

Davidson, Frank E
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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

September 30, 1916,

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

SIR:

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects under Class [A, B, C, or D.]

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name Frank Eugene Davidson

Address Monadnock Block, Chicago, Illinois.

Place and date of birth Hillsboro, Iowa, June 7, 1867.

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

Holder of Scholarship in architecture
[Give name and year.]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the École des Beaux Arts
[State which, and year—Evidence of Certificate to be submitted with application.]

If practicing architect, firm name Davidson and Weiss

Have been in practice eleven years years

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

Collegiate and office training Received degree of B. C. E., 1892, from Iowa State College.

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.

Frank Eugene Davidson
[Signature of Applicant.]

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

Secretary.
Chapter, A. I. A.
[To be omitted when the applicant does not reside in the territory of a Chapter.]

We, the undersigned members of the American Institute of Architects, have carefully examined the foregoing statement and believe it to be correct. We know the applicant personally, and consider that his work and practice warrant his admission to Membership.

George Beaumont
W. H. ...
Ed. ...
[The signatures of three Institute members are here required. In the case of "official endorsement" of candidates by a Chapter, the signatures of its officers only shall be here required.]

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November 1, 1916.

My dear Mr. Davidson:

Permit me to acknowledge with gratification, and on behalf of the Secretary, your application for membership in the American Institute of Architects.

Your application will come before the next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Institute, and after that date we shall be pleased to advise you further.

In the meantime, you should send drawings and photographs of three executed buildings. These need not be specially prepared and may be taken from your office files. They will be carefully returned later.

A remittance of \$5.00 to cover the preliminary examination fee should be sent at your early convenience.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. F. E. Davidson,
Monadnock Block,
Chicago, Ill.

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Illinois Society of Architects

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Office of the President
53 W. Jackson Blvd.
Telephone Harrison 7818
Chicago

November 6, 1916.

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The Octogan, Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of November 1st in re. my application for membership in The American Institute of Architects.

I am attaching herewith my check for the preliminary examination fee and am sending you under separate cover photographs and working drawings of the following buildings:

1. Theatre Building at 2653-2665 North Clark Street, Chicago. This theatre has the largest seating capacity of any theatre in Chicago, excepting only the Auditorium, and cost complete about \$300,000.00.

2. A fireproof manufacturing building owned by James C. Curtis, at 1214-1228 West Van Buren Street, Chicago. This building cost complete approximately \$250,000.00.

3. A fireproof manufacturing building at the Northeast corner of Ravenswood Park and Berteau Avenue, Chicago, occupied by The Deegan Company, manufacturers of musical bells.

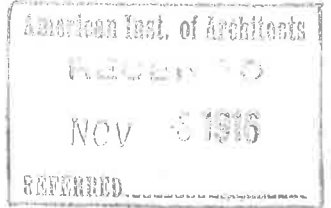
4. Wood-working shops of The Western Electric Company at Hawthorne, Illinois which cost \$975,000.00.

The photographs are being sent you under separate cover by registered mail and the drawings by express.

I have specialized in industrial architecture, and have at present under construction over a million dollars' worth of work.

I am attaching for your information a partial list of my work during the past five years.

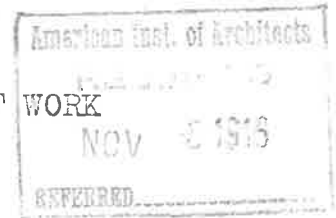
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THE FOLLOWING IS A PARTIAL LIST OF WORK
DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS



7 Story Standard Mill Sprinklered factory building 330 x 112 ft. Throop, Harrison and Congress Streets, Chicago, Cost, \$350,000.00 Frank A. Hecht, Owner.

7 Story fireproof factory, 1214 to 1222 West Van Buren Street, Chicago, Cost, \$250,000.00. James C. Curtis & Co. Owner.

5 story standard mill, sprinklered, factory at 2608 to 2618 Harvard Street, Chicago. Cost, \$110,000.00. F. B. Klock, Owner.

Theatre, store and apartment building at corner of North Clark Street and Dole Avenue, Chicago. Cost, \$300,000.00. Seating capacity of theatre 2640.

6 story fireproof mercantile building at East Ravenswood Park and Berteau Avenue, Chicago, Cost, \$150,000.00.

3 story fireproof warehouse and stable, 742 to 752 West Polk Street, Chicago, Cost, \$140,000.00. J. C. Pennoyer Company

4 story and basement fireproof printing building, 401 to 409 East Ohio Street. Cost, \$100,000.00. Callaghan & Company

5 story and basement standard mill sprinklered factory building. Laflin & Monroe Streets, Chicago, Cost, \$80,000.00. Olson Rug Company, Owner

3 story and basement fireproof warehouse and stable, 1521 to 1529 West Harrison Street, Chicago, Cost, \$130,000.00 Chicago Telephone Company, Owner.

5 story and basement heavy mill constructed sprinklered warehouse, 352 to 358 West Ohio Street, Chicago. Cost \$85,000.00. Geuder-Paschke-Frey Co., Milwaukee, Wisc. Owner.

Manufacturing Plant at Chicago Heights, Illinois. Advance Terra Cotta Co., Owner.

3 story and basement, sprinklered, automobile salesroom and warehouse, 1840 to 1842 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago. Cost \$40,000.00. Mrs. Lucy De Coning, Owner.

3 story and basement Manufacturing plant, at Hawthorne and Oak Streets, Chicago, Cost, \$60,000.00 Redlich Manufacturing Company, Owner.

Warehouse, Ice House, and stable, 2334 to 2340 South
Springfield Avenue, Chicago. Cost, \$50,000.00.
P. Schoenhofen Brewing Co., Owner

Five buildings at the plant of the Aurora Automatic Machinery
Co., Aurora, Illinois. Cost, \$100,000.00.
Aurora Automatic Machinery Co., Owner.

One Story and Three Story fireproof foundry building at
2609 to 2639 West Eighteenth Place, Chicago, Cost, \$80,000.00.
Home Stove Works, Owner,

7 story standard mill, sprinklered, loft building at 1315 to
1321 West Congress Street, Chicago. Cost, \$125,000.00.
Frank A. Hecht, Owner.

4 story and basement standard mill, sprinklered, automobile
salesroom and warehouse, 2341 to 2345 South Michigan Avenue,
Chicago. Cost, \$75,000.00. James Cunningham, Son & Co.

Manufacturing plant, sprinklered, at 3226 to 3270 Belmont
Avenue, Chicago, Cost, \$110,000.00
Mathias Klein & Company, Owner.

2 story and basement, standard mill Ice Cream Factory, at
Irving Avenue and West Van Buren Street, Chicago.
Cost, \$60,000.00. John T. Cunningham, Owner

Manufacturing Plant, sprinklered at Morrison, Illinois.
Cost, \$60,000.00. Illinois Refrigerator Co., Owner.

Manufacturing Plant, Sprinklered, at West 44th Street and
Ogden Avenue, Chicago. Cost, \$80,000.00.
Chicago Carton Co., Lessees.

Manufacturing Plant, sprinklered, at West 22nd and Union Streets,
Chicago. Cost, \$30,000.00.
S. Karpen Brothers, Owner

4 story and basement fireproof, sprinklered, addition to
factory at Sheffield and Fullerton Avenue, Chicago.
Cost, \$45,000.00. Eugene Dietzgen Co., Factory Owner.

2 story and basement standard mill sprinklered, factory
building, at the southwest corner of South Clinton and West
Van Buren Street, Chicago. Cost, \$35,000.00.
Guarantee Electric Company, Owner.

3 story and basement standard mill mercantile building at
2624 to 2628 South Park Avenue, Chicago. Cost, \$35,000.00.
Cable Piano Company, Owner.

Alterations to Manufacturing Plant, at 850 to 874 Larrabee
Street, Chicago. Estimated cost, \$50,000.00.
Oelerich & Berry Co., Owner.

