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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. *Name of Nominee* Pierre Blouke *Date of Nomination* Feb. 14, 1939
2. *Address of Nominee* Cosmos Club, Washington, D. C.
3. *Nominee's firm* Pierre Blouke
4. *Nominee's principal place of business* Tribune Tower, Chicago, Illinois
5. *Nominee's Chapter* Chicago
6. *Nominee's State Association Member*
7. *Nominee admitted to Institute* 1924
8. *Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from* 1929 to 1939
9. *Nominee's age* 45 *Birthplace* Chicago, Illinois
10. *Nominators:* Chicago Chapter

11. *Achievement* in Design, Service to The Institute, and Public Service.

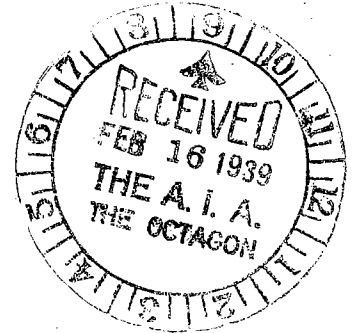
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP BY CHAPTER



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

Date February 14, 1939

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on February 14, 1939 nominated* Pierre Blouke member of this Chapter, for fellowship in The Institute. I enclose evidence of the qualifications of the nominee for the fellowship on which the nomination was based and certify the resolution is as follows:

*Type in full name.

"Whereas, this Executive Committee believes* Pierre Blouke a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the profession because of his achievement in** Design, Service to the Institute and that he is worthy of fellowship in The Institute; and (Public Service

*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† Fifteen consecutive years immediately prior to this date; therefore be it

†Type in number of years.

"Resolved, That‡ Chicago Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate*

‡Type in name of Chapter.

Pierre Blouke

*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."

Carl H. ... 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

Nominators should
before completion
instantiate.

1. Nominee's full name **Pierre Blouke**

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

2. Nominee is a natural ~~naturalized~~ citizen of **the United States**

3. Nominee's legal residence **Chicago, Illinois.**

4. Nominee's firm name **Pierre Blouke**

5. Nominee's principal place of business, address **Tribune Tower, Chicago, Illinois. (formerly)**
At present - Home Owners Loan Corp., Washington, D. C.

6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by **State of Illinois.**

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

7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a ~~practising architect~~ ~~teacher in schools of construction~~ ~~public official~~ ~~retired~~

8. Strike out in-
appropriate
words.

8. Born **May 27th, 1894** . Place of birth **Chicago, Illinois.**

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

9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:

	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
High School	Chicago, Illinois	No Record submitted		
Private School	No Record			
College or University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	4	1919	B.S. No Record--
College or University				
Post Graduate at	American Academy at Rome, Italy			
Scholarships held	Chicago Architectural Sketch Club Travelling Scholarship, 1920.			

10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

**Architect Adviser to the Home Owners' Loan Corporation and
Chief, ~~Architectural Section, Federal Home Building Service Section,~~
Federal Home Loan Bank Board, Washington, D.C.**

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portant experi-
ences during em-
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of importance in
nominee's record.

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

1. Works

Type (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	Identification of Work	Location of Work (City)	Completed Construction Work (Year)	Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted
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Under Column headed "Type" type in (a), (b), (c), or (d), as the case may be.

For his outstanding ability and accomplishments as an architectural designer.

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.

Mr. Blouke is a skillful architectural designer. His Public Library Building for the City of Chicago has attracted wide attention from librarians because of its distinction in design and effective planning. His work in teaching design has been quite successful.

His achievement in design, however, rests most solidly on his research and accomplishments in improving the planning and design of small houses, particularly those structures costing less than \$7500 where the services of architects are most frequently absent. He was largely responsible for the advanced work of this nature performed under the Federal Home Building Service Plan referred to hereinafter.

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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.)

He was graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1919 with the Degree of Bachelor of Science.

