

APPENDIX B.

Dr. Parsons

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

17th December 1901

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 *Theodore Davis Boal*

My address is *No 100 - 16th Ave. Denver Colorado.*

I am employed by _____

I am a member of the firm of *Boal and Harnois -*

I began the study of architecture in the year *1887*

I began the independent practice of architecture in the year *1891*

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

No. 1 is *an apartment house in this city belonging to T.D. Boal*
(Give description of same.)

No. 2 is *a residence in this city belonging to J.A. Ferguson Esq*

No. 3 is *a residence in this city belonging to W.D. Bethell Esq*

The accompanying drawings are *of an apartment house. The building*
(Give description of any drawings the applicant may choose to submit.)

is a success in practice and was erected at a wonderfully small expense.

Respectfully submitted, *Theodore Davis Boal*
(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. *Theodore Davis Boal* 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.)

Robert R. Gluck
Rudolph K. Gluck
Frank E. Kidder

We, the undersigned residents of _____ know Mr. _____ 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.)

Washington Chapter
American Institute of Architects

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
~~405 CONGRAN BUILDING~~

Washington, D. C.

February 27th, 17.

The Secretary,
The American Institute of Architects,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you of the resignation
from the Washington Chapter of Theodore
Davis Boal.

Yours faithfully,



Secretary,
Washington Chapter,
A. I. A.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1735 New York Ave. NW, Washington, D.C.

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February 28th, 1917.

Dear Sir:-

We have received a letter from the Secretary of the Washington Chapter stating that you have resigned from there. As resignation from a Chapter implies resignation from the Institute, I trust you will advise me further in this matter.

It is noted that your new residence in Boalsburg, Pa., which puts you within the jurisdiction of the Southern Pennsylvania Chapter of the Institute.

The Secretary of the Chapter is Mr. Reinhardt Dempwolf, 128 East Philadelphia Street, York, Pa., and undoubtedly he would be pleased to communicate with you concerning affiliation; or if you should prefer a direct transfer to the Southern Pennsylvania Chapter it can be made by the Institute.

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee in May, and we will still carry your name on the records here in the hope of receiving your further advices before that time.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Theodore Davis Boal,
Boalsburg, Pennsylvania.

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COPY TO

FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

BOALSBURG,
PENNSYLVANIA.

March 14, 1917

E. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary,
American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for your favor of Feb. 28th.

I have no desire to resign from the American Institute of Architects.

You suggest my joining the chapter at York. I have I have been there only once in my life, and then only for a few hours.

I ~~immediately~~ resign^{ed} from the chapter At Washington, as I am no longer in the active practice it seems to me to be out of place for me to continue my membership.

I still keep a winter residence in Washington and expect to spend some months there every year.

If you deem it necessary and it is agreeable to the chapter I would of course prefer to maintain my membership there, rather than resign from the Institute.

Very truly yours

Sheldon Dan Borah

P.S. I spent the entire winter with my troop on the Border and will likely be called out again very shortly. I abandon any idea of going back to practice.

T.D.B.

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

COPY

March 16th, 1917.

Dear Sir:-

Responding to yours of March 14th, I enclose herewith a copy of the new Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute, and you will note from Article 4, Section 4, that resignation from either the Institute or a Chapter terminates membership in both.

Technically, your membership in the Institute ceased the moment your resignation from the Washington Chapter became effective, but I am quite sure the Executive Committee would be glad to make the necessary reinstatement, provided your membership in the Washington Chapter had been renewed, or that it had been established in some other Chapter.

I feel sure in saying that the Institute does not desire to lose your membership because service with the colors has made it necessary for you to give up active practice.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Theodore Davis Boal,
Boalsburg, Centre County, Pa.,

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

COPY

March 21-1917

My dear Mr. Macneil:-

Mr. Theodore Davis Boal resigned from the Washington Chapter not knowing that this automatically terminated his Institute membership.

His legal residence is now in Pennsylvania, but he is not in active practice and in fact spent the past winter on the Mexican Border with the National Guards. He contemplates being called into active service in the near future.

