

Dated February 21, 1945.
Received February 23, 1945.
Granted September 12 1945.

MEMBERSHIP NO 3277



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

- In due order
March 3, 1945
H. G. Lewis*
- A Name of applicant.... Aaron Graves Alexander..... Chapter New York
- B Address of applicant... 20 Exchange Place, New York, New York
- C Applicant proposed by Frederick G. Frost, FAIA and Henry Hofmeister
- D Application received with check for \$ 25.00 on..... February 23, 19 45
- E Application returned for correction. (Returned-\$10 only required)... 19
- F Application in due order on (Check for \$10.00 received)..... March 3, 1945.
- Record of registration, Form S39, Sent(N.Y.). Feb. 27, 19 45 Received. March 5, 1945.
- G Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
- (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on... March 27, 1945, on February 27, 19 45
- (b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on... April 27, 19 45 on March 27, 19 45
- H Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on..... February 27, 19 45
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission
~~on that application be denied~~ received on..... August 30, 19 45.
- J No report from chapter executive committee on..... 19
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on..... September 4 19 45.
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on..... September 4 1945
- M Applicant was admitted on..... September 12 19 45.
- N Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter
to proposers on..... September 12 19 45.
- O Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$.....
returned to applicant on..... 19

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT

I, Secretary of The American Institute of Architects, hereby certify that, under authority vested in me by The Board of Directors, I have this day duly elected

Aaron Graves Alexander

to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the New York Chapter.

Date September 12 19 45

Alexander C. Robinson III
Secretary

Rec'd a la
Feb 23 '45
10:35

APPLICATION NO AP 3277



ORIGINAL

File the original with The Secretary of The American Institute of Architects.

File the duplicate, on gray paper, with the secretary of the local chapter of The Institute.

The American Institute of Architects

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I, the undersigned, do hereby apply for corporate membership in The American Institute of Architects.

1. My full name is **Aaron Graves Alexander**

2. State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.

2. I am a citizen of United States

3. My legal residence is in the City of **99 Thayer Road, Manhasset**
County of **Nassau** State of **New York**

4. State whether residence or office address.

4. My address in The Institute records will be

Street **20 Exchange Place**

City **New York**

State **New York**

5. State whether as a practicing architect, a teacher, a public official, etc.

5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as **practicing Architect**

6. I desire to be a member of the **New York** Chapter.

7. I declare that I have read the by-laws, the rules and regulations, and the Standards of Practice of The American Institute of Architects, and the by-laws and rules and regulations of the chapter of which I desire to become a member, and that I understand the duties, responsibilities and obligations thereunder of a member of The Institute, and I do hereby expressly agree and declare that, if admitted to membership, I will to the best of my ability abide by and comply with such by-laws, rules and regulations, and will abide by and uphold said Standards of Practice and conduct my practice of the profession accordingly. I am financially able to undertake all pecuniary obligations of a member to The Institute and to the chapter

8. Receipt required.

8. I filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the chapter above named and attach his receipt therefor. I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its chapters or state association members.

9. I enclose my check for \$**25.00**, for admission fee and the current annual dues. It is my understanding that if for any reason you do not admit me to membership, all of said amount will be returned to me, except five dollars which you will retain as an examination fee.

Date **FEB 23 1945** 19



no record
as a
member
?

1.

[Signature]
Applicant's full name in ink

STATISTICS

10. Date of birth **Nov. 3, 1891** Place of birth **Lawrence, Mass. U.S.A.**

11. I am registered or licensed to practice architecture in the following named states:

(State or States) *By Examination*

(State or States) *By Exemption*

New York State - License #1711

(a) I hold a Certificate No. of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

EDUCATION

12. I attended the following named schools (high school, private school, college or university); have held the following named scholarships; have travelled in the following named countries:

Troy High School

Troy, New York

Atelier Newton

Albany, New York

Atelier Licht

New York, N. Y.

Beaux Art School

New York City

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

13. I list below, in chronological order, the periods of my training as draftsman, the names and addresses of my principal employers, and my classification as draftsman while employed by each:

5 yrs. training - Marcus Reynolds, Albany, N. Y.

2 yrs. Delano & Aldrich, New York City.

9 yrs. Hobart Upjohn, New York City and Greensboro, N.C.

3 yrs. Peabody Wilson & Brown, New York City.

15 yrs. Architect - The National City Bank of New York, N.Y.C.

Have just opened my own office for Private Practice.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

14. I list below, in chronological order, the periods during which and the states in which I have practiced architecture as an individual or as a member of a firm or corporation or as a public official or have taught architecture or the arts and sciences allied therewith. (State names of firms or corporations or public office and of schools or colleges).

See #13

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

15. Member of Institute from May 1930 to Dec 1936 (no record)
16. Junior of Institute from to
17. Associate of Chapter from to
18. Junior Associate of Chapter from to
19. Member of State Association in from to

ENDORSEMENT BY PROPOSERS

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have read the statements made herein above by the applicant and believe them to be correct. I vouch for his honorable standing in this community and in his profession. I believe he is fully qualified for membership and I propose him therefor.