In 1920 he won the competition for the Chicago Architectural Sketch Club's Travelling Scholarship and studied abroad nearly two years, spending one year at the American Academy in Rome.

Following his return, he became the acting head of Atelier Parsons in Chicago. A number of his students won scholarships, among whom may be mentioned Donald Nelson, who won the Paris Prize and later placed second in the International Competition for the Columbus Memorial in San Domingo.

He next assumed responsibility for directing the night school of architecture at Armour Institute of Technology, and carried on this work for $3\frac{1}{2}$ years, while maintaining an office for active practice.

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>
Chapter on "Planning the Convenient Home"		in book entitled "Our Homes", published by National Congress of Parents & Teachers,	Dec. 1936.
Chapter on "The Significance of Small House Design"		in report by National Resources Committee,	Nov. 1937.
Article on Housing		in Yearbook of National Association of Housing Officials,	1938.
Addressed the Annual Convention of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada,			1939.

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.

For his loyal and faithful service to the Chicago Chapter and to the Institute.

Beginning with his return from foreign study, he has been an active member of the Chicago Chapter, serving as director and officer and being continuously selected as a Convention Delegate without interruption until the year 1934.

He was also President of the Chicago Architectural Sketch Club and Secretary of the Architects' Club of Chicago.

At different time he served on juries for competitions both in Chicago and other cities and was a member of chapter committees for providing speakers on architectural subjects for the Chicago High Schools.

See following page for record of special services to the profession as a public servant.

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.

~~For his distinguished success as Architectural Advisor to the Home Owner's Loan Corporation.~~

Member of Housing Conference called by President Hoover in 1932. Member Committee on Design.

Architect Adviser to Home Owners Loan Corp. 1934 to date. Assisted materially in developing the Corporation's program for reconditioning the million homes which were the subject of refinancing.

As of the close of 1938, the volume of reconditioning work had reached the total of 693,420 contracts with a dollar amount of \$131,729,549.

All the technique of private professional practice brought to bear in handling this work, namely; specifications, competitive bids by private contractors and supervision of construction.

Bulk of work handled by fee architects. Total number qualified at any one time reached a maximum of 3,691 architects, engineers and construction specialists.

Total payments in fees closely approximates three million dollars.

This policy of operating on a fee basis has had the special virtue of extending aid to a large number of technically trained men during the very critical depression period, and at the same time leaving them free to maintain their own offices on an independent basis.

Mr. Blouke helped to create the Federal Home Building Service Plan whereby the 4000 home financing institutions comprising the Federal Home Loan Bank System are encouraged to cooperate with the architectural profession in providing adequate design and supervision in the small homes field, The American Institute of Architects and The Producers' Council are cooperating in this program.

All of these significant services have been of tremendous value in -

1. Maintaining and promoting the prestige of the profession during a period when normal architectural work was at its lowest ebb.
2. Promoting the use of the services of architects in the small house field, where sound technical advice has been conspicuously lacking in the past.
3. Educating the general public and particularly the mortgage lenders as to the value and desirability of architectural service.
4. Improving the standards of design and planning in the small house field.

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

OF

PIERRE BLOUKE

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OUTLINE

Proposal

Achievement in Architectural Design

Achievement in Education

Achievement in Service to the Institute

Achievement in Public Service

Suggested Citation

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

Of

PIERRE BLOUKE

Chicago Chapter, A. I. A.

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PROPOSAL

The purpose of this presentation is to outline the basis for the selection of Pierre Blouke of the Chicago Chapter for a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

This recognition is based on the broad foundation of his -

Achievement in Architectural Design
Achievement in Education
Achievement in Service to the Institute, and
Achievement in Public Service

Especially noteworthy is his unusual service to the Institute and to the profession in

- a. Improving the standards of design and planning in the small house field;
- b. Educating the general public and particularly the mortgage lenders as to the value and desirability of architectural service, and
- c. Promoting the use of the services of architects in the small house field, where sound technical advice has been conspicuously lacking in the past.

