

W. J. Dodd joined the AIA in 1916.

Dodd joined the Western Association of Architects in 1886. He was recommended by C. A. Curtin of Louisville. There is one piece of correspondence, a postcard to the WAA secretary in August 1887, saying:

Dr Sir  
List of members of the  
W.A.A. etc received  
O.C. Wehle  
W.J. Dodd

He did not become an AIA member when the Western Association and The American Institute of Architects merged in 1889. This could either be because he did not want to become part of the AIA at that time, or because he had let his WAA membership lapse prior to the merger.

Source: Record Group 803, Western Association of Architects, The American Institute of Architects Archives

*Dodd*

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

*Aug 23*, 19 *16*

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 *H. J. Dodd*  
Address *609 Brockman Bldg. Los Angeles Cal.*  
Place and date of birth *Chicago 1862*

Graduate in architecture  
[Give name of institutions and year—Evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation to be submitted with application.]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture  
[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 *Dodd & Richards*

Have been in practice *about 30 years*

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

Collegiate and office training

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.

*H. J. Dodd*  
[Signature of Applicant.]

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

*H. L. Leber* Secretary  
*Southern Calif. 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.

*H. J. Allen*  
*J. S. Leber*  
[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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November 6, 1916.

Dear Sir:-

Acting for the Secretary, I take pleasure in advising you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective November 6th, 1916.

You will receive later the Annuary and Proceedings for the current year. The former contains the official documents of the Institute.

In accordance with the action of the recent Convention of the Institute with regard to applicants qualifying in 1916, your initiation fee of \$25.00 has been remitted. As you have paid the preliminary fee of \$5.00, the only charge on the Institute books is for dues for the current half year. For this item we enclose a formal statement.

May I take this opportunity to say that the office of the Institute at the Octagon is for the service of every Institut~~e~~ member. Should the occasion arise, we will be glad to give you our best cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. W. I. Dodd,  
609 Brockman Bldg.,  
Los Angeles, California.

Enc.

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