

UNDER authority to elect members, as vested in me by The Board of Directors of The American Institute of Architects, by resolution of The Executive Committee adopted at its meeting on December 10-13, 1934; and in accord with the attached report of The Board of Examiners, I hereby declare

William George Distin

elected a corporate member of The American Institute of Architects and assigned to membership in the Central New York Chapter, effective January 1, 1938.

APPLICATION NO AP 165

Dated November 10, 1937.

Received December 22, 1937.

Granted January 1, 1938.

MEMBERSHIP NO 165

Chas. J. Luyhan Secretary

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

- A. Name of applicant.. William George Distin.. Chapter Central New York
- B. Address of applicant 84 Main Street, Saranac Lake, N. Y.,
- C. Applicant proposed by Egbert Bagg..... and Maurice M. Feustmann.....
- D. Application received with check for \$. 25.00..... on..... December 22, 1937.
- E. Application returned for correction 19 .
- F. Application in due order on December 22, 1937.
- G. Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
- (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on.....19..., on 19 .
- (b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on19..., on 19 .
- H. Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on December 27, 1937
- I. ~~Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission~~ Advice ~~on that application be denied~~ received on December 13, 1937.
- J. No report from chapter executive committee on 19 .
- K. Application sent to The Board of Examiners on January 6, 1938.
- L. The Board of Examiners reported on application on January 6, 1938.
- M. Applicant was admitted on January 1, 1938.
- N. Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter to proposers on January 11-14, 1938.
- O. Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$... returned to applicant on 19 .
- P. Questionnaire, in re: Registration on.....December 27, 1937.
" " " " received on. January 4, 1938.

A member, by virtue of his membership in The Institute, becomes a member of the chapter of The Institute within the territory of which he resides or has his place of business, as he elects, but he pays an admission fee to The Institute only. The admission fee to membership in The Institute normally is twenty-five dollars. (*For 1936 this fee was reduced to five dollars.*)

A member pays annual dues both to The Institute and to the chapter. The annual dues to The Institute normally are twenty-five dollars (*for 1936 Institute dues were reduced to twenty dollars*) and those to the chapter are fixed in its by-laws.

Normally the period between the time of filing

an application and the time it is acted on by The Board of The Institute is four months. The period will be longer if the application must be returned to the applicant for corrections or if additional exhibits of the applicant's work are required by The Board of Examiners.

If an application is denied, the amount prepaid by the applicant for annual dues and for admission fee, less five dollars for examination fee, will be returned to him.

An applicant whose application has been denied without prejudice may reapply for admission to membership a year or more after the date of The Secretary's notice to him of his non-admission.

I, the undersigned, do hereby apply for corporate membership in The American Institute of Architects.

1. My full name is **William George Distin** .

2. State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.

2. I am a **naturalized** citizen of **U. S. A.** .

3. My legal residence is in the City of **Saranac Lake** ,

County of **Franklin** State of **New York** .

4. State whether residence or office address.

4. My address in The Institute records will be **office at**

Street **84 Main Street**

City **Saranac Lake** , State **New York** .

5. State whether as a practicing architect, a teacher, a public official, etc.

5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as **practicing architect** .

6. I desire to be a member of the **New York City or Central New York** Chapter.

7. I declare that I have read the by-laws, the rules and regulations, and the Standards of Practice of The American Institute of Architects, and the by-laws and rules and regulations of the chapter of which I desire to become a member, and that I understand the duties, responsibilities and obligations thereunder of a member of The Institute, and I do hereby expressly agree and declare that, if admitted to membership, I will to the best of my ability abide by and comply with such by-laws, rules, and regulations, and will abide by and uphold said Standards of Practice and conduct my practice of the profession accordingly. I am financially able to undertake all pecuniary obligations of a member to The Institute and to the chapter.

8. Exhibit required.

8. I filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the chapter above named and attach his receipt therefor.

9. I enclose my check for \$**25.00**, for admission fee and the current annual dues. It is my understanding that if for any reason you do not admit me to membership, all of said amount will be returned to me, except five dollars which you will retain as an examination fee.

Date **November 10, 1937** .

William George Distin
Sign full name in ink

STATISTICS

10. Date of birth **Feb. 25, 1884** Place of birth **Montreal, Canada**
11. I am registered or licensed to practice architecture as follows:
States **New York** Registration or license numbers **1427**

EDUCATION

12. I attended the following schools:

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|---------------------------|---|-------------|--|
| (a) High School | Saranac Lake H. S., Saranac Lake, N. Y., | 1901 | (c), (d), (e) Write in initials of degree. |
| | City | State | Graduation year |
| (b) Private School | Name of School | City | State |
| | | | Graduation year |
| (c) College or University | Columbia School of Architecture for | 3 | years. |
| | Special Course, 1907 - 1910 | | |
| | Graduation Year (Part time out in Chicago) | | Degree |
| (d) College or University | | for | years. |
| | Graduation Year | | Degree |
| (e) Post-graduate at | | for | years. |
| | | | Degree |

13. I held the following named scholarships:

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| (a) | Year |
| (b) | Year |

14. I have traveled in the following countries:

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| in Canada - numerous trips. | Year |
| in England, Scotland and France | 1913. |
| | Year |
| in Bermuda | 1924. |
| | Year |

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

15. I list below, in chronological order, the periods of my training as draftsman, the names and addresses of my principal employers, and my classification as draftsman while employed by each:

<i>Classification</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Name of Employer</i>	<i>City</i>
Student and			William L. Coulter	
Senior	1901	1907	and M. H. Westhoff	Saranac Lake, N. Y.
Senior	Nov. 1908	Aug. 1909	S. S. Beeman and private work	Chicago, Illinois
Senior and Partner	1910	1917	Westhoff and Distin	Saranac Lake, N. Y.

