

Larson, Jens Frederick
Boston Chapter.

1921
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Jan 1, 1921

Application for Membership

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 JENS. FREDRICK. LARSON.

Address Hanover N.H.
[Number and Street.] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth Boston Mass Aug 10. 1891

Graduate in architecture _____
[If required in your case, give name of institutions and year.—Attach evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation.]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture 2 years Harvard University
[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 _____
[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 _____

If practicing architect, firm name Larson and Wells.

Have been in practice 1 years _____

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

Collegiate and office training Boston, A.C. Harvard. (Ch Blackball - Boston)
(Hugh Vallance Montreal) (Sir John J Burnett Scotland) (Colcutt & Hamp London)

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.

Jens Frederick Larson
[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.

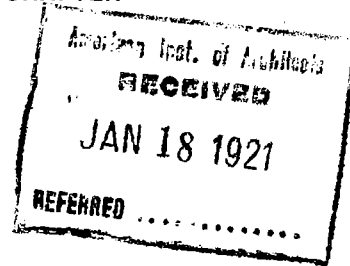
- (1) James Ford Clapp.
- (2) Charles Whittam.
- (3) Wm. C. Church.

[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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American Institute of Architects
COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS - NEW YORK CHAPTER

CHARLES A. RICH, SECRETARY
320 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK



January 17th, 1921.

Mr. Kemper,
The Octagon,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Kemper:-

I beg to enclose application of Mr. Larson, who is at present in Hanover, N.H. I assume that he would wish to join the Boston Chapter, but I would prefer you to drop him the proper line, asking whether it was his intention to join the New York or Boston Chapter. I know Mr. Larson very well; he is a fine fellow and worthy of either Chapter.

Very truly yours,

CAR:SF

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

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January 19, 1921.

My dear Mr. Larson:

We have received, with pleasure, and by reference from Mr. Charles A. Rich, from the New York Chapter, your application for Institute membership. This can be acted upon at the meeting on February 1, if we receive not later than January 29, the routine exhibits required. These should consist of photographs and blue prints of two executed buildings. They may be taken from your office files, need not be specially prepared in any way and will be carefully returned later.

At the same time kindly send the preliminary fee of \$5.00. Between now and the time of the May Convention the balance of the initiation fee, \$15.00, has been remitted.

Trusting to hear from you in time to have your application acted upon by the first of February, I am

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

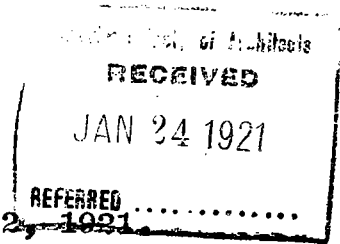
Mr. J. Frederick Larson,
Hanover, New Hampshire.

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Copy to Mr. Rich

LARSON AND WELLS
ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS
HANOVER, N. H.

JENS FREDRICK LARSON
HARRY ARTEMAS WELLS



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January 22, 1921

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

Attention of E. C. Kemper, Executive-Secretary.

Gentlemen:-

Re. Application Mr. J. Fredrick Larson.

In reply to yours of January 19th. regret to say that Mr. Larson is out of town. I am, however, sending you the information asked for which includes prints of Tuck Hall, Topliff Hall, both Dartmouth College, the development plan for Dartmouth College, and two complete sets of blue prints. In order that there may be no confusion due to the fact that some of these drawings are signed Larson & Wells and some J. F. Larson, Office of the Superintendent, wish to say that previous to our forming the partnership of Larson & Wells we were both members of the Department of Buildings and Grounds, Dartmouth College, Mr. Larson having been known as the Resident Architect.

I am enclosing the \$5.00 preliminary fee mentioned in your letter. Hoping that the proper information has been given,

I am,

Yours very truly,

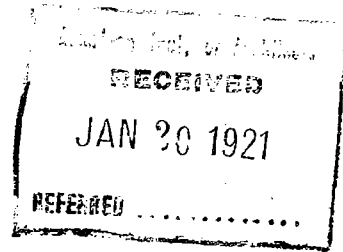
H. C. Wells

American Institute of Architects
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LARSON AND WELLS
ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS
HANOVER, N. H.

