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September 12th, 1918.

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

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Dear Sir:

We have been receiving bills for dues of the
Institute addressed to Mr. George B. Ford.

I was under the impression that men in
France engaged in war work were to be exempt from
paying dues, but of this I am not assured.

At any rate, I should advise you that Mr.
Ford's address is c/o American Red Cross, Bureau of
Refugees, 12 Rue Boissy d'Anglais, Paris, France,
and all mail should be addressed to him at that
address.

Foreign Post

Yours very truly,

GEO. B. POST & SONS

per *Ralph F. Warner*

RFW:JK

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November 2, 1920

My dear Madam:-

We understand that Mr. George B. ~~Ford~~ ^{Ford}, an Institute member of the New York Chapter, has returned from Europe after a long absence there. Can you advise me about this and about his present address in New York? Anything you might send would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

E. C. Kemper
Executive Secretary.

Miss A. M. Simpson, Asst. Sec'y,
New York Chapter of A. I. A.,
215 W. 57th Street,
New York City-N. Y.

K:VB

*We are addressing Mr Ford at
101 Park Ave and so far no reply
has been returned -*

A. M. Simpson

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Mr. George B. Ford can be reached promptly by addressing him at

HOTEL FRANCE & CHOISEUL
239 rue St. Honore
Paris, France.

He has been abroad since June, 1917, and we have no information as to when he expects to return.

R.F.W. noted
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January 6, 1921

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Mr. E. C. Kemper,
Ass't Treasurer & Exec. Sec'y
American Institute of Architects,
Octagon House, Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Kemper:

I was most delighted to hear from you again but I have delayed replying to your letter of December 9 because I wanted to study a bit the lay of the land. As I am still living on my capital after nearly four years and am not yet on an earning basis, I have no right for two or three months yet at least of settling my indebtedness for 1918, 1919 and 1920 due the American Institute of Architects. I will, however, make a point of doing so as soon as I actually get to earning enough money.

I think I ought to ask to have my resignation as of December 31, 1920, for several reasons.

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I have given up architecture entirely and have severed my connections with George B. Post & sons since before the war and have joined in with a group of engineers in what we call the Technical Advisory Corporation to do zoning, city planning and economic and industrial surveys and reorganization work. I believe that I really have no right to continue as a member of the American Institute of Architects when I really have nothing whatever to do with architecture. I am devoting all of my time now in trying to build up a consulting practice in zoning and city planning.

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The second thing that troubles me is the fact that in city after city I have been told that the architects, including many members of the A. I. A., are the leading obstructionists in zoning. Instead of being the most public spirited citizens they are fighting zoning wherever it happens to interfere with the projects of their best clients.

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Mr. Kemper,

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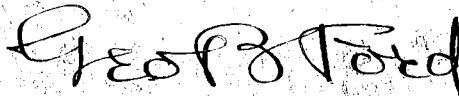
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architects as leaders in the city planning and zoning movement throughout the country. The present action of the Institute seems to be just to the contrary and if anything the Institute seems to discourage architects from taking an active part in civic improvement. As I have been travelling around the country during the last few months I have been surprised to find how rare are the architects that are really leading in this movement.

I do most heartily appreciate all that the Institute has done for me in the past and the delightful associations I have had with the various members and the most enjoyable times I have had at several of the conventions, but I do feel that my usefulness to the Institute has come to an end and that in all fairness I should tender my resignation.

Wishing you and the Institute a most prosperous New Year, I am

Yours sincerely,



DIRECTOR

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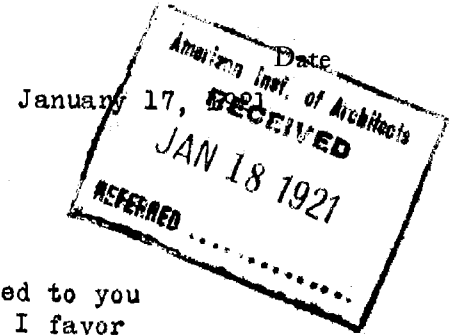
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Inter-Office Communication

Subject

From

To



Dear Mr. Kemper:

I return herewith letter addressed to you by Mr. George B. Ford under date of January 6th. I favor accepting Mr. Ford's resignation from membership but in consideration of the service which he rendered in Europe during the war, would also recommend the remission of his back dues. I can say that Mr. Kohn, who is thoroughly familiar with Ford's work, ^{is in} accord with my recommendation.

Sincerely yours,

Dellwood

Enclosure

Mr. v. B. please attach our letter to Ford K-

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January 8, 1921.

My dear Mr. Ford:-

This will acknowledge with regret yours of
January 6.

