

In due order
December 14, 1950
J.H. Sawyer



Dated October 11 19 50.
Received October 16 19 50
Granted January 18 19 51

MEMBERSHIP NO

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

- A Name of applicant Robert Lee Corsbie Chapter New York
- B Address of applicant 466 Lexington Avenue, New York 17, New York
- C Applicant proposed by Jos. B. Gunnison and John P. Jansson
- D Application received with check for \$10.00 on October 16 19 50
- E Application returned for correction 19
- F Application in due order on December 14 19 50
Record of registration, Form S39, Sent (N.Y.) Oct. 19 19 50. Received November 6 19 50
- G Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
 - (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on November 19 19 50 on October 19 19 50
 - (b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on December 20 19 50, on November 20 19 50
- H Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on October 20 19 50
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission
~~on that application be denied~~ received on December 14 19 50
- J No report from chapter executive committee on 19
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on January 9 19 51
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on January 9 19 51
- M Applicant was admitted on January 18 19 51
- N Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter
~~to proposers~~ on January 18 19 51
- O Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$
returned to applicant on 19

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT

I, Secretary of The American Institute of Architects, hereby certify that, under authority vested in me by The Board of Directors, I have this day duly elected

Robert Lee Corsbie

to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the New York Chapter.

Date January 18 19 51

Robert Lee Corsbie
Secretary

(a)



INSTRUCTIONS

Type in all information carefully and sign with ink.

Mail this original and check for \$10.00 to The Secretary, The American Institute of Architects, 1741 New York Avenue, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

File the duplicate, on yellow paper, with the secretary of the local Chapter of The Institute.

The American Institute of Architects

APPLICATION FOR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

I, the undersigned, do hereby apply for corporate membership in The American Institute of Architects.

1. My full name is ROBERT LEE CORSBIE

2. I am a Natural citizen of The United States of America

3. My legal residence is in the City of Hicksville Long Island

County of Nassau State of New York

4. My address in The Institute records will be (Office)

Number 466 Street Lexington Avenue
City New York Zone 17 State New York

5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as a Practicing Architect

6. I desire to be a member of the New York City Chapter.

7. I declare that I will comply with the By-laws; and the Standards of Professional Practice of The American Institute of Architects, which are attached hereto; and the Rules and Regulations supplementary thereto; and that I understand the duties, responsibilities, and obligations of a member of The Institute; and that I have read and understand all the information contained in this form and its attachments.

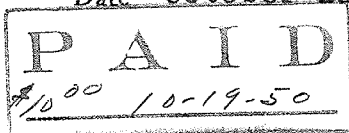
8. I have filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the Chapter above named. I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its component organizations.

9. I enclose my check for \$10.00, for admission fee and the first year's annual dues, of which \$1.00 is for a year's subscription to the Bulletin of The American Institute of Architects. It is my understanding that if I am not admitted to membership \$5.00 will be returned to me, and \$5.00 retained by The Institute as an examination fee.

Date October 11, 19 50

Robert Lee Corsbie

Applicant sign full name in ink



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2. State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.

4. State whether residence or office address.

5. State whether as a practicing architect, a teacher or public official, etc.

STATISTICS

10. Date of birth September 17, 1905 Place of birth Spruce Pine, Alabama

11.(a) I am registered or licensed to practice architecture in the following-named states:
New York

(b) I passed the State Board Examination in the following-named states:
New York

(c) I hold Certificate No.....of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards,
for having passed their Standard Examination.

EDUCATION

12.(a) I attended high schools, private schools, colleges, universities, as follows:

<i>Name of School, College, University</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>No. of Years</i>	<i>Year of Graduation</i>	<i>Degree</i>
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See Exhibit "A", attached hereto

(b) I have held the following-named scholarships or other honor awards, and have traveled in the following-named countries:

See Exhibits "B" and "C", attached hereto

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

13. I list below, in chronological order, the periods of my training as draftsman, the names and addresses of my principal employers, and my classification as draftsman while employed by each:

See Exhibits "B" and "C", attached hereto ^{From} ^{To}

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EXHIBIT "A"

