

Harris, August Watkins
Heel Texas

Recd.

Application for Membership

12-3-26, 1926

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:

Prelim. Fee	\$24.65 4/4/27
Initiation	
Unexp. Exp.	
Exhibits	Must send
On Behalf of	

Name..... August Watkins Harris

Address..... 207 W 7th Austin Texas
[Number and Street] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth..... Austin Texas Oct 8 1893

Graduate in architecture.....
[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 Ecolè 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..... GIESECKE & HARRIS ARCHITECTS

Have been in practice..... (Six) 6 years

If draughtsman, employed by.....
[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.

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.

August Watkins Harris
[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.

Registration or License Number.

If the applicant resides or has his principal place of business in a Registration or License law state the current number of his Registration or License should be noted here.

(.....)
NUMBER

- (1) S. E. P. Vosper
- (2) H. Kuehler
- (3) H. G. Gissel

[The signatures of three Institute members are here required even if 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.]

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

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April 4, 1927

Dear Mr. Harris:-

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 Mr. Vander Straten, Secretary of the West Texas Chapter.

The application is complete in every respect except for the customary routine exhibits. These should consist of photographs and working drawings of two executed buildings which need not be specially prepared, may be taken from your office files, and will be carefully returned later.

Acknowledgment is also made of your remittance to cover the Preliminary Fee of \$5.00.

Cordially yours,

Executive Secretary.

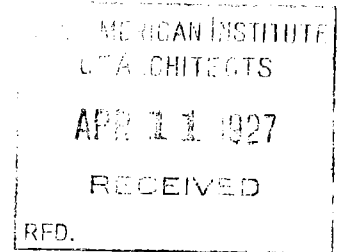
Mr. August Watkins Harris,
207 West 7th,
Austin, Texas.

K:VB

GIESECKE & HARRIS
 ARCHITECTS
 205-7 WEST 7TH STREET
 AUSTIN, TEXAS

April 8, 1927.

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



Dear Mr. Kemper:

I have your letter of April 4th acknowledging receipt of my application for membership in the American Institute of Architects, and advising that this should have been accompanied by photographs and working drawings of two executed buildings.

Under separate cover I am sending you a set of blue prints and specifications and photographs of the Eagle Lake and of the Robstown High Schools. These buildings are in Eagle Lake, Texas, and Robstown, Texas, respectively.

The Eagle Lake school was completed in 1923 and the Robstown school in 1926.

Yours very truly,

A. W. Harris
 A. W. Harris.

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December 12, 1927.

Dear Mr. Harris:

Acting for the Secretary I am pleased to advise you of your election to Membership in The American Institute of Architects, effective December 12, 1927.

You have been assigned to the West Texas Chapter as an Institute Member in good standing therein, and the Secretary of the Chapter has been so notified.

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 co-operation.

Cordially yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. August Watkins Harris,
207 West 7th Street,
Austin, Texas.

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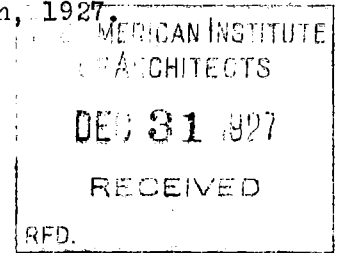
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GIESECKE & HARRIS
ARCHITECTS
HOUSTON—AUSTIN
TEXAS

Austin, Texas,
December 28th, 1927

Mr. E. C. Kemper,
1741 New York Avenue,
Washington, D. C.



Dear Mr. Kemper:

I have yours of December 12th, 1927 advising me of my election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective that date.

I wish to thank you for this notification and to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me, and assure you that I intend to do my best to be worthy of membership in the Institute.

Very sincerely yours,

A. W. Harris
of
GIESECKE & HARRIS,
Architects.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

March 1, 1932.

Dear Mr. Harris:

It is with genuine regret that I write, as Secretary of the Institute, to advise you of the termination of your membership in the Institute and your Chapter, effective December 31, 1931, for non-payment of Institute dues.

The Treasurer, and the Secretary's Office, sent to you various statements of account and letters, in the hope that you would find it possible to make a remittance, in whole or in part, and thereby continue your affiliation with The American Institute of Architects and your Chapter.

It is realized that conditions in the building industry have remained on a most unfavorable basis during the past year, and for that reason the Institute made a special effort to retain your membership as long as possible.

It is believed that you will approve of the action taken. The alternative was to allow the dues to so increase as to make future reinstatement a heavy expense.

I am hoping very much that the circumstances which prevented you from carrying on your Institute membership will speedily change, and that you will soon be thinking of taking up your membership again. When you are ready to do so, I can assure you that the Institute will make the way back very simple and easy. The Board has already made provision whereby the old account can be paid off in installments and over a period of time that will not be onerous to you.