JENS FREDRICK LARSON
HARRY ARTEMAS WELLS



Mr Kemper
Secretary A.I.A.
Octagon, Washington D.C.

Dear Sir.

My application for membership in the A.I.A. has been forward to you through Mr Charles A. Rich of New York. I beg to advise you that I should like to join the New York Chapter. Thanking you in anticipation of your favorable action

I am sir:

Sincerely yours.
Jens Fredrick Larson.

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

COPY

January 20, 1921.

My dear Mr. Larson:

Your letter concerning your application is at hand and you should have by now our acknowledgement.

I enclose a marked copy of the Institute By-laws with regard to Chapter assignment. Under it you would automatically be assigned to the Boston Chapter, unless your business headquarters are in the territory of another Chapter and you express a desire for assignment to such Chapter. If this is the case, please advise us in due course.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Jens Frederick Larson,
Hanover, New Hampshire.

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March 10, 1921.

My dear Sir:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective March 10, 1921.

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

The enclosed statement for dues should receive early attention, as the engrossed Certificate of Membership is not sent until the dues for the first year have been paid. No charge has been made for first quarter of the current year.

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. Jens Fred. Larson,
Hanover, New Hampshire.

K:C

Enclosure

*P.S. - Your T's are being returned
under separate cover*

COPY TO
FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

JENS FREDRICK LARSON
ARCHITECT
HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

THOMAS YASH, ENGINEER
FRANK H. KEISKER
STANLEY ORCUTT

October 17, 1928.

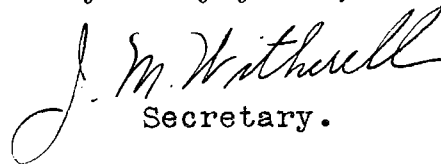
Edward C. Kemper, Executive Secretary,
The American Institute of Architect,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In the Annuary for 1928 which has just
been received, Mr. Larson is listed as a member of
the firm of Larson & Wells, Hanover, N. H.

Please note that the firm of Larson &
Wells no longer exists, and that Mr. Larson is
conducting his own practice under the name Jens
Fredrick Larson, Architect.

Very truly yours,


Secretary.

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October 17, 1938

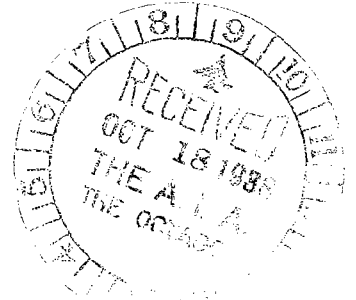
Mr. E. C. Kemper, Secretary,
The American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Please advise if Mr. J. Frederick Larson,
architect located at 27 East Wheelock Street,
Hanover, New Hampshire is a Member in good standing
of the American Institute of Architects

Yours very truly,

SECRETARY & TREASURER
N.J. STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS



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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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137, Secretary's Office
1000, 11th Street
New Jersey

October 19, 1938

Secretary,
New Jersey State Board of Architects,
October 19, 1938.

Dear Mr. Higby:

Responding to your request of October 17:

This will certify that Mr. J. Frederick Larson,
27 Wheelock Street, Hanover, New Hampshire, is a
member in good standing of The American Institute
of Architects.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

K:LF

Mr. Gilbert C. Higby, Secretary,
N. J. State Board of Architects,
32 Walnut Street,
Newark, New Jersey.

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JENS FREDRICK LARSON
ARCHITECT
331 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

December 6, 1949.

J. W. Rankin, Administrative Secretary
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue NW
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

I am writing to request that Mr. Larson's membership in the AIA be transferred from the Boston Chapter to the New York City Chapter.

If you will let me know what information you will need to effect this change, I will send it to you immediately.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I remain,

Sincerely,

Ruth Davis

Secretary to Mr. Larson

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DOROTHEA WATERS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

NEW YORK CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
115 EAST 40th STREET, NEW YORK 16

December 27, 1949

Mr. J. W. Rankin, Administrative Secretary
American Institute of Architects,
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

This is to say that at the last meeting of
the Executive Committee the application of Mr. Jens Fredrick
Larson for transfer to this Chapter was unanimously approved.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothea Waters
Executive Secretary

DW:MB

FHG

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NEW YORK CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
115 EAST 40th STREET, NEW YORK 16

June 15, 1950

Mr. J. W. Rankin, Administrative Secretary
American Institute of Architects,
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

In December 1949 you sent us one of your printed forms of Notice of Request for Transfer of Jens Frederick Larson of the Massachusetts Chapter. I replied Dec. 27, 1949 to the effect that the transfer met with the approval of the New York Chapter.