#3.

3 story fireproof storage warehouse at 4821 to 4829 Broadway,
North Shore Fireproof Storage Company, Owner.

3 story and basement fireproof building, 177 West Monroe Street,
Insurance Patrol #1, Lessee

4 story and basement, sprinklered factory addition at Kenosha,
Wisconsin. Cost, \$60,000.00.
Cooper Underwear Company., Kenosha, Wisc.Owner.

4 story and basement standard mill sprinklered factory building
at Streater, Illinois. Cost, \$75,000.00.
Baker Brothers Co., Streater, Ill. Owner.

Semi-fireproof Machinery warehouse, 160 x 360, at 2100 South
Kilbourn Avenue, Chicago. Cost, \$90,000.00.
Hill, Clarke & Co., Chicago, Owner.

5 Story sprinklered mill factory, 400-412 North May Street,
Fischer Furniture Company, Owner.

2 story and basement standard mill sprinklered factory 100 x 200
at Clearing, Illinois. Cost, \$50,000.00.
Wilson & Bennett Mfg. Co., Owner.

Automobile Manufacturing plant at Argo, Illinois, Estimated
cost \$150,000.00. Elgin Motor Car Corporation, Owner.

Fireproof warehouse at 39th Street and Lowe Avenue, Chicago,
Cost, \$50,000.00. W. C. Griswold, Owner.

2 story semi-fireproof factory 120 x 160 at Argo, Illinois,
Estimated cost \$60,000.00. Midland Chemical Co., Owner.

1 story semi-fireproof factory 100 x 200 at Clearing, Illinois.
Estimate cost, \$30,000.00.
Chicago Transfer & Clearing Co., Owner.

Manufacturing Plant, at 12th and 44th Avenue, consisting of
Foundry, Machine Shop, Pattern Shop, Power House, etc.
Estimated cost \$250,000.00.
W. A. Jones Foundry & Machine Co., Owner.

Manufacturing Plant at 1334 to 1358 North Kostner Avenue, Chicago,
consisting of foundry, machine shop, pattern shop, power house,
forge shop and administration building. Estimated cost
\$350,000.00. The Pyle National Company, Owner.

4 story and basement standard mill factory, Kedzie and Carroll
Avenue, Chicago. Estimated cost, \$100,000.00.
Metal Specialties Mfg. Co., Owner.

#4.

6 story and basement standard mill factory addition, 1510-1514
West Monroe Street, Chicago. Estimated cost, \$75,000.00.
Walter E. Olson, Owner.

4 story and basement standard mill sprinklered factory addition
Fullerton & Racine Avenue, Chicago. Estimated cost, \$100,000.00.
Standard Cap & Seal Company, Owner.

6 story standard mill sprinklered factory building, 1331 to
1341 West Congress Street, Chicago. Estimated cost, \$100,000.00.
E. W. Bredemeier, Owner.

Manufacturing Plant, Several buildings at Western Boulevard
and 54th Street, Chicago. Estimated cost \$150,000.00.
Octigan Drop Forge Co., Owner.

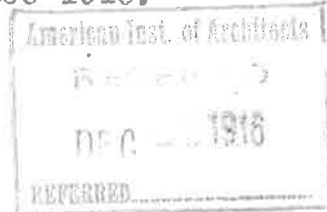
Henry K. Holzman
Architect

332 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE

Chicago

6th Dec 1916.

Mr. Burt L. Fenner, Sec.
American Institute of Architects
The Octagon
Washington, D.C.



Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter 2nd Dec I am sending you the following privileged communication, which I trust will be kept absolutely confidential, in respect to the election of Mr. Frank E Davidson to membership in the American Institute of Architects.

I voted in the Chapter against the admission of Mr. Davidson so as to lend my influence towards making an exhibition of his work to the proper officers of the Institute and I voted against his election on the ground that in my judgment it is not good for the Institute members in this vicinity to have members admitted in full to the Institute whose practice is so well known to be of such limited character as is that of Mr. Davidson. I am certain the Institute will not have as high a place in the estimation of Mr. Davidson if he be admitted without being asked to make an exhibition of his work. Mr. Davidson is primarily an engineer. The admission of Mr. Davidson to the Institute would in my judgment lower the standing of the Institute in the minds of the engineers.

When I was asked by one of the local officers why I voted against his name, during ~~the~~ conversation it was mentioned that two others voted the same way and my informant thought he knew why they voted that way but did not see why I should have voted as I did. I told him there was no animosity in the vote, of any kind or nature but in my judgment it would be an injury to every other member of this Chapter if such men be admitted, to membership and I trust that none of the others who had thus been admitted and against whom I did not vote because I did not know them were of such character that it might be mentioned among the laity, as well as among members, that membership in the Institute signifies nothing, for Mr. So and So is a member and everybody knows what kind of an architect he is. Mr. Davidson is well known and for that reason greater care should be taken in his election.

HKH/PI

Yours very truly,

Henry K. Holzman

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

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January 2, 1917.

My dear Waid:

I am enclosing a letter to the Board of Directors concerning Mr. Frank E. Davidson's application for Institute membership.

I woke up to the fact that this letter had not been written too late to get it off yesterday hence the form it is in.

I wish you would read it in case it reaches you in time for the meeting of Jan. 2 and do what you think best about filing it. Davidson is not the polished gentleman that some of the Institute members are, but as I say he is growing and I thought well enough of this good side of his make up to put my name on his application and hope he will be elected.

I send this to you because I do not know whether the meeting of the Board will be in New York or Washington (but think probably in New York) and think that probably through you it will reach the Board or not as may be best.

With my best wishes,

(SIGNED) J. C. LLEWELLYN

Privileged



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December 30, 1916.

To the Board of Directors of the
American Institute of Architects:

Dear Sirs:

I am availing myself of the request for privileged communications regarding applications for membership in the Institute to say something in behalf of the application of Mr. Frank E. Davidson forwarded from the Illinois Chapter.

I am led to do so because of a small negative vote when the question of his application was submitted to the Chapter for approval and because as a signer of Mr. Davidson's application I am interested and desire that the Board should know why I signed it.

I have known Mr. Davidson a number of years. By training he is an engineer but through his connection with the Western Electric Co. and his control for a number of years of the building operations of this Company Mr. Davidson's work developed into designing and supervising the construction of manufacturing and heavy warehouse work as an architect and today he has an extensive practice in this line of work.

Mr. Davidson is a man of energy and action, this energy may not always have been so directed as to avoid criticism but in this regard Mr. D. is not the only exception.

In regard to his line of work I regard Mr. Davidson as one of the best posted men in Chicago, and he keeps in touch with what is going on in our city building departments as closely as any one in the profession.

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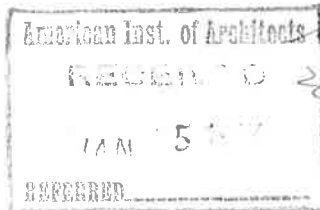
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Very respectfully,

(signed) J. C. LLEWELLYN

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JOSEPH C. LLEWELLYN
ARCHITECT
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
CHICAGO
RALPH C. LLEWELLYN
ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEER



Mr Kaufman
for Board Studies
Meeting Dec

Chicago Dec. 30. 1916

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Very respectfully

J. H. Llewellyn



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THE ART INSTITUTE - CHICAGO

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- N. MAX DUNNING, 1 YEAR

February 16, 1917.



Mr. William Stanley Parker, Sec'y A. I. A.,
120 Boylston Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Parker:

I have your favor of February 14th and believe it my duty as well as a pleasure, in reply thereto, to endorse Mr. Davidson's name for election to Institute Membership.

