

Murdock, Harris H. M.  
New York Application for Membership

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To the Secretary of the American Institute of Architects.

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I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects, and certify that the following statements are correct:

Name Harris Humeard Murdock

Address 347 Madison Av. New York City N.Y.  
[Number and Street] [City] [State]

Place and date of birth Cambridge Mass. June 2 1879

Graduate in architecture no.  
[If required in your case, give name of institutions and year.—Attach evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation.]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture no.  
[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. no.  
[If required in your case, state which, and attach evidence of Certificate.]

If your State has a Registration or License Law and you are not registered, state reasons. N.Y. State # 771 Dec. 1, 1916 - Pa. # 1097 by Stat. 27 Jan. 1927

If practicing architect, firm name Perkins & Murdock

Have been in practice 18 years. If draughtsman, employed by \_\_\_\_\_

Collegiate and office training Harvard A.B. 1901

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.

(1) H. H. Murdock  
[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 \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
[Insert date of election to chapter.] [Signature of the Secretary of the chapter.]

If the applicant is not an Associate, the following acknowledgment must be signed:

Without endorsement I hereby take note on behalf of my Chapter that this applicant is applying for Institute membership (3) Julian Clarence Levi Secretary N.Y. Chapter  
[Signature of President or Secretary of Chapter to which the applicant will be assigned if elected.]

We, the undersigned members of the American Institute of Architects, have carefully examined the foregoing statement by the applicant 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. (4) Clinton M Hill  
(5) Madison Irving B.S.  
(6) Levett Welch

It is not mandatory that applicants from Registration or License law states be registered or licensed. But the current number of Registration or License must appear here if the applicant is registered or licensed.

(7) #771  
NUMBER

[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 were 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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April 9, 1929.

Dear Mr. Murdock:-

Permit me to acknowledge with gratification, and on behalf of the Secretary, your application for membership in The American Institute of Architects, received by reference from the New York Chapter.

The application is complete except for a balance of \$20.00 due on the Initiation Fee (it having been increased from \$5.00 to \$25.00, effective January 1, 1928); the Annual Dues of \$25.00 which, for the new member, are payable in advance; and the customary routine exhibits.

The\* exhibits should consist of working drawings and photographs of two executed buildings which need not be specially prepared, may be taken from your office files, and will be carefully returned later.

The dues paid in advance will, of course, be applied to the first twelve months following date of election.

We acknowledge with thanks your check of \$5.00.

Cordially yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Harris H. Murdock,  
347 Madison Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

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\* We note these will come forward via the New York office.

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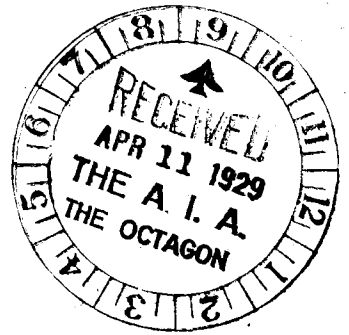
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347 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK CITY

CLINTON M. HILL  
H. H. MURDOCK



In re C-21.

April 10, 1929.

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

My dear Mr. Kemper:

This will acknowledge your letter of April 9th.

If you have not already banked my check for \$5.00 which you received through the New York Chapter, will you kindly return it to me, and accept the enclosed check for \$25.00 to cover the initiation fee which you advise me has been increased to this amount as of January 1, 1928.

It is not clear to me from your letter whether I should at this time enclose also a check for \$25.00 for the annual dues in advance, but I am doing so on the understanding that this is what you desire me to do.

Very truly yours,

HHM:ES

*H. H. Murdock*

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

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April 15, 1929.

Dear Mr. Murdock:-

Permit me to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of April 10 enclosing checks of \$25.00 each in payment of the Initiation Fee and Annual Dues.

We regret that the application was not completed in time for the meeting of the Board of Examiners which occurred on April 10. All applications acted upon at that meeting will come before the Board of Directors next week for final action.

Therefore, as all applications for Institute membership are acted upon at the quarterly meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee action on your application must be deferred until several months later.

As requested, we return herewith your check No. 1350, in the sum of \$5.00, which first accompanied your application.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. H. H. Murdock,  
347 Madison Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

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P. S. We have not yet received the exhibits, mentioned in our letter of the 9th but presume these will come forward in due course. from the New York Chapter.

