

Matsui, Yasuo
New York

Application for Membership

January 22, 1926

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

SIR:

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects.

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

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Name YASUO MATSUI

Address 175 Fifth Avenue New York New York
[Number and Street] [City] [State]

Place and date of birth Shima, Japan Oct. 15, 1877

Graduate in architecture Keiwo University 2 1/2 years Graduate College of University of California 1 year in graduate college of Massachusetts Inst. Tech.
[If required in your case, give name of institutions and year.—Attach evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation.]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture.....
[If required in your case, attach evidence.]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecolè des Beaux Arts.....
[If required in your case, state which, and attach evidence of Certificate.]

If an Associate of a Chapter of the Institute, give name of chapter.....

If practicing architect, firm name President of F. H. Dewey & Co., 175 Fifth Avenue

Have been in practice..... 8 1/2 years

If draughtsman, employed by.....

Collegiate and office training 2 yrs. served as Architectural Commission to Japan
3 yrs. with Geo. B. Post 2 1/2 years with Ernest Flagg, 1 1/2 yrs. Palmer & Hornbostel, 3 yrs. with Warren & Wetmore, 4 1/2 yrs. with Starrett & Van Vleck.

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.

Yasuo Matsui
[Signature of Applicant.]

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

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date.....
[Insert date of election to chapter.]

.....Secretary.

.....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.

Registration or License Number.

If the applicant resides or has his principal place of business in a Registration or License law state the current number of his Registration or License should be noted here.

(N.Y. 854)
NUMBER

- (1) James Otis Post
- (2) Kenneth M. Murchison
- (3) Ernest Flagg

[The signatures of three Institute members are here required even if the applicant has the unanimous endorsement of his Chapter, in which case certification to that effect should be made above by the 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, and in which there are no negative votes. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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January 29, 1926.

Dear Mr. Matsui:-

Permit me to acknowledge with gratification, and on behalf of the Secretary, your application for membership in the American Institute of Architects.

In order that your application may be acted upon as promptly as possible, it is hoped that you will send at your early convenience the customary routine exhibits.

These should consist of working drawings and photographs of two executed buildings which need not be specially prepared, may be taken from the office files, and will be carefully returned later.

Acknowledgment is also made of your remittance of \$5.00 to cover the Preliminary Fee.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Yasuo Matsui,
175 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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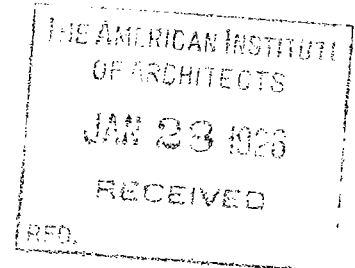
YASUO MATSUI
PRESIDENT
ALBERT R. PALMER
SECRETARY & TREASURER

F. H. DEWEY & COMPANY
ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS

175 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY
TELEPHONE ASHLAND 7827

January 27, 1926.

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



My dear Mr. Kemper:

I enclose application for membership duly filled out, with endorsements of Mr. James Otis Post, Mr. Kenneth M. Murchison and Mr. Charles Ewing, for consideration of admittance. As the requirements on your printed form do not state whether attendance in the graduate college of the University of California or the graduate college of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology classifies one a graduate in architecture, I am, therefore, forwarding to you under separate cover some of my recent work under my Corporation. I deem it advisable not to send too many working drawings because they are so cumbersome, so I have included a couple of sheets of each which I consider sufficient to prove my authorship.

I enclose my check in the amount of \$5.00 for initiation fee.

Very truly yours,

YM.MH

January 18, 1927

Dear Mr. Matsui:-

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in The American Institute of Architects, effective January 12, 1927.

You have been assigned to the New York Chapter as an Institute Member in good standing therein, and the Secretary of the Chapter has been so notified.

The enclosed statement covering dues should receive your prompt attention.

May I take this opportunity to say that the office of the Secretary is for the service of every Institute Member. Should the occasion arise we shall be glad to give you our best cooperation.

Cordially yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Yasuo Matsui,
175 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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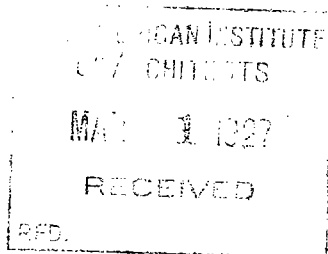
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175 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY
TELEPHONE ASHLAND 7827

February 28, 1927.

