

Application for Membership—A. I. A.

No. E-54 Chapter: Boston  
 Name: Homsey, Samuel E.  
 Initiation Fee: Paid 3/22/35  
 Annual Dues: Paid 3/22/35  
~~Exhibits~~ Certificate, Cert. rec'd  
~~Exhibits~~ Endorsement  
 Acknowledgment by Secretary—~~President~~ O.K.  
 Endorsements: O.K.  
 Board of Examiners: May, 1935, meeting  
~~Board of Directors or Executive Committee~~ " " "  
 The Octagon: " " issue  
 Privileged: No  
 Elected: June 21, 1935  
 Exhibits Returned: None  
 Remarks:

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Application for Membership

FEBRUARY 4, 1935

Institute of Architects.

American Institute of Architects, and certify that the following state-

HOMSEY  
AVE - JAMAICA PLAIN - MASSACHUSETTS.  
MASS. [City.] AUGUST [State] 29, 1904.  
INST. OF TECHNOLOGY - 1926.

[Diploma or Certificate of graduation (or photostatic copy) must accompany this application.]

[If required in your case, attach evidence (or photostatic copy).]

oyal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first

[If required in your case, state which, and attach evidence of Certificate (or photostatic copy).]

Law and you are not registered, state reasons.

FORINE & SAMUEL HOMSEY.

Have been in practice 6 years. If draughtsman, employed by  
 Collegiate and office training: {1921 (Fall) - 1926 (JUNE) SCHOOL {1923-25 SUMMERS} OFFICE TRAINING  
 Previous application for membership, if any: AS JUNIOR A. I. A - 1927 JAN.  
 [Date of Application]

I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute and the circular of advice relative to "Principles of Professional Practice," 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.

(1) Samuel E. Homsey.  
 [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 (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
 [Insert date of election to chapter.] [Signature of the Secretary of the chapter.]

If the applicant is not an Associate, the following acknowledgment must be signed:

Without endorsement I hereby take note on behalf of my Chapter that this applicant is applying for Institute membership (3) Walter Richmond  
 [Signature of President or Secretary of Chapter to which the applicant will be assigned if elected.]

We, the undersigned members of The American Institute of Architects, have carefully examined the foregoing statement by the applicant and believe it to be correct. We know the applicant personally, and consider that his work and practice warrant his admission to Membership.

Registration or License Number.  
 (Essential if Registered)

It is not mandatory that applicants from Registration or License law states be registered or licensed. But the current number of Registration or License must appear here if the applicant is registered or licensed.

(4) Henry A. Frost.  
 (5) E. Donald Robt.  
 (6) Harry B. Linn

[The signatures of three Institute members are here required even if the applicant has the unanimous endorsement of his Chapter, in which case certification to that effect should be made above by the Secretary. Unanimous endorsement is that endorsement in which each Institute member of the Chapter had an opportunity to express himself by letter ballot either for or against the applicant proposed, and in which there were no negative votes. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

(7) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Application for Membership

FEBRUARY 4, 1935

To the Secretary of The American Institute of Architects.

I hereby apply for Membership in The American Institute of Architects, and certify that the following statements are correct:

Name SAMUEL E. HOMSEY

Address 40 GREENOUGH AVE - JAMAICA PLAIN - MASSACHUSETTS

Place and date of birth BOSTON - MASS. AUGUST 29 - 1904

Graduate in architecture MASS. INST. OF TECHNOLOGY - 1926

Holder of Scholarship in architecture

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 your State has a Registration or License Law and you are not registered, state reasons

If practicing architect, firm name VICTORINE & SAMUEL HOMSEY

Have been in practice 6 years. If draughtsman, employed by

Collegiate and office training 1921 (Fall) - 1926 (JUNE) SCHOOL 1923-25 SUMMERS OFFICE 1926-28 OFFICE TRAINING

Previous application for membership, if any AS JUNIOR A.I.A - 1927 JAN.

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(1) Samuel E. Homsey [Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application was duly elected an Associate of the

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date (2) [Insert date of election to chapter.] [Signature of the Secretary of the chapter.]

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(Essential if Registered) (5) E. Donald Roth

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ERNEST JOHN RUSSELL, PRESIDENT, ST. LOUIS  
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M. H. FURBRINGER, 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT, MEMPHIS



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EDWIN BERGSTROM, TREASURER, LOS ANGELES  
EDWARD C. KEMPER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, WASHINGTON, D. C.

## THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 1, 1935

Dear Mr. Richmond:

Mr. Samuel E. Homsey, whose address is 40 Greenough Avenue, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, has been a Junior of the Institute in good standing for some years past.

The affiliation has expired because Mr. Homsey has reached the age of thirty, and we have advised him accordingly.

This letter is in the nature of a letter of introduction in case the bearer is not acquainted with you, or other officers of the Chapter.

We hope that he will present it with a view to renewing his affiliation with The American Institute of Architects - perhaps as an Associate of the Boston Chapter, or as a full-fledged member of the Institute.

In any event, the Officers of the Institute will appreciate any courtesy that you may extend to Mr. Homsey.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

ECK:C

Mr. Isidor Richmond, Secretary  
Boston Chapter, A. I. A.  
248 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE  
491 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON

February 12th, 1935

Mr. Edward C. Kemper,  
The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I am glad to advise you herewith that  
Mr. Samuel E. Homsey received both our Bachelor's and  
Master's Degrees in Architecture in the year 1926. I  
believe this letter is wanted in connection with his  
membership application since he has passed the age for  
juniorship.

Sincerely yours,



William Emerson, Dean  
School of Architecture

WE/h

Old Baltimore Road,  
Wilmington, Delaware.

May 23, 1935.

Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Executive Secretary.  
American Institute of Architecture,  
The Octagon,  
1741 New York Avenue,  
Washington, D. C.



Dear Mr. Kemper:

I wish to notify the Institute of change of address from 40 Greenough Avenue, Jamaica Plain, Mass. to Old Baltimore Road, Wilmington, Delaware. I am anxiously awaiting news of my acceptance as a full member of the Institute.

