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OFFICE OF TIRRELL J. FERREZ

1323 Ingraham Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

VICE-CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON STATE ORGANIZATION

March 9, 1939

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

Gentlemen:

In Re: Eugene Henry Klaber

This letter is to ask your favorable consideration of
the nominations for Fellowship of

Pierre Blouke,
Miles Lanier Colean, and
Eugene Henry Klaber.

These men are engaged in work at Washington of an
architectural and non-political character. They all occupy
governmental positions of great responsibility and high honor.
Their duties definitely and vitally affect the welfare of the
architectural profession and in the discharge of these duties
they have all maintained the highest ideals of the Institute.

As a former officer of the Chicago Chapter, I have
known each of these men intimately for many years and am happy
to say that the character of each is above reproach.

Since coming to Washington in 1935, I have had an
opportunity for close observation of their official conduct.
It is my considered opinion that the effective efforts of these
men in improving design, in educating the public and in promoting
the use of appropriate architectural services for all types of
housing are actually too far-reaching for accurate evaluation at
this time. It is certain, however, that the profession will
continue to reap the benefits of their work for years to come.

Your acceptance of these nominations will be a well-
merited recognition of distinguished accomplishment and is sure
to meet with widespread approval of the Institute membership.

Sincerely,


Tirrell J. Ferrenz

Copies for attachment to
nominations of Messrs.
Blouke and Colean.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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March 14, 1939

Dear Mr. Russell:

Enclosed are copies of letter of March 9th from Mr. Tirrell J. Ferrense, an Institute member of the Chicago Chapter now located in Washington at the Home Loan Bank Board, who undertook to obtain additional information and data concerning Messrs. Pierre Blouke, Miles Colean, and Eugene Henry Klaber for their nominations to Fellowship.

Also attached are copies of the nominations on which has been added the information secured by Mr. Ferrense which are now in more complete form. Please replace the copies of the nominations sent you previously with those enclosed.

In each of these cases Mr. Ferrense has prepared an outline of the member's achievements in architectural design, education, service to The Institute, public service and a suggested citation. Copies have not been made of these lengthy documents, but they will be held for the information of The Jury of Fellows with the original proposals.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
The Jury of Fellows

Mr. E. J. Russell, Chairman,
The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.,
Chemical Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

K/g
Enclosures



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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. *Name of Nominee* Eugene Henry Klaber *Date of Nomination* Feb. 14, 1939
2. *Address of Nominee* 1556 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Md.
3. *Nominee's firm* Eugene Henry Klaber
4. *Nominee's principal place of business* United States Housing Authority
5. *Nominee's Chapter* Chicago
6. *Nominee's State Association Member*
7. *Nominee admitted to Institute* 1922
8. *Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from* 1928 to 1939
9. *Nominee's age* 55 *Birthplace* New York City
10. *Nominators:* Chicago Chapter
11. *Achievement* Service to the Institute and Public Service

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Ephraim K. Reich
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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

BY
CHAPTER

COPY

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

Date February 14 1939

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on February 14 1939 nominated* **EUGENE HENRY KLABER**, member of this Chapter, for fellowship in The Institute. I enclose evidence of the qualifications of the nominee for the fellowship on which the nomination was based and certify the resolution is as follows:

*Type in full name.

"Whereas, this Executive Committee believes* **EUGENE HENRY KLABER** a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the profession because of his achievement in** ~~Science of Construction~~, Service to The that he is worthy of fellowship in The Institute; and (Institute and Public Service

*Type in full name.

**Type in "Design," "Science of Construction," "Literature," "Education," "Service to The Institute," or "Public Service," as is appropriate.

"Whereas, said member has been in good standing in this Chapter for† Seventeen consecutive years immediately prior to this date; therefore be it

†Type in number of years.

"Resolved, That‡‡ **Chicago** Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate*

‡‡Type in name of Chapter.

EUGENE HENRY KLABER for fellowship in The Institute, and the President and the Secretary be and hereby are authorized and directed to prepare the nomination papers and forward them to the Jury of Fellows of The Institute and to do all things proper to forward said nomination."

*Type in full name.

Carl E. Heimbrodt.

Secretary.

