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*Clark, Birge M.
Southern California
San Francisco*

Application for Membership

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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:

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Name..... Birge M. Clark

Address..... 310 University Ave. Palo Alto California
[Number and Street] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth..... San Francisco, California April 16, 1893

Graduate in architecture..... Columbia University, 1917
[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..... Birge M. Clark

Have been in practice..... six years

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

Collegiate and office training..... A. B. Leland Stanford Junior University, 1914; B. Arch. Columbia University, 1917; offices Clinton & Russell, New York and A. B. Clark, Stanford University, Calif.

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.

Birge M. Clark
[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.

- (1) *Allison*
- (2) *David Allison*
- (3) *W. H. Erno*

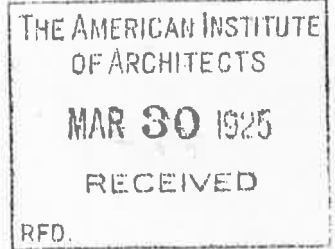
[The signatures of three Institute members are here required even if the applicant has the unanimous endorsement of his Chapter, in which case certification to that effect should be made above by the Secretary. Unanimous endorsement is that endorsement in which each Institute member of the Chapter had 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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BIRGE M. CLARK
ARCHITECT
310 UNIVERSITY AVENUE
PALO ALTO CALIFORNIA

March 25, 1926



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

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing my application for membership in the American Institute of Architects, signed by Mr. Evers, Secretary of the San Francisco chapter, and J. E. and D. C. Allison, of the firm of Allison & Allison.

Instead of mailing you my diploma from Columbia School of Architecture, I am sending you a letter from Professor Clark of Stanford University stating that I graduated from Columbia University in 1917. If, however, you desire that the diploma be sent or a statement from Columbia University, I will obtain the same for you.

Very truly yours,

Birge M. Clark

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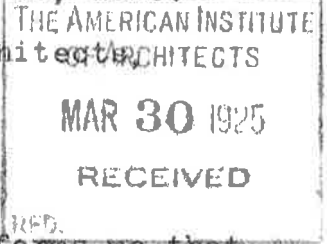
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Box 1575

STANFORD UNIVERSITY
CALIFORNIA

March 25, 1926.

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



Dear Sir:

Mr Birge M. Clark of Palo Alto informs me that he is applying for membership in the American Institute of Architects and that you need evidence of his graduation from Columbia which I can supply.

After Graduating from this University in 1914 he attended the School of Architecture Columbia University for three years and graduated in 1917. I know this in several ways, (He is my son) I have seen his diploma.

I am very glad that he is becoming a member of the A.I.A. and regret the press of membership in teaching organizations which caused me to cease my own membership.

Very sincerely yours,

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

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June 1, 1926

Dear Mr. Clark:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective June 1, 1926.

You have been assigned to the San Francisco 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 half 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. Birge M. Clark,
310 University Avenue,
Palo Alto, Calif.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1741 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

June 12, 1950

NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Effective Date - June 1, 1950

TO: Transferred Member:

Mr. Birge M. Clark, A.I.A.,
321 Channing Avenue
Palo Alto, California

Secretary of Chapter
To Which Member is
Transferred

Mr. Lawrence W. Gentry, Secretary
Coast Valleys Chapter, A.I.A.
P. O. Box 352
Los Altos, California

Secretary of Chapter
From Which Member
Is Transferred

Mr. Roland Gibbs, Secretary
Northern California Chapter, A.I.A.
369 Pine Street
San Francisco 4, California

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, and as a Charter Member.

Sincerely yours,

Car. W. Dickey
SECRETARY

Copy to the Secretary,
California Council of Architects, A.I.A.



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
JURY OF FELLOWS

Received Oct. 19, 1948.

Voted On March 22 19 50

Voted On March 8, 1951.

Voted On March 12 19 52

Granted March 12 19 52

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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. *Name of Nominee* Birge Malcolm Clark *Date of Nomination* Sept. 29, 19 48
2. *Address of Nominee* 321 Channing Avenue, Palo Alto, California
3. *Nominee's firm* Birge M. Clark - Walter Stromquist
4. *Nominee's principal place of business* as above
5. *Nominee's Chapter* Northern California Chapter
Organization
6. *Nominee's State Association Member* California Council of Architects
7. *Nominee admitted to Institute* 1926 19 .
8. *Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from* 1926 to Dec. 31, 19 48
March 15, 1950.
9. *Nominee's age* 57 yrs. *Birthplace* San Francisco, California March 1, 1951.
March 1, 1952
10. *Nominators:* Executive Committee, Northern California Chapter, A.I.A.

11. *Achievement* in Design, Service to The Institute, and Public Service.

Exhibits Rec'd

NO NF 276

(Nominators leave blank)



THE AMERICAN
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP
BY
CHAPTER

THE JURY OF FELLOWS
The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue,
Washington 6, D. C.

Date September 29, 19 48

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on September 14, 1948, nominated* **Birge Malcolm Clark** member of this Chapter, for fellowship in The Institute. We enclose evidence of the qualifications of the nominee for the fellowship on which the nomination was based and certify the resolution is as follows:

"Whereas, this Executive Committee believes* **Birge Malcolm Clark** a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the profession because of his achievement in** **Design, service to Institute and Public Service** that he is worthy of fellowship in The Institute; and

*Type in full name.

**Type in "Design," "Science of Construction," "Literature," "Education," "Service to The Institute," or "Public Service," as is appropriate.

"Whereas, said member has been in good standing in this Chapter for† 22 consecutive years immediately prior to this date; therefore be it

†Type in number of years.

"Resolved, That‡‡ **The Northern California** Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate* **Birge Malcolm Clark**

‡‡Type in name of Chapter.

*Type in full name.

for fellowship in The Institute, and the President and the Secretary be and hereby are authorized and directed to prepare the nomination papers and forward them to The Jury of Fellows of The Institute and to do all things proper to forward said nomination."

Wm. Clement Ambrose, Pres.
Richard C. Johnson
Arthur H. Reid
Harold Beach Kirby - Treas.
Ralph W. Pollack
Secretary.

THE NOMINATORS SHOULD SEE THAT LETTERS OR DATA ARE SENT TO THE JURY OF FELLOWS IN SUPPORT OF THIS NOMINATION.

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BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

- 1. Nominee's full name **BIRGE MALCOLM CLARK**
- 2. Nominee is a natural ~~naturalized~~ citizen of **United States of America**
- 3. Nominee's legal residence **190 Edgewood Drive, Palo Alto, California**
- 4. Nominee's firm name **Birge M. Clark - Walter Stromquist**
- 5. Nominee's principal place of business, address **321 Channing Avenue, Palo Alto**

2. Strike out in-appropriate word and write in name of Country.

6. Type in "N.C. A. R. B." or name of State Board, as case may be.

7. Strike out in-appropriate words.

8. Type in date of birth and city and Country.

- 6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by **State of California Department of Professional and Vocational Standards**
- 7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a practicing architect ~~teacher in architecture~~ ~~teacher in science of construction~~ ~~public official~~ ~~retired.~~

8. Born **April 16, 1893** . Place of birth **San Francisco, California**

9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:

	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
<i>High School</i>				
Palo Alto High School	Palo Alto, Calif.	4	1910	
<i>Private School</i>				
Stanford University	Stanford University	4	1914	A.B.
<i>College or University</i>				
Columbia University	New York		1917	Bach. of Arch.
<i>College or University School of Architecture</i>				
<i>Post Graduate at</i>				
<i>Scholarships held</i>				

10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

Worked in office of Ralph Adams Cram, New York
Clinton & Russell, New York
Arthur B. Clark, Stanford University

Captain Air Force - Company Commander 3rd Balloon Company. Silver Star citation
World War I

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10. Type in important experiences during employment or additional statistics of importance in nominee's record.

Paragraph 10 (concluded)

BIRGE M. CLARK (Addition 1951)

After world war I, while associated with his father, A. B. Clark, Birge Clark designed the residence for Mr. and Mrs Herbert Hoover. He opened his own office in Palo Alto in 1922. First partner, younger brother (now deceased) 1929 until 1944; present partner, Walter Stromquist since 1945.

Mr. Clark's practice has been very general and Palo Alto has many examples of his work: residences, stores, garages, office buildings, banks, newspaper plants, public and private schools.

During World War II Mr. Clark was consulting architect on Kaiser's Fontana steel plant and designed various specific buildings such as the administration building; did similar work for the Kaiser magnesium plant, and in Oakland, the Permanente Hospital. In San Francisco, the Stanford Medical School Research Laboratory.

His office has done and is doing schools within a twenty mile radius of Palo Alto, at San Jose, Campbell, Cupertino, Mountain View, Centerville and Decoto; also, a great number of large and small residences; among the larger that for Charles and Kathleen Norris, residences of Mrs. Louis Stern and daughter Ruth Stern, Harold Hamilton.

In public work, other than schools, Mr. Clark designed the Palo Alto Post Office for the Federal Government; the Palo Alto Fire and Police Station, Palo Alto Community Center, the Palo Alto Red Cross Building, and, at present, the first unit of the Santa Clara Government Center.