JARDINE HILL & MURDOCK : ARCHITECTS

In re C-21 -

April 20, 1929.



Theodore I. Coe, Esq.,  
52 Vanderbilt Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Coe:

A letter from Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary of the American Institute of Architects, acknowledging my check for payment of initiation fee and annual dues, states that they have not yet received the exhibits but presumes they will come forward in due course from the New York Chapter. Undoubtedly this is the case, but if you find that there has been any delay in forwarding them I shall appreciate your kind assistance.

Sincerely yours,

*H. H. Murdoch*

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Carbon to E. C. Kemper, Esq.,  
Executive Secretary, American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Felix Murdock App

*Extra copy*

April 29, 1929

Dear Mr. Coe:

On returning to The Octagon, this morning, from the Convention meeting in New York on Friday, and the Board meeting on Saturday - the 27th - I find your letter of the 27th with particular reference to the exhibits of Mr. H. H. Murdock.

Can well understand your feeling about the appearance of delay in this case, especially after the delay in the case of Mr. Thomas. However, the enclosed envelope which contained the exhibits of Mr. Murdock will be found to be self-explanatory. According to the post mark it was mailed in New York on April 27th, and was received at the Washington Post Office on April 28th. It was delivered at The Octagon this morning, April 29th.

Am indeed sorry that there is not some way in which we can expedite action on Mr. Murdock's application. It will come before the Board of Examiners at their next meeting, which will precede the next meeting of the Institute Executive Committee in August - at which new members can be elected. In the meantime, the application will go through the required procedure including the notice to the membership and the notice to the Officers of the New York Chapter.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Theodore I. Coe,  
C/o Carrere and Hastings,  
52 Vanderbilt Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

K/FHG  
Enc.

~~Copy to Mr. Murdock~~

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COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION  
THEODORE IRVING COE, *Chairman*  
52 Vanderbilt Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

April 30th, 1929

Edward C. Kemper, Esq., Executive Secretary,  
The American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I beg to acknowledge your letter of April 29th in reply to mine of the 27th inst, referring to the exhibits of Mr. H. H. Murdock.

I was surprised to note from the envelope enclosing the same, which you returned with your letter, the envelope was not checked out of the New York Post Office until April 27th, 1929.

This, of course, accounts for your not receiving the exhibits at an earlier date and in time for action upon Mr. Murdock's application which it now appears must await the meeting of the Board of Examiners in August.

Apart from the delay in the transmission of Mr. Murdock's exhibits I cannot help but feel the desirability of evolving a workable procedure by which the applications for membership might be acted upon more promptly than now appears to be the case.

It is not too easy to interest architects in Institute membership and I cannot help but feel that the long period of delay between the filing of their application and their election to membership tends to weaken their enthusiasm and, perhaps in some cases, raise a doubt as to the Institute's willingness to admit the candidate.

I am not certain that the procedure would be suitable in connection with Institute practice but in connection with a membership organization of which I happen to be president where meetings of the directors are not required for other purposes we frequently submit the names of candidates with their qualifications for a letter ballot of the directors which serves to secure prompt action not otherwise possible.

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I shall be very glad if anything can be done to insure the election of Mr. Cyrus W. Thomas, who is in every respect qualified for membership.

Very sincerely yours,



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

COPY

May 27, 1929

Dear Mr. Murdock:

We duly received a copy of your letter of April 20th, to Mr. Theodore I. Coe, with regard to the sending of your exhibits to The Octagon.

We take pleasure in advising that these exhibits have now been received, here, and your application will be brought up for consideration at the next meeting of our Board of Examiners, in June or July.

It will be impossible to have your application acted upon by our Executive Committee until early in August, as your exhibits were received too late for consideration and presentation of your application to our April meeting of the Board of Directors.

We will advise you, in due course, after the August meeting of our Executive Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Harris H. M. Murdock,  
347 Madison Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

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PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

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

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September 14, 1929

Dear Mr. Murdock:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in The American Institute of Architects, effective September 14, 1929.

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 advised.

A Membership Card is enclosed.

An engrossed Certificate of Membership in The American Institute of Architects is also sent herewith.

May I take this opportunity to say that the office of the Secretary at The Octagon 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. Harris H. Murdock,  
347 Madison Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

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Encs.