Write in Classification Column the word Student, Junior, or Senior, to indicate your classification as draftsman in each case.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

16. I list below, in chronological order, the periods during which and the states in which I have practiced architecture as an individual or as a member of a firm or corporation:

<i>State</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Name of Firm or Corporation</i>
D. C.	Sept. 1917	July 1918	Chief Ass't Expediting Engineer, Construction Division of Army, Washington
N. Y.	1910	1917	Westhoff and Distin
N. Y.	1918	Present	William G. Distin

If your practice was individual do not write in the last column to the right.

17. I have taught architecture or the arts and sciences allied therewith as follows:

<i>State</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Name of School or College</i>	<i>My Title</i>
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18. In my capacity of architect, I have held the public offices listed below:

<i>Title of Office</i>	<i>City and State</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
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19. I list below and attach photographs of two or more of the buildings or other works of which I am the author.

Name of Work	City	State
Church of St. John's in the Wilderness	Paul Smith's	N. Y.
High School	Saranac Lake	N. Y.
Olympic Arena	Lake Placid	N. Y.
Camp of William A. Rockefeller, Upper Saranac Lake		N. Y.
Residence	Saranac Lake	N. Y.

Exhibits required.

MEMBERSHIP IN NON-ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

Member Presbyterian Church

20. I am a member of civic or semi-public organizations listed below:

Name of Organization	City	State
Member Lake Placid Club, Lake Placid		N. Y.
Director Saranac Lake Study and Craft Guild	Saranac Lake	N. Y.
Local Chairman, Boy Scouts of America, Saranac Lake,		N. Y.
Member Saranac Lake Municipal League		N. Y.
President Saranac Lake Art League		N. Y.
Vice President		N. Y.
Member, and Past President Saranac Lake Rotary Club		N. Y.
President Saranac Lake Ski Club		N. Y.
Masonic Lodge, Saranac Lake		N. Y.
Member Saranac Lake Boat and Waterways Club		N. Y.

21. I have held offices in non-architectural organizations as follows:

Office	Name of Organization	Year
Member Architectural League of New York for about five years		
Member Village Board of Trustees, Saranac Lake,		N. Y.
Past President	Saranac Lake Rotary Club	1936-1937
Past President	Saranac Lake Curling Club	
Past President	Saranac Lake Board of Trade	

22. I have written the following papers relating to architecture and the arts and sciences allied therewith:

Title	Publication	Year
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MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

- | | <i>From</i> | <i>To</i> | <i>Reason for Termination</i> |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| 23. Member of Institute | | | |
| 24. Junior of Institute | | | |
| 25. Associate of following Chapters: | | | |
| 26. Member of State Association in _____ from _____ to _____
<div style="margin-left: 40px;">Member Architectural League^{State} of New York for about five years.</div> | | | |
| 27. I have held offices in the architectural organizations listed below: | | | |
| <i>Office</i> | <i>Architectural Organization</i> | <i>Year</i> | |
| 28. I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its chapters or state association members.
<div style="margin-left: 40px;">(If there are exceptions, state details)</div> | | | |

I certify that each and all of the foregoing statements are true and correct.

Signed Wm G. Distis
Applicant

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have read the statements made herein above by the applicant and believe them to be correct. I vouch for him and for his honorable standing in this community and in his profession. I believe he is fully qualified for membership and I propose him therefor. I have known the applicant for 35 years. I have known the applicant for 10 years.

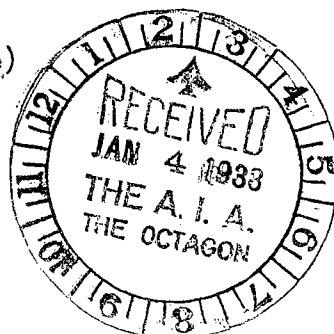
Signed Maurice M. Feinstein
Proposer
 64 Main St
 Saratoga Lake, N.Y.

Signed E. H. Bagg
Proposer
 258 Broadway St
 Utica, N.Y.

RECORD OF REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE ARCHITECTURE

OF William George Distin (Saranac Lake)

APPLICANT FOR MEMBERSHIP IN
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS



1. Is the applicant registered or licensed in the state of New York?
_____? Answer: Yes
2. Did the applicant have a Certificate of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? No record
If so, please give Certificate Number _____
3. Was his registration by the state by examination or by exemption?
Answer: By examination: _____ By exemption: Yes
4. If registered by examination, was that examination written or oral?
Answer: By written examination: _____ By oral examination: _____
5. What was the scope of the examination?
Answer: License issued on basis of the practice of architecture
for at least two years prior to April 28, 1915
6. Date of last registration: August 18, 1937.
7. Current Registration Number: 1427

Wm P. Barrister.
(Signature of Secretary of the Board)

State Board of Examiners of Architects
(Name of Board)

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

January 11, 1938

January 13, 1938

Dear Mr. Distin:

The Secretary is happy to inform you that your application for membership in The Institute was acted on favorably by The Board of Directors and that you were admitted to corporate membership in The Institute and assigned to membership in the Central New York Chapter on January 1, 1938. You will be a member of that chapter, or of some other chapter if you later transfer thereto, until your membership in The Institute terminates.

