

Dunning, N. Max

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, 1918

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 N. Max Dunning

Address 35 S. Dearborn St. Chicago, Ill.

Place and date of birth Kenosha, Wisconsin - 1873

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

Holder of Scholarship in architecture Chicago Arch. Club - Traveling - 1900.  
[Give name and year.]

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

If practicing architect, firm name N. Max Dunning

Have been in practice Seven years years

If draughtsman, employed by \_\_\_\_\_

[State number of years.]

Collegiate and office training J. C. Llewellyn - S. S. Berman

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.

N. Max Dunning  
[Signature of Applicant.]

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

Webster Lamberson Secretary.

Illinois 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.

James P. Ford  
W. G. G. G. G.  
Joseph C. Llewellyn

[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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N. MAX DUNNING  
ARCHITECT  
SUITE 1210 KIMBALL BUILDING  
WABASH AVENUE & JACKSON BOUL.  
CHICAGO

CLARENCE A. JENSEN

Mr. E. C. Kemper.

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industrial buildings and Administration Building  
for the Simmons Company of Kenosha, Wisconsin;

Chicago Plant for the American Book Company;

Buildings for the H. J. Heinz Company;

A number of bank buildings, hospitals, churches  
and hotels, having just completed the 600-Room  
Winton Hotel at Cleveland, Ohio.

Hoping that this outline will suffice  
for the records, I remain,

Yours very truly,



ARCHITECT.

NMD-HFD

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May 29th, 1915.

My dear Sir:-

Acting for Secretary I take pleasure in advising you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, in accordance with the action of its Board of Directors at the May meeting.

This membership became effective on May 12th, and we are sending to you under separate cover copies of the Annuary and Proceedings for the current year, as well as other Standard Institute Documents which you should have.

Owing to the shortness of time before the end of the first half of the year, the Board directed that dues be charged for the last half only, and you will receive a statement on the 30th of June. Later a Certificate of Membership will be sent.

The office at the Octagon is for the service of every Institute member and we are pleased to render that service at all times.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. N. Max Dunning,  
35 S. Dearborn Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

K:B

**N. MAX DUNNING**  
ARCHITECT  
SUITE 1210 KIMBALL BUILDING  
WABASH AVENUE & JACKSON BOUL.  
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HUGH B. DUNNING

CLARENCE A. JENSEN

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

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Dear Mr. Kemper:-

This is to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 16th instant, also the two copies of the "Annuary" which you so kindly forwarded via "Special Delivery."

I note you say that the 1920-21 Edition will be issued shortly after the coming Convention. If it is not too late, Mr. Dunning would very much like to have his address changed to read as above, 1210 Kimball Building, instead of 1142 So. Michigan, which is his residence. If you will kindly take care of this I will appreciate it very much.

Change of address for Mr. Dunning

Thanking you for your promptness in mailing the Annuaries, I remain,

Yours very truly,

*Harry F. Dunning*  
Secretary to Mr. Dunning.

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

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May 13, 1920.

Dear Mr. Dunning:

This is my first opportunity to send, as promised, minutes of the Board meetings for August and November, 1919, and March, 1920.

The minutes of the recent meeting are in the course of preparation, and you will receive copies in due course.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. N. Max Dunning,  
1210 Kimball Bldg.,  
Chicago, Ill.

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2-13  
January 9, 1922.

Dear Mr. Dunning:-

I spent the Christmas holidays with my little boy who is in Florida for the winter with his Governess. Upon returning I find your Christmas card and it is much appreciated. The entire staff here at the Octagon joins me in wishing for you a Happy and Prosperous 1922.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. W. Max Dunning,  
1210 Kimball Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

K:VB

# American Institute of Architects

## Inter-Office Communication

Subject

From E.C.K.

To Mr. Dunning

Date 5-3-23

Dear Mr. Dunning:

Your reservation at the Powhatan is made to begin on the evening of Sunday May 13th. It is for a single room and bath. If there is any change please notify the Powhatan, mentioning the Institute Convention.

Very truly yours,

E.C.K.

