

116 - Kapp, William Edward  
Detroit

Initiation Fee	25 <sup>00</sup> / 100
Dues	25 <sup>00</sup> / 100
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Exhibits	Will pay
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### Application for Membership

April 16, 1930

To the Secretary of The American Institute of Architects.

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

Name William Edward Kapp,

Address 3250 Sherbourne Road, Detroit, Michigan.

Place and date of birth Toledo, Ohio, Aug. 20, 1891.

Graduate in architecture University of Pennsylvania, Certificate of Proficiency.

Holder of Scholarship in architecture \_\_\_\_\_

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecolé des Beaux Arts. \_\_\_\_\_

If your State has a Registration or License Law and you are not registered, state reasons. \_\_\_\_\_

Have taken and passed part of examinations. Others to follow.

If practicing architect, firm name \_\_\_\_\_

Have been in practice \_\_\_\_\_ years. If draughtsman, employed by Smith, Hinchman & Grylls

Collegiate and office training 2 years - University of Pennsylvania, - 19 years office practice.

I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute and the circular of advice relative to "Principles of Professional Practice," 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) W. E. Kapp  
[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application was duly elected an Associate of the \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date 1924 (2) Branson J. Gumbel  
[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) Henry F. Stanton  
[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) W. Palmer

(Essential if Registered) (5) Alva G. Donaldson

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. (6) Clair W. Ditchy

(7) \_\_\_\_\_  
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 applicant proposed, and in which there were no negative votes. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

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

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April 24, 1930

Dear Mr. Kapp:

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 Secretary of the Detroit Chapter, together with your Initiation Fee and first year's Annual Dues in advance.

Your application appears to be in good form, except for the following:

Certification of your graduation from the University of Pennsylvania. A photostatic copy of your diploma or other form of evidence will suffice.

We are making a special effort to complete your application before May 20th, so that we may report on your election to the Convention to be held in Washington, May 21-23, 1930.

In order to do this we must have your certification for submission to the Board of Examiners which will probably meet about May 15th. We hope that you can cooperate to this extent and thus enable us to pass upon your application promptly.

May we not hear from you soon?

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. William Edward Kapp,  
3250 Sherbourne Road,  
Detroit, Mich.

K/fhg

W. E. KAPP  
MARQUETTE BUILDING  
DETROIT



May 13, 1930.

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

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Attached hereto is a photostat  
in answer to your letter of April 24th.

Yours very truly,

*W. E. Kapp*

WEK\*MC

Encl.



Know all and singular by these presents  
that we the Trustees of the

## UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

have awarded to - William Edward Skapp - this Certificate of Proficiency in testimony that he has pursued under our care and direction all the studies prescribed for the Special Course in Architecture and that the work done by him has been of a character sufficiently meritorious to warrant the issue of these letters upon the recommendation of the Faculty

Given at Philadelphia on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fourteen and in the year of the University the one hundred and seventy-fourth

Attest

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward T. Riss".

Edward T. Riss

John H. ...  
Dean

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

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May 20, 1930

Dear Mr. Kapp:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in The American Institute of Architects, effective May 20, 1930.

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

A Membership Card is enclosed herewith.

An engrossed Certificate of Membership in The American Institute of Architects is also sent to you, 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. William Edward Kapp,  
3250 Sherbourne Road,  
Detroit, Michigan.

K/Png  
Enos.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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January 31, 1936

Dear Mr. Kapp:

This will acknowledge your remittance of \$20.00, which has been credited to your dues in default.

We regret that under the established procedure it is not possible to credit a remittance to 1936 dues until delinquent dues have been paid in full.

In order to maintain your membership, it is necessary that we have full coverage of the entire amount in default by January 31, 1936. Inasmuch as your partial payment on account was received on that date, you may preserve your membership by executing the enclosed note, without interest, to cover the balance of your indebtedness, which is itemized as follows:

<u>1934</u>	<u>1935</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$15.00	\$15.00	\$30.00
Less amount paid on account ....		<u>20.00</u>
Balance due on arrears .....		\$10.00

This note is made payable to the Institute on or before December 31, 1936, and should be signed and returned to us by return mail.

By direction of the Treasurer.

Sincerely yours,

K:s  
Encl.

Assistant Treasurer.

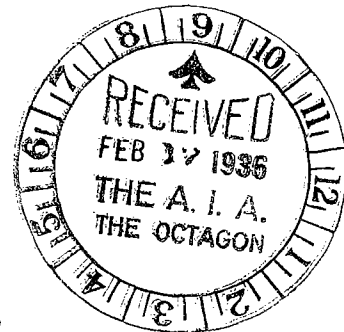
Mr. William Edward Kapp  
3250 Sherbourne Road  
Detroit, Michigan

AIR MAIL

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



February 7, 1936.

