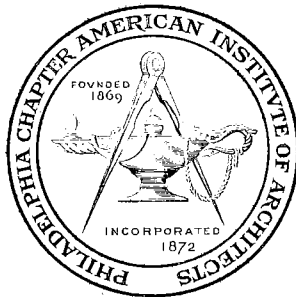


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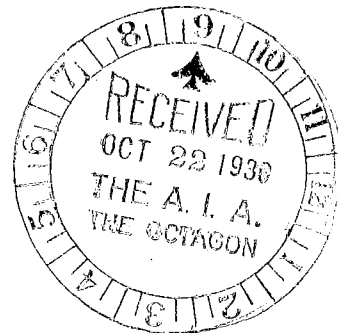
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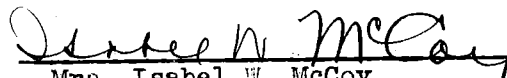
Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary
The American Institute of Architects,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Enclosed herewith is application for membership into the Institute from Mr. Kenneth M. Day, Architects' Building, Philadelphia.

Also enclosed is photostat of Mr. Day's certificate of graduation from the University of Pennsylvania, and check in the amount of \$50.00 drawn to the order of the American Institute of Architects, together with letter addressed to the Secretary which Mr. Day asked me to forward.

Yours very truly,


Mrs. Isabel W. McCoy

204- Day, Kenneth M.
Philadelphia

No Exp. Req.
Initiation Fee Paid
Amount Due \$50.00
Exp - 10/20/30

Application for Membership

October 7, 1930

To the Secretary of The American Institute of Architects.

I hereby apply for Membership in The American Institute of Architects, and certify that the following statements are correct:

Name Kenneth M. Day

Address The Architects Bldg., 17th at Sansom St., Phila., Penna.

Place and date of birth Philadelphia, January 25, 1901

Graduate in architecture University of Pennsylvania 1922
[Give name of institution and year. Diploma or Certificate of graduation (or photostatic copy) must accompany this application.]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture.....
[If required in your case, attach evidence (or photostatic copy.)]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecolé des Beaux Arts.....
[If required in your case, state which, and attach evidence of Certificate (or photostatic copy.)]

If your State has a Registration or License Law and you are not registered, state reasons.....

If practicing architect, firm name Purves & Day

Have been in practice 3 years. If draughtsman, employed by.....

Collegiate and office training Mc Kim, Mead & White 3 years etc.

I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute and the circular of advice relative to "Principles of Professional Practice," 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.

(1) Kenneth M. Day
[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..... (2)
[Insert date of election to chapter.] [Signature of the Secretary of the chapter.]

If the applicant is not an Associate, the following acknowledgment must be signed:

Without endorsement I hereby take note on behalf of my chapter that this applicant is applying for Institute membership (3) John Shubing Schnacker X
[Signature of President or Secretary of Chapter to which the applicant will be assigned if elected.]

We, the undersigned members of the American Institute of Architects, have carefully examined the foregoing statement by the applicant 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.
(Essential if Registered)

(4) Robert R. McGowan
(5) John Hays Kinnin
(6) Carl J. ...

It is not mandatory that applicants from Registration or License law states be registered or licensed. But the current number of Registration or License must appear here if the applicant is registered or licensed.

(7) A-1099
NUMBER

[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 applicant proposed, and in which there were no negative votes. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

The PROVOST VICE-PROVOST and PROFESSORS of the UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

To all to whom these presents may come GREETING

WHEREAS it is the ancient right and custom of universities to reward meritorious attainments in Letters Sciences and Philofophy as well as notable achievements in behalf of the Public Weal by admiffion to appropriate academic degrees:

NOW therefore We under the authority of a mandate from the Trustees of this Univerfity have with due form admitted

Scenneth Mackenzie Day

who has honorably fulfilled the requirements imposed by the statutes to the degree of

Bachelor of Architecture

granting therewith all the rights honors and privileges thereunto appertaining.

Given under our hands and the Seal of the Trustees at PHILADELPHIA
on this 14th day of June in the year of our Lord 1922 and of
this Univerfity the 182nd

ATTEST

Edward W. Mumford

Secretary



Joseph H. Benjamin, *Acting-Provost*

Vice-Provost

Harvard Reid Dean

2101 THE ARCHITECTS BUILDING
SEVENTEENTH STREET AT SANSON
PHILADELPHIA

October 17, 1930.

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

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith my application for membership in the American Institute of Architects signed by Robert R. McGoodwin, John Hall Rankin and C. L. Borie 2nd, of the Philadelphia Chapter, a photostatic copy of my diploma, and my cheque for Fifty Dollars, (\$50.00).

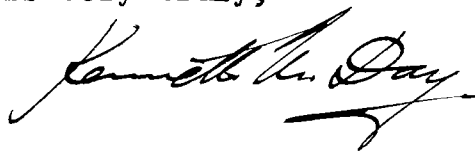
I have for some years been a Junior Member of the Institute and am somewhat surprised to find that I am asked to pay an initiation fee upon becoming a regular member of the Institute. I have never before heard of an organization requiring an initiation fee on the occasion of a change in form of membership.

It is my understanding that a Junior Membership lapses on one's arrival at thirty years of age. I shall be thirty on January 25, 1931, and should therefore be pleased to have my new membership start as of that date unless it is more convenient for you to start it on January 1, 1931.

Is it necessary for me to take any separate steps regarding a membership in the Philadelphia Chapter?