I have known the applicant for 2 years.

I have known the applicant for 20 years.

Signed

Signed

Proposer

Proposer

144 East 30th St.

430 Rockefeller Plaza N.Y.C.

Address

Address



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March 5, 1945

AP No
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

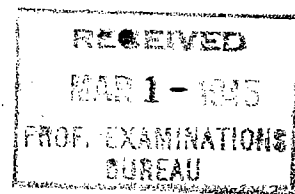
OF

Aaron Graves Alexander, New York, New York
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,
Albany, New York

Address



Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date February 27, 19 45

Alexander C. Robinson III
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? Licensed
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? yes or by exemption?
3. What was the scope of the examination? License issued September 27, 1922, on basis of practice in New York State for at least two (2) years prior to April 28, 1915
4. What was the period of the examination? days. Written examination hours; Oral examination hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? no record If so, give Certificate No. License 1711
6. Date of last registration Sept 1, 1944 Registration No. 1711 Is it current? yes
for 1944-1946

H. L. Field
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date March 2 19 45

New York State Education Department
(Name of Board)

Paul A
9707 6 0711

AARON G. ALEXANDER

ARCHITECT

20 EXCHANGE PLACE
NEW YORK 5, N. Y.

March 1, 1945

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

Attention: Mr. Alexander C. Robinson, III
Secretary

Gentlemen:

Replying to yours of February 27th, I regret to have caused this inconvenience, as the New York Chapter had informed me that \$25.00 was the amount required.

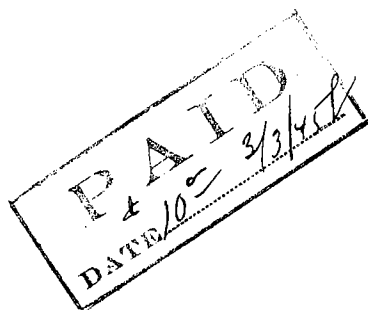
Thanking you for straightening this out and returning the check and I am enclosing herewith a new check for \$10.00 - \$5.00 for the admission fee and \$5.00 for the first year's dues, which I trust is satisfactory.

Yours truly,

AGA:MCM
Encl.

Aaron G. Alexander
Aaron G. Alexander

Copy to: New York Chapter



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

September 12, 1945

Dear Mr. Alexander:

The Secretary is happy to inform you that your application for membership in The Institute was acted on favorably by The Board of Directors and that you were admitted to corporate membership in The Institute and assigned to membership in the New York Chapter, effective September 12, 1945. You will be a member of that Chapter, or of some other chapter if you later transfer thereto, until your membership in The Institute terminates.

Your certificate of membership, duly executed by the Officers of The Institute, will be sent in due course.

The Board of Directors welcomes you to membership in The Institute and The Secretary's office is at your service to the extent of its powers.

The policies and the activities of The Institute are developed largely from problems arising within the chapters. By taking an active part in your chapter affairs you will contribute to the advancement of the objects of The Institute and will increase the benefits to be derived from Institute membership.

We bespeak your active cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Alexander C. Robinson III.

Secretary

Mr. Aaron Graves Alexander, A.I.A.
20 Exchange Place
New York, New York

ACR/lk
Enclosures

CC to: Proposers - Mr. Frederick G. Frost, F.A.I.A.
Mr. Henry Hofmeister, A.I.A.

COPY TO

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PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

AARON G. ALEXANDER

ROLLING ACRES
ANCRAM, NEW YORK

March 19, 1952

Mr. Edmund R. Purves, Executive Director
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Purves:

I received my 1952 membership card from the Institute and although there is no address on the card, still for the record, my address has been changed from 20 Exchange Place, New York City to Ancram, New York and I also maintain a New York address at 154 E. 61st Street, for a limited practice.

Would you kindly pass this information on to Clair W. Ditchy, Secretary, and oblige.

The main reason for this letter is to suggest, you bring up at the American Institute Architects coming Convention in New York, the possibility of an Architect retaining his membership with the Institute in Washington without the necessity of having to maintain a membership in a Chapter.

I am enclosing copy of a letter I received from the New York Chapter where I have been a member for years but now that I am in semi-retirement and as a matter of fact, I do not think I have attended a meeting of the American Institute of Architects in the past two years, I felt no obligation to continue my membership there.

From what I gained from the scuttlebut among the architects, I am afraid you are going to lose a lot of members, as certainly with so many commissions being laid on the shelf and architects entering other forms of the Profession, to say nothing of those in retirement, I certainly think it ill advice for the Institute By-Laws insisting upon a man retaining his membership in a Chapter as well as in Washington.

Put it all in One Bag and one collect from the other.

