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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Philadelphia, March 27, 1913.

Mr. Walter Cook,
President, American Institute of Architects,
3 West 29th Street, New York City.

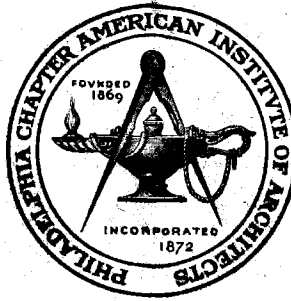
Dear Mr. Cook:-

I enclose herewith, for your information, copy of a letter dated March 26th I am addressing to the Board of Directors of the Institute and sending to the Secretary, relative to the nomination of three members of the Philadelphia Chapter for Fellowship in the Institute. We would appreciate it very much if you would give this matter your very careful consideration when the subject of nominating Fellows is taken up by the Board.

Very sincerely yours,

John Hall Rankin
President.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Philadelphia, March 26, 1913.

The Board of Directors,
American Institute of Architects.

Sirs:-

I beg to present, for your consideration, three names for advancement to the grade of Fellowship in the Institute. In so doing, I venture to remind the Board that recognition in this form has been extended more sparingly to the Philadelphia Chapter than to many of the other Chapters. Although the Chapter contains nearly eighty Institute members, we count only seventeen Fellows, eight of whom date this grade prior to the time the present method of advancement was adopted. It is unnecessary for me to say that this fact is no argument for conferring the honor upon any member not fully qualified to receive it, but among the three whose names are brought forward at this time is none concerning whose qualifications there can be the slightest doubt.

PAUL PHILIPPE GRET.

Professor Gret is without doubt one of the distinguished members of the Institute. His architectural education began in the Ecole des Beaux Arts, Lyons, France, where he spent five years, winning the Paris Prize (E.D.B.A., Lyons, 1897). He remained at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris until he received his diploma in 1903, being awarded that year the Gold Medal, Salon des Artistes Francais. The same year he became Professor of Design, University of Pennsylvania, a position he still holds. He is engaged also in the general practice of architecture, and has done some important work.

It seems almost superfluous to comment upon the position Mr. Gret has acquired in the profession in America, but it would be scarcely just not to call attention to the fact that there is probably no architect in the country whose opinion is more sought or whose judgment more valued. In a recent notable competition involving a larger expenditure than any other of recent years, he declined no less than six requests by competitors for criticism of their designs at large fees. He is in great demand as juror in important competitions and he

performs this duty not only with great ability, but with painstaking care and conscientiousness. His services have been eagerly sought by the City of Philadelphia, where he is a member of the Comprehensive Plans Commission and the Municipal Art Jury. There is universal sentiment here that this year should not be allowed to pass without electing Mr. Cret to Fellowship in the Institute.

CHARLES ZELLER KLAUDER.

Mr. Klauder, of Day & Klauder, has been connected with Frank Miles Day for about fourteen years. He is a designer of rare discrimination and ability and has done much of the designing for the Day office for several years. He is highly regarded by his colleagues in Philadelphia, not only for his ability, but for his sterling character, high professional ideals and general high-mindedness. His valuable service as President of the T Square Club, during a period of temporary ill health, was an example of self-sacrifice that will not soon be forgotten by his professional brethren here who know him and appreciate him. In electing him a Fellow, the Institute would raise the average of that class of membership.

WARREN POWERS LAIRD, Sc. D. Honorary member of the Institute.

Dr. Laird has been Professor of Architecture in charge of the Department, University of Pennsylvania, for nearly-twenty-two years. He received his architectural education at Cornell University, followed by atelier work in Paris. During his incumbency as head of the Department of Architecture, University of Pennsylvania, it has grown from one of the smallest to the largest in the country. Professor Laird, moreover, has probably had a more extensive experience as professional advisor in competitions than any other architect in the country, and he unquestionably has performed a most valuable service to the profession in developing and establishing, after years of labor, a form of program that led up to the standard now required by the Institute. He is already an Honorary Member of the Institute and as the successful head of the largest architectural Department, together with his long record of service to the profession, it would seem that the Institute owes it to itself to create him a Fellow.