Yours very truly,

KMD/MF



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

COPY

October 31, 1930

Dear Mr. Day:

Permit me to acknowledge with gratification, and on behalf of the Secretary, your application for membership in The American Institute of Architects, received by reference from the Secretary of the Philadelphia Chapter, together with your check for Initiation Fee and first year's Annual Dues in advance, and photostat copy of your diploma.

Your application appears to be complete in every respect, and was received in good time for consideration by the Board of Examiners at its October meeting. Final action will be secured at the November meeting of the Board of Directors, and you will be advised, in due course, of the action taken.

It is not necessary to take any further steps with regard to your membership in the Philadelphia Chapter, at the present time, as upon your election to Institute membership, you will be automatically assigned to the Philadelphia Chapter as a member thereof. After that action is taken, the Chapter will communicate with you as to your Chapter obligations.

We have noted your remarks upon the status of a Junior member, applying for full Institute membership, with much interest, and a further response to the questions raised by you will be made in another letter.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Kenneth M. Day,
2101 The Architects' Building,
17th Street at Sanson,
Philadelphia, Pa.

K/fhg

Copy to the Secretary,

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PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

Philadelphia

Chapter

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

COPY

December 8, 1930

Dear Mr. Day:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in The American Institute of Architects, effective November 30, 1930.

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 advised.

A Membership Card for the balance of 1930 is enclosed herewith. Your card for 1931 will be forwarded shortly after January 1, 1931.

An engrossed Certificate of Membership in The American Institute of Architects will be sent to you in due course.

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. Kenneth M. Day,
The Architects Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

K/FHG
Enc.



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue

WASHINGTON, D. C.

CONFIDENTIAL NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

November 17, 1939.

TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:

THE By-laws of The Institute require that when charges of unprofessional conduct have been acted upon by The Board of Directors, The Secretary shall send a notice to the accused member, the complainant, and to each member and chapter of The Institute, stating the judgment taken and the penalty imposed.

At the annual meeting of The Board held in Washington, D. C., on September 24, 1939, The Judiciary Committee reported it had examined charges of unprofessional conduct against The Institute member named herein, and found that he had submitted sketches for a building project when he was aware that other architects were being considered.

The action of The Board on the recommendation of The Judiciary Committee was as follows:

PARTICIPATION IN AN UNAUTHORIZED COMPETITION.

Resolved, That The Board concurs in the recommendation of The Judiciary Committee with regard to charges of unprofessional conduct filed against Kenneth Day for participation in an unauthorized competition, and suspends Kenneth Day from corporate membership in The Institute for a period of three months beginning with September 24, 1939.

CHARLES T. INGHAM
Secretary

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

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January 23, 1943

Dear Lt. Day:

In accord with a letter of January 13 from the treasurer of the Philadelphia Chapter, transmitting the recommendation of the Chapter that your Institute dues be waived while you are in military service, we write to advise that -

Your Institute dues have been waived for the duration of the war, beginning January 1, 1943.

The Officers of The Institute hope that it will be possible for you to maintain your interest in the society throughout this war. They send their best wishes for your safe return to the practice of architecture.

If you have opportunity we should be glad to have a word from you concerning your present rank, branch of service, and address to which THE OCTAGON and other regular Institute communications should be sent.

By direction of The Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Lt. Kenneth Day, U.S.N.
420 South Carlisle Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

ECK:ER

cc to: Treasurer, Philadelphia Chapter, Mr. Robbins

Date of Separation - Feb. 12, 1946.
New Office Address - 1728 Spruce St.
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

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Your membership card is enclosed
herewith.

If you are out of military service
please advise The Institute of the date
of separation.

If not, please advise when it happens.

Dues for last half 1946 - \$12.50

The American Institute of Architects

Kenneth Day
St. Louis, Mo.

2/21/46.

February 18, 1946

Dear Mr. Day:

The Institute is pleased to learn of your return to
civilian life and - it is hoped - to a constantly improving
practice of architecture.

As you may recall, the waiver of a member's dues on
account of military service terminates upon his return to
civil life - with the provision that such termination shall
be on that June 30 or December 31 which follows the date of
such return.

Therefore, your Institute dues will start again on
July 1, 1946 and a statement will come to you in due course.

We have changed our records to show your address as
included on this letter.

If The Institute can be of service to you in any way
here in Washington, please command.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer

ECK:D
cc to: Secretary, Pennsylvania Society
of Architects of The A.I.A.

Mr. Kenneth Day, A.I.A.
1728 Spruce Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

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Dec. 31. 1953

1510 ARCHITECTS BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA 3

Mr. Edmund R. Purves
The Octagon.

Dear Ned:

I have just nominated Ken Day for membership in The Century (non-resident, architect), and write to ask if you would care to act as the second-er in this matter? You would be required (1) to sign the register on the 2nd floor of the clubhouse to that effect — or write to the Committee on Admissions authorizing them to sign your name to the Nomination, and (2) write a letter, addressed to the Committee on Admissions, endorsing his candidacy and saying why you feel he would

be a worthy addition to the membership. I will do the rest - i.e., write to all the members who know him, as far as I can learn their names, asking if they care to write in his behalf.

After you have had a chance to consider this will you let me know if you will do so? And if you, having more and longer experience with the Century than I, care to give me advice as to the best course of procedure, I shall appreciate it very much.

I hope soon to see you at least for a moment or two, for the Fellowship jury will be meeting again in March. That will be a pleasant change for me,

3.

for this fall has been discouragingly crowded. We have a new Battle Monuments Commission, full of zeal, which does not feel bound by what was done by the previous Commission, and consequently many ideas have to be "re sold," or tearfully explained to the several architects, painters, sculptors, etc. And as we have all of them proceeding now - some approaching completion, some just starting - there are not enough hours in a day to keep abreast of happenings - Being Chapter president at the same time is not a help.