Your resignation from the Institute, to be
effective, must come through the Executive Committee of the
New York Chapter.

I am quite sure that the Board of Directors
would exceedingly regret to lose your membership for the reasons
stated. Pending a final determination in this matter we will
send no statements for 1921 dues, and I am sure the Treasurer,
Mr. Waid, will accept your assurance of payment on the outstand-
ing amount.

I take the liberty of sending your letter
to him principally with regard to your membership in the Insti-
tute and trust you will take no further action until you have
heard from him.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. George B. Ford, Director,
Technical Advisory Corporation,
132 Nassau Street,
New York City.

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Exec. Secretary

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January 21, 1921.

My dear Mr. Ford:-

With further reference to your letter of January 6, and my acknowledgment of January 8, we have a communication from the Treasurer that should you decide to forward your resignation through the New York Chapter, as required in the By-laws, the Treasurer will recommend to the Executive Committee that your Institute dues be remitted, as covered by the period of your service in France during the War.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. George B. Ford, Director,
Technical Advisory Corporation,
132 Nassau Street,
New York City.

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CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
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February 8, 1921.

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Mr. E. C. Kemper, Exec. Sec'y
American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I want to thank you for your letter
of January 21st and as I have already resigned
from the New York Chapter of the American In-
stitute of Architects, I will forward my re-
signation from the Institute through the chap-
ter.

Very truly yours,

George B. Ford

DIRECTOR

GBF:ES

*I hate like thunder to give up
such pleasant associations
but I believe it is best.*

GBF

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February 24, 1921.

My dear Mr. Ford:

We received in due course yours of February 8, stating that your resignation would come forward through the New York Chapter.

So far this has not been received and I suggest that you communicate with the Chapter in order that the matter may be acted upon at the Executive Committee meeting to be held in New York on March 5.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. George E. Ford,
Director, Technical Advisory Corp.,
132 Nassau Street,
New York City.

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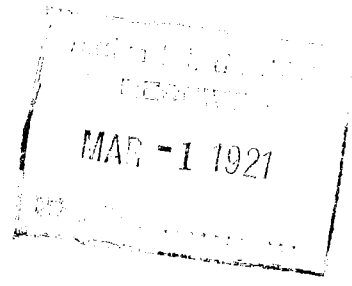
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February 28, 1921.

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Mr. E. C. Kemper, Exec. Sec'y,
American Institute of Architects,
Octagon House,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Kemper:

I am ever so much obliged for your letter of February 24th and I have immediately written to Mr. Shreve, Sec'y of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, asking him to look up my resignation letter and see that it is brought to the attention of the Executive Committee.

I am mighty sorry to leave you all.

Yours very truly,

George B. Ford

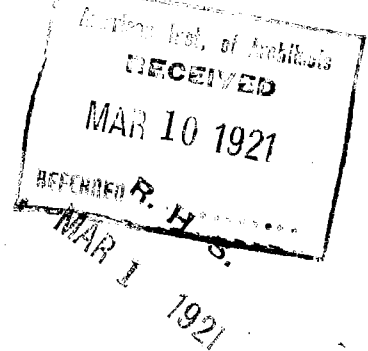
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February 28, 1921.

TELEPHONE
BEREMAN 7332



Mr. R. H. Shreve, Architect,
52 Vanderbilt Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Some time ago I sent a letter to Mr. Fenner, as president of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, presenting my resignation to the New York Chapter as I am no longer doing any architecture and therefore feel I am an anomaly in the Institute.

If it is not too much trouble I wish you would look the matter up and see that it is brought to the attention of the Executive Committee.

With great regrets at leaving you after so much years of delightful collaboration, I am

Yours sincerely,

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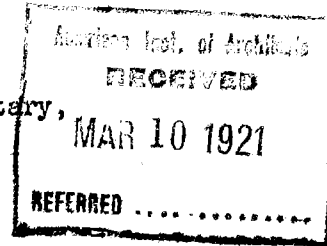
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March 7, 1921.

William Stanley Parker, Esq., Secretary,
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.



Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find resignation of George B. Ford. Mr. Ford is in good standing with the Chapter and there is therefore no reason why his resignation should not be accepted as he requests.

Yours very truly,

R. H. Shreve
Secretary.

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Enclosure

Copy to Mr. Shreve.

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July 16, 1921.

My dear Mr. Ford:

Post-Convention business has prevented an early letter to you with regard to your resignation.

At the May meeting of the Board your resignation was presented through the Secretary of the New York Chapter; also your own letter in the matter. It was resolved that the resignation be accepted as of December 31, 1920, contingent upon the payment of back dues. A statement is enclosed.

We are also advising the Secretary of the New York Chapter, as Chapter and Institute members ^{with} are interdependent.

