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Corbuser, J. W. + the 1910 survey to class Rep

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

SIR:

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects under Class [A, B, C, or D].

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name *J. W. C. Corbuser*
 Address *309 Summit Bldg Cleveland O.*
 Place and date of birth *Rochester N.Y. 1878*
 Graduate in architecture *Arthur Lugsine + traveling in France + England*
[Give name of institutions and year—Evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation to be submitted with application]
 Holder of Scholarship in architecture *2 years*
[Give name and year.]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecole des Beaux Arts.....
[State which, and year.—Evidence of Certificate to be submitted with application.]

If practicing architect, firm name *J. W. C. Corbuser*
 Have been in practice *Eight* years
 If draughtsman, employed by *John + Mike Cas Gilbert H.V.B. Magonigle*
[State number of years.]
 Collegiate and office training *Twelve* years

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.

J. W. C. Corbuser
[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application is a member of *the Cleveland* Chapter, A. I. A.

Charles E. Jansley Secretary.
Cleveland Chapter, A. I. A.
[To be omitted when the applicant does not reside in the territory of a Chapter.]

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.

Abraham Sanford Bury
Charles J. Smith, V. Pres.
Charles E. Jansley, Secretary
[The signatures of three Institute members are here required. In the case of "official endorsement" of candidates by a Chapter, the signatures of its officers only shall be here required.]

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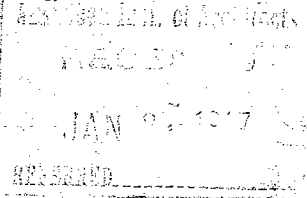
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CLEVELAND, OHIO JANUARY

25th

1917



Mr. William Stanley Parker, Secretary,
The American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir;

Enclosed please find the application for
membership in the American Institute of Architects
of Mr. J. W. C. Corbusier.

Mr. Corbusier is recommended by the officers of
the Cleveland Chapter and has the unanimous support
by ballot of the Chapter members.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Charles E. Tousley
Secretary.

CORBUSIER & FOSTER
+ ARCHITECTS +
KETCH BUILDING CLEVELAND · OHIO

J.W.C. CORBUSIER
WILLIAM E. FOSTER



July 27, 1928

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

Gentlemen:

It is my painful duty to inform you that my former partner Mr. J.W.C. Corbusier died upon the eighth of June. The firm will continue for the present under the old name.

Naturally, as Mr. Corbusier is dead, you may discontinue sending Journals to him.

Very truly yours,

WEF:JS

William E. Foster

Mr. M.

Please discontinue his journal.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM THE SECRETARY

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Mrs M

August 1, 1928

Dear Mr. Foster:

Dear Mr. Foster:

This will acknowledge, with much regret, your letter of July 27th advising of the death of Mr. J. W. C. Corbusier. It is so painful a duty to inform you that my former partner will continue for the time being under the name of J. W. C. Corbusier. It would be appreciated if you, or someone acquainted with his life and work, would send a brief obituary notice for the permanent records at The Octagon.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

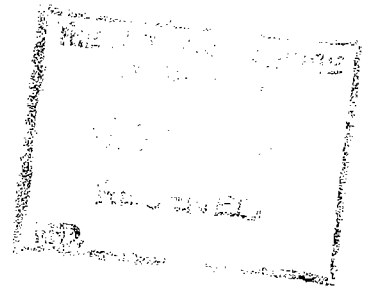
Mr. William E. Foster,
Keith Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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CORBUSIER & FOSTER
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J. & C. CORBUSIER
WILLIAM E. FOSTER



August 25, 1928

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

Attention Mr. Kemper

Gentlemen:

In reply to your request of August 1st, I am sending you a short obituary covering the work of my partner, Mr. Corbusier. I hope this will meet with your requirements.

Very truly yours,

WEF:JS

William E. Foster

J. W. C. CORBUSIER

John William Cresswell Corbusier died at the age of 49, upon June 8, 1928, at Hudson, Ohio, from a heart attack. His offices at the time of his death were located in Cleveland, Ohio and the firm name was Corbusier & Foster, his partner being William E. Foster.

Mr. Corbusier was born in Rochester, New York, and started his architectural work in offices in Buffalo. He later went to New York where he was in the office of H. Van Buren Magonigle. Later on he came to Cleveland and started to practice architecture in partnership with George Paige, under the firm name of Paige & Corbusier. He later withdrew from this partnership and practiced independently under his own name.

After a number of years, he went into partnership with O.L. Lenski and operated under the name of Corbusier & Lenski. The firm was then joined by William E. Foster, and operated under the name of Corbusier, Lenski & Foster. Some years before Mr. Corbusier's death, Mr. Lenski's interest in the firm was bought out and during the last few years the firm has been Corbusier & Foster.

Mr. Corbusier's work has been very largely of Gothic Church design. During his life he and his firm designed and completed approximately thirty representative churches. His first church was the Trinity Lutheran Church at Akron, Ohio and was built about 1912. It received immediate recognition because of its pure French Gothic design, which at that time, was rather unusual in this country. Such authorities as Ralph Adams Cram referred to it as an excellent example of ecclesiastical architecture.

Since that time a large number of representative churches, most of which followed French Gothic of the later period were built. At the time of his death his firm was completing the Church of the Saviour, M.E., Cleveland Heights, Ohio, which will be approximately a million dollars when finished. This church was considered by Mr. Corbusier as his masterpiece and it showed the result of years of steady development in ecclesiastical architecture.