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ARCHITECTS,
PORTER BUILDING,
MEMPHIS, TENN.

November 9th, 1908.

Mr. Glenn Brown, Sec'y.,
American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir :-

Enclosed please find my application for associate membership in the American Institute. I am sending you under separate covers drawings and photographs of buildings, as required by the conditions governing applications, and which I hope will meet the approval of your committee .

Awaiting the decision of the Institute, I beg to remain,

Very respectfully,

M. H. Furbringer

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Furbringer, M. H.
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June 13th-1919

My dear Mr. Furbringer:-

As you doubtless know a Tennessee Chapter has been chartered by the Institute.

By action of the Executive Committee your membership has been transferred from the Louisville Chapter to the Tennessee Chapter, and the same action has been taken with regard to Messrs. Cairns and Pfeil - other Institute members formerly assigned to the Louisville Chapter.

The Officers of the Tennessee Chapter are as follows:

President-Henry C. Hibbs-4th & 1st Natl Bk Bldg-Nashville
Secretary-Jos. W. Holman, Stahlman Building, Nashville

The Secretary of the Louisville and Tennessee Chapters have been notified of your transfer.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. M. H. Furbringer,
Porter Building,
Memphis, Tennessee

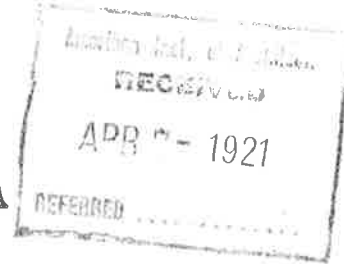
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WALK C. JONES
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M. H. FYRBRINGER
MEM. AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

JONES & FYRBRINGER
ARCHITECTS
110-112 PORTER BUILDING
Memphis, Tenn.

April 15, 1921.



Secretary of the A I A
The Octogan
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please let me know the dates of the forthcoming convention of the Institution which I understand is to be held in Washington.

Thanking you for this information, I beg to remain,

Respectfully,

M. H. Fyrbringer.

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April 7, 1921.

My dear Mr. Furbringer:

Answering yours of April 15, you will receive shortly
the final Convention Circular.

The Convention will occur in Washington on May 11, 12
and 13, with headquarters at the National Museum.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. M. H. Furbringer,
110-12 Porter Bldg.,
Memphis, Tenn.

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July 8, 29

Mr. M. H. Furbringer,

110 Porter Building,

Memphis, Tenn.

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E. C. Kemper

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MEMBER AMERICAN
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M. H. FURBRINGER
ARCHITECT
PORTER BUILDING
MEMPHIS, TENN.

May 13, 1936



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

Dear Ed:

Sorry to note from newspaper account of the accident of Voorhees, Cameron and Klauder. Please advise me how they are getting along and convey to them my hopes of their early recovery.

Enjoyed the convention and seeing you again was one of the high lights.

Sincerely,

Max

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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May 15, 1936

Dear Max:

It was good to get your letter of May 13th and even better to report that Voorhees, Cameron and Klauder are making good progress in every way.

We came home on Sunday but Bergstrom stayed over until Tuesday at which time all were entirely out of danger and without evidences of complications.

The latest reports are that these three architects who had such a narrow escape from the pearly gates will soon be home again.

Glad you enjoyed the Convention which seemed to be a success -- at least from the social side.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. M. H. Furbringer,
Porter Building
Memphis, Tennessee

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
JURY OF FELLOWS

Received May 1, 1937

Voted On March 19 1938

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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. *Name of Nominee* M. H. Furbringer *Date of Nomination* March 4, 1937
2. *Address of Nominee* 110 Porter Building, Memphis, Tenn.
3. *Nominee's firm* M. H. Furbringer
4. *Nominee's principal place of business* Memphis, Tennessee
5. *Nominee's Chapter* Tennessee Chapter
6. *Nominee's State Association Member*
7. *Nominee admitted to Institute* 1910
8. *Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from* 19 to Dec. 31, 1937
9. *Nominee's age* 58 *Birthplace* St. Louis, Mo.
10. *Nominators:* Executive Committee, Tennessee Chapter

11. *Achievement in design:* Notable and successful structures - schools, colleges, churches, synagogues, municipal buildings, state buildings, federal buildings, loft buildings, commercial and industrial projects, and domestic - far above the average.
in public service and service to The Institute - as described in detail in the nomination.