Your certificate of membership, duly executed by the officers of The Institute, will be sent in due course.

The Board of Directors welcomes you to membership in The Institute and The Secretary's office is at your service to the extent of its powers.

The policies and the activities of The Institute are developed largely from problems arising within the chapters. By taking an active part in your chapter affairs you will contribute to the advancement of the objects of The Institute and will increase the benefits to be derived from Institute membership.

We bespeak your active cooperation.

Sincerely,

Chas. J. Ingham

Secretary.

K:S

Mr. William George Distin, A.I.A.
84 Main Street,
Saranac Lake, New York.

100 East 42nd Street Building,
New York, New York.



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
JURY OF FELLOWS

Received Oct. 28, 19 57

Voted On Mar. 17, 1958.

Voted On Mar. 26, 1959.

Voted On Feb. 11, 1960

NOT Granted Feb. 11, 1960

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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. Name of Nominee William George Distin Date of Nomination Oct. 20, 1957.
2. Address of Nominee 64 Main Street, Saranac Lake, New York
3. Nominee's firm Distin and Wareham
4. Nominee's principal place of business New York
5. Nominee's Chapter Central New York
6. Nominee's State Organization New York State Association of Architects
7. Nominee admitted to Institute 1938
8. Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from 1938 19 to Dec. 31, 19 57
9. Nominee's age 73 yrs. Birthplace Montreal, Canada
10. Nominators: Central New York Chapter Executive Committee:

President: J. Murray Hueber ✓
Vice-Pres.: James D. Curtin ✓
Treasurer: James P. Beardsley ✓
Secretary: Carl F. W. Kaelber, Jr. ✓

Directors: Frank W. Bodrick ✓
John B. Cummings ✓
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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

BY
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THE JURY OF FELLOWS, A.I.A.

The Octagon, 1735 New York Avenue, N. W.

Date October 20 1957

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The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on September 14 1957^{*Type in full name.} nominated* WILLIAM GEORGE DISTIN member of this Chapter, for fellowship in The Institute. We enclose evidence of the qualifications of the nominee for the fellowship on which the nomination was based and certify the resolution is as follows:

"Whereas, this Executive Committee believes* WILLIAM GEORGE DISTIN a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the profession because of his achievement in** "Design" that he is worthy of fellowship in The Institute; and

"Whereas, said member has been in good standing in this Chapter for† 19 years prior to this date; therefore be it

"Resolved, That‡ Central New York Chapter, Inc. Chapter,
The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate*

WILLIAM GEORGE DISTIN

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

*Type in full name.

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

†Type in number of years.

‡Type in name of Chapter.

*Type in full name.

Frank W. Brodrick Dir.

John B. Cummings Dir.

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V. Murray Heber

James D. Curtin

James P. Beardsley

Carl F.W. Kaelber, Jr.

President

Vice Pres.

Treas.

Secretary

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

BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

1. Nominee's full name William George Distin

2. Strike out inappropriate word and write in name of Country.

2. Nominee is a ~~natural~~ naturalized citizen of U. S. A.

3. Nominee's legal residence Glenwood Estates, Saranac Lake, N. Y.

4. Nominee's firm name Distin and Wareham

5. Nominee's principal place of business, address 64 Main Street,
Saranac Lake, N. Y.

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

6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by New York State (#1427) and
The State of Maine

7. Strike out inappropriate words.

7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a practicing architect—~~teacher in architecture—~~
~~teacher in science of construction—public official—retired.~~

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

8. Born February 25, 1884. Place of birth Montreal, Canada (Naturalized in Court
at Elizabethtown, N. Y.)

9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:

Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
<i>High School</i>			
Saranac Lake High School Saranac, N. Y.		1901	
<i>Private School</i>			
<i>College or University</i>			
Columbia University School of Architecture	3	(1907-1910)	-
<i>College or University</i>			
<i>Post Graduate at</i>			
<i>Scholarships held</i>			

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

10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

From 1901 to entering Columbia in 1907, Mr. Distin was in the office of W. L. Coulter, Saranac Lake. Mr. Coulter was from the office of Renwick, Aspinwall & Owen, of New York, and his work in this area was principally large Adirondack Camps and Lodges upon which Mr. Distin worked with him in design, detailing and supervision, having had his early training in this unique field.

At Columbia, Mr. Distin was in the Mc Kim Atelier with William Delano, Mr. Aldrich and Harvey Wiley Corbett as critics and took a number of medals and mentions in design.

While at Columbia, he was asked to go to Chicago and, in the office of S. S. Beeman, designed residences for a development at Highland Park. During this period, he attended Chicago Art Institute.

