



SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT *of the* AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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19 West 44th Street, New York City

May 29, 1925.

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

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I am enclosing the application for Institute membership by
Mr. T. DePostels .

I have here in the office among other exhibits, his button
awarded by the Imperial Academy of Arts in Petrograd which was
awarded to him as a diplomed architect. It seems rather valuable
to send through the mail. Both Mr. Waid and Mr. Dunning have seen
the button and can vouch for it. As for exhibits of working
drawings etc, I understand that he barely escaped from Russia
with his life during the Red terror and could bring no possessions
with him. However, he has left some things with me and if it is
necessary I will send them along.

Very truly yours,

J. Bishop

GB.

de Postels, Theodore A. T.
New York.

Application for Membership

Mutual Aid Exp
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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 Theodore A. T. de Postels

Address 511 West 139th str., New York City, New York
[Number and Street.] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth Petrograd Russia, April 18th 1873

Graduate in architecture Imperial Academy of Arts Petrograd Russia in 1900
[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 Ecolè 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.....

If practicing architect, firm name.....

Have been in practice as licensed architect in Russia years 20

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

Collegiate and office training working for Architects and Engineers in New York from 1920 till present time

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.

T. de Postels
[Signature of Applicant.]

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

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

.....Secretary.
.....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.

Registration or License Number.

If the applicant resides or has his principal place of business in a Registration or License law state the current number of his Registration or License should be noted here.

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NUMBER

- (1) Harry Jacobs
- (2) W. H. G. Gure
- (3) Arthur W. Manges

[The signatures of three Institute members are here required even if 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, and in which there are no negative votes. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

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STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

William A. Hauff, a citizen of the United States of America, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

that he has personally known Theo. A. de Postels since the year 1900; that he has lived at Petrograd, Russia, in the home of said de Postels in the years 1904, 1905 and 1906; that said de Postels was then established as a licensed architect in Petrograd, Russia, had his own office and employees; that he often went with said de Postels to the buildings in course of construction and of which said de Postels was the architect; that said de Postels received his license as architect in the year 1900 and continued his architectural profession in Russia till the year 1920, namely 20 years; that said de Postels resides in New York City, since the year 1920, and has been working for architects since his arrival in the U.S. of A., and that said de Postels obtained his "First Paper for Citizenship" about February, 1922.

Witness: *[Signature]*

William A. Hauff

SWORN TO BEFORE ME
THIS 16 DAY OF Feb 1925
[Signature]

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The Russian Engineering Society
of
The United States of America, Inc.

April 15-th., 1925.

CERTIFICATE.

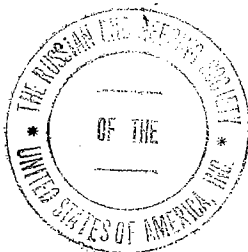
This is to certify that the holder of it, Theodor A. T. de Postels, former Vice President of the Society of Architectural Knowledge in Petrograd, Russia, a member of the Russian Engineering Society of the U.S.A., inc., graduated in November 1900 as diplomed Architect-Artist from the Imperial Academy of Arts in Petrograd, is the bearer of the academical sign of diplomed architect of that Academy, that the said de Postels was a well known licenced practicing architect during twenty years and build many important buildings in the capital and in other towns of Russia, held also various distinguished positions in the Russian Government as architect, that since 1920 de Postels is working for architectural offices in New-York, and that this year is the 25-th. anniversary of his uninterrupted activity in architectural profession.

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President of the Society.

Acting Secretary.

Vitaly Petropaulovskiy



THEODORE A.T. DE POSTELS.

Theodore A.T. De Postels,

Born in Petrograd 1873, christian a russian nobleman, descendent from an old french family.

De Postels was an architect practicing during 20 years, from 1900 till 1920 in Petrograd and other places in Russia and since Oct. 1920 has been working in architectural pursuits in New York City. He took his first papers for American citizenship in Febr. 1922.