These significant services have been of tremendous value in maintaining and promoting the prestige of the profession during a period when normal architectural work was at its lowest ebb. The distinguished honor of Fellowship is therefore not proposed as a reward, but rather as a definitely merited recognition by the Institute of the outstanding services which the profession has received.

ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN:

Mr. Blouke has the well-deserved reputation among his acquaintances of being a skillful designer. His Public Library Building for the City of Chicago has attracted wide attention from librarians because of its distinction in design and effective planning. His work in teaching design has been quite successful.

His achievement in design, however, rests most solidly on his research and accomplishments in improving the planning and design of small houses, particularly those structures costing less than \$7500 where the services of architects are most frequently absent. The occasion of this special work is set forth more fully hereinafter under the heading of Federal Home Building Service Plan.

ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION:

Mr. Blouke's academic training was interrupted by two years' service in the United States Army during the great war. After being honorably discharged as a commissioned officer in the Aviation Corps, he resumed his studies and was graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1919 with the degree of Bachelor of Science.

In 1920 he won the competition for the Chicago Architectural Sketch Club's Travelling Scholarship and studied abroad nearly two years, spending one year at the American Academy in Rome.

Following his return he became the acting head of Atelier Parsons. A number of his students won scholarships, among whom may be mentioned Donald Nelson, who won the Paris Prize and later placed second in the international competition for the Columbus Memorial in San Domingo.

He next assumed responsibility for directing the Night School of Architecture at Armour Institute of Technology, and carried on this work for three and one-half years, while maintaining an office for active practice.

ACHIEVEMENT IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE:

Beginning with his return from foreign study, he has been an active member of the Chicago Chapter, serving as director and officer and being continuously selected as a Convention Delegate without interruption until the year 1934.

He was also president of the Chicago Architectural Sketch Club and secretary of the Architects' Club of Chicago.

At different times he served on Juries for competitions both in Chicago and other cities and was a member of Chapter Committees for providing speakers on architectural subjects for the Chicago High Schools. (Refer also to "Public Service").

ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE:

Mr. Blouke was a member of the Housing Conference convened by President Hoover in 1932 and served as a member of the Committee on Design.

In 1934 he was selected as Architect Adviser on a full time basis to the Home Owners' Loan Corporation and assisted materially in developing the Corporation's program for reconditioning the million homes which were the subject of mortgage refinancing. It is in this field that his special claim for recognition lies.

Reconditioning Policy. The Home Owners' Loan Corporation set up the policy that every home on which it holds a mortgage must be in such condition of repair that the property will be protected against serious deterioration and will constitute adequate security for the Corporation's long-term loan. In those cases where title has been acquired, it is the policy of the Corporation to effect such reconditioning as will place the property in a condition to invite sale or rental and to bring it up to the level of typical properties within the immediate neighborhood.

Professional Technique. All the technique of private professional practice is brought to bear in handling this work. Reports are prepared covering the recommended repairs, modernization, rehabilitation, rebuilding, enlargement or restoration. Specifications are written, competitive bids taken, contracts awarded and the construction supervised. All work is performed in accordance with a manual of Standard Specifications which is a model in this field.

Volume of Work. As of the close of 1938, a total of 693,420 reconditioning contracts had been awarded with a dollar volume amounting to \$131,729,649.

Fee Services. It would have been entirely logical based on precedent to have built up a large bureaucracy to handle this work. It was decided, however, that the work should be carried on by fee architects working under a small highly competent supervisory staff. Records indicate that at different times there have been approved throughout the country up to a maximum of 3,691 architects, engineers and construction specialists. An Architect Adviser was appointed for each State for the purpose of rendering advice on professional problems and maintaining proper liaison with the architectural profession.