In going over my files I don't seem to find a record of the actual transfer. Would you be good enough to let me know if and when the transfer became effective?

Sincerely,

Dorothea Waters
Executive Secretary

DW:MB

Response

June 22, 1950

Dear Mrs. Cantwell:

Responding to Miss Waters' inquiry of June 15th, relative to the status of the request of Mr. Jens Fredrick Larson, A.I.A., for transfer of his chapter assignment from the Massachusetts Chapter to the New York Chapter:

We have not yet heard from the Massachusetts Chapter, giving its approval of the transfer, as required under By-law procedure.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Secretary of the Massachusetts Chapter as a reminder that we await his advice in order to complete the transfer.

As soon as we hear from him you will be notified of the action taken.

Sincerely yours,



J. W. Rankin
Administrative Secretary

Mrs. Alice G. Cantwell, Executive Secretary
New York Chapter, A.I.A.
115 East 40th Street
New York 16, New York

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Copy to Mr. Larson
Secretary, Massachusetts Chapter, A.I.A.

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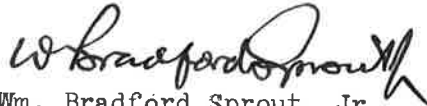
July 27, 1950

Mr. J. W. Rankin, Administrative Secretary
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Mr. Jens Frederick Larson, 331 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, concerning whom you inquired in your letter of June 22, 1950, is a member of this Chapter in good standing.

Sincerely yours,


Wm. Bradford Sprout, Jr.
Secretary

WBS:REH

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1741 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

July 31, 1950
Effective Date

TO: *Transferred Member:*

Mr. Jens Fredrick Larson, A.I.A.
331 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

*Secretary of Chapter
To Which Member is
Transferred*

Mr. Alonso Clark, Secretary
New York Chapter, A.I.A.
115 E. 40th Street
New York City

*Secretary of Chapter
From Which Member
Is Transferred*

Mr. Wm. Bradford Sprout, Jr., Secretary
Massachusetts Chapter, A.I.A.
235 Rockland St.
Hingham, Massachusetts

In accordance with Chapter II, Article 1, Section 7 of the By-laws of The Institute this will advise that the above-named corporate member has been transferred as indicated.

Sincerely yours,

SECRETARY

bcc Mrs. Miller ✓

JENS FREDRICK LARSON
ARCHITECT
654 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

January 23, 1951

Edmond R. Purves, Executive Director
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, North-West
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Purves,

Upon the advice of the New York Chapter of the A.I.A.
I am writing to you in order that my membership may be
transferred to the North Carolina Chapter.

On February 15, of this year, I am moving my office
from the letterhead address to Reynolda, North Carolina.

Your assistance in attending to this transfer will
be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely



JFL/bar

cc to:
New York Chapter, A.I.A.

STEWART ROGERS

ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Architect

P. O. BOX 1950

March 31, 1951

American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Attention Mr. Ramsey

Gentlemen:

We have not been able to locate the application sent to us by you for transfer of membership of Mr. Larsen who is moving to Winston-Salem in connection with his work at Wake Forest.

We would appreciate your sending duplicate form to Mr. G. Milton Small, the new secretary, who will process it.

Very truly yours,

Stewart Rogers
Stewart Rogers

SR/w

cc Mr. G. Milton Small

Larson



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1741 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

April 26, 1951

NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Effective Date -- April 1, 1951

TO: Transferred Member:

Mr. Jens Frederick Larson, A.I.A.
Reynolds, North Carolina

Secretary of Chapter
To Which Member is
Transferred

Mr. G. Milton Small, Secretary
North Carolina Chapter, A.I.A.
615 Hillsboro Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Secretary of Chapter
From Which Member
Is Transferred

Mr. Alonso W. Clark, III, Secretary
New York Chapter, A.I.A.
115 East 40th Street
New York 16, New York

In accordance with Chapter II, Article 1, Section 7 of the By-laws of The Institute this will advise that the above-named corporate member has been transferred as indicated.