October 7, 1950

Educational Record (Robert Lee Corssie)

<u>College or Institution</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Major In</u>
High School, Russellville, Ala.	1920	1924	Diploma	Science
Mechanics Institute, New York City	1925	1926	Certificate	Math & Graphics
Columbia College Extension, N.Y. City	1926	1928	Certificate	Special Studies
Columbia University, N. Y. City	1928	1935	B. of Arch.	Design & Construction
Beaux Arts Inst. of Design, N.Y. City	1934		Certificate	Scup. & Arch.
New York University, New York City	1939	1940	Credit on M. of Arch.	Real Estate & Property Laws
New York University, New York City	1941		Certificate	Aerial Bomb Protection
N.Y.C.R.R. O Training Program	1941	1942	-	Public Speaking.
U.S. Army Engineers, Ft. Belvoir, Va.	1942		Certificate	Civilian Camouflage & Aerial Bomb Protection
New York University, N.Y. City	1942		Certificate	Advanced Aerial Bomb Protection Control
Columbia University, N.Y. City	1942		-	Transp. Engineering
U. S. Navy (Service Schools)	1943	1944	-	Planning, Construction Develop. of Bases.
New York Central R.R. Training Program	1948		Certificate	Public Relations.
New York State Board of Regents, Albany, N. Y.	1937			Licensed as Registered Architect (Earned on Oral and Written examination)

EXHIBIT "B"

October 7, 1950

Vocational and Military Record (Robert Lee Corrbie)

Employer	From	To	Title and Nature of Work
U.S. Engineers, Wilson Dam, Ala	1923	1924	Carpenter.
New York Central Railroad, New York	1924	1928	Draftsman and checker on Rolling Stock and Gas Electric Units.
Cross and Cross, Architects, New York	1928	1929	Arch. Draftsman on skyscraper work.
F. C. Shattuck (Schraffts) Restaurants, New York	1929	1935	Supervisory Capacity (Night work while in College)
A. M. Brake Shoe Company, New York	1929	1932	Special design and drafting on R.R. Car Brakes.
Secor Forum Corp, Scarsdale, N.Y.	1935	1936	Supt. of Const. Residential work.
Clark Winter, Decorator, N.Y.	1936		Interior Decorator
New York Central R.R. Co., New York	1936	1939	Arch. Designer
Railway Express Agency, New York	1939		Arch. & Eng. Designer
New York Central R.R. Co., New York	1939	1940	Arch. Designer
New York Central R.R. Co., New York	1940	1943	Assistant Engineer
New York University - College of Engr. & School of Arch.	1942	1943	Lecturer and Instructor
U.S. Navy	1943		Lt. (jg) Instructor Adv. Bomb Const. (CSC Officers School).
U.S. Navy	1944		Lieut. Head Adv. Base Dept., CSC Officers School.
U.S. Navy	1945		Lieut. Service in Pacific Executive Officer of Physical Damage Survey Team in Hiroshima, Japan.
U.S. Navy	1946		Lt. Comdr. Executive Officer and Editor of Top Secret Report on Atomic Damage to Buildings, Rail- roads, Bridges, Machine Tools, Services and Utilities, Trolley Lines, Juses, etc., prepared for War Department.

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Vocational and Military Record (Robert Lee Corasie)

(Continued)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Title and Nature of Work</u>
New York Central	1946	1950	Assistant architect, Project architect on Passenger Station Improvements, Toledo. Passenger Station Modernization, LaSalle Street, Chicago. Boulevard Ticket Office Modernization, Chicago. Special report on 3 Dim Sign.
New York University	1946	1947	Lecturer and Instructor in Charge - Course on Multistory Steel and Reinforced Concrete Structures.

NOTE:

Data supplemental to above:

Lecturer on Architectural and Engineering Subjects: Bomb Resistant Construction, Military and Civilian Concealment, and Aerial Bombardment Protection at:

- New York University, New York, N. Y.
- Columbia University, New York, N. Y.
- State Institute of Agriculture, Farmingdale, N. Y.
- City College of New York, New York, N. Y.
- New York State Guard, New York, N. Y.
- Arch. and Engineering Societies, New York, N. Y.
- Special Groups, New York, N.Y.

