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File the duplicate, on gray paper, with the secretary of the local chapter of The Institute.

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The American Institute of Architects

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I, the undersigned, do hereby apply for corporate membership in The American Institute of Architects.

1. My full name is **Kenneth Stone Kassler**

2. State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.

2. I am a **natural** citizen of **The United States**

3. My legal residence is in the City of **Princeton**

County of **Merce r** State of **New Jersey**

4. State whether residence or office address.

4. My address in The Institute records will be

Street **18 Nassau Street (Office)**

City **Princeton** State **N.J.**

5. State whether as a practicing architect, a teacher, a public official, etc.

5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as **a practicing Architect.**

6. I desire to be a member of the **New Jersey Chapter** Chapter.

7. I declare that I have read the by-laws, the rules and regulations, and the Standards of Practice of The American Institute of Architects, and the by-laws and rules and regulations of the chapter of which I desire to become a member, and that I understand the duties, responsibilities and obligations thereunder of a member of The Institute, and I do hereby expressly agree and declare that, if admitted to membership, I will to the best of my ability abide by and comply with such by-laws, rules and regulations, and will abide by and uphold said Standards of Practice and conduct my practice of the profession accordingly. I am financially able to undertake all pecuniary obligations of a member to The Institute and to the chapter.

8. Receipt required.

8. I filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the chapter above named and attach his receipt therefor. I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its chapters or state association members.

9. I enclose my check for \$ **10.00**, for admission fee and the first year's annual dues. It is my understanding that if for any reason you do not admit me to membership, all of said amount will be returned to me, except five dollars which you will retain as an examination fee.

Date **Feb. 27** 19 **42.**

Kenneth Stone Kassler
Applicant sign full name in ink

PAID
\$10.00 2/6/42 L

STATISTICS

10. Date of birth Feb. 28, 1905 Place of birth Denver, Colorado.

11. I am registered or licensed to practice architecture in the following named states:

(State or States) By Examination

(State or States) By Exemption

New Jersey

New York

Pennsylvania

Maryland

) thru the N.C.A.R.B. certificate.
(inactive at present) " "

(a) I hold a Certificate No. 118 of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

EDUCATION

12. I attended the following named schools (high school, private school, college or university); have held the following named scholarships; have travelled in the following named countries:

The Hill School, Pottstown, Penn. Graduated 1923

Princeton University, B.S. Degree 1927, with Honors.

Princeton University Graduate School, M.F.A. degree, in Architecture, 1930.

No scholarships.

Niggered for Jean Labatut, in Paris, at Ecole des Beaux Arts, (was not a student at the Ecole), on the Grand Prix de Rome Spring 1930.

Travelled in England, Holland, Germany, Austria, Csheko-Slovakia, Switzerland, Italy, France, Denmark, Sweden

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

13. I list below, in chronological order, the periods of my training as draftsman, the names and addresses of my principal employers, and my classification as draftsman while employed by each:

Temple Buell, Denver, Colorado, Summer 1927, Junior drafstman.

Heathcote Woolsey, Manursing Way, Rye, N.Y.? summer 1928, junior draftsman.

Rolf Bauhan, Princeton, N.J. part time, 8 months 1931, draftsman.

Member of Henry Wrights first summer school in site planning, Summer 1932.

Francis Comstock, Princeton, N.J., 4 months 1934, draftsman.

Suburban Resettlement Administration, Washington, 8months 1935-1936, ass. chief site planner.

Sherley W. Morgan, Princeton, N.J. 1 year 1937-1938, chief draftsman.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

14. I list below, in chronological order, the periods during which and the states in which I have practiced architecture as an individual or as a member of a firm or corporation or have taught architecture or the arts and sciences allied therewith. (State names of firms or corporations and of schools or colleges)

1930-1933. Instructor on faculty of Princeton University, School of Architecture, Princeton, N.J.

1935-1942. Practiced architecture in New Jersey.