K:B

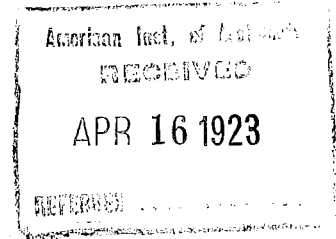
HUGH B. DUNNING

N. MAX DUNNING, F. A. I. A.  
ARCHITECT  
SUITE 1210 KIMBALL BUILDING  
WABASH AVENUE & JACKSON BOUL.  
CHICAGO

CLARENCE A. JENSEN

Chicago, Illinois,  
April Thirteenth,  
1923.

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



Dear Mr. Kemper:-

This is to acknowledge receipt of your kind favor of the 9th instant, in which you say you have made reservation of room and bath at the "Powhatan" for Mr. Dunning, beginning with Sunday evening, May 13th.

It is certainly very kind and thoughtful of you, and Mr. Dunning extends many thanks to you for the courtesy.

I remain,

With kind personal regards,

Very truly yours,

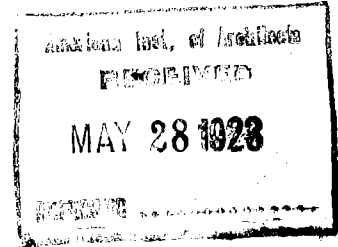
*Harry F. Durand.*  
Secretary to Mr. Dunning.

HFD-S



FROM OFFICE OF N. MAX DUNNING, ARCHITECT, F. A. I. A. 1210 KIMBALL BUILDING, CHICAGO

Chicago, Illinois,  
May Twenty-fifth,  
1923.



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

Dear Mr. Kemper:-

I am wondering whether the Washington newspapers had published any account or photographs illustrating the Pageant at Washington. In case they did, would it be asking too much of you to send me one copy, as I am interested to see how it was written up and also interested to have an illustration to show.

I am wondering, too, whether I was appointed for the coming year on the Executive Committee, as I am anxious to forecast a little on the amount of time necessary to give to Institute work during the coming year.

With kind personal regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,

*N. Max Dunning*

NMD-HFD

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

COPY

May 28, 1923.

Dear Mr. Dunning:

Responding to yours of the 25th, you will receive separately the best newspaper report of the Pageant.

You were elected a member of the Executive Committee. There may be a meeting of this Committee in late August; but if there is no pressing business, it may be postponed and merged into a Board meeting early in November.

We are busy in the customary endeavor to get the Proceedings into the mail within sixty days of the Convention. The minutes will be along shortly.

It was a great party and a worthy successor of the Chicago Convention, which was the best Institute Convention I ever attended.

Sincerely yours,

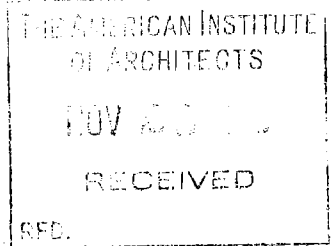
Executive Secretary.

Mr. N. Max Dunning,  
1210 Kimball Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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H O T E L P O W H A T A N  
Washington, D.C.



November 22, 1926.

Mr. N. Max Dunning,  
Kimball Building, Suite 1210,  
Wabash Ave., & Jackson Blvd.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Dumint:

In reply to your letter of Nov-  
ember 19th I wish to state we have reserved a  
pleasant single room with bath for your use  
December 2nd through meeting of the Board of  
Directors of the American Institute of Architects.  
Have noted your arrival in the morning.

Thanking you for the courtesy, I  
am,

Very truly yours,

Manager.

ECC/c

Copy--Mr. E. C. Kemper. ✓

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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COPY

August 17, 1936.

Dear Mr. Dunning:

The enclosed routine card was returned to us by the Chicago Chapter of The Institute, indicating that your address has been changed from 1210 Kinball Building, 308 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois to the Powhatan Hotel, Washington, D. C.

Mail addressed to you at the Chicago address has been returned to us, unclaimed.

For the purpose of the records at The Octagon, will you kindly confirm this change of address or advise if there is any difference.

A reply by return mail would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

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Encl.