Sincerely yours,

*Samuel E Homsey*

Samuel Homsey  
Architect

*No Recd  
By Mr. Kemper  
Effective June 1, 1935  
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

June 21, 1935

Dear Mr. Homsey:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in The American Institute of Architects, effective June 21, 1935.

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

A Membership Card for 1935 is enclosed herewith.

An engrossed Certificate of Membership in The American Institute of Architects will be sent to you as soon as it is completed.

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.

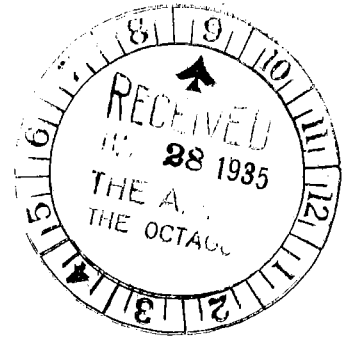
Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

K/G  
Enclosure

Mr. Samuel E. Homsey, A. I. A.,  
Old Baltimore Road,  
Wilmington, Del.

Old Baltimore Road,  
Wilmington, Delaware.  
June 27, 1935.



Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Executive Secretary,  
American Institute of Architects,  
1741 New York Avenue,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I was so glad to receive notice  
that I am a full fledged member of the Institute.

I have just moved my office  
from Boston to Wilmington, Delaware and feel it  
would be better to be associated with the  
Delaware Chapter. Do I arrange this through you?

May I ask you to send and bill  
to me one dozen copies of Form A2, General Con-  
ditions of the Contract, and also a dozen of Form  
A1, Agreement Between Contractor and Owner on the  
regular basis and Cost Plus Fee Basis, also a  
dozen Forms of Agreement Between Owner and Architect.

Will you please also send me The  
Hand Book of Architectural Practice.

] less 259.

Very sincerely yours,

*Samuel E. Homsey*

Samuel E. Homsey  
Architect

AIA.

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12 - agree con  
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1 - Handbook*

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Date Shipped 7/2/35  
Bill sent 7/2/35

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July 1, 1935

Dear Mr. Homsey:

Responding to your letter of June 27th:

We are sending to you, under separate cover, the dozen copies of the General Conditions of the Contract, and of the agreements, as specified; as well as a copy of the Handbook of Architectural Practice.

With reference to the change in your Chapter affiliation, since you have moved from the territory of the Boston Chapter to that of the Delaware Chapter, if you will write to the Boston Chapter Secretary accordingly, he will, in turn, advise this office of the Chapter's recommendation thereon, and the transfer can then be effected from The Octagon.

The enclosed excerpt from the By-laws of the Institute will explain the procedure in detail.

We shall be glad to act on the transfer as promptly as it is received here.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

K/c  
Enc.

Copy to the Secretary,  
Boston Chapter

Mr. Samuel S. Homsey, A.I.A.,  
Old Baltimore Road,  
Wilmington, Del.

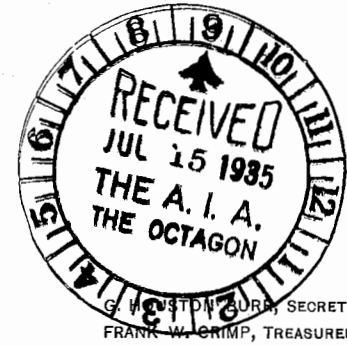




*Chapter of the American Institute of Architects*

H. DALAND CHANDLER, PRESIDENT  
ERNST M. PARSONS, VICE-PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
88 TREMONT STREET, BOSTON



July 12, 1935

Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Executive Secretary  
The Octagon  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I am in receipt of a letter from Samuel E. Homsey, Wilmington, Delaware who was recently elected to membership in the American Institute of Architects and assigned to the Boston Chapter.

Mr. Homsey, I believe, has been a junior member of the A.I.A. for some time and has lived around Boston. Recent economic considerations have caused his change of residence to Wilmington, Delaware and he has asked to be allowed to resign from the Boston Chapter. The Boston Chapter has no objection to his reassignment to some other chapter and there is no obligation on his part to this chapter as he assignment is of such recent date that no bill for membership has been sent to him.

If there is anything further that we need to do in this matter will you kindly let us know.

I am enclosing with this a copy of Mr. Homsey's letter to me as secretary.

Sincerely yours,

c.c. to Mr. Chandler  
" " Mr. Crimp

Secretary

Old Baltimore Road  
Wilmington, Delaware  
July 9, 1935

Mr. G. Houston Burr, Secretary  
Boston Society of Architects  
75 Newbury Street  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Burr:

I have recently moved my office to  
Wilmington, Delaware; therefore I should like to  
resign from the Boston Chapter in order to fulfill  
the by-laws of the A.I.A. Article 8, Section 1.

I have a letter from Mr. Kemper in  
which he says that you will advise the Octagon of  
your recommendation thereon.

I enjoyed my affiliation with the  
Boston Chapter as a junior member of the A.I.A.  
during the past eight years and feel that this resign-  
ation is necessary simply because of change of residence.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel E. Homsey (s)  
Architect

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

COPY

July 17, 1935

Dear Mr. Homsey:

In accordance with a letter of July 12th from Mr. G. Houston Burr, Secretary of the Boston Chapter, we beg to advise that you have been formally transferred, as an Institute Member in good standing, from the Boston Chapter to the Delaware Chapter, effective July 17, 1935.

The Secretary of the Delaware Chapter, Mr. Walter Carlson, du Pont Building, Wilmington, has been advised accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

K/g

Mr. Samuel E. Homsey, A.I.A.,  
Old Baltimore Road,  
Wilmington, Del.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 5, 1943

Dear Lt. Homsey:

In accord with a letter of January 18 from the Secretary of the Delaware Chapter, we write to advise as follows:

Your Institute dues have been waived for the duration of the war - beginning January 1, 1943.

