

Dated March 24 1944.  
Received June 2 1944.  
Granted August 15, 1944.

MEMBERSHIP NO 2626



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

*See case order  
June 2, 1944  
H. J. Gerowis*

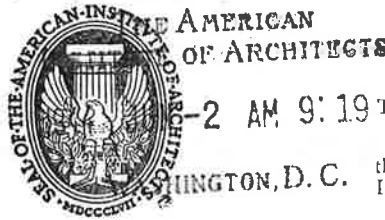
- A Name of applicant Benjamin W. Hertel Chapter Grand Rapids
- B Address of applicant 1532 Hall, S.E.; Grand Rapids, Michigan
- C Applicant proposed by Emil Zillmer and Roger Allen
- D Application received with check for \$ 10 on June 2 19<sup>44</sup>
- E Application returned for correction 19
- F Application in due order on June 2, 19<sup>44</sup>
- Record of registration, Form S39, Sent June 12 (Mich) 19 44 Received June 16 1944  
June 13 (Ohio) June 16 44
- G Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
  - (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on 19... on 19
  - (b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on 19... on 19
- H Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on June 13 19 44.
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission or that application be denied received on June 2 1944.
- J No report from chapter executive committee on 19
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on August 8 19 44.
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on August 8 19 44.
- M Applicant was admitted on August 15 19 44.
- N Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter to proposers on August 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

Benjamin W. Hertel  
to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the Grand Rapids Chapter.

Date August 15 1944. Alfred C. Robinson III  
Secretary



ORIGINAL

File this original with The Secretary of The American Institute of Architects.

File the duplicate, on gray paper, with the secretary of the local chapter of The Institute.

-2 AM 9:19

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 Benjamin W. Hertel .

2. State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.

2. I am a natural citizen of the United States of America .

3. My legal residence is in the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan ,

County of Kent State of Michigan .

4. State whether residence or office address.

4. My address in The Institute records will be 1532 Hall Street, S.E.

Number 1532 Street Hall, S.E.

City Grand Rapids , State Michigan .

5. State whether as a practicing architect, a teacher, a public official, etc.

5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as a practicing architect

6. I desire to be a member of the Grand Rapids 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 \$ 10.00 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 Mar. 24th., 1944 .

*Benjamin W. Hertel*  
Applicant sign full name in ink  
Benjamin W. Hertel

PAID  
DATE 4/10 = 6/6/44

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STATISTICS

10. Date of birth Dec. 27, 1889 Place of birth Grand Rapids, Michigan

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

(State or States) By Examination

(State or States) By Exemption

✓ Michigan - 1919  
6-12

Ohio - 1941

(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:

Calvin College Preparatory School  
College of Architects, University of Michigan

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:

Donaldson & Meyer	Detroit, Michigan	Draftsman	6 mos.
Albert Kahn	Detroit, Michigan	Draftsman	8 mos.
Henry H. Turner	Grand Rapids, Mich.	Draftsman	6 mos.

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PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

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).

Have practiced architecture as an individual since 1922 in Michigan; since 1941 in Ohio.

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 Michigan from 1920 to present 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 24 years.  
Signed Emil S. Zillmer  
Proposer

I have known the applicant for 15 years.  
Signed Roger Allen  
Proposer

3.

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

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

AP No  
2626

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

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF  
Benjamin W. Hertel, Grand Rapids, Michigan  
*(Name of Applicant)*

SECRETARY,  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,

*Address* 307 Transportation Bldg., Detroit, Michigan

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 June 12 19 44

*Alexander C. Robinson III*  
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? **Yes**
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? **Yes** or by exemption?
3. What was the scope of the examination?
4. What was the period of the examination? **3** days. Written examination.....hours; Oral examination.....hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? If so, give Certificate No.....
6. Date of last registration **July 24** 19 **19** Registration No. **470** Is it current? **Yes**

*Watts Shelly*  
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date June 14 19 44

State Board of Registration for Architects  
(Name of Board)





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(Name of Applicant)



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SECRETARY,  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,

Address A.J.U. Building  
Columbus, Ohio

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Date June 13 19 44

Oliver C. Robinson III  
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? Yes (5-31-41)
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? No or by exemption? Exemption
3. What was the scope of the examination? .....
4. What was the period of the examination? ..... days. Written examination ..... hours; Oral examination ..... hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? ..... If so, give Certificate No. ....
6. Date of last registration 12-29-43 19 ..... Registration No. 1332 Is it current? Yes

[Signature]  
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date 6-15-44 19 .....