By direction of the Secretary.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. George B. Ford,
101 Park Avenue,
New York City.

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Copy to Mr. Shreve.

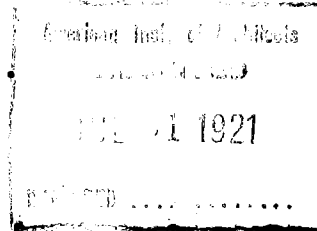
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TELEPHONE
BEEKMAN 7332

July 20, 1921.

Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Exec. Sec'y.
American Institute of Architects,
Octagon House, Washington, D.C.



Dear Mr. Kemper:

I am ever so much obliged to you for your letter of July 16th and I want to thank for securing the acceptance of my resignation from the American Institute of Architects. I cannot settle my back dues at the present time as I have no income but as soon as I do and can get my feet back on the ground I will settle it.

Incidentally, I notice according to the bill that the yearly dues include a year's subscription to the Journal. As a matter of fact I have never received one single copy of the Journal since 1917 nor have I ever received any other documents from A.I.A. Would it be possible to secure a full set of the Journal¹⁸ 1919-1920^{or} for 1919-1920- and 1921 and the various documents of the Journal to date, so that I might feel that I had at least something to show for my three years dues?

With best regards and best wishes, I am

Yours truly,

Director, City Planning Department
TECHNICAL ADVISORY CORPORATION

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July 26, 1921.

Dear Mr. Ford:

Responding to yours of July 20, the Institute Journal was not sent as a part of members dues until January of the current year.

All other Institute documents were sent to you as distributed. No doubt you missed many of them and I enclose a current list. If you will check off those you would like to have we will gladly send them.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. George B. Ford,
132 Nassau Street,
New York City.

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American Institute of Architects

Inter-Office Communication

Subject

From

To

Date

December 8, 1921

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Dear Mr. Kemper:

In view of the action which was taken upon Mr. Ford's resignation, I do not see now how we have authority to drop his name except under the action which applies to all members who are delinquent two years or more. This would mean that we can, after giving him the same notice which we have issued to others, drop his name after the 31st of January.

If you think I am mistaken in this, please let me know.

Very truly yours,



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[Faint handwritten notes and scribbles, possibly including the name 'Mr. Ford']

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April 13, 1922.

My dear Mr. Ford:

By action of the Executive Committee at its meeting on April 1st, your name was dropped from the Institute rolls for non-payment of dues, effective December 31, 1921.

A statement showing your indebtedness to that date is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. George B. Ford,
101 Park Avenue,
New York City.

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GEORGE B. FORD
VICE PRES'T

Oct. 14, 1922.

Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Exec. Sec'y.,
American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon House,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Kemper:-

At last, for the first time since
the War, I am getting to a position where I can settle
some of my outstanding indebtedness, and therefore in
reply to your letter and bill of April 13, 1922, I am
enclosing check for Eighty Dollars (\$80.00).

With best regards, I am

Yours truly,

Geo. B. Ford

Vice-President

Eff. Dec 31, 1921

American Institute of Architects
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GBF:EMR

*Mr M -
How was his
membership du-
continued?
Mr. M -
Please attach
letter from A. J. Chapman*

Dropped for non-payment of Dues at
March-April Executive Committee meeting. (1922)
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October 18, 1922.

My dear Mr. Ford:

This will acknowledge with thanks your letter of October 14th, and check for \$80.00, which liquidates in full your indebtedness to the American Institute of Architects on account of dues.

Very sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. George B. Ford, Vice President,
Technical Advisory Corporation,
132 Nassau Street, New York, N. Y.

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January 12, 1923.

My dear Mr. Ford:

At the December meeting of the Executive Committee action taken previously terminating your membership in the Institute was reconsidered, and your resignation was accepted as a member in good standing, effective December 31, 1921.

We have made the necessary changes on the records of the Institute here at the Octagon, and I am sending a copy of this letter to the Secretary of the New York Chapter, Mr. Shrove, for the information of that Chapter.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. George B. Ford, Vice President,
Technical Advisory Corporation,
132 Nassau Street, New York, N. Y.

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C - to Mr. Richmond H. Shrove, Secretary of the New York Chapter.

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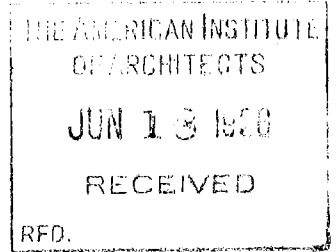
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June 16, 1926.

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

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Mr. Beers tells me that the New York Chapter sent in my name for renewal of membership in the Institute about six weeks ago. I am wondering if any action has been taken with regard to it, and if not, when it is likely to come up.