This policy of operating on a fee basis has had the special virtue of extending aid to a large number of technically trained men during the very critical depression period, and at the same time leaving them free to maintain their own offices and pursue their normal professional activities on an independent basis.

Up to the close of December, 1938, the total sum distributed in fees to these architects and other building technicians closely approximated three million dollars.

Extension of Program. It should be emphasized that this operation represents the first instance of any importance in which technical direction and supervision of reconditioning have been injected into the making of mortgage loans on existing houses as distinguished from new homes. All the construction technique of plans, specifications, contracts and supervision has been made available in the reconditioning of homes which in private practice are ordinarily not the subject of professional attention.

The experience gained from these operations brought out so forcibly the general lack of proper planning and sound construction in the small house field that it caused Mr. Blouke and his associates to undertake the development of the Federal Home Building Service Plan whereby more than 4,000 home financing institutions comprising the Federal Home Loan Bank System are encouraged to cooperate with the architectural profession in obtaining more definite protection for the borrower and greater security for the millions of savings which are lent by these institutions for home construction.

Description of Plan. This Plan proposes to establish dependable values in the small house field by making available carefully planned low-cost designs and supervised construction. This service is rendered by local architects for a limited fee which the small home owner can afford to pay. It is offered for houses costing under \$7,500 with emphasis upon those falling within the \$2,000 to \$5,000 range.

Improvements in small house standards will protect equities of small home owners, who can least afford any hazard of their housing investment, renew confidence in home ownership, and thereby accelerate home construction which still lags behind current needs. The mortgage lender is an important factor to success of the program. Through control of the purse strings, the lender can demand compliance with reasonable standards and protect both his investors and home owners. To justify and support the long term and high percentage mortgage loans now being offered as an inducement to home ownership, the lender must seek to maintain values through well planned and

and soundly constructed houses of lasting appearance.

The program is operated entirely by local people for local good. It is distinctly and wholly private enterprise. There is no government subsidy. Government agencies participate only to facilitate, motivate and assist local endeavor. It has been widely commended by the building industry and has been approved by the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Architects. It also has the active support of the Producers' Council, a cooperative organization of 67 of the most important elements in the building material field.

Status of Development. On December 31, 1938, 222 mortgage lending institutions had applied for use of this service covering 64 localities or metropolitan centers. Over 300 architects had been approved to furnish the technical service. Nearly 500 small home designs had been prepared for use, representing the most comprehensive collection of small house architectural designs ever assembled.

While this is still a new development, it is believed that it is destined to become the most far-reaching and effective influence for fostering good design and construction in the small house field.

SUGGESTED CITATION:

The following summary is respectfully submitted for use as the tentative basis of a citation:

An architect who has devoted untiring energy to the advancement of the profession both locally and nationally. A clear thinker and accomplished designer.

As Architect Adviser to the Home Owners' Loan Corporation he definitely influenced the adoption of sound policies for carrying forward the comprehensive construction program of that Corporation. The established procedure introduced to a large part of our population the architectural profession and the practical usefulness of the architect as an adviser on small construction problems. These procedures also resulted in giving employment on a fee basis during the depths of the depression to a considerable group of the architectural profession. He took a leading part in the development for the Federal Home Loan Bank Board of the Federal Home Building Service Plan whereby more than 4000 home financing institutions comprising the Bank System are encouraged to cooperate with the architectural profession in obtaining more definite protection for the borrower and greater security for the millions of savings which are lent by these institutions on home construction.

This data prepared at the request
of the Chicago Chapter Committee
on Fellows by:

Tirrell J. Ferrenz, A.I.A.
Vice-Chairman Com. on State Organization
Member, Com. on Contract Documents
Former officer, Chicago Chapter

WILLIAM STANLEY PARKER, F.A.I.A.
ARCHITECT
120 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON
MASSACHUSETTS

March 3, 1939



Mr. E. J. Russell, Chairman
Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I understand that Mr. Pierre Blouke has been proposed for advancement to Fellowship. I would like to warmly endorse this proposal. I believe that the work, that Mr. Blouke has done in endeavoring with substantial success to secure the recognition of the architectural profession in connection with the work of the Home Owners Loan Corporation, has been of real importance to the profession and of financial assistance in hard times to a very considerable number of its members.

