

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

Thomas, J. W.  
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March 1st-1918

My dear Mr. Thomas:-

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of February 26th enclosing a letter from Mr. Richards, Secretary of the Columbus Chapter.

In accordance with this correspondence, I have written to the Secretary of the Cleveland Chapter, and also to Mr. Richards, notifying each that you have been formally reassigned to the Cleveland Chapter.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

Mr. J. W. Thomas,  
2032 Euclid Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio

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December 16, 1937.

Dear Mr. Thomas:-

Thank you for your remittance amounting to  
\$20.00 to cover dues.

As shown on the statement, the amount due for  
1937 was \$15.00. We have, therefore, credited the ad-  
ditional \$5.00 to your 1938 dues.

Enclosed is your membership card for the  
current year.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. James Wm. Thomas,  
1710 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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C O P Y

Nov. 22, 1957

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
1735 New York Ave., N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith a bill for dues for 1957.

My dues for 1957 were paid by check dated 4-1-57 drawn on the  
First National Bank of Akron, -Hudson Branch, and the cancelled check  
bears the endorsement-"FOR DEPOSIT ONLY IN THE

MAIN OFFICE OF RIGGS NATIONAL BANK  
TO THE CREDIT OF  
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

and the stamp of Riggs National Bank, Washington, D. C. dated 4-8-57.

I am sure that if you check your deposits of that date you will find  
a record of my payment.

Very truly yours

(Signed) JAMES WILLIAM THOMAS

T/d

C O P Y

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECT  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

November 26, 1957

Mr. James Wm. Thomas, AIA  
Lake Hollis  
Hudson, Ohio

Dear Mr. Thomas:

This is in reply to your letter of November 22, 1957 stating that you annual dues for the current year were paid on April 1, 1957.

In checking our records we find that this payment has been received by us, and through error was credited to another account of similar name. We appreciate your calling this matter to our attention.

Your Membership Card for the year 1957 is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,  
(Signed Robert L. Eger  
Assistant to the Treasurer

Enclosure  
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JAMES WILLIAM THOMAS

ARCHITECTS

J. SHERMAN THOMAS

LAKE HOLLIS, HUDSON, OHIO

Dec. 5, 1957

Mr. Edward L. Wilson, Secretary  
The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Ave., N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am in receipt of your notice of Dec. 1st, entitled  
"Notice of Impending Suspension" and I am enclosing  
herewith, two copies of letters which are self explanatory.

You will note that under date of Nov. 22nd, I returned a  
statement for dues stating that same had been paid 4-1-57,-  
the second letter dated Nov. 26, 1957 is a copy of a letter  
received from Mr. Robert Eger, Assistant to the Treasurer,  
stating that my payment had been applied against another  
account.

Will you please check with Mr. Eger and straighten this matter  
out, as it seems a bit late in the year to be just receiving  
my 1957 membership card.

Since I am no longer in active practice and have been a paying  
member of the American Institute for almost fifty years, I am  
wondering if there is an associate membership wherein the dues  
are not as high as those for members in active practice.

Very truly yours,

*J. W. Thomas*  
JAMES WILLIAM THOMAS

T/d

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care of this.

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he is eligible

for Emeritus  
Elected 1911  
Cleveland Chapter

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December 13, 1957

Mr. James William Thomas, A.I.A.  
Lake Hollis  
Hudson, Ohio

Dear Mr. Thomas:

This is in response to your letter of December 5.

We apologize for the error in our accounting which you have called to our attention.

It occurs to us that you are very likely eligible for Membership Emeritus in The Institute which would relieve you from further payment of dues to The Institute and to all of its component organizations, while you would still retain all the privileges of membership.

We enclose a form which gives you full information on this and which you may use to make application for such membership, if you so desire.

If you have any questions on this, or any other matters, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Yours very truly,

J. W. Rankin  
Administrative Secretary

JWR:hrs

cc: Mr. Eger ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

Miss Mervais (w/f)



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP EMERITUS

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:

*Elected 1911  
1957 dues pd.*

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

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

- a. I am more than 70 years of age.
- b. ~~I am 65 years of age, retired, and not engaged in the practice of architecture.~~
- c. ~~I am unable to engage in any gainful vocation.~~

*Write in  
name of  
chapter.*

I have been in good standing in The Institute and the Cleveland chapter  
for 15 successive years or more immediately preceding the date of this application.

Respectfully,

Date Dec. 18 19 57 .

*J. W. Thomas*  
Signature  
James William Thomas

*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 not the requirements of a, b, or c.*

Gentlemen:

I joined the Institute as a member of the Columbus, Ohio Chapter in 1911. Since about 1920 I have been a member of the Cleveland Chapter and have served as its president, vice-president and treasurer. In 1949 I closed my office in Cleveland and drastically reduced my practice.

*J.W.T.*

*M. E.  
Suspense*

January 3, 1958

Mr. James William Thomas, A.I.A.  
Lake Hollis  
Hudson, Ohio

Dear Mr. Thomas:

We are in receipt of your requested to be elected a Member Emeritus of The Institute for which you appear to be eligible. The application will be brought to the attention of The Committee on Membership at the first opportunity for consideration and you will be advised promptly when final action has been taken.