Mr. H. Max Dunning,  
Powhatan Hotel,  
Eighteenth and Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

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SECRETARY

TREASURER

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

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February 2, 1939.

Dear Max:

Am leaving tomorrow for a real vacation (most of February - it's now or never because of the Convention and International Congress in September).

So far, I have not been able to locate the album of photographs which you left at The Octagon. Am afraid it went to permanent storage, or that it was wrapped and put in one of the many storage cases in the vault in the basement at The Octagon.

I do not believe the album is lost and am asking your indulgence until I get back and have opportunity to make another search.

During my absence the Assistant Executive Secretary, Mr. White, will be on the job and will be entirely at your service if the occasion arises.

Sincerely yours,

ECK:DC

Mr. N. Max Dunning, F.A.I.A.,  
Roger Smith Hotel,  
Washington, D. C.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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COPY

*Handwritten signature/initials*

February 20, 1940

Dear Max:

At long last we have found a large package of photographs and other material which you left at The Octagon a long time ago, which we could not find when you requested it and about which you have been most graciously silent since our failure to produce.

Apparently, this package got in with a lot of exhibits and historical material being held in storage here for one reason or other.

I believe you will find it in good shape and write to ask where you would like to have us send it - to your office or to the Roger Smith.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. N. Max Dunning  
c/o Roger Smith Hotel  
Washington, D. C.

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1741 New York Avenue, N. W.

Washington, D. C.

THE OCTAGON

Inter-Office Communication



February 21, 1940.

Received of The American Institute of Architects, one package of photographs and papers, for Mr. N. Max Dunning.

Roger Smith Hotel

per J. Foster

*Handwritten notes:*  
Checked  
1/21/40

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September 21, 1940

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N. Max Dunning, Architect Assistant,  
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Procurement Division Building,  
(Federal Warehouse)  
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Washington, D.C.

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

COPY

April 11, 1941

Dear Mr. Dunning:

We note that you are maintaining your chapter assignment as a member of The Institute with the Chicago Chapter, although your address on the records is given as Washington, D. C.

We therefore write to inquire whether you still have your residence or principal place of business in the territory of the Chicago Chapter; or have established a legal residence in Washington, D. C. which we presume is now your principal place of business.

The by-laws of The Institute (chapter II, article 1, section 7) require that The Secretary shall transfer the assignment of a corporate member to a chapter in another state whenever the legal residence or principal place of business of the member is changed to the other state.

If your legal residence is still in the territory of the Chicago Chapter, it would be entirely proper for you to maintain your membership in that chapter. Otherwise, you should be reassigned to the Washington, D. C. Chapter.

An early response will be appreciated.

By direction of The Secretary.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. W. Max Dunning, F.A.I.A.  
Ruger Smith Hotel  
Washington, D. C.

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Mr Edward C. Kemper  
Executive Secretary  
American Institute of Architects

Dear Mr Kemper

I regret the delay in replying to your letter of April 11<sup>th</sup>. My legal residence is in Chicago; I still maintain my office in the Kemball Building; I pay local taxes, income taxes and have my voting residence in Chicago. While I have been in Washington a long time - too long - I consider my residence and my position here as being "temporary".

Very sincerely  
A. Max Dunning



The ROGER SMITH, STAMFORD, CONN.  
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The PARK CRESCENT  
ROGER SMITH RESTAURANTS, N. Y. C.

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

COPY

April 22, 1941

Dear Max:

Thank you for your letter of April 20 advising that you maintain your legal residence and office in Chicago, in the territory of the Chicago Chapter.

Accordingly, you have every right to continue your chapter assignment in Chicago, and we have so noted on the record at The Octagon so that this question will not come up again.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

K/pg

Mr. H. Max Dunning, F.A.I.A.  
Roger Smith Hotel  
Washington, D. C.

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

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*Manning*

January 8, 1944

Dear Mr. Furst:

Mr. H. Max Dunning, F.A.I.A., now located in Washington, D. C., has filed an application for retirement and election as a Member Emeritus - for which he is qualified.

This application must await the next meeting of The Board which will be held the last week in April.