Since 1920 De Postels has been employed by the architect Serracino, the Housing Development Corp. and by the artist H. Chandler and since Febr. 1923 De Postels has established a studio for architectural renderings, perspectives etc. List of architects and engineers worked for,- Annex #1.

Copies of his work appeared in the monthly publication "Pencil Points" in "Arts and Decorations" also in the Sunday Magazine of the New York Times. Original drawings of De Postels were exhibited in the Architectural League of New York and in the Art Center.

Education:- De Postels finished the classical course in a highschool in Petrograd, where he studied beside the foreign languages also Latin and Greek. He speaks and writes Russian, English, French, German and Swedish. De Postels graduated from the Imperial Academy of Arts in Petrograd 1900 with the title of Architect-Artist.

Architectural Practical Training:- During the vacations in the academical years De Postels was draftsman and assistant in the office of the most prominent architect, the president of the Imperial Academy of Arts, professor L. De Benois and in the offices of several other leading architects. Thus De Postels worked with professor De Benois on the projects and building of the Orthodox Cathedral in Warsaw and many other churches, banks, hospitals, high class apartments and residences. In this way De Postels received the best training and experience and after graduation in 1900 he was employed as a chief assistant by the distinguished architect J. De Benois, supervising all his office work and the buildings.

The collaboration of De Postels with prominent men resulted in 1901 in his independent architectural career and he became in the course of time one of the leading architects in the capital of Russia.

Before the revolution in 1917 De Postels has been the architect of more than 100 buildings of different kind,- Annex #2.

De Postels was also a consulting and building architect in a number of Russian Institutions, private concerns and corporations,- Annex #3.

In autumn 1918 De Postels, accompanied by his eldest son, left Petrograd and went to the south of Russia where he laid out health resorts, sanitariums and garden cities, ^{which} work was abandoned 1920 because of the Bolshevism overspreading the south, and so he finished his architectural career of 20 years in Russia.

In Oct. 1920 De Postels arrived in New York where he has been residing since that Date.

Travels in Europe and in America,- Annex #4.

Member of Architectural and other Societies,- Annex #5.

Decorations,- Annex #6.

Annex #1.

Architects, Engineers and others, worked for in America.

Trowbridge & Livingston, Geo. B. Post & Sons, A.F. Gilbert, Litchfield & Rogers, B.S. King, B. Cunningham, H.A. Jacobs, F. Moore, H.R. Mainzer, Timmis & Chapman, Thompson, Holmes & Converse, Bloch & Hesse, Merkle & Elberth, W.T. Towner, H.B. Crosby, Schneider & Werther, W. Higginson, McLanahan & Benker, Landsman & Smith, N. Serracino, B.H. Whinston, Jallade & Oskman, Hernbostel & Lehman, H. Smith, M. Deutch, J. Pendelton, E. Hammel, J.M. Felson, J.S. Maher, W.E. Virrick, M.A. Cardo, W. Moeller, L.J. Laskin, W.C. Sommerfield,.

The American Museum of Natural History, The New York Times, The Equitable Trust Co., The Mount Hope Mausoleum Co., Dr. John Finley, The Shilling Press Inc., Harry A. Chandler, Cavanagh & Bensinger, Paul Braude, M. Cherry, V. Green, The Susquehanna Silk Mills, James Stewart & Co, 34th. St. Board of Trade, Y.M.C.A., Columbia Home Bldg. Corp., A. Braunet, Werth & Co., M. Kohn, H. Leipold, N.S. Thomas, M.V. Garson, J.M. Levin, B.B. Construction Co., Building Age, Fisk Bldg. Corp.

Annex #2.

Kind of Buildings put up by De Postels as architect in Brick, Stone, Concrete, Wood, Steel etc.