These three names are not suggested in the hope that one or perhaps two may be favorably acted upon, but they have been taken from a list of ten or twelve members of the Philadelphia Chapter who are all well qualified, as being conspicuously deserving, and as representing the least the Institute should do at this time in recognizing certain of its members in this territory.

**The Board of Directors
American Institute of Architects.**

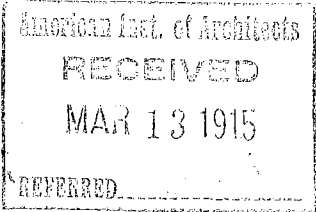
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The data herein contained has been taken from the archives of the Chapter, and none of the nominees has any knowledge that his name is being presented to the Board.

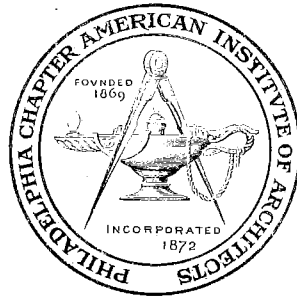
Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) John Hall Rankin.

President.



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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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March 12, 1915.

MILTON B. MEDARY, JR., PRESIDENT
139 SOUTH 15TH STREET
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Mr. Burt L. Fenner, Secretary,
American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

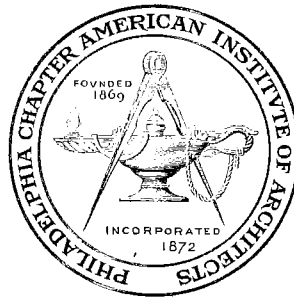
In reply to your communication of the 23rd ult. relative to nomination to Fellowship by the Chapters, I am directed by the Executive Committee of this Chapter to submit to the Jury in nomination for advancement to fellowship in the Institute the name of Warren Powers Laird and accompanying this you will find statement of Dr. Laird's qualifications which in the opinion of our Chapter Committee qualifies him for said advancement.

Trusting that the Jury of Fellows will ratify this nomination I remain on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Philadelphia Chapter

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

MILTON B. MEDARY, JR., PRESIDENT
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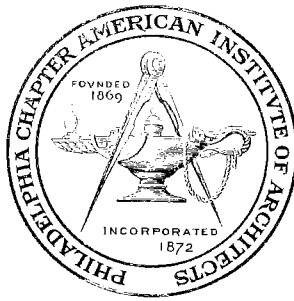


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MILTON B. MEDARY, JR., PRESIDENT
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September 3, 1915.

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

SEP 1915

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Sometime ago you asked me to amplify the matter relating to Dr. Warren Powers Laird and Mr. Charles L. Borie, Jr., who have been nominated for advancement to fellowship. I have received from Mr. Medary the following list of works executed by the firm of which Mr. Borie is a member, namely:-

- ✓ West Philadelphia Branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia.
- ✓ Alterations to Abington Library, Abington, Pa.
- ✓ South Philadelphia Branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia.
- ✓ Young Women's Christian Association Building, Harrisburg, Pa.
- ✓ Boyd Memorial Building, Harrisburg, Pa.
- ✓ Dormitory, Harrisburg Academy, Harrisburg, Pa.
- ✓ Grand Lodge Hall, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa.
- ✓ Daman Building, " " " "
- ✓ Pennsylvania Railroad Station at " "
- ✓ Residence for J. S. Jenks, Chestnut Hill, Pa.
- " " J. S. Clark, " " "
- " " E. K. Rowland, Radnor, Pa.
- " " J. D. Horst, Reading, Pa.
- Garden " J. Franklin McFadden, Ithan, Pa.

In regard to Dr. Laird in addition to what has already been stated in the Chapter's communication regarding him the following may be noted:-

September 3, 1915.

Mr. Kemper--#2.

Has been an active member of the Chapter for more than 20 years and in his educational work has made a point to inform the students of the Architectural Department of the University of Pennsylvania, of the Principles of Practice and Code of Ethics as promulgated by the Institute.

Has been for 24 years the responsible director of this architectural school.