Spring 1938. Obtained N.C.A.R.B. certificate and New York and Pennsylvania licenses. No practice in these states except in Pennsylvania in 1941.

1940-1941. Obtained Maryland license and practiced one year in that State. License now inactive.

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

- ✓ 15. Member of Institute from _____ to _____
- 16. Junior of Institute from Fall 1930??? to time when my age made it impossible to remain a Junior Member - 7/2
- 17. Associate of _____ Chapter from _____ to _____
- 18. Junior Associate of _____ Chapter from _____ to _____ 3/6/42
- 19. Member of State Association in _____ from _____ to _____

ENDORSEMENT BY PROPOSERS

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have read the statements made herein above by the applicant and believe them to be correct. I vouch for him and for his honorable standing in this community and in his profession. I believe he is fully qualified for membership and I propose him therefor.

I have known the applicant for 15 years. I have known the applicant for 14 years.

✓ Signed Charles W. Morgan Proposer
 Signed Jean Habatut Proposer
 3.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

Kenneth Stone Kassler - Princeton, N. J.

(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY, New York

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,
State Education Dept.
Albany, *Address* New York

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date March 6 19 42

Chas. J. Ingraham
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? Licensed
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? yes or by exemption? yes
3. What was the scope of the examination? National Council of architectural Registration Boards certificate dated May 7, 1938 accepted and license issued June 9, 1938
4. What was the period of the examination? 1/2 days. Written examination 1/2 hours; Oral examination 1/2 hour.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? yes If so, give Certificate No. no record license
6. Date of last registration none 19 Registration No. 5011 Is it current? no

Herbert J. Hamilton
(Signature of Secretary of Board)
Chief

Date March 16 19 42

Bureau of Professional Examinations
New York State (Name of Board)
Education Department

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.
Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

Kenneth Stone Kassler - Princeton, N. J.
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY, Pennsylvania
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,
Education Bldg.,
Address Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Sir:

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Date March 16 19 42

Chas. J. Ingham
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? Yes
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? Yes or by exemption?
3. What was the scope of the examination? Standard NCARB Junior Examination
(Illinois)
4. What was the period of the examination?.....days. Written examination.....hours; Oral examination.....hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards?
Yes If so, give Certificate No. 1056
6. Date of ~~last~~ first registration May 21 19 38 Registration No. EX 1601 Is it current? Yes
Renewal No. 752

Marion Fish
(Signature of ~~Secretary~~ of Board) Corres-Sten.
Pennsylvania State Board
of Examiners of Architects
(Name of Board)

Date March 18 19 42

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.
Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

Kenneth Stone Kassler - Princeton, N. J.
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY, New Jersey
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,
Industrial Office Bldg.
Newark, Address N. J.

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Date March 6 19 42

Chas. J. Ingraham
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state?.....
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination?.....or by exemption?.....
3. What was the scope of the examination?.....
4. What was the period of the examination?.....days. Written examination.....hours; Oral examination.....hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? If so, give Certificate No.....
6. Date of last registration.....19..... Registration No..... Is it current?.....

(Signature of Secretary of Board)

New Jersey State Board of Architects
(Name of Board)

Date.....19.....

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
JURY OF FELLOWS

Received Nov. 2, 1959.
Voted On Feb. 11, 1960.
Voted On 19 .
Voted On 19 .
Granted Feb. 11, 1960.

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. Name of Nominee Kenneth Stone Kassler Date of Nomination Oct. 1, 1959.
2. Address of Nominee 18 Nassau Street, Princeton, New Jersey
3. Nominee's firm Kanneth Kassler A.I.A. Architect
4. Nominee's principal place of business New Jersey
5. Nominee's Chapter New Jersey
6. Nominee's State Organization
7. Nominee admitted to Institute 1942
8. Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from 1942 ~~to~~ to Dec. 31, 1959.
9. Nominee's age 54 Birthplace Denver, Colorado
10. Nominators: Executive Committee, New Jersey Chapter, A.I.A.
 - President: Jacob Shteir
 - 1st Vice-Pres.: Frederick A. Elsasser
 - 2nd " " John Scacchetti
 - Treasurer: Adolph R. Scrimenti
 - Secretary: Howard L. McMurray
11. Achievement in Design, Science of Construction, and Education.

