

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

APPLICATION NO AP 418

Dated February 20, 1939.
Received April 22, 1939.
Granted July 11, 1939.

Walter H. Kilham, Jr.
elected a corporate member of The American Institute of Architects and assigned to membership in the New York Chapter, effective July 15, 1939.

MEMBERSHIP NO 418

Chas. J. [Signature] Secretary

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

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In due order
April 22, 1939
H. [Signature]

- Name of applicant Walter H. Kilham, Jr. Chapter New York
- B. Address of applicant 224 East 49th Street, New York, N. Y.
- C. Applicant proposed by Walter H. Kilham and Alfred Easton Poor
- D. Application received with check for \$25.00 on April 22, 1939
- E. Application returned for correction 19
- F. Application in due order on April 22, 1939
- G. Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
 - (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on May 24, 1939, on April 24, 1939
 - (b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on June 24, 1939, on May 24, 1939
- H. Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on April 24, 1939
- I. Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission ~~or that application be denied~~ received on June 10, 1939
- J. No report from chapter executive committee on 19
- K. Application sent to The Board of Examiners on July 11, 1939
- L. The Board of Examiners reported on application on July 11, 1939
- M. Applicant was admitted on July 15, 1939
- N. Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter to proposers on July 15, 1939
- O. Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$ returned to applicant on 19
- P. Questionnaire, in re: Registration in New York on April 24, 1939. Rec'd 5/2/39

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 Walter H. Kilham, Jr.

2. State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.

2. I am a natural citizen of the United States.

3. My legal residence is in the City of New York

County of New York State of New York

4. State whether residence or office address.

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

Street 224 East Forty-ninth Street

City New York, 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 a practicing architect.

6. I desire to be a member of the 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.

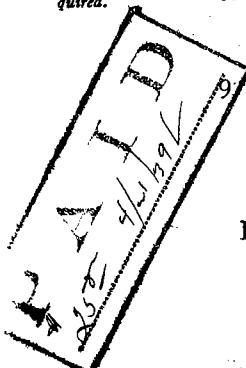
8. I filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the chapter above named and attach his receipt therefor.

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 February 20, 1939

Walter H. Kilham

Sign full name in ink



STATISTICS

10. Date of birth 4-29-04 Place of birth Brookline, Mass.

11. I am registered or licensed to practice architecture as follows:

<i>States</i>	<i>Registration or license numbers</i>	<i>Date of last registration</i>
New York	#1337	9-1-38

(a) I hold a Certificate No. of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

EDUCATION

12. I attended the following schools:

<i>(a) High School</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Graduation year</i>	<i>(c), (d), (e) Write in initials of degree.</i>
(b) Private School Noble & Greenough	Boston	Mass.	1920	
	<small><i>Name of School</i></small>	<small><i>City</i></small>	<small><i>State</i></small>	<small><i>Graduation year</i></small>
(c) College or University Harvard University			for 4 years.	
Graduation Year 1925				A. B. <small><i>Degree</i></small>
(d) College or University			for years.	
Graduation Year				<small><i>Degree</i></small>
(e) Post-graduate at Harvard Architectural Schfor 3 years.				M. of Arch. <small><i>Degree</i></small>
	New York University			
	Architectural School, 1929			
	Graduate School of Business Administration, 1930			

13. I held the following named scholarships:

(a) Wheelwright Traveling Fellowship, Harvard University, (present holder)	<small><i>Year</i></small>
(b)	<small><i>Year</i></small>

14. I have traveled in the following countries:

in France, Switzerland	1920-21
France, Spain	1925 <small><i>Year</i></small>
in Portugal, Italy, France	1928
Greece, Turkey, Italy, Austria, Germany, Denmark	1931 <small><i>Year</i></small>
in France, Germany, England	1933
Sweden, Finland, Russia, Denmark, Holland, France,	<small><i>Year</i></small>
England	1938

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>
Carpenter's helper	Summer, 1925		Morton C. Tuttle Co.	Boston
Jr. Draftsman	Summer, 1926		Strickland, Blodgett and Law	Boston
	1928	1928	Raymond Hood	New York
	1930	1932	Rockefeller Center Architects	New York
	1932	1936	Corbett, Harrison, MacMurray	New York
	1937	1937	Harrison and Fouilhoux	New York

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>
New Hampshire		1927	
(New York)	1927		van der Gracht and Kilham
(Vermont)			
(New Hampshire)			
(New Jersey)			
(Maryland)			

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>
Vermont	2/38	6/38	Bennington College	Instructor in Arch.

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.

<i>Name of Work</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>
Kohler Show Room	New York	New York
Cottage, Lincolnale School	Lincolndale	New York

Exhibits required.

MEMBERSHIP IN NON-ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

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

<i>Name of Organization</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>
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21. I have held offices in non-architectural organizations as follows:

<i>Office</i>	<i>Name of Organization</i>	<i>Year</i>
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22. I have written the following papers relating to architecture and the arts and sciences allied therewith:

<i>Title</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>Year</i>
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MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

23. Member of Institute
24. Junior of Institute
25. Associate of following Chapters:
26. Member of State Association in _____ from _____ to _____
State
27. I have held offices in the architectural organizations listed below:
Office Architectural Organization Year
28. I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its chapters or state association members.
(If there are exceptions, state details)

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

Signed Walter H. Kilham
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 10 years. I have known the applicant for 35 years.

Signed Alfred Easton Pool
Proposer
 9 Rockefeller Plaza
 N. Y. C.

Signed Walter H. Kilham ^{Kilham} FAIA
Proposer (Boston Chap.)
 126 Newbury St
 Boston



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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.
Office of The Secretary



RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

Walter H. Kilham, Jr., New York City
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,

Address State Education Department, Albany, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date April 24, 1939

Chas. J. Ingham
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? Licensed
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? yes or by exemption? yes
3. What was the scope of the examination? license issued January 16 1931 on the basis of graduation from Harvard University School of Architecture June 1928 and three years of architectural experience.
4. What was the period of the examination? days. Written examination hours; Oral examination hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? no record. If so, give Certificate No.
6. Date of last registration June 10 1938. Registration No. License 4171. Is it current? yes

Herbert J. Hamilton
Chief
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date May 1, 1939

New York Bureau of Professional Examinations
(Name of Board)

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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July 15, 1939

Dear Mr. Kilham:

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 New York Chapter, effective on July 15, 1939. 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 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 yours,

Secretary.

