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

Chicago Dec 24 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 Elmer C. Jensen
My address is 1870 Humboldt Blvd Chicago Ill.

I am employed by _____
I am a member of the firm of George Munster
I began the study of architecture in the year 1885
I began the independent practice of architecture in the year 1900

Received,
DEC 30 1901

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

Answered _____

No. 1 is _____
(Give description of same.)

No. 2 is _____

No. 3 is _____

The accompanying drawings are _____
(Give description of any drawings the applicant may choose to submit.)

Respectfully submitted,

Elmer C. Jensen
(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. _____ 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.)

W. H. Mumford
W. H. Mumford
W. H. Mumford

We, the undersigned residents of Chicago Ill. know Mr. Elmer C. Jensen personally, and believe him to be capable in his profession and honorable in all his dealings.

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

John R. Walsh
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March 17, 1925.

Dear Mr. Jensen:-

At the recent meeting of the Executive Committee it was directed that the underwriters of the Octagon Monograph be repaid the balances due them.

According to the record of this office the balance due you is \$30.00, a previous payment of \$20.00 having been made on April 2, 1919.

The Executive Committee directed that the price of the Monograph be increased to \$15.00, and that the underwriters be repaid in full. It is left to each underwriter to say whether or not he would like his payment by check, or in copies of the Monograph at the old price of \$12.50 each, or by check and by Monographs.

Upon hearing from you on this point, we will respond promptly.

By direction of the Secretary.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Elmer C. Jensen,
59 South La Salle Street,
Chicago, Ill.

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MUNDIE AND JENSEN ARCHITECTS

39 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET

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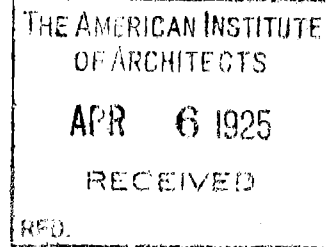
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GEORGE HAVENS, C. E.

April 3, 1925.

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

Dear Mr. Kemper:



I have your letter of the 17th ultimo regarding the Monograph. If I were serving any good purpose I would take a few copies of the Monograph but owing to the size I fear they do not make welcome gifts. Mine has been a problem for this reason. Kindly send the check.

It is rather good to see your signature again though it would be better to see the maker, which I trust I may soon do.

With very best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

ECJ.E

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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April 7, 1925.

Dear Mr. Jensen:

In accordance with yours of the 3rd, enclose
herewith is check No. 45 in the sum of \$30 in full
payment of your subscription to the underwriting of
the Octagon Monograph.

By direction of the Treasurer.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

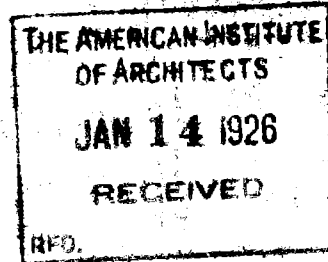
Mr. Elmer C. Jensen,
39 South La Salle Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Mr. Kemper



One Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y.
January 13, 1926

Mr. Elmer C. Jensen,
39 South LaSalle Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Elmer:

The American Society of Agricultural Engineers has invited the Institute to send representatives to the Better Farm Homes Conference which is to be held under the auspices of the Agricultural Engineers at Hotel Sherman, Chicago, February 18th-19th.

If you will be willing to act, I should like to accept the invitation and send official notification to the Society accordingly.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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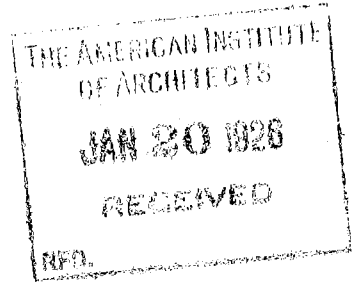
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January 15, 1926.

WILLIAM B. MUNDIE, F.A.I.A.
HELMER C. JENSEN, F.A.I.A.

ROBERT E. BOURKE, A. I. A.
GEORGE HAVENS, C. E.



Mr. D. Everett Waid,
One Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dan:

Will be glad to represent the Institute
at the Better Farm Homes Conference under auspices
of Agricultural Engineers at Hotel Sherman, February
18th and 19th.

With best wishes.

Respectfully yours,

ECJ.K

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Please refer to
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the app. Board.

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January 21, 1926.

Gentlemen:-

With reference to your invitation to the American Institute of Architects to send a representative to the Better Farm Homes Conference, to be held by you in Chicago on February 18-19 at the Hotel Sherman, I beg to advise that the President of the American Institute of Architects, Mr. D. Everett Waid, has appointed as its representative -

Mr. Elmer C. Jensen, F. A. I. A.,
39 South LaSalle Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Please send to Mr. Jensen any preliminary notices or information that he should have.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

American Society of Agricultural Engineers,
c/o Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Ill.

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Copy to Mr. Waid.
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" " " Jensen.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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February 10, 1926.

Dear Mr. Jensen:

With further reference to the meeting to be held in Chicago on February 18th and 19th, a Conference on better farm houses, and at which you have consented to represent the Institute, it occurs to me that you should have in mind previous Institute action.

We therefore refer you to the Proceedings of the Fifty-third Convention, 1920, page 18.

And to the Proceedings of the Fifty-fourth Convention, pages 17 and 109.

This last reference really tells the story of Institute endorsement and its reference of the subject of better farm houses to individual Chapters.

Mr. Betts of Washington will represent the Department of Agriculture at the Conference, and I have suggested to him that he get in touch with you at an early stage of the proceedings.

