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*Klaber, Eugene Henry  
New York*

*For not recd*

### Application for Membership

November 14, 1921

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 Eugene Henry Klaber

Address 101 Park Avenue, New York City.  
[Number and Street.] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth New York City, October 1, 1883.

Graduate in architecture Columbia, B.S. 1910. Ecole des Beaux-Arts, Diplome, 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 None  
[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 E.d.B.A. June 1908  
[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 Application filed, N.Y. Chap.

If practicing architect, firm name Eugene Henry Klaber.

Have been in practice Seven years.

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

Collegiate and office training Collegiate as above, 4 yrs. drafting before practice.

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.

*Eugene Henry Klaber*  
[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 \_\_\_\_\_  
[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) *[Signature]*
- (2) *[Signature]*
- (3) *[Signature]*

Prelim. Fee	<i>10.00</i>
Initiation	<i>submitted</i>
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Exhibits	<i>not required</i>
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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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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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*January 3, 1922.*

My dear Mr. Klaber:-

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective January 5, 1922.

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

The engrossed Certificate of Membership will be sent to you in due course, after engrossing and signing by the President and Secretary. The enclosed statement for current Institute dues should receive your early attention.

May I take this opportunity to say that the office of the Secretary at the Octagon is for the service of every Institute member. Should the occasion arise we shall be glad to give you our best cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

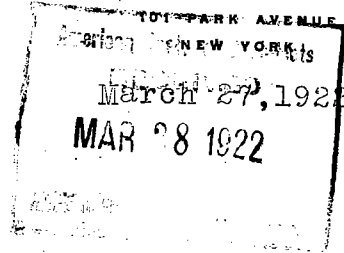
Mr. Eugene Henry Klaber,  
101 Park Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

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EUGENE HENRY KLABER  
ARCHITECT  
THE ARCHITECTS' BUILDING  
101 PARK AVENUE



American Institute of Archts.  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

The March number of the "Journal" has not reached me. Would you kindly see that I get a copy?

Yours truly,

EHK/LS

*Eugene H. Klaber*

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EUGENE H. KLABER, A. I. A.  
ERNEST A. GRUNSFELD, JR., A. I. A.  
ARCHITECTS  
81 EAST MADISON STREET  
CHICAGO

March 11, 1924

MAR 18 1924

Miss Simpson  
215 W. 57th Street  
New York City

My dear Miss Simpson:

This is to advise you that I have moved my office to 81 E. Madison Street, Chicago, and that I wish to transfer my registration from the New York Chapter to the Chicago Chapter of the A.I.A.

Would you kindly have the necessary formalities started for that so that I may make this transfer as soon as possible?

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am,

Very truly yours,



EHK/J

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March 17, 1924.

E. C. Kemper, Esq.,  
The Octagon,  
Washington, D. C.

MAR 18 1924

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find letter from Mr. Eugene H. Klaber, in which he requests his transfer from the New York to the Chicago Chapter. Mr. Klaber is in good standing with the New York Chapter and there is no reason why he should not be transferred as he requests. Will you be good enough to take the matter up and arrange it for him in due course.

Yours very truly,

*A. M. Seeperson*  
Assistant Secretary.

AMS-ECS

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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March 20, 1924.

Dear Mr. Kleber:-

In accordance with your letter of March 11th, and that of March 17th from Miss Simpson, Assistant Secretary of the New York Chapter, I beg to advise that you have been formally transferred, as an Institute Member in good standing, from the New York Chapter to the Chicago Chapter, effective as of this date.

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The Secretaries of the two Chapters concerned have been notified to this effect.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Eugene H. Kleber,  
81 East Madison Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

K:B



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EUGENE H KLABER A I A  
ARCHITECT  
CHICAGO DAILY NEWS BUILDING  
C H I C A G O  
TELEPHONE FRANKLIN 8050

March 7

1932

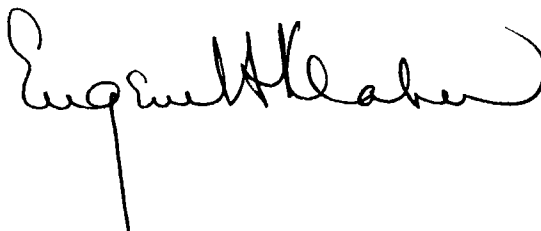
Mr. E. C. Kemper,  
Executive Secretary  
American Institute of Architects  
The Octagon  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:-

