

Dated December 13, 1943.
Received December 27, 1943.
Granted February 15, 1944.

MEMBERSHIP NO 2113



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

In due order
December 27, 1943
H. H. Johnson

- A Name of applicant.. Harry Bernard Rutkins.....Chapter.. New York.....
- B Address of applicant.. 40 West 77th Street, New York, N. Y.....
- C Applicant proposed by.. M. W. Del. Gaudio.....and.....Charles Butler.....
- D Application received with check for \$ 10.00.....on.....December 27, 1943.
- E Application returned for correction.....19 .
- F Application in due order on.....December 27, 1943.
- Record of registration, Form S39, Sent (N.Y.) Jan. 7, 19 44 Received January 12, 19 44.
- G Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
 - (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on.....February 7,.....1944, on January 7, 1944.
 - (b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on.....19...., on 19 .
- H Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on.....January 7, 1944 .
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission
~~on that application by routing~~ received on.....February 2, 1944.
- J No report from chapter executive committee on....., 19 .
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on.....February 8, 1944.
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on.....February 8, 1944 .
- M Applicant was admitted on.....February 15, 19 44.
- N Notice ~~and certificate~~ to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter
to proposers on.....February 15, 19 44.
- 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

Harry Bernard Rutkins

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

Date February 15, 19 44.

Alexander C. Robinson III
Secretary



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS ORIGINAL

1943 DEC 27 AM 10:30
 File this original with The Secretary of The American Institute of Architects.

WASHINGTON D.C.
 File the duplicate, on gray paper, with 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 *HARRY BERNARD RUTKINS*

2. State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.

2. I am a *NATURAL* citizen of *UNITED STATES*

3. My legal residence is in the City of *NEW YORK*

County of *NEW YORK* State of *NEW YORK*

4. State whether residence or office address.

4. My address in The Institute records will be

Number *40* Street *WEST 77 STREET*

City *NEW YORK* State *NEW YORK*

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 *NEW YORK* Chapter.

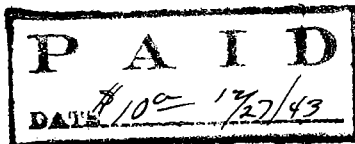
7. I declare that I have read the by-laws and the Principles of Professional Practice of The American Institute of Architects, and that I understand the duties, responsibilities and obligations thereunder of a member of The Institute, and I do hereby agree and declare that, if admitted to membership, I will to the best of my ability abide by and comply with such by-laws and Principles of Professional Practice.

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

9. I enclose my check for \$ *10⁰⁰*, for admission fee and the first year's annual dues. It is my understanding that if for any reason I am not admitted to membership all of said amount will be returned to me, except five dollars which The Institute will retain as an examination fee.

Date *DEC. 13, 1943.*

Harry B. Rutkins
 Applicant sign full name in ink



STATISTICS

10. Date of birth *10-17-1903* Place of birth *NEW YORK, N.Y.*

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

(State or States) *By Examination*

(State or States) *By Exemption*

NEW YORK

(a) I hold a Certificate No. 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:

STUYVESANT HIGH SCHOOL, NEW YORK, N.Y.

CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK, " " "

TRAVELLED IN MEXICO.

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:

- 1923 - 1924 - G.G. MILLER - 545 FIFTH AVE. N.Y.C. JR. DR.*
- 1924 - 1926 - V.M. FELSON - 250 W. 57 ST. N.Y.C. SR. DR.*
- 1933 - 1935 - NEW YORK STATE HOUSING DIVISION - 80 CENYER ST. N.Y.C. ASSEC. ARCHT.
(WILLIAM WILSON CONSULTANT)*
- 1937 - 1938 - WISCHMEYER, BRASSMITH & ELSWICK - HEYBURN BLDG. SR. DR.
LOUISVILLE, KY.*
- 1938 - 1939 - WILLIAM F.R. BALLARD - 9 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, N.Y.C. SR. DR.
DE YOUNG & MOSCOWITZ - 205 E. 42 ST. N.Y.C. SR. DR.*
- 1940 - 1941 - SKIDMORE OWINGS & MERRILL - 5 E. 57 ST. N.Y.C. SR. DR.
- KOHN, BUTLER & STEIN - 56 W. 45 ST. N.Y.C. SR. DR.*
- 1942 - CARIBBEAN ARCHITECT-ENGINEER (VOORHEES, WALKER, FOLEY & SMITH)
101 PARK AVE. N.Y.C. SECT. HEAD*
- 1943 - FREDERICK L. ACKERMAN - 25 W. 44 ST. N.Y.C. SR. DR.*

12 YEARS

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PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

1943 DEC 27 AM 10:16

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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 as a public official or have taught architecture or the arts and sciences allied therewith. (State names of firms or corporations or public office and of schools or colleges).