*Exhibits
Received*

J. FRAZER SMITH, INC.
ARCHITECTS
SUITE 404 GOODWYN INSTITUTE
MEMPHIS, TENN.

April 28, 1937.



Jury of Fellows,
The Octagon,
1741 New York Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I enclose herein application and supporting data concerning the proposal for Fellowship of Max H. Furbringer, A.I.A., Memphis, Tennessee.

The nomination for advancement to Fellowship is by vote of the Governing Board of the Tennessee Chapter, with the writer acting as Chapter Proponent.

If there is any further information desired it will be my pleasure to have the Jury's request.

Most sincerely yours,

J. Frazer Smith,
Proponent.

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BARBER & McMVRRY
- ARCHITECTS -
KNOXVILLE, TENN.

MEMBER OF AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

February 22, 1938.



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

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Our records show that Mr. Max H. Furbringer was in good standing in the Tennessee Chapter, with respect to the payment of Chapter dues, as of February 15, 1938.

On account of a death in the family of Mr. Bealer, I am answering your letter to him of February 15th.

We are all interested in seeing Mr. Furbringer made a Fellow, and anything we can do in his behalf will be a pleasure.

Yours very truly,

Chas. I. Barber

Chas. I. Barber, President,
Tennessee Chapter, A. I. A.,

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Max G.

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General Conditions of Fellowship: (Chapter II, Article 1, Section 1, By-laws:)

Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects is conferred upon a member who is a citizen of the United States, who, in the opinion of an authorized jury of fellows, shall have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession in design, construction, literature, education or public service.

PROPOSAL FOR FELLOWSHIP

March 4, 1937

To the Jury of Fellows,
The American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

The following name of M. H. Furbringer, a member in good standing, is submitted to the Jury of Fellows with a recommendation that he be advanced to Fellowship:

Name M. H. Furbringer (In full)

Address 110 Porter Building, Memphis, Tennessee (City and State)

Place and date of birth St. Louis, Missouri, July 26, 1879

Graduate of Architecture 2 years special (Name of College, University or School) St. Louis School of Fine Arts

Holder of Scholarship in Architecture—

(Name of Scholarship)

If practicing architect give firm name or names, and state how long connected with each:

Jones & Furbringer 25 years (Firm name) (Approximate time)

Jones, Furbringer & Jones 4 years

M. H. Furbringer 2 years

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, July 26, 1879. Attended Public School there. Special course at the St. Louis School of Fine Arts - Department of Washington University. Atelier of the St. Louis Architectural Club - Beaux Arts problem in design. Student in the office of Widman and Walsh, Architects, St. Louis, Missouri, and Junior Draftsman office of Eames and Young - same City. Draftsman in office of Green and Wicks - Architects, Buffalo, New York. Chief Draftsman in office of L. M. Weathers (deceased) Architect, Memphis, Tennessee. Formed partnership with Walk C. Jones in 1904. Firm changed to Jones, Furbringer & Jones in 1931. Dissolved in 1935. As partner of Mr. Jones., was responsible for design, planning and office management. Six months spent abroad in 1910. Work of firm was largely Institutional, Civic and Commercial. As Chairman of Rotary Club Civic Committee, initiated movement resulting in creating City Planning Commission. Architectural and Industrial Arts Exhibition resulted in forming Memphis Building Congress. Served as Chairman of Memphis Municipal Housing Commission for two years and secured two Federal Housing Projects for Memphis.