Yours truly,



Vice President.

GBF:GEH

Resigned - Dec. 31, 1921 - Staff meeting Dec 12, 1922

Owed no dues.

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June 25, 1926

Dear Mr. Ford:

Responding to yours of June 16th, we have not received any communication from Mr. Beers of the New York Chapter with regard to your reinstatement.

Your resignation was accepted effective December 31, 1921, as a member in good standing.

Reinstatement procedure is shown on the marked Excerpt of the By-laws sent herewith.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

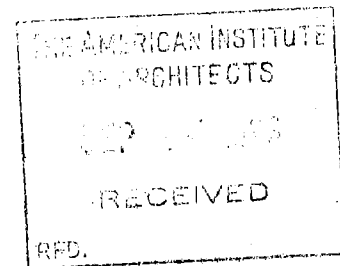
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P.C. [Handwritten signature]

September 13, 1926

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary,
The American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

GEORGE B. FORD.
Reinstatement

In connection with Mr. Ford's applica-
tion for reinstatement, please note that under
date of September 2, 1926, Mr. Lansing C. Holden,
President of the New York Chapter, A.I.A. endorsed
Mr. Ford's reinstatement without the usual en-
trance fees.

Yours very sincerely,

Emma Riedel

EMMA RIEDEL,
Assistant Secretary.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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September 14, 1926.

Dear Miss Riedel:-

Thank you for your letter of September 13 with regard to the reinstatement of Mr. George B. Ford.

To complete this matter we should have a letter from you, or from the Secretary of the Chapter, to the effect that Mr. Ford's reinstatement is approved by the Executive Committee of the New York Chapter.

This procedure is required under Article V, Section 6 of the By-laws.

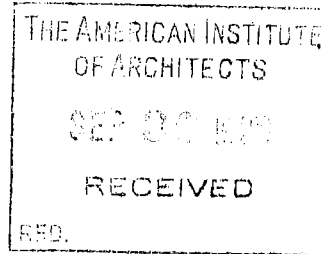
We hope to receive such a letter well in advance of the Executive Committee meeting which takes place early in October.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Miss Emma Riedel, Asst. Secretary,
New York Chapter of the A.I.A.,
19 West 44th Street,
New York, N. Y.

K:VB



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September 28, 1926

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary,
The American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

In reply to your letter of September
14th, Mr. Beers has instructed me to advise you
that the Executive Committee of the New York Chapter
has approved the reinstatement of Mr. George B. Ford.

Yours very truly,

Emma Riedel

EMMA RIEDEL,
Assistant Secretary.

October 25, 1926.

Dear Mr. Ford:-

This will formally advise that at the October meeting of the Executive Committee you were reinstated as a member in good standing in the American Institute of Architects, and assigned to the New York Chapter, effective October 13, 1926.

The Secretary of the Chapter has been so notified.

By direction of the Secretary.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. George B. Ford, Vice-Pres.,
Technical Advisory Corporation,
15 Park Row-Suite 932-939,
New York, N. Y.

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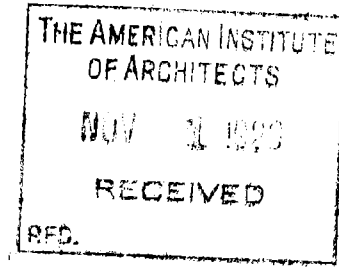
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October 29, 1926.



Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Exec. Secy.,
American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I was delighted to receive your letter
of October 25th saying that I had been reinstated in the
A.I.A. The lost sheep is more than delighted to be taken
back into the fold. Let us hope that it may not turn out
to be black!

Cordially yours,

Vice President

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HARRY B. BRAINERD
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NEW YORK CITY

September 29, 1930.

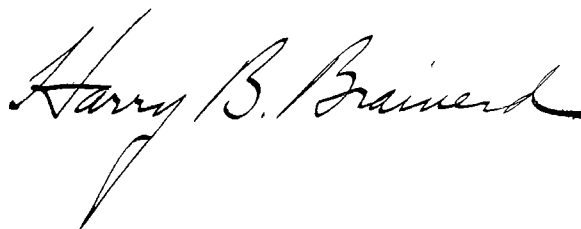
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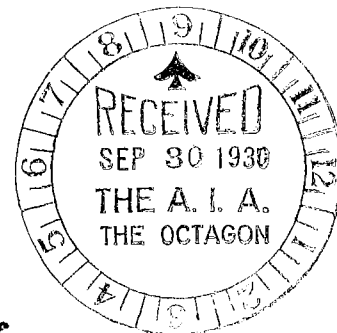
I want to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of September 23rd enclosing copies of
the report of the City and Regional Planning Com-
mittee.

