

Frost, Harry Talfourd,
Chicago

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Application for Membership

3 left, 1926

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

SIR:

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects.

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name Harry Talfourd Frost

Address 80 East Jackson Blvd Chicago
[Number and Street.] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth

Graduate in architecture Geo Washington University B.S. in Arch 1910
[If required in your case, give name of institutions and year.—Attach evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture
[If required in your case, attach evidence.]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecole des Beaux Arts.
[If required in your case, state which, and attach evidence of Certificate.]

If an Associate of a Chapter of the Institute, give name of chapter

If practicing architect, firm name Bennett, Parsons and Frost

Have been in practice four years 6 mo.

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

Collegiate and office training Ohio State U. 3 yrs. Office U.S. Supervising Archt 4 yrs. S.H. Bennett since 1912

I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute and the "Circular of Advice Relative to Principles of Professional Practice and Canons of Ethics," and I agree, if elected, honorably to maintain them.

I further agree, if elected to membership in the American Institute of Architects, that if at any time my membership shall cease, either by my own resignation or by any action taken by the Institute, I will then, by that fact, relinquish all rights of any character that I may have acquired by reason of such membership in the property, real or personal, of the American Institute of Architects, and of the Chapter of the Institute of which I am then a member.

Harry Talfourd Frost
[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application was duly elected an Associate of the
[For use when the applicant is an Associate.]

Chapter, A. I. A. on the following date Without endorsement I hereby take note on behalf of my chapter that this applicant is applying for Institute Membership
[Insert date of election to chapter.]
Secretary
Chapter, A. I. A.

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

- (1) Desmond Tierney
- (2) Donald A. Russell
- (3) Pierre Blouke

Prelim. Fee. \$1.50 10/20/26

Initiation

Unan. End. Yes

Exhibits not req.

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[The signatures of three Institute members are here required unless the applicant has the unanimous endorsement of his Chapter, in which case certification to that effect should be made above by the Secretary. Unanimous endorsement is that endorsement in which each Institute member of the Chapter had an opportunity to express himself by letter ballot either for or against the member proposed. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

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December 30, 1926.

Dear Mr. Frost:-

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective December 30, 1926.

You have been assigned to the Chicago Chapter as an Institute Member in good standing therein, and the Secretary of the Chapter has been so notified.

The enclosed statement covering dues for the year 1927 should receive your prompt attention.

May I take this opportunity to say that the office of the Secretary is for the service of every Institute Member. Should the occasion arise we shall be glad to give you our best co-operation.

Cordially yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Harry Talfourd Frost,
80 East Jackson Blvd.,
Chicago, Illinois.

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January 7, 1927

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

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I have your letter of
December 30, 1926 and am pleased to learn of
my election, effective as of that day, to member-
ship in the Institute.

Yours very truly,



HTF:W

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January 23, 1941

Dear Miss Crawford:

In reply to your letter of January 17 concerning the 1941 Institute dues of Mr. Harry Talfourd Frost:

The By-laws of The Institute do not provide for non-resident membership, nor do they provide for reduced dues for any reason.

We presume that Mr. Frost is not in the military service. If he were, there would be a possibility of having him exempted from dues for the duration of his term of service. The amendment to the By-laws to that effect is to be submitted to the 1941 convention.

Please let us know if Mr. Frost is actually in the military service or is acting as consulting architect to the Philippine Government in a civilian capacity.

Sincerely yours,

Asst. Executive Secretary

Miss Alice P. Crawford
Sec. to Mr. H. T. Frost, A.I.A.
80 East Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois

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Feb. 8, 1944.

H. T. FROST

Harry Talfourd Frost, 57, architect and former associate of the late Daniel H. Burnham, died Dec. 29, at his home in Chicago.

An authority on city planning, Mr. Frost worked with Burnham in preparing the original Chicago Plan. He helped draft the 1923 Chicago zoning ordinance. He also did planning work for Palm Beach, Fla., Pasadena, Calif., and Denver.

He was a member of the architectural and city planning consultant firm of Bennett, Parsons and Frost.

Born in Hanley, England, he went to Chicago 30 years ago. He designed the Las Cassas Army Camp in Puerto Rico during the last war. Several years ago he planned and built the model Quezon City, a suburb of Manila, capital of the Philippines.

A member of The American Institute of Architects, Frost had advocated that the Chicago Plan Commission be headed by a man who could devote his entire time to the work. The widow, Charlotte, survives.

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On Writing Specifications

Most of today's engineering and architectural specifications are an engineer's dream, a contractor's nightmare and a material man's dilemma.

Specifications are not instructions. When a specification includes detailed descriptions of the construction or manufacturing processes, and proceeds to tell how each operation must be performed and what tools must be used to perform it, it ceases to be a specification and becomes an instruction. Use of instructions for specifications takes away the contractor's opportunity to use his own skill and ingenuity in developing new methods of construction or reducing costs. It also invalidates that portion of the contract which is supposed to place the sole responsibility for the satisfactory performance and completion of the work on the contractor. The practice of telling the contractor just how he must perform each operation, and then insisting that he be responsible for the character and quality of the work, has put many an engineer and architect in an embarrassing situation, especially before a court of law.

The standard specifications of state highway departments, approved by the Public Roads Administration, and the specifications of other government agencies, contain even greater violations of the rules of simplicity, and include even more detailed instructions.

