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### Application for Membership

March 9, 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 R. H. Hunt

Address James Rely Chattanooga Tenn. Southwestern Bldg Dallas Texas.  
[Number and Street.] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth Elbert County Georgia Feb 2 1862.

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 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 R. H. Hunt Co.

Have been in practice More than twenty five 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.

[Signature]  
[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) [Signature]
- (2) [Signature]
- (3) [Signature]

* Prelim. Fee	<u>PAID \$5.00 Dallas</u>
Initiation	<u>remitted</u>
Unan. End.	<u>Yes</u>
Exhibits	<u>not required</u>
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[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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Institute Members

March 26, 1921.

Mr. R. H. Hunt

My dear Mr. Hunt:-

Permit me to acknowledge with gratification, and on behalf of the Secretary, your application for membership in the American Institute of Architects.

This will be acted upon in April and you will be advised in due course of the action taken.

Acknowledgment is also made of your preliminary fee.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. R. H. Hunt,  
Southwestern Life Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas.

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June 8, 1921.

My dear Mr. Hunt:-

I regret to advise you that the Institute Board of Directors was unable to act favorably upon your application for membership.

Should the <sup>an</sup> applicant desire he may renew his application for membership after the elapse of one year.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. R. H. Hunt,  
Southwestern Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

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Copy to Mr. Lane  
Copy to Mr. Whitaker.

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R. H. Hunt  
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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 fore-  
going 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) Joe W. Holman
- (2) Donald B. Gougeon
- (3) [Signature]

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Prelim. Fee.	<u>24.50</u>	<u>7/20/21</u>
Initiation	<u>remitted</u>	
Unan. End.	<u>yes</u>	
Exhibits	<u>not required</u>	
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Information concerning Membership  
July 25, 1921.  
for Membership with honor  
of Application

My dear Mr. Hunt:-

Permit me to acknowledge with gratification, and on behalf of the Secretary, your application for membership in the American Institute of Architects.

This will be acted upon in September and you will be advised in due course of the action taken.

Acknowledgment is also made of your preliminary fee of \$5.00.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

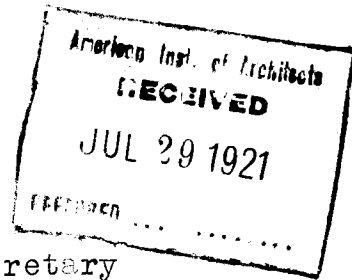
Mr. R. H. Hunt,  
Hanes Building,  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

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THOMAS S. MARR                      JOSEPH W. HOLMAN

MARR AND HOLMAN  
ARCHITECTS  
701 STAHLMAN BUILDING  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

July 27th  
1921



Mr E C Kemper Executive Secretary  
American Institute of Architects  
The Octagon  
Washington D C

Dear Sir:

I have yours of the 25th inst. With reference to the application of Mr R H Hunt of Chattanooga, wish to state that Mr Hunt put his application in thru the Texas Chapter and it was held up. Mr Hunt has a number of men in the profession who do not feel very kindly toward him, but he has the unanimous endorsement of all the Chapter Architects, and we feel that it would be much better for the Tennessee Chapter to have him as a member rather than have him on the outside. He has done a lot of creditable work and I believe that by getting him into the Chapter, we can assist him in carrying on his work in a manner more along the lines of the American Institute requirements, and if you receive any objections to his application, I would appreciate it if you would communicate with me, so that this matter could be thrashed out.

Yours very truly

JWH:BE

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Mr. Bd. Meeting

July 30, 1921.

My dear Mr. Holman:

Yours of July 27 is at hand with reference to Mr.  
R. H. Hunt and will be brought up for <sup>more</sup> careful consider-  
ation at the November Board meeting should there be objection  
to his election.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Joseph W. Holman,  
701 Stahlman Building,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

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September 2, 1921.

My dear Mr. Holman:

As you know, we received your letter of July 27,  
with regard to Mr. R. H. Hunt and made acknowledgment on July 30.

As you anticipated a privileged communication has been  
received against Mr. Hunt, which in effect is also a privileged  
communication against the other Mr. Hunt, whose initials are B. F.

A copy of the privileged communication for the confi-  
dential information of the Chapter is enclosed herewith. It comes  
from an Institute member whose name is omitted by this office.

We will hold up both applications pending further ad-  
vices from the Chapter, which we hope may be received well in ad-  
vance of the Board meeting on or about November 1.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Joseph W. Holman,  
701 Stahlman Building,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

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Enclosure

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*See Privileged Committee  
 for action of Board  
 in connection with  
 Hunt & Co.*

Mr. William Stanley Parker,  
 120 Boylston St.,  
 Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Parker:

In the August 25th list of applicants for membership in the Institute, I note the names of R. H. and B. F. Hunt. R. H. Hunt is a Chattanooga, Tenn. architect, and I am under the impression that B. F. Hunt is his son and a member of the firm.

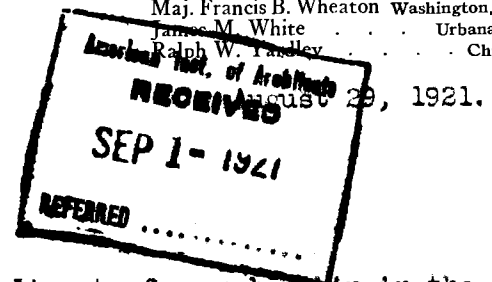
The firm of R. H. Hunt & Co., is typical of a number of "successful" southern architectural firms. Their office is usually in some centrally located city and they operate over almost the entire South. The head of the firm is seldom an architect or a man who has had any architectural education or experience. He is a business man and salesman and the quality of the work of the office depends almost entirely on the draftsmen that happen to be employed at the time.

I have myself been a member of two such firms and have worked in several others. Consequently I have frequently come into competition with R. H. Hunt & Co., and some of the following practices I know of personally and others are generally circulated reports. I can not say that they have done anything any worse than firms I have been connected with have done. They have gotten away with it oftener.

Hunt is a specialist on schools, churches, and office buildings. He has special stationery for each class. Some one in his office will have printed on his card the fact that he is head of this or that department. If there are more departments than men one man becomes head of several departments.

When after an office building he has an illustrated booklet showing office buildings designed by R. H. Hunt & Co. They are reproductions of water color renderings and they have not necessarily all been built.

When after a church he uses a similar booklet. The church booklet is however more impressive. About ten or fifteen years ago Hunt "invented" an improved type of folding or collapsible Sunday school room.