Mr. H. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C.



Dear Sir:

Up to date I have not received any copies
of the Journal of the American Institute of Architects.
This day I called on the telephone the office of the
Journal and asked if there is an error in my not
receiving the Journal. Also, I wish to ask whether
I am entitled to receive any Year Book or handbook.

Very truly yours,

YM:PH

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*Notice sent to Journal Feb. 11, 1927 - Inter-office No. 2778
His subscription should begin with the February
issue - March number.*

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

March 1, 1927

Dear Mr. Matsui:

Responding to yours of February 28th we sent to the Journal of the Insitute, a notice of your election on February 11, 1927 (Our Inter-office No. 2778). Your subscription should begin with the February issue - March number.

You will receive after the Convention in May the new Year Book and the Proceedings. In the meantime we are sending you these two documents for last year.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Yasuo Matsui,
175 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

YASUO MATSUI
ALBERT R. PALMER

YASUO MATSUI, ARCHITECT
F. H. DEWEY AND COMPANY
ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS

350 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY
TELEPHONE LONGACRE 5-3608

September 6, 1934.

Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Executive Secretary
American Institute of Architects
The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C.



My dear Mr. Kemper:

Confidential information is asked
of you of the following names:

Adolph H. Knappe of New York City - *Resigned Dec. 31, 1922.*
George W. Morris of New York City - *no records.*

Apparantly in the later part of the
registry they are not listed as members. I am inquir-
ing whether either one was ever admitted to the American
Institute of Architects, and if so, when were they ex-
pelled.

I shall greatly appreciate your
attention in this matter.

Very truly yours,

YASUO MATSUI
F.H. DEWEY & CO.

Yasuo Matsui
President.

YM:AC

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September 19, 1934

Dear Mr. Matsui:

This is the first opportunity to respond to yours of September 6th. The following appears from our records, here, with regard to those you list:

Adolphe H. Knapp, New York - Resigned Dec. 31, 1922

George W. Morris, New York - no record.

Sincerely yours,

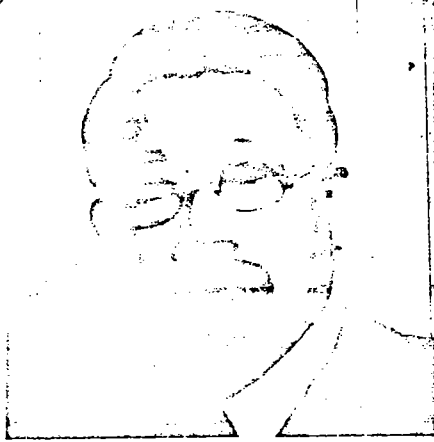
Executive Secretary.

Mr. Yasuo Matsui,
10 East 40th Street,
New York, N. Y.

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| Name Matsui, Yasuo | |
| City New York | State N.Y |
| Place and Date of Birth | |
| Elected Member January 12, 1927 | Elected Fellow |
| Chapter Assigned to New York | Chapter Transferred to |
| Resigned | Dropped |
| Otherwise Discontinued Deceased: <u>8-28-62 notice</u> | |
| Remarks | Elected Member Emeriti: 1-1-54 |

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Yasuo Matsui as he appeared in 1930.