In the meantime, for the record and the information of The Board, will you please let us know if Mr. Dunning is in good standing with the Chicago Chapter? His Institute dues are paid to December 31, 1943, and undoubtedly The Board will make his election retroactive - as of January 1, 1944.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. Wm. H. Furst, Secretary  
Chicago Chapter, A.I.A.  
11 South La Salle Street  
Chicago, Illinois

K/g

2-3 January

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**CHICAGO CHAPTER**  
**THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS**  
**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

January 11, 1944.

Mr. E. C. Kemper  
1741 New York Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

In reply to your letter of January 8th, regarding the application for retirement and election as a Member Emeritus of Mr. N. Max Dunning, F.A.I.A., please be advised that Mr. Dunning is in good standing, his dues being paid to December 31, 1943.

Sincerely yours,  
*Marion Mueller*  
Marion Mueller

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

NOTICE OF ELECTION—MEMBER EMERITUS

TO **Mr. H. Max Dunning, F.A.I.A.**  
**Roger Smith Hotel**  
**Washington, D. C.**

It is my privilege to advise you that The Board of Directors has conferred upon you the title

MEMBER EMERITUS

of The American Institute of Architects and of its component organizations of which you are a member, exempting you from the payment of annual dues to The Institute and such organizations, effective **December 31, 1943** .

Date **June 14,** 19**44**

*Alexander C. Robinson III*  
Secretary

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MAX DUNNING HAS JUST PASSED AWAY NO INFORMATION AS TO  
ARRANGEMENTS FOR SERVICES SHOULD FLOWERS BE SENT IN NAME  
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EDWARD C. KEMPER  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

April 20, 1945.

MR. THEODORE IRVING COE  
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
1741 NEW YORK AVENUE, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

PLEASE SEND FLOWERS IN NAME OF INSTITUTE

E. C. KEMPER

CHARGE TO THE AMERICAN  
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Washington, D. C.

## THE OCTAGON

Inter-Office Communication

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*Washington Post - April 20 1945.*

## N. Max Dunning, Architect, 72, Dies Following Long Illness

N. Max Dunning, 72, nationally known architect and architectural adviser to W. E. Reynolds, chairman of the Public Buildings Administration, and one of the organizers of the Architectural League of America, died yesterday in Doctors Hospital after a long illness.



Designer of the Furniture Mart in Chicago, the Carter Hotel in Cleveland, the Lake Shore Club and the Hayes Hotel, both in Chicago, Mr. Dunning achieved a national reputation and during his years of Government service he came to be regarded as an outstanding authority on public housing.

He entered the Government during World War I as a member of the requirements division of the United States Housing Corp., and in the years following the armistice, he was a member of the President's conference on home building and ownership, and of President Hoover's Emergency Committee on Unemployment.

Following organization of the Reconstruction Finance Corp., he became its architectural adviser in 1933. The following year he was appointed assistant director for housing in the Public Works Administration.

Born in Kenosha, Wis., the son of Frank D. and Frances Baker Dunning, Mr. Dunning attended the University of Wisconsin from 1891 to 1894. He began the practice of architecture in Chicago in 1894 and in 1900 he won the first traveling scholarship of the Chicago Architectural Club which enabled him to continue his studies

in France, England, Italy and Germany.

He was a fellow of the American Institute of Architects. He was a member of the Chicago Association of Commerce, and the Cliff Dwellers, and the Salmagundi Clubs. During recent years, he made his home in the Roger Smith Hotel, convenient to his office in the Federal Works Building.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ann Wilmot Dunning of Laguna Beach, Calif., and two brothers, Hugh B. Dunning of Maywood, Ill., and Frank Dunning of Hot Springs, Ark.

*Washington STAR - Apr 20 45*

## N. Max Dunning, 71, Architectural Aide To PBA Chief, Dies

N. Max Dunning, 71, architectural adviser to the commissioner of public buildings and a fonuder and one-time president of the Architectural League of America, died yesterday at Doctors Hospital. He had been ill since October.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Gawler's funeral home. Burial will be private.