I enclose a copy of a biographical sketch
of the late George B. Ford, formerly a member of
this committee, and a marked copy of the Regional
Plan News of New York containing a tribute by Mr.
Campbell Scott. You may wish to make note of these
in The Octagon.

Very truly yours,



Enc:
HBB:BG



George Burdett Ford

A Biographical Sketch of a Great City Planner Whose Sudden Death this Month Was a Great Shock to the Lower East Side.

by HARRY B. BRAINERD, A. I. A.

A STAR of the first magnitude in the galaxy of who's who in civic affairs has passed from view.

Son of a New England school master, Mr. Ford's brilliant record in architecture and city planning at home and abroad as evidenced by the long list of his responsible connections with important national and international organizations justifies the claim that he had a successful career in spite of the fact that its untimely ending at the age of fifty-one makes his remarkable record of achievement seem but a deep and broad foundation for that greater public helpfulness to which he aspired.

Endowed with unusual intelligence his health, energy, honesty, industry, courage and ability to work with other people combined with his shrewd estimate of his own capacity and limitations are the important factors in his success. The absence of erratic and extravagant ideas in his work, a sort of inspired practicality, made his service to the world of a fundamental type to which communities turned with relief in preference to showy and speedy methods for producing results.

Mr. Ford's interest in city planning was aroused by research incidental to the preparation of his thesis design for "A Tenement in a Large City" at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts, Paris, 1907. His addresses and discussion at meetings of the National Conference on City Planning about twenty years ago were largely concerned with housing. At that time he was a member of the architectural firm of George B. Post & Sons of New York City and Cleveland where he managed their branch office. Also at that time he was an associate member of the American Institute of Architects and a member of its town planning committee. His efforts to further consid-

eration of esthetics met with opposition in city planning circles and it was with some reluctance that he acquiesced in the decision to stress the practical economic value of city planning but when the decision was made to do so, supported it loyally for nearly a decade. Upon his election as president of the American City Planning Institute, however, a policy of open recognition of esthetic and social values was adopted and since his administration closed these factors have also been recognized as valid reasons for city planning. Since his appointment in February, 1930, as General Director of the Regional Plan Association, Inc., of New York he has had the ideal of civic design constantly in mind and although he felt that there are many practical considerations of an engineering nature that must precede any application of the principle of architectural control, nevertheless, he initiated through that organization many projects for civic embellishment in the New York region that display great ability as an architect. This broad service together with his administrative ability makes his death an incalculable loss to the architectural and city planning professions.

To the public Mr. Ford was always accessible and, in the opinion of the writer, would have been an excellent ambassador; as a fellow worker he was always open to suggestion and never spared himself; as a teacher he preferred the lecture platform and writing as a medium of expression rather than debate with the result that personal salesmanship was not one of his accomplishments; as a friend he will be missed by the author of this humble tribute as an elder brother.

Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur, in death we salute thee.

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POPULATION OF REGION IS 11,497,198

*Census Figures for 1930 Prove Estimates on Which
Regional Plan Was Based to Have Been Conservative*

THE Regional Plan of New York and Its Environs has completed an analysis of the present population of the Region which has been the subject of its studies and embraces an area extending on an average 50 miles from the City Hall in Manhattan. It shows a growth in the past ten years of more than two and one-half millions.

Much significance is attached by the Regional Plan staff to these figures, as they show the original estimate of population growth upon which the Regional Plan was based to have been conservative. In 1922, the Regional Plan forecast a population in 1930 of 10,870,000, and this total, estimated by the late Nelson P. Lewis, engineer of the Regional Plan, was adopted for the subsequent studies. In the following year a second estimate was made for the Plan by outside experts, Professors Pearl and Reed, of Johns Hopkins University, their figures being 11,577,000. The present Federal Census, subject to minor revisions, gives the population of the area as 11,497,198.

In the light of the official figures the Regional Plan, it was said, is not disposed to retreat from its position that by 1965 the Region will have to accommodate a population of some 21,000,000, though this estimate has been questioned as somewhat speculative. At any rate, it was added, the present figures emphasize the urgency of system-

atic regional and city planning, and indicate the careful study that has been given to the important factors underlying the Regional Plan.

In making public the detailed population figures, the staff says:

"The 1930 Federal Census indicates a tremendous population growth in the area embraced by the Regional Plan of New York and Its Environs.

"The table below shows the 1930 and 1920 population for the entire Region. Separate figures are shown for New York City and the environs, and for the three groups into which the area was divided for purposes of study of population trends and estimated future growth.