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- LOUIS LABEAUME  
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- EDWARD C. KEMPER  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Dear Mr. Kapp:

This will acknowledge with thanks your letter of February 4th, enclosing check for \$10.00 for dues in arrears.

We regret very much that, through error, we advised you that the balance due on your past indebtedness was \$10.00. We find that the previous remittance which we received from you was \$10.00, instead of \$20.00 as stated in our letter of January 31st. This leaves a balance of \$10.00 still due as of December 31, 1935.

If you find it possible, and convenient, to send us your check for this amount it would be greatly appreciated. Otherwise, will you kindly sign and return the enclosed note for \$10.00 to us by return mail.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

K\*C  
Encl.

Mr. W. E. Kapp,  
Marquette Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

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Handwritten note: *Ed by note for 10*

Handwritten note: *Full to 12-31-35*

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

April 20, 1937

Dear Mr. Kapp:

This is the first opportunity to acknowledge and thank you for your remittance of \$10.00 in payment of your note covering Institute dues in arrears.

We are enclosing cancelled note herewith.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

K:K

Encl.

Mr. W. E. Kapp  
Marquette Building  
Detroit, Michigan.



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

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March 5, 1942

Dear Mr. Kapp:

At a meeting of The Executive Committee of The Institute on February 5, 1942 it was directed that the Report of the Committee of Five dated October 24, 1941, with accompanying Addendum of February 2, 1942, be sent to those corporate members of The Institute who request copies.

In accord with the request contained in your letter of March 3, 1942, we transmit herewith, envelope marked "confidential", a copy of the Report of the Committee of Five and the Addendum.

These documents are confidential and publication of the Report or the Addendum or any parts thereof would be a breach of confidence.

By direction of The Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

ECK:ER  
Enclosure - Report No. 235  
with Addendum

Mr. W. E. Kapp, A.I.A.  
712 Buhl Building  
Detroit, Michigan

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FILES

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

REC'D OCT. 31, 1946



Received Oct. 31, 1946

Voted On Mar. 18, 1947

Voted On 19 .

Voted On 19 .

Granted Mar. 18, 1947

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
JURY OF FELLOWS

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. *Name of Nominee* William Edward Kapp      *Date of Nomination* Oct. 24, 19 46
2. *Address of Nominee* 3520 Sherbourne Rd., Detroit, Michigan
3. *Nominee's firm* William Edward Kapp, Architect
4. *Nominee's principal place of business* 1842 Buhl Building, Detroit, Michigan
5. *Nominee's Chapter* Detroit Chapter
6. *Nominee's State Association Member* Michigan Society of Architects
7. *Nominee admitted to Institute* 1930      19 .
8. *Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from* More than ten years.  
1930 to March 19 47
9. *Nominee's age* 55      *Birthplace* Toledo, Ohio
10. *Nominators:* Executive Committee, Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.
11. *Achievement* Design and Service to the Institute

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*Edwards R. Smith*

(Nominators leave blank)

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP BY CHAPTER

THE JURY OF FELLOWS The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue, Washington 6, D. C.

Date October 24 1946

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on October 24 1946, nominated\* WILLIAM EDWARD KAPP member of this Chapter, for fellowship in The Institute. We enclose evidence of the qualifications of the nominee for the fellowship on which the nomination was based and certify the resolution is as follows:

"Whereas, this Executive Committee believes\* WILLIAM EDWARD KAPP a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the profession because of his achievement in\*\* Design and service to the Institute 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† 16 consecutive years immediately prior to this date; therefore be it

†Type in number of years.

"Resolved, That‡‡ THE DETROIT Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate\* WILLIAM EDWARD KAPP

‡‡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"

*Ingvaldur R. Stirtou* Director  
*Charles M. Smith* Director  
*William K. Lewis* Treasurer  
*Edgar W. Dick* President  
*Salvage C. Hughes* Executive 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 **WILLIAM EDWARD KAPP**
- 2. Nominee is a natural ~~born~~ citizen of **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**
- 3. Nominee's legal residence **3250 SHERBOURNE RD., DETROIT 21, MICHIGAN**
- 4. Nominee's firm name **WILLIAM EDWARD KAPP, ARCHITECT**
- 5. Nominee's principal place of business, address **1842 BUHL BUILDING, DETROIT 26, MICHIGAN**

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

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

7. Strike out in appropriate words.

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

- 6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by **N.C.A.R.B. #391; STATE OF MICHIGAN #3065; STATE OF NEW YORK #5518**
- 7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a practicing architect ~~teacher in science of construction or public official or kind.~~

8. Born **AUGUST 20, 1891** . Place of birth **TOLEDO, OHIO**

9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:

	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
High School	TOLEDO, OHIO	4	1909	
Private School				
College or University	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA - SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE - SPECIAL STUDENT - 2 YEARS. CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY - HARBESON AWARD.			
College or University				
Post Graduate at				
Scholarships held	ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE THUMB TACK CLUB ATELIER OF BEAUX-ARTS SCHOOL OF DESIGN, DETROIT			

10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

1909-1912 AND 1915-1916 - WITH MILLS, RHINES, BELLMAN & NORDHOFF, TOLEDO, OHIO  
 1917-1919 - MILITARY SERVICE WITH CONSTRUCTION DIVISION OF AIR SERVICE.  
 1914-1915 AND 1919-1941 - WITH SMITH, HINCHMAN & GRYLLS, DETROIT, MICHIGAN  
 1941-1946 - OWN PRACTICE.