Very truly yours,


Aaron G. Alexander

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NEW YORK CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
ONE FIFTEEN EAST FORTIETH STREET, NEW YORK 16, NEW YORK

March 3, 1952

Mr. Aaron G. Alexander
Rolling Acres
Ancram, New York

Dear Mr. Alexander:

In response to your letter of February 9, 1952, in which you stated that you would be unable to continue your membership in the New York Chapter of the AIA, but that you would continue your membership in the National Chapter, I want to explain that, according to the Regulations of the Institute, it is impossible for an individual to be a member of the Institute without being affiliated with a local Chapter. This means that you must either transfer your membership to a chapter more convenient to Ancram, or resign completely from the Institute. In either case, it is necessary that you contact our National Headquarters, at 1741 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

We shall be very sorry indeed to lose you, and hope that you will consider remaining with us.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Lois Forsch, Assistant
to Executive Secretary

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Alexander file

March 26, 1952

Dear Mr. Alexander:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 19th and for enclosing a copy of the New York Chapter's letter to you of March 3rd.

The question that you have raised relative to maintaining membership in the National Institute alone and not a chapter membership, has come up a number of times and has been thoroughly discussed and The Institute's By-Laws and Policy remain the same. In other words, membership in the national body does entail membership through assignment in the appropriate local chapter and consequently the dues of the local chapter have to be met in order to maintain good standing in The Institute.

With respect to your last paragraph, I am inclined to be a bit more optimistic as it looks to me as if the situation is clearing up and that the profession and the construction industry will be normally and busily engaged in the relatively near future.

I was rather surprised to hear that you are in semi-retirement as when I last saw you I gathered that you were a very busy man. If you ever find yourself in Washington, please stop in and see me. I still regret that our little project in Germantown never went through. As you may have heard, that bank was absorbed a year or so later by one of the larger Philadelphia Banks.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director

Mr. Aaron G. Alexander, A.I.A.
Rolling Acres
Ancram, New York

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*1952 Dues paid
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AARON G. ALEXANDER
ROLLING ACRES
ANCRAM, NEW YORK

June 6, 1952

Miss Clair W. Ditchy, National Secretary
The Octagon
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Ditchy:

This is to advise that the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects have accepted my resignation as of September, as I have paid up my dues for the half year.

They also informed me that I should notify you accordingly and as I understand it, I have paid the full dues in Washington for a year. As I understand from the National By-Laws, it is impossible for me to retain my membership nationally unless I am registered in the Chapter.

Therefore, in view of the acceptance of my resignation by the New York Chapter, I automatically will have no standing with the National Chapter, therefore, the balance on my dues already paid, I judge should be returned. If such is the case, please allot whatever this amount is to some worthy fund within the organization, and oblige

Very truly yours,

Aaron G. Alexander
Aaron G. Alexander

9-12-45

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

June 12, 1952

Dear Mr. Alexander:

We are sorry to receive your letter of June 6th advising that you have decided to resign your corporate membership in The American Institute of Architects.


It is true, that each corporate member must maintain, also, a membership in the local chapter and state organization of The Institute to which he is assigned.

Just as soon as your resignation has cleared through the Chapter, final action can be taken.

Your kind offer to have the balance of your 1952 A.I.A. dues turned over to some worthy fund within the organization will be brought to the attention of The Board of Directors at its meeting following action on your resignation.

By direction of The Secretary.

Sincerely yours,


G. W. Rankin
Administrative Secretary

Mr. Aaron G. Alexander
Rolling Acres
Ancram, New York

JWR/fhg

Copy to the Secretary,
New York Chapter, A.I.A.

Please let us know if Mr. Alexander is in good standing in the New York Chapter.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.
Office of The Secretary

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP

To **Mr. Aaron G. Alexander**
Rolling Acres
Ancram, New York

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Your resignation from The Institute, dated **June 16**, 1952, is
effective both in The Institute and in your chapter, as of **June 30**,
1952, the date it was received by The Secretary.

The Board regrets your decision to withdraw from The Institute, and hopes that
you will return to it soon.

Date **August 13**, 1952.

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Secretary.

AARON G. ALEXANDER
ROLLING ACRES
ANCRAM, NEW YORK

January 16, 1953

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

Gentlemen:

As I find myself involved in the practice of Architecture with my new Associates, Keally and Patterson, under the firm name of Alexander, Keally and Patterson, I have decided to rejoin the Institute.

I am writing this while on a trip to the West Indies and would appreciate if you would send me the proper forms, etc., to the above address and I will take care of same when I return, about March 1.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Very truly yours,

Aaron G. Alexander

status please

*Resigned 6-30-52
1952 dues paid in full
He may wish to pay 1953 in full and have his membership continuous?*

*1945
Keally
Patterson*

Miss Downie

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Administration Building
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.

March 4, 1953

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Since the receipt of your letter of January 16th, advising of your wish to resume your corporate membership in The Institute and the New York Chapter, we have been in correspondence with the Chapter concerning your status.