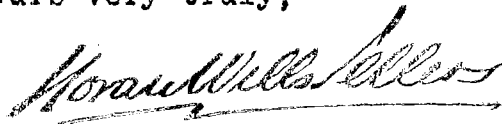
Dr. Laird's personal consulting practice has extended beyond advisership in competitions, to important architectural projects done in collaboration with others and alone.

He is President of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, composed of the eleven schools of highest standing; and lately appointed a Member Permanent Committee on Comprehensive Plans, of the Philadelphia Municipal Government, during the absence of Paul Cret.

Also, Member Church Building Commissions of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, and of the Lutheran General Synod of the United States.

He has been selected to prepare article on American Architecture for the Encyclopaedia Britannica Year Book.

Yours very truly,



Secretary.

The Committees of *Laird, Warren P.*
The American Institute of Architects

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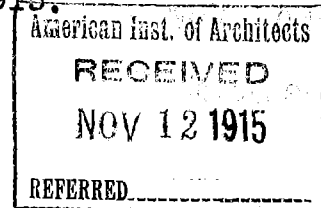


Committee on Contracts and Specifications:

Frank Miles Day, *Chairman*,
925 Chestnut St., Philadelphia
A. B. Pond Samuel Stone, Jr.
M. B. Medary, Jr. Joseph Evans Sperry
Sullivan W. Jones

November 9, 1915.

Mr. R. Clipston Sturgis,
120 Boylston Street,
Boston, Mass.



My dear Clip:-

It will give me a very great deal of pleasure to present Professor Laird for fellowship.

I am glad to hear that you had a good meeting with the builders and Lewman in San Francisco. I am in receipt from Fenner of a letter about the attitude of the Washington builders toward the documents. I heard of this in July, and talked it over a few weeks ago with Mr. King, who thinks that he is in position to do something with them. Just now King is absent from Washington, not to be back until the middle of the month. I will then take it up afresh with him as he, of course, knows a good many of the foremost builders in Washington and may be able to influence them. I doubt whether much can be done by letter writing. I think some of us have got to take time to discuss the matter in detail with their foremost men.

Yours very truly,

Frank Miles Day

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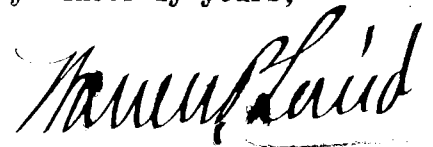
FEB 21 1921 February 18th, 1921

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

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I beg to acknowledge receipt
of your letter of February 17th, with
its enclosure, and to thank you for
sending to Senor Squirru the information
he desired.

Very sincerely yours,



WPL.MRH

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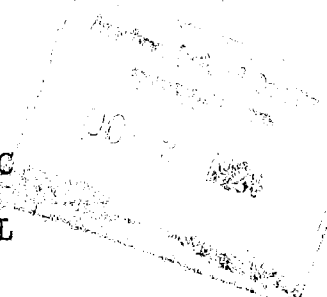
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WARREN P LAIRD. *Jude*



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October 3rd, 1924.

My dear Prof. Laird:-

The Handbook of Architectural Practice is distributed
by the Journal Book Shop, 250 West 57th Street, New York City.

Immediately upon receipt of your telegram, this morning,
we relayed the telegram to the Book Shop, and I am sure you
will hear from them promptly.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Prof. Warren D. Laird,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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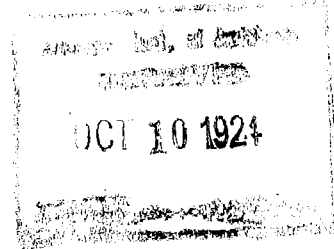
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THE SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

WARREN POWERS LAIRD, DEAN

PHILADELPHIA



October 9th, 1924.

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

My dear Mr. Kemper:

Thank you for the prompt attention given to
the order for the "Handbook of Architectural Practice."
We wired you because we could not at the moment find the
New York address of the Institute and indeed the Annuary
states that communications and remittances should be so
sent. Would it not be well if the address of the Press
were given so that members could communicate directly
with it?