"Group II has shown by far the greatest rate of growth, increasing 57.4 per cent during the last decade as against a growth for the whole Region of 28 per cent and a growth in New York City of 24.2 per cent. It is indicated that the estimates for the next ten or twenty years will probably be fulfilled, if not exceeded. The tremendous growth in Group II shows that a real decentralization movement is taking place. The reductions in the rate of growth which occurred in 1910 and 1920 have been counter-balanced by the growth during the last decade and no decided reduction in the rate of growth for the Region as a whole is yet evident from the population records."

AREA	POPULATION		PERCENT INCREASE 1920-1930	REGIONAL PLAN ESTIMATE FOR 1930	
	1930	1920		NELSON P. LEWIS	PEARL AND REED
New York City.....	6,981,927	5,620,048	24.2	6,622,000	7,032,000
Environs.....	4,515,271	3,359,007	34.4	4,248,000	4,545,000
N. Y. & Env.....	11,497,198	8,979,055	28.0	10,870,000	11,577,000
<i>Group I—</i>	8,109,730	6,663,726	21.7	7,900,000	8,441,000
New York City					
Hudson Co., N. J.					
Newark, N. J.					
<i>Group II—</i>	2,177,316	1,383,645	57.4	1,860,000	1,990,000
Principal Suburban Areas					
<i>Group III—</i>	1,210,152	931,684	29.9	1,110,000	1,146,000
Balance of Region					

Death Removes Director of Regional Plan Association

With sorrow the *Regional Plan News* records the death on August 13 of George B. Ford, general director of the Regional Plan Association. The end came unexpectedly after an operation undertaken to remove a long standing intestinal trouble. His passing was a shock to his associates and other friends, and how widely he is mourned is indicated by general comment in the press.

When the voluntary citizens' organization was formed to promote the Regional Plan of New York and Its Environs, Mr. Ford was chosen as its executive head because of his outstanding experience as a city planner and his familiarity with the Plan. From the time he took office last February he had worked indefatigably for the cause so dear to his heart and largely through his efforts a popular sentiment for regional planning has spread throughout the Region. His successor has not been chosen, but he left an organization enthusiastic and thoroughly equipped to carry on the work begun so auspiciously under his direction.

Mr. Ford, who was in his 52nd year, had won international fame through his architectural work, but it was as a regional planning expert that he excelled.

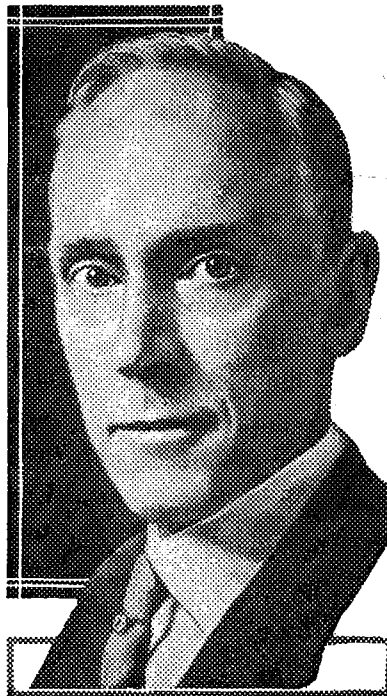
He had acted as consultant engineer to more than 100 city planning commissions in thirty American cities. The French Government made him a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor for his advisory work in the replanning of Rheims.

Springs Into Prominence

Mr. Ford sprang into prominence in 1910, three years after his graduation from L'Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris, when he was appointed United States delegate to the International Housing Congress in Vienna. He had been graduated from Harvard eleven years previously at the age of 20.

Upon his return from Vienna he resumed his work as a member of the firm of George B. Post & Sons, architects. A little later he was appointed consultant engineer to the Committee on City Planning of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and to the Commission on Building Districts and Restrictions of New York. Still later he became adviser of the Russell Sage Foundation Plan of New York and its Environs.

When America declared war on Germany, Mr. Ford volunteered his services to the American Red Cross and organized the Reconstruction Bureau. His work as head of the bureau kept him in the devastated regions of France for several years. His experiences there prompted him to write a book, "Out of the Ruins," a moving description of the destruction caused by war in France.



GEORGE BURDETT FORD

Rheims a Memorial to Him

After the demobilization of the American Red Cross, Mr. Ford's services were engaged by a philanthropic French organization, La Renaissance des Cités. When competition among French architects became so keen that a choice was difficult the government called in Mr. Ford. Rheims, rebuilt, stands as a memorial to his genius.

Mr. Ford is survived by a widow, Mrs. Harriet Ford; his mother, Mrs. Andrew E. Ford of Cambridge, Mass.; a brother, James Ford of Harvard University, and a sister, Mrs. Walter L. Bacon of California.

