

APPENDIX B.

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

*May*  
October 9 1899

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 Arthur Burnett Benton  
My address is 114 North Spring St. Los Angeles, California  
I am employed by \_\_\_\_\_  
I am a member of the firm of \_\_\_\_\_  
I began the study of architecture in the year 1884  
I began the independent practice of architecture in the year 1892

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

- No. 1 is City dwellings - (Frame)  
(Give description of same.)
- No. 2 is Women's Club House, Los Angeles, Brick, plastered
- No. 3 is Country dwelling

The accompanying drawings are Photos of drawings made by applicant Church of the Epiphany Los Angeles (A) and All Saint Church El. Architects (B)  
(Give description of any drawings the applicant may choose to submit.)

Respectfully submitted,  
Arthur Burnett Benton  
(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. Benton 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.)

Seth Babson  
James [unclear]  
[unclear]

We, the undersigned residents of Los Angeles California know Mr. Arthur B. Benton 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.)

Henry C. [unclear]  
Edward T. [unclear]  
2331 Thompson St.

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ARTHAUR BENTON  
ARCHITECT  
WILL SHARP  
ARTIST  
803 Kensington Road  
LOS ANGELES.

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July 8, 1927

Mr. Edwin Bergstrom,  
American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Bergstrom:

Because of serious and  
long-continued illness, it is necessary for Mr. Benton  
to resign as a member of the American Institute of  
Architects. Check enclosed to cover Journal for  
first months of 1927. Sincerely,

Sincerely yours,

*Marion P. Benton*

Received Payment  
American Institute of Architects  
7/13/27

Paid 1.50 on 1927 Dues  
of \$25.00  
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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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July 18, 1927

My dear Mrs. Benton:

We received, in due course, your letter of July 8th, and note with regret that Mr. Benton finds it necessary to resign on account of illness.

He has been receiving the Journal as part of his dues, and there is no separate account for the Journal in such circumstances. We have credited the \$1.50 on account of 1927 dues leaving a balance due of \$23.50.

Discontinuance of Institute membership by resignation also brings about discontinuance of Chapter membership, and if Mr. Benton believes that his resignation must be offered, it should be sent forward through the Secretary of the Southern California Chapter, Mr. Edgar H. Cline, of 632 Petroleum Securities, Building, Los Angeles, Calif. There is no other way by which the matter can be acted upon properly by the Executive Committee of the Institute.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mrs. Arthur B. Benton,  
803 Kensington Road,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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July 18, 1927

Dear Mr. Bergstrom:

The enclosed copy of letter from Mrs. Harriet P. Benton indicating the desire of Mr. Arthur B. Benton to resign, and copy of my reply are self-explanatory.

Mr. Benton is an old Institute member and Fellow. I do not know his circumstances or if it is desirable to suggest that he may be eligible for retirement or for a remission of dues.

The attached extract from the By-laws shows the retirement requirements, and we would appreciate it if you would pass the matter on with a word of comment to the President or Secretary of the Chapter - provided you believe Mr. Benton should receive any special consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Edwin Bergstrom, Treasurer,  
The American Institute of Architects,  
Citizens National Bank Building,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

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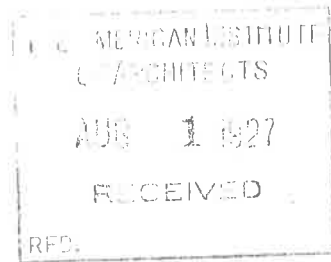
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1130 Citizens Nat. Bank Bldg.  
Los Angeles, California  
July 27, 1927

Mrs. Harriet P. Benton  
803 Kensington Road  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mrs. Benton:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th, in which you state because of serious and long continued illness it is necessary for Mr. Benton to resign as a member of the American Institute of Architects.

We have known for some time, of course, that Mr. Benton was not well and your letter would seem to indicate that he did not intend to carry on active practice of the profession. Mr. Benton has been too long an uplifting influence in our profession and too staunch an Institute member to have us lose him.

Won't Mr. Benton permit us to give him the dignity of a retired membership? It is the least the Institute can do for a man who has worked so long and faithfully for its interests as has Mr. Benton and it will continue his membership in the Institute without any trouble or bother to Mr. Benton. Mr. Benton has so thoroughly earned this distinction that I hope you will permit me to offer the resolution before the Board whereby Mr. Benton will become a retired member of the Institute, holding his status of Fellow intact.

Yours very truly,

EB:H

EDWIN BERGSTROM, Treas.

Cc for Mr. Kemper  
and Mr. Witmer

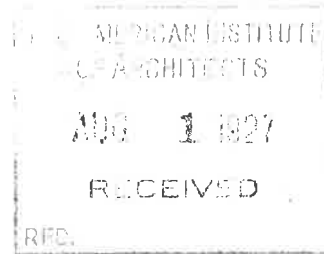
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Los Angeles, California  
July 27th, 1927

Mr. David J. Witmer  
Bank of Italy Bldg.  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Witmer:

I have received a letter from the Institute wherein Mr. Arthur Benton, through Mrs. Harriet P. Benton, resigned his membership in the Institute. The letter of resignation is as follows:

"Because of serious and long-continued illness, it is necessary for Mr. Benton to resign as a member of the American Institute of Architects. Check enclosed to cover Journal for first months of 1927.

Sincerely yours,

(S) HARRIET P. BENTON."