(Nominators leave blank)

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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

BY
CHAPTER

THE JURY OF FELLOWS, A.I.A.
The Octagon, 1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Date October 1, 1959

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on May 14, 1959* Type in full name. in full nominated* Kenneth Stone Kassler 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* Kenneth Stone Kassler a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the profession because of his achievement in** Design, Science of Construction, Education 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 appropriate.

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

†Type in number of years.

"Resolved, That‡
The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate* Kenneth Stone Kassler Chapter,

‡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."

Joseph H. Scrimanti - ✓
John Scacchetti - ✓
Gerald Peter, Pres. - ✓
[Signature] - ✓
[Signature] Secretary. - ✓

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

BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

1. Nominee's full name **Kenneth Stone Kassler**
2. Nominee is a natural ~~naturalized~~ citizen of U.S.A.
3. Nominee's legal residence **Lafayette Road West, Princeton, New Jersey**
4. Nominee's firm name **Kenneth Kassler A.I.A. Architect (formerly Kenneth Kassler Associates, Architects, changed because of new rules, N.J. State board of Architects.**
5. Nominee's principal place of business, address **18 Nassau Street, Princeton, N. J.**

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.

6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by **New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Maine**
(1935) New Jersey Certificate #C-2092
(1937) MCARB Certificate #118 (NCARB File #1056.)

7. Strike out in appropriate words.

7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a practicing architect—~~teacher in architecture—~~
~~teacher in science of construction—public official—retired~~

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

8. Born **Feb. 28, 1905** . Place of birth **Denver, Colorado, U.S.A.**

9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:

	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
<i>High School</i>				
<i>Private School</i>				
Hill School (Private)	Pottstown, Pa.	4	1923	Yes
<i>College or University</i>				
Princeton University	Princeton, N. J.	4	1927	B.S.
<i>College or University</i>				
<i>Post Graduate at</i>				
Princeton University	Princeton, N.J.	3	1930	M.F.A.
<i>Scholarships held</i>				architecture

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

10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

Refer to Supplemental Sheet 2a

BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS (Continued)

10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

- 1935 Started Practice of Architecture
- 1935-36 Washington, D.C., Assistant Chief Site Planner, Greenbrook Project, Suburban Resettlement Administration.
- 1936-42 Architectural Practice in Princeton, New Jersey
- 1942-45 War service as reserve officer, U.S. Marine Corps.
- 1943-44 -South Pacific, Combat area.
- 1944-45 -Washington D.C., U.S. Navy Bureau of Aeronautics, cognizant officer for all Public Works projects for Marine Corps Air Stations in United States and continental America. Additional duty in development of Naval Air Experimental Facilities.
- 1945 Architectural Practice in Princeton
-present
- 1952-59 Planning, travel, and research in preventative and correctional areas of human behavior
- 1952 -Plans for Hampshire Country School (behavior problems)
- 1953 -Arthur Brisbane Child Treatment Center, State of New Jersey - commission, 2 cottages (emotionally disturbed children)
- 1958-59 -Turrell Residential Group Treatment Center, State of New Jersey - commission (delinquent girls)
- 1959 -Trip to Sweden, Denmark, England and Holland as member of delegation from State of New Jersey visiting prisons and correctional institutions
- 1955-58 Planning, travel and research in Housing for the Aged.
- 1955 -Trip to Denmark and England to study Old Age facilities
- 1956-57 -Residences for Retired Persons, Board of Pensions, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. - commission, Swarthmore, Pa.
- Trustee:
- The Princeton Y.M.C.A.
- Dorothea Van Dyke McLean Association (Philanthropic organization).
- Miss Fine's School (Private Girls' School) 1953-58.