You know the so called Akrow plan. Hunt's was similar but an "improvement". It was given a name (which I cannot just now recall) and it made him a specialist. About the only way an architect in a city of forty or fifty thousand population can get a chance at any church work is to get the job before Hunt hears of it. If Hunt hears of it he gets there Wednesday in time to attend prayer meeting, and while I have never heard him, it is generally reported that Bro. Hunt can put it all over the parson himself when it comes to asking guidance and direction and the Lords blessings on their new building.

The sons, I think he has two in the firm, are nice fellows and good sports. I have run into them several times when after small town schools. The last time was in a competition for a \$20,000.00 school at Albany, Ga. There were fourteen architects present with drawings and estimates. We drew lots for the order in which we were to appear and present our drawings, estimates, charges, reasons why we should be given the work, and answered such questions as if given the job what kind of brick, heating system, etc. we would give them. Sayer and Baldwin won the job and the next day a similar competition was to be held in Moultrie. When Hunt found that I had brought no drawings for Moultrie and was not going with the bunch, he told me he had several sets of drawings with him that were suitable to use and would lend me any of them I wanted. The same drawings are reused many times by changing the mat. But as I had some inside dope about a school at Americus I shook the crowd; went to Americus by an indirect route and landed the job before they got there. Hunt won the Moultrie school.

The foregoing is typical of how the architect is selected for a large proportion of the schools and churches in the smaller cities in many Southern states. You are wasting your time unless you play the game.

About the only difference between the Hunts and many southern members of the Institute is that he is better known and his operations cover a wider territory. His not being a member of the Institute will give the member architects no advantage, his application for membership may indicate a desire to conform as far as possible, without actually losing any work, to more professional practice. He does a relatively large volume of work, and with him out we can do nothing with him, with him in maybe we can.

Yours,



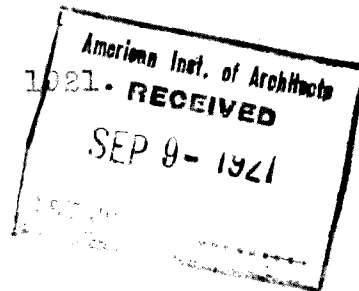
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ARCHITECTS  
613 MAISON BLANCHE BUILDING  
PHONE MAIN 1529  
NEW ORLEANS

*Rec'd. Hunt.*

*B. F. Hunt  
R. H. Hunt.*

September 3rd, 1921.



Board of Directors,  
American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon House,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

By reference to circular issued August 25th, I note that Messrs B. F. Hunt and R. H. Hunt have applied, through Tennessee Chapter, for membership in the American Institute of Architects. To the best of my knowledge and belief neither of these men has the qualifications for Institute membership, and I would therefore suggest a most careful inquiry into their professional standing before considering them favorably.

During the many years in which I have known Mr. R. H. Hunt, he has engaged in most unethical tactics in securing his commissions; by which statement I mean that he has entered into unauthorized competitions after the old manner of doing such things, and in many cases has left a most unsavory trail behind.

Mr. B. F. Hunt, his younger brother, has never been more than a plan salesman, and personal contact with him has thoroughly convinced me that he has neither the intellectual nor educational requirements that a representative architect should possess. I believe that the latter statement, in a large measure, applies to R. H. Hunt himself.

If mere financial success is to be the major factor in determining the personal fittedness, then the Brothers Hunt are certainly eligible; but my own feeling, after many years membership in the A. I. A., is that the ideals of the organization are on a higher plane.

Of course you will understand that this communication is confidential.

Yours very truly,

*Leon Spink*

LCW/BAF.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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September 9, 1921.

My dear Mr. Weiss:-

Acting for the Secretary, permit me to acknowledge yours of September 3 with regard to Messrs. B. F. and R. H. Hunt. This will come before the Board with their applications.

We are using your letter, without your name, in requesting an investigation by the Tennessee Chapter in order that we may have a report from the Chapter also. The matter of course is treated as confidential both by this office and the Chapter.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Leon C. Weiss,  
Maison Blanche Bldg.,  
New Orleans, La.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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*Pres. Board*  
*R. H. Hunt*  
*B. F. Hunt*

September 9, 1921.

Dear Mr. Cairns:-

I enclose herewith for your confidential information copy of a letter of September 3 from an Institute member whose name is deleted at this office. It relates to the applications of Messrs. R. H. and B. F. Hunt which are now pending. The Board would appreciate a report from the Chapter on the objections raised in this letter in time for its meeting in November.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. B. S. Cairns, Secretary,  
Tennessee Chapter, A. I. A.,  
Scimitar Building, Memphis, Tenn.

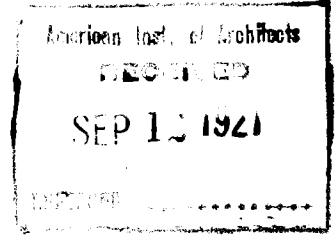
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MARR AND HOLMAN  
ARCHITECTS  
701 STAHLMAN BUILDING  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

September 9th  
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Mr E C Kemper Executive Secretary  
American Institute of Architects  
The Octagon  
Washington D C

Dear Sir:

I have your favor of the 2nd inst. enclosing unsigned letter of some member, with reference to Messrs Hunt's application for membership.

I could comment quite a good deal, but believe there is only one point in this writer's objection that can especially be seen and that is that Hunt just got a few jobs he couldn't get. He admits that he has been a member of two such firms himself, and birds of a feather usually flock together.

We do not in any way feel that Mr Hunt is conducting his business on exactly the right plane, but I do believe by getting him into the Institute that we can have some leverage to get him in line, as no man desires to be suspended or expelled, and every Architect in Chattanooga is especially anxious to get the Hunts into the Institute.

I dont know what your procedure is when there is an objection to the Institute, but we had one objection in the Tennessee Chapter when his name was presented and I wrote this party about the same kind of letter I wrote you about him and they quickly withdraw their objection.

I find that there are a lot of members of the Institute who are far from perfect, but I can say that Mr Hunt and his brother have done considerable work that is a credit to most any architect, and while I have no personal desires in the matter, other than fair play, I believe it would be a mistake for the Institute to turn

THOMAS S. MARR      JOSEPH W. HOLMAN

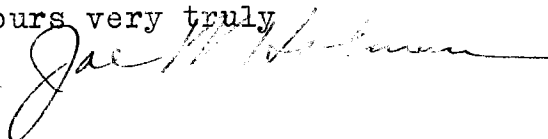
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them down, without some better objection than  
has been shown by the writer of the letter you  
sent me.