Mr. Dunning, a native of Kenosha, Wis., lived at the Roger Smith Hotel. He entered Federal service in 1918 as a member of the requirements division of the United States Housing Corp. After the World War he was chairman of the Adjustment Committee, a member of the President's Conference on Home Building and Ownership and of President Hoover's Committee on Unemployment.

He was named architectural adviser of the Reconstruction Finance Corp. in 1933 and the following year assistant director for housing in the Public Works Administration. He became architectural assistant to the commissioner of public buildings in 1939, later being made adviser.

He was a fellow of the American Institute of Architects, of which he was a director for three years and first vice president in 1924. He had served as chairman of the institute's Structural Service Committee, Ways and Means Committee and Central Housing Committee.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Ann Wilmot Dunning, Laguna Beach, Calif., he is survived by two brothers, Hugh H. Dunning, Maywood, Ill., and Frank Dunning, Hot Springs, Ark.

FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY  
Office of Information  
EXecutive 4900, Branch 4511

APR 19 1945

For Immediate Release

N. Max Dunning, architectural advisor to W. E. Reynolds, Commissioner of the Public Buildings Administration; designer of the Furniture Mart in Chicago, and one of the organizers of the Architectural League of America died *today* (April 19, 1945) in Doctors Hospital after a long illness. He was 72 years old.

Mr. Dunning entered Government service during World War 1 as a member of the Requirements Division of the U. S. Housing Corporation, interrupting a distinguished career in the architectural field, during which he designed the Winton Hotel in Cleveland, now the Carter Hotel, the first hotel to have a "rainbow room." Among other buildings he designed were the Lake Shore Club and the Hayes Hotel, both in Chicago; the National Cloak and Suit Building in Kansas City, and the Simpson Mail Order House in Toronto.

Not only did Mr. Dunning achieve a national reputation as an architect, but during his years of service with the Government he came to be regarded as an outstanding authority on public housing. When World War 1 ended, he became chairman of the Adjustment Committee of the U. S. Housing Corporation. Meanwhile, from 1917 to 1919, he served by appointment of Governor Lowden as a member of the Board of Park Building Advisors of Illinois.

In the years following World War 1, he was a member of the President's Conference on Home Building and Home Ownership and of President Hoover's Emergency Committee on Unemployment. After the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was set up, he became its architectural advisor in 1933. The following year he was appointed Assistant Director for Housing in the Public Works Administration.

He then served successively as special assistant in the public works branch of the Procurement Division, Treasury Department; architectural

assistant to the Commissioner of Public Buildings and then as architectural advisor to the commissioner.

After helping to organize the Architectural League of America, he served as secretary of its first convention, held in Cleveland in 1903, and became president of the league in 1904.

Mr. Dunning also was a fellow of the American Institute of Architects, of which he was a director for three years and first vice-president in 1924. In addition, he served variously as chairman of the institute's structural service committee, ways and means committee, and central housing committee. He was also a past president of the Illinois chapter.

Born in Kenosha, Wisconsin, August 4, 1873, the son of Frank D. and Frances A. (Baker) Dunning, he attended the University of Wisconsin from 1891 to 1894. He began the practice of architecture in Chicago in 1894 and specialized in schools, clubs, hotels and industrial work. In 1900 he won the first traveling scholarship of the Chicago Architectural Club which enabled him to continue his architectural studies in France, England, Italy and Germany.

During recent years, Mr. Dunning made his home in the Roger Smith Hotel, 18th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., convenient to his office in the Federal Works Building. His work was his hobby and he preferred his desk and the companionship of old friends to vacation pleasures. He was a member of the Chicago Association of Commerce and his clubs included the University of Wisconsin, Cliff Dwellers, the Lake Shore Athletic, of Chicago, and the Salmagundi, of New York.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ann Wilmot Dunning, of Laguna Beach, California, and two brothers, Hugh B. Dunning, of Maywood, Ill., and Frank Dunning, of Hot Springs, Ark.

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Dear Mrs. Dunning:

The Board of Directors of The American Institute of Architects desire me to express to you their sympathy in the death of your husband.