After Columbia, he returned to Saranac Lake and associated with the firm of Coulter & Westhoff. Mr. Westhoff was from the New York office of Eidlitz & McKenzie. In 1918 Mr. Distin went into practice under his own name until 1954 when he took Mr. Arthur W. Wareham as a partner.

BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

1. Nominee's full name William George Distin
2. Nominee is a ~~natural~~ naturalized citizen of U. S. A.
3. Nominee's legal residence Glenwood Estates, Saranac Lake, N. Y.
4. Nominee's firm name Distin and Wareham
5. Nominee's principal place of business, address 64 Main Street,
Saranac Lake, N. Y.
6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by New York State (#1427) and
The State of Maine
7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a practicing architect—~~teacher in architecture~~—

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

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

7. Strike out in-
appropriate
words.

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

10. Type in im-
portant experi-
ences during em-
ployment or ad-
ditional statistics
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nominee's record.

Shortly after leaving Columbia, Mr. Distin traveled in Scotland and England with a side trip to Paris, sketching and photographing and concentrating study on cathedrals, the smaller churches and country houses.

In later years, he has done considerable traveling in Canada, Southern U. S. A. and Mexico.

During World War I he was in Washington as Chief Assistant Expediting Engineer, Hospital Division of Construction Division of the Army. All Army Hospitals in the U. S. A. came through this office from the Surgeon General and the design and preparation of working drawings, etc. was expedited by this office.

During World War II he was awarded by F. P. H. A. a mining Village near Port Henry, N. Y. and opened an office in New York to handle this project.

For many years, Mr. Distin's principal practice has been in the field of Adirondack Camps, Lodges and Hotels but also has included Schools, Churches, Country Estates, Residences and other types of buildings.

Nominators should read "Principles Underlying the Bestowal of Fellowships", Institute Document No. 9 before completing this nomination. Additional sheets may be inserted to supplement any page, 3 to 7, inclusive. Use typewriting only.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

1. Works

Type (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	Identification of Work	Location of Work (City)	(State)	Completed Construction Work (Year)	Photographs Drawings, or Sketches Submitted	
(c)	John W. Rumsey Residence	Saranac Lake	N. Y.	1925	2	Under column headed "Type" type in (a), (b), (c), or (d), as the case may be.
(c)	George Hamlin Chalet	Lake Placid	N. Y.	1916	1	
(d)	Adirondack Community Church	Lake Placid	N. Y.	1926	2	Type in last col- umn to right the number submitted in each case.
(d)	Church of St. John's- in-the-Wilderness	Paul Smith's	N. Y.	1926	2	
(d)	H. H. Elagden Lodge	Upper Saranac Lake	N. Y.	1930	1	
(d)	Olympic Arena	Lake Placid	N. Y.	1932	1	
(d)	Walter Hochschild Lodge	Eagle Lake	N. Y.	1935	2	
(d)	William A. Rockefeller Lodge	Upper Saranac Lake	N. Y.	1938	1	
(a)	Convention Hall at Whiteface Inn	Lake Placid	N. Y.	1952	1	
(d)	Senior-Junior High School	Saranac Lake	N. Y.	1925	1	

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

Taking advantage of the opportunity offered by an unusual type of practice, Mr. Distin has succeeded in catching the spirit of the north country in his designs.

Working with the materials at hand, he has produced distinguished architecture indigenous to its setting.

His buildings not only "work" but reflect an unusual sensitivity in the handling of the timber construction which characterizes much of the best of his work.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

1. CONSTRUCTION WORK

Type of Work Constructed	Identification of Work	Location of Work	Completed Construction Work (Year)	Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted
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column to right
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mitted in each
case.

2. BOOKS, TREATISES, OR ARTICLES WRITTEN

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

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

1. EDUCATION WORK

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

2. LITERARY WORK

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

*Book, Treatise
or Article*

Subject

*Name of Book or Periodical
Containing Work*

*Year Work
Published*

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE

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

Corporate Member of A. I. A. since 1938

Member Central New York Chapter A. I. A.

Presently on Committee on Ethics and Violations.

Member New York State Association of Architects.

Chairman of Program Committee Syracuse Convention 1951.

General Convention Chairman - Lake Placid Club 1952.

Chairman Hospitality and Recreation Committee of Conventions at Lake Placid Club since 1952.

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

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

Public Service -

Chairman Saranac Lake Zoning Committee.
 Member of Village and Town Planning Board.
 Past Trustee of Saranac Lake Village.
 Member Saranac Lake Municipal League
 Member and past Secretary of Saranac Lake Chamber of Commerce.
 Past President Saranac Lake Board of Trade.
 Past Secretary and now member of Executive Committee of
 Saranac Lake Rehabilitation Guild.
 Director Saranac Lake Study and Craft Guild.
 Past President Saranac Lake Art League.
 Past President Saranac Lake Rotary Club.
 Member of B. P. O. E. Lodge 1508.
 Vestryman St. Luke's Episcopal Church.
 Past Chairman, Saranac Lake Council, Boy Scouts of America
 Past President Saranac Lake Ski Club.
 Past President Saranac Lake Curling Club.

DISTIN, WILLIAM GEORGE

Chapter Supporters:

Hueber, J. Murray)	
Curtin, James D.)	
Beardsley, James P.)	
Kaelber, Carl F.W., Jr.	:	Proposers
Brodrick, Frank W.)	
Cummings, Jahn B.)	
Rippeteau, Darrel D.)	