It was suggested, and the Chapter has agreed, in view of the very recent resignation of your membership, to cancel that resignation and make your membership continuous, which would obviate the necessity of re-application on your part, other than the payment of a year's Institute dues in advance.

Should this procedure meet with your approval, if you will send your check for \$50.00 for your 1953 Institute dues, the records will be changed accordingly.

If your income from the practise of architecture during the preceding year was under \$5,000, your 1953 dues would be \$25.00.

Awaiting your further advices,

Sincerely yours,


J. W. Rankin
Administrative Secretary

Mr. Aaron G. Alexander
Rolling Acres
Ancram, New York

JWR/fhg

Copy to the Secretary,
New York Chapter, A.I.A.

Thank you for yours of February 27th in the above matter.

JWR

AARON G. ALEXANDER
ROLLING ACRES
ANCRAM, NEW YORK

March 14, 1953

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

Attention - Mr. J. W. Rankin

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your favor of March 4 and I am enclosing herewith my check for \$50. for my dues in the American Institute of Architects, for 1953.

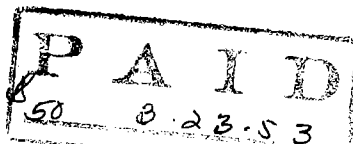
For your further information, I have contacted the Albany Chapter and find there are a number of old friends among its members whom I knew back in my student days when I studied architecture in Albany and I am, therefore, changing my Chapter Membership from the New York Chapter to Albany, as it is closer to my residence here at Ancram.

Please accept my appreciation of your continuing my membership as stated in yours of the 4th.

Very truly yours,

Aaron G. Alexander
Aaron G. Alexander

Dues in Advance



Secretary

members
Alexander, Aaron G.

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Administration Building
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.

April 13, 1953

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Your check for \$50.00 for your 1953 Institute dues in advance hereby is acknowledged.

In accordance with the suggested procedure, The Secretary's Office has directed that the previous acceptance of your resignation as a corporate member be rescinded and that your membership in The Institute be recorded as being continuous.

Membership card for the current year is enclosed.

This action leaves your chapter assignment with the New York Chapter, which has agreed to the above procedure, and you therefore are now an assigned member of that Chapter.

We have noted from recent correspondence that you wish to transfer that assignment from the New York Chapter to the Eastern New York Chapter, and we shall be glad to so arranged. Formal notice to that effect is attached, and copies are being forwarded to the Secretaries of the New York and Eastern New York Chapters for their report to The Institute. When approvals of both chapters are received, the transfer can be made and all will be notified.

Under date of March 18th we received advice from the New York Chapter that you should pay dues from October 1, 1952 to March 31, 1953, to that Chapter, in the amount of \$17.50. If you will take care of this item, in case you have not already done so, that chapter can certify to your good standing and approval of the transfer.

On behalf of The Officers and other Directors, I wish to take this opportunity to welcome you to membership again.

Sincerely yours,



CLAIR W. DITCHY, Secretary

Mr. Aaron G. Alexander, A.I.A.
Rolling Acres
Ancram, New York

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Enclosure

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Aaron G. Alexander
Rolling Acres
Ancram, New York

April 21, 1953

Mr. Hugh Ferriss, President
American Institute of Architects
111 East 40th Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Ferriss:

About a year ago, I notified the Chapter, as well as the Octagon, that owing to the fact I left the City and am semi-retired at the above address, I requested the possibility of maintaining my national membership and giving up my Chapter membership, as I have not been to a Chapter meeting in almost two years. Further, living up here, it was very unlikely that I would attend any further meetings in New York.

I was duly informed that such an arrangement was impossible and I, therefore, resigned and have a notice of resignation from the Octagon stating that my resignation from the Institute as of June 16, 1952 is effective and in the Chapter as of June 30, 1952.

Certain conditions have arisen, that I have associated with Keally and Petterson, and in view of same, have decided to renew my membership and realizing that I had to join a Chapter, decided on the Eastern Chapter located in Albany, only 35 miles away. I so notified the Institute on January 16, and they in turn contacted the New York Chapter, apparently thinking that I was going to renew my status there.

When I received a bill from the Chapter dated March 4, calling for dues from October 1 to September 30, I returned it and advised them that I was going to join the Chapter in Albany.

Assuming that this was in order, I sent a check for \$ 50.00 to the Octagon, and under date of April 13, have word from Clair W. Ditchy, Secretary, that notice of request for transfer has been issued but there seems to be a question in the New York Chapter that I owe some dues from October 1 to March 31. This is rather hard for me to understand when I was supposedly resigned as of June 30 so, to my mind this has become terrifically involved and I trust you will be able to give me a clear bill of health.

I am sure you will appreciate that as far as I am concerned, I have not been a member of the New York Chapter since June 30, although dues may have been paid up for the year.

Thanking you in advance and with kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours, Aaron G. Alexander

May 5, 1953

Administration Building
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.