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ACHIEVEMENT IN DESIGN

1. Architectural Work—

Commercial

Name of Building	City or Town

Monumental

Name of Monument	Place

Domestic

Name of Owner	Place

Special Work

Nature of Work	Place

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2. Here should follow a description of his work in design, showing special attention to the particular features the proponents believe worthy—

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3. Photographs, sketches, or drawings should be submitted of two or three buildings or works—

Photographs..... Temple Children of Israel, William E. Nickey - Residence,
Works
..... Office Building of Standard Oil Company, Detail of Same,
..... Criminal Courts Building, Detail of Same.

Drawings.....
Works
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Sketches.....
Works
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ACHIEVEMENT IN DESIGN.

While we do not claim immortality or admittance to Fellowship for Max Furbringer on his design achievement exclusively, (as explained so very ably by Mr. Favrot in his "plan for Fellowship,") We are extremely proud of his excellent record. For thirty years, as designer for his firm, Jones and Furbringer, he has given the Mid-South noble and successful structures; schools, colleges, churches, synagogues, municipal buildings, State Buildings, Federal Buildings, loft buildings, commercial and industrial projects, as well as domestic. All have been turned out by the hundreds, (probably the largest of any firm operating in the South) with a remarkable consistency of successes in design; far above the average.

There may be a question as to any single notable development of technique or original contribution to mass and detail, such as would be especially commendable by a jury of more advanced proponents of Architectural design, still his work consistently reflects on achievement of design in general that has been an inspiration to the profession in this vicinity. To have done so much so well is, we hold, commendable, and further more is to have contributed notably to the advancement of the profession, in design.

Few Architects in our metropolitan center^s realize the difficulty under which this profession of ours is advanced among the less cultured centers of our country; still, there are martyrs to the cause who continue to be because of their faith in a code of practice such as ^{is} prescribed by the American Institute of Architects, but distasteful to a clientele not in sympathy. To have attained any degree of achievement in design, under such circumstances, is

something experienced by few of our practitioners. While the situation is not to the extreme in the case of Max Furbringer, we offer that the clientele here is, as a whole, far less appreciable than in many vicinities.

ACHIEVEMENT IN CONSTRUCTION

1. Engineering Construction

Name of Building

Place

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2. Books, Treatise, or Articles Written—

Subject

Name of Book or Periodical

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3. Photographs

Works

Place

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4. Drawings

Building or Works

Place

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5. Here should follow a description of the notable work done by the applicant, with special stress laid on his particular achievements and recognition by societies, or other groups—

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ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

1. Literary Work—

Books, Treatise, or Articles Written—

Subject	Name of Book or Periodical
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Achievement in Education and Literature—*continued*

2. Here should follow a summary of particular influences that may have been created by any of the works above mentioned if known to the proponents and any recognition accorded by the profession, by societies, or by the public—

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3. Educational Work—

The proponents should direct attention to the position held by applicant, his or her particular force or influence in his or her line of endeavor, and any evidence of recognition by pupils, by the profession, or by the public of his or her achievements.

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4. If under this class applicant has also designed or executed work, then proponents should fill out also the blanks under heading (Achievement in Design)—

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ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

1. Here should follow a clear statement of the field in which his activities have been directed, the influence of that leadership and what accomplishment has resulted—

President Tennessee Chapter A.I.A. 1928. Chairman, Southern Architectural and Industrial Arts Exhibition - 1929. President, Memphis Building Congress - 1928 - 1929. Chairman, Memphis Municipal Housing Commission - 1934 - 1935. Secured 2 Housing Projects of PWA costing \$6,400,000 for Slum Clearance and Low Cost Housing.
 Regional Director A.I.A. 1930 to 1933 inclusive.
 Second V. P. A.I.A. 1935.

2. Recite the positions of trust held by applicant in evidence of his recognition as a civic leader—

Name of Societies or Civic Groups	Place
Rotary Club	Memphis, Tennessee
Memphis Chamber of Commerce - 3 years	" "
Memphis Planning Commission - 2 years	" "
Memphis Board of Adjustment - 2 years	" "
Memphis Municipal Art Academy	" "
Brooks Art League	" "

(Proposers should sign at top of page 10)

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ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE.

Max has for thirty years been involved in civic affairs. Notable among these has been his work on the City Planning Commission and the recent Municipal Housing Commission.

