

Edward H. Davis
Philadelphia Chapter

Must send Certificate
of Receipt

Application for Membership

June 27, 1914

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 Edward H. Davis

Address Union Natl Bank Bldg Manassas Pa
[Number and Street] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth Washington DC Feb 14 1867

Graduate in architecture _____
[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 Ecole 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 Edward H. Davis & Geo. W. D. Lewis

Have been in practice 27 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.

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.

Edward H. Davis
[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.

(1) Wm. H. Langley
(2) Edgar V. Seeler
(3) Wm. H. Langley

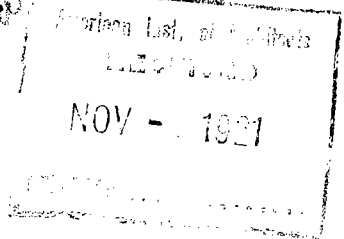
[The signatures of three Institute members are here required unless the applicant has the unanimous endorsement of his Chapter, in which case certification to that effect should be made above by the Secretary. Unanimous endorsement is that endorsement in which each Institute member of the Chapter had an opportunity to express himself by letter ballot either for or against the member proposed. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

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EDWARD H. DAVIS—GEORGE M. D. LEWIS
REGISTERED ARCHITECTS
UNION NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
SCRANTON, PA.

*Mr. V-B
Please ask
J.P. to check omitted
will act on it at meeting
on 11/11/21
E.H.*

Nov. 4th, 1921.



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

Dear Sir:---

I enclose you herewith my application for membership in the American Institute of Architects, together with initial fee of \$5.00 which is required to accompany the application.

I am also sending you under separate cover, photographs and working drawings of two executed buildings which I understand will be returned in due course and after the application has been acted upon.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E.H. Davis". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

EHD/RAH.
Enclosure.

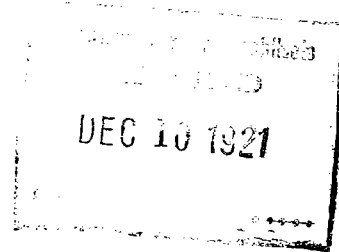
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RANKIN, KELLOGG & CRANE
ARCHITECTS
1012 WALNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA

JOHN STRUBING SCHWACKE, A. I. A.

REGISTERED ARCHITECTS

December 9, 1921



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

Dear Sir:-

I observe in the circular of December 5, 1921, the name of Edward H. Davis as an applicant for membership in the Institute. If as I assume this is Edward H. Davis of Scranton, Pa., I desire to say that I have sat with him for three years as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Architects and I regard him as a most desirable candidate for membership. He has a large practice and as far as I can judge from his general expressions and attitudes of mind, carries on the same with every regard for high standards.

I would suggest that for the sake of better identification it might be well in sending out such bulletins as that of December 5th to mention the residence of the applicant.

Very truly yours,

R-P

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

COPY

January 5, 1922.

My dear Mr. Davis:-

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective January 5, 1922.

You have been assigned to the Philadelphia Chapter as an Institute member in good standing therein, and the Secretary of the Chapter has been so notified.

The engrossed Certificate of Membership will be sent to you in due course, after engrossing and signing by the President and Secretary. The enclosed statement for Institute current dues 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.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Edward H. Davis,
Union Natl Bk Bldg.,
Scranton, Pa.

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EDWARD H. DAVIS—GEORGE M. D. LEWIS
REGISTERED ARCHITECTS
UNION NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
SCRANTON, PA.

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January 13th, 1922.

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

JAN 16 1922

My dear Mr. Kemper:-

It gives me pleasure to acknowledge receipt of yours of January 5th advising me of election to membership in the American Institute of Architects and in this connection I note that I have been assigned to the Philadelphia Chapter as an Institute member and beg to advise you that check has already been mailed to Mr. Waid covering dues as requested.

I presume that I shall shortly have the photographs and drawings returned which were submitted in connection with my application for membership.

Very truly yours,

E. H. Davis

EHD/RAH.

*All exhibits
not correct to go
back - this week.
E.H.D.*

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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March 1, 1922.

