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APPENDIX B.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP,
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

Sept. 25 1901

To the Secretary of the American Institute of Architects;

SIR: I respectfully apply for Associate membership in the American Institute of Architects. I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute and agree, if elected, to honorably maintain and obey them.

My full name is Horace W. Castor

My address is 1105-08 Spuhler Girard Building

I am employed by _____

I am a member of the firm of W. Stearns & Castor

I began the study of architecture in the year 1885

I began the independent practice of architecture in the year 1890

The accompanying photographs show buildings or other work designed by me.

No. 1 is Colonial house at Phila
(Give description of same.)

No. 2 is Gothic church at Williamsport

No. 3 is Gothic church at Coatesville

The accompanying drawings are The working drawings used in the erection of above buildings
(Give description of any drawings the applicant may choose to submit.)

Respectfully submitted,

Horace W. Castor
(Signature of applicant)

We, the undersigned Fellows or Associates of the American Institute of Architects, have carefully examined the above statement, and believe it to be accurate. We know Mr. Castor personally, are familiar with his professional work and practice and desire his election as an Associate Member of the American Institute of Architects.

(The signatures of three Institute Members are here required.)

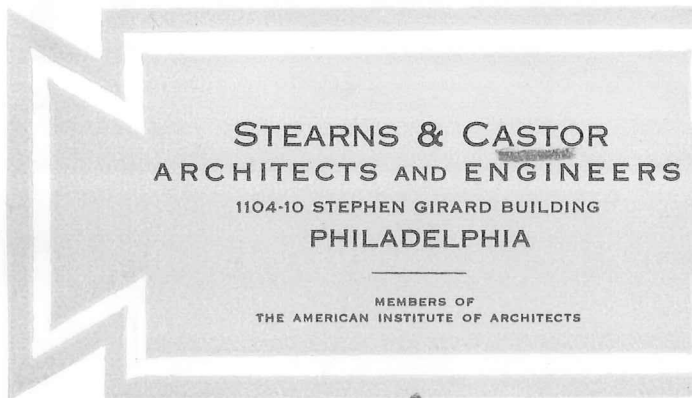
Amos J. Boyden
Walter S. Hedley

We, the undersigned residents of _____ know Mr. _____ personally, and believe him to be capable in his profession and honorable in all his dealings.

(Here the candidate may secure the signatures of three residents in the city or town wherein he is at present practicing. The address of each endorser must follow his name.)

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AMERICAN INSTITUTE of ARCHITECTS

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To be } _____
Ans. by } _____

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Reply to } _____

In suspense..... _____

Philadelphia, January 22, 1915.

Mr. John Lawrence Mauran, Treas.,
American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I hereby tender my resignation
as a member of the American Institute of
Architects, to take effect at once.

This action is taken because of
the depressed condition of business and of
the necessity to retrench, and as explained
to Mr. Boyd last year, because we feel it
is sufficient if one member of the firm be-
longs to the Institute.

Yours very truly,

Horace L. Castor

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April 2nd, 1915.

Dear Mr. Mauran:-

On January 22nd we received the resignation of Mr. H. W. Castor of the Philadelphia Chapter. A copy is enclosed with copy of my reply.

At the time I wrote to Mr. Medary asking a personal appeal to Mr. Castor by some prominent officer of the Institute coupled with an assurance of cooperation would be apt to accomplish anything in the way of reconsideration.

Mr. Medary replied that he had given the matter careful attention and perhaps such an appeal would be a good thing; but on the other hand he doubted the advisability of urging a man to go further into debt.

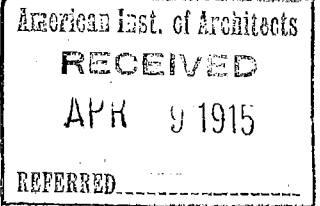
As the resignation will come up at the next Board meeting, I am troubling you with it as you can best judge whether a letter from the Treasurer to Mr. Castor would be of any avail.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. J. L. Mauran, Treasurer,
American Institute of Architects,
Chemical Building,
St. Louis, Mo.

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April 7, 1915.

Horace W. Castor, Esq.,
Stephen-Girard Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Castor:--

Please do not think that this letter is written without full appreciation of your reasons for presenting again your resignation as a member of the Institute.

I am writing because the Institute believes that every architect who is worthy of membership in the Institute should be a member since the strength of the organization lies in its personnel and not in the representation of firms in good standing.