Farms In New York City

The farm still lingers in New York City, the federal census reporting that on April 1 last there were 280 farms in the city. Of these there were 187 in Queens, as against 565 in 1920; 66 in Richmond, 16 in the Bronx, 10 in Brooklyn, and one in Manhattan. The lone farm in Manhattan is up near the northern end of the island. Ten years ago there were a total of 800 farms in the greater city, and five years ago 536.

A TRIBUTE

[The Editor has received the following tribute to Mr. Ford from Mr. Campbell Scott, President of the Technical Advisory Corporation, of which organization Mr. Ford was Vice-President up to the time when he became General Director of the Regional Plan Association.]

George B. Ford has left us. In him America has lost one of its greatest planners—a pioneer—a blazer of new trails—an idealist, yet a creator of many practical things—an inspiration to all the members of the profession which he long served so faithfully. To one who almost daily for ten years worked elbow to elbow with him, George Ford personified all that is best in a partner and a gentleman.

In all those years, never an unkind word spoken of or to any one, nor a show of temper or malice; but always a laugh or a jest. Patient, forgiving and helpful; and ever seeking new lights, he was an indefatigable and conscientious worker who gave his clients a brimming measure of faithful service, and, to the deep regret of his intimates, often too freely of his strength.

While not a religious man in the accepted sense, never was there a better man than George Ford. He was the personification of honor, uprightness and clean living; generous to the highest degree, not alone with his worldly goods but with his time, his advice and his encouragement to the less experienced fellow craftsman. The practice of the Golden Rule was his religion.

He was a man of farseeing vision, but practical vision, a dreamer, possibly, but of big dreams; dreams for improving living conditions, for making our daily life more enjoyable and the world more beautiful; dreams that came true.

In America and in France, where he had practiced the profession to which he was so wholeheartedly devoted, there had been bestowed upon him all the highest honors to which a planner could aspire. In his half century of life he had accomplished big things; and who can conceive what more he might have done had the call of his Master not come until after he had passed his prime.

George Ford in person has passed out of the lives of a host of devoted friends and admirers, but in spirit he will be with us always as an inspiration and example in the best fulfillment of our missions in life.

NEW ROADWAY OPENED

Another of New Jersey's superroadways, route 29, was opened to traffic by the State Highway Commission for the entire newly paved eighteen miles from Union, in Union county, to the Raritan-Somerville line, Somerset county.

This thoroughfare is later to be carried through Hillside, Union county, to meet route 25, the Holland Tunnel roadway, at Newark Junction, near the Newark airport, and from Raritan through Hunterdon county, to join the recently paved link of route 29, between Lambertville and Ringoes.

Civic Center for Paterson (N. J.) Proposed by the Regional Plan

A suggestion for a civic center for Paterson, N. J., was presented to the City Planning Board by the Regional Plan Association at a conference of the members of the board, Mayor John V. Hinchliffe, the late George B. Ford, the then general director of the Association, and Wayne D. Heydecker, associate director. In his final important public utterance, Mr. Ford said that there was no thought of trying to impose the ideas of the Regional Plan upon the citizens of Paterson, and that its purpose would be served if it helped to open the eyes of the people of Paterson to the glorious possibilities of their city. One unit of the proposal, that for a City Hall and Memorial Tower, is illustrated on the back page of this issue.

The occasion was the formal organization of the planning board, which elected Betram H. Saunders as chairman and Salvatore Viviano, secretary. In its report of the meeting, the Paterson News said that all the members of the board voiced approval of the proposal. Mayor Hinchliffe said: "While this is visionary and will be condemned, I am firm in my belief that it must eventually come to pass."

Chairman Saunders subscribed to the mayor's opinion, adding that this "dream" was practical and would be realized when the need came.

The Plan Outlined

Mr. Ford summed up the proposal as follows:

"The top of the hill between the county building on Lee Street and Smith Street, from Main Street over to a little east of Clark Street, including the present post office site, would become a civic center. The present city hall and the present county building would be featured at the opposite ends of the principal axis, with a broad avenue or plaza connecting the two and a new worthy addition and facade on the north side of the county building facing the plaza. From Ward Street to Smith Street would be a cross plaza with an eventual municipal building at the west end, one facade facing on the plaza and the other facade facing on Main Street.

"At the other end of this plaza, facing on what is now Clark Street and located on the east side of Clark Street would be an eventual public library, behind which there might be a tall office building. On the south side of the plaza would face the new facade of the county building and the possible extension of the high school building across Lee Place. On the north side of the plaza would be a group of business office buildings, hotels, clubs or any type of building that could fit harmoniously into the general scheme.