In the meantime, please disregard any statements for Institute dues, as your election will be made effective as of January 1, thus waiving any 1958 payments, if all goes well, and we see no reason why it shouldn't.

Sincerely yours,

Florence H. Gervais  
Secretary of Membership and Records

Copy to Miss Lottie B. Helwick, Chairman  
Membership Committee, Cleveland Chapter, A.I.A.

Please let us know if Mr. Thomas is in good standing in the Chapter, and oblige,

*JOK*





*Cleveland Chapter*

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1010 Euclid Avenue : Cleveland 15, Ohio : Tel: Prospect 4-5045

January 24, 1958

Miss Florence Gervais, Secretary,  
Membership & Records,  
The American Institute of Architects,  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.,  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Gervais:

James William Thomas is in good standing in the Cleveland Chapter having paid his Chapter and State dues and assessments to January 1958.

We shall be happy to approve his becoming a member ~~ex~~meritus as he has so earned and qualifies. Please send communication re: Mr. Thomas change in status to me at the address given below, when it is acted upon.

Sincerely yours,

*Lottie B. Helwick*

Lottie B. Helwick, A.I.A.  
Chairman - Membership Committee  
Director - Executive Committee  
20500 Halifax Road  
Cleveland 22, Ohio.

LBH/s

*Member  
Thomas James Wm*

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NOTICE OF ELECTION—MEMBER EMERITUS

TO **James William Thomas, A.I.A.**

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 **January 1, 1958** .

Date **March 4** 19 **58** .

*Edward Wilson*  
Secretary

*Cleveland Chapter  
Copy to Archtg Dept*

**THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
1973 SURVEY OF THE PROFESSION**

**PART I — INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**

MAR 4 1974

James W<sup>m</sup> Thomas } Died June 18, 1973  
2460 Streetsboro Rd } Age 96 Yrs. 7 Months  
Hudson, Ohio 44236 } Cleveland Chapter  
notified by son  
J. Sherman Thomas  
2528 Streetsboro Rd  
Hudson, Ohio 44236  
Member of Cleveland  
Chapter A.I.A.

THOMAS, J W  
2460 STREETSBORO ST  
HUDSON

*Cleveland  
ME*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Survey**

To gather information to help AIA assist its members in advancing their professional development, your Board of Directors has authorized a Survey of the Profession of Architecture. This questionnaire is Part I of that survey. Part II will solicit information about firms and other organizations in the profession and will be conducted later in 1974.

**The Questionnaire**

The purposes of this questionnaire are (1) to obtain up-to-date information about the personal characteristics of AIA members; (2) to identify potential programs for the Institute and, (3) to obtain members' opinions about how to improve current AIA programs.

**Use of the Data**

The data in this questionnaire will be used to provide guidance in program planning and to update and complete Institute records. Portions will be published for the information and guidance of members.

**Confidentiality of Data**

This questionnaire has been prepared by Case and Company Inc., a national management consulting firm which has assisted the Institute in similar studies in the past. Case and Company will only turn over non-confidential information to the Institute for use in record keeping and program planning. The answers to the last six questions (28 through 33) are regarded as classified and will be treated in strictest confidence. Case and Company will not reveal individual responses in any way to the Institute or third parties.

**Instructions**

- Please answer all applicable questions. Instructions for answering each question are incorporated in the questionnaire. The questionnaire can be completed in about half an hour.
- Return your completed questionnaire by January 21, 1974, directly to Case and Company Inc., 235 Montgomery Street, Suite 965, San Francisco, Calif. 94104. A postage paid envelope is enclosed.  
NOTE: We urgently request you observe the January 21 deadline.

YOUR COOPERATION IS ESSENTIAL. PLEASE FILL IN AND MAIL THE QUESTIONNAIRE TODAY. THANK YOU.

**1. ADDRESS INFORMATION:**

- Your name and address on the label above are as shown on AIA's records. Is your name as you prefer to have it listed? Is your address correct? If not, please note corrections to the right of the label.
- Your Social Security Number ( ) ( ) ( ) - ( ) ( ) - ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
- Irrespective of the address shown on mailing label, provide the full, correct name of the firm or organization with which you are associated or employed and its address. (Please print)

FIRM OR ORGANIZATION NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

- AIA Membership Class:** (Check one only)  
2a. Member (Corp.) ( )    2b. Fellow (Corp.) ( )    2c. Associate ( )
- Age:** (Give in number of years) \_\_\_\_\_ years.
- Sex and Marital Status:** (Check appropriate boxes and give number of dependents.)  
4a. Male ( )    4c. Single ( )  
4b. Female ( )    4d. Married ( )  
4e. Number of dependents (Spouse and children only) \_\_\_\_\_
- Color or Race:** (Check one of following classifications which correspond to U. S. census classifications.)  
5a. White ( )    5b. Black ( )    5c. American Indian ( )    5d. Japanese ( )  
5e. Chinese ( )    5f. Filipino ( )    5g. Hawaiian ( )    5h. Korean ( )  
5i. If other, indicate race \_\_\_\_\_
- NCARB Certification:** (Indicate if you hold an NCARB certificate.)  
6a. Yes ( )    6b. No ( )