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Warren P. Laird". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Warren P. Laird,
Dean.

WPL/EG

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

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October 16, 1924.

My dear Prof. Laird:-

Responding to yours of the 9th, you will find the
New York address of the Press in each number of the Journal.

But any communications for the Institute should be
sent to the Octagon House. The New York Office of the In-
stitute is only maintained to comply with a technical re-
quirement of the New York law.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Prof. Warren P. Laird,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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P. S. The address of the Press is the Fiske Building, 250 West
57th Street, New York City.

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April 27, 1927.

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

Dear Mr. Kemper:-

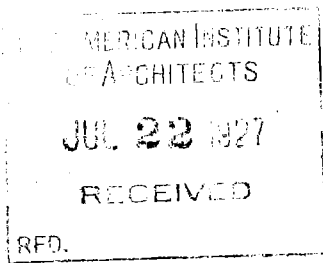
I have your letter of April 22nd,
in answer to mine of the 19th, and thank
you very much for it.

Very sincerely yours,

Warren P. Laird
Warren P. Laird,
Dean.

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My Dear Mr Kemper:

Will you not kindly send copies, to the below addresses, of the Institute document which as No. 177 was entitled "Details of Service to be Rendered" etc. ? I have that of 1922 but now need to place in the hands of ^{two} clients the most recent form, whether it be this or a later one.

The addresses are:

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Marcel Laid
School of Fine Arts
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.
(2 copies or a few more
if they can be spared)

You will be interested to know
that the five delegates whom
you helped to launch for the
Congress are in good fettle
for their duties - which all
seem to look forward to
as pleasures.

We have had a delightful
trip so far and are nearing
Rio de Janeiro, where we
expect to arrive on the 26th
for a stop of a day and a
night. We are due to ar-
rive in Buenos Aires on July
1, the opening day of the Con-
gress (after a stop at Mont-
video), and are hoping for
favoring winds to prevent
hardiness.

Resincerely yours
John El Kumpfer, Marcel Laid
Executive Secy
A.I.A., Washington D.C.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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July 26, 1927

My dear Professor Laird:

Yours of June 24th came to hand safely, and we have sent the latest copies of the Schedule of Charges to Messrs. White and Brinton.

Herewith are a dozen copies for your own use - where they should be waiting for you at the School of Fine Arts when you return from Buenos Aires.

Hope that you had a fine trip in every way.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Prof. Warren P. Laird,
School of Fine Arts,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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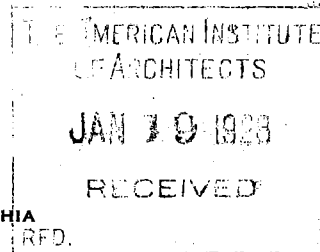
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THE SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

WARREN POWERS LAIRD, DEAN
LEWIS F. PILCHER, VICE DEAN

PHILADELPHIA
REF.



January 18, 1928.

Mr. E. C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary A.I.A.,
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Relative to the candidacy of Messrs. Preston and Curtis (of Abilene, Texas--Rio de Janeiro) I write to ask that when the action has been taken I be notified.

Doubtless the candidates would be advised directly, but as they had sent to me the money to pay charges in connection with membership I presume they expected me to pay the membership dues for the first year. I therefore would be glad to do this on their behalf and by their authority, if permitted.

Very sincerely yours,

Warren P. Laird, Dean

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January 20, 1928.

My dear Professor Laird:

Responding to yours of January 18th, Messrs. Preston and Curtis were both elected members of the Institute effective December 30, 1927, and assigned to the North Texas Chapter.

We sent the formal letters of notification direct to them with the customary statements for dues. Each is indebted for \$25.00 on account of 1928.,

Am sorry I did not think of writing you prior to sending the notifications. As a matter of fact they were ^{elect out} elected with a large number of others.