Dear Mr. Alexander:

We have reviewed the correspondence and problems which seem to have arisen in the case of your return to membership in The Institute and the New York Chapter after resigning in the middle of last year. We trust that this letter will serve to fully explain what has transpired and give you a choice of actions.

When your application for readmission to membership was received here under date of January 16, it was noted that in order to apply for readmission, it would be necessary for you to pay the \$10.00 readmission fee plus first year's dues in advance in the amount of \$50.00, making a total of \$60.00. The suggestion was made and sent to you that a better and much quicker procedure would be to ~~cancel~~ your previous resignation. This would save you the \$10.00 readmission fee and would enable us to place your name on the rolls as a member promptly.

Under the usual procedure of readmission, it is required that the applicant's name be circulated to all chapters (along with all other applicants for membership and readmission to membership) for a period of thirty days. After that, the application is considered by The Board of Examiners at its next meeting (perhaps a month away). It is then submitted to The Secretary of The Institute for final approval on behalf of The Board of Directors. This process quite obviously takes a few months.

When our suggestion was made, we had not considered any such problem as your dues to the New York Chapter, which naturally fell due when your membership was reinstated as of the date of your resignation, rather than as of the date of your application to become admitted to The Institute again.

In view of the fact that the Chapter dues are \$17.50, but that you have been saved the \$10.00 readmission fee, it is apparent that there has been a net loss to you in the amount of \$7.50 under the present arrangement.

If you prefer, we shall reprocess your application for readmission in the normal manner, which would necessitate a request that you pay the \$10.00 readmission fee. This would enable you to save payment of New York Chapter dues, but would entail a period of waiting for a few months for the processing of your application.

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Please let us know which course you choose to pursue and we shall be guided accordingly.

Sincerely yours,



J. W. Rankin
Administrative Secretary

Mr. Aaron G. Alexander
Rolling Acres
Ancram, New York

JWR/G

Copy to the Secretary,
New York Chapter, A.I.A.

AARON G. ALEXANDER

ROLLING ACRES
ANCRAM, NEW YORK

May 25, 1953

P.C.
attached

Mr. J. W. Rankin, Administrative Secretary
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Your favor of May 5 herewith acknowledged and I am sorry to advise it leaves me quite cold as I must call your attention to the following facts.

I resigned by letter to the New York Chapter on April 25, 1952 and paid my dues to September 30, 1952.

I resigned to the Institute by letter June 6 per instructions of the Chapter.

You sent me an official notice on August 13, 1952 that you had accepted my resignation for both Institute and Chapter, as of June 6.

My letter to the Institute on January 16, 1953 written during a business trip to the West Indies, requested you to send me the proper papers for my re-admission to the Institute.

On March 4 you addressed me in complete error, as quote, "you wish to resume your corporate membership in the Institute and the New York Chapter." Please refer back to my letter of January 16 and you will note I did not make a request to join the New York Chapter.

I addressed you on March 14 advising you of my intentions, and reasons for, desiring to join the Albany Chapter and sent you my check for \$50. yearly dues in the Institute.

Then a month later on April 13, I received a letter from Clair Ditchy that I should pay the New York Chapter an amount of \$17.50.

My conclusions are:-

1. I did not ask for readmittance to the New York

Chapter and you were in error in assuming such status.

2. I resigned per your own notice as of June 6, and therefore had a credit as I paid to September 30.

3. You had no right to accept my check for \$50. yearly dues in the Institute as my letter accompanying my check distinctly stated I was going to join the Albany Chapter.

4. In view of the above, I refuse to pay \$17.50 to the New York Chapter or \$10. to you and \$7.50 to the New York Chapter, as you suggest.

5. If your Executive Board do not agree with the above, please return my \$50. check and also advise the Albany Chapter to return my \$10. yearly Chapter dues and we will call the matter closed with no hard feelings.

This is apparently a misunderstanding between us and I harbor no ill feeling, but as a matter of principal, in view of the above, I can't reason why I should give the New York Chapter anything.

Sincerely,


Aaron G. Alexander

NEW YORK CHAPTER



AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

June 11, 1953

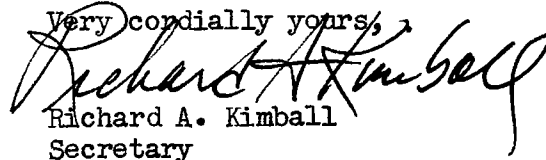
Mr. Edmund R. Purves, Executive Director
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Purves:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the New York Chapter on June 9, 1953, it was decided to waive the payment of \$17.50 back dues by Mr. Aaron G. Alexander as you suggested in your letter of May 29, 1953.

We sincerely hope that this will wind up this most annoying case.

Very cordially yours,


Richard A. Kimball
Secretary

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member
alexander, Aaron G.