But at the same time the policy of the present Board of Directors is that no hardship shall be imposed on any member which can be avoided or ameliorated, and while it seems poor advice to counsel a man to increase his liabilities, I cannot but feel that you would at some future date regret the step you contemplate, when it is so reasonably certain that when times improve the small amount involved would cut no real figure.

I, therefore, ask your reconsideration and extend to you the proposition to let your account run at least for another year, and assure you that there will be no difficulty in arranging terms of payment thereafter which will not be onerous.

I should not take the liberty as above, if I did not feel very strongly, as do all the officers of the Institute, on this subject.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

Copy to
The Octagon. ✓

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R. CLIPSTON STURGIS, PRESIDENT
THOMAS R. KIMBALL, 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT
D. KNICKERBACKER BOYD, 2D VICE-PRESIDENT

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

BURT L. FENNER, SECRETARY
J. LAWRENCE MAURAN, TREASURER
CABLE ADDRESS: OCTAGON WASHINGTON

June 3rd, 1915.

Mr. E. C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary, A.I.A.,
The Octagon,
Washington, D.C.

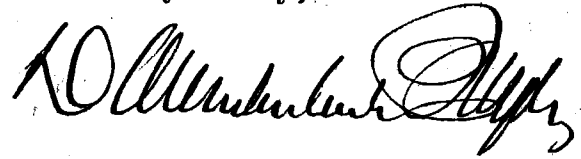
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Dear Kemper:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 1st, stating that five complete sets of contract documents have been sent me. They have been received and I thank you very much for sending them.

I also desire to acknowledge receipt of copy of letter of June 2nd to Mr. Fenner about H. W. Castor. My understanding in this matter was that Mr. Fenner would write Mr. Castor explaining that I had called upon him last year and had succeeded in having him withdraw his resignation at that time; that his resignation had again come up this year and that both Mr. Boyd and Mr. Rankin, Philadelphia members of the Board, had expressed regrets that Mr. Castor should have sent in his resignation and had expressed the hope that upon receipt of a letter from the Secretary he would reconsider the matter and decide to remain a member. With the thought that Mr. Fenner will decide to write a letter of some such purport I will do nothgin further in the matter, with the understanding that should Mr. Castor not wish to reconsider his resignation I will make an effort to call upon him personally.

Yours very truly,



Dictated by Mr. Boyd to RJF.

Copy of this letter sent to Mr. Burt L. Fenner.

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June 19, 1915.

MR. HORACE W. CASTOR,
Stephen Girard Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Castor:

At the Board meeting in May your letter of resignation was considered and laid on the table until the next meeting. In the meantime I was requested to communicate with you and to express to you the Board's very sincere wish that you may see your way clear to withdrawing your resignation. Mr. Boyd reported that a year ago he had some conversation with you upon this subject, and as a result you had then decided to remain a member.

The work which the Institute has to do is increasing in volume and importance year by year. Its membership comprises only a comparatively small proportion of the practicing architects of the United States. The influence which it can exert for good is dependent to a considerable extent upon its being a thoroughly representative body - that is, a body which includes in his membership practically all architects of standing in this country.

In concluding its report to the last Convention, the Board of Directors made this statement:

"The architect who is not a member of the Institute is deriving a benefit to which he contributes nothing. He is akin to the citizen who enjoys the protection to life and property furnished by the State and yet evades the duty he owes the State.

"The Institute has the same right to expect the support of the right minded architect that the State has to demand the support of the right minded citizen."

This point of view was warmly endorsed by the Convention, and I sincerely trust that it may appeal equally to you.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

Out from January?

December 29, 1915.

My dear Mr. Castor:

We are about to send out 1916 statements to members of the American Institute of Architects; and are also preparing our bookkeeping records for 1916. For this reason, I take the liberty of writing with regard to your pending resignation.

The action of the Board of Directors concerning this was, that your dues for 1915 should be paid before the resignation could be considered. Will you not advise me as to your wishes in this matter? I am sure that I can safely say that the Board of Directors would be gratified to have you withdraw the resignation and continue as an Institute member.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. H. W. Castor,
1104 Stephen Girard Bldg.
Philadelphia, Pa.

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January 26, 1916.