About twelve years ago, while Chairman of the Rotary Club Committee on Public Service, Max laid the ground work for the establishment of the Memphis Planning Commission and for many years was very active in shaping its destiny. Today the Commission has achieved a success second to none. It has been responsible for the entire replanning and readjustment of the City's streets, parks and additions and its authority extends over all properties within five miles of the City limits.

In 1934 Max organized a small squad of helpers under the supervision of the City Government and waged war on City's slum areas, which resulted in the establishment of the Memphis Municipal Housing Commission. Max became Chairman of this commission and for two years gave freely of his time and talents, compiling volumes of data, and presented the facts so forcibly that the City of Memphis emerged with an appropriation from the Federal Housing Authority, which was equal to one-twentieth of the entire appropriation for slum clearance work. Having just about secured the appropriation of this six million dollars for his Committee's work in the City of Memphis, he was suddenly confronted with the appointment of architects to do the work. If his firm was to be given the commission (and he had worked the whole project up from a mere conception which entitled him to the commission) he would be forced to resign as Chairman of the Housing Commission. Because there was still a minute possibility of Memphis losing the appropriation should his Committee inactive or dilatory, the Mayor requested he "see it through." Thus at a sacrifice of a very

important and remunerative Commission at the end of a five year depression, Max chose to remain Chairman of the Committee, an honorary job.

Other men may have achieved distinction through public service but few have chosen such in face of so great a personal sacrifice. The Committee completed its work--Memphis got the housing projects--other architects got the commissions--and Max got what honor and distinction only a few care to remember his being entitled to. In fact, the writer has had to lead a long and determined campaign to persuade the Housing Division of PWA to include his name on the bronze tablets adorning the flagpoles at the project sites. We claim such sacrifice as this is a very persuasive step forward towards establishing the profession of architecture to new heights in the public esteem and bears all the characteristics of what the Committee of Fellows have chosen to call "Notable Contribution to the Advancement of the Profession in Public Service."

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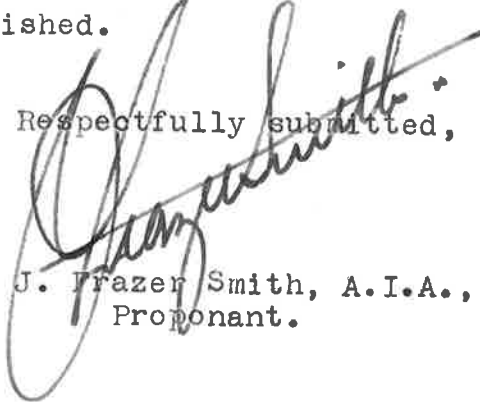
There are few members of the Institute who do not know and love Max Furbringer. He has been conspicuous in it's affairs for the last ten years, serving as Director from the Gulf States Region from 1930 to 33 and Second Vice President in 1935, during which time he was quite active and was charged with the Chairmanship of many important committees. All of this was during the administration of Robert D. Cohn and Ernest John Russell. In reviewing the names of the gentlemen on the Jury of Fellows, I see Mr. Cohn and Mr. Russell are represented along with the other four Members whom I recall as friends and acquaintances of Max, so I do not think it necessary to expostulate concerning the details of his services to the profession as far as the National Body is concerned.

The State Chapter has looked to Max for guidance during the last fifteen years and the time he has given the Institute is but "a drop in the bucket" as compared to his continued and undivided interest in the State Group. In fact, he has been the one man who has held the Chapter together and at the present time is confronted with exactly this same problem which is being handled in his customary delightful manner.

In closing I feel that I have already gone into a lot of details, all of which is required by the Jury and since the Jury is composed of friends and acquaintances of the applicant, I have tried merely to review a few of the "high lights" in order that I might recall them to you.