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NO NF

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Received Nov. 1, 1940

Voted On *May 17* 1941

Voted On *June 11* 1941

Voted On May 26, 1943

Granted May 26, 1943

NO M 83

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. *Name of Nominee* Harris Hunnewell Murdock      *Date of Nomination* Oct. 11, 1940
2. *Address of Nominee* Board of Standards and Appeals, Municipal Building, New York, N.Y.
3. *Nominee's firm* Jardine, Murdock & Wright until 1932
4. *Nominee's principal place of business* New York City
5. *Nominee's Chapter* New York
6. *Nominee's State Association Member*
7. *Nominee admitted to Institute* 1929      19 .
8. *Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from* 1929<sup>o</sup> Dec. 31, 1940 and  
May 16, 1941.
9. *Nominee's age* 61      *Birthplace* Cambridge, Mass.      Dec. 31, 1941.
10. *Nominators:* Executive Committee, New York Chapter, A.I.A.

11. *Achievement* in public service.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

BY CHAPTER

JURY OF FELLOWS

The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue, Washington, D. C.

Date October 11 19 40

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on October 11th, 1940 nominated\* member of this Chapter, for fellowship in The Institute. I enclose evidence of the qualifications of the nominee for the fellowship on which the nomination was based and certify the resolution is as follows:

\*Type in full name.

"Whereas, this Executive Committee believes\* Harris Hunnewell Murdock a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the profession because of his achievement in\*\* Public Service that he is worthy of fellowship in The Institute; and

\*Type in full name.

\*\*Type in "Design," "Science of Construction," "Literature," "Education," "Service to The Institute," or "Public Service," as is appropriate.

"Whereas, said member has been in good standing in this Chapter for† eleven consecutive years immediately prior to this date; therefore be it

†Type in number of years.

"Resolved, That‡‡ The New York Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate\*

‡‡Type in name of Chapter.

\*Type in full name.

for fellowship in The Institute, and the President and the Secretary be and hereby are authorized and directed to prepare the nomination papers and forward them to the Jury of Fellows of The Institute and to do all things proper to forward said nomination."

Handwritten signature: Francis J. Woodlief Secretary.

THE NOMINATORS SHOULD SEE THAT LETTERS OR DATA ARE SENT TO THE JURY OF FELLOWS IN SUPPORT OF THIS NOMINATION.

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BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

1. Nominee's full name **Harris Hunnewell Murdock**
2. Nominee is a natural ~~naturalized~~ citizen of the United States
3. Nominee's legal residence **27 West 44th Street, N. Y. C.**
4. Nominee's firm name **Jardine, Murdock & Wright, until 1932.**
5. Nominee's principal place of business, address **Board of Standards & Appeals,  
Municipal Building, N. Y. C.**
6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by **New York and Pennsylvania**
7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a ~~practising architect~~ ~~teacher in architecture~~ ~~consultant in sciences of construction~~ ~~public official~~ ~~retired~~
8. Born **June 2nd, 1879** . Place of birth **Cambridge, Massachusetts.**
9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:
 

	<i>Location</i>	<i>No. of Years</i>	<i>Year of Graduation</i>	<i>Degree</i>
<i>High School</i>	<b>Cambridge Latin School</b>	<b>5 yrs.</b>	<b>1897</b>	
<i>Private School</i>				
<i>College or University</i>	<b>Harvard University</b>	<b>4 yrs.</b>	<b>1901</b>	<b>A.B.</b>
<i>College or University</i>				
<i>Post Graduate at</i>				
<i>Scholarships held</i>				
10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

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2. Strike out inappropriate word and write in name of Country.

6. Type in "N.C. R. B." or name of State Board, as case may be.

7. Strike out inappropriate words.

8. Type in date of birth and city and Country.

10. Type in important experiences during employment or additional statistics of importance in nominee's record.

Nominators should Read "Principles Underlying the Bestowal of Fellowships", Institute Document No. 9, before completing this nomination. Additional sheets may be inserted to supplement any page, 3 to 7, inclusive. Use Typewriting only.

### NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

#### 1. Works List of buildings designed in collaboration with Clinton M. Hill, A.I.A.

Type (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	Identification of Work	Location of Work		Completed Construction Work (Year)	Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted
		(City)	(State)		
Commercial	50 E. 42 St.	New York,	New York	1915	
Commercial	244 Madison Ave.	New York,	New York	1916	
Commercial	465 Fifth Ave.	New York,	New York	1919	
Commercial	341 Madison Ave.	New York,	New York	1925	
Commercial	40 Worth St.	New York,	New York	1928	
Commercial	90 Worth St.	New York,	New York	1927	
Special	Calvary Baptist Church	New York,	New York	1928	

Under Column  
headed "Type"  
type in (a), (b),  
(c), or (d), as  
the case may be.

Type in last Col-  
umn to right the  
number submitted  
in each case.

#### 2. Describe nominee's notable work in design, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

## NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

### 1. CONSTRUCTION WORK

<i>Type of Work Constructed</i>	<i>Identification of Work</i>	<i>Location of Work</i>	<i>Completed Construction Work (Year)</i>	<i>Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted</i>
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Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

### 2. BOOKS, TREATISES, OR ARTICLES WRITTEN

<i>Subject Title</i>	<i>Where Published</i>	<i>Date Published</i>
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3. Describe nominee's notable work in the science of construction and any recognition thereof by other societies, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

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## NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

### 1. EDUCATION WORK

(List the degrees and the educational positions held by the nominee, and bring out clearly the nominee's signal work and its particular force and influence which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by pupils, the profession, other societies, or the public.)

### 2. LITERARY WORK

(List the original written works of the nominee and state clearly the particular force and influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by other societies, the profession, educational institutions or the public.)

*Book, Treatise  
or Article*

*Subject*

*Name of Book or Periodical  
Containing Work*

*Year Work  
Published*

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE

1. State fully the nominee's signal service to The Institute, his chapter, or his state association, or to the profession, which the nominators believe has notably contributed to the advancement of the profession, and list the offices in architectural organizations occupied by the nominee and the period of each.

Nominee has served on a number of Committees of the New York Chapter, among them the Committees on Legislation, Civic Design and Contracts, and has been the New York Chapter's representative on the Citizens Budget Commission for over six years.

## NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

1. List the public offices held by the nominee and the positions of trust held by him in recognition of civic leadership, and state clearly his notable work in public service and the particular influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession.

Member of New York State Commission to Amend the Tenement House Law - Commission drafted and secured passage of Multiple Dwelling Law.

Governor of the Real Estate Board of New York for eight years.

Member or Chairman of Real Estate Board Committees on Zoning, Building Laws and Regulations, Arbitration, Tenement House Law and Public Improvements.

Member of the Merchants Association Committee to draft the New York City Building Code, and Chairman of Committee on Classification of Buildings.

President of the New York Building Congress from 1931 to 1935.

Chairman of Board of Standards and Appeals of New York City, elected as such in 1932 and is still serving.

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

*Miss Lock Haven H*  
**COPY**

March 9, 1942

Dear Mr. Meyer:

Herewith is copy of letter of February 26th from Mr. Harvey Stevenson, President of the New York Chapter, A.I.A., with regard to the instructions of the Jury in the matter of filing supporting letters with nominations to advance A.I.A. members to fellows.

A separate letter in support of the nominations of those members listed in our letter of acknowledgment to Mr. Stevenson was attached to his letter - one for each nominee. We are not making copies of such letters and they are being attached to their respective nomination blanks for submission to the Jury therewith at the next meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to  
The Jury of Fellows

Mr. Frederick E. Meyer, Chairman  
The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.  
1201 Kehl Building  
San Francisco, California

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Enclosures

**A.I.A.**

**NEW YORK CHAPTER**

**The American Institute of Architects**

**115 East 40th Street, New York**

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**THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS**

**115 EAST 40TH STREET, NEW YORK 17**

**February 26, 1942**

February 26, 1942

Dear **Jury of Fellows,**  
**The Cotnam,** of Architects,  
**1741 New York Avenue,**  
**Washington, D. C.**

Gentlemen:

In forwarding the names of nominees for Fellowship in the Institute, the New York Chapter is taking the definite and considered position that the submission of letters of recommendation from individual members urging approval of other architects for this honor, is not in the best interests of the profession. The Chapter feels that if the executed work and professional accomplishments of the candidates are not accessible to the judgment of the Jury of Fellows, letters of recommendation, which cannot but reflect a personal bias, will not make them do.

It is presumed that the Chapter's Executive Committee and their Committees on Fellows are not the approach their interest with due realization of its import. If these Committees have not a uniform idea of the standards required for Fellowship in the Institute, it would seem more desirable that these standards be clarified rather than that selection should be influenced by pressure of individuals or groups.

