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Reference Record

Middle Atlantic  
Regional District

December 8, 1941  
Date of this reference

To Regional Director **Frederic A. Fletcher**  
**7 East Franklin Street, Baltimore, Maryland**

Under tentative Institute procedure the following is submitted to you for consideration, reply or other action:

1. Enclosure: **Letter**, dated **December 5, 1941**
2. From: **Howard M. Mottu, A.I.A.**  
**2127 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Maryland**
3. To: **The Secretary**
4. Subject: **Resignation of Mr. Howard M. Mottu, Institute member,**  
**to take effect December 31, 1941.**
5. Notice of this reference to the Regional Director has been sent to the person or agency listed under (2) above.

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**Asst.** *Executive Secretary*

**Comments:** You may wish to contact Mr. Mottu and if his resignation is for financial reasons and if he is eligible, suggest member emeritus status.

In order to resign a member must be in good standing in The Institute and in the Chapter. Mr. Mottu's Institute dues for 1941 are paid.

Mr. Mottu's letter of resignation should be eventually returned to The Secretary's office so that necessary action can be taken.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP EMERITUS

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:

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

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

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

~~b. I am incapacitated and unable to engage in any vocation.~~

Write in  
name of  
chapter.

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

Respectfully,

Date

*Dec 19* 1941.

*Howard M. Mottu*  
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 neither of requirements a or b.*

Mr. Mottu, of the well known firm of Mottu and White, is nearly 74 years old and has been a member in good standing of the Baltimore Chapter for over thirty years. I heartily endorse his application for election to Membership Emeritus in The Institute.

*Elected 1916*

*Balto*

Frederic A. Fletcher, Director,  
Middle Atlantic District.

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December 29, 1941

Dear Mr. Mottu:

We have received, through Director Fletcher, your application for election as a Member Emeritus of The Institute, and request that your resignation first submitted be withdrawn.

It is gratifying to learn of the possibility of your continuing support of The Institute and the profession and we shall be glad to submit your application to The Board of Directors at its next meeting for consideration.

In due course thereafter you will be advised of the action taken.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. Howard M. Mottu, A.I.A.,  
2127 North Charles Street,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

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Copy to Mr. Fletcher  
Secretary, Baltimore Chapter, A.I.A.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION—MEMBER EMERITUS

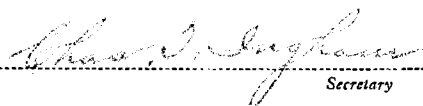
TO **Mr. Howard H. Mottu, A.I.A.**  
**2127 North Charles Street**  
**Baltimore, Maryland**

It is my privilege to advise you that The Board of Directors has conferred upon you the title

MEMBER EMERITUS

of The American Institute of Architects and of its component organizations of which you are a member, exempting you from the payment of annual dues to The Institute and such organizations, effective **December 31, 1941** .

Date **March 28,** 1942 .

  
Secretary

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HOWARD M. MOTTU, A. I. A.  
HENRY S. T. WHITE, A. I. A.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.  
2127 N. Charles St.

April 13, 1942

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Mr. Charles T. Ingham, Secretary,  
American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Ingham:

The receipt of your letter under date of March 28, 1942 advising me that the Board of Directors has conferred upon me the title of Member Emeritus of the American Institute of Architects, is acknowledged.

I thank you for your interest and for the notice received from you. I am,

Very sincerely yours,  
*Howard M. Mottu*

HMM:KR

HOWARD M. MOTTU

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MRS. HOWARD M. MOTTU

607 SOMERSET ROAD

BALTIMORE 10, MARYLAND

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December 7, 1953

Mr. Henry H. Saylor, Editor  
The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

My dear Mr. Saylor:

As my husband, the late Howard M. Mottu, member emeritis of the American Institute of Architects, is still having the Journal and other literature addressed to him, I assume that you do not know he passed on October 7, 1953.

I shall appreciate your removing his name from the mailing list. Thanking you,

Sincerely yours,

*Elizabeth D. Mottu*

member  
Mottu, Howard

December 8, 1953

Mrs. Howard M. Mottu  
607 Somerset Road  
Baltimore 10, Maryland

We appreciate, Mrs. Mottu, your help in sending us your note of December 7, for the word had not reached us that Mr. Mottu had passed on.

This fact will be recorded in the Institute archives, and we shall try to see that you are not bothered again by receiving communications from The Institute addressed to your late husband.

With appreciation and sympathy,

Henry H. Saylor  
Editor

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Mottu, Howard*  
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Administration Building  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.

December 17, 1953

Mr. Carson Cornbrooks, Secretary  
Baltimore Chapter, A.I.A.  
1020 St. Paul Street  
Baltimore 2, Maryland

Dear Mr. Cornbrooks:

We were very sorry to learn of the death of Howard M. Mottu, member emeritus of The Institute.

We would appreciate it very much if you would have the enclosed copies of the Baldwin Memorial Archive forms filled in and returned to The Institute for its files.

Sincerely yours,

Edmund R. Purves  
Executive Director, A.I.A.

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cc: Treasurer's Office



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Biography  
Mottu, Howard*

*Mottu, Howard M.*

BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE  
of American Architects

NO: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Howard McCauley Mottu of (address) 607 Somerset Road, Baltimore 10, Md.

Born: Jan. 1, 1868 at Baltimore Died: Oct. 7, 1953 at Union Memorial Hospital, Balto., Md.

Parents: Theodore Mottu and Margaret George Mottu

Married: Clara E. King of Baltimore on Nov. 14, 1895 - Died Oct. 9, 1929  
Elizabeth Chamberlain Osmond (2) of Baltimore on Dec. 22, 1945

Children: Louise King Mottu - Born Nov. 8, 1898 - Died Feb. 19, 1911 (by first wife)

Education: Public School - Newton Academy and Maryland Institute - Baltimore, Md.

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

Baldwin & Pennington - Architects, Baltimore, Md. (First and only position)  
After Baltimore Fire in 1904, Mr. Mottu formed a partnership with Henry S. T. White under the name of Mottu & White, Architects, who were responsible for many fine residences and buildings in Baltimore and suburbs and also in adjoining states.

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

Member emeritus of American Institute of Architects

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

Member of First Methodist Church

Republican

Interested in music and drama

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

Served on Maryland State Board of Examiners of Architects under appointment by Governor Nice for 2 years from July 1, 1935. Chapter 309 - Acts of '35.

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

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General Background: (Personal Characteristics and Accomplishments; Interests, Digressions, Travels, Friendships, Sidelights, Honors, and Awards.) (Below)

Mr. Mottu was a man of the highest character and known by every one in the professional world and in private life for his integrity, fairplay and kindness. His keen sense of humor and great understanding of human nature endeared him to all who knew him. He was indeed a truly good man and lived each day according to his belief.

Mr. Mottu was devoted to his profession and since his retirement in 1949 he spent hours most every day at his drawing table until he passed on at 85.

Just a little incident in his business career, which seems to say so much. When remarking to a large contractor that he would have a contract drawn up for some work to be done, the contractor replied - "Mr. Mottu, I would rather have your word than any contract that was ever written".

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

Compiled by (Mrs) Elizabeth O. Mottu

Date: 2-8-55

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