State Board of Examiners of Architects  
Executive Secretary (Name of Board)

August 15, 1944

Dear Mr. Hertel:

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 membership in the Grand Rapids Chapter, effective August 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. Benjamin W. Hertel  
1532 Hall, S.E.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

ACR:ds

cc to: Director, Great Lakes District, A.I.A.

Proposers, Mr. Emil Zillmer

Mr. Roger Allen

members  
Hertel, Benjamin W.

BENJAMIN W. HERTEL, A. I. A.  
Architect  
1200 GLADSTONE DR., S. E.  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

American Institute of Architects, Jan 13, 1955  
Leon Chatelain, Pres.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Chatelain:

I am enclosing my check for \$25.00 with certification as to my net professional income for 1954. I am now 65 years of age, semi-retired, have my office at my home, and I am the whole works as far as help is concerned. I trust they will take care of my full dues for 1955.

Very truly yours,  
B. W. Hertel

**PAID**  
DATE 2-2-55 1/17/55  
for 1955 Dues

File

January 17, 1955

Mrs. Miller:

You referred the attached letter to me. However, as Mr. Hertel does not indicate he wishes to apply for M.E. (and he is not eligible) I do not believe there is anything here which needs my attention.

It seems to me he is explaining his situation merely to justify paying reduced dues, and the letter belongs in your Department.

FHGerveis



BENJAMIN W. HERTEL, A. I. A.

Architect

~~1200 GLADSTONE DR., S. E.~~

~~GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN~~

626 1/2 - 29<sup>th</sup> Ave. North  
St. Petersburg, Florida

April 8, 1960

American Institute of Architects,  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Due, perhaps, to my moving around  
I did not receive the usual notice regarding  
my annual dues.

So I am enclosing my check in the amount  
of \$50<sup>00</sup> to cover same.  
Please send me receipt to my Grand Rapids  
address as shown above.

Is there any dues concession to architects  
70 years of age, and completely retired from  
active practice?

Very truly yours  
B. Hertel

Herchel  
1944  
West. Mich. Chapter

M. E.  
Comm on Mem

April 22, 1960

Mr. Benjamin W. Hertel, A.I.A.  
626½ - 29th Avenue, North  
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Mr. Hertel:

Your letter of April 8th, is received along with your check for \$50.00 for 1960 dues which is much appreciated.

From the information contained in your letter, it certainly appears that you are eligible for election as a Member Emeritus of The Institute which would permit you to retain all rights and privileges of active corporate membership while being exempted from further payment of Institute, Chapter and State Organization dues.

Enclosed is a form requesting this change in status and if you will fill it in, sign and return it to this office, we will be glad to see that it receives the proper attention.

Sincerely yours,

Maureen K. Kochis  
Membership Department

cc: Secretary of the Western Michigan Chapter, A.I.A.

Please advise if Mr. Hertel is in good standing with the chapter.



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

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP EMERITUS

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:

*Strike out the  
inappropriate  
reason, a, b,  
or c, as the  
case may be.*

I wish to apply for Membership Emeritus in The Institute for the following reasons:

- a. I am more than 70 years of age. *Born Dec 27, 1889.*
- b. I am ~~65 years of age~~, retired, and not engaged in the practice of architecture.
- c. ~~I am unable to engage in any gainful vocation.~~

*Write in  
name of  
chapter.*

I have been in good standing in The Institute and the *Western Michigan* chapter for 15 successive years or more immediately preceding the date of this application.

Respectfully,

Date

*April 27 1960.*

*Benjamin W. Hertel*  
Signature  
*1200 Gladstone S.E.  
Grand Rapids 6 Michigan*

*The applicant may supplement the above reasons in writing below or on sheets which he shall attach to this application. Under exceptional conditions and circumstances, The Board of Directors may lessen the period of good standing but not the requirements of a, b, or c.*

*western michigan chapter, inc.,*

**AIA**

April 27, 1960

CHARLES V. OPDYKE, President  
3526 W. Saginaw Street, Lansing,  
Michigan, IVanhoe 9-3002

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Rapids, Michigan, Glendale 2-4559

ROBERT L. FREEMAN, Secretary  
2022 Cooper Avenue, Lansing,  
Michigan, IVanhoe 2-0148

GORDON A. BELSON, Treasurer  
152 Oaklawn Avenue, Battle Creek,  
Michigan, Woodward 5-5045

**D I R E C T O R S**

GORDON CORNWELL, Anderson  
Building, Traverse City, WI 6-7711

CLAUDE SAMPSON, 115 Fourth  
Street, Jackson, Mich., ST 2-0007

GEORGE W. SPRAU, 410 W. Walnut  
St., Kalamazoo, Mich., FI 5-2145

Maureen K. Kochis  
Membership Department  
The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue N.W.  
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Miss Kochis:

In reply to your letter of April 22, 1960, requesting the status of Mr. Benjamin W. Hertel in our Chapter, may I advise you that he is in good standing with the Chapter.