He has also given generously of his time and thought to the efforts of the profession to improve the character of small house design and construction, which service was a natural prelude to his efforts to secure the use of architects in the reconditioning of distressed properties in the hands of H. O. L. C.

I trust his advancement to Fellowship will be approved by the Jury.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Stanley Parker".

William Stanley Parker

P:F

WILLIAM EMERSON
ARCHITECT
77 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE
TELEPHONE KIRKLAND 6900

CAMBRIDGE

March 7, 1939



Mr. Ernest John Russell, Chairman,
The Jury of Fellows,
The American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Russell:

I take pleasure in writing on behalf of Mr.
Pierre Blouke.

Mr. Blouke has for many years past been doing
the profession a service of pronounced value in
his advice and organizing ability for the bene-
fit of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation in
Washington. He has maintained throughout this
responsibility the best professional standards
and has at all times encouraged only sound pro-
fessional service.

As an individual, Mr. Blouke's own performance
is one that entitles him in every way to such a
recognition as comes with advancement to Fellow-
ship and I trust this will be granted him.

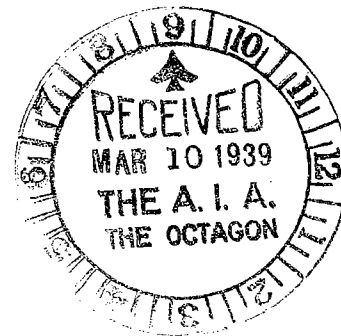
Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. Emerson".

William Emerson

WE/h

March 9, 1939



Mr. Ernest John Russell
Chairman, Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Russell:

It has come to my attention that Mr. Pierre Blouke has been nominated for fellowship in the Institute by the Chicago Chapter, and I wish to lend very enthusiastic endorsement of this nomination. I have an intimate knowledge of the movement Mr. Blouke has sponsored for the establishment of a closer relation between the architectural profession, and such important agencies as the Federal Home Loan Bank Board. He has been consistent in his efforts to advance the interests of the profession, whereby the private architect can participate fully and rightfully in the broad housing program which now faces this country.

The development of the architectural service which Mr. Blouke has supervised, will have a distinct influence on the improvement of design in the field of housing. Mr. Blouke well represents the principles and ethics of our profession, and I feel that recognition of the service being rendered to the profession by such men, is one of the fine things that the Institute can do. I sincerely hope that you will be able to give favorable consideration to his nomination.

Sincerely yours,

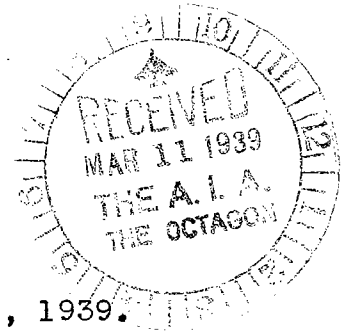

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JMH/s

J. FRAZER SMITH, INC.

ARCHITECTS

SUITE 404 GOODWYN INSTITUTE
MEMPHIS, TENN.



March 9, 1939.

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

Re: Nomination for Fellowship
Pierre Blouke of Chicago.