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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

Type (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	Identification of Work	Location of Work  (City)	(State)	Completed Construction Work (Year)	Photographs Drawings, or Sketches Submitted
(B)	GRADUATE SCHOOL - UNIVERSITY OF	MICH. ANN ARBOR	MICHIGAN	1937	4
(D)	UNIVERSITY CLUB	DETROIT	MICHIGAN	1930	1
(D)	JEFFERSON AVE. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	DETROIT	MICHIGAN	1921	1
(D)	DOWNTOWN LIBRARY	DETROIT	MICHIGAN	1930	1
(C)	OWN RESIDENCE	DETROIT	MICHIGAN	1930	1
(D)	BOYS' CLUB OF DETROIT	DETROIT	MICHIGAN	1938	1
(D)	SEVENTH CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST	DETROIT	MICHIGAN	1939	1
(A)	EVANSVILLE ORDNANCE PLANT	EVANSVILLE	INDIANA	1942	1
(A)	LIMA TANK DEPOT	LIMA	OHIO	1943	2
(D)	HONOR ROLL - SERVICE MEN	DETROIT	MICHIGAN	1944	1
(A)	LEONARD REFINERIES, INC.	ALMA	MICHIGAN	1944	1
(D)	PARK AT LOCKS	SAULT STE. MARIE	MICHIGAN	1945	1

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

Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

(NOTE - WORK PRIOR TO 1941 - DESIGNED AND SUPERVISED WHILE A MEMBER OF THE FIRM OF SMITH, HINCHMAN & GRYLLS, DETROIT)

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.

WILLIAM KAPP'S DESIGNS HAVE ALL BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY THEIR EXCELLENCE OF PLAN, INTEGRITY OF COLOR AND HARMONY. HIS DESIGNS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CAPTURE THE MODERN SPIRIT IN THEIR ADAPTION TO THE CLASSICAL MODES. HE HAS SHOWN AN UNTIRING RELATIVE DETERMINATION OF BRINGING HIS DESIGN PROJECTS TO A LOGICAL CONCLUSION, WELL PROPORTIONED DETAIL AND A FINE SENSE OF SCALE. HANDLING OF MATERIALS AND COLOR HAS RESULTED IN FINISHED EXAMPLES OF WORK IN THIS AREA.

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## 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.

## 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*

## 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.

PRESIDENT DETROIT CHAPTER OF A.I.A. 1942-1943  
MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1945-1946  
CHAIRMAN OF CHAPTER COMMITTEE ON CIVIC AFFAIRS  
MEMBER OF NUMEROUS OTHER COMMITTEES

MEMBER OF THE MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS 20 YEARS

DURING THE PRESIDENCY OF WILLIAM KAPP, MEMBERSHIP OF THE DETROIT CHAPTER TRIPPLED IN SIZE AND BECAME AN OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION IN LEADERSHIP FOR CIVIC AFFAIRS.



## 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 THE DETROIT CITY MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE CITY PLAN COMMISSION, WHICH COMMITTEE HE HAS ABLY REPRESENTED THE DETROIT CHAPTER OF THE A.I.A. TO BRING ABOUT A VIGOROUS ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MASS PLAN OF DETROIT.

LEE BLACK and KENNETH C. BLACK, Registered Architects

706 CAPITOL SAVINGS AND LOAN BUILDING \* \* LANSING 68, MICHIGAN \* \* TELEPHONE 43217

THE AMERICAN

INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
October 22, 1946

1946 OCT 24 AM 9:25

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Jury of Fellows  
The Octagon  
1741 New York Ave.  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I understand that you are considering the award of a fellowship in the Institute to Mr. William Kapp of Detroit. I would like to add my personal recommendation to the many you will undoubtedly receive in his behalf.

I have been personally acquainted with Mr. Kapp for a great many years and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Detroit Chapter during the time Mr. Kapp served as President of the Chapter. Because of this association I know that he was unselfish and untiring in his efforts on behalf of the profession in all matters which properly came to his attention.

For many years he was an executive in the firm of Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, Architects of Detroit, and for the past few years has carried on a practice under his own name. His dealings with the public and with his clients have always been ethical and I feel sure that he is deserving of the award of a fellowship.