Published Matter:

- Co-author of "Manual of Bomb Resistant Construction" (1941)
- Author of "Report on Maximum Span Welded wire Mesh" (1942)
- Co-author of "Color in Camouflage" (1943)
- Co-author of "Camouflage: its principles and Practice" (1943)
(Contract with The Macmillan Company - Not completed due to Military Service).
- Author - "Manual on Public Speaking" (1944 - Navy)
- Editor and Contributor - "Advance Basic Design and Construction" (1944 - Navy)
- Editor and Contributor - "The Atomic Bomb, Hiroshima, Japan".
U.S.G.B.S. Physical Damage Team No. 1
P.D. Division Report No. 129 (1946 - Army)
- Design and illustrator of several aerial and ground views illustrating the "Future in West Side of New York City". Used in Westsider Magazine and others 1937 - 46'.
- Designer - "Sun-Tile" residence. Printed in pencil points 1937.
- Speaker on Architectural and Community Subjects:
High Schools - Parent-Teacher-Associations; Other Groups.

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October 7, 1950
 EXHIBIT "C"

Citizenship Record (Robert Lee Gorsbie)

<u>Name of Organization</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Office</u>
Sigma Chi Fraternity	1930 - Present	Member
Alumni Association, School of Architecture - Columbia University	1935 - Present	Bd. of Governors, 1940-42 Vice President, 1942-43 Committee Work
New York Society of Architects	1935 - Present	Member
Alumni Fed. of Columbia University	1938 - Present	Member Branch Council
Young Men's Christian Association	1934-1938	Member Building Committee
New York Central Athletic Association	1936 - Present	Member
Architectural Engineering, and Construction Award Jurors	1936 - Present	Chairman, Member.
New York State Association of Architects	1940 - Present	Member
Queens County Special Juror	1940	Juror
Queens County Grand Juror	1941	Juror
Queens County Grand Juror Association	1941	Member
Public Affairs Forum, N.Y.C.A.A.	1941 - 1943	Member
Speaker's Club, N.Y.C.A.A.	1942 - 1946	Member
Society of Military Engineers	1946 - Present	Inactive.
U. S. Navy Vol. Const. Battalion	1947 - Present	Lt. Comdr. SAC
American Railway Engineering Association	1947 - Present	Member
Reserve Officers Association	1948 - Present	Inactive
American Institute of Architects	1950	App. pending

1935 - Awarded "Medal for Excellence in Building Construction" by New York Society of Architects.

1937 - Licensed by Board of Regents of New York State as a registered architect.

1945 - received U.S. Navy "Letter of Commendation" for work in organizing and developing Civil Engineer Corps Officers School.

1946 - received U.S. Army "Commendation Ribbon" for work as Executive Officer of War Department Physical Damage Survey Team in Hiroshima, Japan, and Executive Officer and Editor of report entitled: "The Atomic Bomb - Hiroshima, Japan."

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

14. I list below, in chronological order, the periods during which and the states in which I have practiced architecture as an individual or as a member of a firm or corporation or as a public official or have taught architecture or the arts and sciences allied therewith. (State names of firms or corporations or public office and of schools or colleges).

	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
New York	NY CENTRAL R.R. CO. 1937	present
Ohio	" 1946	"
Illinois	" 1946	"
Michigan	" 1946	2

BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS

15. I list below other business in which I participate or own an interest, and the extent of such participation or interest.

None

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 16. Member of Institute from _____ to _____
- 17. Junior of Institute from _____ to _____
- 18. Associate of New York Soc. of Arch. New York Chapter from 1935 to present
- 19. Junior Associate of _____ Chapter from _____ to _____
- 20. Student Associate of _____ Chapter from _____ to _____
- 21. Member of State Organization in New York from 1940 to present

ENDORSEMENT BY PROPOSERS

(The two proposers must be corporate members of The Institute in good standing.)

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have read the statements made hereinabove by the applicant and believe them to be correct. I vouch for his honorable standing in this community and in his profession, and I believe he is fully qualified for membership and I propose him therefor.