My dear Mr. Castor:

It is found from the supplementary report of the Philadelphia Chapter, that you are no longer carried as a Chapter ~~member~~ *Institute* member. As this implies a discontinuance of Institute membership, I am again writing to ask if you will not be kind enough to make a remittance for 1915 dues, in order that your resignation, submitted at the beginning of that year, can be accepted.

In any event, I would suggest that you tender a resignation during January of the current year to prevent the accruing of 1916 dues.

I trust you will pardon my persistence in this matter, but it is prompted only by the desire to see your Institute membership continued in good standing or if necessary, discontinued as a member in good standing.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. H. W. Castor,
1104 Stephen Girard Bldg.
Philadelphia, Pa.

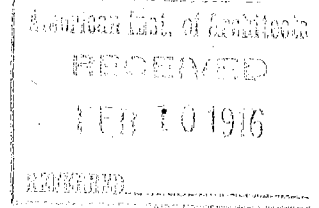
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Philadelphia, February 9, 1916.



Mr. Horace W. Castor,
1104 Stephen Girard Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Castor:-

The Executive Secretary of the Institute has forwarded me a copy of your letter to him of February 2nd, and his reply of February 8th, 1916, and the Executive Committee of the Chapter will be much pleased at your decision.

I find that there was no thought but that you were a member of the Philadelphia Chapter, but as Mr. Sellers, while Secretary, had understood that you had resigned from the Institute, your name had been transferred on the Chapter Membership list from the members who were members of the Institute to those who were not Institute members.

I have corrected the matter on the Secretary's list and advised the Treasurer accordingly, and will send a copy of this letter to the Executive Offices of the Institute.

Yours very truly

(Signed) Edward A. Gooch,
Secretary.

(Copy sent to Mr. E. C. Kemper/)
(Copy sent to Mr. E. P. Bissell.)

American Institute of Architects

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.



Findings of the Judiciary Committee

Transmitted Herewith to Members as Required by the Judiciary Rules of the Institute

NOTICE

February, 1916.

To the Members of the American Institute of Architects:

The "Rules for the Guidance of the Committee on Practice and the Judiciary Committee of the Board of Directors" require "that all findings of the Judiciary Committee, whether in favor of or against the member involved, with the action taken by the Board of Directors, shall be reported to each member of the Institute." In cases in which the complaint is dismissed, it is the policy of the Board to make publication either by mailing to each member of the Institute or by publication in the Journal, as the member involved may desire. If no preference is expressed, publication is made by mailing. In accordance with these rules I transmit herewith the following:

PART I.

The report of the Judiciary Committee in which it finds that charges of unprofessional conduct are not sustained against Mr. H. P. Schnetzky of Milwaukee, a member of the Wisconsin Chapter. The report of the Committee is as follows:

It was found that the advertising of the firm of H. P. Schnetzky and Son is of the most objectionable character.

Mr. Schnetzky's reply was that he had no financial or other connection with this firm, except that he allowed his son to use his name. For years he had nothing to do with the management of the firm; and was ignorant of the advertising complained of until his attention was called to it by the Wisconsin Chapter.

The Judiciary Committee found that Mr. Schnetzky should not be held personally responsible.

As the charge was dismissed by the Judiciary Committee, no action by the Board of Directors is required, other than this publication of the findings.

PART II.

The report of the Judiciary Committee in which it finds that charges of unprofessional conduct are sustained in the cases of Mr. Alfred C. Clas of Milwaukee, a member of the Wisconsin Chapter; and Messrs. Horace W. Castor and George R. Stearns, both of Philadelphia, members of the Philadelphia Chapter.

The reports of the Committee are as follows:

Mr. Clas was charged with entering into a competition for a Coliseum building at Evansville, Ind., the program for which has not been approved by the Institute's Committee on Competitions. He replied that he did so through inadvertence and carelessness; and expressed his regret for the participation. He also promised to see that the offense was not repeated.

The charge was sustained.

The Judiciary Committee left the question to the Board of Directors as to how far the statements in defense should be considered in mitigation.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors held in Washington on November 29 and 30, 1915, this report was considered and upon motion duly seconded it was resolved that Mr. Clas be censured for his participation in this competition.

Mr. Castor was charged with participation in an unauthorized competition for a Masonic Hospital at Elizabethtown, Pa. He replied with an expression of regret at having "unwittingly transgressed against the Ethics of the profession." He fully acknowledged his mistake, but alleged that his principal concern at the time was to serve his Masonic order.