4.

I see by your Memo that the Library
at the Octagon quarters is now
in operation - you too have no
doubt had your crowded moments.

With my best wishes to your
good spouse and to you

Sincerely

John Harbeson

Administration Building
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.

January 4, 1954

Dear John:

I was very glad to get your letter of the 31st and am delighted to hear that you are nominating Kenneth Day for membership in the Century Club. I will act as the "second" with enthusiasm.

I am afraid that I shall not be in New York much before the 1st of February and so I have written to the Committee on Admissions, a copy of which letter is enclosed.

Although I may have been a member of the Century for a year or so longer than you, I do not know that I am particularly proficient in its procedures. My brother Austin is a very active member and I will drop him a line. He is also an old friend of Kenneth's and will give us a good steer.

I have heard something about the difficulties of the Battle Monuments Commission especially on one of the projects in particular, and when I see you here in March I can tell you something about the difficulties that the particular firm is having.

Also when you come here we will be glad to show you over the Library. It is something we have been needing for a long time and we are amazed at what a good start we have on our objective, which is to eventually establish the great Library on American architecture. The transformation of the old carriage house or stables into a Library building served another purpose too, in that we have rehabilitated a slum and have reclaimed the last of the structures on our property badly in need of reclamation. We have an excellent Librarian in George Pettengill, formerly of the Franklin Institute, and we are gratified with the encouragement we have been receiving from the membership. We have had some twelve hundred inquiries about it and have been sending books about the country which are greatly appreciated by some of our members. Curiously enough, the requests come from no particular spot in the country and represent not only small towns and rural areas, but metropolitan areas as well.

I appreciate very much your having thought of me to second the proposal of Kenneth Day's membership.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director

Mr. John F. Harbeson, F.A.I.A.
1510 Architects Building
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

January 4, 1954

Committee on Admissions
Century Association
7 West 43rd Street
New York 18, New York

Gentlemen:

I understand that Mr. John F. Harbeson of Philadelphia has proposed the name of Mr. Kenneth M. Day for non-resident membership in the Century Association. It gives me great pleasure to have the honor of seconding the nomination.

I understand that I should sign the register on the second floor of the clubhouse, but unfortunately I see little promise of being in New York until after the first of February and wonder if, in the meantime, there is any device by which my name could be published as his seconder. I will gladly authorize anyone to do so, or the Committee on Admissions, if that is the proper procedure. I will write to you again shortly in further support of Mr. Day, but I am anxious to have my name ascribed as seconder as soon as possible.

Respectfully yours,

Edmund R. Purves

ERP:MSD
cc: Mr. Harbeson

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Dear Ned:

Thank you for your letter. I think what you have written to the Admissions Committee does just what should be done, so far as the signing of the register is concerned.

I am glad you suggested Austin. As you note he is fairly active at the Century and recently has exhibited work there, including his quarter size model for his Battle Monuments project.

Battle Monuments has given me a number of jolts: the new members do not feel bound by anything done by the previous group, and insist on "reappraising" everything, from what is a different point of view. I suppose they are really patriotic citizens

and believe they are doing the right thing. — I hope as they settle down they will become reasonable. Meanwhile some of our artists are having a rough time. With patience all might work out satisfactorily — but some people feel no need of diplomatic procedures and gradual persuasion.

The library sounds fine. I shall visit it with pleasure. I hope the jury meeting will give an opportunity to talk over lots of things —

With best wishes

Sincerely

John Harbeson

Administration Building
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.

January 4, 1954

Dear Austin:

Herewith is copy of my letter of even date to John Harbeson in reply to a letter which I have just received from him relative to Kenneth Day's nomination for non-resident membership in the Century Club, and also copy of my letter to the Century seconding the nomination.

I would appreciate it if you would drop me a line giving any advice you can as to the proper procedure, and whether or not my letter to the Century is in order. After hearing from you I will write another letter to the Club in further support of the nomination.

It would also be greatly appreciated if you would write a letter to the Club in support of Ken's nomination, and send a copy of your letter to John Harbeson and also to me.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Edmund R. Purves

Mr. Austin Purves, Jr.
Litchfield, Connecticut

P:msd

Re: Kenneth Day

AUSTIN PURVES JR.

LITCHFIELD, CONNECTICUT

TELEPHONE ~~400-4000~~

Jordan 7-8877

January 7, 1954

Dear Ned:

I don't see why your letter of the 4th to the Century should fail to get your name officially forged in the Holy Book. They do it all the time.

But the Committee will want a rather detailed account from either you or John of Ken's background. John has undoubtedly gone after this and Ken should have supplied him with dope about his education and practice and so on. Often these things contain dope about the candidates' wives. You've known Ken since he and I were in the Connecticut Class at Miss Landstreet's school.

I'll write pronto likewise.

I'll probably arrive in Washington about the same time as this letter for a last fling with the Battle Monuments and the Cathedral.

We leave Feb. 2 on the United States. The U.S. Lines has just this hour treated me to a first class accomodation at minimum steerage price. I guess that means I take my pumps instead of my sneakers. But it is nice as hell and I can't help feeling excited about it and Ellen will get a few days of glamor that I've never been able to provide.

People are nice.

I think your letter to the Century ought to be reasonably lengthy.

Affectionately

A-

January 7, 1954

The Committee on Admissions
The Century
New York City

Gentlemen:

At the request of Mr. John Harbeson, proposer, and my brother Edmund R. Purves, seconder, I write with pleasure in support of their candidate, Mr. Kenneth Day of Philadelphia, for membership in the Century.

