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January 19, 1954

To The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
The Octagon, 1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

My acquaintance with Samuel Homsey dates back to our days at the School of Architecture at M.I.T. and has been continuous for practically thirty years. We have both maintained offices in Wilmington, Delaware for the past twenty years. Throughout this long acquaintance I can look back with real pleasure to the many incidents that have contributed to build up our friendship.

Homsey's integrity in his professional dealings and in his many civic interests is unquestionable in our community. He commands the respect of all the members of our Delaware Chapter, and has served in many capacities with vigor and determination.

In his chosen field of design, he has been equally vigorous and determined. His good taste and ability have made definite contributions to the contemporary architecture of Delaware.

I strongly recommend him to your favorable consideration for advancement to fellowship in the A. I. A.

Sincerely yours,



Albert Kruse, F.A.I.A.

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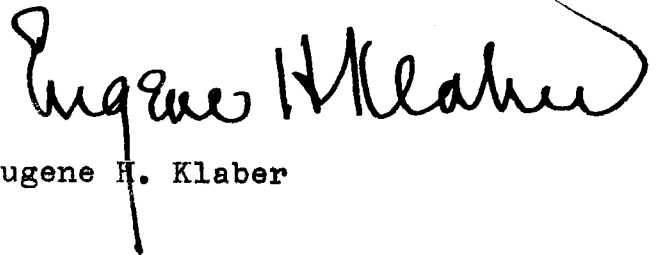
The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am advised that the Executive Committee of the Delaware Chapter has nominated Samuel E. Homsey for advancement to fellowship on the basis of "design".

I have known Mr. Homsey more than fifteen years and have frequently visited the office of the Homsey partnership in Wilmington. I have great admiration for his work, especially in residences and schools. His design is in the modern manner but represents not merely the adoption of a collection of design clichés. I feel that he has carried forward and expressed in a fresh and vital manner the valuable elements in our architectural tradition. I have no hesitancy in urging you very strongly to confer on Mr. Homsey the honor of Fellowship in the Institute.

Very truly yours,



Eugene H. Klaber

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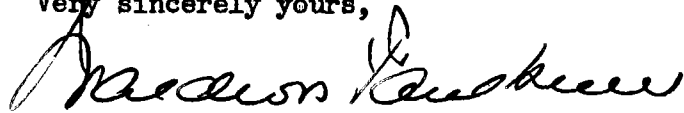
Gentlemen:

It is my understanding that Mr. Samuel Eldon Homsey is being nominated for advancement to Fellowship by the Executive Committee of the Delaware Chapter on the basis of "Design" and I am happy to add my support.

I came to know Mr. Homsey first when he was in Washington serving in the U. S. Navy during the war.

After knowing him I became interested in his work as a talented designer. I know from talking with him that he does all of his own designing at home by staying away from his office several days a week. This means that he actually does his work himself and that he is personally responsible for the excellence of the design which comes out of his office. To my mind this is significant and entitles him to a place among our foremost designers.

Very sincerely yours,



WF:hw

Waldron Faulkner

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25 January 1954

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have been advised of the nomination by the Delaware Chapter of Mr. Samuel Homsey for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute and it is a great pleasure for me to support his nomination.

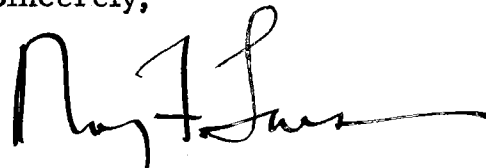
Mr. Homsey's qualifications for this honor are numerous. Every building that he has designed with which I am familiar has distinction, showing extremely careful study, imagination and a practical understanding of the functional aspects of the problem. He is also a painter of exceptional ability, his work having been exhibited in important galleries of this country.

Such accomplishments are sufficient perhaps to qualify him for advancement to Fellowship, but in addition he has been active in civic affairs in his own city, to the credit of himself and his profession. He is at present President of the Delaware Chapter and has had many national committee assignments.

Mr. Homsey had a commendable record of service in the United States Navy during the War and with all his other qualifications he is the possessor of a fine and rare personality.

I not only support his nomination but recommend him to you with the sincere belief that the honor is seldom more deserved.