I have known the applicant for 15 years.

I have known the applicant for 2 years.

Signed Jos. B. Gummison R.A.
Proposer

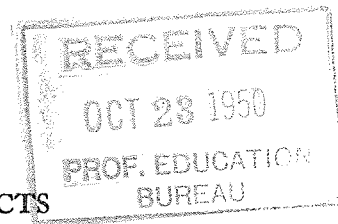
Signed John P. Gansson
Proposer

4432 Van Cortlandt Park East
Address

123 Bucket Lane, Hicksville
Address

Puttchester Chapter
Jos. B. Gummison 3.

John P. Gansson



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.
Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

Robert Lee Corsbie, New York, New York
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,
Albany, New York
Address

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date October 19 19 50

Car. W. Dick
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state?.....yes.....
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination?.....yes.....or by exemption?.....
3. What was the scope of the examination?.....Planning, structural design, and supervision of construction, Part I-80%, Part II-91%.....
4. What was the period of the examination?.....2 days..... Written examination.....20.....hours; Oral examination.....hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards?..... If so, give Certificate No.
6. Date of ~~first~~ license registration.....July 1, 1937.....~~REGISTRATION NO.~~ License # 4937..... Is it current?.....yes

John W. Parry
(Signature of Secretary of Board)
Chéef, Bureau of Prof. Licensure
New York State Education Department
(Name of Board)

Date November 1, 1950

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January 18, 1951

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to inform you that your application for membership in The Institute was acted on favorably by The Board of Directors and that you were admitted to corporate membership in The Institute and assigned as indicated below.

You will be a member of the listed organizations, unless you later transfer therefrom, until your membership in The Institute terminates.

Your certificate of membership, duly executed by the Officers of The Institute, will be sent in due course.

The Board of Directors welcomes you to membership in The Institute, and my office is at your service to the extent of its powers.

The policies of The Institute are developed largely from activities within the chapters and State organizations. By taking an active part in their affairs, you will contribute to the advancement of the objects of The Institute and will increase the benefits to be derived from Institute membership.

I bespeak your active cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Robert Lee Corsbie, A.I.A.
466 Lexington Avenue
New York 17, New York

Secretary

ASSIGNMENTS:

Chapter: New York Chapter, A.I.A.
State Organization: New York State
Association of Architects
Effective Date: January 18, 1951

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Enclosures

ROSE, BEATON, CORSBIE, DEARDEN & CROWE ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS

95 CHURCH STREET, WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. 914 RO 1-4850

September 24, 1964

Mr. William H. Scheick, Executive Director
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue
N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Scheick:

The attached copy of letter, September 16, 1964 from the Chairman, Mr. Livingston Elder, Membership Committee, Westchester A.I.A. is self-explanatory and provided for your information.

Recently, my firm put into effect some administrative changes, one of which relocated my base of operations from our office at 10 Columbus Circle, New York City to our office at 95 Church Street, White Plains, New York. Although my membership in the New York Chapter has been continuous since about 1951, I feel that my A.I.A. membership can be more effective through association with the Westchester Community and its architects. Your co-operation and assistance in effecting the transfer of my membership from the New York Chapter to the Westchester Chapter will be highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Corsbie
Robert L. Corsbie

RLC:mz

Enc.

Mr. Robert L. Corsbie
"Homewood", Wolden Road
Ossining, New York

9-25-64
fm. N.Y.
to: Westchester

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WESTCHESTER CHAPTER

Livingstone Elder
147 East 18th Street
New York, New York 10003

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE
OF ARCHITECTS, INC.

P. COMPTON MILLER, JR. *President*
7 Midland Gardens Bronxville, N. Y.

ROBERT W. CROZIER *Vice President*
22 Purdy Avenue Rye, N. Y.

BRUCE HARTWIGSEN *Secretary*
812-C Larchmont Acres Larchmont, N. Y.

BURTON S. YOLEN *Treasurer*
735 Yonkers Avenue Yonkers, N. Y.