Although I have known Mr. Day for over forty five years it might surprise him that I would write so freely in his favor for I have not seen him for about twenty years.

We started out as fellow members of the Connecting Class (now called First Grade) in a girls' school in Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia. What is even more startling is that we both had long hair. These sufferings make for close and lasting friendships and I, for one, treasure these friendships.

Our friendship continued until way into our twenties when I left Philadelphia, Mr. Day, in the meantime having become a partner with my brother in the practice of architecture.

Since then and except for rare occasional glimpses of him I have known Mr. Day only through his reputation as a leading architect in Philadelphia. By leading I mean one who has intelligently exploited the field of advanced designing in domestic architecture.

He is friendly, gracious and gregarious and it gives me pleasure to hope that our New York fellowship may be enhanced by such a nice fellow from Philadelphia.

Very sincerely yours

cc to Mr. Harbeson
Mr. E.R. Purves

Jan. 18. 54.

1510 ARCHITECTS BUILDING
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Mr. Edmund R. Purves -

Dear Ned:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the proposal I sent in for Ken. Day to the Century. I signed the register, and you authorized the Committee to affix your name. You said you would write separately a letter endorsing the candidacy, and I trust you have done so.

We are required to have a minimum of 6 other letters. I have written to 25 whose names Ken picked out when I went through the list of members with him, and now we shall have to let the mills of the gods grind slowly.

Austin wrote a fine letter, and so did George Koyl - the one with a sense of humor, the other

without. I believe everything has been done that should be done.

I have just received copy of Ralph Walker's letter to A. B. M. C. I had hoped he would temporize with them temporarily, in my belief they would ultimately go along with him.

But he refuses to do so — and is a big enough man to hold his ground. It reminds me of Oscar Wilde's Ballad of Reading Goal —

"The coward does it with a kiss
The brave man with a sword".

With my best wishes

Sincerely

Whittarben

January 18, 1954

The Committee on Admissions
The Century Association
7 West 43rd Street
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

With pleasure I ask your consideration for non-resident membership in The Century of my good friend

Kenneth Mackenzie Day

an architect of Philadelphia. This nomination has been duly entered in the Candidates' Book and signed by me. The nomination is seconded by Edmund R. Purves, of Washington, D. C., who has written to your Committee giving authorization to sign his name on the Book on his behalf.

I send the following information, which I trust includes the desired essentials:

Background. Kenneth Day was born in Philadelphia, January 25, 1901; his father was the late Frank Miles Day (a member of the Century 1906-1918) architect of many university buildings at Princeton, University of Pennsylvania, President of the American Institute of Architects 1906-07, and for many years a leader in Philadelphia in the Institute's affairs; his mother was Anna Blakiston Day (of the Blakiston publishing family) who has been and still is active in the Civic Club, and the Garden Club of Philadelphia.

His wife, the former Helena Mitchell, is the daughter of another Centurion, the late Langdon Mitchell (member 1928-1935).

Day went to Chestnut Hill Academy, (Philadelphia, took his Bachelor's degree in architecture in 1922, at the University of Pennsylvania, and then studied for two years in Europe. During this time abroad he was a student in the office of Sir Aston Webb in London.

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Vocation. After training in the offices of Day and Klauder, Ritter and Shay, and Thomas, Martin and Kirkpatrick in Philadelphia, Day was for three years in the office of McKim, Mead and White of New York.

He opened an office in Philadelphia in 1927 in association with Edmund R. Purves; this firm continued until 1932. From 1932 to 1941 and (after World War II) from 1946 to 1948, and from 1950 to the present he has practiced alone in Philadelphia. From 1948 to 1950 he was associated with Gardner Dailey in San Francisco.

His architectural works comprise:

Athletic Field House, University of Pennsylvania. Residences in Pennsylvania, of which those for Charles Woodward, Esq. at Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, and for Philip Dechert, Esq. at Whitemarsh, and a group of 3 at Miquon might be mentioned; also residences in Rhode Island and Virginia. While in Navy designed Motor Car Pool, Brisbane, Australia; portions of 7th Fleet Headquarters, Hollandia, New Guinea; 7th Fleet Headquarters, Manila; Service Force, 7th Fleet Headquarters, Manila; 7th Fleet Headquarters, Leyte, Philippines; Philippine Sea Frontiers Headquarters. Reconstruction of Naval Shore Establishment at Cavite, P. I. Above Naval Work included direction of engineers and architects in design, and supervision of Construction Battalions in construction, of Hospitals, Infirmaries, Offices, Barracks, Clubs, Officers' Quarters, Warehouses, Commissaries, Post Offices, a Moving Picture Theatre, a Chapel, Mess Halls and complete Mechanical Plants.

In association with Gardner A. Dailey and Skidmore Owings & Merrill; - improvements for Del Monte Lodge at Pebble Beach, California. Presently engaged in association with Louis I. Kahn and Louis E. McAllister, in designing Mill Creek Housing Project for Philadelphia Housing Authority, presently under construction.

Attainments .

1. President, Octavia Hill Association 1941 (a charitable endeavor providing low-cost housing for white-collar workers).
2. Associate Professor in Architectural Design, Yale University 1946-48.

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3. Visiting Critic in Architectural Design, Cornell University, 1950.
4. At present time on Architectural Advisory Committee, Princeton University.
5. President, Architectural Alumni Society, University of Pennsylvania, two years.
6. Consultant to Philadelphia City Planning Commission and Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority.
7. Chairman, Committee on Education and Registration, Philadelphia Chapter, American Institute of Architects.
8. First prize, Municipal Art Society of New York 1922. While in College, won a number of "1st" and "2nd" Medals, Beaux Arts Institute of Design, New York.