Gentlemen:

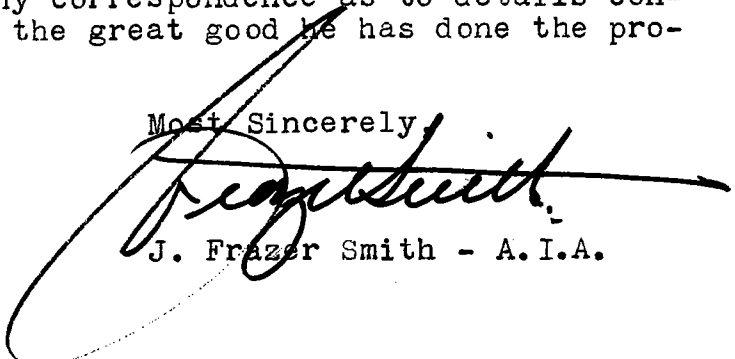
I am informed that the Chicago Chapter has nominated Pierre Blouke for fellowship in the Institute.

I have known Pierre in his work as Architect Adviser to the Home Owners' Loan Corporation for three years. In my work in the small house field in the south, as well as on the committees of the Institute, I have found him to be always ready and willing to assist in every way possible. Without a doubt his influence and broad contact over the entire United States has done more to promote architecture and the architect than any one single person I know.

In person he presents himself most favorably as a dignified, cultured gentleman, whom I am always proud to introduce as an architect. I have had occasion to introduce him many times to dignitaries of our section of the country and I have never failed to note the favorable impression made.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I join the Chicago Chapter in endorsing the nomination of Pierre Blouke for fellowship. I invite any correspondence as to details concerning my knowledge of the great good he has done the profession at large.

Most Sincerely,


J. Frazer Smith - A.I.A.

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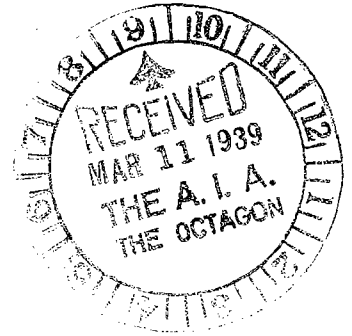
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March 9, 1939

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



Sirs:

I am very glad to endorse the nomination by the Chicago Chapter of Pierre Blouke for fellowship. Mr. Blouke's work in improving the design in the small house field, in educating the public on the desirability of architectural service and promoting the welfare of the architectural profession has been outstanding and such as to merit his election as fellow.

His confrères, as well as the writer, would greatly appreciate your favorable consideration of Mr. Blouke for this honor.

Yours very truly,

Albert Kahn

AK/mpw

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VICE-CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON STATE ORGANIZATION

March 9, 1939

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

Gentlemen:

In Re: Pierre Blouke

This letter is to ask your favorable consideration
of the nominations for Fellowship of

Pierre Blouke,
Miles Lanier Colean, and
Eugene Henry Klaber.

These men are engaged in work at Washington of an
architectural and non-political character. They all occupy
governmental positions of great responsibility and high honor.
Their duties definitely and vitally affect the welfare of the
architectural profession and in the discharge of these duties
they have all maintained the highest ideals of the Institute.

As a former officer of the Chicago Chapter, I have
known each of these men intimately for many years and am happy
to say that the character of each is above reproach.

Since coming to Washington in 1935, I have had an
opportunity for close observation of their official conduct.
It is my considered opinion that the effective efforts of these
men in improving design, in educating the public and in promoting
the use of appropriate architectural services for all types of
housing are actually too far-reaching for accurate evaluation at
this time. It is certain, however, that the profession will continue
to reap the benefits of their work for years to come.

Your acceptance of these nominations will be a well-
merited recognition of distinguished accomplishment and is sure
to meet with widespread approval of the Institute membership.

Sincerely,

Tirrell J. Ferrenz
Tirrell J. Ferrenz

Copies for attachment to
nominations of Messrs.
Colean and Klaber.

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March 13 - 1939



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

Gentlemen:

I am informed that the Chicago Chapter has nominated Mr. Pierre Blouke for a fellowship. I should like to endorse that nomination.

I have known Mr. Blouke for a good many years, first as a Director of the Chicago Division of the Architects' Small House Service Bureau, then as supervising architect for the National Homes Finance Corporation, an organization of manufacturers supplying financing for small houses before 1930. Afterwards I knew him in his present capacity as architect advisor to the Home Loan Bank Board in its program to promote the architect in connection with small home building.