We have only two Fellows in the Institute in the Tennessee Chapter while we have several Architects whom we feel are entitled to a reward for services such as is bestowed by the Committee of Fellows. It is our earnest desire that Max Furbringer be first of these, our distinguished Members, to receive this honor. If such honor can not be granted by the Jury I must feel that it is because the information contained herein fails to express sufficiently the historic outline of Max's career. Accordingly, if there be further information desired by the Jury I would beg of you to ask in detail for such and it will be gladly furnished.

Respectfully submitted,


J. Frazer Smith, A.I.A.,
Proponent.

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Signatures: Submitted by Executive Committee, Tennessee Chapter
Group of five Members or/and ~~Fellows~~ Date.....

1. Joseph W. Spaul ✓
2. Thomas Smith ✓
3. Granbery Jackson Jr. ✓
4. H. C. Parrott Jr. ✓
5. Richard W. Alger ✓

6. Barney T. Jones ✓
7. Walls C. Jones Jr. ✓

AUGUST 5, 1936

NOTE: SEE AMENDED BY-LAWS FOR PROVISIONS CONCERNING FELLOWSHIP.

THE RULES OF PROCEDURE, QUOTED BELOW, HAVE NOT YET BEEN REPRINTED. THEY HAVE BEEN MODIFIED SLIGHTLY, PARTICULARLY THE TIME REQUIREMENT IN PARAGRAPH 5.

Section 1. Qualifications.

(a) Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects is conferred upon a member who is a citizen of the United States who, in the opinion of an authorized jury of fellows, shall have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession in design, construction, literature, education, or public service.

Section 2. Prerequisite.

(a) Membership in the Institute for not less than ten years shall be a prerequisite to fellowship.

Section 3. Jury of Fellows.

(a) The Jury of Fellows shall consist of six fellows appointed by the President, two of whom shall serve for periods of one, two, and three years, respectively, and until their successors are appointed. The President shall appoint the chairman of the Jury, and shall fill all vacancies occurring in the Jury of Fellows by death, resignation, expiration of term or otherwise.

Section 4. Recommendations for Fellowship.

(a) Method. Any group of five or more members may recommend to the Jury for consideration the name of a member whom they deem qualified for fellowship. Such recommendation shall contain a brief statement of the notable service or achievements which, in the opinion of the nominators, justify the nomination.

shall be submitted with full and explicit data to the jury of Fellows on forms prepared for this purpose. The Jury shall then request from the chapter officials, the Directors of the Institute, and such other sources as it deems necessary privileged communications relating to the qualifications of the nominees. All recommendations shall remain on file with the Jury of Fellows for at least twelve months prior to final action.

Section 5. Rules of Procedure.

(a) The Jury shall formulate rules for its procedure subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Article 2. Election to Fellowship.

Section 1. Procedure.

(a) Election. Election to fellowship shall be by the Jury of Fellows. Fellows may be elected at any regular meeting of the Jury of Fellows.

(b) Method. Such election shall be by ballot. Four affirmative votes shall be necessary to elect.

(c) Announcements. The names of all fellows so elected shall be announced to the convention.

Article 3. Nomenclature.

Section 1. Nomenclature.

(a) Fellowship in the Institute shall be designated by the initials "F. A. I. A."

RULES OF PROCEDURE.

1. A meeting of the Jury of Fellows may be held at the call of the Chairman, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, and in any event this meeting should occur at least 60 days prior to the date of the Convention.

2. Suggestions to the Jury for advancement to Fellowship may be made as stated in the By-laws.

3. The validity of any objection raised to any candidate shall rest solely with the Jury, and all communications shall be considered only as informative data.

4. The Jury shall file with the archives of the Institute the original recommendation and a statement of its action with

the reasons for election in each case. Privileged communications shall not be preserved.

5. Proposals for Fellowship must be filed with the Jury of Fellows, at The Octagon, not later than February 1st of any calendar year. All proposals so filed will be considered by the Jury and those selected will be cited for the honor of Fellowship at the second succeeding convention.

6. In the event of failure to act favorably upon any recommendation within three years due notice shall be given to the proponents, the recommendation surrendered and privileged communications destroyed. No recommendation so surrendered shall again be presented within two years from such notice.