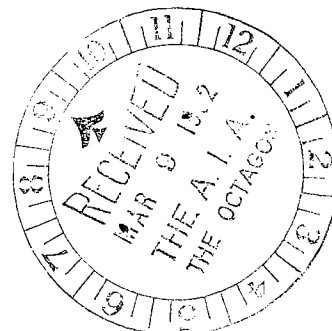
Permit me to thank you for the clipping from the  
World-Telegram which you were good enough to send.

I may be called an ultra-radical for the views  
expressed in the article, but the fact that it  
has been reprinted leads me to the hope that  
people will give at least some thought to this  
extremely important question.

With cordial greetings -



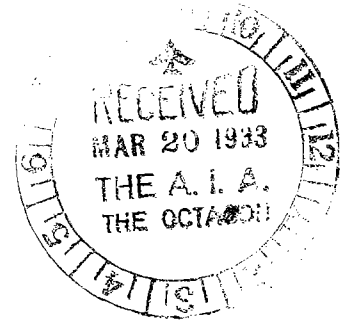
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EUGENE H KLABER A I A  
ARCHITECT  
CHICAGO DAILY NEWS BUILDING  
C H I C A G O  
TELEPHONE FRANKLIN 8050

March 17, 1933.



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

Dear Sir;

I am unable to pay my entire dues at present, but have managed to scrape half of them together, which I hope will keep me in good standing for the time being.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eugene H. Klaber".

E.H.K.:LS

*pd \$12.50 on 1933 dues  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICE

Mr. Eugene H. Klaber is now located at the F. H. A.

~~Extension~~ National 5061, Extension 37, Room 6454, New Post Office

Building.

E.C.K.

*Noted  
5/15/34  
G.A.B.  
-----  
J.H.*

July 27, 1934

FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

September 17, 1934



Chairman Committee on  
Economics of Site Planning & Housing of  
The American Institute of Architects  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Mr. Eugene Henry Klaber is being con-  
sidered for employment by the Federal Housing  
Administration and has used your name as reference  
or as a former employer.

Any information that you can furnish us that  
would be of value in determining the qualifications  
and the fitness of the applicant for a position  
in the Administration would be appreciated and  
held strictly confidential.

For your convenience a self-addressed envelope  
is enclosed.

Yours very truly,

*T. B. Hewitt*

Chief of Personnel.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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September 21, 1934.

My dear Mr. Hewett:

This will acknowledge your inquiry concerning Mr. Eugene  
H. Klaber.

Mr. Klaber is a distinguished member of The American Insti-  
tute of Architects, and is Chairman of its Committee on Economics  
of Site Planning and Housing.

He is regarded as one of the outstanding men of the profes-  
sion in the field of housing economics and community planning.

I have known Mr. Klaber for many years and am glad of this  
opportunity to make this expression of personal opinion as to  
his high professional and technical ability, his good character,  
and his value as a public official.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. T. B. Hewett, Chief of Personnel,  
Federal Housing Administration,  
Washington, D. C.

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EUGENE HENRY KLABER  
HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING  
CONSULTANT

CLOUD HILL  
QUAKERTOWN  
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Tel. Pennsburg 3604

Feb. 16, 1953

Mr. Edmund N. Purvis, Exec. Sec.  
American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue, Wash. 6, D.C.

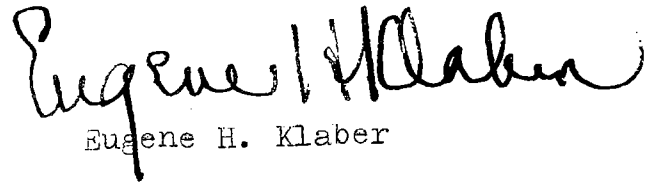
Dear Mr. Purvis:

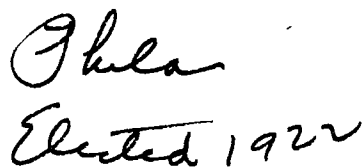
On October 1, 1953 I shall be 70 years of age.  
I have been a member of the Institute since 1922.  
I would like to be given Emeritus status.

