

Bliss, J. F.  
Cleveland Chapter

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Application for Membership

Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, 1921

To the Secretary of the American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon House, Washington, D. C.

SIR:

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects.

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name J. F. Bliss

Address 234 Cent. Sav. & Tr. Bldg  
[Number and Street.] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth Baden Germany Nov 10 1874

Graduate in architecture.....  
[If required in your case, give name of institutions and year.—Attach evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture.....  
[If required in your case, attach evidence.]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecole des Beaux Arts.....  
[If required in your case, state which, and attach evidence of Certificate.]

If an Associate of a Chapter of the Institute, give name of chapter.....

If practicing architect, firm name Harpester & Bliss

Have been in practice Eighteen years.....

If draughtsman, employed by.....  
[State number of years.]

Collegiate and office training Weary & Kramer Archts

I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute and the "Circular of Advice Relative to Principles of Professional Practice and Canons of Ethics," 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.

J. F. Bliss  
[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application was duly elected an Associate of the.....  
[For use when the applicant is an Associate.]

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date.....  
[Insert date of election to chapter.]

..... Secretary.

..... Chapter, A. I. A.

We, the undersigned members of the American Institute of Architects, have carefully examined the foregoing statement and believe it to be correct. We know the applicant personally, and consider that his work and practice warrant his admission to Membership.

Prelim. Fee. Pd. 7.00 1/21/21.....  
Initiation admitted.....  
Memb. Exp. 21.....  
Exhibits must send.....  
On Frys. Com. of.....

- (1) Mr. A. B. ...
- (2) Hubert B. Briggs
- (3) Abel S. ...

[The signatures of three Institute members are here required unless 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 member proposed. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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January 25, 1921.

My dear Mr. Bliss:-

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 Mr. Skeel of Cleveland.

This will be acted upon in February, provided we receive promptly the customary routine exhibits.

These should consist of working drawings and photographs of two executed buildings which need not be specially prepared and may be taken from your office files. They will be returned in due course.

Acknowledgment is hereby made of your remittance of \$5.00 for preliminary fee.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. J. F. Bliss,  
234 Central Sav & Tr. Bldg,  
Akron, Ohio

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M.E. HARPSTER

J.F. BLISS

**Harpster & Bliss**  
Architects

CENTRAL SAVINGS & TRUST BLDG.

Akron, Ohio

February 17, 1921.

*Mr. Bliss*  
*10/2/23*



Mr. Edward C. Kemper,  
c/o American Institute of Architects,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As per your request of January 25th  
I am sending you by Parcel Post blue prints of  
working drawings for three different residences.  
Also photographs of same.

Hoping that your Committee will make a  
favorable report in the near future, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

*J. G. Bliss*

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March 31, 1921.

My dear Sir:-

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective March 31, 1921.

You have been assigned to the Cleveland Chapter as an Institute member in good standing therein, and the Secretary of the Chapter so notified.

The enclosed statement for dues should receive early attention, as the engrossed Certificate of Membership is not sent until the dues for the first year have been paid. No charge has been made for the first quarter of the current year.

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.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. J. F. Bliss,  
Central Savings & Trust Bldg.,  
Akron, Ohio.

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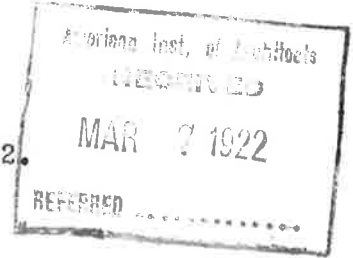
Enclosure.



HENRY H. KENDALL, PRESIDENT  
WM. B. FAVILLE, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT  
ROBERT D. KOHN, 2d VICE PRESIDENT

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

WILLIAM STANLEY PARKER, SECRETARY  
D. EVERETT WAID, TREASURER  
EDWARD C. KEMPER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



March 3, 1922.

My dear Mr. Bliss:-

We return herewith your check No. 127 in the sum of \$20.00 because it appears from our records that your current Institute dues were paid on January 11, 1922.

Kindly advise us if the above does not agree with your own records.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. J. F. Bliss,  
Central Savings & Trust Building,  
Akron, Ohio.

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Enclosure.

Akron, Ohio, March 6, 1922.

Dear Sir:-

In checking over our records I find that you are correct in that I paid my Institute dues on January 9th, 1922. The reason for the error is due perhaps to your second statement passing my check in the mails.

Will you please check up your records and see why I do not receive the "Journal"? Have not received same for 2 months.

Very truly yours, J. F. Bliss By *[Signature]*

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*Check address on envelope*

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March 8, 1922.

Dear Mr. Bliss:

Responding to yours of March 6th, I cannot understand why you are not getting the Journal regularly. Your name is in its proper place on our addressograph record. It may be that there is some failure to deliver in the local Postoffice.

We are sending copies of the January and February numbers under separate cover. Please let me know if you do not receive the March number by the end of the current month.

Very truly yours,

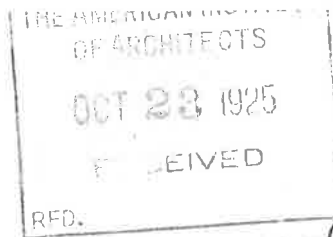
Executive Secretary.

Mr. J. F. Bliss,  
Central Savings & Trust Building,  
Akron, Ohio.

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*sent Dec 13.  
3rd class.*

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Oct. 21, -1925.

Dear Sirs: -

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Rue*  
I notice by the mail which you are still sending to Mr. J. F. Bliss that you either have not been informed as to the death of Mr. Bliss on July 20/1925 by Mr. M. E. Harpeter or for some other reason which I can't understand.

Mr. Bliss had been sick for 19 months ~~to~~ most of the time in bed at home or at the Hospital and of course I thought Mr. Harpeter had notified you.

Wish you would also notify the Cleveland Chapter of which he was a member. Although I always paid

his dues as soon as was possible  
for me to do so under the  
circumstances, he could not  
take any active part in it.

Mail all communications  
to Mrs. Louise M. Bliss.  
571 East Exchange  
Akron, Ohio



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October 24, 1925.

My dear Mrs. Bliss:-

We have received with much regret your letter of October 21st, announcing the death of Mr. J. F. Bliss on July 20, 1925. No news of this kind had come to the Octagon House, and I trust you will pardon the sending of the bills since then.

We are sending a copy of this letter to the Cleveland Chapter and also to the Journal of the A. I. A. - as notice.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mrs. Louise M. Bliss,  
571 East Exchange,  
Akron, Ohio.

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Copy to Mr. Donald O. Dunn, Secretary of the Cleveland Chapter.

" " the Journal of the A. I. A.