- (1) - Public Buildings.
Assembly Hall and Dwelling for Y.M.C.A., Petrograd.
Hospital, Zarskoe Selo.
Asylums for children, Lessnoy.
Museum and Library for Countess S.V. Panina, Petrograd.
Theatre of Countess S.V. Panina, Petrograd. (In collaboration with J. De Benois
Public Stands for Imperial Horse-Racing Club, Petrograd.
Lawn Tennis Club, Sestron^ezk.
- (2) - Apartment houses and dwellings,
Six story building and basement, for I. Smirnoff, Petrograd.
" " " " " " E. Shaskolsky, "
Three " " " " " " A. Eroshenko, "
" " " " " " Vestey Brothers, "
" " " " " " " " Moscau.
Country house, " Tamenberg, Lahta.
Residence, " Dr. Zwet, Sestroresk.
" " L. Chiniselli, Petrograd.
" " T. De Postels, "
" " Synkevsky Udelnaya
" " G. Potesta, Petrograd.
" " E. Small, "
" " A.V. Douque, "
Dwelling three stories and basement, "Morgan Crucible Co. Petrograd.

(3) - Factories:-

Storage houses and work shops for Russian Baltic Aviation factory, Petrograd.
Storages, hangars and dwellings for Military Technical Dpt. Petrograd.
Hangars, and work shops for Imperial All-Russian Aero. Club,
Work shops, storage houses, hangars, dwellings etc. for the Aviation factory
of W.A. Lebedeff.

Hangars, work shops, and officers club house, Aero-Auto-Troop of Court

A. Sheremetyeff, Ligova

Two cold stores-7 stories and basement for Union Cold Storage Co., Petrograd.

Cold Store -8 " " " " " " " " " , Moscau.

" " -9 " " " " " " " " " , Koslov.

Slaughter house and packing house " " " " " " , "

Factory Buildings-3 stories and basement for Morgan Crucible Co., Petrograd.

Cotton Mill -3 " " " H. Small, "

Building of Northern Textile Manufacturing Co., Petrograd.

Paint factory, Petrograd.

Composition and projects.

Elaborate project, drawings, details, estimate etc. of Hotel De France in
Petrograd for a Belgian Concern.

Resorts hotels and Sanatories (numerous)

Schools and asylums.

Apartment houses, dwellings residences, (numerous)

Railroad station, Petrograd.

Theatre and club for the town Archangel.

Churches.

Stores and offices.

Factories, shop, cold stores, (numerous)

Hangars (of own type, approved by government and private concerns)

Club houses.

Monuments.

Farm buildings.

Stables for Imperial Horse Racing Club.

Exhibitions.

Garden Cities.

City Planning.

Annex #3.

De Postels was employed as consulting and building architect in the
following institutions,

Before the war:

Imperial Horse Racing Club, Petrograd - for 14 years.

Petrograd Council of children asylums of the institution of the Empress Maria
where De Postels became president of the Economical Committee, Petrograd, for
14 years.

Petrograd Loan Corp. as expert for taxation of real estate, Petrograd, for
3 years.

Northern Textile Manufacturing Co., Petrograd, for 2 years.

During the War:

Aviation Factory of W.A. Lebedeff, Petrograd,- Russian Baltic Aviation Factory, Morgan Crucible Factory,- Imperial All-Russian Aero Club,- Military Technical Dpt. Aero Station of Main Navy Staff,- Aero-Auto-Troop of Count A. Sheremetyeff, Aviation factory of Main Navy Staff,

The Hospital, ← The Historical Museum and the Assembly Hall at the Feodorovsky Gossoudarey Cathedral in Zarskoe Selo, the Emperor residence,- The Asylums in Peterhof at the Ministry of the Imperial Court,- The Russian Red Cross and other organizations for raising supplies for the Russian front,- The League of Cities for the support of the army, in which institutions De Postels was military official in the rank of Colonel.

Annex #4.

Travels.

- (1) In Russia,- Finland, Estland, Lifland, Curland, Poland, Center Russia, Wolga, West, South, Crymea, Caucasus.
- (2) In Europe,- Sweden, Norway, Danemark, England, Holland, Belgium, France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Hungary, Italy, Turkey.
- (3) In United States and Cuba,-
1900 in May and June, New York, Albany, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Cleveland, Chicago, Cincinatti, Washington, Philadelphia, Baltimore.
1904 in Nov. and Dec., New York, Albany, Niagara Falls, Chicago, St. Louis, Denver, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Montrey, Los-Angeles, San Diego, Arisona Grand Canyon.
1910 in Febr. and March, New York, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Oclavaha River, Rockledge, Palm Beach, Miami, Havana, New Orleans, Chicago.