I write to inquire whether this can be done for  
the current year and whether the granting of  
the status is automatic on request or by action  
of the Board. In the latter case, is this let-  
ter sufficient or must another letter be addressed  
to the Board itself?

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Sincerely,

  
Eugene H. Klaber

  
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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP EMERITUS

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:

Strike out the inappropriate reason, a or b, as the case may be.

I wish to apply for Membership Emeritus in The Institute for the following reasons:

a. I am mote than 70 years of age. **AS OF OCT-1, 1953**

~~b. I am unable to engage in any gainful vocation.~~

**NEW YORK, CHICAGO, WASH DC, PHILA.** chapter

Write in name of chapter.

I have been in good standing in The Institute and the **PHILA.** chapter for ~~45~~ **31** successive years or more immediately preceding the date of this application.

Respectfully,

Date **SEPT 1** 19**53**

**Eugene Henry Klabe**  
Signature

*The applicant may supplement the above reasons in writing below or on sheets which he shall attach to this application. Under exceptional conditions and circumstances, The Board of Directors may lessen the period of good standing but neither of requirements a or b.*

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September 2, 1953

Mr. J. W. Rankin, Adm. Secy.  
The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Mr. Eugene H. Klaber is in good standing in the Philadelphia Chapter and the Pennsylvania Society of Architects.

Sincerely,

*Muriel M. Carvin*

Muriel M. Carvin,  
Executive Secretary

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*members  
Klaber, Eugene H*

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*[Handwritten signature/initials]*



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

NOTICE OF ELECTION—MEMBER EMERITUS

TO Mr. Eugene H. Klaber, F.A.I.A.  
Cloud Hill  
Quakertown, Pennsylvania

It is my privilege to advise you that The Board of Directors has conferred upon you the title

MEMBER EMERITUS

of The American Institute of Architects and of its component organizations of which you are a member, exempting you from the payment of annual dues to The Institute and such organizations, effective **October 1, 1953**.

*[Handwritten initials]*

Date **September 16, 19 53**

*George Bain Cummings*  
Secretary



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CLOUD HILL  
QUAKERTOWN  
PENNSYLVANIA

Tel. Pennsburg 3604

March 18, 1955

Mr. Walter A. Taylor  
Director of Education & Research  
American Institute of Architects  
135 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

About a year ago I wrote to you when I was planning a lecture tour of Architectural Schools. You gave me some good counsel then; so I am coming to you for some more.

During last fall and early winter I gave the series of three lectures based on my book "Housing Design" at the following schools: Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State, Virginia, Georgia Tech, Florida, Kansas, Washington U at St. Louis and Notre Dame. The trip was a successful and rewarding experience. It has occurred to me that some of the chapters of the Institute might be interested in the third of these lectures, which concerned itself with site planning. In it I discussed problems of orientation, topography, subdivisions, site planning methods for large projects, etc.

In order to arrange a tour it would be necessary for me to know when each of the chapters holds its monthly meeting. Could you give me this information?

I would also like to know whether it would be proper and possible for Washington Headquarters to send out a preliminary notice to all of the chapters, asking whether they would welcome a lecture of this kind, and whether they could finance a modest honorarium and a share of my travel expense. On receipt of the answers the information could be passed on to me so that I might go forward from that point more rapidly.

Sincerely yours,



Eugene H. Klaber

members  
Klaber, Eugene H.

GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

SCHOOL OF  
ARCHITECTURE

Dear Friends:

You are invited to the lectures on the principles of housing design by Mr. Eugene H. Klaber, F.A.I.A., AIP, formerly Director of Architecture for Rental Housing, Federal Housing Administration.

Mr. Klaber, for many years a practicing architect in Chicago, was in the Government service in Washington for nine years, first as Chief of the Technical Staff, Housing Division, P.W.A., and subsequently as Director of Architecture for Rental Housing, Federal Housing Administration. In both of these positions, his function was to establish standards of housing design, and conduct architectural examination of projects submitted which totaled approximately 2000. As Planning Consultant he has served the City Planning Commission of Philadelphia in problems of redevelopment, and also rendered professional services to the Housing Authorities of Philadelphia and Baltimore. His book on Housing Design has just been published by the Reinhold Publishing Corporation.

