

Gurd, John A.
New York Chapter

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Application for Membership

Feb 15th, 1921

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 John A Gurd

Address 101 - Park Ave Ny Ny
[Number and Street.] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth Morris - Grundy Co Ill. Jan 7 - 1870

Graduate in architecture Special M.I.T. 1 year - E.B.A. 3 yrs.
[If required in your case, give name of institutions and year.—Attach evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture _____
[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. _____
[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 _____

If practicing architect, firm name own name.

Have been in practice 15 years.

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

Collegiate and office training Special 1 yr M.I.T. - E.B.A. 3 yrs.

Holabird + Roche office - 5 years

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.

John A Gurd
[Signature of Applicant]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application was duly elected an Associate of the _____
[For use when the applicant is an Associate.]

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date _____
[Insert date of election to chapter.]

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) Albert Gottlieb
- (2) Edward R. Ford
- (3) William R. ...

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 Upon and to
 Exhibits sent.
 On Priv. Com. of _____

[The signatures of three Institute members are here required unless 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. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

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

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April 28, 1921.

My dear Sir:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective April 28, 1921.

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

The enclosed statement for dues should receive early attention, as the engrossed Certificate of Membership is not sent until dues for the first year have been paid. No charge has been made for the first quarter 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. John A. Gurd,
101 Park Avenue,
New York City.

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Enclosure

October 8, 1924.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOHN ABRAM GURD

Written by
Albert S. Gottlieb.

The New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects records with sorrow the passing of a member, John Abram Gurd.

Mr. Gurd was born at Morris, Illinois, January 7, 1870 and died at River Edge, New Jersey, June 21, 1924.

When he was about two years old his parents moved to London, Ontario, where he received his early schooling. At eighteen he went to Chicago, entering an architect's office as draftsman for about two years, when he returned to London, Ontario. He later entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston and was a student there during 1893-1894, taking the course in Architecture with the class of '95. He then went to Paris and entered the Ecole des Beaux Arts, joining the atelier of M. Laloux in 1897. While in Paris he assisted in the construction of the U.S. Government Building for the Exposition of 1900. Some time the close of the Exposition he returned to this country and opened an office in New York City where he practiced Architecture until the time of his death. He also gave considerable time to the teaching of Architectural Design and allied subjects at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn and at the New York School of Fine and Applied Arts.

During the late war he was associated with the Y.M.C.A. in the designing and construction of their huts for the various military camps.

Among his more recent buildings may be mentioned three schools in New Jersey, the Emerson School, the Von Steuben, the Englewood Cliffs, and a Parish House at River Edge, N.J. He supervised the construction of the Bergen Branch Public Library and designed the Pavonia Branch, both in Jersey City. A number of attractive country houses on Long Island and in New Jersey are his work.

He was an artist of very considerable ability, more particularly in water color work, in which medium he excelled.

His cheerful spirit endeared him to all his friends and he was beloved by the many students he guided by his teaching and whom he was always ready to help when they left his classes to seek experience in the architect's office.

He is survived by his father, John R. Gurd, of London, Ontario, and his wife, Alice Lee Gurd and four children.

The above brief outline of a life cut off in the prime of its usefulness will be inscribed in the archives of the Institute, and copies sent to the wife and the father of our late member.

D. Everett Waid, President.

Hobart B. Upjohn, Secretary.

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