I would be interested in hearing  
further from you as to what disposition is made  
of this application.

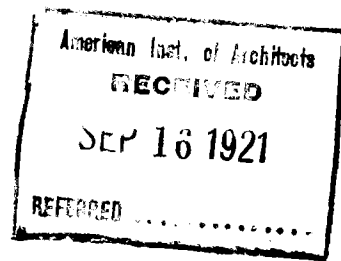
With best wishes of the writer, I am,

Yours very truly



JWH:BE

Office of  
Thomas Ernest White, A. I. A.  
Lansing, Michigan.  
September 14, 1921.



Mr. William Stanley Parker, Secretary,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Yours of August 25, with list of names of applicants for membership in the American Institute of Architects was promptly received and read with deep interest.

My apprenticeship in the profession was served in Tennessee, in and around Chattanooga, and the names of men on the list of applicants in that district is of special and personal interest. I have taken occasion to supplement my personal knowledge of the men on the list with reliable information from private sources and I am pleased to be able to state that with two exceptions all are men who will try to live up to the highest the Institute promulgates for daily practice.

I am sorry but I feel it my duty to state that Mr. R. H. Hunt has none of the qualifications of an architect. He knows nothing specifically about the art and science of the profession and cares even less. He has neither practical nor technical training as draftsman, engineer or architect and depends entirely upon his hired help for all that emanates from his office. A business man out for all the commissions he can secure his regard for ethical requirements of the profession is nil. I do not know B. F. Hunt personally but by the best of information I can get he is in the same class as R. H. Hunt.

I will be glad to furnish any further personal information the committee or board members might require as to my knowledge of Mr. R. H. Hunt and have no doubt but that investigation will disclose the facts in regard to Mr. B. F. Hunt.

Sincerely yours,



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
TENNESSEE CHAPTER

WALK C. JONES, PRES'T, MEMPHIS  
CHAS. O. PFEIL, 1ST V.-P., MEMPHIS  
C. A. ASMUS, 2ND V.-P., NASHVILLE  
W. H. SEARS, 3RD V.-P., CHATTANOOGA

BAYARD S. CAIRNS, SECY-TREAS.  
528 MADISON AVE. BLDG.  
MEMPHIS, TENN.

October 19, 1921.

Mr. E.C.Kemper,  
Executive Secretary,  
Octagon House, Washington, D.C.

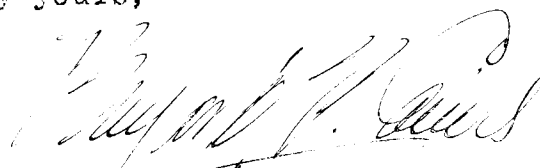
Dear Mr. Kemper:

In answer to your letter regarding the membership applications of Messrs. R.H. Hunt, and B.F.Hunt, we took up the matter with the Vice-President of each of our State Divisions and reached the members through them.

I enclose the letters from Mr. W.H.Sears of East Tennessee and Mr. H.C.Hibbs speaks for Vice-President Asmus of Middle Tennessee. I personally took up the question in West Tennessee and I am thoroughly in accord with the ideas expressed in these two letters.

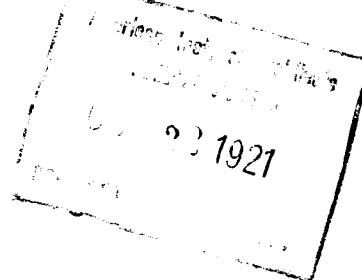
Trusting that this will give you the information you desire, I remain,

Very truly yours,



Secy. & Treas. Tenn. Chapter A.I.A.

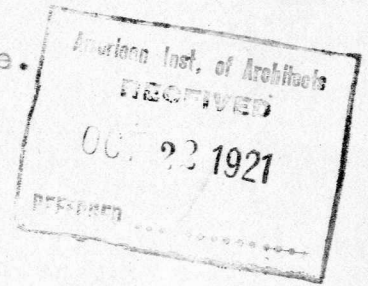
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W. H. SEARS  
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ARCHITECTS  
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MEMBER:  
AMERICAN SOCIETY HEATING & VENTILATING ENGINEERS  
AMERICAN SOCIETY CIVIL ENGINEERS

September  
Twenty Sixth  
Nineteen Twenty One.



Mr. Bayard S. Cairns,  
526 Scimitar Building,  
Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear Sir:-

Answering your communication of the 21st inst., enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Architects, I wish to state that probably there is no reputable Architect in this vicinity who would attempt to excuse some of the methods used in the past by R. H. Hunt to secure commissions. I believe that the writer of this letter has stated the case very carefully and evidently without bias. I signed B. F. Hunts application and agreed to favor the application of R. H. Hunt, This may require some explanation.

Mr. R. H. Hunt has stated to me and other Architects in Chattanooga within the past few months that he appreciates that other methods are now required than those he has used in the past. He is still far from ethical but there is some indication that he begins to appreciate that he owes something to the profession as well as to himself. I discussed the matter fully with Mr. Hibbs and other members of the Institute from Nashville and we were of the opinion that in spite of Hunts past record that it would be better to take them into the Society than to leave them out. If they are out of the Society we have no method of trying to raise their standard. Whether we like it or not they are the most influential Architects anywhere in this section of the country and the general public does not appreciate that their methods are disapproved.

It was for this reason and this alone that I gave my approval and I am still of the opinion that there is a chance of doing the profession good by taking them in.

Very truly yours,  
*W. H. Sears*



HENRY C. HIBBS  
ARCHITECT

FOURTH AND FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Oct. 16, 1921.

Mr. Bayard S. Cairns,  
C/o Hanker & Cairns,  
Simitar Building,  
Memphis, Tenn.

My dear Cairns:-

Mr. Asmus has handed me your letter and the communications with reference to Mr. Hunt, suggesting that I answer this letter in his stead, complying therewith I wish to state that it has been the policy of the Institute to include as many members as possible in every case giving the benefit of the doubt to the applicant, as we are in a far better position to regulate his conduct in the institute than we are out. If we should exclude Mr. Hunt it would constitute the first case of turning down an applicant, and we feel that this would be a serious blunder for the reason that there has been questionable practice on the part of numerous architects in this State before a Chapter was formed, and it is not fair to judge a man's conduct when there was no standard established. If this letter were taken seriously every one having a personal grudge against another might register his objections and there would be no Chapter left. I therefore, strongly recommend that this letter be ignored and that if Mr. Hunt is admitted we judge his conduct, not by the past, but by his respect for the Institute, ethics after he is a member.