Mr. Walter H. Kilham, Jr., A.I.A.,
224 East Forty-ninth Street,
New York, New York.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
JURY OF FELLOWS

Received Nov. 1, 19 50
Voted On 19 .
Voted On 19 .
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Granted 19 .

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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. Name of Nominee Walter Harrington Kilham, Jr Date of Nomination Oct. 31, 1950.
2. Address of Nominee 101 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y.
3. Nominee's firm R. B. O'Connor & W. H. Kilham, Jr.
4. Nominee's principal place of business New York
5. Nominee's Chapter New York Chapter, A.I.A.
6. Nominee's State ~~Association Member~~ ^{Organization} New York State Association of Architects, A.I.A.
7. Nominee admitted to Institute 1939 19 .
8. Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from 1939 ~~to~~ to Dec. 31, 1950
9. Nominee's age 46 Birthplace Brookline, Mass.
10. Nominators: Executive Committee, New York Chapter, A.I.A.

11. Achievement in Design

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

BY CHAPTER

THE JURY OF FELLOWS
The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue,
Washington 6, D. C.

Date October 31 1950

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on October 10 1950
nominated* Walter Harrington Kilham, Jr.
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* Walter Harrington Kilham, Jr.
a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the pro-
fession 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† eleven
years prior to this date; therefore be it

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

Walter Harrington Kilham, Jr.

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."

Handwritten signature: Harry H. Reece, Pres.

Handwritten signature: Daniel Schum

Handwritten signature: Perry C. Smith

Handwritten signature: Geoffrey P. Ross

Handwritten signature: George K. Camp - Vice Pres.

Handwritten signature: Alwyn W. Clark
Secretary.

*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.

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

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BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

1. Nominee's full name **Walter Harrington Kilham, Jr.**
2. Nominee is a natural naturalized citizen of **United States**
3. Nominee's legal residence **233 West 11 Street, New York, N.Y.**
4. Nominee's firm name **R. B. O'Connor & W. H. Kilham, Jr.**
5. Nominee's principal place of business, address **101 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y.**

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.

6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by **New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Virginia, Ohio, Wisconsin, Florida, and N.C.A.R.B.**

7. Strike out in-appropriate words.

7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a practicing architect—~~He is also an architect under various licenses of construction—public official—architect~~

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

8. Born **April 29, 1904** . Place of birth **Brookline, Massachusetts**

9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:

	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
<i>High School</i>			
<i>Private School</i> Noble & Greenough, Boston - 1921, and Ecole Alsacienne, Paris			
<i>College or University</i> Harvard Cambridge	4	1925	A.B.
<i>College or University</i>			
(Harvard Architectural School Cambridge		1928	M.Arch.
<i>Post Graduate at</i> -- (N.Y.U. Architectural School N.Y.C.		1929-30	(night)
(N.Y.U. Grad. School Bus. Adm. N.Y.C.		1930	(night)
<i>Scholarships held</i>			
Wheelwright Traveling Fellowship Harvard University			1938

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

10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

Employment

**Raymond Hood 1928-30 Preliminaries Daily News Building and early schemes for Radio City.
Rockefeller Center - 3½ years Site plans, building plans, models, materials, research, charge of design meetings.
Wallace K. Harrison 2-3 years Principal: Rockefeller Apartments, Tylon and Perisphere.**

Other Data

**Film Moving picture of Radio City Project in field and office. Shown Harvard, Yale, M.I.T., Cornell, etc., and Berliner Ingenieur Haus. Copy purchased by Soviet Gov't. Borrowed by Resettlement Administration and M.I.T. as guide for own films.
Slides taken on Traveling Fellowship, especially Maya and Inca work, shown Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Arch. League and many others.
Exhibition 1946: Collected and arranged Mayan-Peruvian Exhibit, Architectural League. 1950: Prepared exhibition for students of work of Architect's Office; opened at the Architectural League and sent around country.
Recognition Member of the Century Association; Associate, National Academy of Design.**

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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	Bret Harte Residence	Putney	Vt.	1938	1
d	Lincoln Hall Gymnasium	Westchester	N.Y.	1939	1
d	Lincoln Hall Chapel	Westchester	N.Y.	1939	1
a	Kohler Showroom	New York	N.Y.	1939	1
d	Holland House Club	New York	N.Y.	1940	1
b	Carroll College Library	Waukesha	Wisc.	1942	3
b	Princeton University Library	Princeton	N.J.	1948	8
b	Science Building	Waukesha	Wisc.	1949	1
d	School	Wilton	Conn.	1950	1
d	Insurance Building	Hartford	Conn.	1951	1

Under column headed "Type" type in (a), (b), (c), or (d), as the case may be.

Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

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.

The nominee is notable for his efficient and simple plans which are preceded by careful research and analysis. From these are developed the elevations which are characterized by quiet detail, with emphasis on careful selection of materials, good proportion and use of color. The Carroll College Library* is considered the best complete example, while the interiors of the Princeton Library* best illustrate the nominee's feeling in design. The exterior was a difficult problem in successfully harmonizing a very large modern building with the domestic scale and Gothic detail of an established campus. Significant also was the working out by the nominee of a modular plan adapted to a variety of changeable uses to meet a new concept of the educational use of a library, and also the design of a flat slab construction with split columns for use with free standing stacks. This library is having a tremendous influence on modern library design as witnessed by the unprecedented number of visitors from all parts of the world. Combined with the modular design, the warmth and color of its interiors are a special achievement.

* Gold Medal - New York State Association of Architects

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

1. CONSTRUCTION WORK

<i>Type of Work Constructed</i>	<i>Identification of Work</i>	<i>Location of Work</i>	<i>Completed Construction Work (Year)</i>	<i>Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted</i>
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Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

2. BOOKS, TREATISES, OR ARTICLES WRITTEN

<i>Subject Title</i>	<i>Where Published</i>	<i>Date Published</i>
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3. 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.)