My dear Mr. Davis:-

This will advise you of the formation of the Scranton-Wilkes-Barre Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, effective January 16, 1922. As you signed the petition for the Scranton-Wilkes-Barre Charter we have transferred you, as an Institute member in good standing, from the Philadelphia Chapter to the Scranton-Wilkes-Barre Chapter, effective January 16, 1922.

The Philadelphia Chapter has been advised, and so has Mr. David H. Morgan, to whom we are sending all Institute communications for the time being.

By direction of the Secretary.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. E. H. Davis,
Union Natl Bk Bldg.,
Scranton, Pa.

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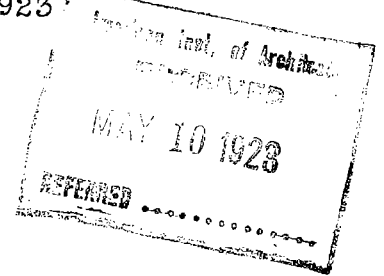
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May 9, 1923



American Institute of Architects,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

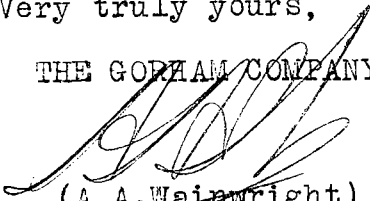
Our Bronze Department have received
an order from Davis & Lewis, Architects, Union
National Bank Building, Scranton, Pa.

As this firm is unknown to us, we
shall very much appreciate any information you
can furnish us regarding their standing and
ability to assume obligations.

Any information you furnish us will
be greatly appreciated. A stamped return
envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

THE GORHAM COMPANY,


(A.A. Wainwright)
Credit Manager

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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May 12, 1923.

Gentlemen:-

In response to yours of the 9th, Mr. Edward H. Davis,
Union National Bank Building, Scranton, Pa., is a member in
good standing in the American Institute of Architects.

We have no member in Scranton by the name of Lewis.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

The Gorham Company,
Elmwood Station,
Providence, R. I.

K:VB

COPY TO

FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

EDWARD H. DAVIS — GEORGE M. D. LEWIS
REGISTERED ARCHITECTS
SUITE 809 SCRANTON ELECTRIC BUILDING
SCRANTON, PA.

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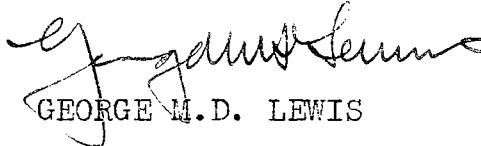
Secretary
The American Institute of Architects
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue
N.W. Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find clipping of the recent death
of Mr. Edward H. Davis, Architect.

This will be of interest to you since
Mr. Davis has been a member of the American Institute
of Architects since 1919 when the Scranton-Wilkes-Barre
Chapter was organized and he served as President
during a number of terms.

Very truly yours,


GEORGE M. D. LEWIS

GMDL:m

EDWARD H. DAVIS, ARCHITECT, DIES AT HIS HOME HERE

**HE DESIGNED MANY OF THE
COMMUNITY'S OUTSTANDING
BUILDINGS. FUNERAL TO
BE HELD FRIDAY.**

Edward H. Davis, a practicing architect in Scranton since 1891, designer of many of the community's outstanding buildings and generally regarded as one of the leaders of his profession in this section of the state, died early today at his home, 1741 North Washington Avenue, fol-



EDWARD H. DAVIS

lowing a brief illness. He was in his seventy-seventh year.

Mr. Davis, while not too active in recent years, had been up and around until about ten days ago, when illness compelled him to take to his bed. He failed gradually until the end came this morning.

Few men in the field of architecture were better known throughout Pennsylvania than Mr. Davis, who practiced under his own name here from 1891 until 1919, when he formed a partnership with George M. D. Lewis under the firm name of Davis & Lewis, an association which he had continued up to the present time.

