

Application for Membership

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Nov. 13, 1917

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 B
[Insert appropriate letter.]

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name Will S. Aldrich

Address 1106 Corby-Horse Building - St Joseph, Missouri

Place and date of birth Chicago - Nov. 2 - 1865

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 Ketch - 1895
[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 an Associate of a Chapter of the Institute, give date of admission thereto June 7 - 1916

If practicing architect, firm name Eckel & Aldrich

Have been in practice Seven years.

If draughtsman, employed by
[State number of years.]

Collegiate and office training Mass. Inst. Tech. Special, Peabody Stearns, Boston, McKim, Mead & White, N.Y.

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.

Will S. Aldrich
[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application was duly elected an Associate of the Kansas City
[For use when the applicant is an Associate.]

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date May 15/1916
[Insert exact date of election to chapter.]

Selby H. Kumpfis Secretary.
Kansas City 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.

Selby H. Kumpfis

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Exhibits no
On file Com. of Jan 18/17

[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 President and 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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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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March 4,
~~February 15,~~ 1918.

My dear Sir:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective February 15, 1918.

You will receive under separate cover the Proceedings of the Fiftieth Convention, and the Year Book for 1917, which in addition to the membership records contains the official documents of the Institute relating to matters of professional practice.

The enclosed statement for dues should receive early attention, as the engrossed Certificate of Membership is not sent until the dues for the year have been paid, and election becomes void for non-payment within three months of this date.

This will also advise you of your assignment to the Kansas City Chapter, to whose Secretary a copy of this letter has been sent.

May I take this opportunity to say that the office of the Institute at the Octagon is for the service of every Institute member. Should the occasion arise, we will be glad to give you our best cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Will S. Aldrich,
1106 Corby-Forssee Bldg.,
St. Joseph, MO.

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Copy to Secretary Kansas City Chapter

ERNEST JOHN RUSSELL, PRESIDENT, ST. LOUIS
CHARLES D. MAGINNIS, 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT, BOSTON
HORACE W PEASLEE, 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT, WASHINGTON



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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.

March 1, 1934

Dear Mr. Aldrich:

This will acknowledge your remittance on account of In-
stitute dues, and gift of any possible credits under the pro-
posed plan mentioned in President Russell's letter of January
1st.

Your check for \$10.00 has been credited to dues for the
year 1934. In view of your gift of the prospective credits
the balance due for 1934 is \$5.00.

Your action in assisting the Institute at this critical
period is greatly appreciated, and a further acknowledgment
will be made after the Convention, in May.

Sincerely yours,

E. C. Kemper
Executive Secretary.

Mr. Will S. Aldrich,
1106 Corby Building,
St. Joseph, Mo.

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WILL S. ALDRICH, AIA
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ST. JOSEPH, MO.

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TELEPHONE 4-0062

January 15, 1948

The Secretary
The American Institute of Architects
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For your records enclosed herewith are clippings
regarding the recent death of our W. S. Aldrich.

Very truly yours,



George R. Eckel

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Civic Contribution

The profession of an architect is, in its last
analysis, that of a public servant, especially
when his firm is connected with as many notable
buildings as have been designed by Eckel &
Aldrich. So the passing of William S. Aldrich
touches all who have admired his handiwork.
The city hall, the placing and background of
the Pony Express statue, along with the choice
of its sculptor, are the most conspicuous of the
works which Mr. Aldrich's firm executed. Central
High School, The News-Press building, the
Huston Wyeth home and St. James Church are
other accomplishments.

All these are an integral part of St. Joseph
and Mr. Aldrich should have his due mead of
praise for his share in the good taste, substance
and enduring lines that characterize them. He
had fine schooling in this country with study
abroad to supplement it and his pursuit of his
profession was worthy of his training.

Always gentle and considerate in manner,
a man who won deep family devotion and many
friends, he showed a patience in a long illness
that was as remarkable as was his civic work.
His was a well-rounded, good life.

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OUR CONTEMPORARIES

Architect W. S. Aldrich Dies at 82

Death came to Will S. Aldrich of the firm of Eckel & Aldrich, architects, last night at his home, 2636 Jule street, where he had been seriously ill for several years. He was 82 years old.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9 tomorrow morning at the Meierhoffer-Fleeman chapel by the Rev. James S. Allen and burial will be in the afternoon at Butler, Mo., in Oak Hill Cemetery.