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1741 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

July 13, 1953

NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Effective Date - April 13, 1953

TO: Transferred Member:

Mr. Aaron G. Alexander, A.I.A.
Rolling Acres
Ancram, New York

Secretary of Chapter
To Which Member is
Transferred

Mr. F. A. Evans, Jr., Secretary
Eastern New York Chapter, A.I.A.
403 Fulton Street
Troy, New York

Secretary of Chapter
From Which Member
Is Transferred

Mr. Richard A. Kimball, Secretary
New York Chapter, A.I.A.
115 East 40th Street
New York 16, New York

In accordance with Chapter II, Article 1, Section 7 of the By-laws of The Institute this will advise that the above-named corporate member has been transferred as indicated. Your dues to the New York Chapter have been cancelled permitting this transfer.

Sincerely yours,

George Bain Cummings
SECRETARY

Copy to the Secretary,

New York State Association of Architects, A.I.A.

AARON G. ALEXANDER
ROLLING ACRES
ANCRAM, NEW YORK

September 14, 1953

The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue M.W.
Washington, D. C.

Attention - Mr. George Bain Cummings, Secty.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, Notice received today together with a bill for Annual Dues for the year 1953, as according to my records there must be some mistake in sending me this notice.

At the moment, I am carrying in my wallet, my membership card for the year 1953.

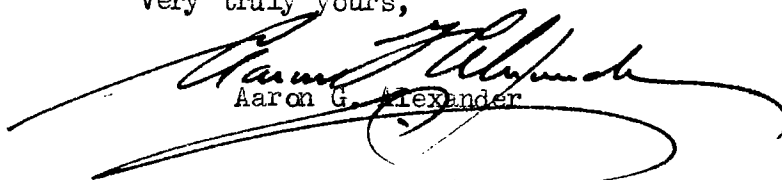
According to my check book, I find on March 14, 1953, I sent you my check #3394 on The National City Bank of New York, City Bank Farmers Branch, for \$50. as annual dues for 1953.

On April 13, 1953, the receipt of this check in payment of "1953 Institute dues in advance hereby is acknowledged", was contained in a letter signed by Clair W. Ditchy, Secretary.

To my recollection, the check for \$50. was never returned, and as my check book indicates it cleared the Bank, I am assuming there is some error in your Bookkeeping Department.

Should I be wrong, please advise and I'll be guided accordingly.

Very truly yours,


Aaron G. Alexander

Members
Alexander, Aaron G.

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September 21, 1953

Administration Building
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.

Dear Mr. Alexander:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 14 addressed to The Secretary of The Institute on a copy of which I note your little message to me.

There was an error I regret to say. Somehow or other the fact was overlooked that a payment of \$50 had even been recorded in the readmission file. Please forgive us and understand that these things happen very, very seldom at this headquarters. I am particularly sorry that it happened in your case.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director

Mr. Aaron G. Alexander, A.I.A.
Rolling Acres
Ancram, New York

ERP:mbh

cc: Mrs. Miller

AARON G. ALEXANDER
ROLLING ACRES
ANCRAM, NEW YORK

November 19, 1955

Mr. Edmund R. Purves, Executive Director
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

*Elected 1945
1955 dues pd*

Dear Mr. Purves:

As happens with all humans, including Architects, father time starts to catch up and although I am not exactly an Old Man, I do find myself having to limit my activities in the field of Architecture.

My Doctor has placed certain limits on my practice, so I am closing my connection in New York with Keally and Patterson, and confining my work to local small alterations, etc., mainly to keep the mind occupied.

Since moving to the above address three years ago and transferring my Chapter to the Eastern New York State in Albany, I have attended exactly two meetings there as I find the drive back after a meeting a little trying after so late at night.

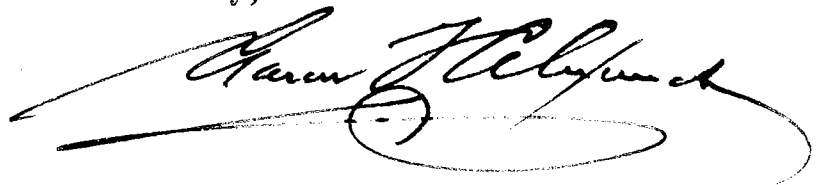
All of which leads up to this letter of resignation or whatever you may call being put on the inactive list. I shall always be interested in the A.I.A. activities.

My retirement, will of a necessity, force me to curtail expenses and one will be my membership with the A.I.A. in Washington as well as the Chapter in Albany.

In closing may I compliment you and your fellow workers in the progress the A.I.A. has made since the old days when I first joined while associated with Robert B. Upjohn, of which the exact day is in the dim past.

My best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,



November 28, 1955

Mr. Aaron G. Alexander, A.I.A.
Rolling Acres
Ancram, New York

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Miss Gervais has called to my attention your letter of November 19th.