September 16, 1964

Mr. Robert L. Corsbie
"Homewood"
Wolden Road
Ossining, New York

Dear Mr. Corsbie:

P. Compton Miller, president of our chapter, informs me that you wish to transfer your A. I. A. membership from the New York Chapter to the Westchester Chapter.

Would you kindly write to Mr. William H. Scheick, Executive Director, The American Institute of Architects, 1735 New York Avenue, N. W., Washington 6, D. C., and request a transfer from the New York Chapter to the Westchester Chapter.

Sincerely yours,

Livingstone Elder, Chairman
Membership Committee
Westchester Chapter, A. I. A.

LE:mb

Corsbie, Robert L



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

October 26, 1964

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NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Effective Date **h** **October 1, 1964**

TO: *Transferred Member:*

Mr. Robert L. Corsbie, AIA
"Homewood", Wolden Road
Ossining, New York

Secretary of Chapter
To Which Member is
Transferred

Mr. Bruce Hartwigsen, Secretary
Westchester Chapter, AIA
812-C Larchmont Acres
Larchmont, New York

Secretary of Chapter
From Which Member
Is Transferred

Mrs. Margot A. Henkel, Exec.-Secty.
New York Chapter, AIA
115 East 40th Street
New York, New York 10016

In accordance with Chapter II, Article 1, Section 7 of the By-laws of The Institute this will advise that the above-named corporate member has been transferred as indicated.

Sincerely yours,

O. H. Thorson

SECRETARY

cc: **Exec.-Dir., New York State Assn. of Architects, AIA**

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS



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February 10, 1967

Mr. Robert Louis Felson, AIA, Secretary
Westchester Chapter, AIA
180 East Post Road
White Plains, New York
10601

Re: Death of Mr. Robert L. Corsbie, AIA
on January 7, 1967

Dear Mr. Felson:

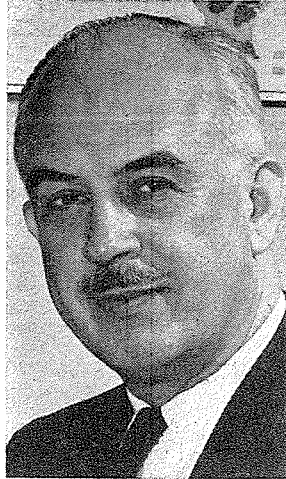
We were very sorry to learn of the death of the member indicated above.

For the Institute's Baldwin Memorial Archive records, it would be appreciated if you would have the enclosed forms filled in. Two copies should be returned to the Institute and the third copy should be maintained in the Chapter's files.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Scheick, F.A.I.A.
Executive Director

NAMES



"Planners of our physical environment must radically modify their traditional practices in meeting the needs of our nuclear age. If they don't, another group may emerge and replace that tradition. Ninety-eight per cent of our buildings today are not designed to protect us from nuclear attack or accident, yet inexpensive and small changes in building designs could provide enormous benefits. The architect and engineer, their schools and professional societies, and public apathy, are to blame. This must be remedied."

These strong words come from **Robert L. Corsbie AIA**, who for the last ten years has served with the Atomic Energy Commission in various capacities and has recently returned to private practice in New York City. He has been a partner of Rose, Beaton and Corsbie, since January.

Mr. Corsbie is a graduate of Columbia University's School of Architecture and during the years 1937-43 and 1946-51 practiced architecture in New York. He and Professor William A. Rose, both partners in the present firm, were previously associated at NYU, where in 1942-43 they conducted courses in aerial bombardment protection and camouflage. During the latter part of World War II Mr. Corsbie served as a member of the Civil Engineer Corps, USN. Upon separation from military service in 1946 he was appointed architect for the New York Central Railroad, Lines West.

At the request of the AEC he went to Washington in 1951 to head a Commission office concerned with the development and dissemination of facts on the effects of nuclear explosions on man and his environment.

He feels architects who helped develop lightweight concrete should be protection-minded enough in this nuclear age also to develop a *heavyweight* product because of its obvious protection factors.