Respectfully,



Kenneth C. Black

KCB:bjm

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BELLMAN, GILLETT & RICHARDS  
ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS

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WASHINGTON, D. C.  
518 JEFFERSON AVENUE  
TOLEDO 4, OHIO

LAWRENCE S. BELLMAN, F. A. I. A.  
JOHN GILLETT, MEM. AM. SOC. M. E.  
JOHN N. RICHARDS, A. I. A.

October 15, 1946

Jury of Fellows  
The Octagon  
1741 New York Avenue  
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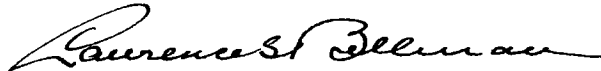
Gentlemen:

It gives me great satisfaction in joining others in recommending Mr. William Kapp for nomination for a Fellowship in the Institute.

I have known Mr. Kapp intimately since 1909 and consider him a man of high ideals, devoted to the progress of the Institute, and of unusual ability. His work is outstanding in Detroit; he is held in great respect by all who know him.

My partners join me in this recommendation.

Yours very truly,



Lawrence S. Bellman

LSB:BB



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WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

RALPH O. YEAGER, DIRECTOR, GREAT LAKES DISTRICT  
200 OPERA HOUSE BUILDING, TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

Terre Haute, Indiana  
October 16, 1946

Jury of Fellows  
The Octagon  
1741 New York Avenue  
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Gentlemen:

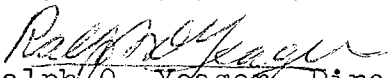
The undersigned is not only pleased, but honored to write you in the interest of Mr. William Kapp's candidacy for a Fellowship.

Mr. Kapp, as you know, was a partner in Smith Hinchman & Grylls of Detroit, and of his architectural achievements you are aware. On this, others, no doubt, will speak more fully and authoritatively than I.

Concerning Mr. Kapp's personal qualities, I can speak with first-hand knowledge, having known him since we were in school together at the University of Pennsylvania in 1914 and before. He is of the highest personal character and integrity. In addition, his accomplishments in Michigan for the Institute and for the Detroit Chapter have been manifold, and if for no other reason this work would entitle him to a Fellowship.

I take great pleasure in recommending Mr. William Kapp of Detroit.

Very truly yours,

  
Ralph O. Yeager, Director  
Great Lakes District

mjd

KENNETH C. WELCH... ARCHITECT

MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1340 MONROE N.W.  
GRAND RAPIDS  
MICHIGAN

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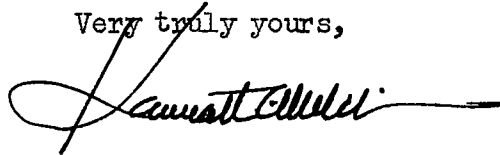
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Jury of Fellows  
The Octagon  
1741 New York Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

William Edward Kapp, A.I.A. of Detroit was in my class at the University of Pennsylvania and I have had occasion to work with him a number of times on actual projects over a period of a great many years. I should like to heartily endorse him for a Fellowship in the Institute.

Very truly yours,



Kenneth C. Welch, A.I.A.

KCW-gg

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DETROIT CHAPTER  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
TALMAGE C. HUGHES, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
120 MADISON AVENUE  
DETROIT 26, MICHIGAN

Oct. 10, 1946

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

Gentlemen:

With respect to the nomination of Mr. William Edward Kapp for Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects, this is to certify that Mr. Kapp has been a member in good standing of the Detroit Chapter, A. I. A. continuously since 1930.

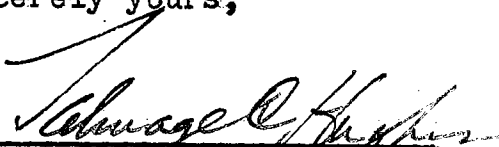
Mr. Kapp has been a resident of Detroit for the past 29 years and I have known him intimately for most of that time. His architectural training and practice have been uninterrupted since 1929, except for 1917-19 when he was commissioned in the Construction Division, Air Corps, AEF.

In 1942 he was elected President of the Detroit Chapter, A. I. A. and was reelected in 1943. Prior to that he had served for three years as a member of the Chapter's Executive Committee and he has served in that capacity also for the past two years.

William Kapp brought to the Detroit Chapter a dynamic, yet unassuming, personality that was largely responsible for its becoming the Institute's second largest. As a result, he was named Chairman of the Chapter's Committee on Unification.

He is at present a director of the Michigan Society of Architects, and a member of The Engineering Society of Detroit, which organization nominated him as director. His vigor and energy have extended to civic activities in programs related to his profession. For several years he has headed the Architects' Division of the Detroit Community Fund campaign. Last year his quota was \$4,000 and he collected \$8,415, or 210%. He holds state and national registration and has done some of the most important and creditable work in the country. He is one of the best-read men I have known, his interests covering a wide range of subjects.