A.B. 1925; M.Arch. 1928

- a. Member of A.I.A. Commission to Survey Architectural Education & Registration 1950-
- b. Trustee Putney School, Vermont - 1950-
- c. Trustee Beaux Arts Institute of Design 3 yrs. 1947-49
- d. Council Member, Fund for Astro-Physical Research
- e. Education Committee, New York State Association of Architects 2 yrs.
- f. Education Committee, New York Chapter A.I.A.
- g. Visiting Committee for National Architectural Accrediting Board 2 yrs. 1946 & 1949
- h. Jury for the Prix de Rome 1949
- i. Teacher in Architecture, Bennington College 1 term 1938-39
- j. Lecturer at various architectural schools, societies and colleges as Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Columbia.
- k. Invited participant and speaker at various conferences on schools and universities: Teachers College, Columbia, Cleveland College, University of Connecticut.
- l. Board of Advisors - "American School & University"
- m. Traveling Exhibition 1950: Work of architect's office shown for students. Showed sketches, details, blue prints, models, photographs of all stages from own office. Opened at the Architectural League; held over two weeks; sent to Western schools.
- n. Writings

Articles for:

American School & University 1944 and 1948
 School Executive April 1946; April 1947
 Ohio State Journal of Higher Education, December 1948

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.)

<i>Book, Treatise or Article</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Name of Book or Periodical Containing Work</i>	<i>Year Work Published</i>
Booklet	"A Community Survey Preliminary to Planning a School in New York City's Postwar Planning Program"	Board of Education	1944
<p>"...This pamphlet will give an idea of the thoroughness with which the underlying problems in school building planning are analyzed in New York City. It is hoped that the study presented here will be helpful and suggestive to others who are confronted with the problem of planning new schools to meet the needs of oncoming generations of American school children.</p>			

John E. Wade
 Superintendent of Schools"

"...Please accept my congratulations for an excellent and imaginative piece of work. I shall be surprised if your work does not result in this school being one of the most interesting in the entire city.

Yours sincerely,
 Ellsworth B. Buck, President
 Board of Education"

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.

Local

President, New York Chapter 1949-50

Executive Committee 1944-45

Medal of Honor Committee 1949-50, 1945-46

Joint Committee 1949-50

Education Committee 1947-48, 1945-46

Visiting Architects Committee 1947-48

Activities Committee 1944-45, 1943-44

Technical Committee 1943-44

National

Member Commission to Survey Architectural Education and
Registration 1950-

Special Committee on New York State Housing Fees for
President Walker 1949-50

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.

1. War Work

- a. Principal Architect for Zone II Constructing Quartermaster's Office and Chief of Site Planning Section for the U. S. Army Engineers, New York District. Responsible for initiating site plans, reports, etc., of all projects in this area exclusive of fortifications and airfields. In particular may be mentioned Camp Kilmer; Camp Shanks; Lend Lease Ammunition Storage Area (Raritan); Stapleton Piers; Albany Engineer Depot; Halloran General Hospital (including supervision of Architect-Engineer); additional facilities for Army at Naval Ammunition Depot in Earle, New Jersey; and many other hospitals and depots.
- b. Later became partner in two successive Architect-Engineer firms, and was in direct charge of work at Caven Point; Rhoades General Hospital; Plattsburg Hospital; and Surplus Storage Depot, Linden, New Jersey.
- c. Consultant, U.S. Army Engineers - Naval Ammunition Depot, Earle, New Jersey: on site during initial construction, and later.

See attached photostats of letters of commendation.

2. Architectural Advisory Committee

Proposed New Zoning Law, New York City

3. Architectural Advisory Committee

Avenue of the Americas Association

WAR DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE
NEW YORK DISTRICT
ROOM 601, 120 WALL STREET
NEW YORK 5, N. Y.

REFER TO FILE No.

201 (Kilham, W. H.) NADNG

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(U. S. E. D., N. Y. D.) Form No. 11

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11 February 1944

Messrs. R. B. O'Connor & W. H. Kilham, Jr., Architects,
101 Park Avenue,
New York 17, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In connection with the construction of a vital military installation in the vicinity of New York City, it is necessary that you make the services of Mr. W. H. Kilham, Jr. available to this office. Because of Mr. Kilham's training and background he is particularly needed for this work. Mr. Kilham has a thorough knowledge of War Department policy and the type of construction required. While employed in this office, he was in charge of preliminary studies made for this particular project. Under these circumstances, it is impossible to find any individual who is as well equipped as Mr. Kilham for this work.

His services are desired immediately and will be required for approximately three weeks.

In making this demand, it is desired to express our high regard for the services performed in the past for the War Department by Mr. Kilham personally and by your firm. By making Mr. Kilham's services promptly available at considerable inconvenience to the other work of your firm, you are cooperating with the war effort to an important extent.

For the District Engineer:

Very truly yours,

CHARLES K. PANISH,
Lt. Col., Corps of Engineers,
Executive Assistant.



HEADQUARTERS SECOND SERVICE COMMAND
SERVICES OF SUPPLY

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GOVERNORS ISLAND. N. Y.

CMW/jmp
23 July 1943

Mr. Walter H. Kilham, Jr.
229 East 48th Street
New York, 17, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Kilham:

It is with deep regret that I learn of your resignation from the Engineer Corps service. Our relations have been most pleasant, the cooperation you have given me in accomplishing many Medical Department projects has been extremely helpful, and the speedy compliance and logical conclusions reached by you in submitting justification data for proposed hospital sites or other Medical Department projects have been handled in a most superior manner.

Colonel Panish authorized me to deal directly with you in our mutual problems a long time ago and this has been of great assistance in the war effort.

Needless to say, with your training and experience, I expect a great future for you in your chosen profession. I wish you every success, health, and happiness.

Sincerely yours,



C. M. WALSON
Colone, Medical Corps

HEADQUARTERS NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
1ST AVENUE & 58TH STREET

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

July 26, 1943

Mr. Walter H. Kilham, Jr.
229 East 48th Street
New York, 17, New York

Dear Mr. Kilham:

I am sorry to hear that our close association is terminated, for the time being at least, so is Colonel Thom, to whom I have shown your letter.

If during your future business operations you find that I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to use my name.

Sincerely yours,



H. T. MILLER,
Colonel, GSC.

WAR DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE
NEW YORK DISTRICT
ROOM 420, 17 BATTERY PLACE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 25, 1942.