Yasuo Matsui
ARCHITECT

A Japanese builder leaves monuments and mementos

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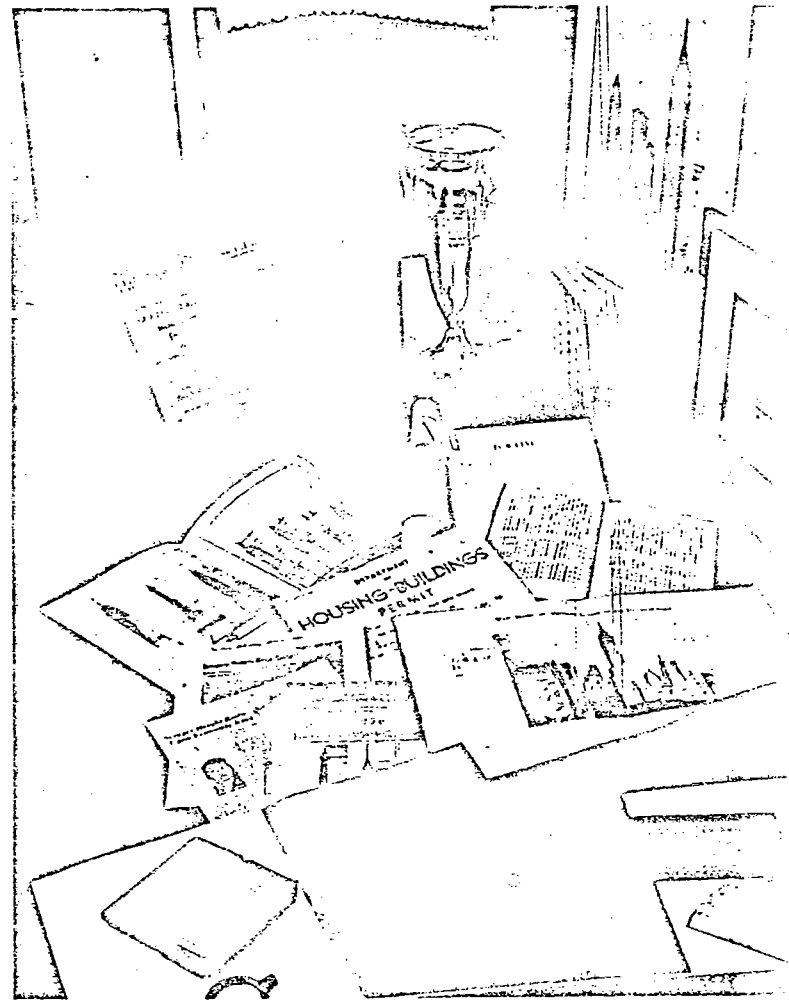
WHEN AN ARCHITECT DIES, the buildings he constructed become his monuments. Yasuo Matsui, who was consulting architect for S&H after World War II until his death at 79 in August, 1962, left his mark on New York's skyline. In 1929, in association with H. Craig Severance, he built 40 Wall Street. Until the Chrysler Building topped it a year later, it was the tallest inhabitable building in the world, exceeded in height only by the Eiffel Tower. Mr. Matsui's 70-story building is still a towering landmark in Manhattan's financial district and remains one of New York's greatest skyscrapers.

All his life an authority on skyscrapers, Mr. Matsui was nevertheless a versatile builder. He was associate designer for two huge Starrett-Lehigh industrial buildings and consulted or supervised work on high schools, hospitals, apartment buildings, banks, some large buildings in Tokyo, several homes, and a church. He was also a highly regarded water colorist.

In his association with S&H, Mr. Matsui maintained his office at 114 Fifth Avenue, and helped marshal the company's phenomenal physical growth during the 1950's. He designed the Metuchen, New Jersey, Distribution Center, renovated five floors in the home office, designed a Fort Worth, Texas, redemption center, and was consulting architect for the construction and design of many other company buildings.

Mr. Matsui will be remembered for more than his buildings, however. A collection of his books valued at \$2,000 has been divided between the Cooper Union School of Art and Architecture in New York and the Japan Christian University in Tokyo. The latter, which received books written in Japanese, will use them as the basis for an architectural library.

The Columbia University Avery Memorial Library has used technical documents, books, tracings, photographs and framed pictures to establish a Yasuo Matsui Memorial Collection. The American Architectural Archive has also collected a number of the builder's documents.



Among the mementos of Architect Yasuo Matsui are framed pictures of buildings he planned and built. In the background (l-r) are his 70-story tower at 40 Wall Street; an early S&H building which he renovated for the company; a skyscraper for mid-town Manhattan which was never built; and the Metuchen Distribution Center. Also pictured are: a citation from Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia for exceptional service to New York City; a cup given by Mr. Matsui's associates at S&H; a privately-bound book on architecture he wrote; his diagrams of the world's tallest structures with 40 Wall Street in fourth place; books; magazine articles; news clippings; a souvenir program from S&H's 50th anniversary dinner; and some tools he used.