In that spirit and with reliance on the judgment of the Jury alone, the New York Chapter submits the names of its candidates.

Yours sincerely,

(s) **HARVEY STEVENSON**

**President.**

Very truly yours,

President  
N.Y. Chapter

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DOROTHEA WATERS            EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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WASHINGTON, D. C.  
NEW YORK CHAPTER  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
115 EAST 40th STREET, NEW YORK

February 25, 1942

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

Gentlemen:

In presenting the name of Harris H. Murdock for your consideration for advancement to Fellowship of the Institute, we wish to bring to your attention particularly the great public service which he has performed for the profession here in New York, perhaps a greater one than any other architect in the city. Ten years ago he was made Chairman of the Board of Standards and Appeals, which Board is the final authority on the interpretation of the Zoning Laws, Building Code and other regulations affecting Architecture and Building in New York. His probity and fairness in conducting the work of this Board has given it a reputation for honesty and fair-dealing in complete contrast to the Political corruption and graft evidenced by this important branch of the city government during the administration of the Old Tammany Hall in the 1920's. The Board now has the complete confidence of the profession, due to the high standards which he has maintained in its actions and decisions.

Not less important, beside the many buildings which he and his partners have designed, are the many official and semi-official offices which he has held, having a great influence upon the practice of Architecture; ex-governor of the Real Estate Board of New York and member of many of its committees, Past President of Building Industries of New York and of the New York Building Congress, member of the State Commission which drafted the Multiple Dwelling Law, representing the New York Chapter on the Citizens Budget Committee for many years and a member past and present of many of its Committees. Lecturer at Fordham University in courses on Zoning and City Planning, his accomplishments have been varied and his contribution to our profession has been outstanding.

We feel without qualification that his record is such that he is eminently worthy of the Institute's recognition.

Very truly yours,

President  
N.Y. Chapter A.I.A.

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TAYLOR AND LEVI, ARCHITECTS  
105 West 40th Street New York City

October 30, 1940

To The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.

Gentlemen:

The Executive Committee of the N. Y. Chapter has, I understand, nominated the following members for Fellowship.

1. Cameron Clark
2. Arthur C. Holden
3. Harris Murdock
4. F. G. Frost
5. J. A. Foulhoux
6. E. I. Williams
7. W. K. Harrison
8. A. M. Brown

As I am well acquainted with them all, may I express my high regard for them and my opinion that they merit the proposed honor.

I have taken the liberty of listing them in the order in which I think the Fellowship should be bestowed, as you doubtless cannot accord it to so large a list at one time.

Very sincerely,

(S) Julian Clarence Levi

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August 17, 1942

Dear Mr. Meyer:

Herewith is original letter of August 12 addressed to you personally by past President Stephen F. Voorhees, with respect to certain nominations for Fellowship.

Attached also is copy of our acknowledgment to Mr. Voorhees advising him of this reference to you.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to  
The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.

Mr. Frederick H. Meyer, Chairman  
The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.  
1201 Kohl Building  
San Francisco, California

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VOORHEES WALKER FOLEY & SMITH

101 Park Avenue

New York

August 12, 1942

Dear Fred

I was much pleased to get your letter of August 7 - first, because it gives me an opportunity to speak in favor of all the nominees for fellowship and, secondly, a good reason for a chat with you. I did not know until I received your letter whom the New York Chapter had nominated for fellowship, so my reactions are entirely fresh.

Archie Brown has done a lot of excellent work in fine country houses in some of which I have visited. Also he has done good work in other fields. For example, he did one of the large housing jobs here in New York - Harlem Houses. I certainly consider him qualified on the basis of a long and successful practice.

Cameron Clark's work has been, so far as I know it, largely in country houses but there may be other work that I do not know about. His country houses in Connecticut always have a sense of belonging and being livable. He also, I think, is qualified by a long line of achievement.