Sincerely yours,

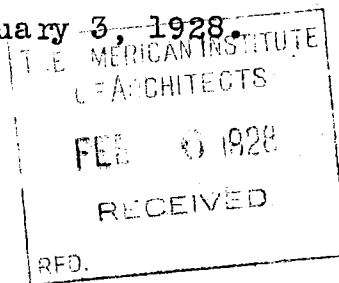
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Professor Warren P. Laird, Dean,
The School of Fine Arts,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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WARREN POWERS LAIRD
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA

February 3, 1928.



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

My dear Mr. Kemper:-

I have your letter of January 20th, and
note with pleasure that Messrs. Preston and Curtis
were elected to membership in the North Texas
Chapter. I appreciate very much your efforts and
kindness in the matter.

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Very sincerely yours

Warren P. Laird.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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April 26, 1929.

WARREN POWERS LAIRD, DEAN

LEWIS F. PILCHER, VICE DEAN

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

My dear Mr. Kemper:

Will you not send me a copy of the citation of Milton B. Medary, made by Mr. Hewlett, upon presentation of the Institute Medal?

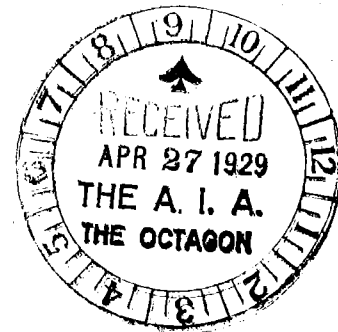
We are to have here a little affair involving Medary, and want to read this in preparation therefor. I should very much appreciate your attention to this.

Very sincerely yours,

Warren Laird

Warren P. Laird.

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Mr. J. Monroe Hewlett, Vice President,
American Institute of Architects,
2 West 45th St., New York, N. Y.

May 1, 1929

My dear Professor Laird:-

This is the first opportunity since the return from New York to respond to your letter of April 26th.

Herewith is the citation of Mr. Medary by Mr. Hewlett at the evening session on April 23rd.

This has not been corrected by Mr. Hewlett, but was sent to him for that purpose in order that the record in the Proceedings may be in the best form.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Professor Warren Powers Laird, Dean,
The School of Fine Arts,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Penna.

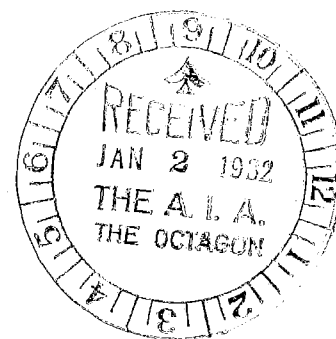
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CC for Mr. E. C. Kemper



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December 31st, 1931.

George H. Bickley, Vice-Dean,
The School of Fine Arts,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bickley:

It is with keen regret that I find that I have neglected your letter of December 23rd regarding the matter of the Philadelphia Award. The neglect was not intentional but was entirely due to pressure of other matters which could not be avoided.

Perhaps after all, anything I could write in support of your very laudable purpose would have been ineffective. While I am familiar with the admirable service rendered by Dr. Laird to the School of Architecture at the University, I am not at all familiar with the purposes of the Philadelphia Award. I should therefore have been very much handicapped in knowing just what to say that would have carried weight with the Trustees.

Very cordially yours,

President.

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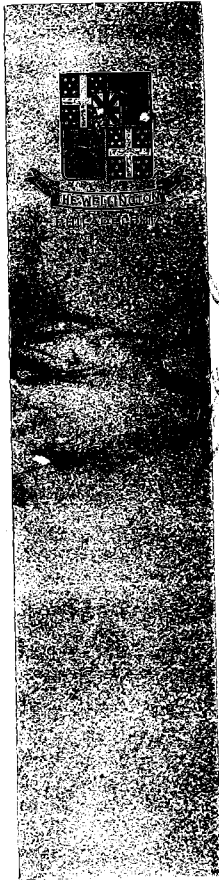
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Oct. 29, 1937

The American Institute of Architects

1741 New York Ave., N.W.

Washington, D.C.;

Gentlemen:-

Please address all mail
to New Address

2031 Locust St.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Canceling Old Address

730 So. Highland Ave. Merion, Pa.

And oblige very sincerely

Warren P. Laird

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

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November 13, 1937

Dear Mr. Laird:

This will acknowledge your note of October 29th, advising of your change of address.