Under the circumstances I have suggested to Mr. Boal that possibly the Washington Chapter has a non-resident provision in its By-laws, or would be willing to create one, which would permit him to apply for reinstatement in the Chapter and pay nominal dues.

At the same time he might apply for reinstatement in the Institute.

After talking with Mr. Boal today I feel sure he would appreciate any courtesy of this kind from the Chapter, as he has no large acquaintance among members of the Southern Pennsylvania Chapter, in whose territory his legal residence is located.

May I hear from you in this matter at your early convenience?

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Robert L. Macneil, Secretary,
Washington D. C. Chapter-A. I. A.,
Union Trust Building,
Washington, D. C.

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Copies to Mr. Boal
TREASURER

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

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May 4, 1917.

My dear Mr. Macneil:

As matters now stand, Mr. Theodore Davia Boal has lost his Institute membership because he resigned from the Washington Chapter. The situation was outlined in our letter to you of March 21 and I hope you can advise me that Mr. Boal has become a non-resident member of the Washington Chapter prior to May 15, which is the date of the Executive Committee meeting.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. R. L. Macneil, Secretary
Washington D.C. Chapter,
Washington, D.C.

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Copy to Mr. Parker
" " Mr. Boal

Boal, Theodore Davis

NATIONAL GUARD OF PENNSYLVANIA
MACHINE GUN TROOP, FIRST CAVALRY
BOALSBURG, PA.

May 12, 1917

FROM:
TO:
SUBJECT:

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

My Dear Mr. Kemper:

Thank you for sending me recently a copy of the letter sent to the Washington chapter of American Institute of Architects.

I have written them mentioning the situation and asking to be made a non-resident member.

Mr. Waddy Wood, several weeks ago when I was in Washington, told me he would take up the matter and give it his best attention.

I am actively engaged with my troop and anticipate being occupied this way until the end of the war. Of course if it entails the loss of my membership in the Institute, I must of course submit, and have nobody to blame but myself.

Very truly yours

Theodore Davis Boal

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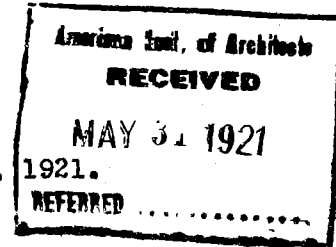
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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

[Handwritten signature]

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May 27, 1921.

Dear Sir:-

It would be appreciated by the undersigned if you would advise us, if possible, of the address of Mr. Theodore Davis Boal. Mail addressed to him at State College, Pa., is returned unclaimed.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am,

Very truly yours,

[Handwritten signature: E.C. Kemper]
Executive Secretary.

Please Address this mail To

The Postmaster,
State College, Pa.

BOALSBURG, CENTER CO., PA.

K:VB

*noted
5/27/21*

[Large handwritten signature]
5/27/21

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

COPY

March 12, 1927

My dear Mr. Boal:

At the direction of the Secretary of the Institute, and with regret, I write to advise you that your membership in the American Institute of Architects, and the Washington, D.C. Chapter, has been terminated, effective March 1, 1927, for non-payment of Institute dues.

You are indebted for \$75.00, covering the years 1925, 1926, and 1927.

If I might add a word of explanation, it would be to say that the Officers and Directors of the Institute are more than sorry that this action is necessary. They regret to lose your name and influence.

But the Institute is largely dependent upon the dues of its members for carrying on its work. It is not fair to those who pay their dues to carry, indefinitely, those who do not pay. Under the general resolution adopted at the December meeting of the Board, and about which we advised you, we are obliged to drop those owing for two years or more.

It is hoped that the future will bring about improved business conditions for you, and that you will consider renewing your professional society affiliations.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Theodore Davis Boal,
Boalsburg, Center County,
Penna.

K/PHG

Copy to Mr. Gilbert L. Rodier, Secretary,
Washington, D. C. Chapter.