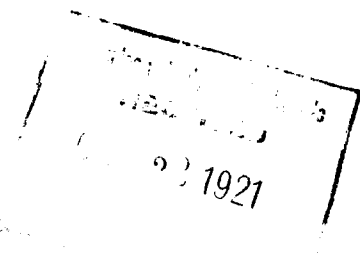
I have no minutes and no information that I think would be of value to you with reference to the Institute's business for the last two years, which should not be contained in the minutes, excepting possibly a few enclosures, one a list of members, the latest on my file which evidently is not complete and a list of Committees appointed.

The State Comptroller refuses to allow me any funds to operate on, but suggests that probably a printer may be willing to carry our bill until such time as we are able to collect funds, I may, therefore be delayed in getting the application blanks out. I believe that we ought to have appointed a Committee on professional practice, as there is a strong probability of charges being preferred against an Institute member, and I respectfully suggest that you take this matter up with your Executive Committee, and let me hear from you with reference to the action taken.

Yours very truly,

HCH-wbs.





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

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October 26, 1921.

Dear Mr. Cairns:

This will acknowledge yours of October 19th and original letters of September 26 and October 16, from Messrs. W. H. Sears and Henry C. Hibbs, respectively.

This correspondence will come up at the Board meeting with the applications of Messrs. R. H. and B. F. Hunt and the Chapter will be advised in due course of the action.

Thank you very much for the trouble you have taken to get the Institute these clear reports.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Bayard S. Cairns,  
Sec., Tennessee Chapter, A.I.A.,  
528 Madison Avenue Building,  
Memphis, Tenn.

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*Resolved*, that he be reinstated in good standing, effective November 11, 1921, and assigned to the Pittsburgh Chapter. No charge for dues shall be made against Mr. Jacobs for the remainder of the current year.

*Remission of dues of George Edward Barton.* The Treasurer read a letter of November 5 from Mr. George Edward Barton with regard to his inability to pay dues on account of prolonged physical disability in the past. He is now attempting to reestablish his architectural practice. He is indebted for \$20.00 dues.

*Resolved*, that Mr. Barton's dues be remitted in full to December 31, 1921.

*Dues of Eugene H. Taylor.* The Treasurer spoke concerning the work of Mr. Eugene H. Taylor, Secretary of the Iowa Chapter, who has suffered recent misfortune through illness of his family and business losses. He is indebted for \$20.00 on account of current dues.

*Resolved*, that the dues of Mr. Taylor be remitted in full to December 31, 1921.

*Retirement of Charles A. Gifford.* Application was presented for the retirement of Mr. Charles A. Gifford, who is now sixty-two years of age and has been out of active practice since 1908. He is unindebted for dues.

*Resolved*, that Mr. Gifford be retired, effective December 31, 1921.

*Application of Warren A. Dedrick.* Privileged communications were presented against applicant Warren A. Dedrick; also the report of the Montana Chapter.

*Resolved*, that Mr. Dedrick be not elected.

*Applications of Anthony M. DeRose and George Joseph Cavaliere.* Privileged communications were presented against applicants Anthony M. DeRose and George Joseph Cavaliere; also the report of the New York Chapter.

*Resolved*, that Messrs. DeRose and Cavaliere be not elected.

*Application of Harold James Grosvenor.* The applica-

tion of Mr. Harold James Grosvenor was presented; also the report of the Nebraska Chapter.

*Resolved*, that Mr. Grosvenor be elected, effective November 11, 1921.

*Applications of B. F. and R. H. Hunt.* The applications of Messrs. B. F. and R. H. Hunt were presented. Mr. R. H. Hunt was rejected at the May, 1921, meeting.

*Resolved*, that this action be reconsidered and that the application be considered de novo.

Privileged communications, and correspondence from the Chapter, concerning the two applicants, who compose the firm of R. H. Hunt and Company, were then considered and the following action taken:

*Resolved*, that Messrs. B. F. and R. H. Hunt be elected, effective November 11, 1921.

*Application of Joseph W. Royer.* Privileged communications were presented against applicant Joseph W. Royer; also the report of the Illinois Chapter.

*Resolved*, that Mr. Royer be elected, effective November 11, 1921.

*Application of Arthur Durant Sneden.* Privileged communications were presented against applicant Arthur Durant Sneden; also the report of the New York Chapter.

*Resolved*, that Mr. Sneden be not elected.

*Applications of Frank Truman Swaine and Ralph H. Cameron.* Privileged communications were presented against applicants Frank Truman Swaine and Ralph H. Cameron; also the report of the Texas Chapter.

*Resolved*, that Messrs. Swaine and Cameron be elected, effective November 11, 1921.

*Application of Clarence E. Wunder.* Privileged communications were presented against applicant Clarence E. Wunder; also the report of the Philadelphia Chapter.

*Resolved*, that Mr. Wunder be elected, effective November 11, 1921.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P. M.

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November 30, 1921.

My dear Mr. Hunt:-

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective November 11, 1921.

You have been assigned to the Tennessee Chapter as an Institute member in good standing therein, and the Secretary of the Chapter has been so advised.

The engrossed Certificate of Membership will be sent to you in due course, after engrossing and signing by the President and Secretary. No charge for dues for the remainder of the current year will be made against you.

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,

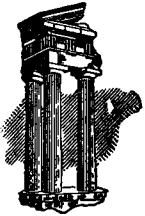
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Mr. R. H. Hunt,  
James Building,  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

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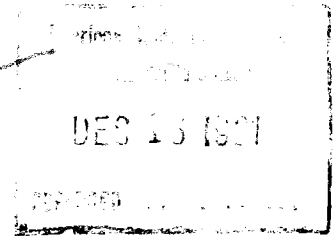
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R. H. HUNT CO.  
~~ARCHITECTS~~  
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE  
DALLAS, TEXAS

JAMES BUILDING  
CHATTANOOGA, TENN. Dec. 14th, 1921.



Mr. Edward C. Kemper,  
Executive Secy.,  
The Octagon House,  
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Sir:-

I have your favor of the 30th ult., announcing my election to the Institute for which I thank you.