Not only The Institute but the entire architectural profession have suffered a great loss. Max Dunning in his private practice and later in his government position contributed much to the advancement of architecture and a better relationship between architects and government bureaus.

Sincerely,

Alexander C. Robinson, III

Mrs. Max Dunning  
Laguna Beach, Calif.

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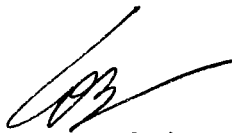
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Memorandum to Executive Secretary Kemper:

The newspaper notices of Max Dunning's death mentioned that he had two brothers and that his wife was living in California.

I have obtained the name of the brother who came to Washington and took charge of Max's affairs here, which is as follows:

Hugh Dunning  
1701 South Eighth Avenue  
Maywood, Illinois

  
Technical Secretary

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Copy to Mr. Saylor

Memo -

Mr. Hugh Dunning marked a letter for Mrs. Max Dunning to be mailed to her at

1377 Gaviota Drive  
Laguna Beach, Calif.

to which address Mr. Robinson's letter was forwarded.

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June 18, 1945

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# THE PRODUCERS' COUNCIL, INC.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF MANUFACTURERS OF QUALITY BUILDING MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

815 - 15th St., N. W., Washington 5, D. C.

May 10, 1945

Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Executive Secretary  
The American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ed:

The membership of The Producers' Council at the abbreviated annual meeting in Atlantic City April 24, 1945, passed the attached resolution referring to the passing of N. Max Dunning.

In accordance with the provisions of the resolution, I am transmitting this resolution to the Institute.

Sincerely,

J. W. Follin  
Managing Director

RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE PRODUCERS' COUNCIL, INC., ON APRIL 24, 1945

WHEREAS: N. Max Dunning, Fellow of The American Institute of Architects, was one of the architects who was instrumental in the formation in 1921 of the original organization of manufacturers of building products, which later became The Producers' Council; he was later Chairman of the Structural Service Committee of The American Institute of Architects, and was one of the leaders in bringing about the active collaboration, and the agreement of affiliation, between The Institute and The Council;

AND WHEREAS: the Council has received with profound sorrow the news of his death on April 19, 1945, and whereas his loss will be felt not only in the profession of architecture in which he attained the highest recognition, but also to the producers of building materials, and to the entire construction industry which held him in the highest esteem;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: by the membership of The Producers' Council, assembled at its annual meeting on April 24, 1945, that we express our sincere regret, and our deep sense of loss at his passing, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The American Institute of Architects and to his family and also be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

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May 14, 1945

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter of May 10 and the resolution with regard to N. Max Dunning.

The action of The Council in adopting this resolution is greatly appreciated by the Officers and Directors of The Institute.

Sincerely yours,

ECK:dd

Mr. J. W. Follin, Managing Director  
The Producers' Council, Inc.  
815 - 15th Street, N.W.  
Washington 5, D. C.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

1377 Gaviota Drive,  
Laguna Beach, California.

June 24, 1945.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

It is with deep appreciation that I acknowledge your letter of May 9 on the work of my husband, Max Dunning. The letter was delayed in reaching me, or I would have written earlier. Such a tribute is of the greatest value, and has moved me more than I can say. I thank you most sincerely.

*Ann Wilmot Dunning*

Ann Wilmot Dunning

Alexander G. Robinson III, Secretary  
The American Institute of Architects  
Washington 6, D.C.

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**N. MAX DUNNING**

N. Max Dunning, architectural advisor to the commissioner of the Public Buildings Administration, designer of the Furniture Mart in Chicago, and one of the organizers of the Archite-

tural League of America, died in Washington, D. C., on April 19. He was 72.

Mr. Dunning, a well-known housing authority, entered government service during World War I as a member of the Requirements Division of the U. S. Housing Corp. He remained in government service until his death, holding various architectural and housing posts in federal agencies.

Born in Kenosha, Wis., Mr. Dunning attended the University of Wisconsin

from 1891 to 1894, and in 1900 won the first traveling scholarship of the Chicago Architectural Club, which enabled him to continue his architectural studies abroad. Among the many buildings of his design are the Winton Hotel in Cleveland (now the Carter Hotel), the Lake Shore Club and the Hayes Hotel in Chicago, and the National Cloak and Suit Building in Kansas City. He was a fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

problem from two directions: making the best use of the facilities of the village, and modernizing the buildings for better appearance and efficiency.