This is a revised copy of the Rules of Procedure of the Jury of Fellows as amended and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting on November 14, 1930.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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March 21, 1938

Dear Mr. Furbringer:

It is my privilege to advise you that you have been elected a Fellow of The American Institute of Architects, by action of The Jury of Fellows at its recent meeting.

The certificate of your election to Fellowship will be presented to you at the evening session and dinner on April 22, which concludes the Seventieth Convention of The Institute, to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, April 19-22, inclusive.

The Officers and The Jury of Fellows join in the request that you be present to receive this honor.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

Mr. Max H. Furbringer, F.A.I.A.,
110 Porter Building,
Memphis, Tennessee.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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March 25, 1938

Dear Mr. Furbringer:

Under the established procedure of The Institute, the photographs which accompanied the proposal for your advancement to Fellowship are being returned to you under separate cover, transportation prepaid.

We trust that you will receive these promptly and in good order.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
The Jury of Fellows.

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Mr. Max H. Furbringer, F.A.I.A.,
110 Porter Building,
Memphis, Tennessee.

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ARCHITECTS
UNION PLANTERS NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
MEMPHIS, TENN.

July 25, 1939

*The Grafton
Mr. Clark*

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Sec'y
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ed:

In order to make it possible to have Mrs. Furbringer, her sister and our granddaughter accompany me to the Convention, I would like to make arrangements to have two rooms at some apartment hotel close to the Mayflower Hotel during our stay in Washington. I have engaged rooms at the Beaux Arts Apartments for our stay in New York, and if you know of a place equally desirable in Washington, kindly have the management write me.

Perhaps Congress may have adjourned by that time and space will be available during the week of the convention.

Thanks and kind regards.

Very truly yours,

M.H.

M. H. Furbringer

MHF:DM

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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July 28, 1939.

Dear Max:

Your letter of July 25 at hand on the 27th:

The Mayflower people recommend the Hotel Grafton, which is on the opposite corner - same side of the street - from The Mayflower, and therefore very convenient.

I talked with the management at the Grafton, and they will be glad to take care of you and your party if you will write to them direct, indicating the reservations desired, time of arrival, etc.

Their booklet is enclosed, and I believe they would give you a very favorable rate for two double rooms with bath between if you so specify.

In any case, be sure to mention that you are attending the Convention of The Institute.

We all look forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure.

Mr. Max H. Furbringer, F.A.I.A.
Union Planters National Bank Building
Memphis, Tennessee

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April 5, 1941

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Mr. E. C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary, A. I. A.
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ed:

Thanks for the information over phone
and for hotel reservation. On receipt of wire
from Sommervel, making appointment for Thursday,
I wired the Roger Smith Hotel changing the re-
servation to that day.

Will see you during my stay.

Sincerely,

Max
M. H. Furbringer

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ARCHITECTS
UNION PLANTERS NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
MEMPHIS 3, TENN.

January 21, 1957

Mr. Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Ave., N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Purves:

It is with regret and a feeling of a great loss that I advise you of the death of the senior member of our firm, Mr. M. H. Furbringer.

I am enclosing one of the local newspaper clippings which I think will be of interest to you.

Very truly yours,

Merrill G. Ehrman
Merrill G. Ehrman

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54 Years As An Architect

**Max Furbringer
Dies at 77**

More than 54 years of distinguished service as an architect and civic leader ended today when Max H. Furbringer died at 5:35 a.m. at Baptist Hospital. He was 77.

A Memphis architect since 1902, Mr. Furbringer, of the firm of Furbringer & Ehrman, was one of Memphis' most prominent and widely known architects. He served for many years as chairman of the City Planning Commission, chairman of Memphis Municipal Housing Commission and chairman of the committee which wrote the present Memphis Building Code. He had been a member of the Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission since 1934 and was also currently an advisor on building code matters.

A Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, he was a past national AIA vice president and director, and was one of three Memphis architects receiving a special award from the Gulf States Region of the American Institute of Architects in October of last year for civic contributions above and beyond normal duties.