Annex #5.

Membership in Societies, Institutions and Clubs.

- (1) In United States - Member of the Architectural League of New York, of the Art Alliance of America and of the Russian Engineering Society of U.S.A. Inc.
- (2) In Russia formerly-Imperial Society of Architects, Vice President of the society of Architectural Knowledge Petrograd,- Imperial society of Architects-Artists, Petrograd,- Society of Garden cities, Petrograd,- Society for Development of Healthresorts in the Crymea,- Society for Development of Healthresorts in the Coucasus,- Russian Red Cross, Petrograd, President of Winter Sport Club, Petrograd,- Imperial All-Russian Aero Club, Petrograd,- Imperial River Yacht Club, Petrograd,- English Arrow Boat Club, Petrograd.

Annex #6.

Decorations.

De Postels has received ten Russian Orders, six Russian signs, one French and one Italian order and has been honored from his Majesty the late Czar himself by a special valuable gift for his service.

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

COPY

June 3, 1925.

My dear Mr. de Postels:-

We have received from the office of Mr. LeRoy E. Kern your application for membership in the American Institute of Architects and accompanying papers, which will be returned to you in due course. We acknowledge your check of \$5 to cover the preliminary fee.

Under the general rules of our Board of Examiners there are two requirements which seem to be lacking in your case.

One is the submission of photographs and working drawings of two executed buildings. It may be that the Board of Examiners will not ask you to present such exhibits.

The other general requirement is that the applicant be registered in the state in which he is practising. New York State has a registration law, but it does not appear that you are a registered architect.

Will you not advise on this point?

Upon hearing from you we will respond promptly.

Am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Kern's office so that he will know of the action taken.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Theodora de Postels,
511 West 139th Street,
New York, N. Y.

K-G

Copy to Mr. Kern.

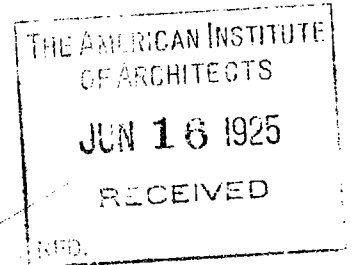
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T. de Postels
511 W. 139 St.
New York City

June 15, 1925 .

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Mr E.C. Kemper,

Executive Secretary

of The A.I. of A., Washington D.C.

Octagon Building.

Dear Sir:

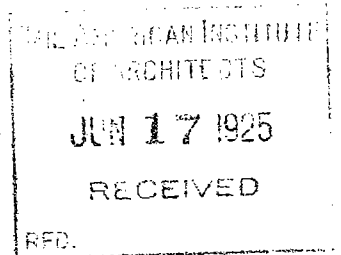
I thank you for your favored letter of June 3rd.

In the meantime I am trying to make steps, which I hope, will enable me to send you further satisfactory information in regard to my application for membership in the American Institute of Architects.

Very truly yours

T. de Postels

ALEXANDER B TROWBRIDGE
CONSULTING ARCHITECT
110 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK



June 16, 1925.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Mr. Theodore de Postels has asked me to write to you with regard to his application for membership in the Institute and I am glad to comply with his request. I understand that you have been given various documents which testify to the experience of Mr. De Postels as a practicing architect in Russia and also a statement with regard to the various architects for whom he has worked in this country.

I suppose it is necessary to accept a considerable amount of his statement with regard to his Russian experience, without the possibility of checking it up. His ability as a draughtsman and renderer is unquestioned, as he has produced a large number of fine drawings.

I have very little that I can contribute to the general situation. I know Mr. De Postels and would consider him, personally, a man of refinement and attractive personality whom I would enjoy seeing in the Institute. One of his sons is at present an undergraduate at Cornell University and is a high standing student. One of my sons, a former Rhodes scholar, is now attached to the Christian Association work at Cornell and is well acquainted with young De Postels, whom he admires intensely and vouches for.