"Five points have been listed in preliminary meetings. Business places are to be modernized to give both an increased efficiency and a modern twentieth-century appearance. Housing improvements will

be stimulated. There will be plans for construction of such new public buildings as a hospital, school, post office, and a municipal building housing a library, council chamber, village hall, and a liquor store. Adequate water and sewerage systems are to be developed, and the park facilities will be expanded."

Slayton will bear watching.

## In Appreciation of N. Max Dunning, F. A. I. A. 1873-1945

MAX DUNNING's service to his profession and The Institute was reflected in many activities. During World War I he worked in the Contract or Specification Section of the U. S. Labor Department's War Housing Division, of which Otto M. Eidlitz was the Chief. "It is my impression," writes Robert D. Kohn, "that Max and the late Burt Fenner were closely associated with this important practical part of the problem of meeting the housing needs at the munition plants. I am sure now that they did a good job, though since I was Chief of Production in the more or less rival Housing Division of the Shipping Board, we used to sneer at the results attained by Max's gang.

"Between the close of World War I and the beginning of the

"Great Depression", Max Dunning did a remarkable job for the architectural profession—the reports produced under his Chairmanship of the Post-War Committee of The A.I.A. Indeed, many of the changes in organization of The Institute which have since been put into effect, and many equally desirable reforms yet to be effected in the building construction industry as a whole, were clearly indicated in that report.

"Some time about 1930 when the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was set up under the Hoover Administration to meet some of the large-scale financial needs of the time, Max Dunning was called to Washington to take charge of a division of the R. F. C., through which it was thought to meet the needs of possible large-scale housing projects, planned to provide

employment in the building trades.

"At the beginning of the first Roosevelt Administration the Public Works Administration was created (May, 1933) under the N.R.A. legislation. The projects previously considered by Dunning's division of R.F.C. were to be transferred to the new P.W.B. I strongly recommended that Max Dunning should be appointed Director of the new Housing Division. That I failed in this respect and had to take on the job myself was probably due to my lack of political sense. My recommendation was sincere and based on a knowledge of the very superior administrative abilities of the man I was backing.

"After a very short interval, Max came over from R.F.C. and worked faithfully and well as one of my chief assistants in that strenuous and difficult year of plowing the first wobbly furrows of the public housing movement."

In 1934 Dunning joined the staff of the Procurement Division which, later, under the reorganization of various government agencies became the Public Buildings Administration of the Federal Works Agency, and in which he served until April, 1945.

During those eleven years he occupied the positions of Special Assistant, and later, Architectural Adviser, to the Commissioner of Public Buildings. In that capacity Dunning collaborated with the staff of the organization and also

maintained relations with architects in private practice who sought connections with, or rendered services to, the Public Buildings Administration. Commissioner Reynolds said that his long experience, wide acquaintance, sound judgment and his knowledge of human nature richly qualified him for the position he occupied, and added that the passing of Max Dunning has deprived the Government of an able, loyal and efficient public servant; it also deprived P.B.A. of a fellow worker who commanded and received the respect, admiration and affection of all who knew him.

The former Supervising Architect, Louis A. Simon, in expressing his sorrow at the passing of Dunning, said that, aside from his professional qualifications, he had brought to the organization that spirit of friendly cooperation so natural to a man whose personality attracted the affectionate regard of those who came within the range of his kindly nature.

As Chairman of The Structural Service Committee, his long association with the development and work of The Institute's Structural Service Department, later designated The Department of Technical Services, was at all times a source of helpful inspiration to those associated with this work.

The affiliation between The Institute and The Producers' Council provided an opportunity for a more professional relationship between

architects and the producers, and in this Dunning played an important part in advancing the objectives sought by the affiliation.

The high regard in which he

was held by all those with whom he cooperated gives ample evidence of the sterling qualities of head and heart of one who will be sincerely missed and long remembered.