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

BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

- 1. Nominee's full name Eugene Henry Klaber
- 2. Nominee is a natural ~~naturalized~~ citizen of the United States.
- 3. Nominee's legal residence *1556 East-West Highway, Silver Springs, Md.*
~~5002 Battery Lane, Bethesda, Md.~~
- 4. Nominee's firm name Eugene Henry Klaber
- 5. Nominee's principal place of business, address formerly, 400 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.
At present, Federal Housing Administration, Washington, D.C.

6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by the states of Illinois ~~and New York~~
(formerly New York and Michigan also)

7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a ~~practising architect - teacher in architecture -~~
~~teacher in science of construction - public official - retired~~

8. Born October 1, 1883. Place of birth New York City, N.Y.

9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:

	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
High School	No Record			
Private School	No record			
College or University	Columbia New York City	4	1910	B.S.
College or University				
Post Graduate at	Ecole des Beaux Arts, Diplome 1910 - Passed examination of Ecole des Beaux Arts, first class, June 1908.			
Scholarships held				

10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

Formerly: Associate Director, Rental Housing Division,
Federal Housing Administration, Washington, D. C.
*Chief of Technical Staff, Housing Division,
Public Works Administration, Washington, D.C.*

*At Present: Director of Architecture, Rental Housing Division,
Federal Housing Administration, Washington, D. C.*

*Planning Consultant,
U. S. Housing Authority, Washington, D.C.*

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Type in "N.C. A. R. B." or name of State Board, as case may be.

Strike out inappropriate words.

Type in date of birth and city and Country.

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

Nominators should Read "Principles Underlying the Bestowal of Fellowships", Institute Document No. 9, before completing this nomination. Additional sheets may be inserted to supplement any page, 3 to 7, inclusive. Use Typewriting only.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

1. Works

Type (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	Identification of Work	Location of Work (City)	(State)	Completed Construction Work (Year)	Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted	
a.	Treo Co.	New York	N.Y.		-	Under Column headed "Type" type in (a), (b), (c), or (d), as the case may be.
d.	Michigan Blvd. Gardens	Chicago	Ill.		1	
d.	Homburg Memorial Infirmary	Cambridge	Mass.		-	Type in last Col- umn to right the number submitted in each case.
d.	Jewish Peoples Institute	Chicago	Ill.		4	
d.	Stephen A. Douglas Library	Chicago	Ill.		-	
d.	Whitehall Apartment Hotel	Chicago	Ill.		-	

~~For his outstanding position as an authority on the subject of the economics of building and real estate.~~

Note: All "d" items executed in partnership with Ernest Grunsfeld, Jr. during the years 1924-1929.

2. Describe nominee's notable work in design, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

His work received special recognition through an award by the Queensboro Chamber of Commerce for the best designed industrial building erected in the Borough of Queens, N.Y. (The Treo Factory) between the years 1920-1925.

He also received the second prize in the competition for remodelling a slum area block held by the New York State Housing Commission in 1922.

He was the Architect, in partnership with Ernest Grunsfeld, Jr., for the notable Rosenwald housing project in Chicago, known as the Michigan Voullevard Gardens, one of the pioneer large-scale housing developments which stands today as a definite achievement in advanced planning.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

1. CONSTRUCTION WORK

<i>Type of Work Constructed</i>	<i>Identification of Work</i>	<i>Location of Work</i>	<i>Completed Construction Work (Year)</i>	<i>Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted</i>
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mitted in each
case.

2. BOOKS, TREATISES, OR ARTICLES WRITTEN

<i>Subject Title</i>	<i>Where Published</i>	<i>Date Published</i>
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3. Describe nominee's notable work in the science of construction and any recognition thereof by other societies, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

1. EDUCATION WORK

(List the degrees and the educational positions held by the nominee, and bring out clearly the nominee's signal work and its particular force and influence which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by pupils, the profession, other societies, or the public.)

Mr. Klaber was graduated from Columbia University in 1906 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Architecture. In 1908 he passed the examination of the Ecole des Beaux Arts, first class, and later completed his post-graduate work at the Ecole des Beaux Arts, Paris, with the degree of Architect Diplômé par le Gouvernement, 1910.

