

Application of J. Morris Hewlett for Admission to the  
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, as a Fellow.

To the Board of Directors: May 28 1896

My full name is James Monroe Hewlett

My business address is 123 East 23rd St New York

The name of my firm is Hewlett

I have practiced the profession of architecture for four years.

The accompanying photographs, numbered respectively 1, 2 and 3, show completed buildings erected from my plans and under my supervision.

No. 1 is a (here give general description of building) the Union Free School at Stapleton Staten Island, N.Y. containing 4000 pupils for the accommodation of 1500 pupils and an auditorium seating 1000 people. Brick & Stone frame construction. S. N. Kellogg, eq. at Remondville, N.J.

No. 3 do. is a Club House for the Rockaway Hunting Club at Cedarhurst, Long Is. frame construction.

The accompanying drawings are here enumerated and describe such drawings as the candidate desires to submit)

We, Fellows of the American Institute of Architects, hereby indorse Mr. James Monroe Hewlett's application for Fellowship. We know him personally; we know his work; we believe him to be worthy of membership.

James DeLoach  
J. G. Thomson

LORD AND HEWLETT ARCHITECTS  
TWO WEST FORTY FIFTH STREET NEW YORK  
J. MONROE HEWLETT  
ALBERT KIRSCHBAUM  
ASSOCIATED

October 15, 1925.

E.C. Kemper, Esq.,  
Executive Secretary,  
The American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon,  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 12th,  
Mr. Hewlett is out of town. He is expected at the  
office the early part of next week when your letter  
will be brought to his attention.

Yours very truly,

*Harriette D. Bogemon*  
Secretary.

November 18, 1926.

MEMORANDUM - for the Office.

Mr. Hewlett would like his address in every <sup>instance</sup> ~~incident~~ and on all documents to read - 2 West Forty-fifth Street, New York City.

Please make this change and observe it.

Please initial and return .

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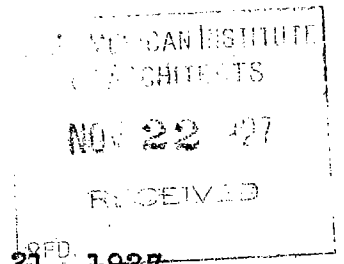
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE SECOND REGIONAL DISTRICT  
J. MONROE HEWLETT, DIRECTOR, 2 WEST 45<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
NEW YORK, N. Y.



November 21, 1927.

E.C. Kemper, Esq.,  
Executive Secretary, A.I.A.,  
The Octagon,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Kemper:

Yours received. I have written to Goldsmith  
to make reservations for me on the train leaving Chicago  
Sunday, the 27th, for Tulsa.

Faithfully yours,

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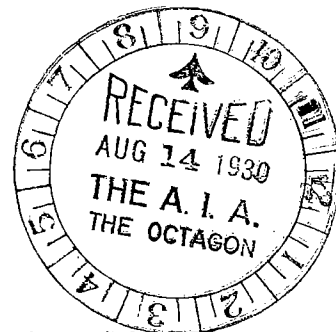
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August 13, 1930.

E. C. Kemper, Esq.,  
Executive Secretary, A.I.A.,  
The Octagon,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Kemper:

Yours of July 22nd was mislaid and just came to my attention. The illustrations you refer to were probably the Dymaxion house which is being developed by my son-in-law, R. B. Fuller. If you will forward these to my office, I will get them to him.

Faithfully yours,

JMH/HDB

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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August 14, 1930.

Dear Mr. Hewlett:

Yours of August 13th:

We are forwarding to you, by express, the illustrations of the Dymaxion house, which you are kind enough to forward to Mr. Fuller. Please tell him that we are sorry that these illustrations were lost, and that someone unknown to this office inserted them in a large portfolio of public information material. It was only by accident that they were discovered when the portfolio was being placed in the permanent records.

Faithfully yours,

Mr. J. Monroe Hewlett,  
2 West 45th Street,  
New York, N. Y.

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# ARCHITECTS HONOR JAMES M. HEWLETT

Austin Purves, director of design, Cooper Union; Kenneth K. Stowell, editor, Architectural Forum; Henry H. Saylor, editor, Architecture; Joseph Freedlander, Rosco Guernsey, executive secretary, American Academy in Rome, and Jules Guerin.

Dinner Marks His Appointment as Resident Director of the American Academy in Rome.

## TREND HERE IS CRITICIZED

Cass Gilbert, Referring to "Fool's Paradise" of Production, Calls for More Beauty and Truth.

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# N.Y. Herald Tribune Hewlett Praised By Architects at League Dinner

January 30, 1932  
New Director of American Academy at Rome Hailed as Inspiration to Students

## Cortissoz Lauds Tolerance

## Guest Commends Designers for Spirit of Collaboration

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### McKim's Work Praised

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"There is something in life money cannot buy—the imponderables, things that can not be weighed but are deeply implanted in man," Mr. Gilbert continued.

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#### Acknowledges Greetings

Acknowledging the many kind things said about him, Mr. Hewlett praised the fellowship and co-operation among architects of New York. He noted a spirit of collaboration and an absence of jealousies which, he said, could not be equaled elsewhere.

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*Response*

May 26, 1938

Dear Mr. Hewlett:

With reference to our talk yesterday, we send herewith application for election as a Member Emeritus. This should be filled in and returned in time for The Board meeting on this coming November 14th.

Meanwhile, the present indebtedness of \$20.00, covering dues for 1938, should be taken care of.

Election as a Member Emeritus merely removes the obligation of paying annual dues to The Institute and the chapter. It does not interfere, in any way, with the rights and privileges of membership.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

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Enclosure

Mr. J. Monroe Hewlett, F.A.I.A.,  
163 Clymer Street,  
Brooklyn, New York.

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December 29, 1938

Dear Mr. Hewlett:

This will formally advise you that The Board of Directors of The Institute, at its semi-annual meeting in November, received your application for retirement and elected you a Member Emeritus, effective as of December 31, 1938.

As you know, Members Emeritus retain all the rights and privileges of membership, but are exempted from the payment of further dues to The Institute and the chapter.

The Brooklyn Chapter has been advised accordingly.

By direction of The Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

K/g

Mr. J. Monroe Hewlett, F.A.I.A.,  
163 Clymer Street,  
Brooklyn, New York.

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