The Officers of The Institute hope that it will be possible for you to maintain your interest in the society throughout this war. They send their best wishes for your safe return to the practice of architecture.

If you have opportunity, we should be glad to have a word from you concerning a permanent address to which THE OCTAGON and other periodic Institute communications should be sent for the duration.

By direction of The Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Lt. Samuel Homsey, U.S.M.  
610 H Street, N.E.  
Washington, D. C.

ECK:ER

cc to: Secretary, Delaware Chapter, Mr. Jones

VICTORINE  
& SAMUEL

HOMSEY

ARCHITECTS • ~~917 GILPIN AVENUE~~ ~~WILMINGTON 12~~ ~~DELAWARE~~

The AMERICAN

INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

FEB 12 AM 9:36

Washington, D.C.

2500 Grant Avenue  
Wilmington, 25  
Delaware  
February 11, 1946

Mr. Alexander C. Robinson, III.  
The Octogan  
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I was released from the United States  
Naval Reserve on the 8th of February, and I  
am now on terminal leave until the 6th of  
April. I have just received my membership  
card for 1946, for which I thank you; and  
I hope to resume active participation in the  
Institute's work.

Sincerely yours,

SAMUEL E. HOMSEY

SEH/DP

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

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COPY

February 21, 1946

Dear Mr. Homsey:

The Institute is pleased to learn of your return to civilian life and - it is hoped - to a constantly improving practice of architecture.

As you may recall, the waiver of a member's dues on account of military service terminates upon his return to civil life - with the provision that such termination shall be on that June 30 or December 31 which follows the date of such return.

Therefore, your Institute dues will start again on July 1, 1946 and a statement will come to you in due course.

If The Institute can be of service to you in any way here in Washington, please command.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer

ECK:D  
cc to: Secretary, Delaware Chapter, A.I.A.

Mr. Samuel E. Homsey, A.I.A.  
2500 Grant Avenue  
Wilmington 25, Delaware

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 1, 1947

American Institute of Architects  
Publications  
The Octagon  
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Both the Bulletin and the Journal of the American Institute of Architects have on their mailing lists Victorine du Pont Homsey and Samuel E. Homsey.

As Mr. and Mrs. Homsey are in one firm at the same address, we would appreciate your sending just one of these publications to them.

Very truly yours,

*Hamid E. Jones*  
Secretary

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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COPY

Homsey

October 2, 1947

Dear Miss Jones:

This is in reply to your letter of October 1.

Thank you for the suggestion that The Institute need send only one copy of the Journal and of the Bulletin to this address. However, it is a requirement of the By-laws that each member be sent a copy, and we, therefore, have no choice in the matter.

Perhaps Mr. and Mrs. Homsey would prefer to have one copy sent to their home and one to their office. This change could be made if you would give us permission and the proper address.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director

Miss Harriet E. Jones, Secretary  
c/o Victorine & Samuel Homsey, Architects  
917 Gilpin Avenue  
Wilmington 12, Delaware

K:R:B



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Plan 111

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MARKLEY STEVENSON, F.A.S.L.A.  
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER.  
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1500 WALNUT STREET  
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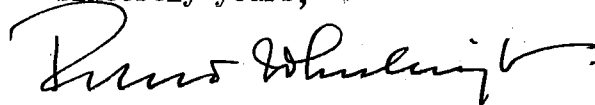
June 12, 1953

Mr. Edmund R. Purves  
Valley Farm  
Media, Pa.

Dear Mr. Purves:

I have proposed Sam Homsey for non-resident membership in the Century. He has given me your name as one whom he knows. If you would care to write a letter endorsing his candidacy I would greatly appreciate it if you would let me know.

Sincerely yours,



Robert Wheelwright

RW/mm

*Aug 6.*  
*Asked Louis Bissell to second -*  
*he was in England & the matter*  
*got delayed - has now been attended to.*

*member  
Homsey, Samuel*

*f*

Administration Building  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.

August 20, 1953

Dear Mr. Wheelwright:

Upon my return to the office on Monday last, I found your letter regarding Sam Homsey's nomination for non-resident membership in the Century Club.

I am very happy to write a letter in his behalf to the Club, a copy of which is enclosed, and it is my sincere hope that his nomination will be acted upon favorably.

Inasmuch as I cannot use my right hand, due to having had it operated on three weeks ago, I shall have to ask Mrs. Day to sign my mail for the next week or two.

Sincerely yours,

Edmund R. Purves  
Executive Director

Mr. Robert Wheelwright, F.A.S.L.A.  
1500 Walnut Street  
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Enclosure

ERP:mbh

Administration Building  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.

August 20, 1953

Gentlemen:

It gives me much pleasure to address you in behalf of Mr. Samuel E. Homsey of Wilmington, Delaware, who has been proposed for non-resident membership in the Century Club.

I have known Mr. Homsey for many years. He is a very distinguished gentleman and is well known in the architectural profession and in his community. He is a past Chairman of the Committee on Allied Arts of The American Institute of Architects, a past Director of the Wilmington Academy of Art, has written several articles for ARCHITECTURAL FORUM, and has received many awards in recognition of his outstanding architectural achievements.

It is my earnest hope that Mr. Homsey's nomination for membership in the Century Club will receive favorable consideration.

Inasmuch as I cannot use my right hand, due to having had it operated on three weeks ago, I shall have to ask Mrs. Day to sign my mail for the next week or two.

Respectfully yours,

Edmund R. Purves  
Executive Director

The Century Association  
7 West 43rd Street  
New York 18, N. Y.

ERP:mhb

cc: Mr. Robert Wheelwright, F.A.S.L.A.  
1500 Walnut Street  
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Administration Building  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.

November 6, 1953

Mr. Joseph E. Carbonell, Jr., Secretary  
Delaware Chapter, A.I.A.  
909 Tatnall Street  
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Mr. Carbonell:

On behalf of The Jury of Fellows this will acknowledge receipt of the nomination made by the Executive Committee of the Delaware Chapter to advance Mr. Samuel Eldon Homsey, A.I.A., to Fellowship in The Institute.