All of these interests are in the field of the small home. I think that Mr. Blouke has gone beyond the requirements of duty in furthering the cause of the profession in this highly neglected field, and I believe that the Institute should recognize this labor by the award of a fellowship.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Robert T. Jones'. The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Robert T. Jones

RTJ:MP

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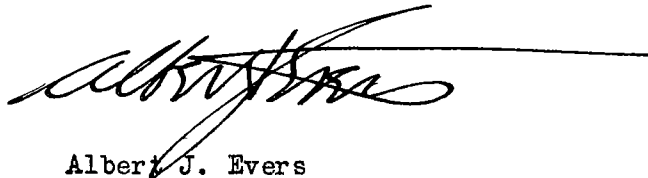
Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that the Chicago Chapter has nominated Pierre Blouke for fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

I have known of Mr. Blouke's work with the Home Owners Loan Corporation for many years, especially his ardent advocacy of the importance of the architect's service in connection with all of the work of the Home Owners Loan Corporation both in reconditioning and in other ways. It seems to me that Mr. Blouke is well qualified and deserving of the honor proposed for him by his Chapter and it is all the more significant to me that his entire Chapter has united in nominating him for fellowship.

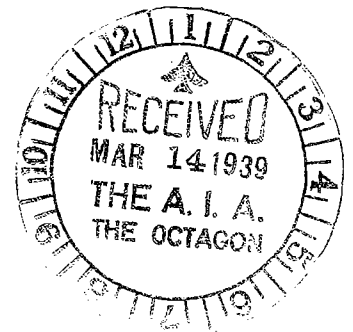
I take great pleasure in endorsing this nomination and unhesitatingly adding my name to those who feel that he should be made a Fellow.

Sincerely yours,



Albert J. Evers

AJE-ia
cc Mr. Tirrell J. Ferrenz
1323 Ingraham Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.



VOORHEES WALKER FOLEY & SMITH
101 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK

March 13, 1939

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



Gentlemen:

I understand from Mr. Stanley Parker that several members of The Institute have nominated Mr. Pierre Blouke for fellowship and I wish to be numbered among them.

Mr. Blouke has been very active and very effective in promoting better architecture and the use of architect's services to that end in the HOLC and in the Building and Loan Associations. He is a loyal member of the Institute and I believe has made a major contribution to the profession.

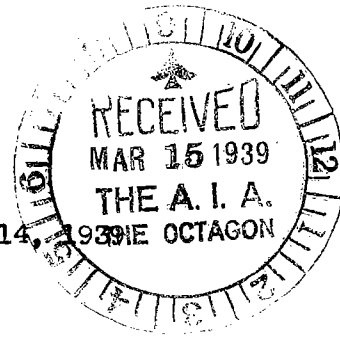
I heartily recommend favorable action on the recommendation.

Very sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. H. Voorhees".

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Nineteenth Street

March 14, 1939



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

Dear Sirs:

It has been brought to my attention that three members of the Chicago Chapter have been proposed for Institute Fellowship. Because the three are operating in the field of housing, because their work is related though distinct: and because I have had close opportunity to observe their activities, I am taking the liberty of addressing the jury about the three nominations.

I have known Miles Colean, Pierre Blouke and Henry Klaber since they came to Washington: and in my capacity as secretary of the Central Housing Committee, I have had excellent opportunity to follow their work closely. Colean was a fellow member of a special investigating committee which recommended that a central committee be established to help in the coordination of government housing activities: and he has been a member of the Central Housing Committee since its organization. Blouke organized, under the Central Committee, a Subcommittee on Design and Construction with eight or ten specialized groups which, under his guidance, have been productive of results. Klaber I have known from his beginnings with the Housing Division of the Public Works Administration to his later accomplishments in the Federal Housing Administration. In my judgment, the three men are outstanding representatives of the profession, and large contributors to its advancement. Colean has shown an administrative capacity which has placed him in a high executive post: Klaber's capacity in large scale planning and rental housing operations have gone far in advancing these types of development: and in qualifying architects to function effectively. Blouke has exerted a wide influence in enlarging the architect's scope, individually and collectively, in the small house field, through a service inaugurated with Building and Loan agencies.

