New York, N. Y.

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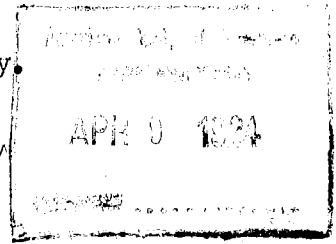
The Belden Hotel

LINCOLN PARK WEST AT BELDEN AVE.

Chicago, Ill.

April 5, 1924

Mr. Edward Kemper, Executive Secty.
American Institute of Architects
Octagon House
Washington, D.C.



My dear Mr. Kemper:

Last January I made application for transfer as
associate of the Institute in the New York Chapter,
to a full membership in the Institute.

All my papers were made out and I believe were forwarded
to you along with the check. On January 29 I received
a letter from you telling me that action would be taken
some time in March.

If my application has been acted upon would you be
kind enough to let me know?

Very truly yours,

Ernest A. Grunsfeld Jr.

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*Letter sent to Mr. Kemper
and 4/9/24*

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April 9, 1924.

My dear Mr. Grunsfeld:-

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective on April 8, 1924.

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

Enclosed herewith is statement covering dues for three quarters of the current year.

May I take this opportunity to say that the Office of the Secretary at the Octagon is for the service of every Institute member. Should the occasion arise, we shall be glad to give you our best cooperation.

Very truly yours,

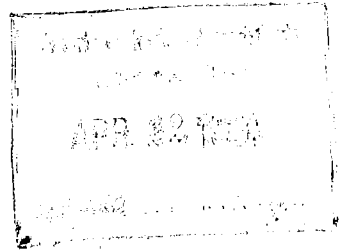
Executive Secretary.

Mr. Ernest A. Grunsfeld, Jr.,
53 West 45th Street,
New York, N. Y.

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Encl.

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April 21, 1924.

E. C. Kemper, Esq.,
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find letter from Ernest A. Grunsfeld, Jr., in which he requests transfer from the New York to the Chicago Chapter. Mr. Grunsfeld is in good standing with the New York Chapter and there is no reason why he should not be transferred as he requests.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Secretary.

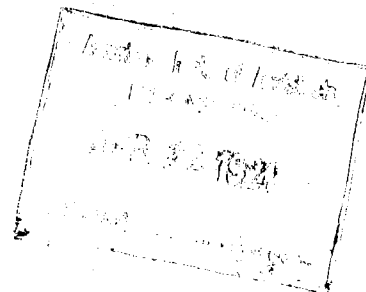
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Enclosure.

EUGENE H. KLABER, A. I. A.
ERNEST A. GRUNSFELD, JR., A. I. A.

ARCHITECTS

81 EAST MADISON STREET
CHICAGO TEL. STATE 1370

April 17, 1924



Miss A. M. Simpson, Asst. Secty.
American Institute of Architects
215 West 57th Street
New York City

Dear Miss Simpson:

Replying to your letter of April 15, 1924 I should like to make application hereby for a transfer from the New York to the Chicago Chapter of the Institute.

Will you be kind enough to forward this letter to Washington so that I may have this transfer as soon as possible?

Very truly yours,

Ernest A. Grunsfeld Jr.

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Mrs. M.
Please note!
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April 22, 1924.

Dear Mr. Grunsfeld:-

In accordance with your letter of April 17 to Miss Simpson, Assistant Secretary of the New York Chapter, and her letter of April 21st to me, this will advise you that you have been formally transferred, as an Institute member in good standing, from the New York to the Chicago Chapter, effective April 22nd, 1924.

The Secretaries of the two Chapters have been notified to this effect.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Ernest A. Grunsfeld, Jr.,
707-81 East Madison Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

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April 20, 1944

Dear Mr. Grunsfeld:

It is my privilege to advise you of your election as a Fellow of The American Institute of Architects by action of the Jury of Fellows at its meeting in Milwaukee on March 9, 1944.

Notice of your election is being sent to the Chicago Chapter.

A certificate of advancement to Fellowship will be sent to you or presented to you in due course - depending upon procedure to be determined by The Board of Directors at its annual meeting the latter part of the current month.