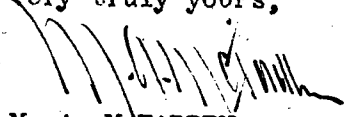
Mr. Walter H. Kilham, Jr.,
Office of the New York District Engineer,
120 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Kilham:

Herewith for your information and file, copy of
a letter from Mr. J. W. Faust, Regional Recreation Repre-
sentative of the F.S.A., dated January 23, 1942, regarding
the construction of U. S. O. Buildings at Wrightstown,
Pointsville and Browns Mills, N. J.

It is with a deep sense of appreciation for a job
well done that I pass on to you this letter.

Very truly yours,


M. A. McFADDEN
Colonel, Corps of Engineers,
Assistant Division Engineer.

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EXTRACTS FROM RECORDED TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS
FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS
(Concerning Walter H. Kilham, Jr.)

To the District Engineer - January 1943

Subject: Site Report for 1500 Bed General Hospital

- Col. A. You all did a bang up job on that job on the Jersey City Medical Center.
- Mr. W. Oh, did you like that?
- Col. A. That was fine. Will you please convey my congratulations to Mr. Kilham? I guess he was the one most involved, wasn't he?
- Mr. W. He was. He did practically the whole thing.
- Col. A. Well, tell him he did a good job and he did a fast job on it. It's the most complete report we've had and it was the first one to come in, and of several divisions that were asked to do the same thing at the same time, that's the first and the best.

To the Division Engineer - April 1943

Col. Ashbridge to Col. Boesch

- Col. A. If they can do it. I do not want to break Mr. Kilham down and have him get a nervous breakdown or something like that. He does a lot of that himself, you know.
- Col. B. Yes, he is badly overworked.
- Col. A. And we are not asking for the impossible.
- Col. B. No. They will snap into it and do the best they can and I wouldn't want to make too quick an estimate because I do not know enough about their organization.
- Col. A. Of course we are piling three hospital reports on them here simultaneously and it is tough.

To the Division Engineer - April 1943

Col. Ashbridge to Col. Boesch

- Col. A. I would rather have that and call it a final report than I would to have them take another couple of weeks and write up one of those Kilham specials. Mr. Kilham does a bang-up job on reports and I don't want to get him out of the habit, but this apparently is hot and everybody is in a hurry for it.
- Col. B. They are proud of what they do in the way of reports and they don't want to let down the standards and be criticized for it.
- Col. A. You can tell them just this - that the New York District reports are the best ones we get in and if they speed up this one a little bit, it will not hurt their reputation an iota.

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND ALLIED ARTS
university of oregon • eugene, oregon

office of the dean

November 21, 1950

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

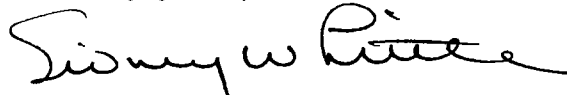
This letter is being sent in support of the recommendation to Fellowship for Mr. Walter H. Kilham, Jr., at the request of the Committee on Fellows of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

I have known Mr. Kilham for a number of years and know him not only as a capable architect of high standards, but also as an architect respected by all of his colleagues. This respect is by reason of his work, the excellence of his design, and his unsurpassable interest in the profession as a whole.

For the past year, I have been more intimately associated with Mr. Kilham as a member of the Survey Commission of the Institute. During this contact, I have found that Mr. Kilham possesses an unusual sympathy for the problems of Architectural education and that he is untiring in his efforts to assist toward a solution of those problems.

It is a privilege to add this recommendation to the many which will undoubtedly be sent in support of a recommendation for his advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

Sincerely yours,



Sidney W. Little, Dean
SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE
AND ALLIED ARTS

SWL:em

November 17, 1950

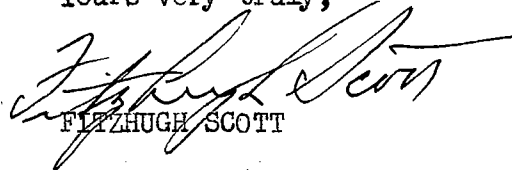
Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I understand that Walter K. Kilham, Jr.
has been recommended for nomination to Fellowship in the A.I.A.,
and it gives me great pleasure to endorse this recommendation.

While I have not seen too much of the
nominee in the past few years, I have worked with him on a
library which was built in Waukesha, Wisconsin, and for which he
was the architect, and have the highest regard for his ability
and integrity. I believe he justly deserves any honor that the
American Institute of Architects can confer upon him.

Yours very truly,



FITZHUGH SCOTT

FS/mlu

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
MINNEAPOLIS 14

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

November 16th, 1950.

Jury of Fellows,
American Institute of Architects,
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

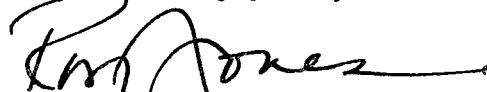
Gentlemen:

I have just learned that Walter H. Kilham, Jr.
has been nominated for a Fellowship in the Institute.

It gives me the greatest pleasure to endorse
Mr. Kilham's nomination. I have been associated with
him in a number of ways and have studied the various
buildings which he has designed with great interest.
I would definitely rate him as one of the most able,
personable, and stimulating architects of our particular
time.

I can, therefore, unreservedly and heartily
recommend him for your favorable consideration.

Very cordially yours,



Roy Jones, FAIA,
Professor & Head.

RCJ/c

C O P Y

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
PRINCETON NEW JERSEY

Dean of the Faculty
J. DOUGLAS BROWN

December 1, 1950

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to write you to express our high regard at Princeton for the great contribution which Mr. Walter H. Kilham, Jr. has made to Princeton University through his work in the design of the new Firestone Library.

As a member of the University committee which had to do with planning for the new library, I understand more than most the complex problems which had to be met in satisfying the functional needs of the faculty, student body, and library staff, and at the same time assure a building of great distinction. Throughout the long discussions of the many problems, Mr. Kilham showed understanding, imagination and statesmanship. The resultant creation has proved to be far more satisfying in both beauty and effective arrangement than we had thought possible. All persons using the library receive a great lift in being in it. It has attracted both scholars and students in great numbers. I am sure that our educational program at Princeton has been enhanced in effectiveness more by the Firestone Library than by any other physical contribution to its resources over the last hundred years.