Andre Fouilhoux I know more intimately than the two foregoing men. While in some quarters he is considered an engineer, still in my opinion he is an architect. I have, as perhaps you know, great difficulty in subtracting structural design of buildings from architectural. I think all the elements of a building are matters of architectural design. In addition to being a very excellent designer in structure, he is a good architect. I know that he worked very closely with Raymond Hood and that he made many contributions to their work. The same thing is true of his association with Wallace Harrison. I had an opportunity to see how the latter collaboration worked on a very large and important building for which they were architects - the proposed library for Princeton University. I as the Supervising Architect and nominated them for the commission and then supervised the work. The building has not been built due to present financial conditions but the plans were carried to a definite design. Andre actively participated in the design and made many outstanding contributions in the so-called architectural phases. In addition, his knowledge of structure made possible some designs that solved very knotty problems. In character and integrity he is outstanding. He was recently elected president of the New York Building Congress which is a high honor in the construction industry in New York since the membership is made up of architects, engineers, general contractors, subcontractors and members of construction unions. His predecessors in this position were such men as Dick Shreve as Bob Kohn. I heartily recommend Fouilhoux for fellowship.

Harris Mulock for the last ten years or more has devoted his time to public service. He was for a number of years president of the New York Building Congress while he was still practicing as an architect. Some ten



years ago, our City Charter was radically revised and a great deal of authority was placed in the Board of Standards and Appeals (of which he is chairman) in the matter of granting variations from the building code and zoning laws. Also it was charged with the responsibility of keeping the building code up to date by recommending amendments and, furthermore, promulgating rules to carry out the provisions of the code. Previously, this Board had been headed by politicians and had consequently acquired a bad name. Harris Murdock has changed that completely. The Board is now highly regarded not only by the construction industry but by the City authorities, and to Murdock belongs the credit. He has certainly done honor to the profession in this job. He is entitled to fellowship.

So I have no hesitancy and no reservation in highly recommending all of the four names. I am sure that their elevations to Fellowship would be most acceptable to the members of the New York Chapter. They are the kind of men as to character and achievement that should carry the fellowship honor.

I am writing this without referring to any data but entirely out of my own experience and recollection, which I assume is what you want. I have not the time to gather together supporting data and, frankly, neither have I the inclination to do so.

Trusting this information will be of some use and looking forward to seeing you before too many years pass, I am

Sincerely yours,

Frank Voorhees /s/

Mr. Frederick H. Meyer, Chairman  
Jury of Fellows  
The American Institute of Architects  
The Octagon  
Washington, D. C.

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June 19, 1941

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Gentlemen:

The Executive Committee of the New York Chapter of The Institute has nominated for advancement to fellowship the following corporate members assigned to it:

Archibald N. Brown  
Cameron Clark  
Frederick G. Frost

J. Andre Fouilhoux  
Harris K. Hurlock  
Edgar I. Williams

The proposals on behalf of these members were considered by The Jury of Fellows at its meeting May 16 and 17, 1941, and were ordered to be held over, without prejudice, for presentation to the next meeting of the Jury.

The Jury found that the above group of nominations had inadequate exhibits of executed work and little, if any, supporting data and letters, and directed that the nominator be requested to supply additional material as noted opposite each name, below:

- J. Andre Fouilhoux - A well presented exhibit of his work of a more distinguished character, and additional supporting data and letters.
- Archibald N. Brown - A well presented exhibit of his work of a more distinguished character, with letters and data in support of his achievements in design.
- Cameron Clark - A well presented exhibit of his work of a more distinguished character, with letters and data in support of his achievement in design.
- Frederick G. Frost - Letters and data in support of his achievements in public service and service to The Institute.

Harris H. Murdock - Provide further evidence, with supporting letters and data covering his contributions in public service.

Edgar I. Williams - Supporting letters and data dealing with his achievements in education and service to The Institute.

As of possible assistance we are enclosing a copy of the A.I.A. Document No. 9, "Principles Underlying the Bestowal of Fellowships", and "Instructions Regarding Nominations for Fellowships".

The material and data requested may be sent to The Octagon, addressed to The Jury of Fellows, at any time between this date and March 1, 1942, and will be held for submission to the Jury at its meeting shortly after the latter date.

By direction of the chairman of The Jury of Fellows.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to  
The Jury of Fellows

Executive Committee,  
New York Chapter, A.I.A.,  
C/o Mr. Robert S. Hutchins, Secretary,  
11 East 44th Street,  
New York, N. Y.

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Copy to the Chairman,  
The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.