As regards the moral aspect of preparing a shelter, he dismisses this question, saying we no longer have the luxury of considering it, that it is now a part of our national policy; that we live in a nuclear age and must learn to protect ourselves the same way our ancestors once required moats around ancient towns. "It is a matter of simple survival," he notes.

He was part of the initial armed forces team that investigated damage at Hiroshima. A result of this study is a book to which he contributed and which he edited, called *Effects of the atomic bomb, Hiroshima, Japan, 1945*.

A major belief resulting from his experience is that estimates of urban casualties in case of atomic blast tend to be "much too high."

"Not enough thought is given to the protective layout, to the high buildings and close proximity in cities," he says. The criteria of damage estimates have been based on the absence of shielding, or the "openfield."

On the subject of fallout he says that "there has never been *one* fallout victim, including the two Japanese blasts and all the Nevada and Pacific tests." He defines the fallout of principal concern as "contaminated matter descending from the sky within 24 hours after having been sucked up by the atomic explosion." This does not include the initial or bomb radiation which lasts a minute or two during the explosion. He points out that the one Japanese fisherman who died after the famous 1954 "Lucky Dragon" incident is generally conceded by medical officials to have been a victim of yellow jaundice, possibly associated with a blood transfusion. All others exposed have recovered. He doesn't want to imply that fallout is not a serious hazard, but advocates keeping the other effects in mind, including the thermal and blast damage factors.

To architects and engineers who wish to learn the technical facts of life of the nuclear age he suggests that they contact the government and obtain the basic data available. "There is a great deal around," he comments.

Corsbie received two commendations for his work with the Armed Forces in 1945. Since then he has been cited for "outstanding work" with the government four times, including a citation from the former OCDM.

Born in Alabama, he is married and has two children; he has, on occasion, been known to wear black cowboy boots in his New York office. CKR

~~Corsbie~~ Corsbie, R. L.

BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE
of American Architects

NO. _____

Name: Robert Lee Corsbie of (address) Homewood, Wolden Rd., Ossining, N.Y.
Born: Sept. 17, 1905 at Spruce Pine, Ala. Died: Jan. 7, 1967 at Homewood, Ossining, N.Y.
Parents: Paul W. Corsbie and Nancy Catherone (Lee) Corsbie
Married: Evelyn Anne Sumner of on June 30, 1932

Children: Robert Lee Corsbie, Jr.
Nancy-Anne (Mrs. Karl T. Butzner)

Education:

See attached Biographical Material

Training; and practice as Principal: (Firm Names, Places, Dates, Specialization)

Rose, Beaton, Corsbie, Dearden & Crowe, 95 Church Street, White Plains, N.Y. 1961-1967

Professional Memberships and Service: (Institute and Chapter Activities; Teaching)

See attached Biographical Material

Other Affiliations: (Religious, Fraternal, Political, Social)

See attached Biographical Material

Public Service: (Civil and Military; Community, State, National)

See attached Biographical Material

Published Material: (Articles and Addresses; Executed Work; Biographical Data)

See attached Biographical Material

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General Background: (Personal Characteristics and Accomplishments; Interests, Digressions, Travels, Friendships, lights, Honors, and Awards.)

See attached Biographical Material

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Principal Commissions: (Classified, with locations and Reference Data) (Above)

Compiled by:

Date:

Acknowledgements:

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BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL

CORSBIE, Robert Lee, Architect

Married: Two Children
Home: Ossining, New York

Position:

Partner: Rose, Beaton, Corsbie, Dearden and Crowe
Architects and Engineers, 10 Columbus Circle, New York, N.Y.
1270 Ave. of the Americas, New York, N.Y.
95 Church Street, White Plains, N.Y.
1900 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Consultant: U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D.C.
U.S. Department of Defense, Washington, D.C.

Education and Registration:

Columbia College, 1930-1932
Columbia University, Bach. of Arch. 1935
Beaux Arts Institute of Design, Architecture and Sculpture 1933-1934, N.Y.
New York University, Architecture 1939-1941
Columbia University, Engineering, 1942
Licensed as Architect by Board of Regents of New York, 1937
AIA Urban Design Institute, 1965

Experience:

Practicing Professional Architect, Lecturer and Consultant, 1937-1943,
1946 to present.