Sincerely yours,

J. Douglas Brown



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
FAYETTEVILLE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 25, 1950

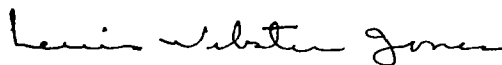
Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that Mr. Walter H. Kilham, Jr., has been recommended as one of the selections of the Committee on Fellows of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. It is a pleasure to add my recommendation to the many others which you must have received.

I have known Mr. Kilham for many years, and I have an extremely high regard for him as a person and for the work which he has done. In my opinion, he would make a splendid addition to your group.

Sincerely yours,



Lewis Webster Jones
President

CARROLL COLLEGE
WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN

THE PRESIDENT

November 18, 1950

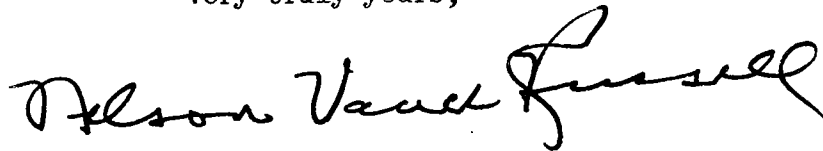
Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I wish to place before you the name of Walter H. Kilham, Jr. for nomination as a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects. In my opinion Mr. Kilham, of the firm of R. B. O'Connor and W. H. Kilham, Jr., 101 Park Avenue, New York 17, is one of the outstanding architects in America. He has not hesitated to depart from the conventional techniques and launch into new modes of style and construction. His work meets the highest artistic standards and there is a quality in it all which gives it distinctive character and excellence. He has shown unusual vision and imagination and his designs have brought him national recognition. Few men in this century, outside of Frank Lloyd Wright, have shown more creative ability. Surely he is worthy of any award your Executive Committee can give.

We are fortunate indeed to have two buildings on our campus for which Mr. Kilham's firm was responsible and I am also familiar with the Princeton Library and several other buildings, all the work of O'Connor and Kilham. I am sure he would add distinction to your membership.

Very truly yours,



Nelson Vance Russell

NVR:fc

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
KENYON COLLEGE
GAMBIER, OHIO

November 18, 1950

Philip L. Goodwin, Chairman
Committee on Fellows, New York Chapter, A.I.A.
32 East 57 Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Goodwin:

Mr. Walter H. Kilham, Jr., a member of the firm of R. B. O'Connor and W. H. Kilham, Jr., Architects, was chiefly responsible for the architectural work in the rebuilding of the Old Kenyon dormitory. The building had been utterly destroyed, and for sentimental and historical reasons it was decided to rebuild its exterior as nearly like the original as possible. This task required especially careful treatment of the stone, as well as a painstaking and scholarly analysis of the destroyed building.

Mr. Kilham's taste, knowledge, and excellent judgment produced for us a building which when rededicated last month proved in every particular satisfactory. The internal arrangement is altogether new and efficient and attractive, and the exterior satisfies the most exacting among the older members of the College that we have in fact the century-old building again standing.

Those of us in the College who worked with Mr. Kilham have great admiration for him, and I am pleased to be invited to write a letter in support of his nomination as a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. Certainly we should regard such an election an altogether fitting one.

Yours sincerely,


Gordon K. Chalmers

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
THE LIBRARY
PRINCETON NEW JERSEY

JULIAN P. BOYD, *Librarian*
LAWRENCE HEYL, *Associate Librarian*

November 14, 1950

The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

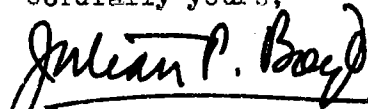
I am told that the name of Walter H. Kilham Jr. has been sent to you as one of the selections of the Committee on Fellows of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, approved by its Executive Committee.

I take the greatest pleasure in supporting this nomination. I speak of course as a layman, but as one who has been closely associated with Mr. Kilham in the planning of the Harvey S. Firestone Memorial Library at Princeton. When I tell you that this experience of several years' duration has resulted in a steadily increasing admiration for Mr. Kilham's intellectual integrity, his creative imagination and unflagging zeal, and that we emerged from what at times resembled a battleground, with feelings of warm personal friendship, I believe you will understand that my endorsement of his nomination is grounded upon conviction.

The Firestone Library speaks for itself. Mr. Kilham and Mr. O'Connor endeavored to provide Princeton with the kind of library that Princeton wanted. The result has been approved not only by undergraduates and faculty, but has also been the object of attention from librarians, architects and educators from all parts of the United States and from many foreign countries.

This achievement is only one part of Mr. Kilham's career and, important as the Firestone Library is as a functioning instrument, it is only one evidence of the credit that Mr. Kilham has brought to the profession.

Cordially yours,


Julian P. Boyd

STEPHEN FRANCIS VOORHEES

101 PARK AVENUE • NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

November 16, 1950

Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
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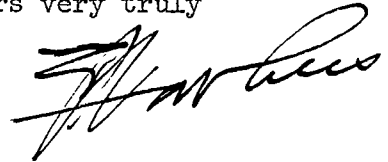
Gentlemen:

It gives me a great deal of satisfaction to endorse most heartily Walter H. Kilham who has been nominated for Fellowship.

It is not necessary for me, I am sure, to elaborate on his accomplishments professionally and his service to The Institute. They are fully covered in the record. I should like to add that I have worked with Mr. Kilham personally over many years. I know his ethical standards of practice and his enthusiasm for our profession.

I believe that he would be a worthy Fellow. I respectfully urge favorable action.

Yours very truly



LOUIS GELDERS
ARCHITECT
WILTON CONNECTICUT

November 17, 1950

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It gives me sincere pleasure to second the nomination of Walter H. Kilham, Jr. as a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. I know of few architects so well fitted by ability and integrity to represent the best the profession has to offer.

My association with Walter Kilham has been in the nature of client and architect. As a member of the Building Committee for the newly completed public school in this town I watched with admiration and respect his handling of the many problems encountered and could be proud of the new respect for the architect's function which was engendered in the committee as a whole through its association with Mr. Kilham. In a highly conservative New England community Walter Kilham has succeeded in producing a fine contemporary school building of which the whole town is proud; on a gravely restricted budget he has practiced such economy of design that even our Board of Finance is convinced it got its money's worth.