The Officers and Directors of The Institute join me in extending to you their congratulations.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

Mr. Ernest A. Grunsfeld, Jr., F.A.I.A.
540 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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November 14, 1944

Dear Mr. Grunsfeld:

In reply to your letter of November 10th:

We are holding your engrossed Fellowship Certificate
- with others - for presentation at the 1945 annual meeting
of The Institute.

This is the customary procedure and we presume that
it will be followed as heretofore.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. Ernest A. Grunsfeld, F.A.I.A.
520 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago 11, Illinois

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September 22, 1970

**Miss Shirley Watters, Membership
Chicago Chapter, AIA
101 South Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60606**

**Re: Death of Ernest A. Grunsfeld, Jr., FAIA,
on August 13, 1970**

Dear Shirley:

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, Director
Membership Procedures

MM:bjm
Enclosures

Ernest Alton Grunsfeld, Jr.
BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE
of American Architects

NO. _____

Name: Ernest Alton Grunsfeld, Jr. of (address) 105 Delaware, Chicago

Born: August 25, 1897 at Albuquerque New Mexico Died: August 13, 1970 at Talloires, France

Parents: Ernest Alton Grunsfeld and Theresa Nusbaum Grunsfeld

Married: Maurine G. Grunsfeld of on

Children: Esther Grunsfeld Klatz, 1928 and Ernest Alton Grunsfeld III, 1929.

Education: Massachusetts Institute of Technology, B.S. 1918; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Certificate in Naval Architecture 1919; Ecole de Beaux Arts, Paris 1920-1922; American Academy in Rome 1921.

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

- Klaber & Grunsfeld 1924- 1926
- Ernest A. Grunsfeld, Jr., Architect 1926-1949
- Friedman Alschuler & Sincer and Ernest A. Grunsfeld, Jr. 1949-1952
- Ernest A. Grunsfeld, Jr., Architect 1952 -

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

Fellow, American Institute of Architects; Visiting Lecturer, University of Illinois 1950; Professor of Architecture, Stanford University 1951-1952.

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

Member Tavern Club, Chicago; American Club of Paris.

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

Served in United States Navy, 1918-1919; Member of the Illinois Housing Commission 1931; Consulting Architect for Housing Division Public Works Administration; President of Ernest A. Grunsfeld Fund 1956-1970.

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

Jewish People's Institute , 1925; Whitehall Hotel , 1926; Infirmary, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (with C. Butler), 1927; Michigan Blvd. Apartments (Negro Housing Project founded by Julius Rosenwald), 1928; Stephan A. Douglas Branch Library (Chicago), 1928; Adler Planetarium , 1930; Terrazo Promenade and Lumber House Exhibit for National Lumber Mfg. Association at Century of Progress, 1933 ; Main Broadcasting Studio WGN, 1935; Chicago Bar Association, 1937; Alverthorpe (Residence and Gallery for L.J. Rosenwald, Jenkintown, Pa.) 1939 ; Max Strauss Community Center, Chicago , 1941; Bachelor Officers Quarters, Great Lakes, Illinois 1942; Various War Housing Projects; Consulting Architect - Sinai Temple; Many Residences and Miscellaneous Work in Chicago, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Columbus, Detroit, Savannah, and New York.

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

Paintings and Drawings: Exhibit Paintings Salon D'Antomme, Paris, 1956, 1957, 1959.

Awards: Gold Medal Societe des Architectes, par le Gouvernement Francais, 1917;
Rotch Prize, 1918;
Student Medal American Institute of Architects, 1918;
Silver Medal and Diploma Pan-American Architectural Congress, Montevideo, 1930;
Gold Medal Chicago Chapter American Institute of Architects for Adler Planetarium, 1931;
Gold Medal Order of Civic Merit, France;
Chevalier Legion of Honor, France.

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Principal Commissions: (Classified, with locations and Reference Data) (Above)

Compiled by: Ernest A. Grunsfeld III A.I.A.

Date: October 2, 1970

Acknowledgements: Who's Who in America