The charge was sustained.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors in Washington on November 29 and 30, 1915, this report was considered and upon motion duly

seconded it was resolved that Mr. Castor be censured for his participation in this competition.

Mr. Stearns was charged with participation, as a member of the firm of Stearns and Castor, in the unauthorized competition at Elizabethtown, Pa. He had replied to the charge by acknowledging the participation of the firm. However, it was stated by Mr. Castor that in justice to Mr. Stearns it should be known that he took no actual part in the work.

The Judiciary Committee was of the opinion that only in exceptional cases should individual members of a firm be held not responsible for the action of the firm.

The charge was therefore sustained.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors held in Washington on November 29 and 30, 1915, this report was considered and upon motion duly seconded it was resolved that Mr. Stearns be censured for his participation in this competition.

BURT L. FENNER,
Secretary.

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ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS
1104-10 STEPHEN GIRARD BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA

MEMBERS OF
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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Mr. Burt L. Fenner,
Secretary, American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to tender my resignation
as a member of the American Institute of
Architects, and am returning herewith,
the bill sent me for this year's dues.

Yours very truly,

Horace Castor

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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February 9, 1917.

My dear Sir:

Permit me to acknowledge, with regret, your resignation
as a member of the Institute, tendered under date of February
7, 1917.

This will go before the Executive Committee at its meet-
ing in May.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Horace W. Castor,
Stephen Girard Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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February 9, 1917.

Dear Mr. Crane:

Mr. Horace W. Caator of the Philadelphia Chapter has tendered his resignation as an Institute member, and without explanation.

Mr. Master offered his resignation once before. It was later withdrawn.

The matter will not come up for consideration until the meeting of the Executive Committee in May and at that time I am sure your advice would be appreciated, should you think it desirable for the Committee to urge a reconsideration.

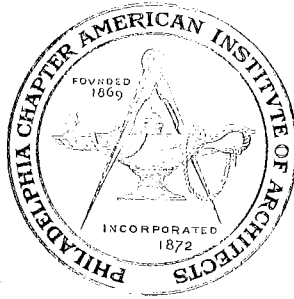
Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Edward A. Crane, Secretary
Philadelphia Chapter, A.I.A.
Philadelphia, Pa.

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EDWARD A. CRANE, SECRETARY
1012 WALNUT STREET

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Philadelphia, April 4, 1917.

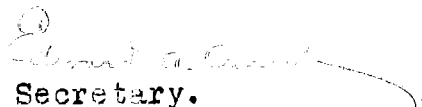
Mr. E. C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary, A. I. A.,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:-

Your letter of February 9th, 1917, relative to the resignation as an Institute member of Mr. Horace W. Castor of Philadelphia, was duly received.

By direction of the Executive Committee I communicated on February 21st, 1917, with Mr. Castor, calling his attention to the fact that under the new By-Laws of the Institute, resignation from that body carried with it a resignation from the Chapter and stating that he had perhaps not appreciated this was the case. His reply of February 22nd merely stated that he had not understood this to be the case, but being so "there is nothing else to do but to resign from both." To this a reply was sent on February 24th expressing regret that he contemplated taking this step and in effect requesting him to reconsider his resignation. To this no reply has been received and the Executive Committee of the Chapter feels that under the circumstances, his resignation should be accepted.

Yours very truly,


Secretary.

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

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April 5-1917

Dear Mr. Crane:-

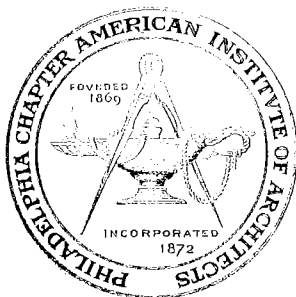
Responding to your letter of April 4th, Mr. Castor's resignation will be acted upon at the May meeting of the Executive Committee.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Edward A. Crane, Secretary,
Philadelphia Chapter of A. I.A.,
1012 Walnut Street-Philadelphia

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JOHN P. B. SINKLER, PRESIDENT
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1012 WALNUT STREET
GEORGE I. LOVATT, TREASURER
416 WALNUT STREET

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

April 14, 1919

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary,
American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 4 with page proof of the Annuary showing the Institute personnel of the Philadelphia Chapter, which is returned herewith with a couple of minor corrections.