If for no other reason that his work in Wilton (and there are many others) I believe Walter Kilham deserves the honor of Fellowship. I feel sure that his election to membership in the group would be applauded by the A.I.A. membership as a whole.

Yours very truly,



Louis Gelders.

LG:ei

AMES, CHILD AND GRAVES

ARCHITECTS

JOHN W. AMES, JR., A.I.A.
JOSIAH H. CHILD, A.I.A.
W. PHILLIPS GRAVES, JR., A.I.A.

50 BEACON STREET, BOSTON 8

TELEPHONE
CAPITOL 7-8890

22 November 1950

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
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Washington 6, D. C.

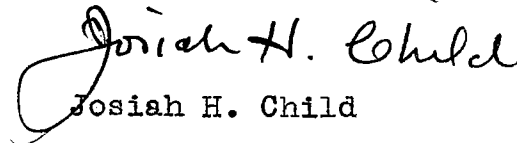
Gentlemen:

It gives me pleasure to recommend Walter H. Kilham, Jr.
for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

I have known Mr. Kilham intimately for about thirty years
and have the highest regard for him. He is not only a de-
signer of great ability, but has also worked hard and de-
votedly for the interests of the architectural profession.

I can think of no architect today who is more deserving of
receiving a Fellowship in the American Institute of Archi-
tects.

Sincerely,


Josiah H. Child

JHC:rg

PAUL F. SACHS
WIDENER LIBRARY • ROOM F
CAMBRIDGE 38 • MASSACHUSETTS

KIRKLAND 7-7600
EXTENSION 2170

Dear Mr. Goodwin,

In answer to your letter of Nov. 13 I beg to say that while I do not know Walter H. Kilham, I intimately have observed, ever since his college days, his extraordinary development. There can be little doubt, so it seems to me, that he is a leader in his generation, in the field of architecture.

Accordingly I am delighted to recommend him for the Fellowship.

It seems to me that he most decidedly deserves the honor of Fellowship.

Sincerely yours
Paul F. Sachs.

Nov. 20. 1950

**PERKINS
& WILL**
ARCHITECTS
ENGINEERS

November 16, 1950

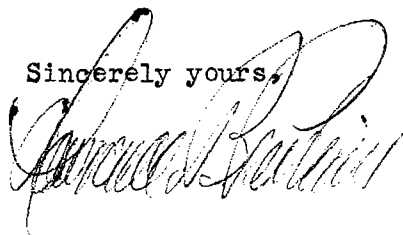
Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Mr. Philip Goodwin has given me the opportunity to write supporting the Fellowship nomination of Mr. Walter H. Kilham, Jr. I am most honored to comply.

Mr. Kilham is a charming gentleman and a first rate architect. In my opinion he fully deserves the honor of Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely yours,



Lawrence B. Perkins
LBP:cg

THE PUTNEY SCHOOL
ELM LEA FARM
PUTNEY, VERMONT

Nov. 22, 1950.

Dear Sirs:

I think that Mr. Walter H. Kilham, Jr. is unusually qualified to receive the honor of Fellowship granted by the Jury of Fellows, American Institute of Architects.

I have known him for a good many years. He has done outstanding work in private homes in this neighborhood, among them my own, which is an excellent example of modern architecture, and for the Putney School, of which I am the Director, He designed and superintended the erection of a boys' dormitory. At present he is architect for our new science building which, I think, is going to be remarkably good.

Sincerely yours,

Camelita Hunter
Director

GARFIELD, HARRIS, ROBINSON & SCHAFER

REGISTERED ARCHITECTS

1740 EAST 12TH STREET

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ABRAM GARFIELD, F.A.I.A.
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JOHN A. WILLIAMS

TELEPHONE
CHERRY 1-7128

December 6, 1950

Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Ave. N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It gives me great pleasure to recommend the name of Walter H. Kilham, Jr. as a candidate for Fellowship in the Institute. Mr. Kilham through his work at Princeton Library and other well known buildings, well merits this distinction.

It has been my pleasure to know Mr. Kilham through his participation in conferences on Cleveland College Building Program here in Cleveland, as well as his outstanding work at Princeton, which I as an alumnus can appreciate.

The honor of a Fellowship is well deserved.

Yours very truly,

A. C. Robinson III

A. C. ROBINSON, III

ACR/mb

MEEM, ZEHNER, HOLIEN & ASSOCIATES
• ARCHITECTS •

JOHN GAW MEEM, F.A.I.A., A.N.A.
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RUTH HEFLIN

P. O. BOX 628
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

November 16, 1950

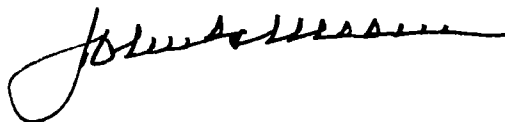
Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It gives me great pleasure to place in nomination for Fellow
of the American Institute of Architects, Mr. Walter K. Kilham, Jr.

I have known Mr. Kilham for many years and have always been
impressed with the freshness and vigour of his work. His professional
standing is exceptionally high. In my opinion, he is an outstanding
architect and would be a most worthy recipient of the great honor
of Fellowship in the Institute.

Sincerely,



JGMh

GEORGE CAMP KEISER, ARCHITECT

WINTER PARK, FLORIDA

November 18, 1950

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I have just learned through Mr. Philip L. Goodwin that the name of Walter H. Kilham, Jr. has been presented to you as one of the selections of the Committee on Fellows of the New York Chapter and has received the approval of your Executive Committee.

I have known Mr. Kilham personally for nearly twenty years, and have the greatest respect for him not only as one of our most outstanding architects, but also as an individual of highest ideals and integrity. The Princeton University Library, with which I am familiar, is in itself a work sufficient to endorse Mr. Kilham's exceptional ability as an architect. I should, however, also like to mention the school he built in Wilton, Connecticut, because as a summer resident and property owner there I have seen at close range the tactful way in which he handled a project fraught with the many differences of opinion a small community of this sort is capable of expressing over such a matter. He stood by with utmost fortitude until the school was finally approved, and then won for himself wide admiration for the excellent building which the town has now come to possess.