The filing of this nomination has been recorded and, if completed in time, will be submitted to The Jury of Fellows at its meeting in March, 1954.

The first page of the nomination form is returned herewith, in order that you may secure additional signatures of the Executive Committee of the Chapter. The Jury requires that at least a majority of the members of such Committee shall sign the nomination.

Also, photographic exhibits of the architectural work of Mr. Homsey must be filed before March 1st - but we feel sure that you have this in mind and will take care of this submission.

When the properly signed first sheet of the nomination form and the exhibits are received, the nomination will be in order for consideration by the Jury.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Cervais  
Secretary to The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.

Enclosure

DELAWARE CHAPTER  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE  
909 Tatnall Street

January 18, 1954

Miss Florence H. Gervais  
Secretary to The Jury Of Fellows, A.I.A.  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 6, D.C.

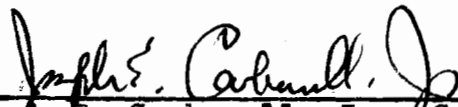
Dear Miss Gervais:

Reference is made to your letter of November 6, 1953 in which you returned the first page of the nomination form.

The page is returned herewith signed by all members of the Executive Committee of our Chapter.

We shall send you the other required exhibits before March 1, 1954.

Very truly yours,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph E. Carbonell, Jr., Sect.  
Delaware Chapter, A. I. A.

JEC:rev

NO NF 479



Received Oct. 30, 1953

Voted On Mar. 18, 19 54

Voted On 19 .

Voted On 19 .

Granted Mar. 18, 1954  
Design

NO M 479

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
JURY OF FELLOWS

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. *Name of Nominee* Samuel Eldon Homsey *Date of Nomination* Oct. 29, 1953.
2. *Address of Nominee* 917 Gilpin Avenue, Wilmington 6, Delaware
3. *Nominee's firm* Victorine & Samuel Homsey, Architects
4. *Nominee's principal place of business* Delaware
5. *Nominee's Chapter* Delaware Chapter, A.I.A.
6. *Nominee's State Organization*
7. *Nominee admitted to Institute* 1935
8. *Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from* 1935 19 to Dec. 31, 1953.
9. *Nominee's age* 49 yrs. *Birthplace* Boston, Massachusetts
10. *Nominators:* Executive Committee, Delaware Chapter, A.I.A.

11. *Achievement* in Design

Exhibits Rec'd

(Nominators leave blank)

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

BY CHAPTER

RECEIVED  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
OCT 30 AM 10:04

THE JURY OF FELLOWS, A.I.A.  
The Octagon, 1735 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Date October 29 19 53

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on October 7, 1953, nominated\* Samuel Eldon Homsey member of this Chapter, for fellowship in The Institute. We enclose evidence of the qualifications of the nominee for the fellowship on which the nomination was based and certify the resolution is as follows:

\*Type in full name.

"Whereas, this Executive Committee believes\* Samuel Eldon Homsey a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the profession because of his achievement in\*\* Design that he is worthy of fellowship in The Institute; and

\*Type in full name.

\*\*Type in "Design," "Science of Construction," "Literature," "Education," "Service to The Institute," or "Public Service," as is appropriate.

"Whereas, said member has been in good standing in this Chapter for † 18 years prior to this date; therefore be it

†Type in number of years.

"Resolved, That †† the Delaware Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate\*

††Type in name of Chapter.

\*Type in full name.

for fellowship in The Institute, and the President and the Secretary be and hereby are authorized and directed to prepare the nomination papers and forward them to The Jury of Fellows of The Institute and to do all things proper to forward said nomination."

*Walter Blair*  
*A. Stanton*

*Albert Kruse*  
*William F. Bourne Jr.*  
*Joseph E. Carbonell, Jr.*  
Joseph E. Carbonell, Jr.

Secretary.

THE NOMINATORS SHOULD SEE THAT LETTERS OR DATA ARE SENT TO THE JURY OF FELLOWS IN SUPPORT OF THIS NOMINATION.

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BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

- 1. Nominee's full name Samuel Eldon Homsey
- 2. Nominee is a natural ~~foreign~~ citizen of the United States of America
- 3. Nominee's legal residence Hockessin, Delaware
- 4. Nominee's firm name Victorine & Samuel Homsey, Architects
- 5. Nominee's principal place of business, address 917 Gilpin Avenue, Wilmington 6, Delaware

2. Strike out inappropriate word and write in name of Country.

7. Type in "N.C. A. R. B." or name of State Board, as case may be.

Strike out inappropriate words.

Type in date of birth and city and Country.

- 6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by State Board of Registration of Architects - Delaware, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maryland and Pennsylvania

- 7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a practicing architect ~~architectural~~  
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- 8. Born August 29, 1904 Place of birth Boston, Massachusetts

- 9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:

	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
High School				
Private School				
College or University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	4	1926	BS in Architecture
College or University				
Post Graduate at	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1	1927	Master in Architecture
Scholarships held				

- 10. Other data concerning nominee's record.  
1943-1944 Head of Design Section-Special Devices Division-US Navy  
1944-1946 Assistant Director - Special Devices Division -US Navy

Member County Planning Commission - 1947 to Present  
 Chairman County Zoning Commission - 1951 to present  
 Member Board of Park Commissioners - 1951 to present  
 Member City Planning Commission - 1952 to present

Regional and State Merit Awards - Maryland Society of Architects  
 for Cambridge Yacht Club

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Nominators should read "Principles Underlying the Bestowal of Fellowships", Institute Document No. 9 before completing this nomination. Additional sheets may be inserted to supplement any page, 3 to 7, inclusive. Use typewriting only.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

1. Works

Type (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	Identification of Work	Location of Work  (City) (State)		Completed Construction Work (Year)	Photographs Drawings, or Sketches Submitted
c	Louviers	Wilmington	Del.	1936	2
c	Mt. Cuba	Wilmington	Del.	1936	4
c	Architect's House	Wilmington	Del.	1940	2
c	Summer Res.	Falmouth	Mass.	1953	2
d	Delaware Art Center	Wilmington	Del.	1938	2
d	Drama League Theatre	Wilmington	Del.	1938	2
d	Site Plan for Martin Farms Village	Seaford	Del.		
d	Country Club	Seaford	Del.	1941	2
d	Elementary School	Wil.	Del.	1953	4
d	Comprehensive High School	Dover	Del.	1952	4
d	Motor Vehicles Building	Wilmington	Del.	1942	2

Under column headed "Type" type in (a), (b), (c), or (d), as the case may be.

Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

Exhibits to be submitted prior to March 1, 1954

2. Describe nominee's notable work in design, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

(See Attached Sheet)

Mr. Homsey has conducted his architectural practice with integrity and distinction. He has met the problems of an architect practicing in a small city where a year's work could include schools, housing, churches, shops, residences, and alterations. The wide range of design necessary to meet this diversity of problems and produce logical and direct solutions we feel is a very definite consideration in the judgement of his ability.

Mr. Homsey has been a leader in establishing contemporary architecture in this area. His contribution to the profession in this respect alone has been considerable. We feel that he has gone beyond this statement, in the fact that, due to a profound respect for the historic forms and styles of architecture, his work combines a freshness of approach, an honest sense of suitability with those other rare ingredients which are so necessary in producing an end result which can be called beautiful. For his constant striving for these goals, we recommend this nominee for advancement to Fellowship.

POPE AND KRUSE  
ARCHITECTS  
1108 WASHINGTON STREET  
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

GEORGE E. POPE, A.I.A.  
ALBERT KRUSE, A.I.A.  
LEROY J. WHITE  
REGISTERED ARCHITECTS

WILLIAM E. CAREW, JR.  
REGISTERED ENGINEER

February 22, 1954

Miss Florence H. Gervais  
Secretary to the Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Gervais:

Under separate cover we have sent the exhibit to be included with Mr. Samuel E. Homsey's nomination for Fellowship.

We would appreciate a word from you acknowledging receipt of the above at your convenience. We are assuming that our work is now complete and thank you very much for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

*Albert Kruse*

For the Executive Committee  
Delaware Chapter A.I.A.

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Administration Building  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.

February 25, 1954

Mr. Albert Kruse, F.A.I.A.  
1108 Washington Street  
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Mr. Kruse:

The package of exhibits supporting the nomination of Mr. Samuel E. Homsey, A.I.A., for Fellowship has been received and will be held for submission to The Jury of Fellows at its meeting next month.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais  
Secretary to The Jury of Fellows

P.S. - I have just noticed that there are no supporting letters written on Mr. Homsey's behalf, and call to your attention page 2 of the "Instructions for Submission of Exhibits" attached.

POPE AND KRUSE  
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February 26, 1954

Miss Florence H. Gervais  
Secretary to the Jury of Fellows  
1714 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Samuel E. Homsey  
Nomination

Dear Miss Gervais:

Your letter at hand confirming receipt of Samuel E. Homsey's exhibit. Your P.S. about no supporting letters comes as somewhat of a shock. When I last saw the portfolio the letters were all mounted on white sheets in the front of the portfolio. Unless something happened to them since then they should still be there. Would you mind taking a second glance? There were fifteen or twenty letters.

Thanks again for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



Albert Kruse

AK:T

Administration Building  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.

March 1, 1954

Mr. Albert Kruse, F.A.I.A.  
1108 Washington Street  
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Mr. Kruse:

I hasten to send my apologies!

The package which was received from you has been placed in the vault with other photographic exhibits being held for The Jury of Fellows, and without being opened inasmuch as it was clearly identified as being exhibits supporting Mr. Homsey's nomination.

Customarily supporting letters are addressed to The Jury of Fellows at this address and are received directly from the members and others writing on behalf of the nominees, and placed in letter files.

If packages of exhibits can be put away without disturbing or opening them, I follow that procedure.

But I have learned a lesson and will be sure to double-check another time before I place my neck so invitingly on the chopping block!

Everything is now in order.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais  
Secretary to The Jury of Fellows

Administration Building  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.

March 24, 1954

Dear Mr. Honsey:

The American Institute of Architects desires to confer upon you the honor of Fellowship and membership in the College of Fellows in accord with the action of The Jury of Fellows at its recent meeting.

The purpose of this letter is to request your presence at the 1954 Convention of The Institute to be held in Boston, Massachusetts, starting June 15, 1954, in the Hotel Statler.

At the formal Dinner of the Convention on the evening of Friday June 18, those who have been elected to Fellowship will receive their certificates. Presentation will be with appropriate ceremony and it is highly important that each of the newly-elected Fellows be present. The Officers of The Institute and The Jury of Fellows join in the request that you come to receive this honor in person.

Your Chapter has been notified and has been requested to make no public announcement until after such announcement has been released by The Institute.

Please send your response to The Institute at an early convenient date.

Yours sincerely,

Edmund R. Purves  
Executive Director

Mr. Samuel Eldon Honsey, F.A.I.A.  
917 Gilpin Avenue  
Wilmington 6, Delaware

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March 26, 1954

Mr. Edmund R. Purves  
The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, NW  
Washington 6 D. C.

Dear Mr. Purves:

Thank you very much for your letter of March  
24 telling me of my great good fortune and  
honor. I plan to attend the convention in  
Boston.

Sincerely yours,

*Samuel E. Homsey*  
Samuel E. Homsey

SEH:REJ



March 25, 1954

Mr. Samuel E. Homsey, F.A.I.A.  
917 Gilpin Avenue  
Wilmington 6, Delaware

Dear Mr. Homsey:

At the recent meeting of The Jury of Fellows you were selected for advancement to Fellowship and membership in the College of Fellows of the A.I.A. for achievement in Design.

At the Convention there will be an exhibition of the work of the newly-elected Fellows premiated for Design, and to that end the Jury has had to make as comprehensive, yet as small a selection of your exhibits as possible for this occasion.