Nominators should read "Principles Underlying the Bestowal of Fellowships", Institute Document No. 9, before completing this nomination. Additional sheets may be inserted to supplement any page inclusive. Use typewriting only.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

1. Works

Type (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	Identification of Work	Location of Work		Completed Construction Work (Year)	Photographs Drawings, or Sketches Submitted	
		(City)	(State)			
c	Herbert Hoover Residence	Palo Alto,	California	1930	1	Under column headed "Type" type in (a), (b), (c), or (d), as the case may be.
a	Federal Post Office	Palo Alto,	California	1932	1	
c	Charles & Kathleen Norris Residence	Palo Alto,	California	1930	1	Type in last col- umn to right the number submitted in each case.
d	Dormitory Bldg. Menlo Boy's School	Menlo Park,	Calif.	1932	1	
a.	Kaiser Co. Iron and Steel Plant	Fontana,	California	1944	2	
a	Permante Hospital	Oakland,	California	1943	2	
a	H. M. Gousha Co. Bldg.	San Jose,	California	1946	2	

2. Describe nominee's notable work in design, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

Permanente Hospital in Oakland built under war conditions had notably special surgery arrangement and cross plans for nurses' stations, utilities, etc. Plan is submitted.

1. Works

<u>Type</u>	<u>Identification of Work</u>	<u>Location of Work</u>	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Photos Submitted</u>
d.	Palo Alto Com'ty Center Awarded Certificate of Merit by No. Cal. Chapter, AIA, May 1935.	Palo Alto, Cal	1932-41	3
c.	James & Katerine Quinby Residence	Palo Alto, Cal	1947	2
c.	Herbert C. Hoover, Res.	Stanford Univ'ty	1921	1
c.	Charles & Kathleen Norris Residence Awarded Certificate of Merit by No. Cal. Chapter, AIA, July 1929 Kitchen Award by No. Cal. Chapter, AIA, May 1935.	Palo Alto, Cal	1929	3
a.	Palo Alto Mutual Building & Loan	Palo Alto, Cal	1947	1
a.	Palo Alto Times	Palo Alto, Cal	1948	3
a.	H.W.Gousha Map Co.	San Jose, Cal	1946	1
a.	Kaiser Administration Building	Fontana, Cal	1942	1
a.	Permanente Foundation Hospital	Oakland, Cal	1943	2
a.	Palo Alto Nat. Bank	Palo Alto, Cal	1937	1
d.	Fire & Police Bldg. Awarded Certificate of Merit by No. Cal. Chapter, AIA, July 1929	Palo Alto, Cal	1927	1
d.	U.S. Post Office	Palo Alto, Cal	1932	1
a.	Ramona Street Stores	Palo Alto, Cal	1928	1

2. Describe nominee's notable work in design, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

Mr. Clark has continually produced designs that were notable in the periods in which they were built. He has received many awards of excellence, some of which are noted in the above list. His present day work in the contemporary mode displays excellence in composition, proportion and fitness as is shown in his earlier works.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

1. CONSTRUCTION WORK

<i>Type of Work Constructed</i>	<i>Identification of Work</i>	<i>Location of Work</i>	<i>Completed Construction Work (Year)</i>	<i>Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted</i>
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Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

2. BOOKS, TREATISES, OR ARTICLES WRITTEN

<i>Subject Title</i>	<i>Where Published</i>	<i>Date Published</i>
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3. Describe nominee's notable work in the science of construction and any recognition thereof by other societies, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

1. EDUCATION WORK

(List the degrees and the educational positions held by the nominee, and bring out clearly the nominee's signal work and its particular force and influence which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by pupils, the profession, other societies, or the public.)

2. LITERARY WORK

(List the original written works of the nominee and state clearly the particular force and influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by other societies, the profession, educational institutions or the public.)

*Book, Treatise
or Article*

Subject

*Name of Book or Periodical
Containing Work*

*Year Work
Published*

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE

1. State fully the nominee's signal service to The Institute, his chapter, or his state organization, or to the profession, which the nominators believe has notably contributed to the advancement of the profession, and list the offices in architectural organizations occupied by the nominee and the period of each.

Member of Board of Directors, California Chapter, A.I.A.

Chairman of Membership Committee 1931

District Advisor Palo Alto Area

President Central Coast Counties Branch Chapter of the
Northern California Chapter A.I.A. 1948

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE

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A 25 year corporated member of The Institute; served as Director of the Northern California Chapter 1931 and on various committees. Delegate to national convention. While chairman of the Membership Committee devoted regular time to calling on non-member architects, some of whom had been estranged from The Institute by ancient feuds, and was instrumental in bringing several back to the Chapter. Participated in the organization of the Coast Valleys Chapter, and served as President in 1949 when it was a branch chapter of the Northern California Chapter. Has been active on various committees and currently chairman of Relations with Construction Industry Committee. Served on the Code Changes Committee of the Uniform Building Code and actively participated in developing the present school portions of the Code. Currently has met with the same committee and the State Fire Marshal in formulating Title 19 of the State Code regulating fire safety in public buildings. In the case of Palo Alto, has at several times been appointed by the Board of Public Works to work with the Building Inspector in rewriting certain chapters of the Palo Alto version of the Uniform Code. Is well known to, and has worked with, the Building Inspectors of Palo Alto, San Jose and Counties of Santa Clara and San Mateo, and has been instrumental in bringing about a better understanding between architects and building inspectors and assisting in improving the present building codes. He was very active in representing the Palo Alto architects in reviewing for the Planning Commission architectural sections of Palo Alto's present master plan when it was before the Council for review. The work of the architects was especially appreciated by members of the Planning Commission. The architecture in the master plan will be definitely improved by Mr. Clark's suggestions in various sections of the Plan.

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

1. List the public offices held by the nominee and the positions of trust held by him in recognition of civic leadership, and state clearly his notable work in public service and the particular influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession.

Member Board of Directors of Palo Alto Kiwanis Club

Served on Uniform Code Changes Committee in re-writing Chapter A08

Director and past President Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce

Architects Advisory Committee Governmental Relations Board, San Jose,
which Committee was largely instrumental in selecting the new site
for the unified Civic Center

Director and present President of Palo Alto Mutual Building and Loan

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In the field of public service, he has served both as Director and President of the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce; a Director and President of the Palo Alto Mutual Building & Loan since 1940; Chairman of the Survey Section of the Disaster Committee of the Palo Alto and Stanford Red Cross, a Charter and 25-year member of the Palo Alto Kiwanis Club, Boy Scout Committeeman and various civic committees; served on mayor's committee studying signs, and as a result of a movement initiated by him, Palo Alto is one of the few cities in the state in which no signs of any sort are allowed to extend out over the sidewalk, but must be limited to one foot projection beyond the building. At present time is lecturer for a second year in newly formed Architectural School at Stanford University.

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OFFICERS - 1948

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DONALD BEACH KIRBY, TREASURER



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER
369 PINE STREET • SAN FRANCISCO 4

DIRECTORS - 1948
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 7, 1948

Mr. Edward C. Kemper
Secretary to The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, NW
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Under separate cover is being mailed the nomination for Fellowship and exhibit photographs of the work of Mr. Birge M. Clark, A.I.A., of Palo Alto, California, nominated by the Executive Committee of the Northern California Chapter.

The delay was unavoidable but we trust it may not be too late for consideration.

Very sincerely yours,

Ralph N. Pollack a.
Ralph N. Pollack, Secretary

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October 11, 1948

The American Institute of Architects
 The Jury of Fellows
 The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue
 Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

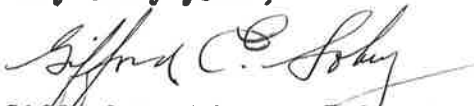
I wish to lend my support to the nomination for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects for Birge M. Clark of Palo Alto, California. A brief biographical sketch is herewith presented for your information.

Architectural practice of Birge M. Clark started in 1921 following World War I. He was associated first with his father, Professor Arthur B. Clark, then practiced solely under his own name until 1930 when he was joined by his brother, David B. Clark, who died in 1944. Walter Stromquist, who had been with them both for some years, has been his partner since January 1, 1946.

Practice has been very general, including residences, schools, commercial buildings, and various war projects. Most noteworthy during the period he was with his father was the residence of Herbert Hoover. In 1930 the Federal Post Office for Palo Alto was designed and at approximately this same date the residence of Charles and Kathleen Norris was designed. During the last fifteen years a considerable amount of school work has been done, among these the Dormitory Building for the Menlo School for Boys.

During World War II his brother and he were consulting architects for the Kaiser Company's Iron and Steel Plant at Fontana. In addition to the consulting on the entire plant, they designed the Administration Building, Laboratory Building, etc. Also for the Kaiser Co., was designed the Permanente Hospital at Oakland. Particularly unique about this hospital which was built under wartime conditions, is the Surgery with internal and exterior circulation. In San Jose, Birge Clark and Walter Stromquist designed the H. M. Gousha Company building with unusual arrangement of offices around a patio.