I believe that Mr. Kilham will make a valuable addition to your distinguished group, and it is a privilege to have an opportunity such as this to recommend him to you wholeheartedly for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Yours sincerely



GEORGE CAMP KEISER, A. I. A.
Florida Central Chapter

CHARLES BUTLER
ARCHITECT, F. A. I. A.
56 WEST FORTY-FIFTH STREET, NEW YORK 19
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November 16th, 1950.

The Jury of Fellows,
American Institute of Architects,
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am very glad to see that Mr. Walter H. Kilham, Jr. has been recommended by the Committee on Fellows of the New York Chapter for advancement to fellowship.

I have known Mr. Kilham for some years, ever since he came to New York and have served with him on Chapter committees and consider him a man of very real ability and a very worthy son of his father.

You will of course be able to judge of his work from his exhibits, but I may say that I consider him one of the outstanding younger men in our Chapter of which he has served as president. I trust that your Jury may act favorably on his name when it comes before you.

Yours very truly,

CB:EE

Charles Butler

MASTER'S LODGINGS
ELIOT HOUSE
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

November 27, 1950

The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

I learn from Mr. Philip L. Goodwin that Walter H. Kilham, Jr. has been nominated for a fellowship of the Institute by the Committee on Fellows of the New York Chapter.

I have known Walter Kilham since boyhood. We were classmates at college, and he continues to return, though too rarely, to the scenes of our boyhood acquaintance in New Hampshire, where our families still have adjoining places.

His autobiography, on his Twenty-Fifth Reunion last June, seems as good a way as any to suggest his rare combination of energy, imagination, freshness, and humor. After a few paragraphs on his early experiences in skyscrapers with Raymond Hood and Wallace K. Harrison, he goes on to the beginnings of his career in college architecture at Bennington and Carroll College, Wisconsin. His travels evidently loom large in his memory, and he goes back with enthusiasm to his Wheelwright Fellowship of 1938 from Harvard. "I determined to see as many modern buildings, schools, hospitals, libraries, theatres, etc., as I could, feeling that they would be of most help in any work I might subsequently have to do. There is space for but a few names: Stockholm City Hall, Paimio Sanatorium, the Aalto Library in Vipurii, the Palace of the Soviets in Moscow, the Grundtvigskirken in Copenhagen, and the Hilversum Town Hall. Later I walked into Copan, Honduras, and climbed the rockbound heights of the Inca city of Macchu Picchu, a site which seemed closer to a fairy tale than to reality."

He returns to still later trips in the United States, then to the war and to his later work with R. B. O'Connor for Cornell, Trinity, Kenyon, Barnard and Princeton. After an amusing paragraph on his late marriage and recent family, he concludes: "In Cornwall, Connecticut, I have been building a house on weekends, so far without help, though

it is taking years to finish. So much junk and lumber have accumulated in it that now I am building a barn to clear out the house. Influenced, probably, by John Goffe's Mill, I have acquired a one-man sawmill for which, on my jeep, I bring logs out of the woods to make the boards, to build the barn to clear the house -- I'll never be finished."

The main elements of his character and temperament seem here. First is his energy, physical as well as imaginative. He is less tied to routines than anyone I know. There is also his curiosity. He is never so emotionally involved in his own affairs, intensely concentrated as his interest can be, that he loses the sense of other places, projects, and people. This union of intensity and objectivity is, in my experience, as rare as it is admirable. He can get on with a great deal of work, yet a moment later stand away from it, forget about it (or not quite forget about it), and interest himself in something else. I included the last paragraph above for what it suggests of an almost homespun quality of self-help. He and his wife fitted up a jeep summer before last, and took their two children, one a baby, virtually across the continent. I used to know when he had arrived in New Hampshire by hearing sounds of a flute floating up from the cow pasture. One got the impression that he had not been there five minutes before he had reverted, complete with flute, to his boyhood. All this despite a bad back and an operation on his chest. He is as rugged as nature itself, and batters his way along from experience to experience.

He is the third child and oldest son among the six highly talented children of a Boston architect who died in recent years. The extraordinary vigor of the family came, I think, from the mother's side, who was a painter, a woman of the greatest force, independence, and imagination. A younger brother, Peter, is an inventor and painter, the most original and freshest person that I know. Walter has all the vividness and talent of the family but sheer strength of mind and character beyond the others.

I obviously lack competence to express an opinion on his professional work. I can express only the confident opinion, widely shared among our classmates and

mutual friends, that on any ordinary criteria of stamina, variety of attainment, freshness and openness of gaze, and largeness of humanity, he stands near the very top.

Sincerely yours,

Sam H. Friedberg

John H. Friedberg

Eliot Professor of Greek
Literature and Master of
Eliot House, Harvard
University

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PRINCETON NEW JERSEY

Dean of the Faculty
J. DOUGLAS BROWN

December 1, 1950

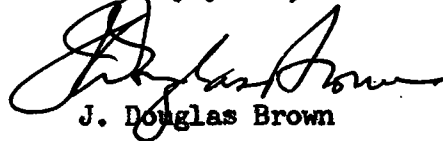
Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to write you to express our high regard at Princeton for the great contribution which Mr. Walter H. Kilham, Jr. has made to Princeton University through his work in the design of the new Firestone Library.

As a member of the University committee which had to do with planning for the new library, I understand more than most the complex problems which had to be met in satisfying the functional needs of the faculty, student body, and library staff, and at the same time assure a building of great distinction. Throughout the long discussions of the many problems, Mr. Kilham showed understanding, imagination and statesmanship. The resultant creation has proved to be far more satisfying in both beauty and effective arrangement than we had thought possible. All persons using the library receive a great lift in being in it. It has attracted both scholars and students in great numbers. I am sure that our educational program at Princeton has been enhanced in effectiveness more by the Firestone Library than by any other physical contribution to its resources over the last hundred years.

Sincerely yours,



J. Douglas Brown

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November 16, 1950

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, NW
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I wish to be reported as in favor of admission to Fellowship of Walter H. Kilham Jr., whom I understand is being proposed this year.

He has designed some fine buildings, including the Princeton Library. He has taken an active part in the work of his Chapter and on committees of the Institute. It seems to me that he deserves the honor of Fellowship and would be a fine addition to the group.

Very truly yours,

Henry R. Shepley

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November 20, 1950

Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Mr. Walter K. Kilham, Jr. of the New York Chapter is being presented, I understand, as a candidate for Fellowship in the Institute. I count it as a genuine pleasure to be permitted to write a letter in his behalf.