Under separate cover your entire exhibit is being returned, and those selected for showing are designated by a sticker on the reverse side, with the following notation: "Selected for display at Boston Convention."

These should be enlarged to conform with the instructions enclosed (see pages 3 and 4) and should be sent to:

Mr. Arthur B. Holmes, Convention Manager  
The American Institute of Architects  
C/o Boston Storage Warehouse Company  
Huntington Avenue and Forsyth Street  
Boston 15, Massachusetts

to be delivered not later than June 10, 1954.

We should like you to keep this information confidential.

Cordially yours,

Albert Simons, Chairman  
The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.

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Enclosure

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 26, 1954

Mr. Albert Simons, Chairman  
The Jury of Fellows, AIA  
The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 6 D. C.

Dear Mr. Simons:

Thank you for your wonderful news about my  
great honor. I will follow instructions  
and prepare the exhibit.

Cordially yours,

*Samuel E. Homsey*  
Samuel E. Homsey

SEH:HEJ

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Homsey, Samuel E.

*Mrs Shackleton*

Name: Samuel E. Homsey

Pronunciation: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: (correct title) Member of Firm

Place of Birth: Boston, Mass. Date of Birth: August 29, 1904

Names of Parents: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Married to: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Education: (Degrees, Institutions, dates) Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Degrees: BS in Architecture and Masters in Architecture 1926

Summary of Major Professional Experiences and Accomplishments:  
(Including names of principal buildings designed; dates; and other relevant information)

Delaware Art Center - 1938; William C. Jason School - 1949; William W. M. Henry School - 1952; Charles Richard Drew School - 1954; Frederick Douglass Stubbs School - 1953

ALL LOCATED IN DELAWARE.

Firm (individual or partnership): Victorine & Samuel Homsey, Architects

Former Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Military Service: Special Devices Division - US Navy

Memberships in Professional and Learned Societies:  
(Including offices held; honors received)

Former President - Delaware Chapter AIA - 1952-54.

Philadelphia Water Color Club

Principal writings or artistic works (other than architecture): \_\_\_\_\_

Water Color and Oil Painting represented in Boston Museum and Wilmington Society of Fine Arts.

Home address: Lancaster Pke., Hockessin, Delaware

Business address: 917 Gilpin Avenue, Wilmington 6 Delaware

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Spencer Ervin  
Bala-Cynwyd P.O.  
Pennsylvania

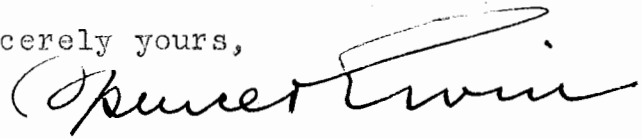
September 28, 1954

Mr. Edmund R. Purves,  
Secretary, A.I.A.,  
Octagon House,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Purves:

At the suggestion of Mr. Alfred Bendiner, made through a mutual friend, I am addressing you for brief information on Mr. Samuel Homsey, recently made a Fellow of A.I.A. All I need is a few facts as to his career, his place of birth and national origin. I suggested his son for membership in a college club of which I am a graduate member and the club has made of me the usual inquiries which I am attempting to answer.

Sincerely yours,



Spencer Ervin

members  
Homsey, Samuel

file

October 5, 1954

Dear Mr. Ervin:

In the absence of Mr. Purves, who is presently attending various Institute meetings in California, this will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 28th with reference to Mr. Samuel Homsey. The following information is being sent to you in the hope that it will be helpful:

Born - August 29, 1904 - Boston, Massachusetts

Education - Mass. Institute of Technology - BS in Architecture 1926  
Master in Architecture 1927

Business Address - 917 Gilpin Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware

Licensed to practice architecture in Delaware, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

He is well known for his architectural design of residences in and about Wilmington. Also the Delaware Art Center, Drama League Theatre, Elementary School, and Motor Vehicles Building, all in Wilmington, and Site Plan for Martin Farms Village and Country Club in Seaford, Delaware, as well as having met the problems of an architect practicing in a small city where a year's work could include schools, housing, churches, shops, residences and alterations.

Mr. Homsey was advanced to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects at the annual Convention in Boston last June. <sup>for achievement in design.</sup>

He is also a member of the County Planning Commission, Board of Park Commissioners, and City Planning Commission, and Chairman of the County Zoning Commission. From 1943 to 1944 he was Head of the Design Section, Special Devices Division, U. S. Navy, and from 1944 to 1946 he was Assistant Director of that Division. He was also the recipient of the Regional and State Merit Awards of the Maryland Society of Architects for the Sanbridge Yacht Club.

Trusting this information will be of some assistance to you,

Very truly yours,

Mr. Spencer Ervin  
Bala-Cynwyd Post Office  
Pennsylvania

(Mrs.) Mabel S. Day  
Secretary to Edmund R. Purves

*Spencer Ervin*

Spencer Ervin  
Bala-Cynwyd P.O.  
Pennsylvania

October 9 1954

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Mrs. Mabel S. Day,  
The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Day:

Thank you so much for your letter of the 5th inst. which gives me just what I needed.

Very truly yours,

*Spencer Ervin*

Spencer Ervin

*Members  
Hon. Samuel E.*

FILE COPY - PLEASE RETURN

November 2, 1956

Mr. Samuel E. Homsey, FAIA  
917 Gilpin Avenue  
Wilmington 6, Delaware

*Andrew Medal  
Fine Arts Medal  
Nominations 1957*

Dear Mr. Homsey:

This is in response to your letter of October 30.

We have the information and supporting data on Andrew Wyeth here at The Institute.

On November 17, The Executive Committee of the Committee on Awards and Scholarships, under the Chairmanship of C. Storrs Barrows, will meet here to consider the recommendations that Committee will make to the Board of Directors for the Fine Arts and Craftsmanship Medals. I would suggest that you call to that Committee's attention Mr. Wyeth's work.