Sincerely yours,

  
Talmage C. Hughes

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October 18, 1946

Jury of Fellows  
The Octogan  
1731 New York Avenue  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

It has been called to my attention that Mr. William Kapp is being considered for a Fellowship in the Institute.

I have known Mr. Kapp for thirty-two years, and while I am not located in Detroit which has been more or less the center of his activities, I have been informed by others with regard to his contribution to the profession, which indicates that he is deserving of professional commendation.

Very truly yours,



Edward J. Maier

EJM:jeb

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October 21, 1946

Jury of Fellows  
The Octagon  
1741 New York Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am informed by the Nominating Committee of the Detroit Chapter, A. I. A., that Mr. William E. Kapp has been nominated for Fellowship in the Institute.

Mr. Kapp is a striking figure in the architectural profession in Detroit and, in fact, many states of the Union. His experience as a former member of the firm of Smith, Hinchman and Grylls, Inc., in charge of design, has resulted in a great contribution to the beauty of the skyline of Detroit as reflected in many of its finest buildings. Mr. Kapp is also a Past President of the Detroit Chapter and has been constantly active in chapter duties throughout the years. There is no doubt that Mr. Kapp is a worthy applicant for the honor of Fellowship in our Institute.

Your consideration of his acceptance for this honor will be not only personally appreciated but should be appreciated by the entire architectural profession.

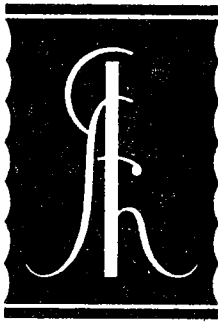
Sincerely yours,



ALVIN E. HARLEY

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October 22, 1946

Jury of Fellows  
The Octagon  
1741 New York Avenue  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

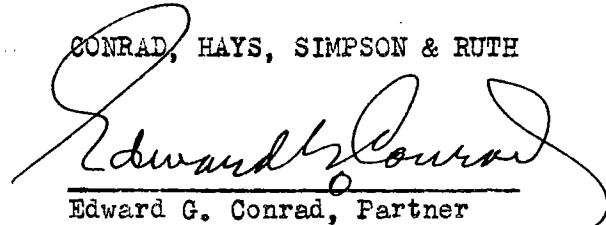
It has come to my notice that William E. Kapp, Detroit architect, is to be recommended for nomination as a Fellow in the Institute.

The opportunity of joining others in this deserving effort is especially gratifying to me because of my long acquaintance with Mr. Kapp. Our association began while we were living together and attending the same classes as undergraduates of the University of Pennsylvania. That was over thirty years ago. From then on I have respected and admired his many fine qualities; talent of a high degree, business ability, sound judgment, leadership, respect for the welfare of his fellow practitioners, and from every aspect a truly fine architect.

I feel a sense of negligence, however, in not having sponsored such an effort as this many years ago, for he has indeed deserved this consideration long since.

Respectfully yours,

CONRAD, HAYS, SIMPSON & RUTH

  
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16215 Warwick Road  
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October 18, 1946

Jury of Fellows  
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1741 New York Avenue  
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Re: William Edward Kapp

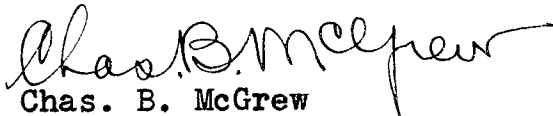
Gentlemen:

It has been my privilege to have been intimately acquainted with Mr. William Edward Kapp, Detroit architect, since 1916. I know his family and much of his background. I have long felt that he should be honored by election to a Fellowship in the Institute, and I am indeed glad that a movement to this end has at last been initiated.

Mr. Kapp will never cease to be a student. From the beginning of his career, he has always thoroughly studied each problem and endeavored to obtain perfection; his work is always logical and appropriate; he has given generously of his time, enthusiasm and talent to aid younger men; he has, by maintaining great activity and ever increasing interest in the Detroit Chapter, trebled its membership during his two terms as president; he has, on numerous occasions, creditably represented the Detroit Chapter in conferences with public officials when issues of importance to the profession were under consideration; he has increased respect for and the prestige of the Detroit Chapter and the Institute. Mr. Kapp is an energetic, forthright and substantial citizen, who is, in every way, worthy of the honor his associates now desire to confer upon him.

I urge that favorable consideration be given to the nomination of Mr. William Edward Kapp to a Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely,

  
Chas. B. McGrew

CBM:rm

MARCUS R. BURROWES  
ARCHITECT  
415 BRAINARD STREET  
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October 16 1946.

To  
The Jury of Fellows, A. I. A.,  
The Octagon, 1741 New York Ave.,  
Washington, D. C.