Walter Kilham has impressed me as a truly fine person, professionally and personally. He has a very refined sense of the profession's responsibility and the part the individual architect plays within this important pattern. I have known his work on the survey commission and have been very much impressed with him in all of the several activities in which he has participated.

He would lend distinction and honor to the profession by being made a Fellow. I think he is very deserving and I sincerely trust that he may receive it.

Sincerely,



Walter T. Rolfe

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TELEPHONE 7-3768

Jan 8, 1951

Chairman of Fellowship Award Committee
American Institute of Architects
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir :

It gives me great pleasure to write in behalf of Walter H. Kilham Jr. and to give him my highest recommendation as a practicing architect and member of the Institute. I believe that his election to the rank of Fellow will serve the institute's best interests.

I have known Walter for nine years and hold the highest regard for him as a man of integrity and as an architect of outstanding ability. During the last War I had the opportunity to serve under his leadership in a department of the U. S. Engineer Office and this first hand experience proved the scope of his broad knowledge, keen appreciation of good design and selfless devotion to our great cause. Despite poor health he gave unstintingly of his time and effort to make his temporary war work an outstanding success. This phase of his work illustrates a fine flexibility by which he turned from building design to large scale planning.

Since this period I have followed his work with great interest, and consider that his buildings speak for him. The Phoenix Insurance Company building in Hartford will be an outstanding office structure of this type. The Wilton School is well conceived and executed. Further the Princeton Library is the finest Library building since the War.

In service to the Institute Walter has also proved his worth many times over. As president of the New York Chapter he carried out important projects in the interests of the profession.

I think he deserves the honor of Fellowship and would be a fine addition to the group.

Yours very sincerely,

BRADFORD S. TILNEY

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

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March 14, 1951

Dear Mr. Kilham:

The American Institute of Architects desires to confer upon you the honor of Fellowship, in accord with the action of The Jury of Fellows at its recent meeting.

The purpose of this letter is to request your presence at the 1951 Convention of The Institute to be held in Chicago, Illinois, on May 8-11, 1951, in the Edgewater Beach Hotel.

At the formal dinner of the Convention on the evening of Thursday, May 10, those who have been elected to Fellowship will receive their certificates. Presentation will be with appropriate ceremony and it is highly important that each of the newly-elected Fellows be present. The Officers of The Institute and The Jury of Fellows join in the request that you come to receive this honor in person.

Your Chapter has been notified and has been requested to make no public announcement until after the Convention in May.

Please send your response to The Institute at an early convenient date.

Yours sincerely,

Edmund E. Purves
Executive Director

Mr. Walter Harrington Kilham, Jr., F.A.I.A.
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

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

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March 14, 1951

Dear Mr. Kilham:

At the recent meeting of The Jury of Fellows, your nomination for advancement to Fellowship was considered, and I have the honor to inform you, in behalf of the Jury, that you were advanced to Fellowship for achievement in Design.

This year, the Convention has asked that there be an exhibition of the work of the newly-elected Fellows, and to that end the Jury has had to make as comprehensive, yet as small a selection of your exhibits as possible for this occasion.

Under another cover, we are returning your photographic exhibits and we are asking that you have the photographs which we have selected and marked with a pink sticker enlarged to conform with the instructions enclosed.

These should be sent to

A.I.A. Fellowship Exhibit
Department of Architecture
University of Illinois
Navy Pier, Chicago, Illinois

to be delivered by April 25, 1951.

We should like you to keep this information confidential.

Cordially yours,

H. Daland Chandler
Chairman, The Jury of Fellows

Mr. Walter H. Kilham, Jr., F.A.I.A.
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

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Enclosure

Photographs Selected for Exhibits

1. Holland House Club - stairs
2. Lincoln Hall Gymnasium
3. " " Chapel - Interior
4. Harvey Firestone Library
5. Wilton Junior High School - Exterior
6. " " " " "

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March 19, 1951

Mr. Edmund R. Purves, Exec. Dir.
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Purves:

Your confidential letter of March 14th notifying me of my elevation to Fellowship in the Institute has been received. It is a great honor of which I am highly appreciative. I will be in Chicago for the Convention.

Sincerely yours, ~

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W. H. Kilham, Jr.

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May 15, 1974

Mrs. Maureen Marx
Director, Membership Procedures
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Ave., N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006


Dear Mrs. Marx:

Would you kindly send us Member Emeritus Form and
information for Mr. Walter H. Kilham, Jr., FAIA

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

KILHAM BEDER & CHU



(Mrs.) Dorothy Eimicke

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May 16, 1974

Mrs. Dorothy Elmicke
Kilham, Beder & Chu
101 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10017

Dear Mrs. Elmicke:

As requested in your letter of May 15, we are pleased to enclose a Membership Emeritus Application for Mr. Walter H. Kilham, Jr. FAIA. / rec'd

Membership Emeritus would enable Mr. Kilham to remain in the AIA and his Chapter with full rights and privileges, while being relieved of dues payments.

Please have Mr. Kilham fill in the form and return it to this office and we shall be glad to see that the matter receives the Secretary's prompt attention.

Sincerely yours,

Maureen Marx, Director
Membership Procedures

MM:hrs
Enclosure

cc: Mrs. McGrath, New York Chapter, AIA

Blind note to Evelyn: Please advise us of Mr. Kilham's standing and whether you approve of him being elected a Member Emeritus. / ok

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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 60 years of age, retired, and not engaged in architecture.
- I am unable to engage in architecture.

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

Date 27 May 1974

Wallace K. Kellerman
(Applicant's Full Signature In Ink)

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.

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June 24, 1974

Mr. Walter H. Kilham, Jr., FAIA, Member Emeritus
101 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10017

Dear Mr. Kilham:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I have the pleasure of informing you that you have been elected a Member Emeritus of the Institute.

The Board joins with me in expressing my great appreciation for your many years of support of the work and projects undertaken by the Institute towards creating better architecture and a better environment.

I hope your interest in the Institute and your Chapter will continue, even though you now are relieved of all dues payments.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Hilliard T. Smith, Jr., FAIA
Secretary

cc: New York Chapter, AIA
New York State Association of Architects, AIA