Mr. Davidson is an engineer as well as an architect and I believe his professional attainments are along the lines of constructive and executive work, rather than purely artistic. He is also the President of the Illinois Society of Architects and in this capacity, he is working very earnestly and very conscientiously for the benefit of the entire profession. I believe there is no question whatever of his ideals being all that the Institute could expect and I know that the Executive Committee of the Chapter is as a whole and I believe unanimously, in favor of his election.

In his capacity as President of the Illinois Society and in his enthusiasm for the good of the architectural profession he was, at the time we were fighting the passage of the engineers' license law, injudicious in some of his actions, but I believe that no one realized the mistake more than he did.

I am not at all surprised that one letter was received against him. In fact, our Executive Committee fully expected this or more and it was our intention that we should each write letters to the Board in his favor because we anticipated some letters against him.

Mr. Davidson attended the last Convention of the Institute, was very greatly impressed and will, I believe, be a valuable member and certainly an earnest worker in any capacity for which the Institute may find use for his service.

I hope for his election.

Very truly yours,
Frederick W. Perkins
PRESIDENT

FWP/S

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Chicago, Illinois,
February 19, 1917.

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Mr. William Stanley Parker,
Secretary, A.I.A.
120 Boylston Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Parker:-

In reference to the application of Mr. Frank E. Davidson for Institute membership in the Illinois Chapter, I wish to endorse Mr. Davidson's application, as I feel that he will be a creditable addition to the Chapter, and I trust that the Board of Directors of the Institute will take favorable action upon his application.

Very sincerely yours,

C. H. Hammond

*S.C.K. - Then act on this -
Put a file in
the box on -*

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N. MAX DUNNING
ARCHITECT
35 S. DEARBORN STREET
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February
Twentieth,
Nineteen Seventeen.

Mr. William Stanley Parker,
Secretary, A. I. A.,
120 Boylston Street,
Boston, Mass.



Dear Mr. Parker:-

Understanding that the Board of Directors of the A. I. A. has continued its consideration of the application of Mr. Frank E. Davidson, Architect, Chicago, Illinois, for Member of the A. I. A. until the next meeting of the Board, I am taking the liberty, as a Member of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Chapter, A. I. A., of writing a letter to the Board in commendation of Mr. Davidson's applicancy.

As well as being a Director in the Illinois Chapter I am a Director in the Illinois Society of Architects of which Mr. Davidson is the President, and I feel that I am in a particularly advantageous position to know of Mr. Davidson's many admirable qualities, of his attitude toward the American Institute of Architects, and of his conscientious support of all of the principals for which the American Institute stands.

Mr. Davidson is a man of high ideals, absolute courage of his convictions, and one, in my belief, that it would be a serious miscarriage of justice, not only to Mr. Davidson but to the Institute, to fail to elect.

Mr. Davidson has been very active in promoting the best interests of the Profession through the activities of the Illinois Society of Architects, and like most other man who are aggressive, has made some enemies. It does not surprise me, therefore, that there has been some opposition to his candidacy. I feel sincerely, however, - and I believe I am in a peculiar position to know, - that his many favorable qualifications far out-balance any valid objections that may be offered.

Sincerely hoping that Mr. Davidson's application for Membership will be favorably acted upon, I remain,

Yours very truly,

N. Max Dunning
ARCHITECT.

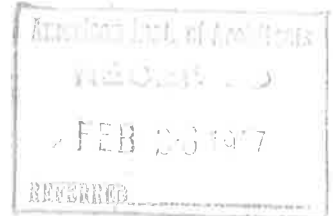
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Sec'y- American Institute of Architects,
120 Boylston Street,
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Dear Mr. Parker:-

I learn that the consideration of the application of Mr. Frank E. Davidson for membership in the Institute has been deferred until the May meeting of the Board, and I wish to add my personal endorsement to that of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Chapter- which was unanimous.

I believe Mr. Davidson will make a good Institute member. As President of the Illinois Society of Architects he has shown himself an enthusiastic worker for what he considered the good of the profession, and being active and aggressive- it is not surprising that there might be found some who would oppose him.

I believe his professional ideals to be high, and that he would make sacrifices to uphold them.

He will, I believe, make a valuable member of the Institute and an efficient worker in any capacity assigned him.

I sincerely hope for his election.

Yours truly,

Webster Tomlinson
1st Vice Prest, Ill. Chapter A.I.A.

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February 23rd, 1917.

William Stanley Parker, Sec'y. A.I.A.,
120 Boylston Street,
Boston, Mass.



Dear Sir:

I have just received from Mr. Perkins, the President of the Illinois Chapter, a copy of his letter to you under date of February 16th, endorsing Mr. Frank E. Davidson's name for election to Institute Membership, with the request that I write to you.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to endorse Mr. Davidson's name, and I heartily agree with all Mr. Perkins has stated in his letter to you, referred to above.

Yours truly,

Treasurer, Ill. Chapter, A.I.A.

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March 2, 1917.

Mr. William Stanley Parker,
Secy- American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Parker:-

Enclosed I send you an article by Mr. F.E. Davidson, President of the Illinois Society of Architects, which appeared in March 3rd issue of the American Contractor.

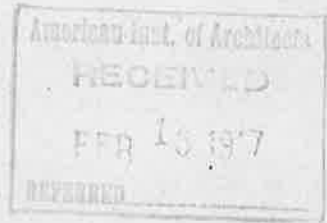
Mr. Davidson in an applicant for membership in the Institute- about whom I recently wrote you.

Yours very truly,

Webster Tomlinson

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February 14, 1917.

My dear Mr. Pond:-

Mr. Frank E. Davidson of the Illinois Chapter is an applicant for Institute membership.

At the recent meeting of the Board, two letters were received, one for him and the other against him.

The Board is in some doubt as to the best action to take in the matter and therefore final action on Mr. Davidson's application has been delayed until the meeting of the Executive Committee in May. In order to have fuller information in regard to Mr. Davidson and his qualification for membership, I was instructed to ask you for an expression of opinion in the matter, which would of course be looked upon as a privileged communication.

Trusting to hear from you at your convenience but in any case not later than May 1st, I am,

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Mr. Irving K. Pond,
Steinway Hall,
Chicago, Ill.

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TELEPHONE HARRISON 2927

April 6th, 1917.

Mr. William Stanley Parker, Sec'y,
American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.



My dear Mr. Parker:

I have had before me for some time your request for a letter concerning Mr. F. E. Davidson, a candidate for membership in the Institute. I am rather sorry that you called upon me in this instance.

When I seconded Mr. Davidson's nomination for Chapter membership he was doing what seemed to me to be good and effective work for the architectural profession in the matter of the then proposed engineer's license law in Illinois. This activity gained for him the presidency of the Illinois Society of Architects, against the desire of many of the better class of members, myself included, who had begun to size him up. Mr. Davidson asked me on several occasions to sponsor him for membership in the Institute, which I consistently refused to do. On his final appeal, however, I told him that if he could get the necessary endorsement I would not antagonize him.

I will state certain facts and then let the Board decide if the candidate is the sort of man that it is safe to have closely tied up with the Institute work and within hailing distance of certain political elements at the National Capital.

Davidson is a born politician and a worker in ward politics among the lower element of politicians. He says he has elected to work among this class because he can extend his influence further than he can among the high brows. At a meeting of a

Committee of Architects, at which I was present, held in the office of the Burnham Company, Mr. Probst of the Burnham Company being a member of the Committee, Davidson stated that the leader of the Illinois House of Representatives, giving his name, had offered to kill the engineer's bill upon the payment of a certain sum by the architects. The statement was circumstantial and Davidson said that in reporting the offer he had no idea that the architects would accept it, but that he felt obligated to tell the Committee what he had heard. (The statement had already been made on the outside and passed on to me.) Then he said that if a word of his talk were breathed outside of the Committee room he would deny it absolutely and in toto. During the progress of the passage of the bill at Springfield, Davidson being a spectator in the galleries, rumor became current on the floor that fraud was being used to pass the bill and that graft had been offered. Davidson was summoned before the Committee of the Legislature and denied all knowledge. The thing was hushed up and the bill was passed. Men high in the counsels of the state had offered to follow up the case and prosecute grafting members of the Legislature and only asked hints upon which to work. These Davidson would not furnish.