He serves as an Instructor in Architectural Design at Cooper Union, New York, during the school year 1914-1915.

He has had a broad experience in lecturing to groups of architects as further referred to on pages 6 and 7.

2. LITERARY WORK

(List the original written works of the nominee and state clearly the particular force and influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by other societies, the profession, educational institutions or the public.)

<i>Book, Treatise or Article</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Name of Book or Periodical Containing Work</i>	<i>Year Work Published</i>
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He is noted for his informative and concise articles on land economics and the planning of buildings, on which subjects he is widely recognized as an authority. A list of publications containing one or more such contributions follows:

- Architectural Forum
- Architectural Record
- American City
- American Magazine of Art
- Journal of Land & Public Utility Economics
- Real Estate.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE

1. State fully the nominee's signal service to The Institute, his chapter, or his state association, or to the profession, which the nominators believe has notably contributed to the advancement of the profession, and list the offices in architectural organizations occupied by the nominee and the period of each.

~~For his loyal and faithful service to the Institute and as President of the Chicago Chapter.~~

He has contributed generously of his time and thought both to his local chapter and to the Institute over a long term of years. Specific assignments have been as follows:

Chicago Chapter: President, 1933
 Second Vice-President, 2 years
 Treasurer, 2 years
 Chairman, Committee on Public Information. Under his chairmanship a notable contribution to the educating of the public on the services, duties and accomplishments of the Architect was made through a series of articles by collaborators in the Chicago Tribune and the Chicago Daily News.

A.I.A.: Chairman, Committee on Economics of Site Planning and Housing, 2 years
 Member, same committee, 4 years
 Member, Industrial Relations Committee, 4 years
During the year 1932 he undertook a speaking tour to inform the various chapters of the Institute regarding the housing program of the Reconstruction Finance Corp. This work was performed at the request of a special committee of the Institute.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

1. List the public offices held by the nominee and the positions of trust held by him in recognition of civic leadership, and state clearly his notable work in public service and the particular influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession.

~~For his distinguished public service in the housing field, both as architectural advisor to the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works and to the Federal Housing Administration.~~

Mr. Klaber served as Chief of the Technical Staff of the Housing Division, Public Works Administration, during the years 1933 and 1934.

In the latter year he joined the Federal Housing Administration and later became Associate Director of its Rental Housing Division. He now occupies the position of Director of Architecture for this Division and in addition is Planning Consultant for the United States Housing Authority.

Through his work in these agencies he has materially assisted in establishing standards of housing design which have had a marked effect on housing practice.

He has conducted public meetings throughout the country for the purpose of informing architects on advanced planning practice and on the relation of the architects' work to the economics of land use and mortgage financing.

In all his public contacts he has striven to maintain and promote the prestige of the Architect as an essential and leading factor in the field of building.

All these services have been widely recognized by architects throughout the entire United States.

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CHICAGO CHAPTER, A.I.A.

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OUTLINE

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Achievement in Architectural Design
Achievement in Education and Literature
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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP
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EUGENE HENRY KLABER
Chicago Chapter, A.I.A.

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PROPOSAL

The purpose of this presentation is to outline the basis for the selection of Eugene Henry Klaber of the Chicago Chapter for a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

This recognition is based on the broad foundation of his -

- Achievement in Architectural Design
- Achievement in Education and Literature
- Achievement in Service to the Institute, and
- Achievement in Public Service

Especially noteworthy is his unusual service to the Institute and to the profession in -

- a. Establishing sound principles of planning in the field of large scale housing;
- b. Assisting architects in the development of well-planned projects, and
- c. Educating the public as to the value and desirability of architectural service.

To those who have been in a position to observe these outstanding services to the Institute and to the profession, there can be no doubt that the high honor of Fellowship is fully deserved.

ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

Mr. Klaber was engaged in the private practice of architecture in New York from 1913 to 1924. During these years his work received

special recognition through an award by the Queensboro Chamber of Commerce for the best designed industrial building erected in the Borough of Queens (the Treo Factory) between the years 1920 and 1925. He also received the second prize in the Competition for Remodelling a Slum Area Block held by the New York State Housing Commission in 1922.