I am very glad of having the privilege of the Institute and you will please call on me for any services I can render.

RHH/B

Very truly yours,

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

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December 2, 1921.

My dear Mr. Hunt:-

This is a reminder of your kind offer to send to the Institute a list of architects in Mississippi who have the making of Institute members.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. R. H. Hunt,  
James Building,  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

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Cordially yours,  
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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December 16, 1921.

My dear Mr. Hunt:-

This will acknowledge with thanks yours of December 14. I have written to Mr. Overstreet as per copy of letter enclosed.

If you will keep in touch with this situation to some extent, and will give the Mississippi men encouragement, we will greatly appreciate it.

With best regards,

Cordially yours,

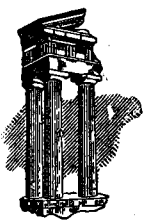
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Mr. R. H. Hunt,  
James Building,  
Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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R. H. HUNT CO.  
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CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE  
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JAMES BUILDING  
CHATTANOOGA, TENN. Apr. 25th, 1923.

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Mr. E. C. Kemper,  
Executive Sec.,  
American Institute of Architects,  
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of yours of the 20th inst., enclosing the following documents:

- The Competition Code,
- Foreword on Competitions
- Principles of Professional Practice and
- The Canons of Ethics
- The Disciplinary Rules.

We wish to thank you for these circulars, but this is not the circulars we had reference to when we wrote you.

You doubtless will call to mind the proceedings of a Committee investigating the complaints of certain Architects on the Pacific Coast where an individual employed several different Architects to make drawings for a given building and agreed with each Architect to pay them a special sum. As we remember this circular, a Committee on Investigation went into the matter and several Architects were penalized and criticised for entering into this Competition. There was a circular sent out giving the proceedings of the Committee and the penalties given the different Architects that participated in this. At this writing we do not recall to mind the specific case, but we feel that with a little thought you can readily call to mind the case we refer to.

There was also another circular of proceedings where one Architect had prepared working drawings for a Club Building on the Pacific Coast and a fellow Architect proceeded to draw additional plans before the Owners had settled with the Architect. This is another circular we would like to have.

Thanking you to let us have these at the earliest moment convenient, we are,

Very truly yours,

R. H. HUNT CO.

BY

*W. L. Love*

WLL/B

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*File Hunt  
Signature 23*

April 28, 1923.

Gentlemen:-

In response to yours of April 25th, we regret that the documents sent in our previous letter were not the ones you had in mind. However, we are pleased to enclose herewith copies of two documents - one with regard to participation in unauthorized competitions, *(under date of Jan. 7, 1920) - "Kalamath at al" case* and the other with regard to undertaking a commission when another architect has claim for compensation. *(under date of July 20, 1920 - Stinson case)*

As these documents are our file copies we would appreciate their return at the earliest possible moment. Perhaps you would like to have copies made to retain in your files. *Such copies*

Very truly yours,

*should be marked  
"Confidential"*

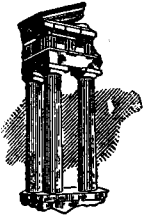
Executive Secretary.

R. H. Hunt Company,  
James Building,  
Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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R. H. HUNT CO.  
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JAMES BUILDING  
CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

May 19th, 1923.

Mr. Edward C. Kemper,  
Sexecutive Secretary,  
Octagon House,  
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Sir:

Sometime since we had some correspondence with The Lamar Life Insurance Co., of Jackson, Miss., relative to a new building that they contemplated. At that time they had a lot on the side street and we visited Jackson, consulted with the Officials, prepared some preliminary sketches showing the possibilities on their lot and also prepare some preliminaries showing the possibilities on another lot situated on the main street of the city, which we recommended as being the most desirable. We were hoping at that time that they would commission us to go forward with the work, but after selecting the new location the Committee of the Company visited various cities of the South, examined different office buildings and upon their return decided that they wanted sketches from different Architects whom they had consulted or heard of, and wrote a letter to these Architects dated April 19th, 1923 and I am enclosing correspondence which I have had with these people from that date until the present.

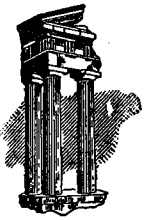
I am advised that the firms from whom they expect sketches are Mr. Hartman, Greensboro, N.C. I have the impression that he is associated with someone in New York. Mr. Nolan, New Orleans, Mr. Overstreet, Jackson, Miss., Sanguinet, Staats & Hedrick, Ft. Worth, Tex., and possibly Mr. Link who now has an office at Baton Rouge, La., handling some college work. The latter has headquarters in St. Louis and formerly did considerable State College work in Mississippi with headquarters at Jackson, Miss.

It seems that Mr. Welty, Vice President & General Manager of The Lamar Life Insurance Co., has gained the impression that the Architects do not adhere strictly to the Regulations of the Institute with reference to competition in this Southern section and it has occurred to me that this being a prominent building would form a good opportunity to impress the importance of the members of the Institute respecting this regulation and if yourself or some member of the Board of Directors could be at Jackson on the 25th or 26th and exert his moral influence and advise it might be well.

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ARCHITECTS  
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE  
DALLAS, TEXAS

JAMES BUILDING  
CHATTANOOGA, TENN. May 19, 1923.

Mr. Edward C. Kemper (2)

I trust that you will not mention our firm in the matter more than is absolutely necessary as it would tend to prejudice the Insurance people against us, but it is our purpose to adhere strictly to the Institute Regulations and in our further conferences with the Committee we will not even submit the preliminary sketches prepared for them in connection with our first conferences.

Very truly yours,

P. S. Kindly advise me if Mr. Nolan, Mr./Overstreet and Mr. Hartman are Members of the Institute.

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# THE LAMAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE

JACKSON, MISS. April 19, 1923.

Mr. R. H. Hunt, Architect,  
James Building,  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

IN ANSWERING  
PLEASE REFER TO

Dear Mr. Hunt:

Our Board of Directors has authorized the erection of an office building, and has appointed a building committee to employ an architect, select plans, and in fact, was given full power to proceed with the building at the earliest possible date.

One of the first things for the building committee to do is to select an architect, and it is the committee's plan to invite four or five architects, yourself being included in that number to submit preliminary sketch or sketches of proposed building with estimate of cost.

We should like to keep the cost of the building proper down to approximately \$350,000.00, and we have an ambition to build not less than ten stories in height, exclusive of basement. We want a fire-proof building, and one with the latest and most improved conveniences, so as to make offices attractive and desirable for rental.