Both engineers and architects can improve conditions in the construction field by giving some thought to the establishment of proper tolerances for the various structure units and the materials that are used.

By removing instructions from the specifications and setting them up, where necessary, as separate from the contract, we can give contractors a chance to develop their own engineering skill, reduce the cost of construction and improve contractual relations materially.

By applying the rules of good writing to specifications, we can improve the understanding of construction problems, eliminate arguments and save many hours in the course of preparation of plans and specifications.

—From "How Can We Improve Specifications?" by
D. V. Purington, Civil Engineer, Austin, Texas,
in the *Engineering News-Record*.

E. Roy Wells, of Geneva, Illinois, has been appointed Chief Engineer for the newly created Illinois Postwar Planning Commission. This commission was organized by authority of the last General Assembly to act as a clearing house for all Illinois postwar plans for public works and private enterprise.

Harry Talfourd Frost was one of my most trusted friends. He joined me and Wm. E. Parsons well before the First World War: first as an associate and then, later, as a partner of the firm of Bennett, Parsons & Frost.

Jack Frost, as he was known to most of his friends and associates, was born in Hanley, England, February 3, 1886. He came to the United States when twelve years of age and five years later became a naturalized citizen.

He was educated in the public schools of East Liverpool, Ohio, took a three-year course in civil engineering at Ohio State University, and, in 1910, was graduated from The George Washington University, District of Columbia, with a degree of B.S. in architecture.

As a draftsman, designer, and, finally, an architect, his experience was wide and varied: his first position being that of a draftsman in the Immigration Office of New York, then advancing to the office of the Supervising Architect, Treasury Department, Washington. In 1912, he became an associate of mine and in 1923 was taken into the firm of Bennett, Parsons & Frost.

Harry T. Frost was in constant collaboration with me, when I was Consultant for the Chicago Plan Commission under the Chairmanship of Chas. Wacker and, later, under other officials on

Chicago improvements. He was head of the staff that prepared the zoning plans and ordinance for Chicago. He collaborated actively on numerous city plans for cities throughout the Country, such as: Palm Beach, St. Paul, Rock Island, Brooklyn, Buffalo, etc., and on various cantonments for the United States Government during the last War, including Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois, and Camp Las Casas, Puerto Rico.

He was active with the firm since the last War on various other projects, including departmental and other buildings and grounds in Washington, D.C.

Most recently, and just before the beginning of the present War, he undertook independent work in the Philippine Islands under President Quezon, this being Quezon City and the proposed Exposition Grounds, all the highest quality of work.

Jack Frost was high-minded, non-self-seeking, and devoted to the purely creative work of city planning and the interests of men of good will. He was an authority on city planning, zoning, and housing.

Frost's career was cut short by an unexpected heart attack while at home in Chicago on December 28.

Although not given the deserved recognition by officialdom of Chicago, he is a great loss to the City and to his profession.

—Edward H. Bennett, F.A.I.A.

Sir Edwin Landseer Lutyens, renowned British architect well known in the United States and recipient of The American Institute of Architects gold medal in 1924, died at his home in London, England, January 1, age 74. Sir Edwin was born in London. Educated by private tutors and by South Kensington followed by a year in the office of Ernest George and Peto, Architects, he began to practice independently in 1888. For two decades his outstanding work was in large country homes and gardens. He was architect of Government House, Imperial Delhi, India; British School of Art, Rome; Picture Gallery and South African War Museum, Johannesburg, New British Embassy, Washington, D. C. and many other prominent structures. Oxford honored him in 1934 with a D. C. L. degree; Liverpool in 1928 with LL.D. He had served as president of the Royal Academy since 1938.

Robert Rae, retired Chicago architect, died in his home in Wilmette, December 19, age 89. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., studied at Princeton University, Mr. Rae came to Chicago in young manhood and obtained employment with Wheelock & Clay, architects. He then established his own office and continued practice into 1934, when he retired. His work was principally residential though in the Columbian Exposition of 1893, Mr. Rae is represented among architects of state buildings. He was a member of the Illinois Society of Architects for many years.

Edwin Fraser Gillette, architect and estate manager, died in his Pasadena, Cal. home December 10, age 80. Mr. Gillette was born in Chicago in October 1863, attended private school in Geneva, Switzerland; Allen's Academy, Chicago; Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst., Troy, N. Y.; School of Architecture of Armour Institute, Chicago. From 1885 to 1892, he devoted himself to management of the estate of his father, E. L. Gillette. From 1906 to 1917 he concentrated on the practice of architecture. In 1917 he retired from practice, moving to California with Pasadena his home.

Lewis Cutler Clarke, superintendent of construction of buildings for Illinois State institutions for the last ten years, died in Evanston, Ill., November 18, 1943, age 62. Mr. Clarke was born in Cambridge, Mass., graduating from M. I. T. in 1904 with a B. S. degree and receiving his M. S. degree the year following. In Chicago he was with Holabird and Roche, architects, on the design of Hotels La Salle and Sherman, Chicago. Then followed two years of European travel and study at L'Ecole des Beaux Arts, Paris. Arrived again in Chicago, he was associated with architects Marshall & Fox in designing the lobby and ballroom of the Drake Hotel; with Schmidt, Garden & Martin, and later with McNally & Quinn. For ten years Mr. Clarke was a member of North East Park Board of Evanston and its president when he died.