Military Experience.

Lieutenant and Lieutenant-Commander, U. S. N. R., on active duty 7 March 1942 to 12 February 1946. Passive Defense and Camouflage Officer, 4th Naval District, 1942-43; Chief of Design Section, On Staff, Base Planning and Construction Division, Service Force, 7th Fleet, 1944-45, and on Staff, Commander Naval Base, Manila, 1945, charged with design of Naval Shore Establishments, Manila and Cavite.

Character! Day is able in his profession, is a student of the philosophy of modern design in architecture; has read widely in modern literature, is an engaging conversationalist.

Personality. Day is frank and affable, always willing to share the burdens of committee work in organizations (as I have found as an officer of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects), cooperates well with others - and is a pleasant friend.

I shall be happy to send any further information which your Committee might suggest as desirable for its deliberations.

Sincerely,

John Harbeson

JH/b

Administration Building
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.

January 20, 1954

Dear Mr. Harbeson:

Your letter to Mr. Purves of January 18th with which you enclosed a copy of the information you submitted to the Century Club in behalf of Kenneth Day has been received.

In addition to the letter which Mr. Purves wrote to the Century on January 4th, he did not have time to write another letter in further support of Mr. Day's nomination before leaving for the West Coast where he is now attending meetings of several Institute Chapters, and also trying to have a few days vacation from the rigorous duties of his position.

He will be only too glad to write such a letter upon his return to Washington on February 2nd and a copy will be sent to you.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Mabel S. Day
Secretary to Edmund R. Purves

Mr. John F. Harbeson, F.A.I.A.
1510 Architects Building
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

February 2 '54

1510 ARCHITECTS BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA 3

Mr. Edmund R. Purves -
The Octagon.

Dear Ned:

All is now in order for Ken Day's proposal of Century membership except your own explicit letter of endorsement. All other details have been completed. There are endorsing letters from twelve to fifteen members, and some of them are excellent, warm-hearted things that alone are of real value. So when you write yours we can trust the matter safely to the care of the Gods.

I hope you had an interesting time out west, and feel satisfied with the Institute's progress there -

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,
John Harbeson.

FILE COPY - PLEASE RETURN

*Members
Ray, Kincaid, Mack,*

Administration Building
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.

February 8, 1954

Dear John:

Your letters of January 18 and February 2 with enclosures were at hand when I got back from California where I have been not only attending Institute Chapter meetings but sneaking in a few days of more or less honest vacation.

I read Ralph Walker's memorandum to Admiral Kincaid and found it a masterpiece of courage, righteous anger and excellent expression. Knowing some of the characters in this drama, I take more than an ordinary interest in it and hope there is a chance that he will go back in and come out victorious.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter that I have written to the Committee on Admissions of The Century Association.

With all good wishes to you and looking forward to seeing you when the Jury of Fellows meets here next month, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director

Mr. John F. Harbeson, F.A.I.A.
1510 Architects Building
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

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Administration Building
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.

February 8, 1954

Gentlemen:

It is an honor for me to add my letter to those that you are receiving in support of the non-resident membership of Mr. Kenneth Mackenzie Day in The Century Association.

In addition to having seconded Mr. Day's nomination, may I add that I have known him for at least forty-five years and, further, that I know his family and his background, his experience, accomplishments and aspirations. All of these entitle him to your favorable consideration.

Mr. John Harbeson, who proposed Mr. Day, has sent you Mr. Day's curriculum vitae. I can only add that when Mr. Day and I were in partnership in the late twenties and early thirties, I was made more fully aware of his abilities as an architect and of his devotion to his chosen profession which were both of a very high caliber. In the years that followed the termination of the partnership, Mr. Day and I were associated occasionally on various projects, none of which, unfortunately, materialized and the friendship that originated in childhood has been maintained happily through a lifetime as it is founded on respect and admiration.

In addition to his architectural activities and interests, Mr. Day is a man of considerable cultivation, is well-read and is conversant with and participates in other cultural and civic pursuits. He is an interesting and friendly conversationalist and all in all would make a most splendid addition to the membership of The Century Association.

Respectfully yours,

Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director

The Committee on Admissions
The Century Association
7 West 43rd Street
New York, New York

*member
Way Russell*

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July 2, 1956

Mr. Kenneth Day, A.I.A.
204 Rittenhouse Square
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Kenneth:

I ran into Jim Follin at lunch the other day and he wondered why you were not connected in some way with the New House Study for the Eastwick redevelopment area in Philadelphia. It was his recollection, and mine, too, that this was the project you had brought to his attention some months ago. He had assumed you were connected with it when he first heard about it and your prior conversations on the subject constituted one of the factors in the project making some progress.

I imagine this letter is somewhat confidential but I thought you would be interested.

Maybe both Jim and I are in error on the project itself. You may have been talking about something else.

Nice to catch a glimpse of Helen and yourself the other day.

Best to you,

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

bac Mr Follin

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NEW HOUSE STUDY

for EASTWICK redevelopment area

*What forwarded
to
Art Barnes*

During the next decade, three thousand blighted acres in Southwest Philadelphia will be reclaimed for a new community. Industrial sites will be prepared and homes will be provided for 12,000 families in Eastwick—the largest redevelopment project in the U.S. In developing its plans, the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority is not only utilizing its usual consultants, but is also cooperating with private builders and developers by retaining consultants for a New House Study.