His work has all shown great planning skill, in connection with a fine feeling of design. His contributions to Institute and Public Service have been outstanding and these alone I believe merit his consideration for Fellowship.

Very truly yours,

 Gifford E. Sobey, A.I.A.

GES:bp

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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October 26, 1948

Dear Mr. Sobey:

On behalf of The Jury of Fellows this will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 11th, received on the 19th, with which you transmitted the nomination of Mr. Birge M. Clark, A.I.A., for advancement to fellowship in The Institute made by the Northern California Chapter - together with exhibits in support of the nomination.

Inasmuch as the deadline for filing nominations to be considered at the 1949 meeting of the Jury expired on October 1, 1948, Mr. Clark's nomination will be held for submission to the Jury at its next following meeting, in 1950.

Your letter also will be brought to the attention of the Jury at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
The Jury of Fellows

Mr. Gifford E. Sobey, A.I.A.
9 Post Street
San Jose, California

K/g

Copy to the Chairman, The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
Secretary, Northern California Chapter, A.I.A.

COPY TO

FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

C O P Y

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER
A.I.A.

369 Pine Street, San Francisco 1

October 31, 1949

Mr. John W. Rankin, A.I.A.
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Will you kindly present to the Jury of Fellows the information that the Executive Committee of this Chapter urges serious consideration of the following names for advancement to Fellowship:

Eldridge Spencer
Andrew Hass
Birge M. Clark
Henry H. Saylor
Kenneth K. Stowell

Each of these men has made a definite and outstanding contribution to his profession and merits elevation to Fellowship.

Very truly yours,

(S) DONALD BEACH KIRBY

Donald Beach Kirby, President
Northern California Chapter
A. I. A.

DBK/gm

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Clark

November 6, 1949

Dear Mr. Kirby:

As requested in your letter of October 31st addressed to Mr. Rankin, I shall be glad to see that the letter advising of the action of the Executive Committee of the Northern California Chapter concerning the nominations of Messrs. Spencer, Hass, Clark, Saylor, and Stowell for fellowship, is called to the attention of The Jury of Fellows when these nominations are being considered.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
The Jury of Fellows

Mr. Donald Beach Kirby, President
Northern California Chapter, A.I.A.
369 Pine Street
San Francisco 4, California

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PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER
A.I.A.

369 Pine Street, San Fran-
cisco, Calif.

Feb, 23, 1951

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Ave., N.W.
Washington D. C.

Gentlemen:

Your attention is called to two nominees for Fellowship from this Chapter. Mr. Andrew T. Hass and Mr. Birge Clark. We wish to reaffirm our support for their advancement. Both of them are continuing their efforts in behalf of the Institute.

Mr. Clark is active in the formation of the new Coast Valleys Chapter, California's latest Chapter which is an off shoot of the Northern California Chapter.

Mr. Hass continues actively engaged in furthering the Institute work on the State level with the California Council of Architects.

Respectfully submitted,

(S) RALPH N. POLLACK

Ralph N. Pollack, President
for the Executive Committee

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

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February 27, 1951

Dear Mr. Pollack:

On behalf of The Jury of Fellows this will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 23rd, advising of the reaffirmation of the support of the Northern California Chapter of the nominations of Messrs. Andrew T. Hass and Birge Clark for advancement to fellowship in The Institute.

Your letter will be brought to the attention of the Jury at its meeting early in March when the above nominations will be before it for consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
The Jury of Fellows

Mr. Ralph W. Pollack, President
Northern California Chapter, A.I.A.
369 Pine Street
San Francisco 4, California

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
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September 6, 1951

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

As Chairman of The Jury of Fellows I have been asked by the Jury to bring to your attention certain lack of information needful to us for proper consideration of your candidate for Fellowship, Mr. Birge Malcolm Clark, A.I.A.

In all cases we have not received sufficient letters containing detailed, factual data about the candidate and his public service, and these we need and would recommend your forwarding to us before the next sitting of the Jury which will probably be held in March of 1952.

All the sponsors should write us and it should be impressed upon them that a letter in general terms does not help the cause of the candidate particularly. If he has done something in public service, that particular contribution should be described, but not with that well-worn phrase "tireless effort."

Also, we find the exhibition is poorly presented and should be rigorously edited. Quality, not quantity, and attractively mounted, signed photographs are what we want. Too often do we have to consider photographs without any title or names on them.

As of assistance to you there is enclosed a copy of "Instructions for Submission of Exhibits by Candidates for Fellowships" which was prepared by the Jury at its meeting in March of this year.

The nomination of Mr. Clark was made by the Executive Committee of the Northern California Chapter.

Sincerely yours,

H. Daland Chandler
Chairman, The Jury of Fellows,
A.I.A.

Mr. Francis M. McCarthy, President
Northern California Chapter, A.I.A.
369 Pine Street
San Francisco 4, California

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Enclosure

H. Daland Chandler
Chairman, The Jury of Fellows A.I.A.
1741 New York Avenue N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Sept. 24, 1951

Dear Mr. Chandler:

Mr. Joe McCarthy, President has referred your letter of Sept. 6 to me.

We find no record of the material sent to you in Mr. Clark's behalf, so we are at a loss to know just how to improve the submission. Could you return what has been sent, for resubmission by March 1st 1952? Mr. Clark has since transferred to the Coast Counties Chapter but we feel it incumbent upon our chapter to push his fellowship.

We of the new Executive Board of the Northern California Chapter would like your opinion on this matter. Should we resubmit through our Chapter or transfer the whole matter to Mr. Clark's new Chapter?

Yours very truly,



Charles S. Pope A.I.A.
Subcommittee Chairman
on Submission of Fellowship Material

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Clark

September 27, 1951

Dear Mr. Pope:

On behalf of Mr. H. Daland Chandler, Chairman of The Jury of Fellows, I am responding for him to your letter of September 24th with regard to the pending nomination of Mr. Birge M. Clark, A.I.A., for advancement to Fellowship.

In order to assist you in preparation of supporting data, there is returned to you, herewith, the nomination of Mr. Clark signed by the then members of the Executive Committee of the Northern California Chapter. Under separate cover we are returning the exhibits which were received, for editing by your committee.

As you may know, each nomination for Fellowship is reviewed by the Jury at three successive meetings before it is dropped from the Jury's agenda, if the member is not advanced to Fellowship by one of those three meetings. Therefore, each of the three submissions is automatic and the second and third considerations do not need new nominations.

On this basis, the nomination now is before the Jury as having been made by the Northern California Chapter Executive Committee, and as this is a matter of record, it would appear that further attention needed in this particular case should receive the attention of the Chapter originally making the nomination.

Your letter is being forwarded to Mr. Chandler, in case he wishes to add anything to the above, or send you differing advice.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
The Jury of Fellows

Mr. Charles S. Pope, Chairman
Subcommittee on Submission of
Fellowship Material, Northern Cali-
fornia Chapter, A.I.A.
605 Market Street, San Francisco 5, California

Enclosure

Copy to Mr. Chandler

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

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October 2, 1951

Mr. Charles S. Pope
605 Market Street
San Francisco 5
California

My dear Mr. Pope:

In regard to the application of Mr. Birge M. Clark for advancement to Fellowship, A.I.A., I find that Miss Gervais, the Secretary to the Jury, has already returned to you his exhibits for editing by your Committee, and she has further told you that all nominations for Fellowship are reviewed in three successive meetings before they are dropped from the Jury's agenda. So that you should not be dismayed if you hear nothing for a year or so after the nomination.

The Jury, as you can well imagine, has no easy time in considering the exhibits and supporting data of each applicant and for that reason we have issued a short set of regulations which we feel will help not only ourselves, but will give the applicant a more intelligent consideration. You doubtless have received this outline. We do mean exactly what we say in this folder: very careful editing of the photographs and particularly the request that letters supporting the candidate should contain real information. This last is very important. You should get letters from the proposers and outsiders, if you can, and they should not be, as so often they are, of vague generalities. As I think I have told you, "untiring efforts" cover a multitude of omissions and commissions. I find from my notes that Mr. Clark's submission was supported by no letters whatever. Definitely the resubmission should go through the Northern California Chapter, which I suggest might be reinforced by some information from the Coast Counties (Valleys?) Chapter. Impress on them that any material they send us should be cogent. I know that The Octagon will appreciate receiving the resubmission of Mr. Clark's exhibits before January 1, 1952. It is precarious if you postpone it much later.

Sincerely yours,



H. DALAND CHANDLER, Chairman
The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.

c.c. Miss Gervais
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605 Market St.
San Francisco 5, Cal.
October 9, 1951

Mr. H. Daland Chandler F.A.I.A.
9 Arlington Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Chandler:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 2, 1951 and all the material on the application of Mr. Birge M. Clark for advancement to Fellowship A.I.A.

We shall follow the jury's instructions carefully and make every effort to get the material back to you by January first.