With his passing, Mr. Davis leaves as monuments to his ability as an architect many of the largest and most attractive buildings constructed in this section of the state during the last third of a century. Many of them he designed himself and others were the work of himself and Mr. Lewis in collaboration.

Designed Many Buildings.

Among the structures designed by Mr. Davis individually, or by the

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EDWARD H. DAVIS DIES; WAS SICK SHORT TIME

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firm of Davis & Lewis are: The Scranton National Bank, Scranton Dry Goods Company, Home For the Friendless, Scranton Electric Company Service Building, Stoehr & Fister, The Scranton Times Building, Scranton-Springbrook Water Service Company Building, First National Bank, Lewis & Reilly Building, Weston Field House, Country Day School, Pennsylvania State Oral School Training Building, Stroudsburg State Teachers' College, Bloomsburg State Teachers' College, Farview State Hospital buildings, Wayne County Savings Bank, Honesdale; the former Bosak State Bank, Maloney Home and several buildings at the Hillside Home.

Mr. Davis was born in Washington, D. C., on Feb. 14, 1867, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hotchkiss Davis. He received his early education in the public schools of that city and later studied at the Washington School of Fine Art. He acquired his practical training as an architect during several years of study in the offices of C. A. Didden, Harvey L. Page and Hornblower & Marshall, all in Washington; Warren & Wetmore, New York, and M. B. Hout, Wilkes-Barre.

He established himself in Scranton fifty-two years ago, and on June 23, 1892, he formally opened his offices here for the practice of his profession. He took Mr. Lewis in as his partner twenty-four years ago, and their association has remained unbroken since. For many years they maintained offices in the Scranton Electric Company Building.

Mr. Davis was a charter member of the Northeastern Pennsylvania chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and had held membership in the Scranton Society of Architects and the New York Society of Architects. He was a member of the first board of examiners for architects appointed in Pennsylvania by former Gov. William C. Sproul and served in that capacity for five years. He was named chairman of the commission appointed a number of years ago to draft a new building code for the City of Scranton.

He was a member of the Scranton Club, the Country Club of Scranton, the Green Ridge Lodge of Masons and other Masonic organizations, including Irem Temple. He was a member of the congregation of the Church of Good Shepherd.

In 1888, Mr. Davis married Regina A. Shoemaker of Wilkes-Barre. They had one son, Edward H. Davis Jr., who was born in 1891 and died in 1898. Mrs. Davis died in 1915, and Mr. Davis later married Rena H. Rowe of this city. His only survivor is a daughter, Elizabeth Hill Sasser.

The body has been removed to the Price Funeral Home, 219 Jefferson Avenue, where it may be viewed tomorrow and from where the funeral will be held Friday morning at 11 o'clock. The services at the funeral home Friday will be in charge of Rev. William F. Corker, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd. Interment will be in Forest Hill Cemetery. Friends are asked to omit flowers.

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meet living expenses.

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EDWARD H. DAVIS

Of all the architects who have practiced their profession in Scranton, especially during the last half century, none has left his mark more definitely on the city's building development than Edward H. Davis, architect, who died this morning. In a sense Mr. Davis was artist as well as architect. He had vision. His work showed originality of design, as well as strength from a construction standpoint. Mr. Davis believed in putting the best into his work. He refused to touch the shoddy. He insisted on the best of materials in whatever job he undertook.

Some of the finest buildings from an architectural standpoint, as well as a number of the largest in the city, were designed by Mr. Davis and his partner, George M. D. Lewis. The Times Building is one. Owners found in him a man who believed in value received. Contractors early recognized that he insisted on plans being followed and was adamant as well against substitutions.

Mr. Davis was schooled in his profession in Washington at a time when some of the most magnificent of the older buildings of the national capital were constructed. He came to Scranton in the very early 90s. He not only saw the central part of the city practically rebuilt in the half century since but, as noted, had a leading part in designing many of the business, industrial and other types of buildings, as well as schools, churches and clubs.

By his death Scranton has lost not only an outstanding architect who loved the city to which he had contributed so much in a building and artistic sense but also a gentleman of culture with many friends who will read the news of his death with genuine regret.

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