It seems to me that his act in this case strikes at the vitals of our body politic and that is the fundamental reason that I have refused to endorse him. I think he is what one would call "good hearted" but he is foul mouthed and vulgar in his speech, not so much in the Chapter meetings, at which he is always in evidence, as he is in Committee meetings and in personal discourse. I have regretted that he should have got into the Chapter with my

Mr. W. S. Parker.

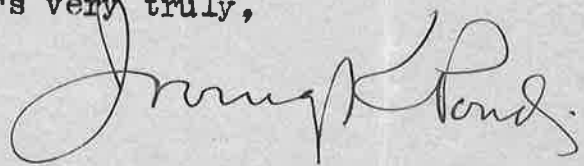
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endorsement but, as he did, I have been loath to stand in the way of his advancement to the Institute. He goes off half cocked, (as so many of us do,) on frequent occasions and concerning various topics on which he is illy informed, and his position in the Society makes him rather a menace.

Again I am sorry that, under the circumstances you have called upon me for an expression of opinion. I imagine that there is sufficient knowledge within the Board itself to permit a fair and unbiased disposal of this case.

Yours very truly,



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April 13, 1917.

Mr. Irving K. Pond,
1107 Steinway Building,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Pond:-

Thank you for your letter of April 6th regarding Mr. S. D. ⁷⁵
Davidson, which I will present to the Executive meeting in May together
with a number of other letters, pro and con, relating to Mr. Davidson's
candidacy for membership in the Institute. The Board will be glad to
have your expression of opinion.

With kind regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

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Mr. Kemper -

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Mr. Irving K. Pond,
1107 Steinway Hall.,
Chicago, Illinois.

June 4, 1917.

Dear Mr. Pond:-

Your letter relative to the application of Mr. F. E. Davidson for membership in the Institute was presented to the Executive Committee at its meeting in Atlanta, May 17-18, and the committee was grateful for your frank expression of opinion. A number of other letters were presented and in view of the very strong body of opinion in favor of his election the Executive Committee found it clearly necessary to cast a favorable vote. I trust that future developments will lead you to feel that such action was justified.

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Very truly yours,

Secretary.

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June 7th-1917

Mr. William Stanley Parker, Sec'y,
The American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Parker:-

Your letter relative to the action of the Executive Committee on the application of Mr. F. E. Davidson is at hand. My observation is that the Executive Committee does better work when it meets in its own quarters than when it is en tour and wrapped in the misty mantle of brotherly love. I happen to know that some of the gentleman's endorsers acted against their better judgment in commending him to the favorable action of the Board. I told one of them that the honorable course for him lay in a letter withdrawing his ill considered sanction. You say a strong body of opinion favored the election. Could any body of the opinion offset a statement of fact? Opinions cannot weight against facts; and in this special case the body of opinion finds itself enforced by some whose tendency is to be on the shady side of any ethical proposition.

I am seriously reminded at this juncture of a letter to President Mauran at the beginning of his term in which I opined that he would find himself dealing with a Board certain members of which would be willing to lower the standards of the Institute in the matter of membership and lofty idealism, -members who would be willing to take anybody into the Institute in the forlorn hope of raising his status; in other words, marrying a man to reform him.

I cannot say what "future developments will lead me to feel" but just at present I am inclined to feel, not only from the action of the Executive Committee but from the attitude of the people who are willing to lend their influence against their better judgment, that the doors of the Institute are open to the rabble.

This letter, though addressed to the Secretary, might well be digested by the Board.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Irving K. Pond

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June 4, 1917.

My dear Sir:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective May 18, 1917.

You will receive later the Proceedings of the Fiftieth Convention and the Year Book for 1917, which in addition to the membership records contains the official documents of the Institute relating to matters of professional practice.

The enclosed statement for dues should receive early attention, as the engrossed Certificate of Membership is not sent until the dues for the first year have been paid, and election becomes void for non-payment within three months of this date.

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

Very truly yours,



Executive Secretary.

Mr. F. E. Davidson,
Monadnock Block,
Chicago, ILL.

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May 16, 1919.



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

My dear Mr. Kemper:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your very kind favor of the 14th enclosing copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held immediately after the adjournment of the Nashville Convention.

I think, under the circumstances, I will make no reference in our May Bulletin to the Institute Committees unless I receive a corrected list from you. Incidentally there seems to be a little mix-up somewhere with reference to the Committee on Publication. Mr. Waid told me at Nashville and has written me since the adjournment of the Convention that he was a member of the Committee on Institute Publications, but his name does not appear in the copy of the minutes you sent me. I do not wish to be interfering in any way, so I am writing you this in confidence as there may be some reason for making a change in the personnel of this Committee that the Board might not wish given out. I will, therefore, say nothing whatever about the receipt of the copy of the Minutes from you at this time.

I wish, however, to assure you that your courtesy is greatly appreciated and I am glad to have this copy even before same is corrected by the Secretary of the Institute.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "F. E. Davidson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Very truly yours,".

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May 19, 1919.

Dear Mr. Davidson:

Responding to yours of May 16th, I do not know when we will have complete the Committee appointments. There have been several declinations of important assignments and the new appointments are now in the hands of President Kimball. Be assured I will send you information in this matter promptly.

With regard to the personnel of the Committee on Publications, there must be some misunderstanding. Mr. Weid is Chairman of the Special Committee on Journal Reorganization, but he is not a member of the Committee on Publications and Public Information. His Committee will cooperate with the Committee on Publications in the work of reorganizing the Journal and no doubt they will work in that capacity as a joint Committee.

When you are again in Washington I trust you will find a few moments to spare in which to visit the Octagon.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. F. E. Davidson,
1448 Monadnock Block,
Chicago, Ill.

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Memo for Mr. Kemper:

These photographs of the statue of Napoleon, by Vincenzo Vela, are the only view we have from this angle. - If they are suitable for the purpose of Mr. Davidson you may take your choice - They sell at 75¢ each.
Crocera Galleries -

May 28, 1920.

Dear Mr. Davidson:-

The only photograph of the statue of Napoleon which we can obtain without considerable expense is sent to you under separate cover in duplicate. The price is 75¢ each and please return one or both with an indication of your wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. F. E. Davidson,
1448 Monadnock Block,
Chicago, Illinois.

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June 8, 1920.

Dear Mr. Davidson:-

Your check for \$2.00 received. I have cashed same and
enclose receipted voucher from the Corcoran Art Gallery. The
balance of 50¢ has been placed in Institute petty cash on account
of postage.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. F. E. Davidson,
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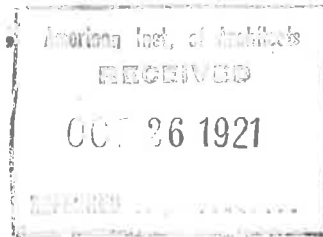
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October 24, 1921.

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



My dear Mr. Kemper:

There must be something wrong with your mailing list. This morning my associate, Mr. John W. Weiss, received your circular dated October 20, but nothing was received by your "Humble Servant"

You will recall that previous circulars did not reach me. Would you mind checking up and see if by any possibility my name was dropped out of your addressograph list.

Very truly yours,


F. E. Davidson

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October 27, 1921.

My dear Mr. Davidson:

I have yours of October 24, and I am sorry you are being slighted somewhere along the line. I found in the proper place the metal stencil with your name and address, as per the impression below. As a test a carbon copy of this letter is being mailed to you separately in a one-cent envelope, addressed from the plate in question.

Please let me know within three or four days if your letter and the test envelope have come to hand.