I'm enclosing a little article I wrote on F.A.I.A. which I hope in no way prejudices you on the normal submission of applications for Fellowship. The more I get into the subject, the more I believe our rank now called Fellowship should be called Medallist in Design, Medalist in Service, etc. MAIA Fellowship then could be used for the larger award of service up to the requirement of Document 330 for 10 years etc.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Pope A.I.A.

cc Miss Gervais ✓
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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER
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CHARLES S. POPE, THREE YEARS

December 17, 1951

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, NW
Washington 6, D.C.

re. Nomination of
Birge M. Clark, A.I.A.
for Fellowship.

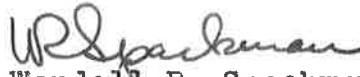
Dear Sirs:

The present Executive Committee of the Northern California Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, respectfully re-submits the nomination for Fellowship of Birge Malcolm Clark, A.I.A.

The members of this present Executive Committee do not know Mr. Clark as intimately as the various people who have submitted letters in his behalf, however, our sub-committee has collected new material which we submit herewith for your consideration.

After reviewing this material the Executive Committee, at the regular meeting of December 13, 1951, has unanimously agreed to submit all material for your consideration as befitting the nomination for Fellowship.

Very truly yours,


Wendell R. Spackman, Secretary

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co. B. M. Clark
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photos under separate cover - Rec'd

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

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December 28, 1951

Dear Mr. Spackman:

On behalf of The Jury of Fellows I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 17th, with which the nomination to advance Mr. Birge Malcolm Clark, A.I.A., to Fellowship in The Institute, is resubmitted, together with supporting data and photographs under separate cover.

All of this material will be brought to the attention of the Jury at its meeting in 1952.

With appreciation of the cooperation of the Northern California Chapter,

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
The Jury of Fellows

Mr. Wendell R. Spackman, Secretary
Northern California Chapter, A.I.A.
369 Pine Street
San Francisco 4, California

Copy to the Chairman,
The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.

March 19, 1952

Dear Mr. Clark:

The American Institute of Architects desires to confer upon you the honor of Fellowship, in accord with the action of The Jury of Fellows at its recent meeting.

The purpose of this letter is to request your presence at the 1952 Convention of The Institute to be held in New York, New York, June 24 - 27, 1952, in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

At the formal dinner of the Convention on the evening of Thursday, June 26, those who have been elected to Fellowship will receive their certificates. Presentation will be with appropriate ceremony and it is highly important that each of the newly-elected Fellows be present. The Officers of The Institute and The Jury of Fellows join in the request that you come to receive this honor in person.

Your Chapter has been notified and has been requested to make no public announcement until after the Convention in June.

Please send your response to The Institute at an early convenient date.

Yours sincerely,

Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director

Mr. Birge Malcolm Clark, F.A.I.A.
321 Channing Avenue
Palo Alto, California

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BIRGE M. CLARK
WALTER STROMQUIST
ARCHITECTS
321 CHANNING AVENUE
PALO ALTO CALIFORNIA

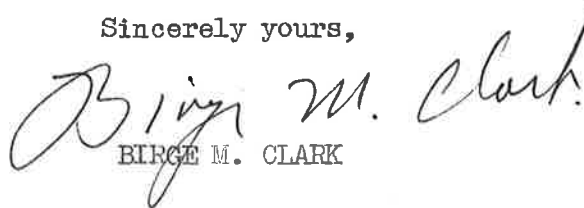
March 27, 1952

Mr. Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director
The American Institute of Architects
The Octagon, 1741 New York Ave., N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Purves:

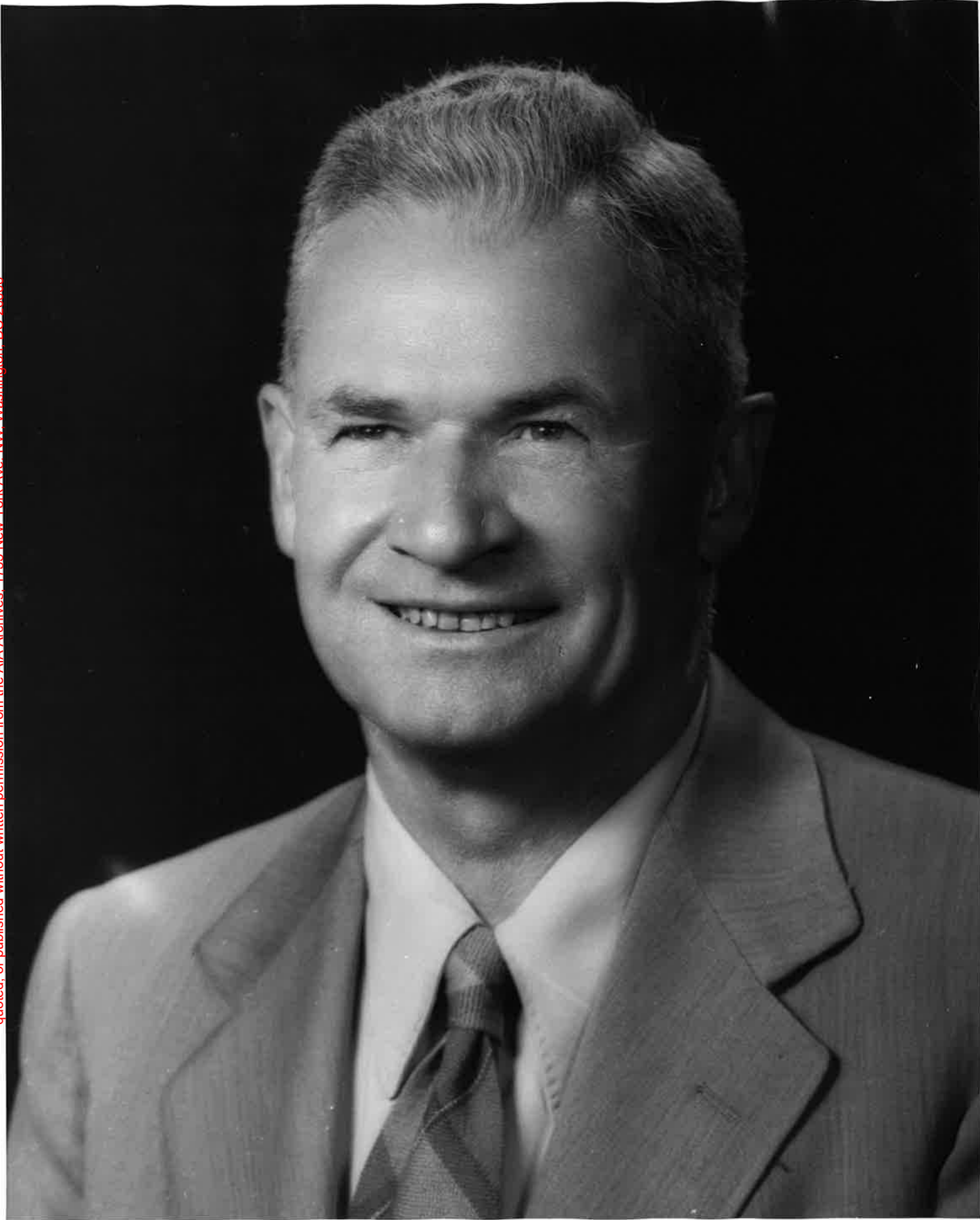
In reply to your notification of March 19, I am very appreciative of this honor, and will make every effort to be present in New York on June 26. At this writing it seems extremely probable that I will be able to be there.

Sincerely yours,


BIRGE M. CLARK

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*member
Clark, Birge M*

Administration Building
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.

February 1, 1954

*sent per
American Institute of Architects
Abdala*

Dear Mr. Clark:

In reply to your letter of January 13, concerning architectural meetings in Europe, we know of only one to date: the R. I. B. A. 1954 Conference in Torquay, from May 26-29. All A. I. A. members are cordially invited, and information can be obtained by writing to:

Mr. C. D. Spragg, Secretary
Royal Institute of British Architects
66 Portland Place
London W. 1, England

May I suggest also that you write to the U. I. A. (Union Internationale des Architectes) 15, Quai Malaquais, Paris VI, France.

As the international professional society of architects, they should be able to give you information on meetings, conferences and exhibits in the countries which you plan to visit.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Mary Mix Foley
Department of Public and
Professional Relations

Mr. Birge M. Clark, F. A. I. A.
321 Channing Avenue
Palo Alto, California

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Clark

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June 1, 1956

Mr. Birge M. Clark, FAIA
321 Channing Avenue
Palo Alto, California

Dear Mr. Clark:

We are ordering the Fellow's medallion for you and will send it as soon as it is prepared.

We shall forward to you any balance due after deducting costs. We have just taken over the handling of these medallions from Mr. Lockraft's office and are not too sure of all of the costs ourselves.

It was delightful to see you at the College of Fellows Luncheon, which I thought was one of the most pleasurable experiences in the entire Convention.

Yours very truly,

Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director

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F. W. Clark to R E

Members.
Clark, Birge M.