With reference to the name of Mr. Horace W. Castor, which has been on our list, I find on looking up the correspondence, that you wrote me on February 9, 1917, saying that Mr. Castor had tendered his resignation. This was placed before the Executive Committee, and on February 21 we wrote to Mr. Castor advising him that his resignation from the Institute would carry resignation from the Philadelphia Chapter, which it was felt perhaps he did not understand, to which he replied on February 22 that he did not know that resignation from the Institute carried with it resignation from the Chapter, but, this being the case, there was nothing for him to do but to resign from both. To this I replied on February 24 stating that the letter of the

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21st was not written with a view to obtaining his resignation from the Chapter, but rather to cause him to reconsider his resignation from the Institute, and saying that it would be a great pleasure if the Executive Committee of the Institute could be advised that he had decided to withdraw his resignation from that body, and thus not affect his Chapter membership.

On April 4 I wrote you by direction of the Executive Committee of the Chapter, stating the above facts, and saying that, as no reply had been received from Mr. Castor, the Executive Committee of the Chapter felt that under the circumstances his resignation should be accepted. I note by your letter that Mr. Castor's resignation was accepted on December 31, 1917, and that the Chapter was so advised. We have no record here, nor has the Treasurer's office a record, that the Chapter was ever so advised, which I presume was probably due to the mail service during that period. In any case, our notices were sent to Mr. Castor as usual, and he has paid his Chapter dues for the year 1919.

In view of the circumstances and the fact that of course Mr. Castor was fully advised that his name was to be stricken from the Chapter rolls when his resignation from the Institute was accepted, the Executive Committee of the Chapter feel there is nothing to do but to advise him of that fact and return the amount of his dues for the year 1919, which will be done.

Yours truly,

Copy to Mr. Lovatt

Edward M. G. ...
Secretary

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

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Castor

April 16th-1919.

Dear Mr. Crane:-

This will acknowledge yours of April 14th concerning the status of Mr. Castor, and it is noted that his Chapter membership has been discontinued.

Doubtless he understands that he is priveleged to make application for reinstatement in the Institute at any time, and I am sure the Board would be governed by any recommendation that the Chapter might make in that event.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Edward A. Crane, Secty.,
Philadelphia Chapter, A. I. A.,
1012 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

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April 19, 1919

Mr. Horace W. Castor,
1107 Stephen Girard Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The Executive Secretary of the American Institute of Architects has called the attention of the Philadelphia Chapter to the fact that your name is carried on its rolls as a member of the Chapter, whereas your resignation from the Institute was accepted December 31, 1917, which automatically carried with it resignation from the Philadelphia Chapter.

I find that you were advised that this would be the case by letter from this office of February 21, 1917, to which you replied on February 22, 1917. The matter apparently rested there for the balance of the year, but when your resignation was acted on by the Institute, by some inadvertence the Chapter did not receive a notification, although the Executive Secretary of the Institute states that one was mailed to us. Not being advised of the action taken, your name has been carried on the membership list of our Chapter and bill for your 1918-1919 dues was sent you as usual, and our records show the

Mr. Castor--2

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sake was paid. The Executive Committee of the Chapter regrets exceedingly that under the By-Laws of the Institute and the Chapter they are compelled to take your name from the membership list. The Treasurer will return to you under separate cover the amount of dues paid for the present Chapter year 1918-1919.

For your information I enclose copy of a letter of April 14, 1919, to the Executive Secretary of the Institute regarding the case and his reply of April 16.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Edward A. Crane.

Secretary

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Copy to Mr. Kemper
" " Mr. Lovatt

HORACE W. CASTOR
ARCHITECT
1104-10 STEPHEN GIRARD BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA

April
21st,
1919.

Mr. Edward A. Crane, Secretary,
Philadelphia Chapter, A.I.A.,
1022 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

Dear Sir:-

I have your favor of April 19th, with enclosures, and in reply beg to state that I have always been under the impression that I am still a member of the Chapter, which I think is evidenced by the paying of the dues to date. And without hunting up any correspondence, I was also under the impression that I was a member of the Institute and had paid all dues. Evidently I am mistaken, as Mr. Kemper's letter of April 14th proves otherwise.