I am going to write to you from time to time, reminding you that the Institute desires your return to its membership and its councils, and so that your return can be worked out to your best convenience.

With best wishes, and with the hope that we may soon regain you as a member of The American Institute of Architects, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

Mr. Nathan Harris,
20 Branford Place,
Newark, N. J.

FCB:GG

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

April 14, 1932

Dear Mr. Giesecke:

At Mr. Baldwin's direction, I am responding to your letter of April 11th to him, with regard to your membership in the Institute.

Am sorry to say that we were obliged to terminate your membership, and Mr. Harris's, on December 31st, under a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors at its November meeting.

That resolution was only adopted after long consideration and with much regret. The Board has been and is carrying a large number of Institute members who were indebted for two years or more on December 31, 1931.

Finally, and for the protection of the members themselves, it was decided that the memberships of those indebted for two years or more, on December 31, 1931, should be terminated so that the indebtedness would not pile up, thus making reinstatement very difficult, if not impossible.

Am sure you will appreciate the wisdom of this procedure. We have found that members who accumulate an indebtedness of \$75.00 or \$100.00 almost never come back into the Institute.

When they go out with an indebtedness of only \$50.00, the return is much simpler and easier.

The Board also authorized the Treasurer to accept notes from those former members who wished to be reinstated, and those notes, covering the indebtedness at the time of termination, may cover a period of from one to five years. If for a period greater than one year, payments will be accepted in equal installments.

The procedure for reinstatement is not complicated. If you will address a letter to the Secretary of the Institute, requesting reinstatement and attaching thereto such payment on account as you can make conveniently, with a note covering the balance - thus taking care of your indebtedness - and if that letter is sent forward through the Secretary of your Chapter with his O.K. thereon, the record is complete, except for the affirmative vote of the Board, which can be depended upon.

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If you will get such a letter to this office by April 20th, the reinstatement can be acted upon by the Board at its meeting on April 22nd.

We hope this suggestion will meet with your approval.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Bertram E. Giesecke,
P. O. Box 15,
Austin, Texas.

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Copy to the South Texas Chapter Secretary.

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

COPY

October 10, 1932

Dear Mr. Baty:

The enclosed copy of our letter of this date to Mr. August W. Harris, with regard to reinstatement to membership in The American Institute of Architects, is self-explanatory.

You will note that the approval of such reinstatement by the South Texas Chapter is needed to complete the record, as well as a letter requesting reinstatement from Mr. Harris.

We would appreciate your cooperation in this matter so that it can be acted upon at the coming meeting of the Executive Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. J. Russ Baty, Secretary,
South Texas Chapter, A. I. A.,
506 Bankers Mortgage Building,
Houston, Texas.

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October 10, 1932

Dear Mr. Harris:

We are preparing for a meeting of the Executive Committee in early November, and it would give us much pleasure, at that time, to be able to bring your formal application for reinstatement before the meeting for action.

You have paid your indebtedness for back dues, and the only conditions remaining which need attention to permit us to bring the matter before the Executive Committee are:

- (1) A formal letter of application for reinstatement from you; and
- (2) The approval of the Executive Committee of the South Texas Chapter.

In order to facilitate the latter condition, we are writing direct to the Secretary of the Chapter to ask that he take such action as is possible to facilitate the approval by the Chapter.

We hope very much that you will let us hear from you, either direct or through the Chapter by November 1st, so that your reinstatement may be acted upon at the November meeting of the Executive Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. August W. Harris,
P. O. Box 15,
Austin, Texas.

K/g

Copy to the Secretary, South Texas Chapter.

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

COPY

October 25, 1932

Dear Mr. Baty:

We wish to thank you for your letter of October 21st, and for your cooperation in writing to the Messrs. Gieseck urging their reinstatement to membership in the Institute and the South Texas Chapter.

Please accept our thanks for forwarding the correspondence relative to Mr. Harris to the Secretary of the West Texas Chapter. We have heard from Mr. Vander Straten, today, advising that he is getting in touch with Mr. Harris.

It is with much regret that we learn of the death of Mr. R. B. Gottlieb. We have made the necessary changes in our records. In view of the very limited space and funds allotted for the publication of The Octagon, obituaries are not published therein. Therefore, we are not able to make use of this notice for The Octagon.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. J. Russ Baty, Secretary,
South Texas Chapter, A. I. A.,
506 Bankers Mortgage Building,
Houston, Texas.

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PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

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AUGUST WATKINS HARRIS

AUSTIN, TEXAS.