We will certainly see to it that you get your Institute communications in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. F. E. Davidson,
1448 Monadnock Block,
Chicago, Illinois.

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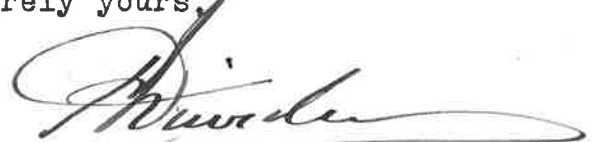
October 29, 1921.

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

My dear Mr. Kemper:

Thank you for your letter of the 27th in re. the receipt of mail from your office? I beg to advise that the carbon copy of your letter of the 27th was delivered with the same mail as the original, so evidently the slip up was caused by the Post Office somewhere.

Very sincerely yours,



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April 10, 1922.

My dear Mr. Davidson:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th stating that you no longer wish to serve on the Convention Committee A. I. A. 1922.

Before consenting to accept your designation, which I need not say I should be very sorry to do, I ask the privilege of advice as to your reasons for such action.

Is there anything in which we have failed to do our part? We value your assistance too highly to act upon your letter without fuller information.

I shall appreciate hearing from you.

Yours truly,

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President.

Mr. F. E. Davidson,
Monadnock Bldg,
Chicago, Ill.

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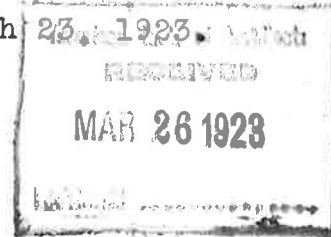
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March 23, 1923



Mr. E. C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary, A.I.A.,
The Octagon,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Kemper:

Thank you for your good letter of the 20th.

Yesterday morning I received a letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Public Information together with advance copy of the report to the Convention and I wrote to Mr. Van Pelt as per copy hereto attached.


I note the Circular of Information in regard to the forthcoming Convention dated March 13th. Was this mailed to members of the Institute? If so, a copy never reached my desk.

It seems so strange to me that whenever architects are busy they apparently lose all interest in professional matters. In Illinois the average attendance at our Chapter meetings has fallen off very rapidly during the last year. Many of the most prominent members of the profession never attend, and it seems impossible to arouse any enthusiasm regarding affairs in which the Institute and the Local Chapter are vitally interested, or at least should be.

I don't know the answer as it seems to be unanswerable.

Again thanking you for your prompt reply enclosing Circular of Information regarding the Convention and copy of Document 186, I remain

Very truly yours,


F. E. Davidson

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March 28, 1923.

My dear Mr. Davidson:-

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of the 23rd and to advise that it will be brought to Mr. Kemper's attention upon his return from the Institute Executive Committee meeting in Charleston, S. C., about April 2.

In the meantime we are enclosing a Circular of Information with regard to the Convention, as we note from your letter that the first copy failed to reach you.

Very truly yours,

For Executive Secretary.

Mr. F. E. Davidson,
1448 Monadnock Block,
Chicago, Illinois.

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July 14, 1924.

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary,
American Institute of Architects,
Octagon House,
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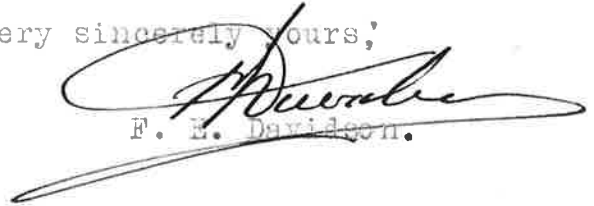
My dear Mr. Kemper:

I note with interest in the printed copy of the Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, A.I.A. Documents #201, that the Board of Directors have interpreted Section 1 of Article 10 of the By-Laws as I suggested it be interpreted in correspondence with your office last Spring.

I was sorry I was unable to attend the Convention and was deprived of the privilege of listening to some wonderful addresses and meeting some wonderful men. I hope, however, to be able to attend the next Convention.

I have begged President Waid to relieve me of duty as a member of the Committee on Public Information as I am trying to side step all of the committee work possible.

Very sincerely yours,



F. E. Davidson.

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July 18, 1924

Dear Mr. Davidson:-

This will acknowledge yours of July 14th. You are right about the form of Nominating Petitions and under the Ruling of the Board there will be no further possibility of confusion.

We are planning a big Convention in New York in 1925 and you must not miss it.

The Proceedings will be mailed to you before the end of the month and I hope you will find the book an interesting account of a darned good Convention.

As ever,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. F. E. Davidson,
53 West Jackson Blvd.,
Chicago, Ill.

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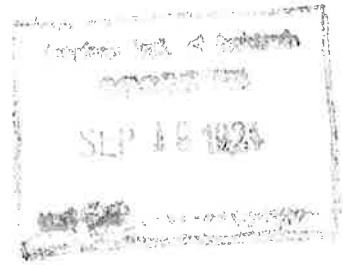
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September 17, 1924.



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

My dear Mr. Kemper:

Mr. John J. VanPelt is still writing me as a member of the Committee on Publication and Public Information. I resigned as a member of this committee some months ago and secured the impression from President Waid's acknowledgment of my letter that my resignation had been accepted. I suggested to President Waid the appointment of Mr. Arthur Woltersdorf of Chicago to fill the vacancy on the committee, and while I have had no official notification of his appointment, yet I take it from the fact that Mr. Woltersdorf is chairman of the Chapter Committee on Public Information that he must have secured the appointment I suggested on the Institute Committee.

Is it possible that by some oversight Chairman VanPelt has not been advised of the changes in the committee?

I note from his letter to me under date of September 13 that he has been in ill health for some weeks and it is possible that his office has misfiled the official notification from the Institute.

Very truly yours,

F. E. Davidson

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CC Mr. J. J. VanPelt

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September 19, 1924.

Dear Mr. Davidson:-

Responding to yours of September 17, you will see from the Annuary Supplement which will reach you about September 27 that Mr. Woltersdorf took your place on the Public Information Committee.

Mr. Van Pelt has been away and probably some communication came to you addressed from the old list.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. F. E. Davidson,
Monadnock Block,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Mrs. Emily H. Davidson, wife of F. E. Davidson, former president of the Illinois Society of Architects, died suddenly yesterday at the family home, 7436 Kimbark avenue, following a heart attack. Mrs. Davidson, who was a versatile linguist and known among her Chicago neighbors for her quiet charities, was born in Dieppe, France, and came to the United States forty years ago. Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Rufus A. White from the chapel at 5203 Lake Park avenue, tomorrow at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in Oakwoods.

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February 5, 1925.

Dear Mr. Davidson:-

It was with deep regret that those of us here at the Octagon learned of your bereavement. We send our sympathy, and we hope for your own sake that you will feel equal to coming to New York to the Institute Convention the latter part of April. The trip would do you good and your old friends would like to see you.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. F. E. Davidson,
Monadnock Block,
Chicago, Illinois.

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March 16, 1925.

Dear Sir:-

Acting under the Disciplinary Rules of the Institute, I beg to send herewith a copy of the findings of the Judiciary Committee, in the form in which they will be presented to the Board of Directors, in the matter of charges of unprofessional conduct preferred by you against Messrs. Royer, Hunter, Zalesky, Brown, and Rugh.

The only one of these members, against whom a case has been found, is Mr. W. J. Brown. He has been furnished with a copy of the findings and has been notified of the place and hour of the meeting.

A copy of the Disciplinary Rules is enclosed herewith, and the procedure at the hearing will be under Rule 6.

You will receive the customary notice from the Secretary of the Institute concerning the hour and place of the hearing.

Very truly yours,

Chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. F. E. Davidson,
53 West Jackson Boulevard,
Chicago, Ill.

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March 16, 1925.