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NEW YORK CHAPTER  
115 EAST 40th STREET, NEW YORK

April 15, 1943

Frederick H. Meyer, Esq., Chairman  
The Jury of Fellows  
1201 Kohl Building  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Meyer:

A little over a year ago this Chapter recommended to the A.I.A. Jury of Fellows a list of its members for advancement to Fellowship. This list was in reality a resubmission of names which were already before the Jury for consideration.

Of the list submitted there still remain the following five to be acted upon: J. A. Fouilhoux, A. M. Brown, Cameron Clark, Harris Murdock, and George A. Licht.

The New York Chapter Committee on Fellows, with the approval of the Chapter Executive Committee, now resubmits these five names, and the Executive Committee has expressed the urgent hope that favorable action will be taken this year.

I would like to refer to the letter from Mr. Harvey Stevenson, then President of the Chapter, which was sent to the Jury of Fellows on February 26, 1942. The ideas expressed therein are ones which the present Executive Committee wishes to reiterate.

The qualifications of each candidate are unquestioned in our minds, and if the Jury feels that additional information would be of help in arriving at a decision, the Chapter Executive Committee is prepared to supply whatever is needed.

Yours sincerely,

(S) EDGAR I. WILLIAMS

President

CC To members of the Jury of Fellows

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July 1, 1943

Dear Mr. Murdock:

It is my privilege to advise you of your election as a Fellow of The American Institute of Architects by action of The Jury of Fellows at its meeting in Cincinnati on May 26, 1943.

Notice of your election is being sent to the New York Chapter.

A certificate of advancement to Fellowship will be sent to you or presented to you in due course - depending upon procedure to be determined by The Board of Directors at its fall meeting this year, and in the light of conditions then existing.

The Officers and Directors of The Institute join me in extending to you their congratulations.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

Mr. Harris H. Murdock, F.A.I.A.  
Board of Standards and Appeals of New York City  
1000 Municipal Building  
New York, N. Y.

R/g



THE CHAIRMAN

BOARD OF STANDARDS AND APPEALS  
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

July 7, 1943.

Mr. Alexander C. Robinson III,  
Secretary,  
American Institute of Architects,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Robinson:

Your letter of July 1st is  
acknowledged with many thanks. This great honor  
that has been bestowed upon me is much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*Harris S. Murdock*

HHM/CC

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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March 26, 1945

Dear Mr. Holden:

Customarily certificates of election to Fellowship in The Institute are presented with ceremony at an annual convention.

As no convention was held in 1944 all certificates were held for presentation in 1945.

Because of a recent governmental ruling, the 1945 convention will be a limited one. The annual dinner at which the ceremony of presenting Fellowship certificates usually occurs must be omitted.

Therefore, The Executive Committee is requesting the chapters of The Institute to receive and present the Fellowship certificates.

The recipients of the honor have been notified by The Institute, their citations have been published in the Journal, and the delivery of the certificates remains to be made.

In view of these conditions The Executive Committee of The Institute requests the President of each chapter to arrange for a presentation, at some appropriate meeting of the chapter - and with the suggestion that the Regional Director be invited to participate if that is feasible.

We send herewith the Fellowship certificates and citations by The Jury of Fellows, signed by The Secretary of The Institute for each of the followings:

James Kallum Smith  
Harris Hunnewell Murdock  
George A. Licht  
Jacques Andre Fouilhoux  
Alfred Merton Githens  
William Gehren  
William Lawrence Bottomley  
Archibald Manning Brown

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**March 26, 1945**

**If you will receive these documents as President of the Chapter and bring about their delivery along the lines indicated above, The Institute will indeed appreciate your courtesy and help.**

**By direction of The Secretary,**

**Sincerely yours,**

**Executive Secretary**

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Enclosures**

**Mr. Arthur C. Holden, President  
New York Chapter, A.I.A.  
115 East 40th Street  
New York 16, New York**



**HARRIS HUNNEWELL MURDOCK**

**NEW YORK CHAPTER**

Admitted to The Institute in 1929. He was advanced to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects for his long, devoted service to the relation between the profession and the public. Able practicing architect, Mr. Murdock has generously used his rare judicial and technical talents in the drafting of laws and zoning regulations and in the solution of the many problems referred to the Board of Standards and Appeals of New York City, of which he has been Chairman since 1932.

**Secretary**

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS



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May 15, 1959

**FILE COPY - PLEASE RETURN**

To: Miss Swan  
From: Miss Gervais  
Re: Harris H. Murdock, F.A.I.A.