You may also, of course, ask the Regional Director to present the nomination to the Board directly. However, the Board does not have nearly as much time for consideration of nominees as does the Committee, and it must rely to a considerable extent upon the Committee's recommendations.

For your convenience, Mr. Barrow's address is 10 Reynolds Arcade Building, Rochester 4, New York

Yours very truly,

J. W. Rankin  
Administrative Secretary

JWR:mi

cc: Mr. J. Roy Carroll, Jr.



~~STAFF~~  
P.E.S.

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*Handwritten notes:*  
Mr. E. R. Purves  
American Institute of Architects

LETTER FROM VICTORINE HOMSEY

July 1, 1957

Dear Ned:

Knowing that you are interested in the recognition given members of the AIA, I am enclosing an editorial from the Wilmington Morning News which, needless to say, delights me. I think even without my special bias it is well deserved.

It was good to see you and Carol even briefly but I hope that before long we can have a visit with you in less hectic surroundings.

Sincerely,



Mr. E. R. Purves  
American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue NW  
Washington 6 D. C.

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## Six Good Years of Homsey

Without Samuel E. Homsey the Zoning and Planning Commission of New Castle County will continue to function. There is no reason why the men of caliber on those two boards should not take the county forward in the work of examining plats for new construction, holding hearings, and making decisions. But we confess it will be hard to imagine all this going on month after month, year after year, without Mr. Homsey's special brands of imagination, dedication, and judicial temperament.

Mr. Homsey, the architect, resigned last July from the Zoning Commission soon after accepting appointment for a second five-year term. An original member of that agency, he resigned because of pressure of private work. He remained on the Planning Commission. Now, just before expiration of his term on that body, he says he will not be available for reappointment.

This time his many admirers will see no chance of prevailing on him to stay in service. His excuse that he has to be out of the country more than in the past must be accepted. With his architect wife, he is supervising the construction of buildings they designed for the U. S. Embassy in Tehran, capital of Iran.

Some call Mr. Homsey a dreamer and an idealist—and these people fall into two kinds. His friends admire him for his devotion to working for the orderly and sightly growth of this region. The other group are his critics. They include persons who have felt the force of his opposition to what they wanted to do in distorting or invading established land use for their own special interests.

If you ask us what kind of idealism it is that Mr. Homsey practices, we'd reply this way: He has no patience, intellectually, with anything which his education, common sense, and taste tell him is bad for the community as it grows. Nor has he patience with the kind of self-seeking and selfish persons who are out to make

a fast dollar with no regard for the future residential or commercial destiny of the county. But he has shown endless patience in dealing with people, housing developers, or industrial firms who demonstrate a desire to fit their projects into the community.

If he was regarded by many as "Mr. Zoning" himself in the formative years of it here in Delaware, the county and state are fortunate. He leaves many a good guidepost from his active service. We hope he will keep on offering whatever advice and counsel he may think the community needs as time goes on.

*Mr. Samuel E. Homsey, F.A.I.A.*

June 5, 1958

FILE COPY - PLEASE RETURN

Mr. Samuel E. Homsey, F.A.I.A.  
917 Gilpin Avenue  
Wilmington 6, Delaware

Dear Sam:

The Institute's committee structure has become so cumbersome and complicated that not only were we functioning inefficiently but also the financial burden of supporting the committees prevented us from engaging in other needed services to the members. The Board therefore had a study made for the purpose of streamlining our organization. This study recommended a number of changes which have been put into effect. These changes included the abolishment of some committees and reductions in personnel in others.

The Committee on School Buildings has now become a standing vertical committee of only five members. The reduction naturally entails disappointment to those loyal and devoted members who have not been designated to continue on the committee. Personnel decisions were difficult in the extreme, as virtually without exception all members of committees have made substantial contributions to the welfare of the profession and prestige of The Institute.

Selections of those to continue was made by The Board by ballot - in many instances only after prolonged balloting.

Although you have not been selected to continue, The Board has requested me to convey to you its deep gratitude for the service you have rendered and expresses the hope that in the not too distant future further opportunity will be given to call upon you again.

Sincerely yours,

Edmund R. Purves, F.A.I.A.  
Executive Director

Members.  
Honsey, Samuel E.

December 8, 1959

FILE COPY - PLEASE RETURN

Mr. Samuel E. Honsey, F.A.I.A.  
917 Gilpin Avenue  
Wilmington 6, Delaware

Dear Sam:

At the request of President Richards I am pleased to announce your appointment as the replacement member on the National Architectural Accrediting Board, representing The American Institute of Architects.

Your term is for six years--beginning January 1, 1960 and expiring December 31, 1965.

We sincerely hope you will be able to accept this appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Edmund R. Purves, F.A.I.A.  
Executive Director

ERP:hrg

cc: President Richards  
Mr. Whitaker

*Honsey, Samuel E*

*1963*

May 29, 1963

Mr. Samuel E. Honsey, FAIA  
2003 Scott Street  
Wilmington 6, Delaware

*Samuel E. Honsey*

Dear Sam:

On behalf of The President and The Board of Directors I have the pleasure of informing you of your appointment as a member of The Jury of Fellows for a term beginning immediately and ending with the adjournment of the 1966 Convention of The Institute.

These appointments have always been regarded as bringing both honor and call to duty.

We sincerely trust you will be able to accept this appointment and thus make a contribution to the welfare of the profession. The work of the Jury will take some of your time, but the experience of past years has shown that the work is no great burden to the individual member of any committee, with the possible exception of the Jury's annual meeting which now requires from a week to ten days.

The Institute will reimburse you for traveling expenses and costs of living while away from your home city when on Jury business, in accordance with the enclosed statement of expenses. A copy of the Jury's newly-appointed list of members and statement of its duties also is enclosed.

I hope that you will let me know of your acceptance at an early date.