Retirement is something we all look forward to with pleasure and I am indeed sorry to hear that you have been forced to retire earlier than perhaps you had anticipated and especially that the pleasure aspect has been hampered in your case due to your health. However, I do hope that it is nothing serious and that you will enjoy a full and happy life for many years to come.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director

P:msd

cc: Miss Gervais

~~Suppose~~
~~No response~~
~~accept resignation~~

April 30, 1956

Mr. John Quackenbush, Secretary
Eastern New York Chapter, A.I.A.
143 Washington Avenue
Albany 6, New York

Dear Mr. Quackenbush:

Last November we sent to you copy of our letter to Mr. Aaron G. Alexander, of Ancram, N. Y., with regard to his resignation as a corporate member, together with the request that you notify us if Mr. Alexander is in good standing in the Chapter in order that his resignation could be acted upon.

So far we do not find that we have received a response to that inquiry, and we cannot complete the resignation until we do have advice of Mr. Alexander's good standing in the Chapter.

Will you be kind enough to give this request your attention at your early convenience?

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais
Secretary of Membership and Records

Copy to Mr. Alexander



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members Alexander Aaron G
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.
Office of The Secretary

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP

To Mr. Aaron G. Alexander
Rolling Acres
Ancram, New York

Your resignation from The Institute, dated November 19, 19 55, is
effective both in The Institute and in your chapter, as of December 31,
19 55, the date it was received by The Secretary.

The Board regrets your decision to withdraw from The Institute, and hopes that
you will return to it soon.

Date July 24, 19 56.

Edward L. Wilson
Secretary.

*Eastern N. Y. Chapter
Copy to Mr Eger*

AARON G. ALEXANDER

ROLLING ACRES
ANCRAM, NEW YORK

July 23, 1956

Miss Florence H. Gervais, Secretary
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Gervais:

Today I received a Dues Invoice for \$50.00 and I am appealing to you to please straighten out the record. As you know I sent in my resignation last November 19, 1955 and you acknowledged receipt of same on November 25 and Mr. Purves on November 28.

On December 2 I forwarded to the Eastern Chapter in Albany my letter of Resignation and it was returned as not delivered.

I then sent it to Mr. James Mero, 89 3rd Street, Troy, New York, asking him to take notice of same and place before the proper officers.

While abroad on a Round the World Cruise on a Freighter, my brother forwarded me a statement of dues from the Eastern Chapter. I replied by air mail as per the above information and have heard nothing further from them.

I note you wrote Mr. Quackenbush, Secretary of the Eastern New York Chapter, citing you had addressed them last November as to my resignation and up to the time of this letter of April 30, 1956 they had not answered you.

Certainly I cannot see why I should be penalized for their laxity in answering your or my letters.

Thanking you in advance for your attention and with kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,


Aaron G. Alexander

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Alexander, Aaron G f

July 26, 1956

Mr. Aaron G. Alexander
Rolling Acres
Ancram, New York

Dear Mr. Alexander:

By now you will have received the formal notice of acceptance of your resignation which crossed your letter in the mails.

We are of the same opinion as you express - that a member should not be penalized for unreasonable delay in attending to correspondence.

We still have not heard from the Eastern New York Chapter as to your status therein; but, since they have had more than six months notice of the filing of your resignation, it was deemed that was sufficient time to allow for the filing of any objection. Therefore, we proceeded to act on your resignation as of the end of 1955.

With all good wishes to you,

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais
Secretary of Membership and Records

AARON G. ALEXANDER
ROLLING ACRES
ANCRAM, NEW YORK

December 1, 1958

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

*Eligible 1945
E NY chapter*

Gentlemen:

While chatting with Mr. L. Andrew Reinhard recently, he asked me, now that I am retired, if I was a Member Emeritus.

Would you kindly refer to your files and if I am eligible, please send me the necessary forms to make proper application for such membership.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Very truly yours,


Aaron G. Alexander

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Member
Alexander Aaron G.
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December 5, 1958

Mr. Aaron G. Alexander, A.I.A.
Rolling Acres
Ancram, New York

Dear Mr. Alexander:

In response to your letter of December 1st, one of the conditions for election as a member emeritus is that the member must have had 15 years of membership immediately preceding the date of his application.

As you were elected a member in 1945, I am sorry to have to advise that you will not be eligible until 1960.

Sincerely yours,

Florence H. Gervais
Secretary of Membership & Records

FHG/mk

AARON G. ALEXANDER

ROLLING ACRES

ANCRAM, NEW YORK

October 3, 1959

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

Attention - Miss Florence H. Gervais

Dear Miss Gervais:

Back in December 1958 I addressed the Institute with reference to becoming a Member Emeritus and your reply of December 5, 1958 indicated I was not eligible until 1960 due to my being elected a member in 1945.

I thought this strange but accepted your letter and filed it.

Today while looking through some old files I find a letter from the New York Chapter of the Institute dated May 12, 1930 to the effect that at a meeting of the Executive Committee held May 5, 1930 I was accepted as an Associated Member of the New York Chapter.

