

Joseph, Alfred S

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Louisville Ky June 14, 1914

To the Secretary of the American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

SIR:

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects under Class [A, B, C, or D.]

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name Alfred S. Joseph

Address Great Southern Building

Place and date of birth Louisville Ky Jan 2 1878

Graduate in architecture   
[Give name of institutions and year—Evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation to be submitted with application.]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture   
[Give name and year.]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecole des Beaux Arts.  
[State which, and year—Evidence of Certificate to be submitted with application.]

If practicing architect, firm name None

Have been in practice None years

if draughtsman, employed by \_\_\_\_\_

Collegiate and office training Private tuition and office training  
[State number of years.]

I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute, the "Circular of Advice Relative to the Conduct of Architectural Competitions and a Code Governing the Conduct of Members of the American Institute of Architects taking part therein," and the "Circular of Advice Relative to Principles of Professional Practice and Canons of Ethics," and I agree, if elected, honorably to maintain them.

Alfred S. Joseph  
[Signature of Applicant]

I hereby certify that the foregoing applicant is a member of Louisville Chapter, A. I. A.

Paul Collins Secretary.  
Louisville Chapter, A. I. A.

[To be omitted when the applicant does not reside in the territory of a Chapter.]

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.

John Thomas  
James  
W. M. Moore  
[The signatures of three Institute members are here required.]

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Aug. 25, 1914.

My dear Sir:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that, at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors on Aug. 15 and 16, you were elected a member of the American Institute of Architects, the date of which election, in accordance with the requirements of the By-laws, will become effective Sept. 16, 1914.

You will in due course receive a communication from the Acting Executive Secretary with reference to the completion of the formalities attending your election.

I take this opportunity to extend to you a hearty welcome and beg to remain, with cordial best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Mr. Alfred S. Joseph,  
Great Southern Building  
Louisville, Ky.

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

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May 7, 1947

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Dear Colonel Hammon:

With reference to your inquiry at The Octagon today, concerning the termination of the corporate membership of Mr. Alfred B. Joseph of Louisville, Kentucky:

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We find that a charge of unprofessional conduct was preferred against Mr. Joseph for "Publication of illustrations of buildings, designed by others, with a false claim of authorship."

Following a report by The Judiciary Committee, The Board of Directors of The Institute found Mr. Joseph guilty of the charge and terminated his membership in The Institute, effective January 19, 1918.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director

Colonel Stratton O. Hammon, A.I.A.  
151 South Fifth Street  
Louisville 2, Kentucky

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Publication of Buildings Designed By Others With a False Claim of Authorship.

CASE OF ALFRED S. JOSEPH.

The Committee on Practice found a prima facie case of unprofessional conduct against Mr. Alfred S. Joseph, a member of the Louisville Chapter, upon charges brought by that Chapter. The offense charged is that the firm of Joseph and Joseph, of which Mr. Alfred S. Joseph is a member, caused to be published in the "Ohio Architect and Engineer and Builder", in the issue of November, 1916, a large number of illustrations of executed work, all attributed therein to Joseph and Joseph, Architects. The said issue also bears upon its front page the statement:

"This issue illustrates the work of Joseph and Joseph, Architects, Louisville, Ky".

The evidence is entirely clear, and nowhere disputed in any way, that among said illustrations are one of a building of Messrs. McDonald and Sheblesy, one by Mr. Albert Kahn, and a number by Messrs. McDonald and Dodd. It is further stated that both members of the firm of Joseph and Joseph were employed in the office of McDonald and Dodd prior to their beginning the practice of architecture; that nothing in the terms of their employment authorized them to claim any degree of authorship of buildings upon which they were employed; that the nature of their services was not such as to justify any such claims; that since the removal of McDonald and Dodd to California they have repeatedly claimed to have been the architects of buildings erected while they were employed by that firm, and have thus obtained commissions. Mr. Joseph offers no proof in contravention of the above statements, all of which are responsibly made. His defense against the charge brought is that the improper publication above described was in error on the part of the publishers, and without his consent. Against this it is stated that this publication was used by Joseph and Joseph in January, 1917, before a church building committee, and was the means of supplanting a fellow architect then at work on the plans for the church. The publishers of the magazine categorically deny in writing the statements of Mr. Joseph.

The Judiciary Committee, after a careful review of the testimony, Mr. Joseph having failed to appear at the hearing, finds Mr. Joseph guilty as charged.

On motion duly made and seconded it was resolved that Mr. Joseph be expelled from the Institute, effective January 19th, 1918.

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