Sincerely,



Roy F. Larson

RFL/p

WALTER CARLSON, F.A.I.A. • ARCHITECT

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January 25, 1954

The Jury of Fellows, A. I. A.
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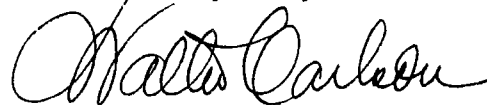
Gentlemen:

Mr. Samuel Homsey, who is being proposed by the Delaware Chapter for a fellowship in the Institute, is recognized by the profession in Delaware as a fine architect. As with all modern design his work is provocative and in some cases controversial, but in general I believe the architects here agree that he has produced some very interesting results with brick, steel and glass.

As a result of his pioneering in modern design in Delaware he has helped to enlighten the public and has made it easier for the public to accept a new approach to design. Our work here has been in the traditional for so many years that it required someone with enough courage of conviction to change the thinking in design and to make it popular. This I believe has been Mr. Homsey's great contribution to design in the State of Delaware. Most of his work along these lines has been expressed in the form of school buildings which have been received by the architects and laymen as very interesting and useful buildings.

With the thought in mind that today nearly all architects believe that modern design is a basis for judging the ability of an architect, I can sincerely commend to your attention Mr. Samuel Homsey as an outstanding architect and a true champion of modern design, who would be a worthy fellow of the Institute.

Yours very truly,



Walter Carlson

WC:bk

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

January 25, 1954

The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
The Octagon, 1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I was very happy to learn that the Delaware Chapter of the A.I.A. has nominated Samuel Homsey for advancement to Fellowship.

I have long admired Mr. Homsey as a person and as a designer. He always succeeds in giving to his buildings and homes that deep and warm humanity which is the main characteristic of this gifted person. He is the kind of man who does not deviate from the highest artistic ideals and has given all of us an example of uncompromising professional rectitude.

This is a clear case where the Institute will honor itself if Mr. Homsey is elevated to Fellowship.

Sincerely yours,



Pietro Belluschi

PB:mb

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
The Octagon, 1735 New York Ave., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The nomination of Samuel E. Homsey for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects has my wholehearted support.

Mr. Homsey is a creative artist of recognized ability both as an architect and as a painter, and I feel sure that his nominators will provide ample evidence to this effect. He has also contributed substantially to the advancement of the Institute, both locally and nationally, as an officer and as a member of numerous committees. In addition he has contributed outstandingly to the service of the public as a member of the Wilmington Board of Park Commissioners and the County Regional Planning Commission, and as chairman of our County Zoning Commission, all of which have required a lot of effort, sound judgement and time.

I sincerely believe that Mr. Homsey is qualified to receive this high honor and trust that you will see fit to give his nomination your favorable consideration,

Sincerely yours
William R. Manning

THEODORE FLETCHER
Member of the American Institute of Architects

January 25, 1954

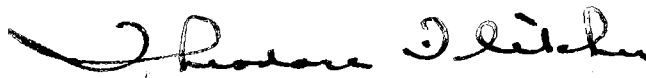
The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
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Dear Sirs;

Many admirers of Samuel Homsey will write to the Jury about his ability and success as an Architect. Others will refer to his interest and participation in Civic Affairs. And some will add to his many accomplishments, the beauty and sensitiveness of his paintings.

I have known Samuel Homsey as a friend for twenty-five years and have worked with him as an associate for fifteen years. This, I believe, adds a notable and unique recommendation, together with the hope that the Jury sees fit to advance him to Fellowship in the Institute.

Very truly yours,



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January 27, 1954

The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
The Octagon
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned members of the Delaware Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, wish to endorse and support the action taken by the Executive Committee of our Chapter in the nomination of Samuel E. Homsey for advancement to Fellowship.

Our signatures indicate our hearty recommendation of the nominee for your consideration.

Arthur Stanton Sharp

Joseph E. Carbull, Jr.

Leroy S. Gravel

Albert K. Wilson

William M. Mowbray

Erving G. Dollar

Donald S. Wason

Joseph Angell Jr.

Arthur Franzen

Lawrence H. Muntar

Annette Gates Maier

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E. Inest Hayman

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January 27, 1954

The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
The Octagon
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

It gives me pleasure to recommend for your most favorable consideration the name of Mr. Samuel E. Homsey whom the Executive Committee of the Delaware Chapter has proposed for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

I am sure it is not necessary for me to call to your attention the work which Mr. Homsey has done because it has been frequently published in the professional press.

In addition to his work as part of his own practice, he has served the profession by being President of our chapter during the past two years, and the community at large by his work on the Wilmington City Zoning Commission and other public bodies.

For the above reasons, he has, it seems to me, in every way deserved advancement to Fellowship.

Sincerely yours,



E. William Martin

EWM:efm

JOSEPH D. MURPHY A.I.A.
EUGENE J. MACKEY A.I.A.