Our lot is on Capitol Street, fronting 82 feet on that Street, and running back 148 feet to a 15 foot alley. The building will face north. It is not a corner lot, being almost in the middle of block. On the west side of our lot there is a church on quite a wide lot, and it is set well back from the Street. Our lot is at about the highest point on Capitol Street, and with church set back as above mentioned, an excellent view of our building could be had from any part of Capitol Street (our main business thoroughfare) especially from the west, from which direction practically all visitors reach our City. We mention this so as to acquaint you with the advertising value we hope to get from the building. On the east side of our lot there are at present only some one-story buildings which will be razed. The First National Bank of this City plans to erect a two-story bank building on the corner, and this will leave about 50 feet between the bank building and our lot, but at this time we do not know in what manner that vacant lot is going to be improved. However, we want to assure ourselves of plenty of light for our building on all sides, and it was for that reason that we purchased a lot 82 feet wide. It is not



probable that any building more than two or three stories would be erected just to the east of us; therefore, our building would stand out from every direction. The City at present is building an auditorium just south of our lot.

We hope to be able to erect a building approximately 50 feet front by 120 feet in depth. We should like to have the front walls, as well as the east and west sides, treated so as to present a good view and give us as much advertising in that way as possible. The principal treatment, of course, we would desire on the front.

The first floor would probably be used for shops and possibly offices in the rear. Our idea is at present to have entrance in center of building, with shops to each side and we believe we can rent to better advantage in that manner. As the main building would not cover the width of our lot, there would be room to erect, if we wished, a small one- or two-story building on each side, running back approximately one-half the depth of the main building. This would assure us plenty of light for the main office building, and, at the same time, give us some valuable ground floor rental space on each side of our main building. These side buildings may be shown in your sketch and estimate, or omitted. You understand of course that this is a mere suggestion. You may have a better idea, but we want to acquaint you as fully as possible with the situation.

It would be the Company's plan to occupy probably the two upper floors in building in the beginning and have floors immediately under us arranged so that we could take them over as needed, in the meantime renting all space possible which is not required by the Company. The exterior design of the building is what we are more especially interested in at present. The exact interior arrangement, while extremely important, we are satisfied can be satisfactorily worked out after architect has been employed. If you wish, you might submit a typical office floor plan.

If you find it impossible to get a ten-story building of approximately the dimensions above stated, namely, 50 by 120 feet, for the sum named, \$350,000.00, or thereabout, we would rather make the building ten stories in height and cut down the dimensions, unless in your opinion a building of smaller dimensions would be much more expensive in proportion to rental area and cost of upkeep.

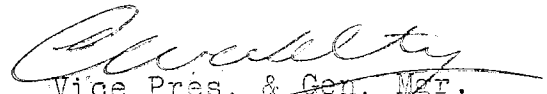
We have told you as accurately as we can the situation we have and about what we wish to spend for a building. If you care to submit sketches and estimates at your expense, we shall be more than pleased to have you do so, and you may rest assured that when the committee is ready to select its architect, what you have submitted will be given very careful attention, and if you wish, the committee will be glad to give you a hearing in connection with your proposed plans.

If you care to go into this matter for us, we should be glad to have you indicate about when you will be ready to submit your plans. If possible, we should like to arrange to have all submitted about the same time, so that our committee can arrange to give a couple of days to the consideration of same.

It is understood, of course, that this Company shall not be liable for any cost nor expense in submitting the preliminary plans and estimates above mentioned.

If there is any additional information which you desire to secure, we shall be very glad indeed to furnish you with same if you will write us or call upon us. We are anxious to select our architect and plans and get building under way at earliest possible date.

Yours very truly,

  
Vice Pres. & Gen. Mgr.

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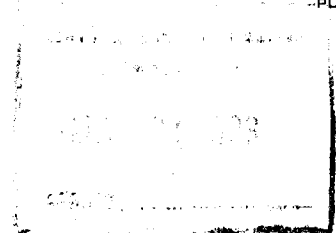
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# THE LAMAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE

**JACKSON, MISS.** April 23, 1923.

IN ANSWERING  
PLEASE REFER TO



Mr. R. H. Hunt, Architect,  
James Building,  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Hunt:

In the event you desire to submit sketches and plans for our proposed building as outlined in our letter of the 19th, please advise whether or not it will be satisfactory for you to submit drawings for exterior in washed sepia, scale one-eighth inch to foot.

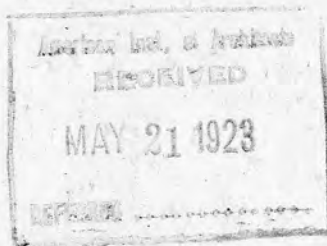
We are making this suggestion to all of the architects from whom we expect sketches, so as to have them uniform, and trust this suggestion will meet with your approval. Please advise.

If possible, we should also like to have sketches submitted to us some time between the 21st and 26th of May, and would prefer to set aside one or two days in that week for considering plans. Will this meet with your approval?

Yours very truly,

W:R

*C. W. Welty*  
Vice Pres. & Gen. Mgr.



Apr. 23rd, 1923.

Mr. C. H. Welty,  
Lamar Life Insurance Co.,  
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Mr. Welty:

Answering your favor of the 19th inst.

Since you have invited other Architects to prepare and submit sketches for your proposed new building we will be unable to prepare special sketches, as this would constitute unauthorized competition, which practice is not favored by the American Institute of Architects, as it has proven very unsatisfactory, both to the Owners and to the Architects and often leads to discreditable practice. Members of the Institute are therefore requested not to enter any competition except under the Institute regulations which provides that each competitor is furnished with the same data, each to prepare the same number of drawings at same scale, each to be paid a nominal fee to assist in defraying the expense of preparing preliminary drawings and in each such competition a disinterested Architect is to serve as advisor to the Owner; thus insuring a fair competition among the Architects and protecting the Owner against inexperienced errors or irregularities on the part of the Architect. You can at once see that this regulation has been developed out of correct motives on the part of the Institute and therefore should be respected by every member of that organization.

