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To the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Architects:

My full name is Hiram Hooker Bickford

My business address is 118 Lake Street Elmira NY

The name of my firm is Pierce & Bickford 118 Lake St Elmira NY.

I have practiced the profession of architecture for about three years.

The accompanying photographs, numbered ^{and perspectives} respectively 1, 2 and 3, show completed buildings erected from my plans and under my supervision. No. 1 is a (here give general description of building) Y.M.C.A Building being erected at Geneva NY. Material brick stone first story terra cotta and stone trimmings. Construction slow burning with steel ceilings and steel girders

No. 2, do. Blue print & perspective Clifton Springs Sanitarium. Building entirely fireproof steel columns girders and joist floors terra cotta floor arches and partitions. Material for exterior face brick with stone and terra cotta trimmings. Building in process of erection

No. 3, do. Ladies Hall Mansfield Normal School Mansfield Pa. Material brick wash limestone and terra cotta trimmings. Construction slow burning protected with mineral wool. One half of structure already completed

The accompanying drawings are (here enumerate and describe such drawings as the candidate desires to submit).....

Sketches for City Club House (Plans elevations and perspective) House exterior & interior

City Hall at Corning (Plans elevations and photo. of perspective) Not accepted

We, Fellows of the American Institute of Architects, hereby indorse Mr. Hiram Hooker Bickford's application for Fellowship. We know him personally; we know his work; we believe him to be worthy of membership.

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J. H. Pierce 30

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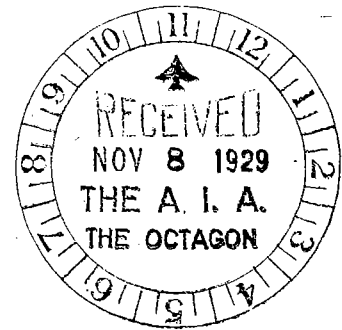
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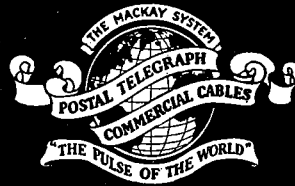
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NOVEMBER 8, 1929.

PIERCE & BICKFORD,
215 WEST WATER STREET
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WE LEARN WITH DEEP REGRET OF THE PASSING OF HIRAM H. BICKFORD AND
EXTEND THE SYMPATHY OF THE INSTITUTE TO THE MEMBERS OF HIS ~~FIRM~~
FAMILY HIS FIRM AND TO THE CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER

FRANK C. BALDWIN

Charge to The American Institute of Architects.

ELMIRA, N. Y.,

H. H. Bickford's Death Is Mourned by Elmirans; Came to Elmira in 1887

Prominent Local Architect Who Died in Saratoga Springs Last Tuesday First Worked on Designs For Robinson Building—Was Native of Vermont—Past President of New York Architects Institute—Was Prominent in Local Club and Social Circles.

In the death of Hiram H. Bickford Tuesday at 11:30 p. m. in the Saratoga Springs Hospital, Elmira lost one of its most distinguished citizens, a man who was a builder of his community in thought and action.

Mr. Bickford's death was caused by a fall when he was taking exercise in the room of the hotel in Saratoga Springs where he and Mrs. Bickford were staying after a motor trip through New England.

He was one of the most brilliant architects of this section and one of the city's most beloved and respected citizens. Mr. Bickford was a native of Vermont, coming to this city in 1887 to work on designs for

the Robinson Building, which was erected from plans prepared by the former firm of Pierce and Dockstader.

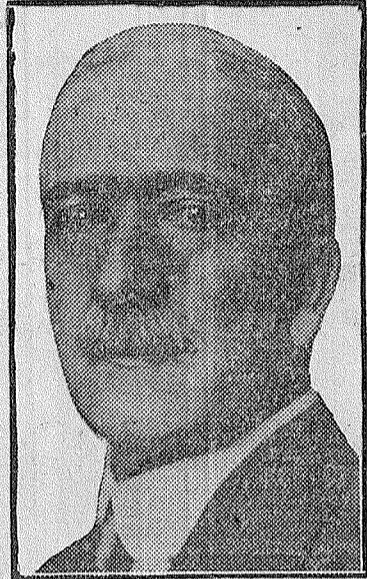
JOINED LOCAL FIRM

When the original firm partnership was dissolved Mr. Bickford became junior partner in the present firm, Pierce & Bickford, which has existed for the past 38 years. He was born in Cabot, Vermont, Nov. 22, 1864, the son of Daniel Gilman Bickford and Cloe Marie Hooker of Peachmont, Vt.

Mr. Bickford was a great-grandson of Major Henry Blake, whose original diary records the movements of troops under Washington, Sullivan and Putnam, with whom Major Blake served in the

Revolutionary War. The diary is preserved by the family. The Rev. Thomas Hooker, who was one of the first settlers of Connecticut, was an ancestor on his maternal side.

When he was 15 years old he "went West," and lived for several years on a ranch. He studied civil engineering in Barre Academy in



THE LATE H. H. BICKFORD

Vermont, and studied architecture in the offices of a well known firm in Fitchburg, Mass.

Mr. Bickford married Sara Turner, daughter of the late Robert Tift Turner and Helen Boyd Turner, in 1892.

PROMINENT CLUB MEMBER

He was a former president of the Central New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, of which he was a Fellow; a former president of the Newtown Battle Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution; a member of Ivy Lodge, F. & A. M., Elmira City Club, Elmira Golf and Country Club, a charter member of the Century Club, the Rotary Club and Trinity Church Men's Club. Mr. Bickford was a vestryman of Trinity Church.

Among the many buildings which his firm designed in the city are the new First National Bank and Trust Company's main office building; the City Hall, the Elmira Free Academy, the Southside High School, the S. F. Iszard Building, the YMCA and some of the Elmira College buildings.

SON IN FIRM

Mr. Bickford's son, Robert T. Bickford, has been made a partner in the firm, the name remaining the same. Robert T. Bickford has been connected with the office staff since graduation from the Cornell University Architectural College in 1916.

When it was learned that Mr. Bickford's condition was critical after the fall, he was attended by Dr. Earl Comstock and Dr. George Comstock of Saratoga Springs; Dr. Charles Dowd of New York and Palm Beach; Dr. Arthur W. Booth of this city. Mrs. Bickford, his sons and a daughter were at his bedside when he died.

Burial was made Saturday morning in "The Cedars," the family cemetery at the Hathaway homestead in Solon, Cortland County. The Rev. Henry E. Hubbard, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, officiated.

Honorary bearers at the funeral services held Friday at the home at 415 West Church Street, were: Joseph H. Pierce, George Morgan McKnight, Hubert C. Mandeville, Isaac Baldwin, Dr. H. A. Hamilton, E. E. Buchanan, Theodore Markthaler, Elmer Dean, Dr. Larue Colegrove, Isaac Allison, Robert H. Gardiner and Frederick W. Swan.

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215 WEST WATER ST.
ELMIRA, NEW YORK
TELEPHONE 2045



Mr Frank C. Baldwin
Secretary A. I. A.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please accept from
our firm our thanks and this
expression of our deep apprec-
-iation of your kind message
of sympathy extended to us
on the passing of our partner
H. H. Bickford

Very sincerely
Pierce & Bickford