Military Service-U.S. Navy
Civil Engineer Corps, 1943-1946 on staff assignments to Advance
Base Planning and Coordination. Executive Officer and Editor
Physical Damage Survey, Hiroshima, Japan, to assess damage to
schools, universities and other building structures, services,
utilities, transportation, bridges and associated construction
resulting from the atomic explosion of 1945.

Architect, New York Central Railroad Lines West, 1946-1951

Chief, Civil Effects Branch, Director of Civil Effects Tests and
Deputy Assistant Director, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission 1951-1961
in the development and dissemination of information on the physical
and biomedical effects of nuclear reactions on man and his environ-
ment, including laboratory programs and full scale field tests of
buildings, materials, equipment, services, utilities and associated
components.

Partner, Rose, Beaton and Corsbie and Rose, Beaton, Corsbie, Dearden
and Crowe, Architects and Engineers, 1961 to present.

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Affiliations:

Society of Architectural Historians
Advisory Committee to Pres., Board of Education, Ossining, N.Y.
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Columbia Architectural Alumni Assn., Board of Directors
Urban Renewal Program, Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, White Plains
University Club of White Plains
American Institute of Architects
Westchester Chapter, American Institute of Architects
American Nuclear Society
New York Society of Architects
New York State Association of Architects
National Institute for Architectural Education
Health Physics Society
American Railway Engineering Association
National Institute for Disaster Mobilization
New York Building Congress
Westchester County Association
White Plains Chamber of Commerce, Co-Chairman, Civic Division
Veterans of Foreign Wars
American Association for the Advancement of Science
Alumni Association, Columbia College
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Young Men's Christian Association, Board of Managers
Young Men's Christian Association, Chairman, 1965 & 1966 Finance Campaign

Honors:

1935 New York Society of Architects' Medal for Excellence in Construction
1945 U.S. Navy Commendation for Work in Organizing CEC Officers School
1946 U.S. Army Commendation Ribbon for Work as Executive Officer of USSBS
1955 FCDA Award for Meritorious Service
1961 OCDM Award for Outstanding Service to Federal Government
1961 USAEC Award for Sustained Superior Performance
1965 YMCA Award for Service to Youth

Publications:

Author of articles, speeches, manuals and brochures with emphasis on nuclear-age architecture, design and construction. Work published in architectural, medical and industrial Journals, Congressional Record and Congressional Hearings. Editor, contributor or approving authority of about 250 reports on environmental effects of nuclear reactions. Editor and contributor, "Effects of the Atomic Bomb, Hiroshima, Japan", 1946.
AEC Coordinator and Contributor, "Effects of Nuclear Weapons" 1957 and 1962 Revision.
Co-Author: "Comparative Effects of Biomedical Interest", 1960
Author: "The Shelter Problem", 1964 Archives of Environmental Health, AMA Vol. 8.
Author: "Rethinking and Rebuilding the American City", October, 1965

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AEC Official, Wife, Son Die As Home Burns

OSSINING, N.Y. (AP) — Robert L. Corsbie, 61, an architect and leading authority on the effects of nuclear blasts on structures, died yesterday in a home fire that also killed his wife and 20-year-old son.

He headed the Atomic Energy Commission's civil effects test group and had been active in urging that the United States build fallout shelters as a defense against nuclear attack.

Corsbie told a Senate-House Atomic Energy subcommittee in June 1959 that simple home shelters would help Americans survive a hydrogen bomb attack.

His wife, Evelyn, 59, and their son, Robert Jr., perished in the early morning fire.

Corsbie was a native of Spruce Pine, Ala., and served in the Navy during World War II. Afterwards he was executive officer of the government survey team which studied physical damage caused by the atomic blast at Hiroshima.

Between 1946 and 1951 he was an architect for the New York Central Railroad.

In 1951 he was named by the AEC to handle liaison with the civil defense administration and other government and private agencies.

He was a member of the architectural and engineering firm of Rose, Beaton, Corsbie, Dearden and Crowe of New York, Washington and White Plains.