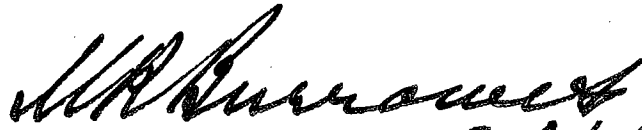
Gentlemen:

I have been advised that Mr. William Kapp has been nominated by the Detroit Chapter A. I. A. as a candidate for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

It gives me much pleasure to inform you that the nomination in question has my earnest support, as Mr. Kapp has always impressed me as one worthy of the high honor you will have under consideration. He is possessed of ability in the field of design; has been a devout advocate of the highest professional standards, and has contributed his administrative talent in filling sundry offices of the Detroit Chapter- including that of President- with creditable results.

Sincerely wishing that your action in this matter will meet the desire of the local Chapter, I remain

Very respectfully yours,

  
F. A. I. A.

MB/ro.  
c. c. to Mr. Smith.

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October 15, 1946

Jury of Fellows  
The Octagon  
1741 New York Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to recommend to you William E. Kapp of Detroit, Michigan for elevation to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architect.

I have known Mr. Kapp personally for a number of years and also have had a most delightful association with him as President of the Detroit Chapter in Institute affairs.

He is one of the outstanding architects of Detroit. As President of the Detroit Chapter he rendered invaluable service to the A. I. A. Under his leadership that chapter had a most phenomenal growth in membership in accordance with the unification program. He has given unsparingly of his time to The Institute and to the advancement of his fellow professionals.

Mr. Kapp is the type of architect that will lend distinction to The Institute by his recognition as a Fellow.

Sincerely,

*Alexander C. Robinson III*

ACR/ve

Alexander C. Robinson, III



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BRANSON V. GAMBER, STATE ASSOCIATION DIRECTOR  
515 HAMMOND BUILDING, DETROIT 26, MICHIGAN

October 11, 1946

Jury of Fellows  
American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It is my understanding that the name of William E. Kapp of Detroit has been proposed for elevation to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

I am very glad to second the nomination of Mr. Kapp. He has designed and executed some excellent work. He is a man of the highest type and he has worked loyally and diligently in the service of the profession, and he has been most active in participation in civic affairs.

It is my earnest hope that the Jury of Fellows will adjudge Mr. Kapp to be worthy of this well earned distinction.

Yours sincerely,

BVG:AC

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Jury of Fellows  
The Octagon  
1741 New York Avenue  
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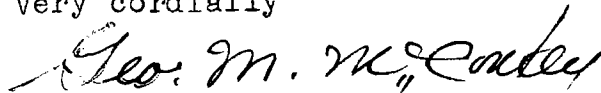
Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to reinforce others that may be written in behalf of the nomination of William Kapp, A.I.A., Detroit Chapter, for the honor of a fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

The writer has known Mr. Kapp for many years as a thoroughly trained designer of artistic buildings, and a practicing architect in Detroit. His work is always meritorious and highly commendable. Many commissions of considerable magnitude are completed in a thorough and artistic manner by his well organized office, an ideal toward which any architect could well aspire.

I am glad to recommend William Kapp, an outstanding, thoroughly ethical practicing architect, for the honor of a fellowship.

Very cordially



George M. McConkey

GMM:arm

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October 24, 1946

The Jury of Fellows  
The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

From my knowledge of the architectural practice of William Kapp, it gives me great pleasure to recommend him for a Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. He is the kind that the Institute may be proud to honor.

Very truly yours,

George D. Mason

GDM:M

GEORGE F. DIEHL  
REGISTERED ARCHITECT

MEMBER  
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS

120 MADISON AVENUE  
DETROIT 26, MICHIGAN  
CHERRY 7268

October 18, 1946

Mr. Eberle M. Smith  
1202 Francis Palms Bldg.  
2111 Woodward Ave.  
Detroit 1, Mich.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I would like to add my voice to that of other good friends and acquaintances of William Kapp in urging that the institute consider his name in connection with the Fellowship Awards.

I have been personally acquainted with Mr. Kapp for about twenty years; and I feel that the character of the work that he has produced both as a member of the firm of Smith-Hinchman & Grylls and under his own name, as well as his unstinting devotion of time and efforts to the interests of the Institute, merits such consideration.

Thanking you for this opportunity of expressing my opinion on the matter, I am,

Yours very truly,

GEORGE F. DIEHL





Robert Benjamin Frantz AIA

James Alexander Spence AIA

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*Architects*

*Saginaw Michigan*

October 15, 1946

Jury of Fellows  
The Octagon  
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It will be appreciated greatly if I might add a word of commendation for William Kapp, of the Detroit Chapter, whose name is being proposed to you. He is a person everyone feels they know well and, in turn, through the years, that he has worn well.