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

(This is only a partial list of Commissions but contains the most

1. Works representative work.)

Type	Identification of Work	Location of Work		Completed Construction Work	Photographs Drawings, or Sketches Submitted
(a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	(e) Industrial	(City)	(State)	(Year)	
(c)	First Residence for Kassler	Princeton	N.J.	1937	
(c)	Residence for Fred Best	Mountainside	N.J.	1940	
(c)	Brook House Fred Beckman	Blawenburg	N.J.	1940	
(d)	Nursing Home Tenacre Foundation	Princeton	N.J.	1952	
(e)	Laboratories Applied Science Corp. of Princeton	Princeton	N.J.	1950-57	
(c)	Second Residence for Kassler	Princeton	N.J.	1954	
(d)	Dormitories for Children in State Hospital *	Farmingdale	N.J.	1955	
(c)	Residence, Misses Frantz and Talcott	Princeton,	N.J.	1956	
(a)	Office Building Princeton Municipal Improvement, Inc.	Princeton	N.J.	1957	
(d)	Bath House Complex State Park	Lake Hopatcong	N.J.	1957	
(c)	Dwelling for Retired Persons Board of Pensions, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.	Swarthmore	Pa.	1957	
(b)	Y.M.C.A.-Y.W.C.A. *	Princeton	N.J.	1959	

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.

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.

Refer to Supplemental Sheets 3a & 3b

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I.A.A. Form
Sheet 3a
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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

1. CONSTRUCTION WORK

Type of Work Constructed	Identification of Work	Location of Work	Completed Construction Work (Year)	Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted
1. Moulded Surfaces on Masonry panels and blocks	-Squibb Biological Labs.*	New Brunswick, N.J.-Princeton,	1937-38	
2. Thin-Shell Concrete.	-Architect's House	Princeton, N.J.	1953-54	
3. Stressed Skin, Panelized, Curtain Wall Construction on Steel Frame.	-Walker and Boone Houses	Princeton, N.J.	1947-51	
4. Translucent & Transparent Curtain Walls, Multiple Light Control Panels	-Architect's House	Princeton, N.J.	1949-54	
5. Furniture, Modular Storage Units, Studies in Mass Production.	-Architect's House	Princeton, N.J.	1948-54	

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

2. BOOKS, TREATISES, OR ARTICLES WRITTEN

Subject Title	Where Published	Date Published

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.

Refer to Supplemental Sheet 4a

* Sherley W. Morgan Architect

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN (Continued)

A.A. Form S38

Sheet 3a

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.

There are five qualities in the work of this candidate for Fellowship which the nominators feel are individual, unique and contribute notably to the advancement of the profession. They are, a search for original and invigorating form, a considerable accomplishment in construction methods (see Science of Construction as well), a skillful use of materials and interest in texture, a sympathetic adaptation to the site, and more recently a very notable ability to compose and enhance interior spaces.

The candidate's first house for himself, completed in 1937, shows his early interest in textures, materials, and adaptation to site. This house was awarded first prize in the House and Garden's Best House of the Year Award, 1938, Class I. In publishing this and the houses of 14 other architects in 1939, the editors of the Architectural Forum wrote --- "quantitatively insignificant as these houses may be, the Forum's editors present them as important. They are important not only as indicators of a trend, but as outstanding examples of a powerful influence that is slowly but inevitably changing the appearance of the American residential scene. They are important because they represent the emergence of the age old tradition of honest building, interrupted by more than a hundred years of eclecticism. And most important to the public, they are no longer experiments".

The Best House, 1940, continues the architect's search for site adaptation, having been built on a steep hill, and contains his first effort to work with interior flowing space.

The Beckman Brookhouse and Bridge, 1940, successfully combined fresh form, textured materials, construction methods, and site location. In the nominators' opinion it is the sympathetic relationship of house and bridge to the pond and rural setting which distinguishes this work.