Thinking this might make some difference in the 15-year membership I am writing to ask you to request reconsideration of my application as Member Emeritus.

As further reference may I suggest you speak to Mr. Purves with whom I have had some recent correspondence and I am sure he will remember me.

Thanking you in advance, I beg to remain

Yours sincerely,


Aaron G. Alexander

*Members.
Alexander, Aaron G. X*

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October 23, 1959

Mr. Aaron G. Alexander, A.I.A.
Rolling Acres
Ancram, New York

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Upon my return from my vacation early this week your letter of October 3rd was brought to my attention for further response, with reference to your eligibility for election as a Member Emeritus of The Institute.

Enclosed is the formal request for this change of membership status which sets for the requirements, and you will note that fifteen successive years or more of membership, immediately preceding the date of the application is required as you were advised before.

This fifteen years of membership relates to corporate membership in The Institute and I regret that chapter associate membership may not be considered as applicable.

As and when you become eligible we shall be glad to receive your signed, executed application, which will receive prompt attention.

I'm sorry I cannot send a more favorable response at this time.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais
Secretary of Membership and Records

Enclosure

AARON G. ALEXANDER
ROLLING ACRES
ANCRAM, NEW YORK

Address up to April 24 1960
c/o G. Richard Varty
Route 1 Box 402
Winter Haven
Fla.

January 6, 1960

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

Attention - Miss Florence H. Gervais

Dear Miss Gervais:

I am enclosing an Application for Membership Emeritus which you forwarded with your letter of October 23, 1959.

I don't know exactly how to fill in the last question as the last Chapter was in Albany and not for 15 years and before that the New York Chapter.

Please submit this Application to the Board of Directors along with my recent letters, and oblige

Sincerely,


Aaron G. Alexander

Assigned
12/31/56

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

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP EMERITUS

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:

*Strike out the
inappropriate
reason, a, b,
or c, as the
case may be.*

I wish to apply for Membership Emeritus in The Institute for the following reasons:

~~a. I am more than 70 years of age.~~

b. I am 65 years of age, retired, and not engaged in the practice of architecture.

~~c. I am unable to engage in any gainful vocation.~~

*Write in
name of
chapter.*

I have been in good standing in The Institute and the chapter
for 15 successive years or more immediately preceding the date of this application.

Respectfully,

Date

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Harmon J. Chykowski
Signature

The applicant may supplement the above reasons in writing below or on sheets which he shall attach to this application. Under exceptional conditions and circumstances, The Board of Directors may lessen the period of good standing but not the requirements of a, b, or c.

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Members
Alexander, Aaron G.

January 11, 1960

Mr. Aaron G. Alexander
C/o Mr. C. Richard Varty
Route 1, Box 402
Winter Haven, Florida

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Your letter of January 6th is received, forwarding an application for election as a Member Emeritus of The Institute.

Throughout the past several years, we have had so much correspondence, that I regret to have to report to you now, that of recent years I had entirely overlooked the fact that your resignation as a corporate member of The Institute was accepted on July 24, 1956, effective as of December 31, 1955 - at which latter date you were in good standing.

Consequently, you are not now a corporate member of the A.I.A., and, of course, any consideration could not be given to a request for a membership emeritus status.

I am extremely sorry that my letters these past years since July, 1956, have been misleading, as I should have checked our records to ascertain your standing before replying to your communications.

If you should wish to apply for readmission to corporate membership, it would have to be done through the Eastern New York Chapter, requesting that the Chapter send you an application form. Procedure is the same as for a first application, and payment of \$60.00 would be required - \$10.00 for readmission fee and \$50.00 for Institute dues in advance, subject to readmission.

The present Chapter Secretary is Daniel Klinger, C/o B. M. Cadman Associates, 12 State Street, Troy, New York.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais
Secretary of Membership and Records

April 11, 1969

Aaron G. Alexander

Architect

Lime Rock Road

R.F.D. Lakerille, Conn.

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The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Attention: Mr. Israel Stein, Director

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your note as to my comments on the T-V programs.

I am writing to inquire if the conditions as to eligibility for election as a Member Emeritus have been revised?

Back in 1959 I received a letter from Miss Florence H. Gervais that due to the fact that I had not been a corporate member for fifteen successive years immediately preceding the date of application I was not eligible although the date of my A.I.A. Certificate bears the date of September 12, 1945.

I am finishing my last job as my Doctor's instructions are to quit as I am 78 and although in fair health he wants me to take it easy.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Yours sincerely,

Aaron G. Alexander



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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April 22, 1969

Mr. Aaron G. Alexander, Architect
Lime Rock Road
R. F. D.
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Mr. Israel Stein has given us your letter of April 11th to answer.

We are sorry to inform you that you are not eligible for Membership Emeritus since this is available only to corporate members. Our records indicate that your resignation as a corporate member was accepted in 1956, and that you have not been a corporate member since that time.

Sincerely yours,

Maureen Marx, Manager
Membership Procedures