"Our drawings show some of the possibilities of this civic group. The small perspectives of the proposed municipal building and the proposed library are quite modern and up-to-date in their architectural style, inspiring in character, truly worthy of a city of Paterson's tradition and progressiveness.

"However, the type of architectural treatment will depend a great deal on the personal taste of the architects that are eventually selected to design the individual buildings. But in any case, it is most important that all of these buildings should harmonize and each add its full quota to the combined effect of the eventual complete civic group.

"With the urgent need today for much added space for municipal use, it is of the utmost importance that that added space shall be so located that it will be permanently useful and help rather than hinder the realization of Paterson's great civic center of the future."

SUBDIVISION CONTROL

Power of the Community to Regulate Street Line Location

The Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles issues the following from an address of Alfred Bettman, of the Cincinnati Plan Commission, before the National Conference on City Planning:

In the year 1928 the Supreme Court of Michigan, in the case of *Ridgefield Land Company v. City of Detroit, Michigan*, 1928, 217 N. W. Rep. 58, supplanted the case of *Windsor v. Whitney*, 1920, 94 Conn. 357, as the leading case on the subject of the power of the community to regulate street line location through subdivision plat regulation.

The Connecticut decision furnished a general authority for the proposition that the subdivision plat must conform, in its street and even in its building lines, to the community plan. The Michigan case upheld this general principle as regards the width of a main thoroughfare, and upheld the right of the City of Detroit to require an 86-foot highway through the subdivision at the location at which it was designated in the city's thoroughfare plan.

The decision is a most encouraging one, recognizing the right of a community to determine the location of main highways and impliedly recognizing the right of the community to compel each subdivision to contribute its part of the street system. The regulation of land subdivision, with careful applica-

tion of planning principles, remains the chief and most promising mode of the establishment of street lines.

BILLBOARD DECISION

Supreme Court of Indiana Upholds Park Protection

Anti-billboard fighters will find new hope in a recent decision of the Supreme Court of Indiana which recognizes the evolution in the law relating to aesthetic factors in urban development.

In July, 1922, the Board of Park Commissioners of Indianapolis adopted an ordinance prohibiting the location or maintenance of any billboard or advertising device or structure, or the leasing of any premises for the purpose, within 500 feet of any park, parkway or boulevard and directing that all such existing structures within the city be removed. The General Outdoor Advertising Company brought suit against the city, which has now been disposed of by the Supreme Court, which upheld the ordinance as a proper exercise of the police powers, though ruling that it may not be enforced against existing structures, unless and until compensation is provided.

Elizabeth and the Plan

The Rotary Club of Elizabeth listened with marked interest to the story of the Regional Plan. There were present the chairman and several members of the Elizabeth City Planning Commission, which has recently discovered that it no longer exists under the new City Planning Enabling Act, Chapter 235 of the Laws of 1930. They are trying to see now how a new Board can be created which will comply with the new law, as there are many live projects just now that call for careful planning. The Commission and the Rotary were particularly interested in a discussion of the expansion of the Union County Park System down the Elizabeth River to the center of the city to Wattano Park, near the shore front. The discussion showed that they were greatly impressed with the marked changes which the carrying out of the Regional Plan would bring to Elizabeth and surroundings. Elizabeth would become a focal point for belt line railroads, transit lines, highways and much of the port development.

Zoning Notes

Yorktown in Westchester county now has a zoning commission.

A zoning commission has also been appointed in Shrewsbury Township, Monmouth county.

During the summer work on the zoning of Orangetown has been progressing steadily under the direction of Montgomery Maize, one of the members of the commission.

After considerable deliberation the Ossining Town Board recently adopted a zoning ordinance covering the unincorporated area of the town.

A short account of Mr. Ford's life
written by the Editor of "Architecture"
will appear in the October number
of that magazine

A. B. Brainerd

Sep. 29, 1930

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October 10, 1930

Dear Mr. Brainerd:

We received, safely, your letter of September 29th and the accompanying biographical data with regard to Mr. Ford.

We cannot publish biographical material in The Octagon, but we are glad to have it for the historical files maintained here in The Octagon House.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Harry B. Brainerd,
681 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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October 14, 1930.

Dr. James Ford,
1653 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor Ford:

I have learned with the deepest regret of your brother's death. Quite aside from personal considerations, although I highly valued his friendship and our occasional contacts, I can not but feel the loss to the country of such a man at the height of his career. He had reached a point where he had not only demonstrated his ability in a distinctive field but seemed to be on the threshold of even much greater accomplishment. I feel that I am speaking for a great many of my brother architects in extending my sympathy to you and, through you, to Mrs. Ford.

Sincerely yours,

Copy to Mr. Kemper:

Re. George Burdette Ford.

See page 32, September 1930 A.C.A. Civic Comment.