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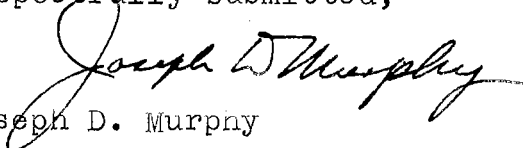
Gentlemen:

I wish heartily to support the nomination of Mr. Samuel E. Homsey for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. His work as a student of M.I.T. was distinguished and his earnest and scholarly travels, part of which I shared with him, were marked by a most perceptive insight into and affection for design in the beautiful art, architecture and city planning of Europe. This insight and affection is expressed in the fine design of the residences, schools, and other work which he has done (with his talented and charming collaborator).

His service to his profession and his community are evidence of the respect accorded his professional talent and integrity.

I am most happy to recommend to your kind consideration the advancement of Mr. Samuel E. Homsey to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Respectfully submitted,


Joseph D. Murphy

JDM:mm

January 27, 1954

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February 2, 1954

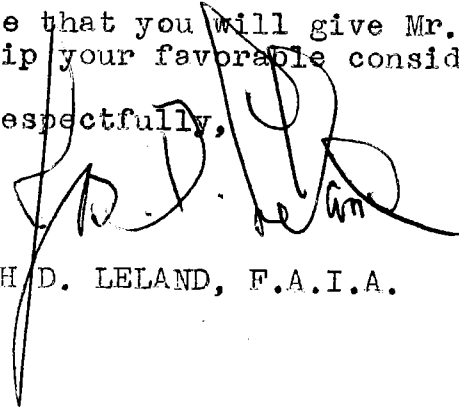
The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
The Octagon
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have known Mr. Samuel Homsey since the Institute Convention in the Yosemite, and although I am not familiar with his architectural accomplishments, I know him to be an able architect and watercolorist. He held an exhibition in Boston several years ago, and I am glad to be the owner of one of his water colors which I consider "tops".

I sincerely hope that you will give Mr. Homsey's application for Fellowship your favorable consideration.

Respectfully,

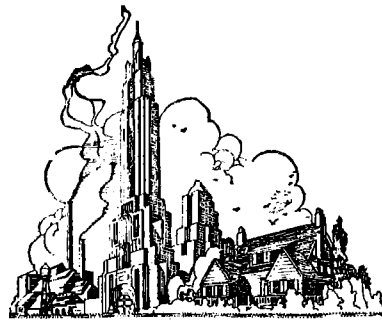


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JOSEPH D. LELAND, F.A.I.A.

LEON N. FAGNANI, A. I. A.

Architect



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February 2, 1954

The Jury of Fellowship
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

As a member of the Delaware Chapter, A.I.A., I expressly desire to supplement the action of the Chapter in nominating Mr. Samuel Homsey for Fellowship.

Mr. Homsey has been devoted to the service of the Institute and has served on a number of national committees, and also, the Delaware Chapter of which he was President for several terms. He has been active on the New Castle Regional Planning Commission and has served as chairman of the New Castle County Zoning Commission. His community efforts have brought honor to his profession.

His professional work is superior under high standards of judgment, as confirmed not only by the recognition that he has received locally, but also nationally. The many buildings designed by him embody a fresh approach, and are extremely fine in design and execution, and excellent in color and texture.

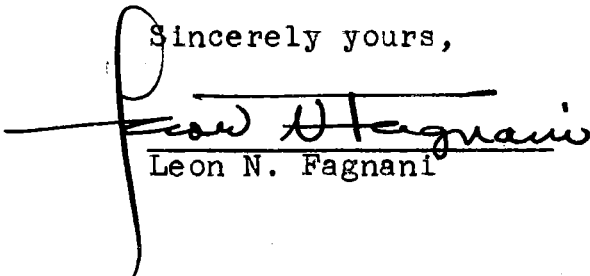
Mr. Homsey has also achieved noted fame as an artist, and has won many prizes for his paintings and watercolors.

Mr. Homsey is very highly regarded in his own community, not only as an architect and artist, but for his activity in the public interest of Wilmington.

It is with pleasure that I endorse his candidacy.