Turn to Page 2—DESIGNED



MR. FURBRINGER—A recent study.

Designed Many Fine Buildings

**Many Years Devoted
To Civic Work**

(Continued From Page 1)

Born in St. Louis, Mr. Furbringer attended Washington University there, studied at the Beaux Arts School of Design in New York and frequently recalled that he was "just passing thru Memphis" in 1901 and liked it so well he decided to make it home.

He had just returned from the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, where he had aided in planning many buildings. As he expressed it: "I took Horace Greeley's advice, only I went South instead. I left the East and was planning on going to Texas."

That chance visit in Memphis resulted in some of Memphis' most noteworthy buildings and projects and valuable additions to Memphis civic development.

As chairman of Memphis Housing Authority, Mr. Furbringer led in the building of Memphis' first two big housing projects.

An ardent advocate of slum clearance, he became actively interested in the work while regional director of the American Institute of Architects in 1933 and began to do research

can Institute of Architects in 1933 and began to do research work on low cost housing and the social problems arising out of slum conditions. He took prominent citizens around town and showed them the slums and made a series of talks and had motion pictures made of the slum areas which he showed to various groups.

Earlier he had been in partnership with Walk C. Jones Sr. for 30 years, and during that time they designed such buildings as the Masonic Temple, Scottish Rite Cathedral, First Church of Christ Scientist, Criminal Courts Building, University of Tennessee Medical Center, Sheahan Pumping Station, Shrine Building, Claridge Hotel, Bellevue Junior High, Snowden School, Memphis Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, Colonial and Ridgeway country clubs and many other well-known buildings and some of Memphis' finest residences.

Decided on Career at 15

Son of a German-born architect, Mr. Furbringer was self-supporting from 13. He was 15 when he decided definitely to be an architect. With his father's instruments and designs he worked for architectural firms in St. Louis after school and on Saturday.

After moving to Memphis he was employed by L. M. Weathers for two years before he and Mr. Jones formed a partnership. He had been a partner in the firm of Furbringer and Ehrman since about 1935. They maintained offices in Union Planters National Bank Building.

On his 75th birthday anniversary in July 1954, he was the honor guest at a surprise party attended by some 30 other architects. At that time he expressed the wish that he might "push a pencil" to the very end and he had continued active in his work until two weeks ago. He was admitted to the hospital Sunday.

Designed Navy Base

Among projects designed by him and his firm in more recent years were the Navy Base at Millington, Cleaborn Housing project, University of Tennessee Administration Building, West Tennessee Tuberculosis Hospital and the Allen Pumping Station.

He was an Episcopalian, a longtime member of the Chamber of Commerce, member of the Tennessee Club, past president of Lion's Club and member of the Board of Trustees of the Academy of Arts. He was also a 32d degree Mason. He lived at 1437 Goodbar.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Sophye Buchanan Furbringer; two sons, Louis Furbringer of Memphis and Victor Furbringer of Richmond, Va.; his stepson, William Buchanan Dunavant of Memphis; his sister, Mrs. George Tucker of St. Louis; three grandchildren, Mrs. Bates Brown Jr. of Memphis and Max H. Furbringer II and Victor Furbringer Jr. of Richmond, and two great-grandchildren of Memphis.

Services at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow at National Funeral Home, Dean William E. Sanders officiating. Burial in Memorial Park.

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Members.
Furbringer, Max H.

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January 23, 1957

Mr. Merrill G. Ehrman, A.I.A.
Union Planters National Bank Building
Memphis 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Ehrman:

We were indeed distressed to learn of the death of Mr. Furbringer. He was a most distinguished member of the architectural profession and his many friends will long remember the vast contributions which he made to the profession and to The American Institute of Architects. He was indeed a gentleman and a scholar, and admired by all who knew him.

We appreciate your letter very much and are glad to have the clippings for the Archives of The Institute.

Please express our sincere sympathy to his family.

Sincerely yours,

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

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Members
Furbringer, M.H.