The work of the three men has unquestionably brought distinction to the profession of architecture and direct benefits to a great many of the individual members. None has left the ranks of his profession to become a professional official. If Fellowship is awarded in recognition of public service and of service to the Institute, as well as for individual accomplishment, then Pierre Blouke, Miles Colean and Henry Klaber of the Chicago Chapter deserve the distinction on both counts.

Respectfully submitted,


Horace W. Peaslee, F.A.I.A.

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March 14, 1939

JOHN POSTLER, A. I. A.
LAWRENCE J. LEFKEN, A. I. A.
ASSOCIATES



Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I wish to endorse Pierre Blouke for a fellowship in the Institute. His work in the small house field and his value to the architectural profession in many ways, particularly in advocating the use of private architects, are outstanding qualities which to my mind make him eligible for this honor.

Yours very truly,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Frederick W. Garber".

Frederick W. Garber, F.A.I.A.

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SULLIVAN W. JONES, F. A. I. A.
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BRONXVILLE, N. Y.

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March 14, 1939



The Jury of Fellows,
American Institute of Architects,
New York Avenue, 18th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have been informed that the Chicago Chapter has nominated Pierre Blouke for Fellowship.

It gives me pleasure and real satisfaction to add my enthusiastic endorsement of Pierre Blouke for this distinction, Mr. S. F. Voorhees and I, while in Washington, worked with Pierre Blouke to make effective his plan for employment of architects in connection with the reconditioning of Home Owners' Loan Corporation properties. Blouke's accomplishment in this one connection is of inestimable value to the profession and most certainly deserves recognition.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Sullivan W. Jones".

SWJ:MP

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CARL A. ERIKSON A.I.A.
JOHN E. DUTCHER A.S.M.E.

March 24, 1939.

The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
The Octagon,
19th St. & New York Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Permit me to address you and set forth
my opinion of Mr. Pierre Blouke:

I believe him to be worthy of advancement to Fellowship; he has notably contributed to the advancement of the profession in public service, in educating the public in the value and desirability of the services of the Architect; also, in persistently advocating the employment of private Architects on government and private housing projects.

My observation of his service has shown his outstanding service to the public as Architect Adviser to the Home Owners' Loan Corporation.

I have no reservation whatever in saying that the distinction is due him.

Very truly yours,

Richard E. Schmidt F.A.I.A.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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August 23, 1939.

Dear Mr. Blouke:

It is my pleasant privilege to advise you that you have been elected a Fellow of The American Institute of Architects, by action of The Jury of Fellows at its recent meeting.

The certificate of your election to Fellowship will be presented to you on September 28, 1939, at the afternoon session of the Seventy-first Convention of The Institute, at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C. The afternoon session, which will convene at 2:30 P.M., will conclude with the presentation of Fellowship certificates and the installation of Officers and Directors.

The Officers of The Institute and The Jury of Fellows join in the request that you be present to receive this honor.

Please send your response to The Octagon.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

Mr. Pierre Blouke, F.A.I.A.,
Cosmos Club,
Washington, D. C.

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August 30, 1939

My dear Mr. Ingham:

I deeply appreciated your letter of August 23rd, telling me of my election as a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

I shall be very happy to attend the meeting of the Institute on September 28, 1939.

Sincerely yours,

Pierre Blouke

Pierre Blouke.

Mr. C. T. Ingham,
Secretary,
The American Institute of Architects,
Washington, D. C.