I enclose herewith copy of letter I am sending to Mrs. Benton and I know you will want to do whatever you can to hold Mr. Benton in the Institute. We all know Mr. Benton has not been well but he has been too long a useful and loyal member of the Institute for it to lose that membership.

Yours very truly,

EB:M

EDWIN BERGSTROM

Cc for Mr. Kemper

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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September 1, 1927

Dear Mr. Cline:

It is noted from your letter of August 9th that Mr. Arthur B. Benton, a Fellow of the Institute and a Member of the Southern California Chapter, has tendered his resignation on account of his long-continued illness, and that the Chapter recommends that Mr. Benton be given the dignity of a retired membership.

This case will receive the attention of the Executive Committee at its meeting sometime this month or in October, and we will advise you promptly of the action taken.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Edgar H. Cline, Secretary,  
Southern California Chapter, A.I.A.,  
632 Petroleum Securities Building,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

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# American Institute of Architects

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## Inter-Office Communication

Subject

From E. B.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE	
OF ARCHITECTS	
To	E. C. K.
SEP 6 1927	Date 9/1/27
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Dear Mr. Kemper:

Please put on the agenda of the Executive Meeting a resolution to make Mr. Arthur Benton a Retired Member as of December 31, 1926. A formal endorsement of the Chapter to this effect, I hope will be in time for the Executive Meeting.

Mr. Benton is one of the original founders of the Chapter, a Fellow of the Institute, has devoted a large part of his time to public work in the preservation of California missions, is very ill, and meets the requirements for retired membership and the courtesy will be thoroughly appreciated by Mr. and Mrs. Benton.

Yours sincerely,



EB:M



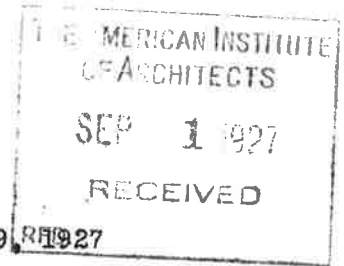
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C. E. ROERENBERG, VICE-PRESIDENT  
EDGAR H. CLINE, SECRETARY  
W. L. RISLEY, TREASURER



DIRECTORS  
DONALD PARKINSON, ONE YEAR  
ALFRED W. REA, TWO YEARS  
SUMNER M. SPAULDING, THREE YEARS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
632 PETROLEUM SECURITIES BUILDING  
LOS ANGELES, CAL.



August 9, 1927

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

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Mr. Arthur B. Benton a Fellow of the Institute assigned to this Chapter has been seriously ill for a long time, and on account of his long continued illness he has tendered his resignation as a member of the American Institute of Architects. Mr. Benton is not now practicing Architecture and we feel satisfied will not be able to return to practice.

He has always been a strong supporter of the Institute, working long and faithfully for its interest, and at a meeting of the Executive Committee of this Chapter held on August 1, a resolution was adopted, recommending that Mr. Benton be given the dignity of a retired membership.

Will you therefore kindly take such action as is necessary to have Mr. Benton placed on the retired membership roll.

Very truly yours

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER  
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

*Edgar H. Cline*  
Secretary

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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October 28, 1927.

My dear Mrs. Benton:

At the recent Executive Committee meeting of the American Institute of Architects there was reported the passing on of Arthur B. Benton, a Fellow of the Institute and a Charter Member of the Southern California Chapter.

Deep sympathy for you, and others close to Mr. Benton, was felt by members of the Committee and this letter is an expression thereof. Mr. Benton was a loyal and active supporter of the Institute and the Southern California Chapter for many years. His architectural work will long preserve his memory in the profession and in the community.

At some convenient moment we would be glad to receive from you, or from some member of the family, any biographical sketch that you might care to send, for preservation in the permanent records of the Institute at The Octagon.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

Mrs. Arthur B. Benton,  
803 Kensington Road,  
Los Angeles, California.

FCB:G

*Handwritten signature: Mr. Kemper*

**NOTED ARCHITECT  
TAKEN BY DEATH**



Arthur B. Benton

**REBUILDER  
OF MISSIONS  
PASSES ON**

*Arthur B. Benton, Famed  
as Architect of Southland  
Buildings, Answers Call*

Arthur B. Benton, 70 years of age, Los Angeles architect who designed many beautiful residences and buildings here and in other parts of Southern California, died early yesterday at his home, 803 Kensington Road, after an illness of nearly a year.

Mr. Benton was an outstanding figure in the field of Mission architecture. Many of the fine old missions of the State have been restored and kept for posterity through his efforts. As a member of the Landmarks Club he carried on a wide program of reconstruction work. He designed the Mission Inn at Riverside and the Mission Playhouse at San Gabriel.

In Los Angeles, the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. buildings, the Clark Memorial and many other buildings and residences are examples of his skill. He designed many hotels throughout the Southwest and had done much restoration work at San Juan Capistrano, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara.

Born in Peoria, Ill., Mr. Benton received his early schooling in the city of his birth and as a young man moved to Topeka, Kan., where he went to work in the architectural department of the Santa Fe Railroad and aided in the designing of many of the stations at that time.

Forty years ago he came to Los Angeles and went into business as an independent architect. He remained here during the entire period of his practice.

He was a fellow of the American Institute of Architects, a former member of the Jonathan Club, a member of the Landmarks and Old Colony clubs, the Engineering and Architectural Association, the Southern California Academy of Science, and a member of the board of governors of the Los Angeles County Art Museum.

Mr. Benton leaves his wife and a daughter, Edith. Funeral services have not yet been arranged.

**NOTES FOR**