November 26, 1958

Mr. Birge M. Clark, F.A.I.A.
3200 Hanover Street
Palo Alto, California

Dear Mr. Clark:

We have learned with pleasure that you have been selected as a member of the Regional Judiciary Committee for the California-Nevada-Hawaii District and have accordingly enrolled your name. You are undertaking an important assignment and one which entails a considerable amount of responsibility. It will be necessary for you, therefore, to divorce yourself from all local discussions of ethical matters and absent yourself from any meeting where such matters are discussed.

The function of the Regional Judiciary Committee is to act primarily in the manner of a grand jury and to determine as to how the cases which are brought before it may best be disposed of and make recommendations accordingly. It is not the function of a Regional Judiciary Committee or any of its members to act as prosecutor or to instigate proceedings in matters of unprofessional conduct (unless you should find yourself a direct party to some case, in which instance you would have to disqualify yourself from further action as a member of the Judiciary Committee in that particular case).

For your information, we are sending you copies of the By-laws of The Institute, the Rules of The Board (your attention is directed to Chapter XIV) and a Review of some of the judiciary cases taken from the files of The Institute.

As questions arise, we shall endeavor to keep all judiciary committees informed so that actions and procedures will be as uniform as possible throughout the domain of The Institute.

If you have any further questions or if we can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Yours sincerely,

Edmund R. Purves, F.A.I.A.
Executive Director

ERP:hrs
cc: Miss Gervais

Enclosures

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Application for Membership Emeritus

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TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:

I wish to apply for Membership Emeritus in The Institute for the following reasons:

Check the appropriate reason

- I am more than 70 years of age.
- I am 65 years of age, retired, and not engaged in the practice of architecture.
- I am unable to engage in the practice of architecture.

I have been in good standing in The Institute and the Santa Clara Valley chapter for 15 successive years or more immediately preceding the date of this application. California Council

Date May 19 1983

Birge M. Clark
(APPLICANT'S FULL SIGNATURE IN INK)
BIRGE M. CLARK, F.A.I.A.
3200 HANOVER ST.
PALO ALTO, CA 94304

The applicant may supplement the above reasons in writing below or on sheets which he shall attach to this application. Under exceptional conditions and circumstances, The Board of Directors may lessen the period of good standing but not the requirements as checked above.

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Harry Harmon, FAIA
Secretary

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1735 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 626-7502

July 27, 1983

Mr. Birge M. Clark, FAIA, Member Emeritus
3200 Hanover St.
Palo Alto, CA 94304

Dear Mr. Clark:

It is a pleasure to inform you that your membership classification has been changed to Member Emeritus.

We are grateful for your many years of support and we hope that your participation and interest will continue, even though you are now relieved of further dues payments.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Harmon, FAIA
Secretary

cc: Santa Clara Valley Chapter, AIA
California Council, AIA



SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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May 5, 1989

BIRGE M. CLARK, FAIA-E
1893 - 1989

Questions contact: Kathryn Davis (408) 298-0611

Enclosed is a newspaper article announcing the death of Birge M. Clark, FAIA-E, who passed away April 30, 1989, while vacationing in Egypt with his grandson.

Mr. Clark was a Charter Member of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, who's career as a practicing architect spanned six decades.

San Jose Mercury News ■ Friday, May 5, 1989 7B

Thursday memorial for architect Birge Clark

The family of Palo Alto architect Birge Clark will hold a celebration in memory of the man who

did so much to shape the look of the city.

The public is invited to gather at 11 a.m. Thursday in the inner courtyard of the Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road.

Clark, 96, died last Sunday in Egypt, after fulfilling a lifelong dream to see the pyramids. Son of a Stanford University art professor, Clark designed an estimated 450 buildings, 30 of which are on the Palo Alto Inventory of Historic Buildings.

**BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE
OF AMERICAN ARCHITECTS**

Name: BIRGE M. CLARK, FAIA of (address) 1490 EDGEWOOD DR
PALO ALTO, CA 94301

Born: 4-16-93 at PALO ALTO, CA. (MAYFIELD) Died: 4-30-89 at CAIRO, EGYPT WHILE ON A TRIP

Parents: ARTHUR B. CLARK and GRACE BIRGE CLARK

Married: LUCILE TOWNLEY CLARK of STANFORD on 6-15-22

Children: DEAN CLARK, M.D.; RICHARD CLARK; BIRGE CLARK; MALCOLM, CLARK

Education: STANFORD, A.B 1914; COLUMBIA, ARCHITECTURE 1917

Employment History: (Firm Names, Places, Dates, Specialization)

- 1921 A. B. Clark - draftsman
- 1922 Birge M. Clark. principal from here on
- 1927 Birge M. Clark & David B. Clark
- 1946 Clark and Stromquist
- 1957 Clark, Stromquist, Potter and ~~Clark~~ Elcock
- 1968 Clark, Stromquist & Potter
- 1969 Clark, Stromquist & Sandstrom; CSS Associates 1985

Will the firm continue to operate? If so, under what name(s)? YES; CSS ASSOCIATES
940 E. MEADOW DR,
PALO ALTO, CA. 94303

If the firm will not continue to operate, where will the firm's records be housed?

Principal Commissions: (Date, Location, Project Name and Type of Building)

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| <u>1921</u> | <u>Hoover Residence</u> | <u>Stanford</u> | <u>Residence, currently home of President of the University</u> |
| <u>1928</u> | <u>Norris Residence</u> | <u>Palo Alto</u> | <u>Residence - current home of Newman Club on National Register of Historic Places</u> |
| <u>1934</u> | <u>Lucy Fern Residence</u> | <u>Palo Alto</u> | <u>Residence</u> |
| <u>1935</u> | <u>Palo Alto Community Center</u> | <u>Palo Alto</u> | <u>Curi</u> |
| <u>1926</u> | <u>Dunklee Residence</u> | <u>Palo Alto</u> | <u>Residence - National Register of Historic Places</u> |
| <u>1932</u> | <u>Palo Alto Post Office</u> | <u>Palo Alto</u> | <u>Post Office - National Register of Historic Places</u> |
| <u>1956</u> | <u>Hewlett-Packard Co Headquarters</u> | <u>Palo Alto</u> | <u>Electronics</u> |
| <u>1976</u> | <u>Mudd Chemistry Building</u> | <u>Stanford</u> | <u>Educational</u> |

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Professional Memberships: (Institute and Chapter Activities)

founder Santa Clara Valley Chapter - 1st President

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

*Lincoln - founder of Palo Alto Club
Stanford Historical Society - board member*

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

*Captain Balloon corps - WWI
Historical Resource Board - City of Palo Alto*

General Background: (Personal Accomplishments; Interests, Honors, and Awards)

*Designed over 450 buildings in Bay Area
numerous design awards; recipient of Palo Alto's Tall Tree Award
interests = golf, gardening, travel, cooking, camping - you name it!*

Published Material: (Articles, Speeches, Biographical Data)

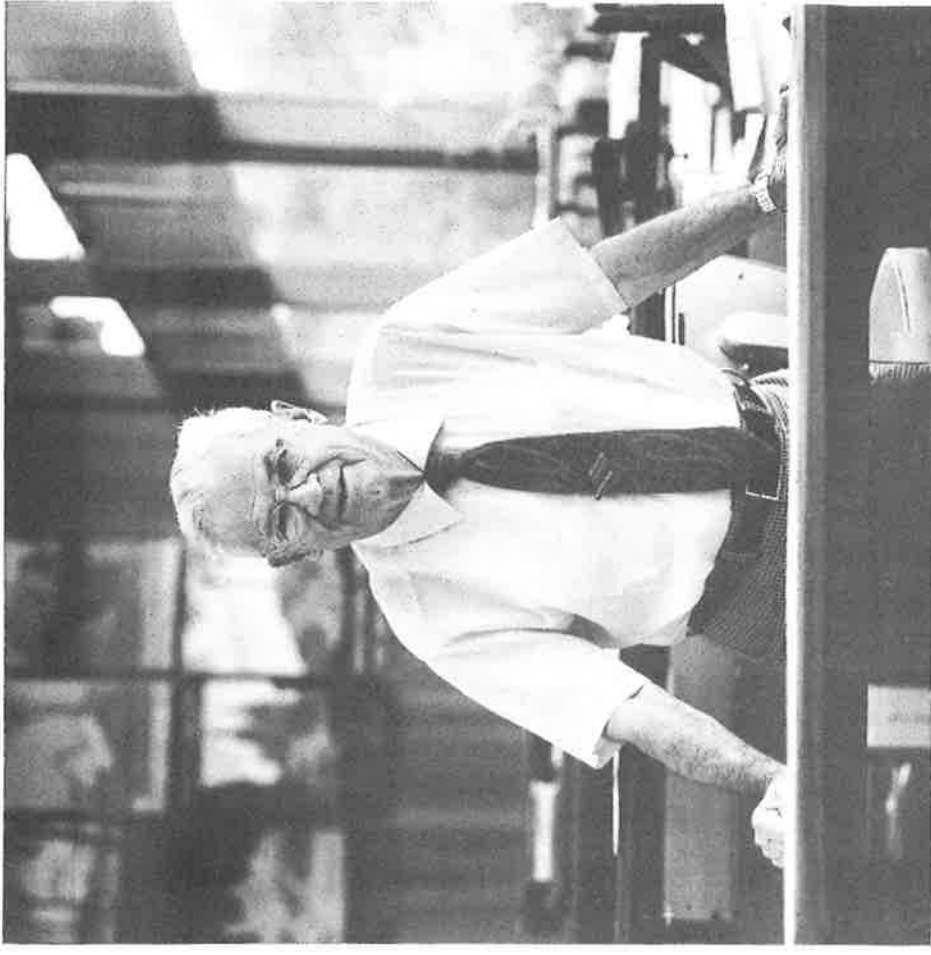
*World War I Memoir - Clark
An Architect Grows Up in Palo Alto - Clark
Lecturer Stanford University; professor emeritus*

Compiled by: JONATHAN B. GIFFORD

Date: 10-27-89

Acknowledgments: CLARK FAMILY

Newspaper or other obituaries, resumes or vitae on the architect and publications on his/her firms should accompany the Baldwin form when such materials are available.