Yours sincerely,

William E. Scheick, AIA  
Executive Director

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Copies to President Carroll  
Director Mas

# THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS



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May 18, 1967

## SAMUEL E. HOMSEY FAIA, VICE PRESIDENT

Samuel E. Homsey FAIA is principal of the firm of Victorine & Samuel Homsey, Inc., of Wilmington, Delaware. He was advanced to Institute Fellowship for Design in 1954. He has served as secretary of the College of Fellows and was chairman of the 1966 Jury of Fellows. In June 1966 he was elected a vice president of AIA.

Homsey has served on national Institute Committees on Internship, School Buildings and International Relations. He was chairman of the Committee on Allied Arts and Institute delegate to the Commission on Government and Art. He served on the National Architectural Accrediting Board from 1960 to 1966 and was president of the NAAB in 1966. He is currently chairman of the National Capitol Committee.

Homsey was born August 29, 1904, in Boston, Mass., and was educated at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, earning his Bachelors Degree in 1926 and Master of Architecture Degree in 1927.

The firm of Victorine & Samuel Homsey, Inc., has been in existence since 1935. Among the wide variety of projects designed by the firm are the American Embassy in Tehran, Iran; the Delaware Art Center; Garden Tours Pavilion and Copeland Lecture Hall for Winterthur Museum; Display Houses for Longwood Gardens; and Stubbs School, Tatnall School and several schools for the Stanton School District, all in Wilmington. The firm also designed a library for Sanford Preparatory School and buildings for the Hospital for the Mentally Retarded.

Homsey's public service activities have included membership on the Board of Penjerdel, Delaware State Planning Commission, Wilmington Board of Park Commissioners, New Castle County Regional Planning Commission and New Castle County Zoning Commission.

Noted as an artist as well as an architect, Homsey is a member of the Philadelphia Water Color Club, American Watercolor Society and Century Association, and as associate of the National Academy of Design. His paintings hang in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Wilmington Society of the Fine Arts and private collections.

Homsey has been design critic at his alma mater, at Cornell University, the University of Virginia and the Rhode Island School of Design.

From 1942 to 1946 he was a Commander in the U. S. Naval Reserve, Special Devices Division, Office of Research and Inventions.

Homsey lives at 1800 Wawaset Street, Wilmington, Del., 19806.

Samuel Homsey born Boston 1904. Bachelor and Master of Architecture degrees from MIT. Began practice Boston 1929 with his wife Victorine; moved to Wilmington, Delaware 1935 where they practice today.

World War II Commander, USNR in Special Devices Division, Office of Research and Invention. Elected to College of Fellows in 1954; Chairman of Jury of Fellows 1965. Institute delegate to Commission on Government and Art 1950-57; Chairman of Committee on Allied Arts 1952-54; member of Committee on Internship 1963-64; member of National Architectural Accrediting Board 1960-66, President 1966. Serving second term as Vice President of the Institute. Has served as a design critic at MIT, Cornell, University of Virginia and Rhode Island School of Design.

Member of Philadelphia Watercolor Club, American Water Color Society, Century Association; associate in National Academy of Design. His paintings are in Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Wilmington Society of Fine Arts and private collections.

Past Secretary and President of Delaware Chapter AIA. First chairman of New Castle County (Delaware) Zoning Commission. Has been member of Regional Planning Commission and Wilmington Board of Park Commissioners, and is presently on Delaware State Planning Commission.

Work includes American Embassy in Tehran, Iran; Longwood Gardens Display Houses; Winterthur Museum Garden Tours Pavilion and Lecture Hall; Delaware Art Center and many churches, schools, institutions and residences.

Samuel E. Homsey, Fellow, The American Institute of Architects

Born, 1904, Boston, Massachusetts

BS and Master in Architecture, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Firm of Victorine & Samuel Homsey, Inc., Architects, Wilmington, Delaware since 1935

Practice includes a wide variety of projects:

- The American Embassy in Tehran, Iran
- Delaware Art Center
- Winterthur Garden Tours Pavilion and Lecture Hall
- Longwood Gardens Display Houses
- The Stubbs School
- Sanford Library
- The Tatnall School
- Schools for the Stanton School District
- Schools for the Dover Special School District
- Buildings for the Hospital for the Mentally Retarded

Member:

- Vice President of the AIA, 1966-1967
- Chairman of the Committee on the National Capital
- Chairman of the AIA Task Force on the West Front of the Capitol
- Member of the Joint Committee on the National Capital
- National Architectural Accrediting Board, 1960-1966; President 1966
- Jury of Fellows, AIA, 1964-1966; Chairman 1966
- Committee on Internship, AIA, 1963-1964
- Committee on International Relations, AIA, 1949
- Secretary of the College of Fellows, AIA, 1961-1962
- Chairman of Committee on Allied Arts, AIA, 1952-1954
- Institute Delegate to Commission on Government and Art, 1950-1957
- Secretary and President, Delaware Chapter AIA

Member:

- Board of Penjerdel
- Delaware State Planning Commission
- Wilmington Board of Park Commissioners
- New Castle County Regional Planning Commission, 1950-1955
- New Castle County Zoning Commission, 1952-1955 - Chairman

Member:

- Philadelphia Water Color Club
- American Watercolor Society
- Century Association
- Associate, National Academy of Design

Paintings in Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Wilmington Society of the Fine Arts, and private collections.

Teaching:

- Design Critic: MIT, Cornell, University of Virginia, Rhode Island School of Design

Military:

- Commander, USNR, Special Devices Division, Office of Research and Inventions, 1942-1946



Sam - as requested to Bill Johnston -  
Hope all is going well,  
William



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## Application for Membership Emeritus

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Date JANUARY 29, 1979

Name *Samuel E Homsey*  
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Mr. Samuel E. Homsey, FAIA, Member Emeritus  
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Wilmington, Delaware 19806

Dear Mr. Homsey:

It is a pleasure to inform you that your membership classification has been changed to Member Emeritus.

We are grateful for your many years of support and we hope that your participation and interest will continue, even though you are now relieved of further dues payments.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Robert M. Lawrence, FAIA  
Secretary

cc: Delaware Society of Architects