PURPOSE

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Purposes*

To insure the redevelopment of Eastwick, its new housing must be better in value than housing offered elsewhere in Philadelphia. The builder must build-in greater sales appeal so that the new home owner will discover greater economy and livability. The purpose of the NEW HOUSE STUDY is to suggest attractive, original and low-cost designs of attached and semi-detached sales housing to be built by the private building industry for the new Eastwick.

Philadelphia builders have accomplished many variations in detached house construction. But attached housing has changed little over the past 50 years. Our seemingly endless rows of houses, frequently too narrow for three adequate bedrooms, with traffic streets on one side and traffic alleys on the other, need improvement. Safe play space as well as outdoor privacy and attractive landscapes have seldom been achieved. It is this improvement, on a sound economic basis, of the houses and lots which make up our monotonous urban scene which is the purpose of this study.

FEASIBILITY & COST

The great number of families to be located in Eastwick make feasible this intensive study of individually owned attached housing. If even one construction economy or a gain in sales appeal can be achieved, this study now estimated to cost four dollars per house, will be more than justified.

THREE PHASE STUDY

The work of the consultant will be divided into three phases. The first phase will assemble the relevant data to readily usable form and will establish standards for design work and evaluation.

The second phase will develop new designs, study materials and methods, analyze effects of building codes, etc. Cost estimates and comparative evaluation of the proposed designs will be prepared.

The third phase will select the best plans and will initiate final detailed designs, detailed cost estimates, comparative analyses, models and production of a final report.

RELATION TO BUILDING INDUSTRY

With a reasonably assured market for the "standard product", limitations imposed on experimentation by government agencies and codes, and the high cost per house of architectural services, there is little incentive for builders to undertake such study. However, their assistance is essential if Eastwick is to be successful. In this study, new house designs and land development will be explored in close cooperation with the industry to assure houses not only economical and saleable, but acceptable in advance to potential investors in Eastwick and the eventual home owner. To insure this relationship, an Advisory Committee has been established by the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority.

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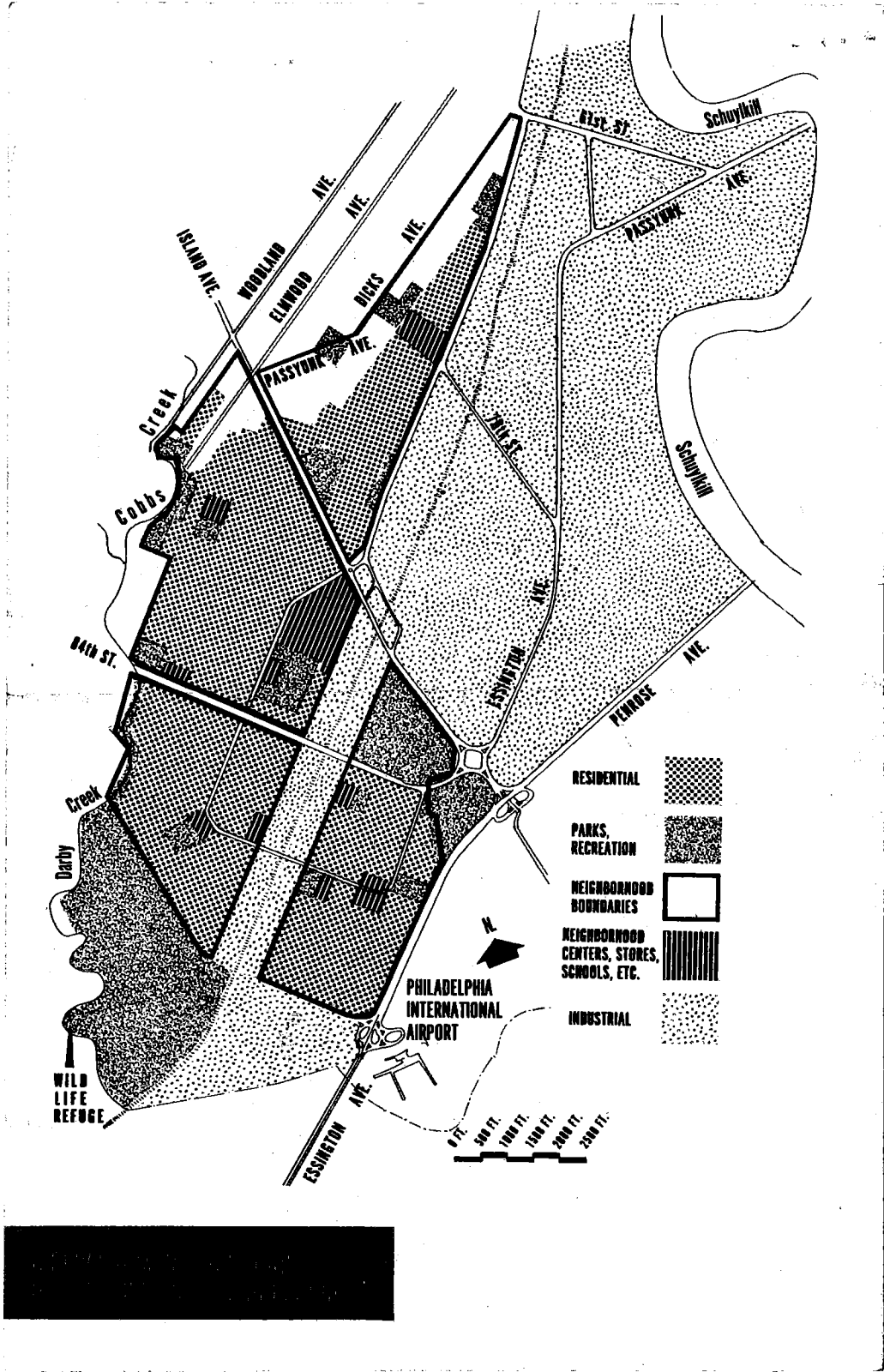
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KENNETH DAY · ARCHITECT