Barrows, C. Storrs, FAIA
Esterheld, John J.
Ellis, Charles Rockwell
McKee, Harley J.
Scopes, William H.
Smith, F. Gordon
Dillenback, L. C., FAIA
Sargent, D. Kenneth, FAIA
Mackesey, Thomas W.
Cummings, George Bain, FAIA

Non-Chapter Supporters:

Fitzpatrick, Martin T., - Contractor - Plattsburgh, NY
McKittrick, Thomas H., Blairstown, N.J.
Dawson, Bernard M., - Dawson Brothers Construction
Co., Syracuse, N.Y.
Worthen, Stephen V. - S. D. Warren Research Laboratory
Cumberland Mills, Maine
Longtin, R. J., Pres., Paul Smith's Electric Light &
Power & R.R.Co., Saranac Lake, N.Y.
Rockefeller, William A., New York, N.Y.
Hollingshead, R.M., Jr., Camden, N.J.
Milholland, W.D., Spt., Camps & Trails, Conservation
Dept., State of New Yorkk, Albany, N.Y.
Dewey, Godfrey, Chairman, Lake Placid Co., Lake Placid
Ward, Rev. Peter A., St. Helen's Church, Malone, N.Y.
Trudeau, Francis B., M.D., Saranac Lake, N.Y.
Mills, Dwight, Last Chance Ranch, Lake Placid, N.Y.
Jacobs, Robert Allan, FAIA, New York, N.Y.
Woodruff, Warriner, M.D., Saranac Lake, N.Y.

Non-Chapter Supporters - continued:

Holley, George M., Chairman, Holley Carburetor Co.,
Van Dyke, Mich.
Kahn, Ely Jacques, FAIA, New York, N.Y.
Hochschild, Walter, New York, N.Y.
Ruck, The Rev. Sudney Thomas, Lake Placid, N.Y.
Essex, Don L., Director, Division of School Bldgs.
and Grounds, New York State, Albany, N.Y.
Fletcher, Hilda, Saranac Lake, N.Y.
Reiss, Julian J., North Pole, N.Y.
O'Connell, Hubert C. - General Contractor - Saranac
Lake, N.Y.
Myers, John P., Plattsburg, N.Y.
Hayes, John N., M.D., Saranac Lake, N.Y.
Rogers, Revor W., AIA, Kenmore, N.Y.
Currier, A.W., Vice Pres., Adirondack Nat'l Bank
& Trust Co., Saranac Lake, N.Y.
Ayer, Frank, Consulting Engineer, New York, N.Y.
Slaughter, Laurence A., Saranac Inn, N.Y.
Stevens, Gesine, Lake Placid, N.Y.
Hochschild, Harold K., New York, N.Y.
Paine, Peter S., Pres., Essex County Nat'l Bank of
Willsboro, Willsboro, N.Y.
Li, K.C., New York, N.Y.
Del Gaudio, M.W., FAIA, New York, N.Y.

Distin, William George Received since 1958 Jury meet-
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Chapter Supporters:

Clark, Robert T., Treasurer, Central New York Chapter				
Curtin, James D., President,	"	"	"	"
Cummings, John B., Director,	"	"	"	"
Delle Cese, Frank C., Vice-Pres.	"	"	"	"
King, Harry A., Director,	"	"	"	"
Morin, Thomas O., Secretary,	"	"	"	"
Rippeteau, Darrel D., Director,	"	"	"	"

Exhibits have been revised since 1958 meeting

DISTIN, WILLIAM GEORGE Rec'd since 1959 Jury Meeting

Revised exhibits

Chapter Supporters:

Barrows, C. Storrs, FAIA
Dillenback, L. C., FAIA

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

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April 3, 1958

Mr. J. Murray Hueber, President
Central New York Chapter, A.I.A.
200 Syracuse-Kemper Building
Syracuse 2, New York

Dear Mr. Hueber: Report of Actions of The Jury of Fellows
 Re: Nominations of Members of Your Chapter

The Jury of Fellows has requested me to advise you of the following actions it has taken on nominations before it of corporate members who were considered for advancement to Fellowship:

Nominee Elected to Fellowship:

Donald Q. Faragher - Rochester 14, New York

Herewith is copy of letter of notification sent to Mr. Faragher which is self-explanatory.

It is requested that no publicity be given to his election until after public announcement has been made by The Institute.

Nominations Referred to 1959 Meeting of Jury:

William George Distin - Saranac Lake, New York
Thomas William MacKesey - Ithaca, New York

Sincerely yours,

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

Enclosure

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October 29, 1958

C. STORRS BARROWS, F. A. I. A.

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Att: Miss Florence Gervais, Secretary

Re: Nominations of William G. Distin and Thomas W. Mackesey
for Advancement to Fellowship

Dear Miss Gervais:

At the time William Distin and Thomas Mackesey were nominated for fellowship, the following men were chapter officers and board members:

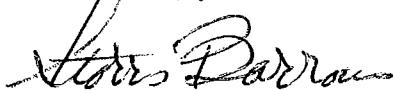
J. Murray Hueber - President
James D. Curtin - Vice-President
James P. Beardsley - Treasurer
Carl F.W. Kaelber - Secretary
FrankW. Brodrick - Director
John B. Cummings - Director
Darrel D. Rippeteau - Director

No letter re Mackesey
No questionnaire for either

I understand letters of endorsement for each of the candidates are required from each of the chapter officers. Unfortunately, I have no way of knowing whether or not they have written letters concerning Mr. Distin and Mr. Mackesey. Could you check your records and advise if any letters are lacking for either of the candidates?