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CELEBRATION
OF THE LIFE OF
BIRGE MALCOLM CLARK
April 16, 1893 - April 30, 1989



Birge and his wife of 63 years,
the late Lucile Townley Clark



I think it was better when mainly people stayed in one place, putting down roots and knowing everybody. Palo Alto was a family to me.

Birge Clark



Every person pressing through this life will unknowingly leave something and take something away. Most of this "something" cannot be seen or heard or numbered. It does not show up in a census. But nothing counts without it.

Robert Fulghum



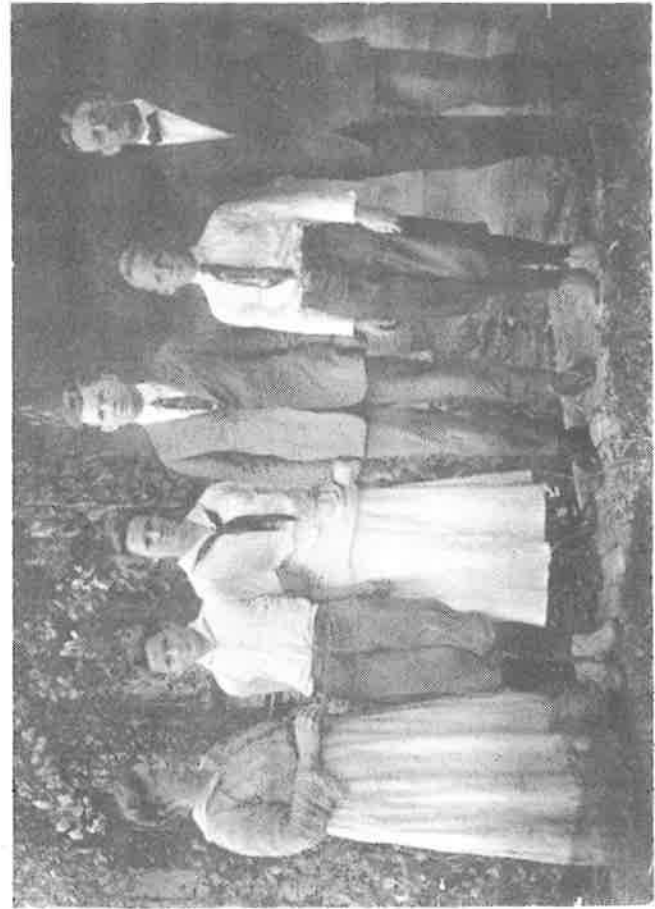
We would like to share with all of you a little bit of what counts.

Birge Clark's Family





Birge circa 1900 - 1910.



The Clark Family - 1916
(1-r) Grace, David, Ester, Birge, Don, Arthur



Birge and friends at ground breaking for Palo Alto Savings, 1965

My Most Unforgettable Person

To me the most unforgettable person I have met is Birge Clark. He is an architect in Palo Alto. He has designed hundreds of buildings - schools, homes, stores, offices, factories, and hospitals.

He started in 1920, after World War I. He designed the Hoover House on the Stanford campus. That was before Herbert Hoover was president of the United States. At 89 years of age he is still going to work each day.

As a friend and step-grandfather, he likes to know what you are doing, and shares in your activities. At home he grows flowers and vegetables in his backyard. In his basement are rocks and wood pieces he polishes for jewelry making.

Birge Clark is a very humble person, that is probably why you haven't heard of him.

*Kevin O'Neill
Step-grandson of Birge
Written May 4, 1982, as an English
Assignment in elementary school*

Birge Clark was a Palo Alto Kiwanian for 64 years, lone survivor of the men who founded the local service club in 1925.

As a Kiwanian myself for 52 years, I have had lunch with Birge weekly for many, many years.

His interest in service is significant, for service was an important factor in Birge's life--service to his country, to his profession, and to his community.

He was an extraordinary man with an extraordinary life history.

He won the Silver Star for bravery in action in World War I when he was shot down in an Army Air Corps observation balloon on August 29, 1917.

He designed some 450 buildings in Palo Alto and at Stanford. He worked with his father on the design of the Lou Henry Hoover House, built for Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hoover and later the home of five Stanford presidents.

At the annual Christmas party for emeriti faculty at the Lou Henry Hoover House last December, first use of the house since the recent work to strengthen it against earthquakes, President Donald Kennedy paid tribute to Birge as one of the designers of the house.

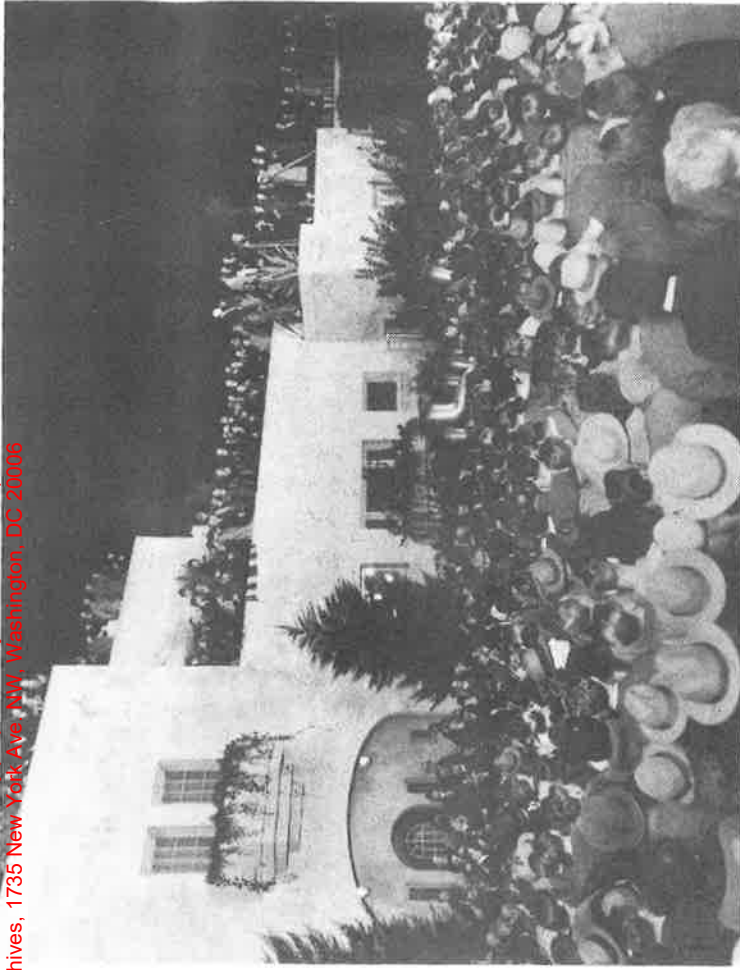
Pretty staff members, hostesses at the party, paid Birge a lot of attention.

I commented to Birge that he was getting a lot more attention than I was, and Birge said:

"But Fred, you aren't 95, nearly 96!"

Indeed I wasn't. Nor was I a war hero, a distinguished architect, one of the leading citizens of the community, and one of the university's most beloved alumni.

Fred Glover
Long-time fellow Kiwanian,
Stanford Colleague, and Friend



Hoover House at election time circa 1920's

GOOD OLD BIRGE

He started out, when life was new

On a Stanford soccerfield.

And then he waved the red, white and blue

On a First War battlefield.

And then, with the justice of advancing age -

He performed as actor on the Stanford stage,

And built an architect's career

Which was never affected by doubt or fear.