Sincerely yours,



Robert L. Freeman  
Secretary

*Members.  
Hertel Benjamin W.*

*Sept  
Bd*



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

NOTICE OF ELECTION—MEMBER EMERITUS

TO **Benjamin W. Hertel, A.I.A.**  
**1200 Gladstone, S.E.**  
**Grand Rapids 6, Michigan**

It is my privilege to advise you that The Board of Directors has conferred upon you  
the title

**MEMBER EMERITUS**

of The American Institute of Architects and of its component organizations of which you are  
a member, exempting you from the payment of annual dues to The Institute and such  
organizations, effective **May 1, 1960** .

Date **May 25** 1960 .

*[Signature]*  
Secretary

*West Mich. Chapter  
Copy to Acatz Dept*



BENJAMIN W. HERTEL, A. I. A. <sup>ME</sup>

Architect

1200 GLADSTONE DR., S. E.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Feb. 19, 1972

A. I. A. Journal Staff:

Dear Sirs:

I am sorry that I have been remiss in notifying you of the death of my husband, Benj. W. Hertel, emeritus member. He passed away on June 30, 1971 of an aneurysm.

I did notify the Michigan society.

Since he no longer maintained an office, I am sure that you would prefer to know so that you can save the expense of sending the Journal and other notifications.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Benj. W. Hertel

FEB 24 1972

Grand Valley



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

March 2, 1972

Mr. Frederick Renaud, Secretary  
Grand Valley Chapter, AIA  
1129 Lakeside Drive, S.E.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49502

Re: Death of Benjamin W. Hertel, ME, on 6/30/71

Dear Mr. Renaud:

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 form filled in. The extra copy is for the Chapter's files.

Sincerely yours,

Maureen Marx, Director  
Membership Procedures

MM:hrs  
Enclosures

Hertel, Benjamin W.

**BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE  
of American Architects**

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Benjamin W. Hertel of (address) 1200 Gladstone, SE, Grand Rapids, MI

Born: Dec. 27, 1889 at Grand Rapids Died: June 30, 1972 at St. Mary's Hospital  
Grand Rapids

Parents: William Hertel & Trena Roerig and

Married: Eliz. C. Van Duthler of Aneurysm Suffered on May 31, 1971

Children: Mrs. Dorothy M. Duthler  
Ann L. Shooks

Education: Calvin College  
University of Mich. Arch. Dept., Graduated in 1919

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

Worked at Albert Kahn Office in Detroit. After a year joined the Turner Office in Grand Rapids. Soon after coming to G.R. he joined the Owen, Ames, Kimball Co. and became head of their Architectural Dept. until his retirement in 1953. He practiced on his own about 3 years after retirement.

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

Member of the AIA  
Member of the MSA

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

Member of Fuller Ave. Christain Reformed Church where he served as Elder. Former member of the Board of Trustees, Calvin College. Former member of the Christain High School Board. Former member of the Lotus Club.

Public Service: (Civil and Military; Community, State, National) Member of the American Dahlia Ass. Mich. Dahlia, Ass. and many others

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

Rather early in his career he gave an illustrated lecture on church architecture in Calvin College.

(OVER)

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

He greatly admired the beautiful in architecture and whenever possible used some terra cotta in his designs.

Then it was but natural that in his hobby he turned to the beauties in nature and grew specimen dahlias for which he won many awards. In 1941 he was awarded three gold medals by the American Dahlia Association. He won the Derrill W. Hart Memorial Gold Metal for the seedling which won the highest average score in three official trial gardens. In the national contest that year, open to foreign as well as American growers, he won two of four gold medals.

It was indeed a thrilling experience for him when he travelled with the American Dahlia Society to Holland, France and England in 1968. He marvelled at the beauty of the flowers and especially the architecture, which had been so great a part of him while studying at the U. of M. It was indeed an inspiration to him to worship in St. Paul's Cathedral, designed by Sir Christopher Wren.

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