I realize that my contribution to the subject has not a great deal of weight and yet I suppose that, if a number of New York men are ready to sponsor Mr. De Postels' candidacy, the officials in the Institute who have to pass upon this question might legislate favorably. I am very glad to appear as one of those who would approve of the application of this gentleman.

Very truly yours,

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

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

COPY

June 19th, 1925.

Dear Mr. Trowbridge:-

This will acknowledge yours of June 16th with regard to
Mr. Theodore de Postels.

We were obliged to ask him to send exhibits of executed
work.

Your letter will come before the Institute Board when his
application comes up for final action.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Alexander B. Trowbridge,
110 East 42nd Street,
New York City, N. Y.

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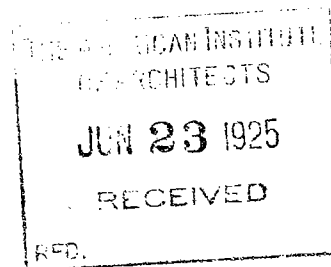
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ELECTUS D. LITCHFIELD
AND
ROGERS
ARCHITECTS

June 22, 1925

ELECTUS D. LITCHFIELD
PLINY ROGERS
ROBERT WISEMAN

36 EAST 41ST ST.
NEW YORK



My dear Mr. Kemper:

Mr. De Postels tells me that he has made application for membership to the American Institute of Architects.

It gives me great pleasure to tell you that I feel he would be a desirable addition to our membership.

Yours very truly,

EDL:R

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

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

COPY

June 24, 1925.

Dear Mr. Litchfield:-

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of the 22nd commending Mr. De Postels for membership in the Institute and to say that it will be called to the attention of the Board of Directors when his application comes up for final consideration.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Electus D. Litchfield,
36 East 41st Street,
New York City, N. Y.

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~~Mr. Kern~~



SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT of the AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

N. MAX DUNNING, Director LeROY E. KERN, Technical Secretary

19 West 44th Street, New York City

September 17, 1925.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE
OF ARCHITECTS
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REF.

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

Dear Mr. Kemper:

In regard to the application of Mr. Theodore A.T. dePostels
for membership in the Institute-

You wrote him asking him if he were a registered architect
in the State of New York, so he immediately made application for
a certificate and I am enclosing a copy of the letter received
by Mr. Postels from the Chief of the State Department of Examinations
Division.

Very truly yours,

H. Bishop

GB.

Mr. Kern -

This seems to me to be

good evidence of his registration in N.Y.

*Please attach to application & let same go
before Board of Examiners.*

EB

(copies)

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK .
THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
EXAMINATIONS AND INSPECTIONS DIVISION

Albany, September 5, 1925.

Mr. Theodore A. T. de Postels

Dear Sir:

You have been recommended for a certificate as registered architect. The certificate will probably reach you in about six weeks as it has to be lettered and forwarded to the Board for signature.

Very truly yours

HERBERT J. HAMILTON

Chief

HJH/EMB

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

COPY

November 20, 1925.

Dear Mr. dePostels:-

At the recent meeting of the Institute Board of Examiners, your application was presented and I regret to advise that the Board found itself unable to pass on the application until you submit the customary routine exhibits. Such exhibits are described on the attached application form and we would appreciate it if you would comply with this requirement in order that the application may be put forward as soon as possible. Otherwise it must be left in abeyance.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Theodore A. T. dePostels,
511 West 139th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

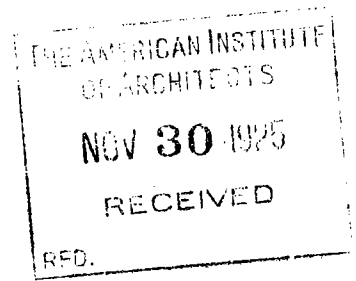
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This appears to be
an unusual case,
but lacking either
graduation from one of
the accredited colleges,
or unanimous endorse-
ment, would not
this applicant be re-
quired to send exhibits
as noted in rd on
first page of application?