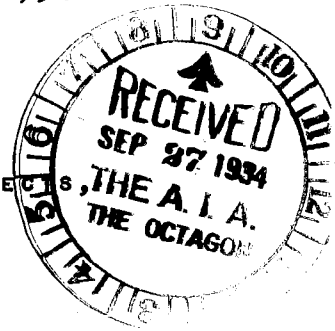
SEPTEMBER 24, 1934.

Dropped for non-payment dues 12-31-31

Owed dues for 1930 and 1931 - \$50.00

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MR. EDWIN C. KEMPER,
SEC'Y., THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS,
THE OCTAGON,
WASHINGTON, D. C.



DEAR MR. KEMPER:

IN A RECENT CHAT WITH PROF. M. H. GOLDSMITH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, I WAS APPRISED OF THE FACT A "NEW DEAL" HAD BEEN INSTITUTED IN CONNECTION WITH MEMBERSHIP IN THE A. I. A.

I WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION AS TO MY PRESENT DUES STATUS, AND AS TO THE NECESSARY PROCEDURE TOWARD REINSTATEMENT. I WILL NOT RECITE THE HISTORY OF MY SITUATION, AS I AM SURE THAT YOU HAVE THIS INFORMATION IN YOUR FILES.

RECENTLY SOME OF OUR P. W. A. PROJECTS HAVE RECEIVED APPROVAL, AND, ALTHOUGH IT IS YET A BIT EARLY TO PREDICT THE FINANCIAL OUTCOME, I HAVE SOME HOPE OF A PROFIT ACCRUING WHICH WILL JUSTIFY MY INTENT TO REINSTATE MYSELF TO ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

I WOULD APOLOGIZE FOR THE APPEARANCE OF STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP AT THE TOP OF THIS LETTERHEAD. THIS STATIONERY IS A "HANG-OVER" FROM BETTER DAYS, WHEN ONE ORDERED THINGS IN HUGE QUANTITIES, AND WE CAN'T AFFORD TO DO AWAY WITH IT.

ASSURING YOU OF MY APPRECIATION OF AN EARLY REPLY, AND REGRETTING THE LAPSE, WHICH WAS UNAVOIDABLE, I AM,

MOST SINCERELY YOURS,

AUGUST WATKINS HARRIS.

A. W. H.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

October 1, 1934

Dear Mr. Harris:

This is the first moment in which to acknowledge yours of September 24th with regard to reinstatement.

The procedure is quite simple, as is shown by the enclosed excerpt from the by-laws.

Apparently your membership lapsed at the end of 1931 on account of non-payment of dues for that year the the prior year -- a total of \$50.00.

Our suggestion is that you forward the required letter asking for reinstatement -- through the Secretary of the South Texas Chapter, Mr. J. Russ Baty, 506 Bankers Mortgage Bldg., Houston, Texas, in order that he may record approval thereon.

We will submit the letter to the Board at its meeting on or about December 1st asking at that time for a ruling on the amount of the old indebtedness which you should be asked to pay. I am sure the Board will be liberal in this respect.

We hope very much that you will come back into the Institute.

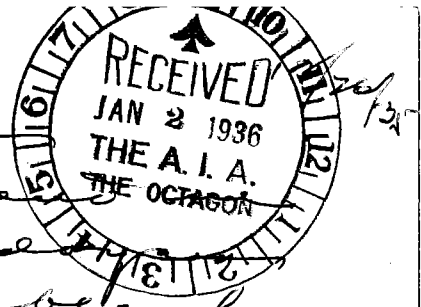
Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

ECK:C

Mr. August Watkins Harris
c/o Giesecke & Harris
Austin, Texas

Dear Kemper



Please send
about half a dozen
membership blanks.
Going to try to wind up
hereabouts.

Did Watkins Harris of
Austin (West Texas chapter)
ever do any paying up? I had him
promised.
J. Goodman

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

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January 3, 1936

Dear Mr. Goldsmith:

Responding to your note of December 26th:

We are glad to send, herewith, a supply of application blanks for membership in the Institute, together with a like number of copies of the document on the Objects and Program of the Institute, which has been found to be valuable for distribution with application blanks. It is hoped that your efforts to obtain new members will be successful.

With regard to your inquiry about "Watkins Harris", we cannot find that he was ever a member of the A.I.A. Perhaps your reference to his "paying up" was in some other connection. If you will advise us more fully on this point, we shall be glad to respond further.

With every good wish for the New Year,

Yours sincerely,

Executive Secretary.