Confirming my telephone request of this date, we would appreciate your returning Mr. Distin's exhibit of work so this can be supplemented with additional material in support of his nomination.

Sincerely,



C. Storrs Barrows, Chairman
Awards & Scholarships Committee
Central New York Chapter

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April 8, 1959

Mr. James D. Curtin, President
Central New York Chapter, A.I.A.
112 DeWitt
Syracuse 3, New York

Dear Mr. Curtin:

The Jury of Fellows has requested me to advise you of the following actions it has taken on nominations before it of corporate members who were considered for advancement to Fellowship:

Elected to Fellowship:

Thomas William Mackesey - Ithaca, New York

Herewith is copy of letter of notification sent to Mr. Mackesey which is self-explanatory.

Local publicity may be given to his election when desired. Public announcement is now being made by The Institute as you will note from copy of release attached.

Nomination Referred to 1960 Meeting of Jury:

William George Distin - Saranac Lake, New York

Sincerely yours,

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

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May 11, 1959

C. STORRS BARROWS, F. A. I. A.

Miss Florence H. Gervais
Secretary to the Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Re: William G. Distin
Saranac Lake, New York

Dear Miss Gervais:

Would you please return to William Distin the portfolio that was submitted in connection with his nomination for fellowship. Bill would like to up-date this before its next consideration in 1960.

Very truly yours,



C. Storrs Barrows

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cc: William G. Distin

*Members.
Distin, Wm. George*

FILE COPY - PLEASE RETURN

May 18, 1959

Mr. William George Distin, A.I.A.
64 Main Street
Saranac Lake, New York

Dear Mr. Distin:

At the suggestion of C. Storrs Barrows, FAIA, we are returning to you by Parcel Post, Insured, within the next day or so, the package of photographs submitted as exhibits in support of your nomination for advancement to Fellowship in The Institute.

Mr. Barrows advises that you wish to revise these exhibits prior to consideration by The Jury of Fellows at its next meeting in February, 1960.

May I ask that you have the revised exhibits forwarded for delivery at this office by January 1st? In view of the earlier dates for the 1960 Institute Convention, the Jury will be required to meet at a much earlier date than customary, and we should have all material on hand by January first.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais
Secretary to The Jury of Fellows

Copy to Mr. Barrows

January 15, 1960

Mr. C. Storrs Barrows, F.A.I.A.
133 East Avenue
Rochester 4, New York

Dear Mr. Barrows:

You will recall that in May, 1959, you asked that the photographs of some of the executed, architectural work of William Distin on file here in support of his nomination for Fellowship, be returned to him to bring up-to-date.

This we did and wrote to Mr. Distin in explanation on May 18th, copy of which letter you have.

So far, Mr. Distin has not sent in his revised submission, and I should like to call to your attention that the deadline was January 1, 1960.

The Jury will convene on February 8th, and if it is possible to get the portfolio to this office, addressed to The Jury of Fellows, prior to that date, they will be submitted to the Jury at that meeting.

Any help you can give towards this end will be greatly appreciated.

It was so nice of you to remember me with greetings the past holiday season, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you and to wish for you a wonderful 1960.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais
Secretary to The Jury of Fellows

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January 20, 1960

Mr. William G. Distin
18 Main St.
Saranac Lake, New York

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Dear Bill:

Confirming my phone talk with you yesterday, I would like to emphasize that you were nominated for fellowship by the Central New York Chapter Awards and Scholarships Committee, which is made up of Fellows including a Past President of the Institute and a Dean of a School of Architecture. Your architectural work and contribution to your community were considered outstanding and worthy of this nomination.

This year your nomination comes up for the last time for review and we would like to strengthen our presentation. This must be done immediately. We know that we are in a most difficult position, as nominations based on design are reviewed most critically and are prepared for national exhibit. Naturally outstanding contemporary work showing inventive uses of new materials and compositions contribute to a selection. Your ingenuity in adapting architecture to the Adirondacks and carrying the spirit of the woods into your work was outstanding. The list of nationally known citizens for whom you worked would be a help.

You were and are nominated as an outstanding architect. Regardless of the outcome of your nomination, we want you to know that we not only consider you worthy but an architect that we are proud of, and one that has contributed to raising the standards of our profession. We know you must miss the wonderful companionship of Ethel, as we do, and I cannot close without paying Winifred and my tribute to a great lady, whom we know was a real inspiration in your work, and like yourself contributed so much to your community life.

Bill, send me the list of your distinguished clients and I will send it in with an accompanying letter and get your submission so there are three outstanding examples of your work, showing its adaptation to the woods, including Meadowbrook, if possible. This should be sent as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



C. Sterra Barrows

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DISTIN AND WAREHAM

ARCHITECTS

SARANAC LAKE, N.Y.

WILLIAM G. DISTIN, A. I. A.