WJ

Exhibits sent
and application
closed 12/21/21

Approved
—



November 26, 1925.

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

Dear Sir:

I thank you very much for the information given in your favoured letter of November 20th. I am sending by registered mail an album with 15 photos of some of the buildings, which I designed and built myself as licensed architect in Petrograd and throughout Russia. These photos I happened to save when I had to escape from Petrograd due to Bolshevism in autumn 1918. Unfortunately there was then no possibility of taking any working drawings of erected buildings with me.

I want to call your kind attention to the enclosed copy of my professional record, in which are mentioned the various structures designed, calculated, estimated, and built by me as architect. Working drawings for buildings in brick, stone, concrete, steel construction, wood etc., I made in Russia since 1897 till I had to leave.

Here in New York, since my arrival in 1920 I have been constantly working for architectural offices, making not only perspectives and renderings but also preparing designs for buildings. Due to my experience of almost 30 years this work has found full success with the architects here. I also enclose a certificate from The Russian Engineering Society testifying to the correctness of the above.

The office of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has informed you, as I know, about my registration as architect. Mr. A. B. Trowbridge, President of The Architectural League of New York and Architect Electus D. Litchfield intended to support me before The American Institute of Architects by recommending letters, which probably reached your office in time.

I hope that the papers and photos will be sufficient to meet your requirements and that I shall have the honor of becoming a member of the American Institute of Architects.

Kindly return the album and the papers as stated in your favoured of June 3rd, to 51 Hamilton Place, New York.

With full appreciation, dear Sir, I remain

Yours very respectfully,

I. de Tostes,
Architect

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Please return
de Pastiles exhibito-

as per address in
attached letter.

JP

Sent via	P.P.	Collect
Prepaid		
Date	3/8/26	
By	Lawrence	

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

COPY

March 6, 1926.

Dear Mr. dePostels:-

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to Membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective March 6, 1926.

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

The enclosed statement covering dues for the last three quarters of the current year should receive 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.

Cordially yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Theodore A. T. dePostels,
511 West 139th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

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T. DE POSTELS STUDIO

51 HAMILTON PLACE
COR. W. 139TH ST., NEW YORK

ARCHITECTURAL PERSPECTIVES
RENDERINGS & COMPOSITIONS
= ILLUSTRATIONS =

PHONE BRADHURST 4003

Sept 26/32

Mr. Edwin Durgston,
Treasurer
of the American Institute
of Architects,
The Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Received Payment
American Institute of Architects
\$25.00 - 2/29/32

I wish to state herewith, that I regret immensely not to have sent earlier my annual dues, the only cause of this delay lies in the many difficulties encountered at this time, when the architectural field is almost paralyzed.

I had the opportunity to explain in my previous communication that the work of my studio is mainly depending on the activity of the building and engineering industries, real estate, advertising etc.

As soon as there will be normal conditions restored in these lines there shall be no difficulties to pay dues in a prompt way.

May I hope that the sending of the amount of \$25 and my explanation may help to regulate the matter.

Thanking you for your kind assistance in this respect, I am

Very truly yours
T. de Postels

Paid in full

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

March 3, 1932

Dear Mr. de Postels;

Please accept our thanks for your letter of February 26th, and your check for \$25.00 in payment of your 1932 annual dues as a member of The American Institute of Architects.

Your efforts to make this payment and thus continue your support of the Institute and its work are very much appreciated, and we hope that conditions will so improve before the end of the year, that members will find the payment of their dues to be incidental.

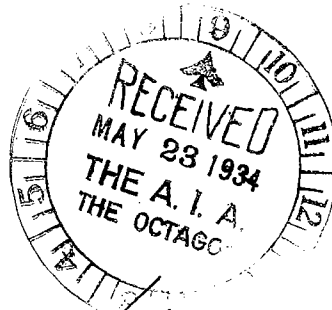
Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. T. De Postels,
51 Hamilton Place,
New York, N. Y.