204 WEST RITTENHOUSE SQUARE · PHILADELPHIA 3 · RITTENHOUSE 6-8123

July 3, 1956

Mr. Edmund R. Purves
The American Institute of Architects
The Octagon, 1735 New York Ave., N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ned,


Your letter of July 2nd shows a very fine interest, on your part, in my fame and fortune, and, on Jim Follin's part, in the welfare of the New House Study, assuming that I'm the answer to prayer as far as housing goes. There is no mistake as to the identity of the project nor as to my being connected with it, nor is there anything rotten in the State of Denmark.

From the beginning, Wright, Andrade and Amenta have been employed by the Philadelphia Housing Authority to make this study. They thought of it and convinced the Authority of its usefulness; they in turn asked Robert Geddes and me to act as Consultants to them, which we have done, at times very actively. I think the study is progressing very well, in fact, though it is not quite finished either as to block arrangements or as to detail of houses, I think it has already analyzed the whole row-twin-quad possibility, as regards sale, more thoroughly than anything I've seen.

I'm a bit disappointed that Bob Geddes and I don't appear in some of the mastheads, and am asking Wright, Andrade and Amenta to give us more of a plug.

Thanks again to you and Jim - and best to Carroll. We're off to Europe tomorrow.

As ever,


Kenneth Day

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July 6, 1956

Mr. Kenneth Day, A.I.A.
204 West Rittenhouse Square
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Kenneth:

Thank you for yours of the 3rd.

I enclose a copy of a letter I have sent to Jim Follin.

As you know, your association with the project had a lot to do with its success.

I envy your going abroad but I guess it is not for us this year. Besides I have had my fling in Hawaii and may go to Puerto Rico in the autumn.

Best to Helena and yourself.

Sincerely,

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

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cc: Mr. Follin

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July 6, 1956

Mr. James W. Follin, Director
Division of Slum Clearance & Urban Redevelopment
Housing and Home Finance Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Jim:

Herewith copies of exchange of correspondence with
Kenneth Day which is self explanatory.

Yours sincerely,

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

ERP:hrs
cc: Mr. Day

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P.S. Andrade has just telephoned from Philadelphia in haste
and perturbation to call my attention to two errors in Kenneth
Day's letter. First, Kenneth should have said "Redevelopment"
and not "Housing Authority" and second, Kenneth Day's name does
appear on the drawings and the documents submitted to the
Authority. Just why his name was not included on the leaflet
you showed me Andrade could not explain. Kenneth was in such a
tearing hurry to get off to Europe that he probably overlooked
a few things.

E.R.P.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

February 25, 1958

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

Dear **Mrs. Sedlmayr**:

We were very sorry to learn of the death of **Kenneth Day**
on **2/21/58** a corporate member of The Institute
since **1930**.

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,

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

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cc: Treasurer's Office

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Day, Kenneth

BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE
of American Architects

NO. _____

Name: KENNETH DAY of (address) 204 W. Rittenhouse Square, Phila.

Born: January 25, 1901 at Phila., Pa. Died: February 17, 1958 at Phila., Pa.

Parents: Frank Miles Day and Anna Blakiston Day

Married: of on

Children:

Education: Chestnut Hill Academy
University of Pennsylvania, Bachelor of Architecture

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

Sir Aston Webb - 1921
Ritter & Shay - 1922
McKim Mead & White, 1923 - 1926
Thomas Martin & Kirkpatrick, 1927
Purves & Day, member, 1927 - 1932
Individual practice since 1932, except during World War II
Professional Memberships and Service: (Institute and Chapter Activities; Teaching)
American Institute of Architects, Phila. Chapter
PSA - President, 1958
Architectural Alumni Society, Univ. of Penna., Past President

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

President (1941) Octavia Hill Association
Associate Professor, Yale University, 1947 - 1948

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

Lt. Commander, U. S. Navy, March 7, 1942 to February 12, 1946

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

Various publications of work in "Architectural Forum", "Architectural Record",
"House and Garden", "Tomorrow's House".

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

Principal Works:

7th Fleet Headquarters, Manila
Reconstruction of Naval Base, Cavite
Residences for - W. Gammell, East Greenwich, R. I.
Mrs. Cole, Charlottesville, Va.
Marshall Cole, New Hope, Pa.
Kenneth Day, Miquon, Pa.
Philip Dechert, Whitemarsh, Pa.
Charles Woodward, Phila., Pa.

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Compiled by: A.E.S.

Alida E. Sedlmayr

Date: 2-18-59

Acknowledgements:

Kenneth M. Day Dies, Architect, Navy Vet

Kenneth Mackinzie Day, architect and Second World War camouflage expert, died Thursday night in the University of Pennsylvania Hospital. He was 57.

Mr. Day, who lived on Hart's lane, in Miquon, was associated with the Redevelopment Authority in this city. Among many projects, he helped design Mill Creek, low cost housing development in West Philadelphia.

WAS NAVAL OFFICER

During the Second World War he served as a lieutenant commander and camouflage expert for the 4th Naval District. For two years he served in the Pacific theater and while there designed the 7th Fleet Headquarters in Manila, P. I.