I am,

Sincerely yours,


Leon N. Fagnani

LNF/pm

WESTON HOLT BLAKE

Architect

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February 3, 1954

The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
The Octagon, 1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

The Delaware Chapter of the A.I.A. has nominated Mr. Samuel Homsey for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

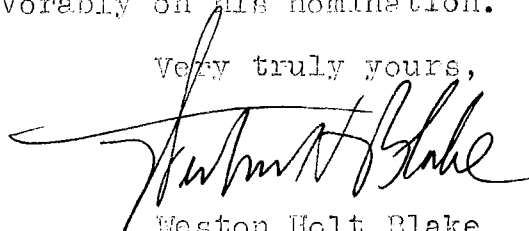
Mr. Homsey has received both local and national recognition for excellence of design on numerous projects executed by his office. His designs indicate a feeling for the harmonious grouping of plan elements, simple, straightforward details and a wise use of materials.

His residential work is, in the writer's opinion, outstanding, one of the finest examples being his own house, built just before World War II. In it he has provided a setting in which period and contemporary furnishings are equally at home and in harmony with one another.

More recently, he has designed a number of school buildings in Delaware and has been one of the leaders in the trend toward simplified, practical solutions in this field, as a means of combating current high costs of construction.

This writer has the highest regard for Mr. Homsey's ability as a designer and heartily recommends that the Jury of Fellows act favorably on his nomination.

Very truly yours,



Weston Holt Blake
Architect

WHB:kem

EDWARD MAINWARING JOHNSON

• *Architect* •

Hockessin, Delaware
4 February 1954

The Jury of Fellows, A. I. A.
The Octagon
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Mr. Samuel E. Homsey has been nominated by the Delaware Chapter A. I. A. for election as a Fellow of the A. I. A.

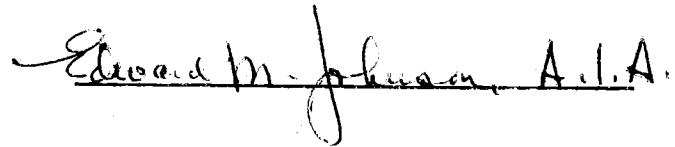
The possessor of a national reputation in the field of architectural design with a very active practice, Mr. Homsey has been able to find time from his practice to render distinguished service to his community and his fellow architects. He has served for two years as President of the Delaware Chapter, A. I. A. and during this time organized and supervised the development of a Children's Zoo for Wilmington as a joint project of the Delaware Chapter.

As Chairman of the Regional Planning Board Mr. Homsey has reviewed the plans for developments and subdivisions and worked with the developers and contractors to produce better site planning.

Mr. Homsey has been appointed Chairman of the Zoning Commission for New Castle County and has given his services freely to lay out the preliminary planning and to meet with all segments of the community to develop an overall plan that will be for the greatest good of all.

It is a pleasure to recommend Mr. Homsey for election as a Fellow as an outstanding citizen in his state and a distinguished member of his profession.

Very truly yours,

Edward M. Johnson, A.I.A.

EMJ:amr

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February 4, 1954

The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects,
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

May I second the nomination by the Delaware Chapter of Samuel E. Homsey for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

I feel that his contribution to architectural design in America is so outstanding in a double sense, first, for the buildings themselves and second, for the large influence that these buildings have had on the younger generation of students and practioners of our times.

A partial list of the work for which the firm of Victorine and Samuel Homsey is responsible -

William W. M. Henry School, Dover,
William C. Jason School, Georgetown
Frederick Douglass Stubbs School, Wilmington,
Charles Richard Drew School, Wilmington
Motor Vehicles Building, Wilmington
Delaware Art Center, Wilmington
Drama League Theatre, Wilmington
An Apartment and Dormitory at the Delaware Colony
for the Feebleminded, Stockley.
New Castle Mutual Insurance Company office building, Wilmington
Children's Beach House, Lewes, Delaware
Golf and Country Club, Seaford, Delaware
Yacht Club, Cambridge, Maryland

Mr. Homsey has served his community professionally on the following commissions, which it is important to note, were all in a very difficult formative stage at the time of his participation -

Chairman of the New Castle County Zoning Commission,
Member of the Regional Planning Commission of New Castle County
Member of the Wilmington Planning Commission
Member of the Wilmington Board of Park Commissioners.

In addition he has served on the AIA National Committees -

Committee on School Buildings
Committee on Government in Art

Locally he has served on the Executive Committee and as
President of the Delaware Chapter of the AIA

Mr. Homsey seems to me particularly at the point in a
distinguished practice when he deserves the recognition of
Fellowship for the work in which he has actively participated.

It is my humble opinion that the award of Fellowship to a man
in mid-stream rather than in near-retirement greatly enhances
the meaning of the Institute's recognition. In my opinion, the College
of Fellows would be enhanced by the inclusion of Samuel Homsey.