His experience in practice has been one of a broad range and responsibility, always with the finest of standards and regard for fellow practitioners, and with his own personal quality of excellent design. If this honor were to be bestowed for these reasons alone, they would be quite adequate.

In addition he has worked diligently for the good of the Institute through all chapter activities including the presidency. He has always found sufficient time to assist the younger men coming into the chapter and his confirmation, or recognition, as a Fellow, is most eminently proper. To hear that this has happened will be a real pleasure to all of us who know him.

Yours sincerely,

*Rob Frantz*

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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March 20, 1947

Dear Mr. Kapp:

The American Institute of Architects desires to confer upon you the honor of Fellowship, in accord with the action of The Jury of Fellows at its recent meeting.

The purpose of this letter is to request your presence at the 1947 Convention of The Institute to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on April 29-30 and May 1 in the Pentland Hotel.

At the formal dinner of the Convention on the evening of Wednesday, April 30, those who have been elected to Fellowship will receive their certificates, with citations. Presentation will be with appropriate ceremony and it is highly important that each of the newly-elected Fellows be present. The Officers of The Institute and The Jury of Fellows join in the request that you come to receive this honor in person.

Please send your response to The Octagon at an early, convenient date.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director

Mr. William Edward Kapp, F.A.I.A.  
1842 Buhl Building  
Detroit 26, Michigan

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WILLIAM EDWARD KAPP  
ARCHITECT  
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April 9, 1947

The American Institute of Architects  
The Octagon  
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Attention Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Executive Director.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

The decision of the Jury of Fellows of the Institute to confer upon me the honor of Fellowship, gives me great pleasure and for this professional recognition, I am deeply grateful.

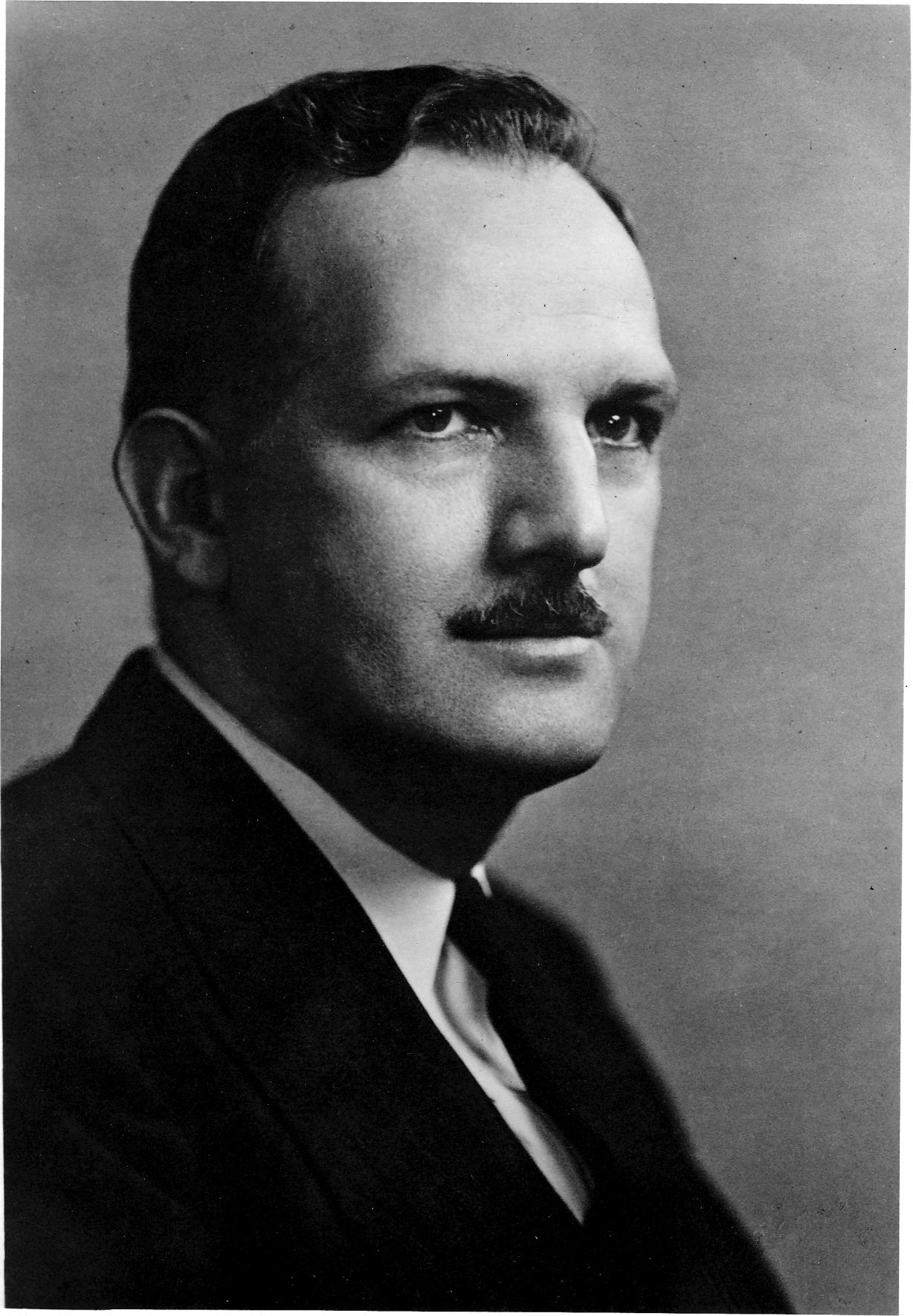
I accept the joint invitation of the Officers of the Institute and the Jury of Fellows, and will attend the Convention at Grand Rapids.