Mr. Day practiced his profession in New York, San Francisco and this city. He studied in Italy and France and was guest lecturer in the schools of architecture at Cornell and Yale Universities.

SERVICES MONDAY

He was active in the Citizens Council for City Planning, the Philadelphia Housing Association and the Octavia Hill Association to Improve Low Cost Housing.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Helena Langdon Mitchell Day; two sons, F. Miles Day and Langdon Day; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Burroughs, and a sister, Mrs. Edward Clarke Lukens. Services will be held at 2 P. M. Monday at St. Martin-in-the-Field Church, Chestnut Hill.

Israel Kohn Dies Here at 62

Israel Kohn, South Philadelphia real estate broker long active in Republican affairs, died yesterday at his home, 1512 S. 5th st.

Mr. Kohn, who was 62, was a member of the board of trustees

of Rodeph Shalom Congregation, Broad and Mount Vernon sts., and of the Council of Reformed Synagogues of Greater Philadelphia. He was active in Jewish charities and in the affairs of Hebrew Union College and assisted in the building fund campaign for Temple University Hospital.

In 1948 he founded and organized the Citizens Committee for Dewey and Warren in Philadelphia.

His wife, Bessie, died in 1950. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Phyllis Feinstein; three brothers, Joseph, Frank and Harry; five sisters, Mrs. Mildred Ellman, Mrs. Ethel Isaacs, Mrs. Ceila Goodman, Mrs. Reba Soln and Mrs. Sarah Morris and two grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1:30 P. M. tomorrow at Rodeph Shalom Synagogue. Interment will be in Roosevelt Cemetery.



ISRAEL KOHN

THE CENTURY ASSOCIATION
7 WEST FORTY-THIRD STREET
NEW YORK 36, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I would greatly appreciate your help in preparing a memorial of our fellow member whose name appears below. If you can contribute any material, please use whatever form is most convenient. A personal letter of reminiscence, or a memorandum of anecdotes, or a more formal estimate of achievements and character will be equally useful.

In the hope of suggesting memories to you, I mention these types of material which among others would be welcome:

(1) Reminiscences describing the activities of the member in the life of the Club. It would be well if you could include striking items of manner and conversation, as well as some reference to the groups and rooms in the Club in which he felt most at home.

(2) Any singular or little known fact in his life not available in public records and of interest to the Club membership. Episodes in youthful years often illumine mature qualities. Only from old friends can come such significant anecdotes.

(3) The Club possesses the more formal records, including the material available in books of reference and in newspaper obituaries. I should be grateful for any more intimate tributes that have been paid him, whether in alumni publications, technical journals, memorial pamphlets or elsewhere.

(4) The list of books written by a member is available as a rule, but only an intimate friend can point to the pages in such books or to material in less formal publications which hold significant facts or revealing anecdotes concerning the author.

If your acquaintance was not sufficiently intimate to yield such memories, perhaps you can recall the names of other members of the Club who, by reason of a closer friendship, might be able to contribute material. The suggestions of such names can be a real assistance.

I am trying to keep as nearly abreast of the Club's annuals as possible, in order to prepare both the citations for the Annual Meeting and the volume of Century Memorials, and so I shall appreciate your giving consideration to these suggestions as soon as may be convenient.

With my thanks for any help that you can furnish, I am,

Yours sincerely,

KENNETH MACKENZIE DAY
born: January 25, 1901
elected to the Century: 1954
died: February 20, 1958

GEORGE W. MARTIN,
Historian.

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April 11, 1958

Mr. George W. Martin, Historian
Century Association
7 West 43rd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Martin:

I have your communication asking for information on Kenneth Mackenzie Day who died on February 20th last.

I think one of the best tributes is that contained in the March 9, 1958 number of CHARENTE. This is a small but very well written architectural magazine, the circulation of which is limited to Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and eastern Ohio. I am enclosing the page from that publication which will, I think, be of assistance to you.

I knew Kenneth Day all of his life. Our parents were friends and although he was some three or four years younger than I, and consequently I did not see much of him in school, we formed a partnership in 1926 which lasted for some five years. Despite the dissolution of the partnership, our friendship was not impaired thereby. He and I and our wives and children continued on terms of intimacy which lasted throughout his life and survives with his widow and children.

He was a most stimulating companion, provocative, sincere and completely honest. He had a nice wit, always looked for the cheerful note in any crisis or situation - no matter how dire or distressing he liked to laugh. After forsaking Philadelphia for Washington I did not see as much of him as formerly, though on occasion when he came to this city he generally stayed with us.

He was an avid mountain climber, a sport in which I have indulged only to a minute and relatively unambitious degree, but Kenneth Day was a real mountain climber and had done ice and rock work in Europe.

In 1948 both of us found ourselves en route to the Yosemite Valley to attend the annual meeting of the California Council of Architects. We arrived rather late in the evening and, as I recall it, he did not appear to hear us talk. In fact he was gone the whole day, taking off for the mountains immediately after breakfast and finding, I am sure, more solace and nourishment in that pursuit than in listening to endless discussions on architecture and related subjects.

Mr. George W. Martin

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April 11, 1958

One time many years ago we found ourselves in France at the same time and went to Chartres for the day, climbing all over the Cathedral - an architectural pursuit in which his mountaineering ability stood him in good stead.

I do not know whether I was one of his sponsors for the Century Association - the record will reveal that - but I am sure that if I am not one of his sponsors, I certainly wrote in his behalf.

If I can think of anything more, may I communicate with you again.

Trusting this is of some assistance, I am

Yours sincerely,

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