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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

March 11, 1957

To: The Secretary of the **Memphis** Chapter
The American Institute of Architects

Dear: **Mr. Ellis:**

We were very sorry to learn of the death of **M. H. Furbringer, FAIA**
a corporate member of The Institute since **1909** .

We would appreciate it very much if you would have two copies of
the enclosed Baldwin Memorial Archive forms filled in and returned
to The Institute for its files. The third copy is for your files.

Sincerely yours,

Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director

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cc: Treasurer's Office
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THE MEMPHIS CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

March 21, 1957

Mr. Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Purves:

Enclosed you will find two (2) copies of the Baldwin Memorial Archive forms for the late Mr. Max Furbringer, FAIA.

The architects of the Memphis area very strongly feel the loss of Mr. Furbringer and thank you for any recognition you may give in his honor.

Yours very truly,

Charles W. Ellis, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer
Memphis Chapter A.I.A.

CWE/plp

Enclosure

NO. _____

BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE
of American Architects

Name: Max H. Furbringer, FAIA of (address) 1437 Goodbar, Memphis, Tenn.
Born: July 26, 1879 at St. Louis, Mo. Died: Jan. 17, 1957 at Memphis, Tenn.

Parents: Henry and Dora (Achel) Furbringer and
Married: Margie Harris of Memphis, Tenn. 1901
Sophie Buchanan of " " on 1921

Children: Louis Furbringer
Victor Furbringer
Education: Washington Univ. St. Louis, Mo.
Beaux Arts Soc. N. Y.

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

Partner - Jones & Furbringer 1902 - 1935
Partner - Furbringer & Ehrman 1935 - 1957

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

Fellow, A.I.A. 3/19/38
Regional Director A.I.A. 3 years
Vice Pres. National Institute A.I.A. 1 year
Charter Member Tennessee Chapter and Past pres.

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

Mason and Shriner
Member and past president Lions Club - rec'd special plaque for helping organize
Mid-South Lions Sight Service, Inc.
Member Tennessee Club, Gavel Club, Episcopalian

Public Service: (Civil and Military; Community, State, National)

Member - Board of Trustees, Art Academy. Member Chamber of Commerce, 3 yrs Bd. Directors.
Chm. Memphis Municipal Housing Comm. Member Board of Adjustment, Chm 1934-1955.
Member Mfs. Planning Comm. Chm. 1940-1955. Chm. of Committee that completed present
Mfs. Building Co. Chm. of Advisory Committee of Code (Stand-by service).

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

Author of Domestic Architecture - 1916

(OVER)

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

Mr. Furbringer dedicated much time and energy to public service. He was a major factor in the initiation and successful conclusion of the Public Housing Program in Memphis, and was especially effective in making the general public aware of its social implications - an ardent advocate of slum clearance, he became actively interested in the work while regional director of the A.I.A. in 1933.

Mr. Furbringer traveled widely in the West, Mexico and Canada. Also in France, Italy, Austria, Germany and England. He was especially interested in Indians and during his Western travels visited on Reservations and attended Indian Pow Wows in Flagstaff, Ariz. where he made many pictures of Indians in their colorful costumes. His library is full of books of the Indians and historical writings, early warfare, etc.

In former years Mr. Furbringer did quite a bit of fishing and hunting; latter years more photography and sketching. He was a painter of some distinction in oils, water colors and pastels.

One of his most recent awards was from Gulf State Region of the A.I.A. (1956) for civic contributions above and beyond normal duties.

A few of the principal commissions:

- Masonic Temple, Memphis, Tenn.
- Children of Israel Temple " "
- Criminal Courts Bldg " "
- Administration Post Graduate Bldg. U. T. Medical Units, Memphis, Tenn.
- West Tenn. State T. B. Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.
- Allen Pumping Station, Memphis, Tenn.
- Claiborn Homes Negro Housing Project Memphis, Tenn.
- Wm. Foot Homes, " " " "
- U. S. Naval Aviation Base, Millington, Tenn.
- U. S. Naval Hospital " " " "
- U. S. Naval Housing " " " "

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

Compiled by: Office of Furbringer and Ehrman

Date:

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