Sincerely yours,

SECRETARY

Copy to the Secretary,
New York State Association of Architects, A.I.A.



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Application for Membership Emeritus

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:

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

Check the appropriate reason

- I am more than 70 years of age. 80
- I am 65 years of age, retired, and not engaged in the practice of architecture.
- I am unable to engage in the practice of architecture.

(and N.C.A.R.B.)

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

Date 11/25/ 19 70

Jens Fredrick Larson
(APPLICANT'S FULL SIGNATURE IN INK)

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 as checked above.

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JENS FREDRICK LARSON
CONSULTING ARCHITECT

BOX 7837, REYNOLDA STATION
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. 27109
TELEPHONE A/C 919-723-4373

November 10, 1970

The American Institute of Architects
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

Re: 1971 Dues

Gentlemen:

I want to keep my membership in the A. I. A., and am wondering if there is a dues for semi-retired individuals. In January 1970, I gave my practice to my son Nils F. Larson. I now practice as a consultant only, devoting most of my time to painting.

In the late 30's, the Boston group were presenting me for Fellow in the A. I. A. I moved from the Boston area shortly after this to New York City, locating my office there. I am sending you a copy of my record in Who's Who in America, where I have been listed since 1934.

Sincerely Yours

Jens Fredrick Larson

Jens Fredrick Larson

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JENS FREDRICK LARSON

REYNOLDA STATION

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

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DATA FROM WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA

JENS FREDRICK LARSON, Architect, Born in Boston, Massachusetts, August 10, 1891. Son of Leonard Ludwig and Andresigne (Andersen). Student Boston Architectural Club, 1907-1910. Harvard, 1910-1912; Master of Arts, Dartmouth College 1928; Dr. of Humane Letters, Washington and Jefferson College, 1940, Colby College, 1964; Dr. of Laws, Upsala College, 1956; Dr. of Science, Saint Francis Xavier University, 1957; Married Elisabeth Goodale Frost, October 12, 1920; Children, Nils Fredrick and Sara. Resident Architect, Dartmouth College, 1919-1920; Member of Firm Larson and Wells, 1920-1926. In private practice, 1926-1955, Partner with Son as Larson and Larson 1955. Architect for Baker Library, Tuck School of Business Administration; Development Plan, Dartmouth, 1919-1952; Colby College Campus, Waterville, Maine; International House, University of Paris, France; Fuld Hall, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton; Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. Johns; General Development Plans and Buildings, American University, Cairo, Egypt; Bucknell University; Norwich University; St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia; University of Louisville; Allegheny, Hanover, Hood, Marietta, St. Mary's, Washington and Jefferson College, Coe College, Lehigh University, Wake Forest University, Wells College, Abbott, Clark and Holderness Schools; Foxcroft and St. Johnsbury Academies, Culver Military Academy, Upsala College, Briarcliff Junior College, and Kimball Union Academy. Pfeiffer College, University of New Brunswick, Canada, and Wesley College. Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem Community Center, West Virginia Wesleyan College, St. Thomas University, New Brunswick, Canada; Beaverbrook Auditorium, Fredericton, New Brunswick. Advisory Architect for Association American Colleges 1928-1950; Lecturer on Architecture, Dartmouth, 1926-1931. Served Canadian Field Artillery in France 1914-1916; Captain of Canadian Field Artillery attached to Royal Flying Corps, 1916-1919. Awarded Legion of Honor (France), 1914-1915 Star, Victory and British War Medals. Member of Association of American Colleges (Arts Commission), A.I.A., Boston Society of Architects, Harvard Engineering Society, Boston Architectural Club. Republican. Episcopalian. Club: Century (N.Y.C.)
Author: Architectural Planning of the American College, 1933.
Address: Reynolda Station, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, 27106

DATA TO BE ADDED TO NEXT EDITION OF WHO'S WHO

LL.D. Bucknell University, 1959



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Preston M. Bolton, FAIA
Secretary
1101 South Post Oak
Houston, Texas 77027

December 4, 1970

Mr. Jens Fredrick Larson, AIA
Box 7837, Reynolda Station
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27109

Dear Mr. Larson:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that I have elected you a Member Emeritus of the AIA as of **December 4, 1970.**

In addition, I wish to express my great appreciation for your many years of support of the work and projects undertaken by the AIA towards creating better architecture and a better environment.