ARTHUR W. WAREHAM, A. I. A.

January 22, 1960

Miss Florence H. Gervais,
Secretary to the Jury of Fellows,
1735 New York Ave., N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Gervais:

Mr. C. Storrs Barrows, of Rochester, has informed me that I have again been nominated for Fellowship by the Central New York Chapter. Mr. Barrows sent me a copy of your letter to him of January 15th. in which you state that it is not too late for submission of my folio and I have to day sent this to you first class and registered, with the hope that it reaches you promptly and in good condition.

I understand that Mr. Barrows is sending you a letter and other supporting data relative to my case.

With kindest regards and thanking you for your co-operation, I am

Sincerely,



Wm. G. Distin, A. I. A.

Rec'd

*Members.
Destin, Wm. George.*

February 23, 1960

Mr. James D. Curtin, President
Central New York Chapter, A.I.A.
112 DeWitt
Syracuse 3, New York

Dear Mr. Curtin:

The Jury of Fellows has requested me to advise you of the following action it has taken on the nomination before it of a corporate member of your Chapter who was considered for advancement to Fellowship:

Nomination Before the Jury at Three Meetings Without Favorable Action!

William George Destin

We regret to inform you that Mr. Destin has not been honored with a Fellowship by The Jury of Fellows.

The exhibits submitted in support of his nomination are being returned to him.

Sincerely yours,

J. Roy Carroll, Jr., F.A.I.A.
Secretary

DISTIN AND WAREHAM

ARCHITECTS

SARANAC LAKE, N.Y.

WILLIAM G. DISTIN, A. I. A.

ARTHUR W. WAREHAM, A. I. A.

March 4, 1969

Miss Florence M. Gervais,
Secretary to the Jury of Fellows,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Gervais:

I appreciate the return of the portfolio of my work which was submitted to the Jury of Fellows by the Central New York Chapter of A. I. A.

In checking over this folio, some photographs seem to be missing - notably interiors of the Dr. Philip Cole "last Chance Ranch" at Lake Placid. I will appreciate it if you will check up on this and see if they are still in your possession. Also, there must be a file of a number of letters from clients which were submitted at the time of my nomination and I would like to have these.

Thanking you for any trouble I may cause you and with kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours


Wm. G. Distin

*Check
Exhibits*

March 11, 1960

Mr. William G. Distin, A.I.A.
64 Main Street
Saranac Lake, New York

Dear Mr. Distin:

It has been most disturbing to receive your letter of March 4th advising that some photographs seem to be missing from the submission of exhibits of your architectural work which had been filed with your nomination for advancement to Fellowship.

The Jury of Fellows has always been most careful in the handling of these photographs (no members of the staff ever are permitted to sit in their sessions) and they are meticulous in arranging them so that they can be easily re-wrapped for return to the nominees.

This is the first instance where any photographs have been reported to be missing from the hundreds of such submissions throughout the many years of considering and passing on them by The Jury of Fellows.

I have been giving some thought to this to decide what can be done to attempt to locate the missing photographs and can suggest only two possibilities:

- (1) If these photographs should have been included, through error, with packages returned to other architects nominated, no doubt those architects will notify us and return them. There has not been ample time for this possibility to be abandoned, as many of the packages still are being delivered, I feel certain, especially on the west coast and other far western locations;
- (2) I can open and examine all packages remaining on file with the Jury for its consideration at its meeting in 1961, to ascertain if your photos are with any of them through error. There are about 45 of these which were carefully wrapped and stored for this purpose.

Just at the present I am quite pressed for time, but just as soon as I can I shall start the search through the packages we still have to see what, if anything, can be discovered. I sincerely hope the loss of use of these photographs in the interim will not prove a hardship for you.

With reference to the letters written supporting your nomination by some of your clients, I have checked the file and find that all letters

Mr. William G. (Distin, A.I.A. - Page #2

therein are addressed to The Jury of Fellows. The Jury is governed by a Rule of The Board of Directors which provides that all communications to it are privileged and, therefore, their contents are never disclosed to others than the Jury personnel and to me, of course, who is charged with the duty of maintaining the files and records of The Jury of Fellows.

In view of this it will not be possible to turn these letters over to you.

When I have something to report, one way or another, after a search for your missing photographs, I shall write to you again.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais
Secretary to The Jury of Fellows

DISTIN AND WAREHAM

ARCHITECTS

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y.

WILLIAM G. DISTIN, A. I. A.

ARTHUR W. WAREHAM, A. I. A.

March 14, 1960

Miss Florence H. Gervais,
Secretary to the Jury of Fellows,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Gervais:

Thank you for your letter of the 11th.
relative to the missing photographs I wrote you about. I
am quite embarrassed about this as I did not realize the
trouble it might cause you. So please do nothing more about
looking them up as I can obtain duplicates. This also applies
to the letters of recommendation submitted to the Jury. I
thought it would be interesting to have them but it is not
important and I do not wish you to go to any trouble.

Thanking you again for your interest and with
the hope that I may meet you personally before too long,
I am

Sincerely yours,



Wm. G. Distin

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Members

Distin, William G.

March 18, 1960

Mr. Wm. G. Distin, A.I.A.
Saranac Lake, New York

Dear Mr. Distin:

Your letter of March 14th is received with much gratification and great appreciation of your kindness in this matter.