We have corrected the records at The Octagon accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

K/g

Mr. Warren P. Laird, F.A.I.A.,
2031 Locust Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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C O P Y

WARREN POWERS LAIRD

University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia

2031 Locust Street
May 31st, 1938.

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Very sincerely yours
Wm. P. Laird

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

June 2, 1938.

My dear Doctor Laird:

Yours of May 31, came to hand yesterday and we will make a thorough search, along the lines you indicate, to see if anything can be found concerning the fellowship of John Stewardson.

We ask your indulgence for a few days in this, due to the pressure of current work now in the office.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

ECK:LF

Dr. Warren Powers Laird, F.A.I.A.,
2031 Locust Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1741 New York Avenue, N. W.

Washington, D. C.

THE OCTAGON

Inter-Office Communication

June 3, 1938

Memorandum:

With regard to the attached correspondence with Mr. Warren P. Laird, and with particular reference to the question as to whether or not Mr. John Stewardson was a member of Fellow of The Institute:

I have made a search of the correspondence files for 1916 and 1917 and find no request from the Chapter or from Mr. Day as to Mr. Stewardson, nor any reference to him.

I have also looked carefully through the membership lists as published in the Proceedings from 1887 to 1896 (wherein Mr. Stewardson's death was reported by the Philadelphia Chapter) and do not find his name listed as a Fellow or member of The Institute.

The only manner in which he is listed is in the annual reports of the Philadelphia Chapter to the Convention, wherein the name of John Stewardson appears under the heading of "Professional Member" of the Chapter.

F. H. G.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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June 4, 1938

My dear Dr. Laird:

With further reference to your letter of May 31 and the question of whether or not Mr. John Stewardson was a fellow of The Institute:

We have made a close search of the correspondence files of The Institute, here at The Octagon, for 1916 and 1917, and find no inquiry from the Philadelphia Chapter or from Mr. Day as to the "fellowship" of Mr. Stewardson, nor any reference to him.

We have also checked through the membership lists of The Institute from 1887 to 1896 and do not find Mr. Stewardson listed as either a member or fellow of The Institute.

We do find in several of the annual reports of the Philadelphia Chapter the name of John Stewardson under the heading of "Professional Member" of the Philadelphia Chapter.

I am sorry that we cannot report otherwise. Perhaps some of the older members of the chapter or its Executive Secretary, Mrs. McCoy, could be of some help.

If you find any clues which might justify further search here, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

ECK:DC

Executive Secretary.

Dr. Warren Powers Laird, F.A.I.A.,
2031 Locust Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

American Institute of Architects

Inter-Office Communication

Subject

From E. C. K.

To

Date

November 30, 1932.

MEMORANDUM FOR OFFICE:

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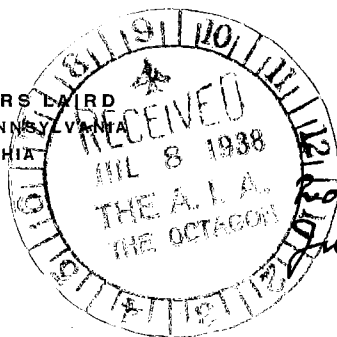
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730 South Highland Avenue,

Merion, Pennsylvania.

ECK*B

WARREN POWERS LAIRD
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA



31 Locust St.
July 7, 1938

Dear Mr Kemper:-

Your letter of June 4th re John Stewardson, closed with an offer of further help in case I were to "find any clues." Let me thank you for this, and all your efforts.

One clue has now appeared, which I should follow out, and can do so if you will tell me where I can find the rules for membership and fellowship in the Institute during the time of Stewardson's practice, 1886-1896.

These would of course lie in Charter and Bye Laws and amendments thereto, if any were made in that period.

If they are published in Journal or Convention Proceedings I have access to these; but if otherwise could you have a copy of pertinent parts made and sent to me?

This would be greatly appreciated.