1927 - 1933 - SCHAEFER & RUTKINS - NEW YORK STATE
HARRY B. RUTKINS - " " "
1935 - 1937 - " " " - " " "
1942 - 1943 - " " " - " " "

8 YEARS

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 15. Member of Institute from _____ to _____
- 16. Junior of Institute from _____ to _____
- 17. Associate of _____ Chapter from _____ to _____
- 18. Junior Associate of _____ Chapter from _____ to _____
- 19. Member of State Association in NEW YORK from 1943 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 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 4 or 5 years.

I have known the applicant for 12 years.

Signed Charles Burt
Proposer

Signed Tom DeFend
Proposer

56 W 45th St
3.

545 - 7th Ave
7171 C

Note: The two proposers must be corporate members of The Institute in good standing.

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THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1944 JAN 12 AM 9:30
WASHINGTON, D. C.

AP No 2113

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

RECORD OF REGISTRATION
OF

Harry Bernard Rutkins, New York, N.Y.
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,
Albany, N. Y.
Address

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.

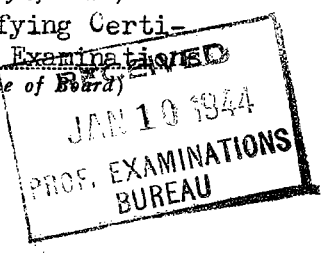
Date January 7, 1944 Alexander C. Robinson II
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? Licensed
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? yes or by exemption? _____
3. What was the scope of the examination? license issued February 4, 1932 after examination in arch engineering, arch. practice, arch. history and arch. composition (Design)
4. What was the period of the examination? 4 days. Written examination 2 1/2 hours; Oral examination _____ hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? no record. If so, give Certificate No. _____
6. Date of last registration Sep 1 1943 Registration No. 4337 Is it current? yes

W. L. Field
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date Jan 11 1944

New York Bureau of Qualifying Certificates and Professional Examinations
(Name of Board)



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

COPY

February 15, 1944

Dear Mr. Rutkins:

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 were admitted to corporate membership in The Institute and assigned to the New York Chapter, effective February 15, 1944. 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,

Alexander C. Robinson III

Secretary

Mr. Harry Bernard Rutkins, A.I.A.
40 West 77th Street
New York, New York

ACR:RR
Enc.

cc to: Mr. Charles Butler, F.A.I.A. - Proposer
Mr. M. W. Del Gaudio, A.I.A. - "
Director Williams

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Rutkins, Harry B.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS



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August 30, 1962

Mrs. Margot A. Henkel, Exec.-Secty.
New York Chapter, AIA
115 East 40th Street
New York 16, New York

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Dear Mrs. Henkel:

We were sorry to learn of the death of **Harry B. Rutkins** on **July 25, 1962**, a corporate member of The Institute since **1944**.

We would appreciate it very much if you would have two copies of the enclosed Baldwin Memorial Archive Forms filled in and returned to The Institute. The third copy should be retained in the Chapter's files.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Scheick, AIA
Executive Director

Enclosures

WHS:M

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Rutkins, H

BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE
of American Architects

NO. _____

Name: **Harry B. Rutkins** of (address) **40 West 77th Street, New York City, NY.**

Born: **October 17th, 1903** at **New York City** Died: **July 25th, 1962** at **New York City, NY**

Parents: **Abraham Rutkins** and **Betsy Rutkins**

Married: **Sylvia Rutkins** of **New York City** on **May 3rd, 1934**

Children: **Amy Beth Rutkins**

Education: **Stuyvesant High School - City College of New York**

Training; and practice as Principal: (Firm Names, Places, Dates, Specialization) **Self-employed for many years; Employed by Voorhees, Walker, Foley and Smith; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill and Eggers & Higgins.**

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

Chairman of Legislature Committee, N.Y. Chapter, A.I.A.; New York State Association of Architects; New York Society of Architects; Member-at-large City Planning & Zoning Committee.

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

Founder and Member of KARET LEAGUE, INC.

Member of ZICHRON EPHRAIM CONGREGATION

Member of MT. NEBOH TEMPLE

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

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

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(OVER)

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

Surprisingly few of us were born, educated, have gained our professional experience, married, have raised a family and continued to live in New York City. Harry Rutkins was born on the East Side, was graduated from Stuyvesant High School and the City College of New York (1924), became a registered architect in 1932 and had never lived anywhere other than New York City.