I hope that your interest in the AIA and your chapter will continue, even though you are now relieved of dues payments to both groups.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Preston M. Bolton, FAIA

PMB:bjm

Deaths and Funerals

LARSON

Mr. Jens Fredrick Larson was born August 10, 1891, in Boston, Mass., to Leonard L. and Andresigne Andersen Larson. He was a student at Boston Architectural Club from 1907-10, and then attended Harvard Graduate School from 1910-12. Mr. Larson served in World War I as a captain in the Canadian Air Force attached to the Royal Flying Corps. He received the Star, Victory and British War medals. Mr. Larson was the architect of the new Wake Forest campus when it moved to Winston-Salem. He also designed buildings for Dartmouth College, Colby College, Bucknell Univ., the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, Lehigh Univ., the American Univ. of Cairo, Egypt, Bowman Gray School of Medicine, including Davis Chapel, Pfeiffer College, Bennett Jr. College and the Univ. of New Brunswick, Canada among many others. His awards and degrees include an M.A. from Dartmouth College — 1928; an L.H.D. from Washington & Jefferson — 1940 and from Colby College — 1964; an

L.L.D. from Upsala College — 1956 and from Bucknell Univ. in 1959, and a D. Sc. from St. Francis Xavier, Nova Scotia in 1957. He received the Legion of Honor from France for his design of the International House at the Univ. of Paris. Mr. Larson was married on Oct. 12, 1920 to Elisabeth Goodale Frost, who survives. Also surviving are a daughter, Sara Larson Harper, and a son, Nils Fredrick Larson, seven grandchildren and two great-grandsons. Mr. Larson was a member of the A.I.A., the Assn. of American Colleges (Arts Comn.), Boston Soc. of Architects, Harvard Engineering Soc., Boston Architectural Club and the Century Assn. of N.Y.C. and, locally, the Old Town Club. There will be no public service. The family requests memorials be made to Reynolda Gardens.

Famed Architect Dies; Designed WFU Campus

By Michael P. Massoglia
Staff Reporter

Jens Fredrick Larson, the traditional architect who said he designed the campus of Wake Forest University so it would be a spiritual home for alumni, died here yesterday. He was 89.

Larson, an internationally acclaimed architect, had a reputation as America's leading traditional college designer when he was chosen to plan the new campus here. And when that Georgian-style design was assailed by his modernist critics, Larsen stood firm in his architectural beliefs.

"He was a man of singular purpose," said John P. Cone, an architect who was Larson's office manager for the Wake Forest project. "He went right after his vision without any deviation, no question about it. He had the courage of his convictions and the tenacity to see them through."

When Wake Forest moved here in the 1950s, Cone recalled last night, the face of the city began to change, and Larson's long-range planning was instrumental in the development of what has become the university today.



J. FREDRICK LARSON

"It (Wake Forest) certainly changed the whole picture of Winston-Salem — it brought it out of the backwoods town and turned it into a real educational center," Cone said.

And as for many who criticized Larson's design, Cone said, "A lot of people have come to swing that opinion around, and it (the design) elicits more respect than it did at the time."

Before moving here from New York in 1951 to work on the construction, Larson had designed or planned all or part of numerous educational institutions, including Bucknell University in Pennsylvania, Colby College in Maine, Dartmouth College in New Hampshire and the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University in New Jersey.

Larson was a self-educated man who once said that he chose his profession while he was a sixth-grader in Waltham, Mass., near Boston, where he was born in 1891.

"Since that day when I was 12 years old, I've been an architect," Larson said during an interview in 1960.

During World War I, Larson was a captain in the Canadian Field Artillery attached to the Royal Flying Corps, and he is credited with having shot down 15 German planes.

He studied at the Boston Architectural Club and Harvard University. His first big job after the war was the design of a building development plan at Dartmouth. Later, he decided that he would do nothing but college designs.

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