Dear Sir:-

In the matter of charges of unprofessional conduct against Messrs. Royer, Hunter, Zalesky, Brown, and Rugh, I beg to advise that a finding has been made against Mr. W. J. Brown.

He will be given a hearing before the Board of Directors on April 20, 1925, at 4.00 P.M.

The place of the hearing will be the Hotel Roosevelt, at Madison Avenue and Forty-sixth Street, New York City.

You have received a copy of the report of the Judiciary Committee, and under Rule 6 of the Disciplinary Rules you are notified as above, should you wish to appear.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Mr. F. E. Davidson,
55 West Jackson Boulevard,
Chicago, Ill.

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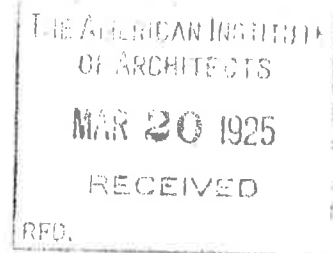
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March 18, 1925.

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


My dear Mr. Kemper:



I am much interested in learning, if you can advise me, as to what the cost to the Institute is for the Institute gold medal. Have you a cut of this medal that you could loan me, or can you give me the approximate dimensions of same? Confidentially, I am planning on making a little donation to the Illinois Society of Architects and I am trying to find out how much I will have to "put up" in order to accomplish certain results.

I am hoping to see you in New York at the convention, as at present I am planning to attend and hope that nothing will interfere as I would like to meet all the good fellows once more, although I imagine the convention as such will be a "flivver", as I have a suspicion that the New York gang will provide so much entertainment that it will almost be impossible to maintain a quorum of the delegates to transact business.

Faithfully yours,


F. E. Davidson

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March 20, 1925.

Dear Mr. Davidson:-

It was good to get your letter of March 18th, and to know that you are going to the Convention in New York.

I am afraid that you are right in thinking that we are going to be pressed on Institute business, but the Program is such that good fellowship and informal exchange of ideas will more than make up for any loss.

The President of the Institute has sent a cordial invitation, with a copy of the Program, to every architect in the United States - 11,000 in all. We hope to make this the greatest gathering of architects in the history of the United States and I have a hunch that the 58th Convention will be one of the most significant ever held.

With regard to the Gold Medal, we are sending herewith a copy of the Manual. On page 10 is an illustration showing the exact size of the medal, with a brief description.

This medal, in case, as awarded to Mr. Bacon cost \$160.00. We have an exact replica here which could be sent on to you if you needed it.

The medal is made ~~each year~~ by the Medallio Art Company of New York.

When you have announced the establishment of the Illinois medal to which you refer will you not send notice to the Octagon so we can get some publicity for the profession through the Public Information Committee and its publicity man.

Looking forward to seeing you at the big party, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. F. E. Davidson,
Monadnock Block,
Chicago, Illinois.

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March 23, 1925.

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

My dear Mr. Kemper:

Permit me to thank you for your favor of the 20th and the information contained in the manual. I note what you say about the convention program, but I have not yet seen a copy of this program. The only information I have about the convention is a circular dated March 16 from the Secretary's office and a circular dated March 20 from Levi regarding transportation, etc., but the convention program referred to in your letter has not been received.

I have made inquiry of a number of members of the Institute since receiving your letter and they are in the same fix that I am in. We don't know anything about what is planned for us. Perhaps there has been some delay in mailing this program, which I hope we will receive shortly.

I note in Levi's circular that the convention will run over a period of five days. I cannot conceive of any business the Institute has that would require five days to transact, and if the New York bunch think they can keep me in New York five days, they have got to be some entertainers, that's all.

Sincerely yours,


F. E. Davidson

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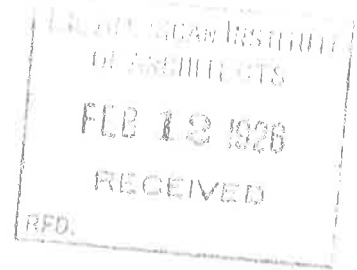
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February 10, 1926.

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

My dear Mr. Kemper:




The only accurate list of the registered architects of Illinois will be found in the yearly Handbook of the Illinois Society of Architects.

I believe you have undoubtedly received the latest copy which came from the Press only a few days ago. If not, I am sure that Mr. Palmer, our Financial Secretary, will mail you a copy, but I am sure you are on our mailing list.

I doubt very much if I will attend the next convention of the Institute. My health has not been good for some time and I am taking life very easy. In fact, I expect to spend convention week at my new summer home at Holland, Michigan, hoeing the weeds out of the flower beds and listening to the birdies sing. I imagine that one hundred years from now, the world will be just as well off if I do not afflict my presence on the convention, although I would like personally very much to meet you and many other good friends that I have made in the A.I.A.,

Sincerely yours,


F. E. Davidson

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February 13, 1926.

Dear Mr. Davidson:-

Thanks for your suggestion about the Handbook of the
Illinois Society.

We will miss you at the Convention, but if you are
going to be outdoors in Michigan, I envy rather than sym-
pathize.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

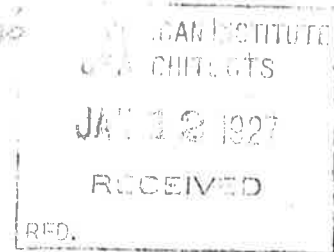
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January 10, 1927.

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

My dear Mr. Kemper:

As you know, for the past eleven years I have been mailing the Octagon House copies of the Bulletin of the Illinois Society of Architects, sending you sufficient copies so that the secretaries of each chapter could be supplied with a copy.

I have never rendered any bill for any expense incident thereto, this being one of my minor services to the profession. For some time I received copies of some of the chapter bulletins--for example, the Boston Chapter and the Minneapolis Chapter, but for some reason, unknown to the writer, I have been cut off their mailing lists.

I do not know of any other chapter issuing a bulletin, but I really would appreciate it if you will suggest to the chapter secretaries that the Editor of the Bulletin of the Illinois Society of Architects believes that it would be a very courteous proceeding on their part to put my name on their mailing list in exchange for the Bulletin. I should be glad to mail to them directly if they wish.

Very truly yours,

F. E. Davidson

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January 18, 1927.

Dear Mr. Davidson:

A reply to yours of January 10th has been delayed by my absence from Washington.

We have greatly appreciated getting the sixty copies of the Bulletin of the Illinois Society and never failed to send them out to all Chapter Secretaries.

As you know we act as a sort of clearing house for several of the Chapters in sending out to the other Chapters the periodical Bulletins and Chapter Letters which are issued, and in the case of Chicago these have been going to the Secretary of the Chapter. That probably explains why you missed most of them.

I believe the best way to get the various bulletins into your hands is to ask the Chapter Secretaries to put your name on their mailing list and some letters to that effect have been written as per enclosed letters.

Also, we will have a stencil made in your name so that you will get what we send out from the Octagon. There may be a little duplication, but not enough to hurt.

I am sure the other Chapters are glad to get the Bulletin of the Illinois Society, which, to my mind, is something of a model to be followed, so please continue to send the usual number of copies if so many can be spared.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. F. E. Davidson,
Monadnock Block,
Chicago, Ill.

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P.S. Herewith are copies of the Boston and Philadelphia documents. I believe the one for Philadelphia is an annual rather than a monthly.

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January 22, 1927.

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

My dear Mr. Kemper:

Permit me to acknowledge with thanks the receipt
of your kind favor of the 18th in-re the Bulletin of the
Illinois Society of Architects.

Yours very truly,

F. E. Davidson
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March 31, 1927.

My dear Mr. Kemper:

Referring to yours of the 29th in-re the Handbook of the Illinois Society of Architects, I was under the impression that our Secretary's office had mailed you a copy of the 1926 issue. I am sending your letter to Mr. Palmer, together with copy of this, and am sure that he will send you a copy at once.