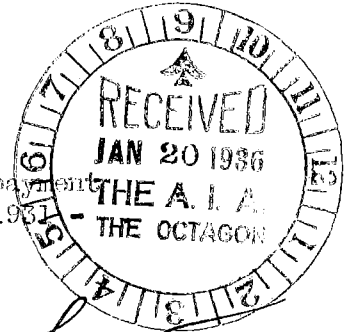
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Enclosures

Professor Goldwin Goldsmith,
University of Texas,
Department of Architecture,
Austin, Texas.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
AUSTIN

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE

August Watkins Harris was dropped for non-payment
dues 12-31-31. He owed dues for 1930 and 1931
\$50.00



LM

Jan 16/36

Dear Kemper

" The 31-32 Annuary shows
Harris, August William, Austin "
as a member of the West Texas
Chapter. I haven't a '33 Annuary
available, if there was one. He
was dropped for nonpayment
of dues. I believe he owed
\$75.00 or so and I had him
about ready to pay up. I would
still like him to reinstate
himself if possible.

Sincerely

Geodwn Goldsmith

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

COPY

M. Harris
BA

January 27, 1936

Dear Mr. Goldsmith:

Responding to your letter of January 16th, we find that Mr. August Watkins Harris, formerly a member of the Institute, was dropped from membership December 31, 1931. At that time he was indebted for dues for 1930 and 1931 in the amount of \$50.00.

Mr. Harris could apply for reinstatement to membership by settling any dues which may have been outstanding to the West Texas Chapter, and by making a remittance to the Institute in the amount of \$25.00. Under authority of the Board of Directors, a former member may be reinstated upon payment by him of \$25.00 for the dues for 1931-1933, inclusive. Any additional previous dues may be cancelled by the Board, when considering the application for reinstatement.

The enclosed excerpt regarding re-instatement, as contained in the By-laws, will give full information as to the procedure. An extra copy is enclosed for possible use in reference to Mr. Harris.

We hope that he will apply.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

E/g
Encs.

Mr. Goldwin Goldsmith, F.A.I.A.,
Department of Architecture,
University of Texas,
Austin, Texas.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Harris

March 25, 1943

Dear Mr. Goldsmith:

A meeting of The Executive Committee in New York and other meetings at The Octagon last week, as well as meetings here the first part of this week have delayed a response to yours of March 9.

Responding to your inquiries concerning the status of Messrs. August Watkins Harris and R. Max Brooks.

Harris, August Watkins: Owes for Institute dues for 1930 and 1931 in the amount of \$33.34. His membership was terminated December 31, 1931.

Brooks, R. Max: Elected December 12, 1942. He paid \$10.00 when his application was filed, \$5.00 of which was for the admission fee and \$5.00 for the first twelve months of Institute dues following election.

Ordinarily, these dues for the first twelve months are pro-rated on a quarterly basis, but we find in the correspondence a record that the Chapter desired Mr. Brooks' election to begin as of January 1, 1943, and that, apparently, it went through on a routine basis and he was elected as of December 12, 1942.

We agree with you that an adjustment should be made and therefore have credited his payment of \$5.00 - for one year's dues - as payment in full for dues for the year 1943.

With reference to admission fees - these are collected in advance of election and are not recorded on the bills for dues.

As requested, we return Mr. Brooks' old statement and attach a corrected statement, and we should appreciate it if you would forward it to him with your own supplementary word of explanation.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. Goldwin Goldsmith, F.A.I.A.
Department of Architecture
University of Texas
Austin, Texas

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Encs.

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FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

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

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January 12, 1951

Dear Mr. Walling:

Responding to yours of January 3rd, concerning Mr. A. Watkins Harris, a former member of the A.I.A.:

We find that his previous membership lapsed on December 31, 1931, for non-payment of dues at which time he owed for his dues for the years 1930-1931, inclusive, in the total amount of \$33.34. He was then assigned to the West Texas Chapter, and it may be possible that there were some outstanding chapter dues at that time. This could be check with the West Texas Chapter.

If he does apply, it would be appreciated if he would fill in a new application form, since there has been such a lapse of time since his original application was filed. However, it is not necessary that the application be signed by two corporate members as required for an original applicant.

Such application should be accompanied by payment of his back dues, as given above, plus \$5.00 readmission fee; and plus one year's dues in advance. This latter amount would be \$40.00 if his income from professional service in 1950 was over \$5,000; or \$25.00 if such income was \$5,000 or less.

Further action on the application is the same as for newly-elected corporate members.

We shall be glad to give Mr. Harris' application every attention if he decides to send it in.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. Rankin
Administrative Secretary

Mr. George L. Walling, Secretary
Central Texas Chapter, A.I.A.
502 East 5th Street
Austin, Texas

JWR/fhg