Yours sincerely,

*W. E. Kapp.*

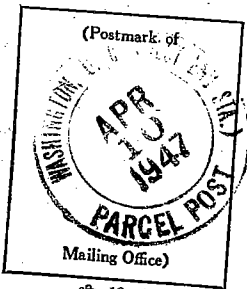
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April 10, 1947

Dear Mr. Kapp:

We are returning to you, under separate cover by insured parcel post, the photographs which were submitted as exhibits in support of your nomination for advancement to Fellowship in The Institute.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to  
 The Jury of Fellows

Mr. William E. Kapp, F.A.I.A.  
 1842 Buhl Building  
 Detroit 26, Michigan

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April 14, 1948

Dear Mr. Kapp:

Mr. Purves has asked me to reply to your letter of April 12 in which you recommend a change in printing the "Standard Form of Agreement Between Contractor and Owner."

(See 4-12)

We have referred your suggestion to Mr. William Stanley Parker, Chairman of the Committee on Contract Documents, A.I.A., 120 Boylston Street, Boston 16, Massachusetts, from whom you will undoubtedly hear in due course.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. R.

Executive Assistant

Mr. William Edward Kapp, F.A.I.A.  
1842 Buhl Building  
Detroit 26, Michigan

JWR:MIB

Copy to - Mr. Parker

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Kapp

*Handwritten initials*

January 20, 1950

Dear Bill:

Thanks for yours of the 17th.

*(See 4-2)*

The Institute, as such, as entered the case of Howard vs. Sheill and has filed an appeal. Where we will go from here, I do not know, but at least we are going to fight it to the finish.

Clair Ditchy is quite familiar with the situation.

With my best to you,

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director

Mr. William Edward Kapp, F.A.I.A.  
Euhl Building  
Detroit, Michigan

ERP:MSD  
cc: Mr. Ditchy



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP EMERITUS

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:

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

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

- a. I am more than 70 years of age.
- ~~b. I am 65 years of age, retired, and not engaged in the practice of architecture.~~
- ~~c. I am unable to engage in any gainful vocation.~~

*Write in name of chapter.*

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

Respectfully,

Date Mar - 20 1961.

W. E. Kapp  
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 not the requirements of a, b, or c.*

Approved by Detroit Chapter May 1, 1962. Mr. Kapp is in good standing with this Chapter.

Salvage C. Hughes  
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*Kapp, W. E.*



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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

NOTICE OF ELECTION—MEMBER EMERITUS

TO **Mr. W. E. Kapp, F.A.I.A.**  
**2342 Duhl Building**  
**Detroit 26, Michigan**

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  
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Date **June 1** 19**62**

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*Secretary*

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

August 20, 1969

Miss Ann Stacy, Exec.-Dir.  
Detroit Chapter, AIA  
28 West Adams Avenue  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Re: Death of Mr. William E. Kapp, FAIA, on  
(date unknown)

Dear Miss Stapp:

We are 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*

William H. Scheick, FAIA  
Executive Director

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Kapp, William E.

BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE  
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Name: Kapp, William E., FAIA of (address) 1842 Buhl Bldg., Detroit

Born: August 20, 1891 at Toledo, Ohio Died: 2-6-69 at

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Married: wife, Helen of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

Children: John

Education: School of Arch., University of Pennsylvania  
Certificate of Proficiency

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

- 1914-15 - Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, Detroit
- 1915-17 - Mills, Phines, Bellman & Nordhoff, Toledo
- 1919-41 - Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, (member 1924-1941)

specialized - commercial, industrial, educational and religious bldgs.

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

- entered own practice November 1, 1941 - William Edward Kapp
- 6-1-62 - elected emeritus membership
- AIA Mich. Eng. Soc. ■ Pres. Detroit Chapter, AIA, 1942-44
- MSA Eng. Soc. of Detroit Fellow of American Institute of Arch. 4-30-47

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

The Players - President 1940-41

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

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

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