While he was still going to Stuyvesant, Harry worked part time as an office boy in an architect's office, then as a junior and senior draftsman, a job captain, as chief draftsman and as a field supervisor. Because planning had always been his special interest, he became more and more concerned with the layout and overall form of different types of buildings wherein a full knowledge of buildings laws and regulations was essential to the design. Harry was an architect with a legal mind.

Prior to his appearance at Eggers and Higgins he was employed in several architectural firms including Voorhees, Walker, Foley and Smith, and for about 12 years had his own private practice and association with other firms. After 35 years in the profession, Harry arrived at a rather unique position as "Consultant and Adviser on Planning and Building Laws" and that was his official title.

What C.A.P.B.L. (pronounced capable) means is that he assisted the design department in planning the overall shape of buildings, the bulk, height, open spaces, number and location of stairways, exitways, corridors, etc., so that at the outset the known requirements and limitations are dealt with.

Harry was well known among public officials, authorities and agencies as being not merely well-versed, but literally encyclopedic on the subject of building law. He was responsible for the writing of and revisions to state and city building laws.

Among the numerous projects upon which Harry had had to exert his know-how were: The Morgan Guaranty Trust Company Bldg. (to which 13 stories are being added), Canada House (which utilized air rights over the Museum of Modern Art's garden), General Grant Houses (which involved intricate problems of height and of open spaces), Mt. Sinai Hospital (with its utilization of the space created by closing off \$. 100th Street) and so on ad infinitum.

Harry B. Rutkins lived with his wife and daughter on West 77th Street, opposite the Museum of Natural History. His daughter, Amy Beth, attends the High School of Music and Art where she is interested in both—particularly art, and—well music too, and is now attending Skidmore College.

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

Compiled by:

Irving Lenz

Date:

9/10/62

Acknowledgements:

Anch. Biog.
RUTKINS,
Harry B.

NY Times
7-26-62

HARRY B. RUTKINS, ARCHITECT, DEAD

Member of Eggers & Higgins Aided in City Planning

Harry B. Rutkins of 40 West Seventy-seventh Street, an associate member of Eggers & Higgins, architects at 100 East Forty-second Street, died yesterday of a heart attack in the Municipal Building. His age was 58.

After graduating from City College in 1926, Mr. Rutkins worked for several architectural firms. He joined Eggers & Higgins in 1945.

He served for five years as chairman of the legislative committee of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and also was a member of the New York State Association of Architects and the New York Society of Architects.

A member at large of the City Planning and Zoning Committee, Mr. Rutkins spent a number of years formulating new zoning laws in its behalf. He also was closely identified with work for the clearance of slums and redevelopment of urban areas.

While with Eggers and Higgins he was identified with a number of major projects that involved intricate legal problems of height, air rights, zoning and utilization of space.

In 1937 Mr. Rutkins was convicted of second-degree manslaughter as a result of the collapse of an apartment house at 112 East Moshulu Parkway South, the Bronx, in which eighteen workmen died. As architect of the building, he was given a suspended sentence in the case. Of five others convicted, four were sent to jail.

A lawyer for the Rutkins family explained yesterday that in spite of the jury finding and sentence in the case, the American Institute of Architects had completely exonerated Mr. Rutkins and his license to practice architecture had been restored.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Sylvia Zornberg Rutkins; a daughter, Miss Amy B. Rutkins, and four sisters, Mrs. Lee Chasen, Mrs. Ida Kraftchick, Mrs. Sarah Rotkin and Mrs. Thelma Kitzman.

Funeral service will be held tomorrow at 2 P. M. at the Riverside, Amsterdam Avenue and Seventy-sixth Street.



Harry B. Rutkins

OTTO K. JENSEN, 69, A LUTHERAN LEADER

Special to The New York Times.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 24—Otto K. Jensen, a prominent Lutheran layman and former head of the Indiana State Board of Accounts, died Monday at the age of 69. He had suffered a heart attack in his office in the State Office Building.

Only a month ago, Mr. Jensen was named to the Council of the Lutheran Church of America at a meeting in Detroit that resulted in the merger of four major Lutheran groups.

Active for many years in the United Lutheran Church of America, he was named to the board of trustees of Wittenberg University in Ohio in 1942 and was president of that board for thirteen years. After a heart attack in 1959 he resigned and was named honorary president.

For several years he was finance chairman of the United Lutheran Church's executive board.

Mr. Jensen had been a member of the State Board of Accounts since 1930. During the two terms of Gov. Henry F. Schricker, he was head of the board. At his death he was a supervisor.

He is survived by his widow, Mary; a daughter, Mrs. Francis Mahoney 2d of Hingham, Mass., and two grandchildren.

THOMAS A. MALONEY

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