Sincerely,


Alexander S. Cochran

MORRIS KETCHUM JR., F. A. I. A.

227 EAST 44 STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

February 5, 1954

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have learned, with pleasure, that Samuel Homsey, A. I. A. has been nominated for advancement to Fellowship for design by the Executive Committee of the Delaware Chapter. I am, therefore, writing this letter to you in support of his nomination.

I have known Sam Homsey for the last fifteen years and I have always admired his outstanding ability as an architect. He has proved this ability in many fields of design. The houses and schools which he has designed in partnership with his wife, Victorine Homsey, are familiar inspirations to all of us. All these projects combine a good basic plan with sensitive and imaginative detail --- something which is sufficiently rare in itself to warrant attention.

I would like to add that Sam Homsey has always served his Chapter and the Institute well in professional and public affairs and that he enjoys the warm friendship of all who know him.

I hope that his nomination receives your favorable consideration.

Very sincerely yours,


Morris Ketchum, Jr.

MKJr:jf

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February 9, 1954

The Jury of Fellows
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Gentlemen:

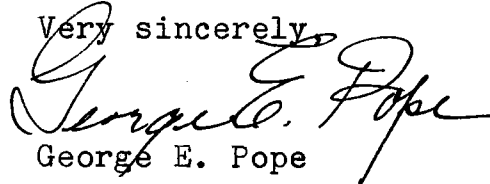
It is a real pleasure to support the nomination of Mr. Samuel E. Homsey for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

I have known Mr. Homsey as a friend and fellow practitioner for many years and have the highest regard for his integrity and ability, as well as his wonderful personality. The many fine buildings he has designed in Delaware reflect the careful study, imagination, and good taste which is manifest in all of his work.

In addition to his ability as a designer, he is a widely recognized artist. He has always given freely of his time to the Institute, the Delaware Chapter and the many civic affairs of our City and State. In all of these he has conducted himself in a manner which is a credit to the Institute and the profession.

I recommend Mr. Homsey with a firm conviction that the honor is well deserved.

Very sincerely,


George E. Pope

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H. DALAND CHANDLER
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February 10, 1954

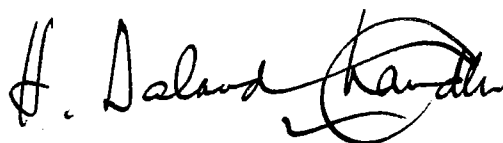
The Jury of Fellows, A. I. A.
The Octagon, 1735 New York Ave. N. Y.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It gives ^{me} a real pleasure to add my name to the endorers of Mr. Samuel Homsey's application for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute. I have known Mr. Homsey for approximately 25 years when we were working together in the firm of Allen & Collens. And incidentally Miss Dupont, whom he eventually married, was a draftsman there at the same time. His work at that time had an individual quality which he developed steadily as he made his way in the profession.

In the domestic field (in which I know him best), he has shown judgment and appreciation of the possibilities of the site and a very definite skill in the solution of the particular problem in hand (his own residence in Hockessin, Delaware). He has taken active and enthusiastic part in local developments of public services, and in housing (DuPont Housing Development Seaford, Delaware), and in schoolhouse and public building design (William Henry High School, Dover, Delaware and Delaware Art Center and Wilmington Drama League Theatre). His contribution to design in all these fields, his perception and continued alertness and his devotion and ability in his chosen profession warrants the recognition that the Institute can bestow on one of its younger members for high excellence in design.

Sincerely yours,



HDC/ff

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
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DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE

11 February 1954.

President, Delaware Chapter
American Institute of Architects

Dear Sir:

Through the courtesy of a mutual friend I am informed of the Chapter's interest in proposing Samuel E. Homsey for a Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects. As a classmate of Mr. Homsey I hope it will be considered appropriate for me to submit the following statement in support of the Chapter's proposal.

In considering the accomplishment of this man it is significant to look back upon his period as a student where the promise of future strength was revealed. At that time he demonstrated a high degree of creative power, an unusual appreciation for refinement and a vitality that produced a strong refreshing architecture. His professional career which I have followed with interest has reaffirmed these qualities. They coupled with his fine personal qualifications have been factors I am sure that have contributed to a distinguished professional achievement.

In our profession these qualities taken together are rare. Where they exist it is in the interest of the profession to acknowledge them. A Fellowship to Mr. Homsey would therefore seem highly suitable and a recognition that would be appreciated by his friends in other Chapters.

Sincerely yours,


Herbert L. Beckwith
Professor of Architecture