The lectures will be given in the comfortable auditorium of the School of Architecture, Georgia Institute of Technology on the following subjects as listed:


Thursday, December 2, at 8:00 p.m. - General Principles  
of Housing Design

Friday, December 3, at 4:00 p.m. - Design of Buildings

Monday, December 6, at 4:00 p.m. - Site Planning

We hope you can attend all lectures for the complete contribution Mr. Klaber can make. As the lectures are free and open to the building industry as a whole, we advise you to be there early since there will be no reserved seats.

Sincerely yours,

  
Harold Bush-Brown, Director  
School of Architecture  
Georgia Institute of Technology

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*member*  
*Klaber, Eugene H J*

FILE COPY - PLEASE RETURN

March 22, 1955

Mr. Eugene H. Klaber  
Cloud Hill  
Quakertown, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Klaber:

I have read with interest your letter of March 18. We are pleased to know that your previous lecturing tour was successful.

We do not have complete or reliable information about the dates of chapter meetings.

I am referring your letter to Mr. Arthur Holmes, Staff Coordinator for the Committee on Chapter Affairs, and to Mr. Edwin B. Morris, Jr., Director of the Department of Professional and Public Relations, which department is concerned with the routing or announcement of special lectures. They will also be able to advise regarding policy of noting your availability in MEMO.

For your convenient reference I enclose a list of the member schools of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture.

I shall be interested to learn about the further development of this project.

Sincerely yours,

Walter A. Taylor, Director  
Department of Education and Research

WAT:jm

cc: Mr. Purves ✓  
Mr. Holmes  
Mr. Morris

*member  
Klaber, Eugene H.*

April 28, 1954

To: Walter Taylor  
From: Harold Hauf  
Re: Attached Correspondence from Eugene Klaber

I have given careful thought to Mr. Klaber's letter and your note. It sounds like a worthy project but I am quite hesitant to use the Memo as a vehicle for promoting a lecture tour of this kind. There are, undoubtedly, many other members particularly in the colleges who would like to do this very thing.

I think Mr. Klaber's best bet would be to write chapters in addition to schools to see whether, as you suggest, he cannot raise his fee sufficiently to cover his travel expenses. I guess my reaction is that I don't see much reason for promoting this particular lecture tour over others that might come our way and, in any event, I would want to know a lot more about the material Mr. Klaber is going to present. If we did promote the tour in the Memo, it would be almost the same as Institute sponsorship of it, and I don't think we're prepared to do that.

This certainly is not very helpful to you, and I'd be glad to talk about it if you think we can come up with any better suggestions.

HDH:ec

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April 28, 1954

Mr. Eugene H. Klaber  
Cloud Hill  
Quakertown, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Klaber:

We write in reply to your letter of April 20th. We have discussed in staff the question of how we might assist in the promotion of your series of lectures.

The Editor of Memo has considered the possibility of announcing the series in Memo but this is not considered appropriate since we do not have a definite policy or program for promoting lectures by members or others. This Department has assisted in the planning of lecture tours for Sir Patrick Abercrombie and Mr. Willem Dudok by special directives from the Board of Directors.

The A.I.A. has at this time no funds to subsidize such a lecture tour. The Langley Funds were at one time available for research projects by advanced scholars and practitioners but are now limited to aid to undergraduate students.

My only suggestion at this time is that you communicate with the secretaries of the chapters of the Institute suggesting that they collaborate with the nearby school in ~~sponsoring your lecture~~. It is possible that the chapters could augment the resources of the school to increase the stipend. I enclose a list of the current chapter officers.

I am very sorry that I cannot be of further assistance. We should be interested to learn how the itinerary works out. One school in the Middle West has written requesting our advice and we have told them of your extensive experience and qualifications and have unofficially endorsed your appearance.

For your convenient reference we enclose a list of the member schools of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture.

Sincerely yours,



Walter A. Taylor, Director  
Department of Education  
and Research

cc: Mr. Hauf  
Mr. Purves ✓