Changing from residential to institutional design, Kassler sought a pleasant non-institutional character for a nursing home, at the Tenacre Foundation, 1952. Bedrooms give off from one side only of a wide corridor. In order to give each bedroom a private entrance and a wheelchair porch at grade, the 200 ft. long building steps down to follow the contours of the ground. Ramps in the corridors provide the transitions between levels. The bedrooms are bilaterally lighted. It is the general character, however, of the nursing home which we feel is outstanding. Would that more rooms for sick or infirm people could be as pleasant as the ones at Tenacre Foundation. Architecture has here contributed very considerably to therapy.

In the architect's second house for himself, completed in 1959, the search for flowing significant interior space becomes paramount for the first time. The living room portion of the house is dominated by the conically shaped precast concrete roof (described under Science of Construction). Interconnected entrance hall and "breeze" room. Also of special interest in this house is the architect's experimentations with materials and textures.

(Continued)

2. (Continued)

The Frantz-Talcott house finished in 1956 is another example of space composition. Here the ceiling of the living room is considerably higher than in his own residence. One wall is given over to triple hung windows, leading to a porch on court, closed off by screens sliding out from a pocket. This porch or court is also entered from the entrance hall (see photo), the dining room and library as well, giving to the whole, when doors and windows are open, an ample flow of integrated space.

In the nominee's building for the Princeton YMCA-YWCA, done in association with Sherley W. Morgan, F.A.I.A., which was completed this present year, vigorous form and interesting interior space was attempted by the use of concrete arches and a prestressed T-beam ceiling over the 30' x 75' swimming pool. The nominators also consider this building very successful in its solution of the site plan, providing parking space where the cars are least visible, and retaining the maximum flat area for very ample athletic playing fields. The whole complex of two buildings separated by a large "drive-thru", playing fields, and parking areas is considered by many residents of Princeton to be one of the recent distinctive additions to an already distinctive town.

Throughout his work, both residential and institutional, the architect has achieved a fine sense of scale which, together with his proportions of volumes and voids, has been consistently productive of notable and handsome buildings.

DESCRIPTION OF SOME CONSTRUCTION EXPERIMENTS

Thin-Shell Concrete. As shown in the accompanying photographs, a precast concrete cone, 28 feet in diameter, and 6-1/2 feet high, was cast on a stabilized earth form on the ground. It was later hoisted by a crane to its present position. The thickness of the concrete shell is 2-1/2". Six - 7/8" reinforcing bars at the bottom ring, and two - 3/8" bars at the top ring or "eye" of the cone, form the only reinforcing for stress. Sheets of wire mesh were used as temperature reinforcing. The geometrical section of the cone proved to be an ideal shape, since the steel acts in pure tension and the concrete in straight compression. It was a very economical roof form.

Stressed skin and curtain wall construction, on a steel frame. This was an early experiment using glued-up plywood panels based on the stressed skin principle. Earlier work on panels of this type had been done before World War II at the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory at the University of Wisconsin. The aim of this prototype experiment was to produce modular panels on jigs in a shop in anticipation of an assembly line mass-production effort. The floor, wall, and roof panels were secured to a lightweight steel frame, making all walls, exterior and interior, non-bearing. Interchangeability of parts was one of the dominant criteria, in order to achieve flexibility from structure to structure and flexibility within any one structure because of the easily rearranged interior and exterior walls. Mechanical services were located in the floors and ceilings. Walls occupied 4% of the gross area of the structure, compared to approximately 10% for conventional wood frame construction. Reduction in weight amounted to about 50%, also when compared to a wood stud and joist building.