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THEODORE DE POSTELS, A. I. A.
ARCHITECT
51 HAMILTON PLACE
NEW YORK CITY
PHONE BRADHURST 4008



May 21 / 34

The American Institute of Architects
The Octagon, Washington, D.C.
Mr. Edwin Borah
Treasurer

Dear Mr. Borah:

Please find enclosed the money order
for the amount of \$10, as a payment
on account of the \$25 dues.

Unfortunately I am not in the po-
sition to send more at the present time
because the earnings do not yet allow
me to do better.

Trusting that the delay in payment
will be kindly excused

I remain

Very sincerely yours,
T. de Postels.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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May 28, 1934

Dear Mr. de Postols:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your letter of
May 21st and check for \$10.00 on account of your Institute
dues.

Your continued support of the Institute in its work on
behalf of the profession is indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. Theodore de Postols, A.I.A.,
51 Hamilton Place,
New York, N. Y.

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Sept. 15th 1934

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Please find enclosed my money order for the amount of \$15, what sum, as I assume, would cover my dues for a 3-year period in accordance with the explanation on p. 4 in the June 1934 Issue of The Octagon. My last payment mailed on May 21st of \$10 and this one of \$15, would complete the \$25 necessary for such adjustment, as I understand.

We all hope that better times will return, then conditions would permit to take up the matter of the dues for this year.

I wish I could avoid altogether to write such tiresome lines.

Thanking you for kind attention to my case I remain

Sincerely yours
T. de Postels

PAID
DATE 15th 9/17/34

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September 21, 1934

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Dear Mr. de Postels:

This is the first moment to acknowledge and thank you for yours of September 15th and money order in the amount of \$15.00.

According to the books here at the Octagon your \$10 payment in May covered dues in full for 1934 inasmuch as you had a credit of \$5.00 on account of the adjustment of dues for the 1931-33 period.

It would be a help to The Institute if you would permit us to credit the present remittance of \$15.00 to dues for 1935, and \$5 on account of 1936.

Please let us know your wishes.

Sincerely yours,

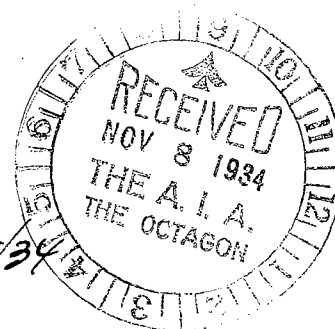
Assistant Treasurer.

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Mr. Theodore de Postels
51 Hamilton Place
New York, N. Y.

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PHONE BRADHURST 4008



Dear Mr. Kemper:

Thank you for your kind reply of Sept. 21st and the detailed statement concerning dues, which shows that there is an amount of \$5, which could be credited to 1936.

I wish to explain that at the present time I have to pay my fees to the New York Chapter and therefore it would be my request to forward, if only possible this amount of \$5 to Mr. Daniel P. Higgins, Treasurer of the New York Chapter, 522 Fifth Av. W.C.

In the meantime I would advise the Office of the Chapter about such kind transferring of this sum.

May I thank you for any courtesy you could show in my matter.

Very sincerely yours

T. de Postels

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Very sincerely yours,

(S)T. de Postels

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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November 27, 1934

Dear Mr. de Postels:

This is the first opportunity to respond to your letter
of November 5th.

Of the \$15.00 payment made by you for dues, we have credited
\$10.00 to your Institute dues for 1935 and send, herewith, check
for \$5.00 to refund the remainder, which you may wish to send on
to the New York Chapter on account of Chapter dues.

With appreciation of your support of the Institute during
this critical period, I am

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

R/S

Enc.

Mr. Theodore de Postels, A.I.A.,
51 Hamilton Place,
New York, N. Y.