I do not expect to attend the convention--at least, not as a delegate. It may be, if I feel like it and the weather is good, that I may drive down just to look you over, but I will not be there in any official position.

I am sidestepping all of the Society work that I can--in fact, I have absolutely refused to serve on any committees of any organization. The only professional work that I am now doing is taking care of the Illinois Society Bulletin and acting as Treasurer of The Architects Club of Chicago, and my secretary is doing this work. Pretty soft when you have a good girl.

I have sold my Chicago property and am now living permanently at Holland, Michigan, where I have a beautiful place and where I enjoy being. As yet I have not entirely given up business, but spend Tuesdays, Wednesdays and a part of Thursdays at the office, and during the summer months expect to take the night boat for Chicago on Monday evening and the noon train for Holland on Thursday, which will permit me to spend five evenings each week at home.

For the life of me, I cannot see any sense in keeping up the pace that I was going for so many years. While I enjoyed my committee and professional work, yet it was simply killing and it is about time that I began to slow up if I expect to maintain my health, as without health one cannot enjoy life.

Sincerely,

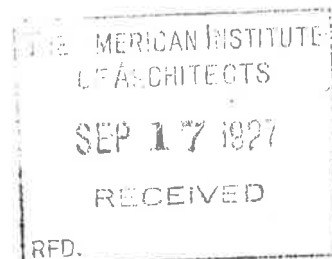
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September 15, 1927.

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

My dear Mr. Kemper:

Can you give me any information about what the Press proposes to do about its bonds? I understand that the Directors of the Press have appointed the publicity man of Forhans Tooth Paste as Editor of the Journal.

Incidentally, the gossip is that Grady is trying to make a tie-up with the labor unions in New York in an effort to secure union support for the Journal. Some change in policy, believe me.


I also understand that the Directors of the Press have surrendered the copyrights to Sullivan's books which were given to the Institute. Some ethics, believe me.

I understand that certain New York publishers were prepared to pay the Institute enough money to pay off all the bonds, pay off Whitaker and everything else for the press and the book business, but for some reason this offer, which certainly appears to me to have been a better one than was attempted, was not seriously considered.

Of course, I am not in the confidence of the "Powers that Be" and do not know what they are trying to do, but as a bond-holder of the Press, I am interested in learning if I may expect to have my bond taken up or its interest continued, etc.

Any information you can give me will be gratefully received.

Very truly yours,


F. E. Davidson

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September 19, 1927.

Dear Mr. Davidson:-

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of the 15th, and to say that it will receive Mr. Kemper's attention upon his return to the city on Thursday, September 22nd.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to Mr. Kemper.

Mr. F. E. Davidson,
Monadnock Block,
Chicago, Illinois.

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September 23, 1927.

Dear Mr. Davidson:

Your letter of the 15th was acknowledged from The Octagon on the 19th, as I was away on a week's vacation - the only one so far, but I have hopes!

The information we have at The Octagon about developments in the affairs of the Press is largely the information which comes through the official correspondence with members of the Institute Board, and copies of letters of general correspondence. There has been no official action towards a settlement of the Press affairs since the Convention and May Board meeting. You are familiar with the Convention resolutions, and the Board at the post-Convention meeting adopted some resolutions looking towards the putting of the Convention resolutions into effect.

However, there were some unexpected developments which appeared to require a meeting of the Executive Committee, and the Committee is scheduled to meet in New York on September 27th and 28th.

In the meantime, Mr. Whitaker's editorship of the Journal was terminated as of July 31, 1927, and Mr. Grady was appointed by the Press Board as Acting Editor. He has been carrying on in that capacity since then and of course we have been sending to him the usual Octagon material which might be of interest to the Journal.

Taking up seriatim the points in your letter I will give you such information as I have about them, asking that you bear in mind that what I say is unofficial and in the nature of a personal response:

Grady has been the publicity man for the Committee on Public Information for several years and has done very fine work in that capacity. I have no idea whether or not he is the publicity man of Forhan's tooth paste. The only other accounts which he has that I know of are those of Columbia University and American Engineering Council. *There may be others.*

I have heard no gossip that Grady is trying to make a tie-up with the labor unions in New York in any way in connection with the Journal. I feel quite sure that there is no foundation in a rumour along that line.

The Directors of the Press have not surrendered the copyrights to Sullivan's books although it was proposed to turn over the copyrights on these books to Mr. Whitaker under an agreement which was proposed. That agreement has not been ratified by the Institute.

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It is news to me if any New York publishers have made the offer to which you refer, but such an offer might easily have been made to the Board of the Press without my knowing anything about it.

I do feel sure, however, that every holder of the Press bonds will be paid in full both principle and interest - for the bonds are certainly a moral obligation of the Institute regardless of what the legal technicalities may be.

This question of the payment of the Press bonds, and their interest, so closely affects the finances of the Institute that I take the liberty of turning your letter, and a copy of this reply, over to the Treasurer, Mr. Bergstrom, who is to be at The Octagon on the 25th and 26th in preparation for the meeting in New York. It may be that he will wish to add to the above.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. F. E. Davidson,
Monadnock Block,
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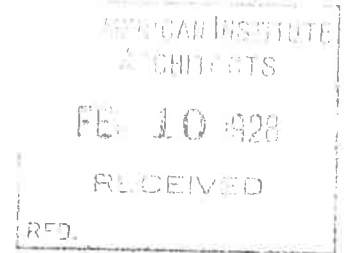
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February 8, 1928.

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



My dear Mr. Kemper:

The City Staff of the Chicago Daily News tells me that on Saturday they received a Bulletin of the Institute containing an article by Mr. Cheney, in which he attempted to grade the beauty of many American cities. In their write-up of the story, however, they credited the story to the current issue of the Journal.

Saturday morning one of their reporters called up a number of Chicago architects and they made a first page story of the incident. Yesterday when I was looking through the January Journal I could find no reference to Mr. Cheney's article and I called the City office of the Daily News for a verification of their statement that was credited to the Journal. They came back with the information that it was contained in the bulletin issued by the Institute.

I am wondering if you can give me any idea as to what department or agency of the Institute issued this bulletin and if you have a copy thereof. I have asked a number of Institute men in Chicago if they have seen it but cannot find anyone who knows anything about it.

Very truly yours,


F. E. Davidson

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February 10, 1928.

Dear Mr. Davidson:

Yours of February 8th:

I am sure that you have in mind the December number of The Journal - an article by Charles H. Cheney, Institute member of Los Angeles, which appeared, beginning on page 392, in the December number under "Progress in Architectural Control".