Jim Quinby

Comrade-in-arms, Soccer team mate,

Fellow actor and, with his wife

Kathy, continuous occupant of Birge

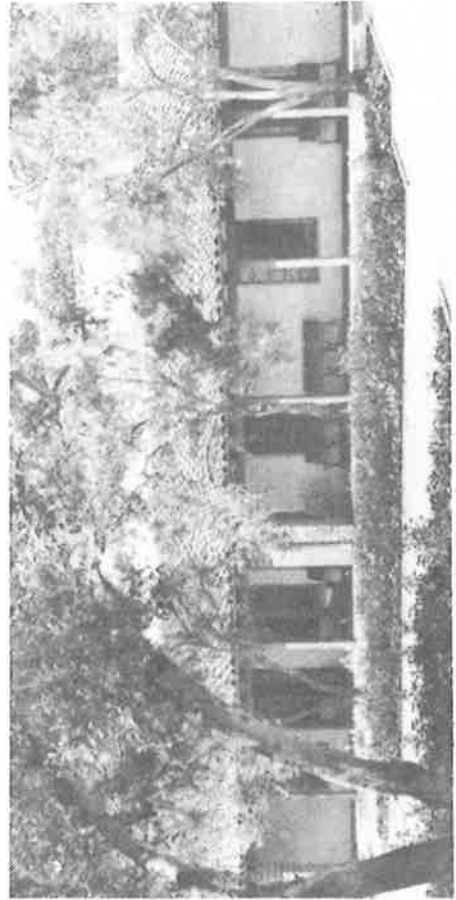
Clark designed houses since 1921

As the Children's Theatre Staff helped plan, and worked on this Celebration of Birge's Life, we talked about coming to work in the charming environment of the Lucie Stern Center and how much we all appreciated working in a beautiful building where we knew and respected the architect. We all consider ourselves fortunate to have known this wonderful man and to have been able to ask him questions about how the Children's Theatre was conceived and built.

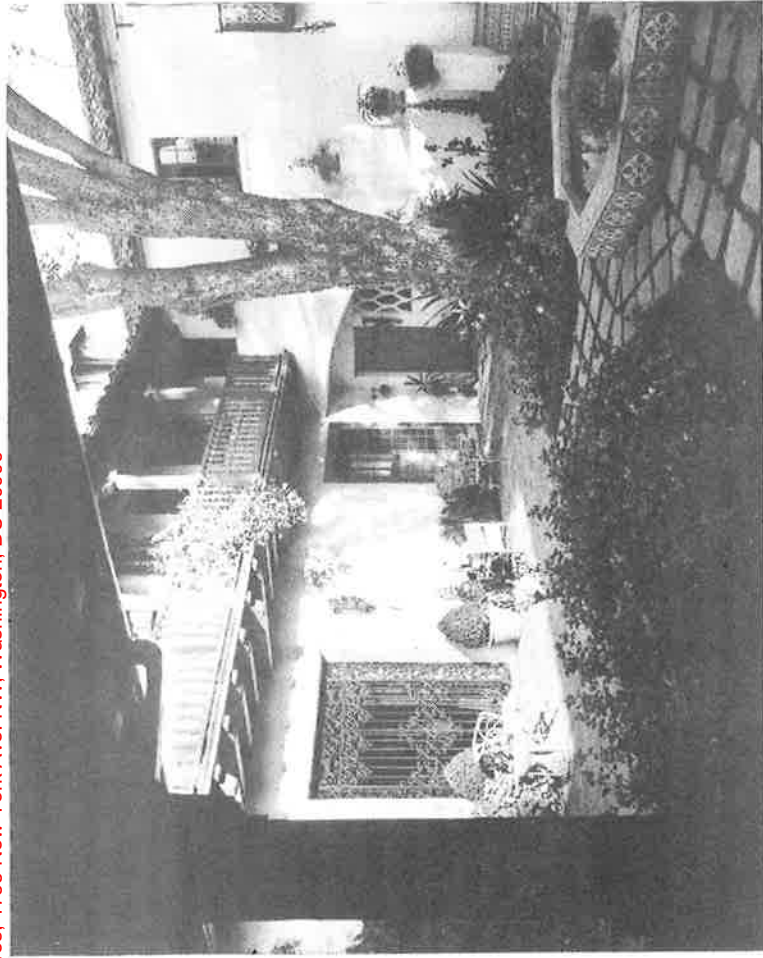
Each member of the staff remembered stories of Birge's gracious charm, razor sharp wit and good humor. We particularly enjoyed sharing Birge's 94th Birthday Party, a lunch with Birge and Louise Davies and his participation in the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Children's Theatre.

As the echoes of applause and shouts of joy ring through the Children's Theatre and the Lucie Stern Community Center, they will remind us of the joy and warm comfortable family feeling which Birge created and which we and the young people of Palo Alto appreciate and enjoy.

*Patricia Briggs, Michael Litfin,
Alison Williams, Andy Hayes, and
Linda Stubo
Palo Alto Children's Theatre Staff*



Children's Theatre Wing, Lucie Stern Community Center
circa 1930's.



Patio of residence of Charles and Kathleen Norris
circa 1930's

My association with Birge Clark began about 1913 and before that, about 1911, with his sister Esther who was my baby sitter.

The relationship continued but really warmed up about 1980 when Birge invited me to join his every-other-week luncheon group. That group narrowed down to Birge, Admiral Ketchum and me. We last met one week before Birge departed with Dean on their trip.

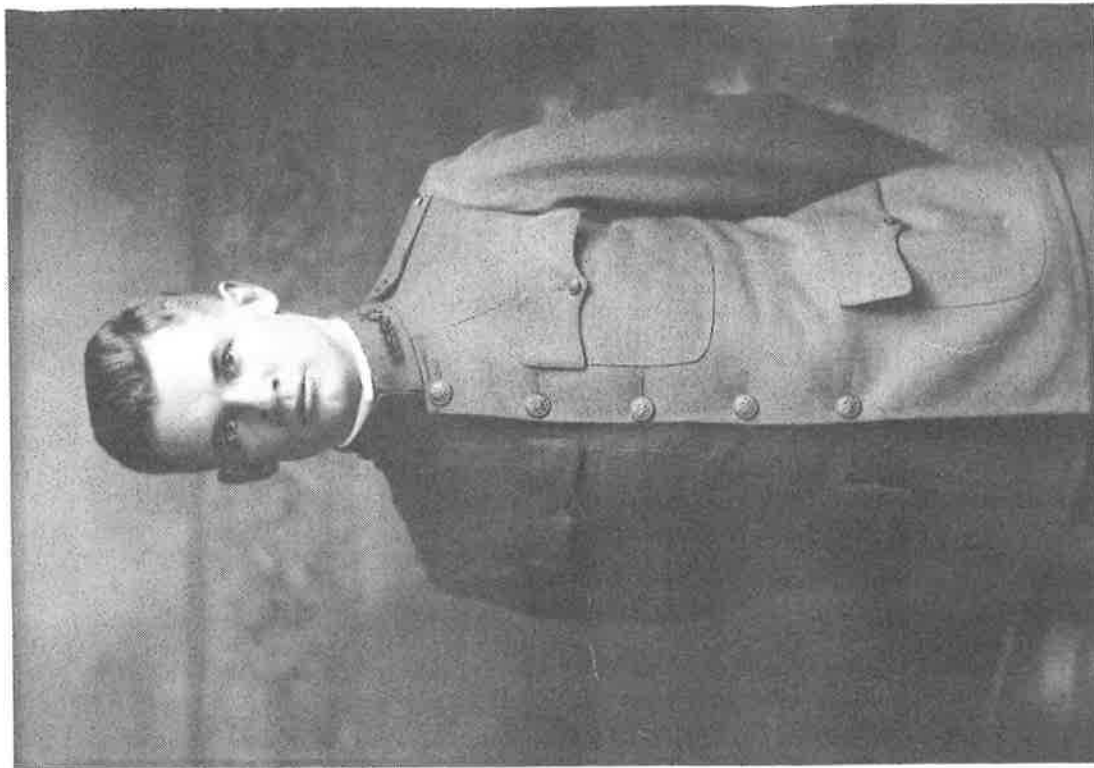
*Carl McDowell
Stanford-born and raised,
Friend, and very early neighbor*



Birge, circa 1940's



Birge, circa 1910



Birge in World War I uniform 1918



In the late 1930's I interviewed the occupants of the Ruth Lucie Stern Laboratory, a unit of the old Stanford Medical Center on Clay Street in San Francisco. Birge had been the architect, and the occupants heaped praise on him. This was not an everyday occurrence for architects, so my desire to meet Birge stemmed from that early date.

When we did meet in 1956, after I had started to work at Stanford and my family and I had moved to Edgewood Drive, I realized at once that Birge Clark was an extraordinary individual. I like to put it that he was the Book of Knowledge, Webster's Dictionary and Roget's Thesaurus and more rolled into one. A genius with total recall, and a genius for infinite detail, but most importantly, a genius with twinkles in both eyes and a dedicated interest in every body and every thing.