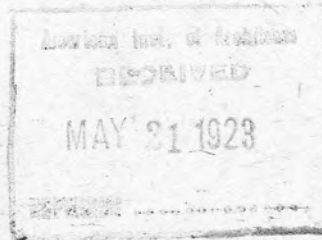
We have a right to show you any drawings or sketches that we may have that would bear on the subject, or that would give you fair idea of our work and when you are ready to settle on the Architect either my brother or myself will be glad to come to Jackson, bringing with us sketches and drawings of the Provident building, together with any other sketches that we may have which might seem of interest to your Committee and which I trust may be sufficient to satisfy your Committee of the advisability of placing your work in our hands in which case we will take hold of the problem and secure for you the best results that can be had for the amount invested.

Very truly yours,

RHH/B



Apr. 24, 1923.



Mr. C. W. Wolty,  
Lamer Life Insurance Co.,  
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Mr. Wolty:

Answering your favor of the 23rd inst.

I wrote you yesterday stating just what we could do for you and so far as I know we could be with you most any day the latter part of next month that may suit your convenience.

Awaiting your favor, I am,

Very truly yours,

RHH/B

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# THE LAMAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE

JACKSON, MISS.

April 24, 1923.

IN ANSWERING  
PLEASE REFER TO

Mr. R. H. Hunt,  
James Bldg.,  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Hunt:

Your letter of the 23rd instant.

Of course, we shall be very glad to have you or your brother call, bringing sketches and drawings of the Provident building, together with any other sketches you may have which you think would be of interest to our Committee, but inasmuch as the Committee has decided upon the plan outlined in our letter of the 19th instant for selecting an architect, I fear that the plan you mention would practically eliminate you unless the Committee did not find what it wanted in the plans submitted by the other architects.

We appreciate the fact that the plan which we suggested does not <sup>fully</sup> conform with the rules of the American Institute of Architects, though we find a number of the members of that Institute who are ready and anxious to submit sketches as we suggested. Yesterday we wrote you and the other four or five architects we believe interested, suggesting that sketches be submitted in sepia washed drawings. Our object in doing this was to prevent some plan that might not have much real merit from being made attractive by a lot of coloring and decorative work.

If you care to submit sketch outlined, we can assure you that you will receive fair and impartial treatment, and that the merits of the plan only, ~~and~~ as the Committee may consider the merits, will be considered in selecting an architect. Of course, we shall be glad to have an architect come before the Committee, if he wishes to do so, but we should prefer to have all of the sketches submitted at about the same time so that the Committee can give a couple of days to that particular purpose, and we had hoped the week of May 21st would be satisfactory and would give all the architects to whom invitation was sent, and who are interested, ample time to get up sketches.

Yours very truly,

  
Vice Pres. & Gen. Mgr.

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# THE LAMAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE

JACKSON, MISS. May 7, 1923.

IN ANSWERING  
PLEASE REFER TO

Mr. R. H. Hunt, Architect,  
James Building,  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Hunt:

Our building committee will set aside Thursday and Friday, May 24th and 25th, and Saturday, the 26th, if necessary, to consider preliminary sketches for our proposed building, and after considering such sketches on those dates, will make selection of architect.

If you wish to submit sketches in accordance with invitation in our letter of April 19th, we trust it will be convenient for you to submit them to our committee on the dates above named.

Please advise whether or not these dates will be satisfactory to you.

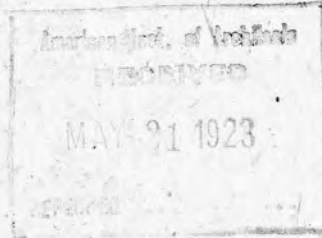
Yours very truly,

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*C. W. Welty*  
Vice Pres. & Gen. Mgr.



May 9th, 1923.



Mr. C. W. Welty,  
Lamar Life Insurance Co.,  
Jackson, Miss.

My Dear Sir:

Answering your favor of the 7th inst.

It is the purpose that either my brother or myself will be in Jackson on 24th, 25th or 26th in order to offer our services as architects for your new office building, but as before indicated we will not submit any special sketches for this building, because this would be violating the regulations of the American Institute of Architects, as fully explained in my letter of April 23rd, which rule has been developed out of experience and based on correct motives on the part of the Institute with the purpose of maintaining a high standard of practice by its Members.

We would like very much to design your new building as we have been hoping for the opportunity of designing a modern office building for Jackson, and after thoroughly considering the question I trust that your Committee may find it to the interest of the enterprise to have us serve you based on our experience in such work, which after all is the safest way of selecting a man in any of the professions.

Very truly yours,

RHW/B

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# THE LAMAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE

JACKSON, MISS.

May 11, 1923.

IN ANSWERING  
PLEASE REFER TO

Mr. R. H. Hunt, Architect,  
James Building,  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Hunt:

Your letter of the 9th and we are pleased to note that either you or your brother will be in Jackson the 24th, 25th or 26th instant in connection with our proposed building.

With reference to the regulations of the American Institute of Architects, we knew something of some such regulations, though we were under the impression that a great many of the members, especially in the South, did not carefully regard such rules, and that they frequently entered into competition along the line which we suggested.

Yours very truly,

W:R

  
Vice Pres. & Gen. Mgr.

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May 22, 1923.

My dear Mr. Hunt:

Your letter of May 19th is at hand. ~~As~~ with regard to the men mentioned:

Hartman, of Greensboro, not an A. I. A. member - Nolan, of New York, not an A. I. A. member - N. W. Overstreet, Jackson Miss., is A. I. A. member - Sanguinet and Staats, Fort Worth, Texas, are Institute members.- T. C. Link, Baton Rouge, La., is an Institute member.

All of these men who are Institute members are bound by the Canons of Ethics of the Institute. Several copies are enclosed.

The Institute is one professional society that enforces its rules of good sportsmanship. When it learns of violations the members concerned are disciplined accordingly.

Shall I turn your letter over to the Committee on Practice, calling particular attention to your desire not to appear conspicuously as a complainant; or do you wish to write a further letter giving the facts, without making any charge, and requesting that the Institute Committee on Practice investigate? Please let me hear from you on this point.

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I know that the Officers and Directors appreciate the support you are giving to ~~get~~ practice in the Southern States and it is through such firms as your own that conditions can be bettered.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

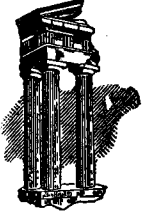
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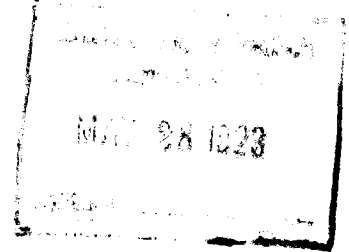
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R. H. HUNT CO.  
ARCHITECTS  
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE  
DALLAS, TEXAS

JAMES BUILDING  
CHATTANOOGA, TENN. May 25th, 1923.