COPY TO

FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

Boal
Theodore
Davis

Boal, Theodore Davis (1867-1938) was a Denver architect with the firms of Lee and Boal (1891-1894), Boal and Harnois (1901-1907), and in Washington, D.C., with the firm of Boal and Brown (1907-1929). Of these firms, the most important in Colorado was Boal and Harnois. Boal and Harnois received important residential commissions in Denver and also designed residences elsewhere in Colorado, Utah, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island. They were not innovators in architectural style, but built with great skill in the popular eclectic and revival styles of the turn of the century, including Colonial Revival, Georgian Revival, Spanish Colonial, Chateausque, and Romanesque Revival.

Theodore Davis Boal was born in 1867 in Iowa City, Iowa, the son of George Jack Boal and Malvina Amanda Buttles Boal. Boal's great-grandfather had founded the town of Boalsburg, Pennsylvania, and his parents were from wealthy pioneer families. Boal's parents moved to Denver in 1887, at which time the seven-year-old Terry was sent to live on his uncle's 18-acre Newport, Rhode Island, estate, The Reefs, and attend private schools. His uncle was Theodore M. Davis, an Egyptologist famous for his excavations in the Valley of the Kings. Boal received his degree in architecture from Iowa State University in 1889. He then traveled extensively in Europe, where he augmented his architectural training.

In 1894 he met and married aristocrat Mathilde Denis de LaGarde, a descendant of Christopher Columbus, whose family owned his castle in Spain. She and

Boal lived in Tours de Chignon, France, for the next four years.

During the 1890s, Boal delivered several lectures to society and professional groups on architecture, espousing the merits of the Spanish, Italian, and Moorish revival styles for the Colorado climate. He designed the Spanish Colonial Denver Building for the Trans-Mississippi Exposition in Omaha in 1890, and the now-demolished Bethell-Phipps Mansion (1897) at East Colfax and Marion. In 1901 he joined the recently formed Colorado Chapter of the A.I.A.

Boal met his future business partner, Frederick Louis Harnois, in 1897, and they formed the firm Boal and Harnois in 1901. Since Boal spent very little time in Denver, it is doubtful that he did any architectural design for his firms after the first few years of practice. His Denver firm was managed by his mother, who lived in the city, enabling Boal to travel to Europe annually and maintain his Newport social connections. The prominence of his parents' and wife's families allowed him to make the acquaintance of the wealthy as he traveled and to secure commissions for grand residences. Two of the most notable homes by Boal and Harnois are the Grant-Humphreys Mansion at 707 Pennsylvania (1902) and the Crawford Hill Mansion at 969 Sherman (1906), now the Town Club. Boal is credited with the original clubhouse for the Denver Country Club, a rustic 1903 Shingle-style building and the now-gone Wolhurst estate near Littleton.

Harnois did most of the architectural design for the firm while Boal secured occasional commissions for buildings, and they shared the profits equally. The relationship between the two partners deteriorated; in 1907 an embittered Harnois removed the firm's sign from his office door, ending his professional affiliation with Boal. This pattern of business practice was repeated for Boal in his next firm, Boal and Brown in Washington, D.C. Boal's first firm, Lee and

Boal, had also dissolved bitterly in 1894. Lee and Boal designed the 1891 St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 126 West 11th.

Boal spent his later years at the family estate in Boalsburg, Pennsylvania. There, he lived as the baron of this little town, owning everything from the utility company to the bus company. For amusement he recruited soldiers into his privately-funded mounted machine gun company, which practiced maneuvers on his land. A small museum on the estate grounds houses artifacts of Christopher Columbus and his family. Boal died in 1938 in the library — the only heated room — of his home in Boalsburg. He had spent three fortunes in his lifetime: those of his mother, his father, and his wife. By his later years he had incurred staggering debts, and the town of Boalsburg affectionately paid for the heat supplied to the library of his house.

See Also: Harnois, Frederick Louis
Sources:

Boal Collection, Archives, Pennsylvania State University Library, State College, Pennsylvania; Denver City Directories; Denver Building Permits.

— Carol J. Callahan

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