From 1924 to 1933 he carried on a private practice in Chicago, being in partnership with Ernest Grunsfeld, Jr., for the first five years of the period. This firm was the architect for the notable Rosenwald Housing Project in Chicago, known as Michigan Boulevard Gardens, one of the pioneer large-scale housing developments which stands today as a definite achievement in advanced planning.

Other notable buildings designed by this firm were -

Homberg Memorial Infirmary, Massachusetts
Institute of Technology,

Jewish Peoples Institute, Chicago,

Stephen A. Douglas Branch, Chicago Public Library,

Whitehall Apartment Hotel, Chicago,

and several fine residences in the Chicago area.

In addition to these accomplishments, reference should be made to his work as a public officer where his studies in economical design and the fundamentals of planning for large scale housing projects have been generally recognized as of great influence on this type of work.

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Chairman, Committee on Economies of Site Planning and Housing, two years.

Member, same Committee, four years.

Member, Industrial Relations Committee, four years.

During the year 1932 he undertook a speaking tour to inform the various chapters of the Institute regarding the housing program of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. This work was performed on request of a special committee of the Institute.

Other services of great value to the profession are listed hereinafter.

ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Mr. Klaber served as Chief of the Technical Staff of the Housing Division, Public Works Administration, during the years 1933 and 1934. In the latter year he joined the Federal Housing Administration and later became Associate Director of its Rental Housing Division. He now occupies the position of Director of Architecture for this Division and in addition is Planning

Consultant for the United States Housing Authority.

Through his work in these positions of high responsibility, -

- a. He has materially assisted in establishing standards of housing design which have had a marked effect on housing practice.
- b. He has conducted public meetings throughout the country for the purpose of informing architects on advanced planning practice and on the relation of the architect's work to the economies of land use and mortgage financing.
- c. He has striven with marked success in all his public contacts to maintain and promote the prestige of the architect as an essential and leading factor in the field of building.

All these services have been widely recognized by Architects throughout the entire United States.

SUGGESTED CITATION

The following summary is respectfully submitted for use as the tentative basis of a citation:

An Architect of distinction who has contributed unsparingly to the advancement of the profession and the development of improved standards in planning and design.

Through his services as Chapter officer, as Chairman and member of various Institute Committees and while in charge of large scale housing operations for the Federal Housing Administration,

he has achieved unusually effective results in establishing advanced standards of design, in developing sound principles of economic planning and in promoting the prestige and the utilization of the architectural profession.

EXHIBITS

The following photographs of buildings are attached:

Michigan Boulevard Gardens, Chicago
Jewish Peoples Institute, Chicago (2)
Residence for Richard Uhlman, Highland Park, Ill.
Residence for William B. Eisendrath, Highland Park, Ill.
Residence for Elias Mayer, Deerfield, Ill.

This data prepared at the request
of the Chicago Chapter Committee
on Fellows by:

Tirrell J. Ferrenz, A.I.A.
Vice-Chairman Com. on State Organization
Member, Com. on Contract Documents
Former Officer, Chicago Chapter

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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August 23, 1939.

Dear Mr. Klabers:

It is my pleasant 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 on September 28, 1939, at the afternoon session of the Seventy-first Convention of The Institute, at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C. The afternoon session, which will convene at 2:30 P.M., will conclude with the presentation of Fellowship certificates and the installation of Officers and Directors.

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

Please send your response to The Octagon.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

Mr. Eugene Henry Klaber, F.A.I.A.,
1556 East-West Highway,
Silver Spring, Maryland.

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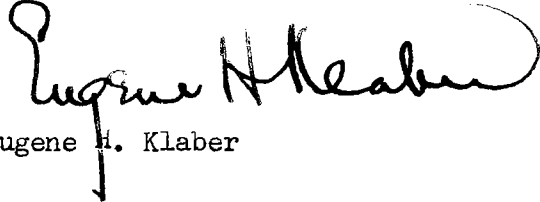
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Mr. Charles T. Ingham, Secretary
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ingham:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of August 23 telling me of my election as a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and to express my appreciation of the honor that has been conferred upon me. It is my intention to be present at the meeting of September 28, 1939.

Very truly yours,



Eugene H. Klaber