Multiple Light Control Panels. Experiments in this field grew out of the stressed-skin, curtain wall, steel-frame structures erected earlier. Lightweight, thermally efficient, non-breakable, removable light transmitting walls were considered a "must" for curtain-wall residential structures. Centuries ago the Japanese had developed "shoji" in response to similar urges. Except for thermal insulating qualities, "shoji" were an excellent solution. All of the architect's experiments were done with two or three layers of sheet plastic, glued to and separated by one or two layers respectively of phenol-impregnated, expanded and cured, paper honeycomb. A small hand-operated press, which was later given to the Architectural Laboratory of Princeton University, was devised using a vulcanized rubber air sac, inflated by a bicycle pump. An almost unlimited number of combinations are possible, giving a highly variable light control system, and one amazingly rich in visual impressions, including color. The panels were used almost exclusively throughout the Architect's own residence, as shown in the photographs.

Furniture, Modular Storage Units. This experiment, still partially incomplete, aimed at inexpensive, lightweight, modular and flexible storage units, ranging from book-cases and shallow cupboards to free-standing closet wardrobes. Twelve large panels only would be inventoried in district warehouses, the panels being about 1" thick and stored flat. By further sawing and planing at the warehouse, sides, bottoms, tops, fronts and backs of 48 differently sized and proportioned storage units could be made available. These would be assembled out of 144 differently sized panels, all resawed out of the twelve original units. The panels are composed of an inner core of paper honeycomb, to each side of which is glued and pressed 1/8" thick plywood or other composite material such as Masonite. I might add that during the humid New Jersey summer months, these are the only doors in the house to remain straight, and free of binding. The weight of one of the large closet wardrobes was reduced from earlier prototypes weighing 3.80#/cu.ft. to 2.65#/cu.ft.

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.)

- 1932 Member, Henry Wright's Summer Book Project, which was incorporated later in Wright's Work "Rehousing Urban America."
- 1930-33 Instructor Princeton University. Graduate and under-graduate design.
- 1934-37 Vice-President, Princeton Architectural Association*
- 1947 Chief Critic, Second Term, Princeton University, Graduate Design.
- 1947 Member of Organization Committee, and Discussion Leader, Bicentennial Conference on Architecture, Princeton University. Contributor later to "Building for Modern Man", a symposium of the Conference, edited by Thomas H. Creighton.
- 1960 Critic, Princeton University, Architectural Design, Graduate Program.
- 1957-60 Advisory Council, School of Architecture, Princeton University. (And at least one additional earlier term of membership on Council.)
- 1938-60 Member of innumerable juries, judging student architectural design problems, including at least five juries passing on graduate degrees in Princeton, and for the Stewardson Prize in Philadelphia.
- 1954-56 Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Program, Member of Selection Committee for Architects and Planners.
- 1946-60 Frequent Employer of architectural students on temporary basis, to do (Continued below)

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.)

<i>Book, Treatise or Article</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Name of Book or Periodical Containing Work</i>	<i>Year Work Published</i>
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1. Education Work (Continued)

- 1946-60 (Continued)
 - a) General draughting on commissioned projects.
 - b) Research and development of hypothetical problems.
For example, George Kostritsky, who did research and a composition for "A Small Elementary School for 300."

* Composed of Princeton Graduate architects.

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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.

1941-42 Blood Donor Service, Princeton Red Cross, Chairman

1941-42 Advisor to Committee on Passive Protection Against Bombing, National Research Council.

1946-58 Zoning Board of Adjustment, Princeton Boro, New Jersey. Chairman 1955-58.

1952-56 Committee, Hygiene of Housing, American Public Health Association.

1953-55 Architects' Advisory Committee, Greater Philadelphia, Delaware, South Jersey Council.

1959 Multiple Housing Committee of Planning Board, Princeton Township, New Jersey.

-present

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To Whom It May Concern:

This will certify that Kenneth S. Kassler, A.I.A., has been a corporate member in good standing in The American Institute of Architects from the date of his election in 1942; and, therefore, is eligible for nomination for advancement to Fellowship.

J Roy Carroll, Jr., F.A.I.A.
Secretary

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November 2, 1959

Miss Florence Gervais
Secy Membership & Records
The A.I.A.
1741 New York Ave., N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Gervais:

Enclosed is a copy of page 3 of
Kenneth Kassler's application, re-
vised to include the photographs to
be submitted in connection with the
various projects listed.