If you do not have on hand a copy of the December number telegraph me and we will send one.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. F. E. Davidson,
Monadnock Block,
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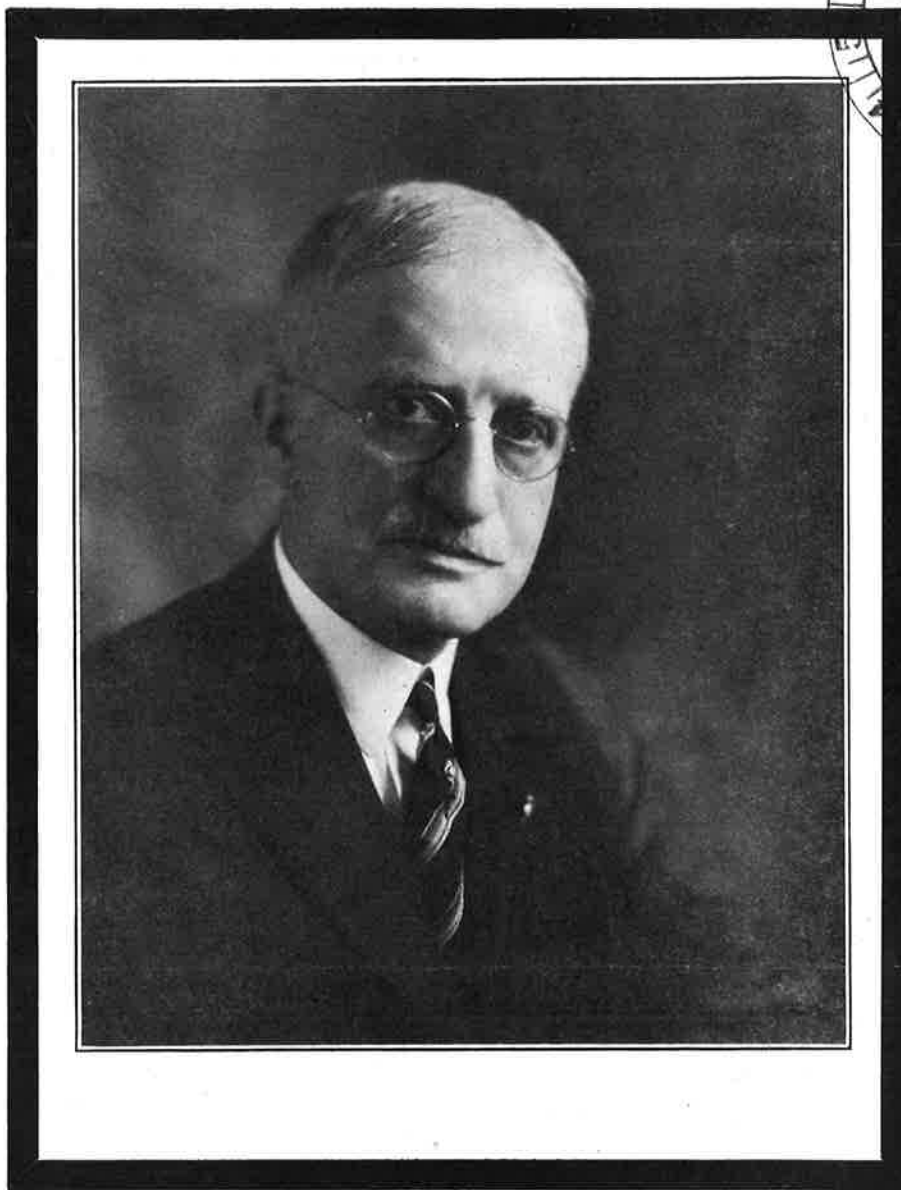
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FRANK E. DAVIDSON, Member of Board of Directors and Editor of the Bulletin and five times President of the Illinois Society of Architects, Treasurer, and one of the organizers of the Architects Club of Chicago, Member of the Chicago Chapter, American Institute of Architects, Died April 14, 1931.

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ILLINOIS SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS MEETING
HELD APRIL 28, 1931

Regular monthly meeting of the Illinois Society of Architects was held Tuesday evening, April 28, 1931, at the Architects Club.

Two announcements read by the secretary informing the Society of the death of Past President Frank E. Davidson April 13, 1931, and the death of Mrs. Maud L. Stanhope, wife of Past President Leon E. Stanhope, on April 18, 1931. Mr. Pond read a very fine tribute to Mr. F. E. Davidson. The following resolution was read:

WHEREAS: There has been taken from our midst, our beloved friend and fellow architect, FRANK EUGENE DAVIDSON, member of our Board of Directors and five times President of our Society and the first editor of our Monthly Bulletin.

FRANK EUGENE DAVIDSON was one of our outstanding architects. His work in the erection of many of our industrial buildings, such as the Continental Can Company, Olson Rug Company, Holland Furnace Company and many other buildings will stand as a monument to his skill and ability.

WHEREAS: FRANK EUGENE DAVIDSON was always active in the betterment of the architectural profession and the development of the building industry,

RESOLVED: That we as an organization will always cherish his memory and that we regret his passing not alone as a worker in our ranks but as a beloved friend, and we in regular meeting assembled extend our deepest sympathy to his bereaved family.

It was moved by Mr. Ferrenz, seconded and carried: That the foregoing resolution be adopted by the Society.

It was moved by Mr. I. K. Pond, regularly seconded and carried: That the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS: A great loss has come to our brother architect and member of our Board of Directors, Past President LEON EUGENE STANHOPE, in the passing of his beloved wife, we, the Illinois Society of Architects, in regular meeting assembled, extend our deepest sympathy to him in his hour of bereavement and that a copy of this resolution be sent to him.

Both of the foregoing resolutions were adopted by a rising vote by the entire assemblage.

Mr. Palmer announced the death of Mr. Edward A. Peterson, Rockford, Illinois.

Mr. Ferrenz was requested to report on the meeting of a group of state architectural societies held at San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Ferrenz stated that there were eighteen state architectural societies and that fourteen of these societies were represented at the convention. The principal idea of

the State Societies was to bring all architects together, so that the full weight of the architectural profession may be felt; it was not the purpose to form an additional society similar to the American Institute and this body went on record against a new national organization. However, they hope to promote a national organization in every state. The committee was appointed to weld all state organizations together. The main object of this organization this year was to have government work done by others than the government architect.

Mr. Ferrenz stated that the California organization has a membership of 746 members out of a total of 748 architects licensed to practice through the state and that since the organization has been formed, the architects of California are doing 34 per cent of all jobs, representing 60 per cent in dollar value throughout the state. This organization sells their news service from architects' offices, making a total of \$10,000 per year and with this money provides traveling scholarships and a full time investigator for violations of architectural practice.

Mr. Hall was requested to report on the organization of State Societies and National Council Architectural Registration Boards which met in San Antonio at the same time. On account of these two meetings being held at the same time, Mr. Hall was unable to attend many meetings of the State Societies regarding the N. C. A. R. Boards, but stated this was the 11th meeting of this association and it was the best meeting that it had ever held and that the association is getting much closer together. They are working for a uniform examination in all states.

"DAVIDSON DEAD!"

Such was the entire wording of a cable handed me as I came into my hotel on the night of April 14th. I had it in mind to write him on the morrow in answer to one of his always constructive and interesting letters about the Architects' Club which I had received a few days before the arrival of this fateful cable. Of course my first thought was one of personal grief because of the loss of a tried and valued friend but that thought was soon swallowed up by the realization of what his going meant to the Illinois Society of Architects and to the Architects' Club. It was Davidson who first, in 1919, aroused my interest in the Illinois Society which through him and through H. L. Palmer, more than through anybody else, had become the most important and influential State association of architects in the whole United States.

Davidson loved the Society and put his heart's blood into it and it will always treasure his memory as that of its greatest President. His successors have been gladly content to carry on the work which he began.

When the idea of forming an association composed not only of architects but also of engineers, builders and material men was first proposed, Davidson at once grasped its value and importance and from the conception of that idea until his death he worked unceasingly to build up and strengthen the Architects' Club of Chicago.

He was willing to take the difficult job of Treasurer, which no one else would accept, and he held that job until he died in harness. Due to his carefulness and to his wisdom the Architects' Club has never been in financial difficulties and even in these past months of great financial depression, he has kept the head of the Club bravely above water. God rest his soul—he was faithful unto the end.

It has been my privilege, during the past five years of close association in the building up of the Architects' Club, to get an inside light on the character of the man who was always my faithful and loyal supporter in all that I tried to do. It was indeed a privilege.

Under a seemingly gruff exterior beat a heart of gold. Never did he refuse to listen to an appeal from younger men who were battling with the problems of this mechanical age and when he found the appeal sincere he was ever ready to help. Only insincerity aroused his wrath and then he was really at his best but his explosions, like August thunderstorms, were always followed by sweet sunshine.

The Club and the Society have lost a wise councillor and a most valued friend. To those who knew him best and worked most closely with him the loss seems irreparable but let us remember his courage and his tenacity of purpose. We can please him best by determining to carry on. Again I say: God rest his soul.

ALFRED GRANGER.

Vienna, 17 April, 1931.