In the list of address changes, etc., received from Mrs. Henkel of the New York Chapter dated May 11, the death of Mr. Murdock is reported.

*JHG*

*noted  
Mrs*

*members  
Murdock, Harris H.*



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Washington 6, D. C.

May 18, 1959

FILE COPY - PLEASE RETURN

To: The Secretary or Executive Secretary of the  
**New York** Chapter  
The American Institute of Architects

Dear **Mrs. Henkel**:

We were very sorry to learn of the death of **Harris H. Murdock, FAIA**  
on a corporate member of The Institute  
since **1929** .

We would appreciate it very much if you would have two  
copies of the enclosed Baldwin Memorial Archive Forms  
filled in and returned to The Institute for its files.  
The third copy is for your files.

Sincerely yours,

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

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cc: Treasurer's Office

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**BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE  
of American Architects**

Name: Harris Hunnewell Murdock of (address) 60 West 4th St., New York City and  
Hidgefield, Conn.

Born: June 2nd, 1879 at Cambridge, Mass. Died: May 10, 1959 at Richmond, Va.

Parents: Eleanor Grigg Murdock and Walter Hunnewell Murdock

Married: 1st. Marion Davidson of Watertown, Mass. on June 16, 1903  
2nd. Florence Walter Goshen N.Y. April 19, 1919

Children: Robert Davidson Murdock Eleanor Sloane  
Richard Coolidge Murdock Josephine Donaldson

Education: Cambridge Latin School Cambridge, Mass.  
Harvard University 1901, Cambridge, Mass.

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

Partner Jardine, Murdock and Wright prior to appointment to Board of Standards  
and Appeals  
Partner Jardine, Murdock and Hill  
Partner Jardine, Kent and Hill  
Vice President of Library Bureau  
Specialized in office and loft buildings: some private dwellings

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

Fellow of American Institute of Architects  
Member of New York Chapter, A.L.A.-served on legislative committee  
Member of New York Building Congress, served as president 1931-1935  
Governor of New York Real Estate Board-3 terms. Served as chairman of Building Laws  
Former Trustee of Citizens' Budget Commission, N.Y. Committee 15 years

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

St. Andrews Society  
Harvard Club of New York City

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

Member of Committee of New York Real Estate Board that set up Board of Standards  
and Appeals in 1916  
Member of Multiple Dwelling Law Commission, N.Y. State.  
Member of New York State Legislative Commission to amend Tenement House Law.  
Drafted Multiple Dwelling Law, N.Y. State.

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

Gave many lectures and talks before organizations and classes interested in Building  
and Zoning Laws and Regulations. A speech delivered by him at a luncheon in his  
honor in March 1959 was important in that it gave a complete picture of the origin  
purpose and usefulness of the Board of Standards and Appeals in New York City and  
a pattern for elsewhere. Many copies of this were requested and distributed.

Biographical

Harris Murdock was a descendent of Robert Murdock who came from Scotland to the  
Massachusetts Bay Colony and settled in Plymouth Mass. prior to 1688. On his maternal  
side he was descended from the once famous Annake Jans.

At Harvard he was manager of the Varsity Baseball Team, Business Manager of the  
Harvard Crimson and a member of the Hasty Pudding Club.

He was vice president of the Library Bureau after leaving College and later became  
a member of the firm of Jardine Kent and Hill, an architectural firm organized as  
D. and J. Jardine as far back as 1855. The firm subsequently became Jardine, Murdock  
and Wright.

The appointment as Chairman of the Board of Standards and Appeals (OVER)  
was made by Acting Mayor Joseph V. Mc Kee. The Board at that time had been a target  
of the Seabury Investigation and its chairman had resigned under fire. The Acting  
Mayor sought a man who would restore the Board to good standing, and former

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

position of authority. That Harris Murdock carried out this order is evidenced by the fact that he remained chairman of the Board through various administrations and up until his death - a period of twenty seven years.

Besides being awarded a Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects Harris Murdock was given various citations and awards among them was a Certificate of Merit from the City Club of New York, the first of its kind given by that organization; and the 1956 Industry Award.

Genealogy and History in all its phases were chief among outside interests, with outdoor activities at his place in the country providing the physical balance.

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Compiled by: *Horence W. Murdock*

Date: *October 7, 1959*

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