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Arthur Finch
Georgia Chapter

Application for Membership

May 6th, 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 Arthur Finch Gomer

Address 23 Auburn Street Savannah Georgia
[Number and Street.] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth Boston Mass.

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 Georgia Chapter

If practicing architect, firm name Smith, Welling & Arthur J. Gomer

Have been in practice Savannah, Georgia years Seven

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

Collegiate and office training Five years in office of Smith, Welling & Arthur J. Gomer Savannah Ga
5 mos. special study Ecole des Beaux Arts Paris. Others at M. D'Archer.

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.

Arthur J. Gomer
[Signature of Applicant.]

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

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date May 5, 1921
[Insert date of election to chapter.]

Arthur Mac Robinson Secretary.
Georgia 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.

- (1) H. W. Witcover
- (2) Henry Wallis
- (3) W. B. Clarke

Prelim. Fee pd \$5.00 6/6/21
Initiation remitted
Unan. End. Fee Two
Exhibits must send
On Priv. Com. of _____

[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.

COPY

June 8, 1921.

My dear Mr. Comer:-

Permit me to acknowledge with gratification, and on behalf of the Secretary, your application for membership in the American Institute of Architects; also your preliminary fee of \$5.00.

In order that prompt action may be taken on your application we trust you will send at your early convenience the customary routine exhibits.

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

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Arthur Finch Comer,
23 Abercon Street,
Savannah, Georgia.

K:VB

COPY TO
FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

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

COPY

November 1, 1921.

My dear Mr. Witcover:-

The enclosed copy of letter of September 30 to Mr. Comer is self explanatory.

We would like to get him into the Institute during the current year. Will you not cooperate by getting in touch with him and asking him to send on his exhibits. Please explain that the exhibits are a routine requirement and that material from the office files is entirely acceptable.

You are the first endorser on his application and we would appreciate your aid in clearing up this matter.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. H. W. Witcover,
Savannah, Georgia.

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January 5, 1922.

My dear Mr. Comer:-

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective January 5, 1922.

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

The engrossed Certificate of Membership will be sent to you in due course, after engrossing and signing by the President and Secretary. A statement covering current dues is enclosed herewith - which should receive your prompt attention.

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. Arthur Finch Comer,
23 Abercorn Street,
Savannah, Georgia.

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HENRIK WALLIN - ARCHITECT, A.I.A.
23 ABERCORN ST, SAVANNAH, GA.

American Institute of Architects
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ARTHUR F. COMER, A.I.A.

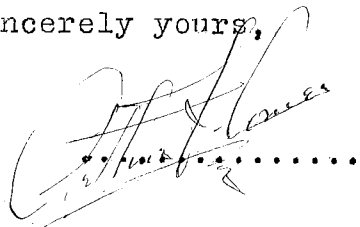
January 22nd. 1923.

My dear Mr. Waid:

Enclosed you will please find a check in the sum of \$40.00 covering the current dues to the Institute of Henrik Wallin and Arthur F. Comer.

Looking forward with renewed interest to the Institute work for the coming year, I am,

Sincerely yours,



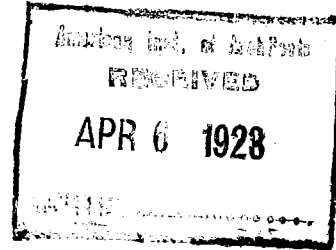
The American Institute
of Architects,
Mr. D. Everett Waid, Treas.
Washington, D. C.

1/24/23
[Handwritten initials]

ARTHUR FINCH COMER - ARCHITECT
23 ABERCORN STREET - SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

ASSOCIATED WITH
HENRIK WALLIN

April 4th, 1923.



My dear Mr. Kemper:-

I wish to express my regret in being unable to attend the meeting in Charleston and accomplish the matters which we discussed during my pleasant visit in Washington.

On arriving in New York or rather shortly after, I was taken ill with a severe cold which delayed my return to Savannah, after the meeting in Charleston. Realizing that I would not be able to attend, I wrote a letter to Mr. Wallin in hope that he could attend to these matters in Charleston. I found on my return, through pressure of business that he was not able to attend.

I believe that I made the subject of territory clear to you, so I am writing to ask just what steps you would recommend for me to proceed along, for the accomplishment of the readjustment of territory to the South Georgia Chapter.

Appreciating any expression of opinion that you may give me, I wish to remain.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Finch Comer
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South Georgia
Chapter. A. I. A.

Mr. Edward C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary,
The Octagon House,
Washington, D. C.

AFC/m

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

23
April 9, 1923.

My dear Mr. Comer:

This is my first opportunity to respond to yours of April 4th.

We had a great meeting in Charleston and I am sorry you missed it.

Mr. Levy the President of the South Georgia Chapter was there. I spoke ^{to him} of your visit to the Octagon and of the proposed rearrangement of territory. I understood from him that he had the matter in mind, but felt that conditions were not quite ready for putting it forward. Therefore it was not taken up with the Executive Committee in a formal way, and no doubt Mr. Levy will post you on the present status.

Sincerely yours,

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Executive Secretary.

Mr. Arthur Pinch Comer,
23 Abercorn Street,
Savannah, Ga.

HENRIK WALLIN - ARCHITECT, A.I.A.
23 ABERCORN ST., SAVANNAH, GA.

ARTHUR F. COMER, A.I.A.

January 21st, 1924.

*Mr. Wallin
Please write
him for me
to sign etc*

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JAN 23 1924

American Institute of Architects,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Under date of January 11th., we wrote you a letter enclosing check in the sum of \$40.00. This letter stated distinctly that the check covered the dues of Mr. Henrik Wallin and Arthur F. Comer for one year.

We have your letter of January 18th., in which you acknowledge receipt of check in the sum of \$40.00 and question the balance of \$20.00. Kindly apply this check to the dues of Mr. Wallin and Mr. Comer.

Very truly yours,

Arthur F. Comer
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March 1, 1932.

Dear Mr. Comer:

It is with genuine regret that I write, as Secretary of the Institute, to advise you of the termination of your membership in the Institute and your Chapter, effective December 31, 1931, for non-payment of Institute dues.

The Treasurer, and the Secretary's Office, sent to you various statements of account and letters, in the hope that you would find it possible to make a remittance, in whole or in part, and thereby continue your affiliation with The American Institute of Architects and your Chapter.

It is realized that conditions in the building industry have remained on a most unfavorable basis during the past year, and for that reason the Institute made a special effort to retain your membership as long as possible.

It is believed that you will approve of the action taken. The alternative was to allow the dues to so increase as to make future reinstatement a heavy expense.

I am hoping very much that the circumstances which prevented you from carrying on your Institute membership will speedily change, and that you will soon be thinking of taking up your membership again. When you are ready to do so, I can assure you that the Institute will make the way back very simple and easy. The Board has already made provision whereby the old account can be paid off in installments and over a period of time that will not be onerous to you.

I am going to write to you from time to time, reminding you that the Institute desires your return to its membership and its councils, and so that your return can be worked out to your best convenience.

With best wishes, and with the hope that we may soon regain you as a member of The American Institute of Architects, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

Mr. Arthur Finch Comer,
Realty Building,
Savannah, Ga.

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