Very truly yours,


Elmer S. Tuthill

Enclosure

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affiliations:

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National Society of Professional Engineers
American Society of Mechanical Engineers
N. J. Society of Architects
Suburban Society of Architects

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

(This is only a partial list of Commissions but contains the most representative work.)

1. Works

Type	Identification of Work	Location of Work	Completed Construction Work	Photographs Drawings, or Sketches Submitted	
(a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	(e) Industrial	(City)	(Year)		(State)
(c)	First Residence for Kassler	Princeton	1937	2	N.J.
(c)	Residence for Fred Best	Mountainside	1940	1	N.J.
(c)	Brook House Fred Beckman	Elawenburg	1940	3	N.J.
(d)	Nursing Home Tenacre Foundation	Princeton	1952	1	N.J.
(e)	Laboratories Applied Science Corp. of Princeton	Princeton	1950-57	2	N.J.
(c)	Second Residence for Kassler	Princeton	1954		N.J.
(d)	Dormitories for Children in State Hospital *	Farmingdale	1955		N.J.
(c)	Residence, Misses Frantz and Talcott	Princeton,	1956	2	N.J.
(a)	Office Building Princeton Municipal Improvement, Inc.	Princeton	1957		N.J.
(d)	Bath House Complex State Park	Lake Hopateong	1957		N.J.
(c)	Dwelling for Retired Persons Board of Pensions, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.	Swarthmore	1957		Pa.
(b)	Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A. *	Princeton	1959	4	N.J.

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.

* Sherley W. Morgan, F.A.I.A. & Kenneth Kassler, A.I.A. - Associated Architects

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.

Refer to Supplemental Sheets Ja & Jb

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February 18, 1960

Mr. Kenneth Stone Kassler, F.A.I.A.
18 Nassau Street
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Kassler:

The American Institute of Architects desires to confer upon you the honor of Fellowship and membership in the College of Fellows in accord with the action of The Jury of Fellows at its recent meeting, for your notable contribution in Science of Construction.

The purpose of this letter is to request your presence at the 1960 Convention of The Institute, to be held in San Francisco, California, starting April 18, 1960.

At a special ceremony to be held in the evening of Tuesday, April 19, in the City Hall, those who have been elected to Fellowship will receive their certificates and medals. 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 date.

The Public Relations Department advises that press announcements of newly-elected Fellows will be released for Saturday PM -- Sunday AM publication, February 27 and 28. Chapters will be advised in advance of this date to follow through with your picture and biographical information for additional local publicity.

Will you please send a 5 x 7 black-and-white, glossy photograph, suitable for newspaper use, together with a short biographical sketch, to the Department of Public Information at Institute headquarters for its public information files.

Yours sincerely,

J. Roy Carroll, Jr., F.A.I.A.
Secretary.

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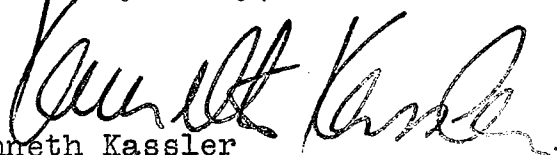
Gentlemen:

Mr. Roy Carroll has notified me of your decision to raise me to a Fellow. I feel honored and am very grateful.

This letter is to signify that I will be present at the investiture on Tuesday, April 19th.

In a couple of days I will send the photographs and the bibliographical material which Mr. Carroll requested.

Yours very truly,



Kenneth Kassler

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Mrs. Helen T. Schneider, Exec.-Dir.
New Jersey Chapter, AIA
120 Halsted St.
East Orange, New Jersey

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Dear Mrs. Schneider:

We were sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Kenneth S. Essler, MIA on Sept. 27, 1964 a corporate member of The Institute since 1942.

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 should be retained in the Chapter files.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Scheick, A.I.A.
Executive Director

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cc: Treasurer's Office