The firm in which Mr. Aldrich was a partner is one of the oldest firms of architects in the country. Founded in 1880 by the late Edmond J. Eckel, its name was changed to Eckel & Aldrich in 1910 to include its founder, his son, George R. Eckel, and Mr. Aldrich.

Designed City Hall

The firm designed the city hall and the Pony Express memorial. The late Hermon A. MacNeill,



W. S. ALDRICH

sculptor for the statue, had been chosen by this firm, which placed it and designed the steps and balustrade that form its background.

Edmond J. Eckel designed the home for William Wyeth in 1879 that is now the St. Joseph Museum and the firm of Eckel & Aldrich designed the home for Mr. Wyeth's son, Huston, an

ter, Mrs. Eleanor Frances Criswell of Noret, N. J., and one grandson, Robert Lenox Criswell Jr. of East Orange, N. J.

Active pallbearers will be Francis Glenski, Otto Brunner, Curtis Lillig, Michael McKenny, Charles Edwards, J. Wesley Lehr, Ed Bird and Weldon Dillener.

Honorary pallbearers will be George R. Eckel, John J. Goodrich, Luther Reid, Joseph Corby, Walter Eshelman, Thomas Dodd, Ralph Seaman, Julius Werner, Carl Schuchardt, Mayor H. D. Allison, W. Clare Sargent and Kenyon Ballard.

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Long List of Buildings

The same firm designed a 60-room home for the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Huston Wyeth, Mrs. Kenyon V. Painter, and the late Mr. Painter, in Cleveland, Ohio, now used as a convent. Especially handsome St. Joseph homes designed by the firm are those built by Dr. Paul Forgrave, the later Frazer L. Ford, James Pottitzer, George Vineyard and John Townsend Smith.

The home of the St. Joseph News-Press and Gazette was the work of this firm, as are Zion Evangelical Church, Central High School, St. James Catholic Church, the R. E. Townsend mausoleum in Mount Mora Cemetery and the infirmary at State Hospital No. 2. Out-of-town commissions of importance were the National Biscuit Company bakery at Los Angeles, the courthouse at Maysville, the high school at Savannah, municipal building at Columbia, laboratory and school building at the School for the Deaf, Fulton, the Tacoma Hospital at Rolla.

Graduate of M. I. T.

Born in Chicago, Mr. Aldrich was reared at the home of his grandfather, a shipbuilder at Freeport, Maine. A graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1888, he won in 1895 the Rotch traveling scholarship in architecture, which accorded him three and a half years of travel and study in England, France, Italy and Greece.

During this period he was director for a year of the American Academy of Fine Arts in Rome. Traveling with him was another student, who was later to design the Mellon National Art Gallery in Washington, John Russell Pope. They were great friends and together measured statues and pursued other studies. Mr. Aldrich made measured drawing of the Parthenon in Athens and the Colonnade statue in Venice, among others. It was in Rome that he became acquainted with the sculptor, Mr. MacNeill.

With Famous Firm

Mr. Aldrich was with the famous New York firm of architects, McKim, Mead & White, from 1902 to 1910, when he came to St. Joseph. He handled some of their large commissions, such

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Metropolitan Museum, Bellevue
Hospital, the Brooklyn Institute
of Arts and Sciences and the New
York municipal office building.

Stamp collecting was his hobby
and at one time he was regarded
as a leading dealer in postage
stamps for collectors. Virtually
all his business was handled by
mail. So thorough was his knowl-
edge of philately that he was
often called on to appraise stamp
estates. About 25 years ago he
purchased one of the largest
stocks of British empire postage
stamps held in the United States.

Wife, Daughter Survive

Mr. Aldrich was a member of
the American Institute of Archi-
tects, of Christ Episcopal Church
and a life member of the Elks.
Before his illness he was a mem-
ber of the Benton Club and the
Country Club and in earlier years
he had been active in Rotary.

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January 19, 1948

Dear Mr. Eckel:

It was with deep regret that we learned, in your letter of January 15, of the death of your partner, Mr. Will S. Aldrich.

We do appreciate your thoughtfulness in enclosing newspaper clippings regarding Mr. Aldrich's career, which we have placed in the Historical File here at The Octagon.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. R.
Executive Assistant

Mr. George R. Eckel, A.I.A.
Corby Building
St. Joseph, Missouri

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bcc to - Mrs. Miller