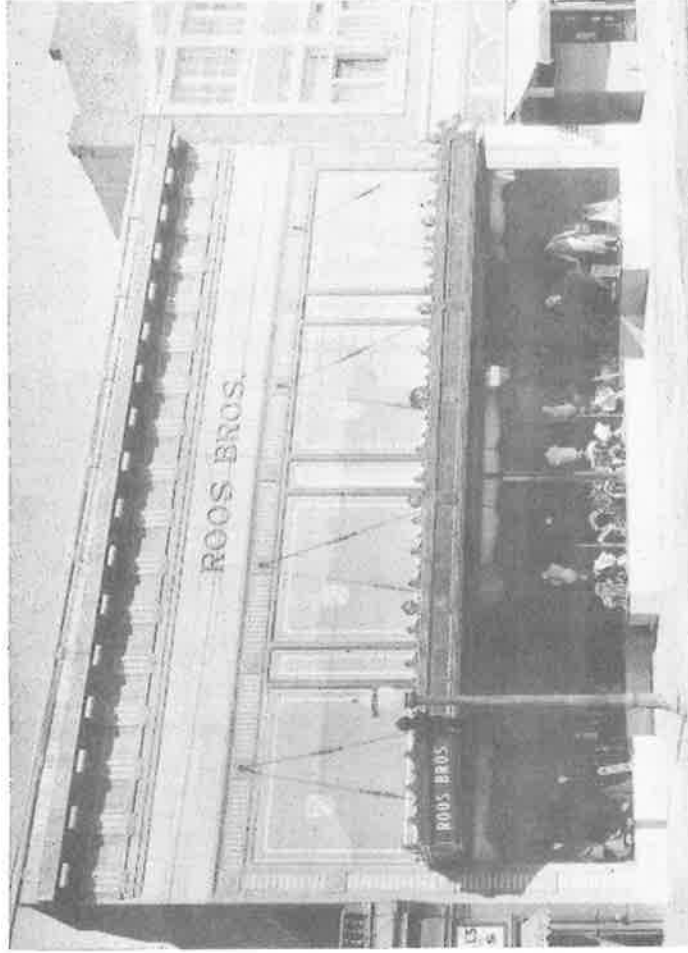
For instance, an anecdote we enjoy in our family: this was one of our first "formal" (in quotes) introductions to Birge and his wonderful Lucile. We were seated at dinner in the Clark's dining room. Birge and Lucile were at the two ends of the table and about six guests at the sides, including Marjorie and myself. The salad course was coming to an end when I noticed Birge get up quietly, leave the table, roll up his sleeves and go out into the garden. A couple of minutes later in he came with ears of fresh corn, explaining that he always picked it at the last minute and then the corn was cooked for three minutes, no more, no less. And, of course, it was the best corn-on-the-cob ever.

I tell that story as a way to describe the man and his ability to make every minute count - which he did for 96 years and fourteen days.

*Harry Sanders
Neighbor, Architect, Stanford
Colleague, Friend, and Admirer*



Birge at Palo Alto Savings, 1967



Roos Department Store, circa 1930's



Jonathan Gifford and Birge at 1988
Historical Preservation Conference
Lucie Stern Community Center

I. Introduction-my relationship with BMC

- A. Student
- B. Employee/Colleague
- C. Friend

II.

- Personal Observations and Traits I will remember
- A. Incredible memory and recall abilities
 - B. Unbounded enthusiasm and energy
 - C. Ability to distill quickly any problem or issue to its essence

III.

Architectural Observations

- A. Design Qualities
1. Building must work-down to smallest detail; Functionality
 2. Budgets were to be respected
 3. Natural lighting
 4. Geographical and climatic respect
 5. Human scale
 6. Elements of craftsmanship
 7. Bright Colors

IV. "An Architect's Most Important Asset"

Jon Gifford
Student, Partner, and Friend

Birge Clark's memorial is all around us. He left us a great legacy of beautiful buildings that not only uplift us but have done a very rare thing--they have defined our entire community.

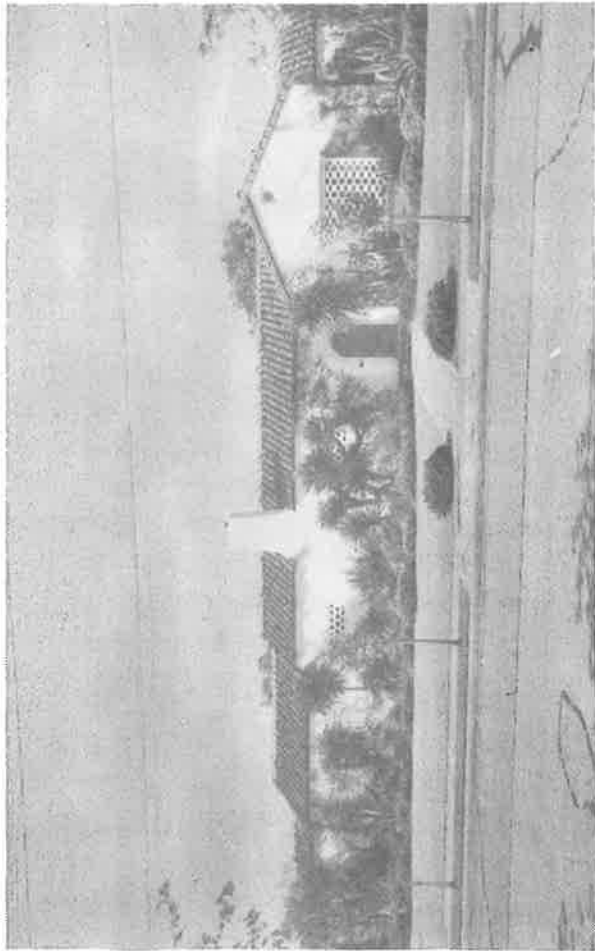
But, his memorial is more than just buildings. His warmth, his humor, his sense of history and his devotion to his home town inspired and informed all who came into contact with him and live on in their memories and actions and that also serves as Birge's memorial.

Birge Clark was Palo Alto's architect, not only in terms of the substance of buildings, but also in terms of our spirit.

Larry Klein
Mayor of Palo Alto



Main Palo Alto Post Office 1932



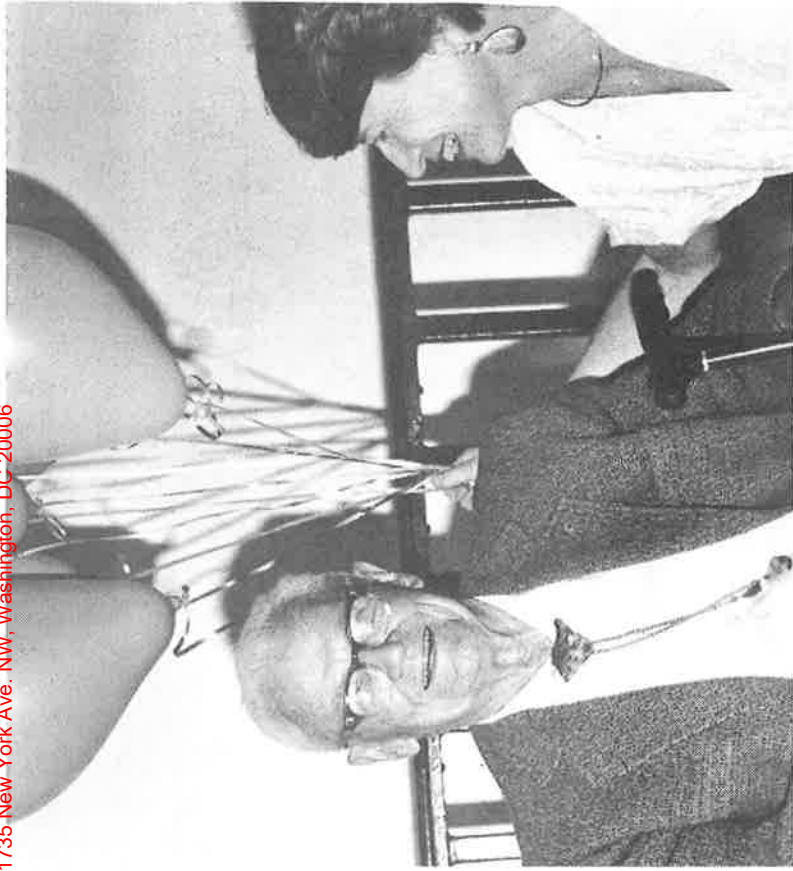
Lucie Stern Residence, 1934



Birge, circa 1930's



Birge, circa 1960's



Former Mayor, Gail Woolley and Birge at his 94th Birthday Party at Children's Theatre, 1987.

Birge loved riding in a convertible with three young women while one asked about the historic houses, one wrote down his every word and the third drove. He was 75.

When the City Council adopted an ordinance to preserve our historic buildings, Birge was appointed to the first Historic Resources Board. He was 86.

At our coffee date last month, Birge announced he was going to celebrate his 96th birthday by going to Napa for a balloon ride.

What a man!

*Gail Woolley
Former Mayor, Friend, and
Colleague-in-history*



The late Walter Stromquist (partner), and Birge

Others value my father for his many talents and for his contributions to our community. I value him for these and also for his abilities as a loving father. He was strict, but allowed us independence early.

He gave us the opportunity to develop and share his love for Redwood forests, the ocean, and the meadows, lakes, and peaks of the High Sierra.

He made a daily, unemphasized example of the value of honesty, directness, hard work, and a sense of humor. He also exposed us to the joys of growing corn and other things. He taught us that swim suits interfere with swimming, and he let us discover that the best views are generally from the tops of mountains.

*Malcolm Clark
Companion and close relative*



Birge and Sons at Birge's 94th Birthday Party at Children's Theatre, 1987

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