As you suggest, I shall not make the special search for the missing photographs, but next year when the packages are opened for the 1961 meeting of the Jury I shall be on the look-out for them.

Of course, if they should be returned by any of the new Fellows who may have received them in error, then they will be sent on to you promptly.

If and when you come to Washington, I hope you will stop in here at the headquarters building for a visit and that you will look me up in my office. It will be a great pleasure to have you visit me and The Institute.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais
Secretary to The Jury of Fellows

FILE COPY - MAR 22 1960

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Jury Meeting
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activities

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Application for Membership Emeritus

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:

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

Check the appropriate reason

☒ I am more than 70 years of age.

☐ I am 65 years of age, retired, and not engaged in the practice of architecture.

☐ I am unable to engage in the practice of architecture.

I have been in good standing in The Institute and the Central New York chapter
for 15 successive years or more immediately preceding the date of this application.

Date 4/1 1969

William T. Austin

(APPLICANT'S FULL SIGNATURE IN INK)

Applicant is a member, in good standing, of the Central New York Chapter of Architects

Charles E. Rhinehart

Charles E. Rhinehart - Executive Secretary - CNY Chapter, AIA

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



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

May 15, 1969

Mr. William G. Distin, AIA
64 Main Street
Saranac Lake, New York 12983

Dear Mr. Distin:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that I have elected you a Member Emeritus of The Institute as of January 1, 1969.

The Treasurer's Office of The Institute and your component organizations are being directed to adjust the records accordingly.

On behalf of The Officers and Board of Directors, I wish to take this opportunity to express my great appreciation for your support, throughout your many years of membership, of the work and projects undertaken by The Institute and its components for the cause of better architecture.

We hope that your interest in The Institute and Chapter will continue, even though you have now been relieved of all dues payments.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Preston M. Bolton, FAIA



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

April 20, 1970

Mr. Charles E. Rhinehart, Exec.-Dir.
Central New York Chapter, AIA
324 Dickerson Drive North
Camillus, N. Y. 13031

Re: Death of Mr. William G. Distin, AIA
on March 23, 1970

Dear Mr. Rhinehart:

We are very sorry to learn of the death of the member indicated above.

For The Institute's Baldwin Memorial Archive records, it would be appreciated if you would have the enclosed forms filled in. Two copies should be returned to The Institute and the third copy is for the Chapter's files.

Sincerely yours,

Maureen Marx, Director
Membership Procedures

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BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE
of American Architects

Name: **William George Distin** of (address) **Glenwood Estates, Saranac Lake, New York**
Born: **February 25, 1884** at **Montreal** Died: **Mar. 23, 1970,** at **Saranac Lake, New York**
Canada
Parents: **William L. Distin** and **Helen Gray**
Married: **Ethel Brown** of **Syracuse, New York** on **Sept. 1, 1915**
Children: **Robert G. and William G., Jr.**
Education: **Columbia University 1907**

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

Private practice, Saranac Lake from 1907 to retirement - 1969
Specialized in large Adirondack Camps and Residences

Professional Memberships and Service: (Institute and Chapter Activities; Teaching)

A.I.A. January 1, 1938
Chairman New York State Association of Architects - Lake Placid 1954

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

Episcopal - St. Luke The Beloved Physician - Saranac Lake
Charter member of the Saranac Lake Rotary Club
Founder of the Saranac Lake Curling Club

Public Service: (Civil and Military; Community, State, National)
Army - World War I

Saranac Lake village Trustee (1930), Saranac Lake Library Board, Zoning Board and
S.L. Planning Board.

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

(OVER)

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

Central New York Chapter, AIA citation for outstanding service - 1960

Since the establishment of his practice in 1907, Bill was a leader in community affairs and activities. He would be among the first to sponsor or join civic groups organized for the betterment of the community. His friendly, out-going nature made him a popular and well-known personality in the area. His reputation as a designer of Adirondack camps brought many commissions from well-known families, including the Rockefellers, Whitneys and Hochchilds for whom he designed large multi-building camps many of which remain as showplaces of that era.

CHURCHES:

- Adirondack Community Church, Lake Placid, New York
- St. Johns In The Wilderness, Paul Smiths, New York

RESORTS:

- Majority of the buildings at the Lake Placid Club, Lake Placid, New York
- Whiteface Inn, Lake Placid, New York
- The Chalet, Lake Placid, New York
- Holiday Harbour, Lake Placid, New York

SCHOOLS:

- Saranac Lake High School
- Lake Colby School, Lake Clear School - Harrietstown
- Camelot Boys Home, Lake Placid, New York

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Olympic Arena, Lake Placid, New York
- Essex County Court House and Offices - Elizabethtown, New York
- Trudeau Laboratories and Housing, Saranac Lake
- Camps and residences in 50 mile radius of Saranac Lake

Principal Commissions: (Classified, with locations and Reference Data) (Above)

Compiled by: **Charles E. Rhinehart** Date: **May 22, 1970**
Executive Director, Central New York Chapter, AIA

Acknowledgements: **Arthur W. Wareham - partner to Mr. Distin**
Mrs. Herbert Leggett (Mr. Distin's Sister)