Mr. E. C. Kemper,  
Executive Secretary,  
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Sir:

Answering your favor of the 22nd inst., relative  
to the Jackson, Miss., proposition.

It is my purpose to be in Jackson tomorrow and  
after conferring with the Insurance people further will report  
to you, the conditions which I find.

Very truly yours,

RHH.B.

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June 28, 1923.

My dear Mr. Hunt:-

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of June 23 enclosing original letter of May 28 from the Vice President and General Manager of The Lamer Life Insurance Company of Jackson, Mississippi, both letters being with regard to the participation of Institute members in a competition at Jackson, Miss.

The correspondence has been submitted to the Chairman of the Institute Committee on Practice, Mr. Henry H. Kendall of Boston. I am sure he will make further acknowledgment to you, and that this matter will receive the very careful attention of the Committee on Practice.

In submitting it to the Institute you have acted in accord with the spirit of a pronouncement frequently made by the Board that it is the duty of every member to advise his professional society when other members fail to observe its Code of Honor.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. R. H. Hunt, Architect,  
James Building,  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

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March 16, 1925.

Dear Sir:-

Acting under the Disciplinary Rules of the Institute, I beg to send herewith a copy of the findings of the Judiciary Committee, as they will be presented to the Board of Directors, in the matter of charges of unprofessional conduct preferred by you against Messrs. M. R. Sanguinet; C. G. Staats; H. W. Overstreet; F. D. Burge; P. S. Stevens; and T. C. Link.

Each of the defendants has been furnished with a copy of the findings and has been notified of the place and hour of the meeting. A copy of the Disciplinary Rules is enclosed, and your attention is called to Rule 6.

A similar notice will be sent to you by the Secretary of the Institute.

Very truly yours,

Chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. R. H. Hunt,  
James Building,  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

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August 26, 1931.

My dear Mr. Gauntt:

This will acknowledge your letter of August 19th, which came to hand on August 22d, in which you prefer charges of unprofessional conduct against Messrs. H. H. Hunt and B. F. Hunt, Institute members of the Tennessee Chapter.

Your letter and its enclosures have been transmitted, by registered mail, to Mr. Abram Garfield, 915 National City Bank Building, Cleveland, Ohio, Chairman of the Committee on Practice.

I am sure that you will hear from him promptly in further acknowledgment.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. James G. Gauntt,  
1319 Hamilton Bank Building,  
Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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March 16, 1925.

Dear Sir:-

You have received from the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee a copy of the findings of that Committee on the charges preferred by you against Messrs. Sanguinet, Staats, Overstreet, Burge, Stevens, and Link; you have also received a copy of the Disciplinary Rules governing the procedure in such matters.

This will advise you that the case will be heard by the Board of Directors of the Institute at a meeting in New York City on April 20th at 3.00 P.M., at the Hotel Roosevelt, Madison Avenue and Forty-sixth Street.

Under Rule 6 of the Disciplinary Rules you have the privilege of appearing at such hearing, if you so desire.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Mr. R. H. ~~Hunt~~,  
James Building,  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

By Registered Mail.

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August 25, 1951.

My dear Mr. Gauntt:

This will acknowledge your letter of August 19th, which came to hand on August 22d, in which you prefer charges of unprofessional conduct against Messrs. H. H. Hunt and E. F. Hunt, Institute members of the Tennessee Chapter.

Your letter and its enclosures have been transmitted, by registered mail, to Mr. Abram Garfield, 915 National City Bank Building, Cleveland, Ohio, Chairman of the Committee on Practice.

I am sure that you will hear from him promptly in further acknowledgment.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. James G. Gauntt,  
1519 Hamilton Bank Building,  
Chattanooga, Tennessee.

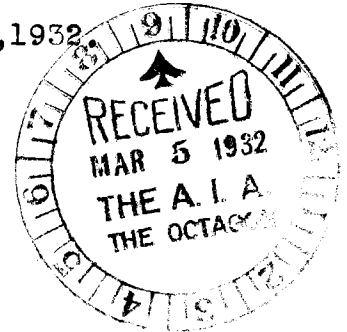
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How are you?  
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Answers for 1932  
Checked 1921

R. H. HUNT CO.  
ARCHITECTS  
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

R. H. HUNT  
B. F. HUNT  
T. G. STREET

March 3rd, 1932



Mr. Frank C. Baldwin,  
American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon,  
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Sir:

My attention has been called to Article 10,  
Section 2 (a) of the By-Laws of the American Institute of  
Architects applying to members of the Institute reaching  
the age of seventy years, it having been my good fortune  
to pass this mile stone on the 2nd of February last and it  
was thought fitting that this information be passed on to  
you as Secretary of the Institute.

Very truly yours,

RHH/B

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. H. Hunt".



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Board*

March 9, 1932

Dear Mr. Hunt:

On behalf of the Secretary, we wish to acknowledge your letter of March 3rd, regarding Article 10, Section 2 (a) of the Institute By-Laws.

Since you have reached the age of seventy years, and have been an Institute member since 1921, it would appear that you are entirely eligible to have your name placed on the retired list of The American Institute of Architects.

We shall be glad to bring the matter before the Board of Directors at its meetings shortly after the middle of April, and just preceding the Convention. You will be advised promptly thereafter of the action taken.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. R. H. Hunt,  
James Building,  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

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May 18, 1932.

My dear Mr. Hunt:

The Minutes of the April meeting of the Board of Directors have been approved and we are now in a position to write the formal letters.

This will advise that the Board, by resolution, placed you on the retired list of the Institute, effective December 31, 1931.

This makes no change in your status as an active member except that it relieves you of the payment of Institute dues.

By direction of the Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. R. H. Hunt,  
James Building,  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

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February 18, 1938.

Dear Mr. Bealer:-

A report has been received here at The Octagon  
of the death of Mr. P. H. Hunt, of Chattanooga, a  
Member Emeritus of The Institute.

Will you kindly verify this, so that we may make  
the proper notation on the records.

Your cooperation in the matter will be greatly  
appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

L.A.

Executive Secretary.

Mr. William P. Bealer, Secretary,  
The Tennessee Chapter, A.A.A.,  
1547 West Clinch Ave.,  
Knoxville, Tennessee.

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