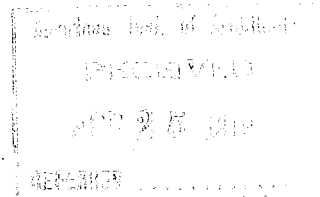
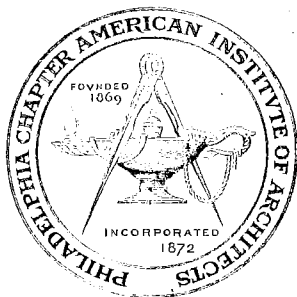
I remember resigning from the Institute, and thought I had reconsidered the matter at the solicitation of Mr. Frank Watson, architect. The whole matter is quite vague, however, and I would have to take the time to go through my records. The purpose of my writing is to say that I have no desire to resign either from the Institute or the Chapter, and whatever formalities there are to go through, or dues to be paid, in order to be reinstated, I shall be pleased to undertake.

Will you be good enough to advise me just what course I should pursue?

Yours very truly,

Horace W. Castor

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

April 24, 1919

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary,
American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the correspondence regarding the removal of Mr. Horace W. Castor's name from the list of members of the Philadelphia Chapter, of which he was advised, I have received a letter from Mr. Castor of April 21, which I enclose herewith.

You will note his statements with reference to his membership in the Institute, and on my placing this letter before the Executive Committee of the Chapter, I was instructed to forward same to you to be placed before the Board of Directors of the Institute. If, in the judgment of the Board, Mr. Castor is entitled to reinstatement under the Institute By-Laws, that action would meet with the approval of the Executive Committee of the Philadelphia Chapter.

Yours very truly,

Edward A. Crane
Secretary

Enc.

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

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April 25-1919

Dear Mr. Crane:-

Permit me to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of April 24th with regard to the case of Mr. Horace W. Castor; also his letter to you under date of April 21.

The two communications have been sent to Mr. Kemper in Nashville - with a view to bringing the matter before the Board at this meeting should that be possible.

Very truly yours,

For the Executive Secretary

Mr. Edward A. Crane, Secretary,
Philadelphia Chapter, A. I. A.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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May 15th-1919.

Dear Mr. Crane:-

Your letter of April 24th regarding the case of Mr. Castor was forwarded to me in Nashville, but in the pressure of Convention business it did not come before the Board meeting.

The correspondence has been placed on the schedule for the Executive Committee meeting in the early Summer.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Edward A. Crane, Secretary,
Philadelphia Chapter, A. I. A.,
1012 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Sept. 12, 1919.

My dear Mr. Castor:-

At the August meeting of the Executive Committee a letter of April 24th., from the Secretary of the Philadelphia Chapter, concerning your reinstatement in the Institute, was considered.

It was resolved that you be reinstated as a member, in good standing, and that no initiation fee be charged.

No charge will be made for back dues, but the dues for 1919 must be paid in accordance with the statement enclosed herewith.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Crane for the information of the Chapter.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Horace W. Castor,
1104 Stephen Girard Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Copy sent to

Mr. Crane.

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FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

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Mr. E. C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary,
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My dear Mr. Kemper:-

I have your favor of
Sept,ber 12th and wish to thank the Insti-
tute through you, for the very kindly manner
in which this matter has been disposed of.
I take the pleasure of enclosing my check
for twenty dollars for dues for 1919. I
note that copy of your letter has been sent
to Mr. Crane, for the information of the
Philadelphia Chapter.

Yours very truly,

Horace W. Castor

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November 9, 1966

Mrs. Berte R. Kaufmann
Philadelphia Chapter, AIA
2400 Architects Bldg.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

Re: Death of Mr. Horace W. Gaster, AIA,
on October 9, 1966.

Dear Mrs. Kaufmann:

We were very sorry to learn of the death of the member indicated above.

For the Institute's Baldwin Memorial Archive records, it would be appreciated if you would have the enclosed forms filled in. Two copies should be returned to the Institute and the third copy should be maintained in the Chapter's files.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Scheick, F.A.I.A.
Executive Director

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Castor, Horace William

BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE
of American Architects

NO. _____

Name: Horace William Castor
HORACE W. CASTOR of (address) 7347 Oxford Ave., Phila., Pa.

Born: 8-17-70 at Frankford Phila. Died: 10-9-66 at Philadelphia, Pa.

Parents: Thomas Ellwood Castor and Mary Jane Rymond

Married: (1) Elizabeth Frances Hormann Frankford 8-16-1893
(2) Mary Edna McDermott of Drexel Hill, Pa. on 6-13-1916

(1) Children: Edwin H. Castor, Mary Elizabeth Mills, Horace W. Castor, Jr.
(2) ----- No issue

Education: Graduate Central Manual Training High School, Phila. 1888.