I have advised Mr. Grady, the publicity representative of the Institute, that you will speak for the Architectural profession, and have suggested that he write to you.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Elmer C. Jensen,
59 South LaSalle Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

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TELEPHONE RANDOLPH 3024

October 24, 1933

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

Dear Mr. Kemper:

We may find it necessary to reproduce
(approximately) for an educational institution, the
White House in Washington.

I would like very much to learn where
and how we can secure plans and elevations from which
to prepare preliminary data.

Can you learn for me through what
official or bureau in Washington, I can secure this
information?

I will appreciate your advice.

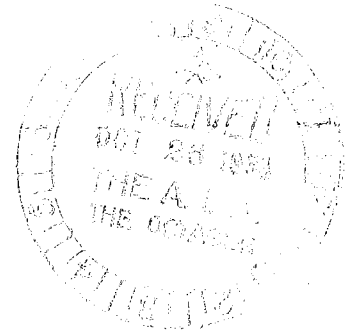
Yours very truly

MUNDIE & JENSEN

By



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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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October 27, 1933.

Dear Mr. Jensen:

Responding to yours of October 24th, you may find it difficult to secure plans and elevations for the White House.

We suggest that you write direct to the Office of National Parks, Buildings and Reservations, Interior Department, Washington, D. C.

You will recall that some years ago the White House was reproduced by Sears, Roebuck & Company - in Paris, I believe.

Perhaps they could help.

If you develop some lead on which we might be of assistance, please command.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Elmer C. Jensen, F. A. I. A.,
39 South LaSalle Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

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July 7, 1933

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

Dear Mr. Kemper:

This will introduce Mr. Ralph Whitaker. He will be located in Washington for a short while and will hope to be able to keep us advised on developments growing out of the so-called, "Control Bill" that will affect building work.

If you can favor him with information on his request, I will consider it a personal favor.

With best wishes, I am

Respectfully yours



ECJ:E

~~J. L. A.~~
FEB 20 1946

Jensen, Elmer C.

Some facts in connection with change in name
and personnel of

MUNDIE and JENSEN
Architects and Engineers
39 South LaSalle St., Chicago

February 8, 1946

The oldest firm of architects and engineers in Chicago (save one) announces, through Elmer C. Jensen, a change in name and personnel.

? Verne O. McClurg, formerly with Holabird and Root, and Clarence A. Jensen, formerly with the late N. Max Dunning, have been added to the firm and will practice at the present address under the name of MUNDIE, JENSEN and MCCLURG.

This office has been in continuous existence since Mr. W. L. Jenney opened it in 1868. Mr. Jenney was actively interested in the reconstruction of Chicago after the Chicago Fire, designing buildings in the business section and also collaborating in the design of the Chicago parks and boulevard system. Perhaps Mr. Jenney's most important professional achievement was as the father of the skyscraper through the design and construction in 1884-85 of the first complete skeleton office building in the world at the corner of Adams and LaSalle Streets for the Home Insurance Company. This was a very important and significant development in architecture and pointed the way for architects in the design of larger and taller buildings which now make American cities beautiful and interesting because of their wonderful skylines. The present Field Building replaced this building and contains a tablet commemorating this historic event.

Later in his career, William B. Mundie and Elmer C. Jensen were added to the firm, which designed many of the downtown buildings in Chicago, as well as important buildings in other states.

This year marks the seventy-eighth year the office has been in existence and Mr. Jensen hopes that some of the young men now associated with the firm will have the pleasure and distinction of celebrating the completion of one hundred years continuous practice.

NY Times
9/25/55

ELMER C. JENSEN, ARCHITECT, DEAD

Partner in Chicago Firm That
Built Many Skyscrapers
and Bank Buildings

Special to The New York Times.

SOUTH HAVEN, Mich., April 24.—Elmer C. Jensen, dean of Chicago architects, was found dead in bed today at his home here. He was 85 years old. He succumbed in his sleep after having suffered a cerebral hemorrhage.

Mr. Jensen was a member of the architectural firm of Jensen & Halstead of Chicago. The firm was organized there more than eighty years ago by William LeBaron Jenney, known as the "father of the skyscraper," and has undergone several changes of name.

In 1884, when he was 14 years old, Mr. Jensen, son of a contractor and builder, joined Jenney's firm as an office boy. He designed several apartment buildings by the time he was 18. He spurned his father's advice that he go to college to study architecture, saying, "I can't spare the time, I want to start right now."

In 1907 he was made a partner in the firm, which then became Jenney, Mundie & Jensen. In his long career he had a hand in the designing and building of twenty-nine skyscrapers or near-skyscrapers in the Chicago Loop area, including the New York Life, the National Life (now the Equitable), the Fort Dearborn, Union League Club and many others. He designed twenty-six bank buildings, many of them in other cities.

The firm with which Mr. Jensen was associated originated many Chicago building practices. In 1890, with Mr. Jensen in charge, it jacked up the eleven-story Fair Store to dig a basement and sub-basement so that delivery goods could be loaded onto wagons in the Chicago tunnel, twenty-five feet below ground. When floating foundations were abandoned in favor of caisson foundations for large Chicago buildings, the firm pioneered in this method on a four-story bank building.

Mr. Jensen had been president of the Illinois Society of Architects, the Chicago Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and the Chicago Building Congress. He was a member of the Cliff Dwellers Club and Union League Club and of the advisory board of the Chicago Plan Commission.

Surviving are his widow, Mary, and a son, John of South Haven.