## Furtive Observations at the Convention

The Atlantic Ocean still doing business at the old stand, as witnessed in one or two momentary midnight glimpses.

The onward march of inflation, which apparently has selected Atlantic City as its spearhead.

President Ashton's iron hand in the velvet glove, steering the Convention around the rocks of formal roll-call votes.

Absence of Julian and Mrs. Levi — nearly invalidating the claim that this was a convention.

The boardwalk as a mecca of souvenir hunters and auction addicts.

George Harwell Bond, moved by the instincts of a true gentleman of Georgia, seconding the nomination of the candidate contesting his membership on the Board.

The Negro dialect stories of Henderson L. Holman, Jr., of Ozark, Alabama.

Edgar Williams' transmigration from Regional Director to ghost, through the discoveries of a Philadelphia lawyer.

The heart-wringing evidences of war's toll along the boardwalk of this amputation center.

Goldwin Goldsmith, of Texas, with the same beard, the same six-foot height, the same aliveness to every parliamentary danger.

Sorely missed: the white suits of Franklin O. Adams of Tampa and the man they contained.

Rumors that for the first peacetime convention, we might be invited to the Tennessee Valley.

The welcome sight of Abram Garfield, one of the elder statesmen who has missed the last fifteen or more conventions.

Alvin Harley of Detroit dazzles the ladies with that snow-white hair and the skin they'd love to touch.

Sam Lunden's ability to recite the By-laws backward—he having written most of them. And, by the way, the name was originally the Dutch *Lundin*, and is pronounced "Lundeen".

The daily struggle to achieve a modest breakfast at the Claridge for \$2.75 plus tip.

Ed Kemper, cigar in mouth, directing without apparent effort a well-oiled administrative machine.

Joe Leland's well-waxed mustache and his imposing collection of twenty fancy waistcoats.

Meeting the wheel-chair of a legless veteran, propelled by his young wife, and thinking that many citizens might well be brought face to face with such evidences of the sacrifices being made for the many by the few.

Matt Del Gaudio, and his bulging briefcase, issuing ultimata.

The mysteries of the hotel elevator service—cars leaving the main floor every hour, on the hour.

Realization that the office of Secretary of The Institute, as exemplified by present Secretary Robinson and former Secretary Ingham, is a trustworthy channel buoy to guide through troubled waters The Institute's changing crews.

The welcome sight of C. C. Zantinger, sturdy pillar of The Institute structure for a generation and not one whit less able to carry the load today.

More evidence of the fact that, without a strong-arm squad, it is impossible to have delegates appear within an hour after the announced meeting-time.

The discovery by many delegates that the New Jersey Chapter is made up of human beings just like the rest of us, and that they star in hospitality.

Louis J. Gill of San Diego, guarding the ballot box with everything but a tommy gun.

Walter Rolfe, firmly established as the czar of architectural education in a broadened conception of that term.

Editors Howard Myers, Kenneth

Reid and Kenneth Stowell, seeking the news behind the headlines.

The frustration of the Convention's standing committee on burlesque shows.

Tal Hughes of Detroit, passing out news releases and guarding his beautiful daughter.

Walter MacCornack, retiring from the vice-presidency with his eyes focussed, as usual, on distant horizons and showing us all how to raise our sights.

White hair on the youthful Bob Schmertz of Pittsburgh—with no banjo and no time for a song.

The discovery that Ralph C. Kempton of Columbus, Ohio, *still* thinks the JOURNAL ought to be 8½"x11" with the name, "The A.I.A. Architect".

Gordon Lorimer's knowledge of all the answers in respect to dimensional coordination, or, as someone miscalled it, "molecular consternation".

Harry Tour bringing north a breath of TVA open spaces.

The suddenly changed financial viewpoints of a treasurer who became president and a Board member who became treasurer.

Every committee report stealing Julian Oberwarth's thunder as to membership growth.

Francis Keally appearing from New York for the final hour of the 77th Convention.

The impressive farewell of Pilot Ashton and the heart-warming acceptance of the helm by President Edmunds.

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Inscription: To my friend Henry Saylor  
N. Max Dunning