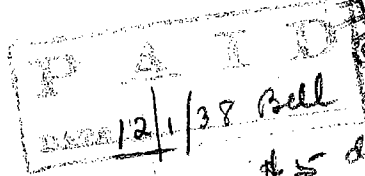
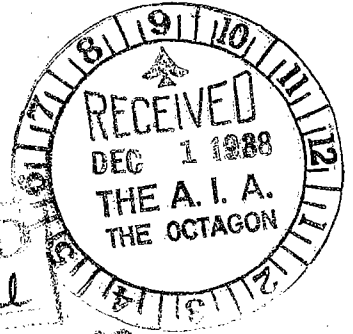
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American Institute of Architects
The Octagon, Washington, D.C.
Mr. Edwin Bergstrom,
Treasurer.

Balance still due for 1938 - 50

Nov. 30/38

Dear Mr. Bergstrom:

It is very unfortunate to be in a position of unusual endless financial stress due to unnormally poor conditions in our profession, which have not my fellowing work to such an extent, that it became difficult to pay membership dues.

Being it in my interest, principle and desire to maintain my membership in the National Body of the A. I. A. I wish you to believe that only with the greatest efforts at this time I am forwarding to your office the amount of \$3 with the hope the other \$5 I will be able to mail to you before January 1st the coming New Year.

Please pardon me for the complications in my matter. I am really sorry to have caused all the trouble.

Respectfully yours
T. de Postels

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December 7, 1938

Mr. Theodore de Postels,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Theodore de Postels,
Treasurer.

Dear Mr. de Postels:

Dear Mr. de Postels:

This will acknowledge and thank you for
your letter of November 30th enclosing a payment
of \$5.00 which has been applied on your dues of
1938. This leaves a balance for 1938, of \$5.00,

which we understand you will send before January 1.
We sincerely hope that business will improve
and that you will be able to maintain your good
standing in The Institute and in the New York
Chapter.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer

PHW:MCS

Mr. Theodore de Postels, A.I.A.
644 Riverside Drive,
New York, N. Y.

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December 10, 1934

Dear Mr. de Postels:

The Executive Secretary of the New York Chapter has written to us with regard to the \$5.00 over-payment made by you on your Institute dues which you wished to apply to your dues to the New York Chapter.

We wrote to you as of November 27th, enclosing our check for \$5.00 made out to you, and you should have received it long ago. If it has not come to hand, please advise so that we may arrange to stop payment on the original check and to send you another one.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

K/g

Mr. Theodore de Postels, A.I.A.,
51 Hamilton Place,
New York, N. Y.

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December 17, 1937.

Dear Mr. dePostels:-

Thank you for your remittance of \$5.00, received today, to apply on dues.

We note, however, that you had already paid this installment of \$5.00 on August 13th, so, with your permission, we will apply this payment to your dues for 1938.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. Theodore A. T. de Postels,
644 Riverside Drive,
New York City.

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DePostels, Theodore A.

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April 5, 1961

Mrs. Margot A. Henkel, Exec.-Secty.
New York Chapter, A.I.A.
115 East 40th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mrs. Henkel:

In response to your inquiry of April 4th, our records indicate that Theodore A. T. DePostels's address is 644 Riverside Drive, New York 31, New York.

We do not have any record of mail coming back which has been sent to him previously.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais
Head, Membership Department

P.S. Would you please inform us if you receive a change in address for him?

Members
De Postels, Theodore T.

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FILE COPY PLEASE RETURN

June 6, 1961

To: The Executive Secretary or Secretary of the
New York Chapter
The American Institute of Architects

Dear Mrs. Henkel:

We were sorry to learn of the death of Theodore T. De Postels, A.I.A.,
on (unknown) a corporate member of The Institute
since 1926.

We would appreciate it very much if you would have two
copies of the enclosed Baldwin Memorial Archive Forms
filled in and returned to The Institute for its files.
The third copy is for your files.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Scheick

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

Enclosures

cc: Treasurer's Office

De Postels --Theodore, entered into rest on
May 5, 1960, survived by son Robert De Postels.
Reposing at Cooper's Funeral Chapels, Inc.,
77 East 125th Street. Services Monday, May 9,
at 10 a. m. Interment Kensico Cemetery,
Valhalla, N. Y.

N. Y. Times, p.23

May 7, 1960

Postels was age 87 at death.