Mr E. C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary,
American Institute of Light

Very sincerely yours
Warren Laird

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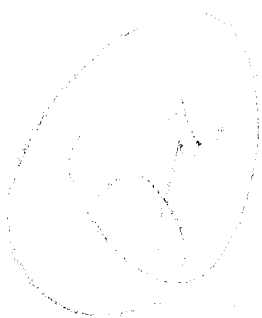
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[Faint handwritten notes]



July 21, 1938.

Dear Professor Laird:

Your letter came to hand promptly, with regard to the Stewardson "fellowship" and we must ask your indulgence with respect to a reply in detail - because the member of The Octagon Staff who is best qualified to make a search in the 1886-1896 records, with reference to rules for membership and fellowship in effect during those years is away on vacation.

She will return the latter part of the month and we will do our best to find something which is relevant.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

ECK:LF

Prof. Warren P. Laird,
2031 Locust Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1741 New York Avenue, N. W.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE OCTAGON

Inter-Office Communication

August 15, 1938

Memorandum -

I have spent 30 minutes in re-
search to find provisions governing member-
ship in The Institute during the period of
1888-1896 - without success. At the direction
of Mr. Kemper, no more time was spent on
the matter.

FHG

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attached

WARREN POWERS LAIRD
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA

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THE A. I. A.
THE OCTAGON
2031 Locust Street,
October 18, 1938

Dear Mr Kemper:-

Recalling your kind letter of July 21, on the matter of John Stewardson's Fellowship in the Institute, may I ask for the search then indicated?

Would it not be well to first review my two preceding letters, in which the whole case was stated?

Your helpful attitude has been very greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours
Warren Laird

"Archivist"

Mr Edward C. Kemper,
Exec. Secretary,
The Octagon,
Washington, D.C.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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October 25, 1938

Dear Mr. Laird:

Yours of October 18th came to hand promptly and we waited for a lull to see if we could locate rules governing membership and fellowship in The Institute during the ten-year period between 1886 and 1896.

There are various general documents for this ten-year period, but none of them seems to throw any light on the question at issue.

Apparently, Mr. Stewardson was never a member of The Institute in the present day sense; and, apparently, he was listed as a "professional member" of the Philadelphia Chapter.

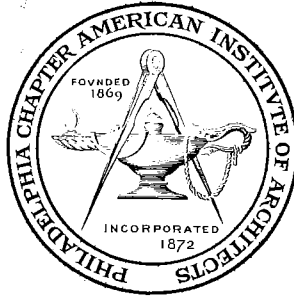
Am indeed sorry that all of the evidence so far found here is on the negative side, except with regard to Mr. Stewardson's affiliation with the Chapter - as above noted.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

K/G

Mr. Warren P. Laird, F.A.I.A.,
2031 Locust Street,
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THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1941 MAR 13 AM 9:27
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. Warren P. Laird has had the
required "g.S. " in The Institute
for election to Member Emeritus. (1941 dues are paid)

Architects' Building,
March 12th, 1941.

LM

Mr. Charles Ingham, Secretary,
The American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, 1741 New York Ave., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ingham,

Dr. Warren Powers Laird, formerly Dean of the School
of Fine Arts of the University of Pennsylvania, wishes to become a
Member Emeritus of The American Institute of Architects.

He is not in active practice, is well over seventy
years of age, and has been a member of the Philadelphia Chapter for
thirty years, and is now in good standing.

Will you please forward to him the proper application
form so that his request may be placed before the Board of Directors?

Sincerely yours,

Richard W. Mecaskey

Richard W. Mecaskey,
Secretary

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

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March 17, 1941

Dear Mr. Laird:

In accordance with a request made by Mr. Macaskey, Secretary of the Philadelphia Chapter, in a letter of March 12, we are pleased to enclose A.I.A. Form 540 - Application for Retirement.

Our records disclose that your standing in The Institute is in such order as to entitle you to apply for a Member Emeritus status in The Institute. Therefore, if you will complete this application and return it to The Octagon, your request will be in proper order for submission to The Board.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. Warren Fowers Laird, F.A.I.A.
Warwick Hotel
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Copy to Mr. Macaskey

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PHILADELPHIA

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Warwick Hotel,
Philadelphia
April 10, 1941.