Training; and practice as Principal: (Firm Names, Places, Dates, Specialization)

Architectural Draftsman - office of Frank Miller, Phila. 1888-91
Architect - Self, Frankford 1891-95
Architect & Engineer partnership - Stearns & Castor, Phila. 1895-1916
Architect - Self, Phila. 1916-66

Professional Memberships and Service: (Institute and Chapter Activities; Teaching)

A. I. A. Philadelphia Chapter
As a teacher, his drafting room was a school room for many budding young architects. (See quotation of Citation on next page).

Other Affiliations: (Religious, Fraternal, Political, Social)

Frankford Ave. Memorial Methodist Church Union League, Phila.
Masonic Order 32d degree, Blue Lodge
Numismatic & Antiquarian Society
Frankford Historical Society

Public Service: (Civil and Military; Community, State, National)

Member of Robert W. Ryers School Board
Founder & President of Ryers Building & Loan Ass'n. (which successfully weathered the Depression).

Member of School Board, Pennington (N.J.) School for Boys

Published Material: (Articles and Addresses; Executed Work; Biographical Data)

Historical papers for Frankford Historical Society and the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society.

Residences: about 30 including country homes for Stetson and Wetherill families, and summer home at Deal Beach, N.J. for H.P. Frothingham, member of N.Y. Stock Ech.

Churches: about 50, including one in Mexico City and one in China.

Schools: Pennhurst (Pa.) State School, Phila. County and Delaware County schools, Upper Darby Twp., Pennington School for Boys.

Hospitals: in Phila., Frankford, Jewish, Methodist, Stetson
50 years service to Methodist Hospital
15 " " " " Jewish Hospital

Fraternal: Scottish Rite Temple, Phila. (now Town Hall, Broad & Race Sts.)
Masonic Temple, Williamsport, Pa.

Civic; Philadelphia Library Branches.

Navy: Phila. Navy Yard - Machine Shop Buildings
Drafting Building

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General Background: (Personal Characteristics and Accomplishments; Interests, Digressions, Travels, Friendships, Side-lights, Honors, and Awards.)

Industrial: Leather and Wool Processing Factories
Textile Mills
Autocar Plant, Ardmore, Pa.
Autocar Sales and Service Stations in many U.S. cities.

Commercial: Bank Branches
Food Markets, Department Stores.

Theatres: Pioneer in Moving Picture Theatres in the early days of Dr. Lubin's development of the movie.

If it could be said that there was any specialization, it would be in the areas of schools, hospitals and industrials.

H.W.C. was handsome and always well dressed. He made a very good first impression. He had excellent qualities of salesmanship.

His habit of wearing a white carnation was reflected in the Citation which he received on November 19, 1963 from the

" Philadelphia Chapter American Institute of Architects,
" For his remarkable seventy two years of devotion to Architecture
" and his enduring practice of the highest professional ideals and
" objectives, for being a tireless preceptor to young architects,
" and for his gay spirit as 'the Architect with the white boutonniere',
" awards its Citation for extraordinary excellence to
" Horace W. Castor, A.I.A. "

H.W.C. liked people, was sociable and affable and never aired his aches and pains in public. To the question: "How are you?", his invariable reply was: "Just right well, thank you."

He sought contacts with notables and counted many prominent Philadelphians amongst his friends.

He was an enthusiastic baseball fan, ever loyal to the Athletics, whom he visited in their winter camp in Florida and followed on their Pennant trips. He was delighted at the opener game in Shibe Park to give up his seat to President Herbert Hoover in Tom Shibe's box, and later receive from the White House his own ticket autographed by the President.

He spent several vacations on Boat trips to the Caribbean and ~~South~~ South America. He accompanied the Philadelphia Masons on their trans-continental tour of the U. S. By railroad.

He was greatly interested and did original research into local history and discovered Stephen Decatur's residence in Frankford. He insisted that the public schools were missing the mark in not instilling a pride of local history into the children.

In business, he had a keen perception of the legal aspects of contracts. He was patient with employees, loyal and frank to Owners and fair with Contractors.

In short, he was a great guy!

Principal Commissions: (Classified, with locations and Reference Data) (Above)

Compiled by: Edwin H. Castor & Samuel S. Raup

Date: 22 September 1967

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