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I am enclosing an application for retirement in the Institute and am thanking you for your letter of March 17th accompanying the blanks, one of which I am retaining.

If retirement entitles one to a swan song may I mention here (as the sole available repository) the following items?

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The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

Very sincerely,
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Dated 19 .
Received 19 .
Granted 19 .

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(Do not fill in above dates)

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
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APPLICATION FOR RETIREMENT

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:

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

I respectfully apply for retirement in The Institute for the following reasons:

a. I am more than 70 years of age.

~~b. I am incapacitated and unable to engage in any vocation.~~

*Write in
name of
chapter.*

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

Respectfully,

Date April 10 19 41.

Warren P. Laird.....
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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Laird

April 16, 1941

My dear Professor Laird:

This time of the year is bad for us. We have a peak load because of Board meetings, the convention, and - this year - the effect of the defense program on the profession - with resulting heavy correspondence here.

So please grant us your indulgence for the delay in responding to your letter.

We are sending a copy on to "Dr." Ingham, for we knew he will be glad to have it.

We wish that you were going to the convention in California.

There will be a special train from Chicago on May 12. The trip will not be a hard one, and, undoubtedly, it will be a most interesting one.

Can't you make it?

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

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Warwick Hotel
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copy to Mr. Ingham



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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

NOTICE OF RETIREMENT

TO **Mr. Warren P. Laird, F.A.I.A.**
Warwick Hotel,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The Board of Directors has granted your application for retirement, thereby conferring on you the title

MEMBER EMERITUS

of The American Institute of Architects and of its component organizations of which you are a member, and exempting you from the payment of annual dues to The Institute and such organizations, for the year ~~1941~~ **1942** and thereafter.

Date **June 20, 1941.**

Chas. J. Latham
Secretary

Laird, Warren Powers

S.A. McGoodwin, Henry K

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DR. W. P. LAIRD DIES; AIDED ARCHITECTS

First Dean of Fine Arts School
at U. of Pennsylvania Was
Consultant on Projects

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18—Dr. Warren Powers Laird, Professor Emeritus of Architecture and first dean of the School of Fine Arts at the University of Pennsylvania, died today in his home in suburban Bryn Mawr. He was 86 years old.

An international authority on architecture, Dr. Laird represented the United States at the third Pan-American Congress of Architects in Buenos Aires in 1927. He was the University of Pennsylvania's delegate to the International Congress of Universities at Havana in 1930 and was chairman of the architecture jury for the art competition at the tenth Olympiad in Los Angeles in 1932.

An organizer of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture; Dr. Laird served as president of the group from 1912 to 1921. He was a member of the permanent committee of the International Congress of Architects from 1925 to 1935.

Dr. Laird was chairman of the Church Building Commission of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania and a member of the Committee on Church Architecture of the General Council of the Lutheran Churches of North America. He also was a member of the National Advisory Council of Lingnan University, Canton, China; the Great Council of the Cathedral of Washington, D. C., and of the Pennsylvania State Art Commission.

He was a fellow member in the American Institute of Architects and was a member of several other organizations. In 1911 and 1932, respectively, he received honorary degrees of Doctor of Science and Doctor of Laws from the University of Pennsylvania. In 1936 the university's Alumni Association presented an award of merit to him.

Among the many projects for which he was a consultant were the Delaware River Bridge, the commemorative group at Valley Forge, the Union Theological Seminary, New York; Academy of Music, Brooklyn; Memorial Hall, Newark, N. J.; University of Pittsburgh and the City Halls in Camden, N. J., Wilmington, Del., and Waterbury, Conn.

Born in Winona, Minn., Dr. Laird was graduated from Cornell University and studied in Europe. After serving as an instructor at Cornell University, he joined the faculty of Pennsylvania in 1890. With the founding of the School of Fine Arts in 1920, he became its dean. He retired in 1932 and two years later presented to the university the records, bound in sixty-nine volumes, of the competitions in which he officiated.

Laird, Warren P.