

Dated April 8, 19 53  
Received December 14, 19 53  
Granted January 15, 19 54.

MEMBERSHIP NO 9712



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

In due order  
December 28, 1953  
J. J. Gerwasi

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- A Name of applicant... Lester Hayes Laraway Chapter Arizona
- B Address of applicant... 1550 West Lewis Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona
- C Applicant proposed by... Ralph B. Haver and Harold Ekman
- D Application received with check for \$ 20.00 on... December 14, 19 53
- E Application returned for correction... 19 .
- F Application in due order on... December 28, 19 53.  
Record of registration, Form S39, Sent Ariz. Dec. 18, 19 53. Received December 28, 19 53.
- G Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
  - (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on... 19 ., on 19 .
  - (b) Form S12, 30-day extension ending on... 19 ., on 19 .
- H Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on... December 18 19 53.
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission or that application be denied received on... December 14, 19 53
- J No report from chapter executive committee on... 19 .
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on... January 5, 19 54.
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on... January 5, 19 54.
- M Applicant was admitted on... January 15, 19 54.
- N Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter ~~to~~ proposers on... January 15, 19 54.
- O Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$... returned to applicant on... 19 .

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT

I, Secretary of The American Institute of Architects, hereby certify that, under authority vested in me by The Board of Directors, I have this day duly elected

Lester Hayes Laraway  
to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the Arizona Chapter.

Date January 15, 19 54

*Greg Bain Cummings*  
Secretary

(a)

Arizona  
Dec. 18

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INSTRUCTIONS

Type in all information carefully and sign with ink.  
Mail this original and check for \$20.00 to The Secretary, The American Institute of Architects, 1741 New York Avenue, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.  
File the duplicate, on yellow paper, with the secretary of the local Chapter of The Institute.

The American Institute of Architects

APPLICATION FOR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

I, the undersigned, do hereby apply for corporate membership in The American Institute of Architects.

1. My full name is Lester Hayes Laraway
2. I am a native born citizen of the United States.  
State whether natural or a naturalized citizen.
3. My legal residence is in the City of Phoenix  
County of Maricopa State of Arizona
4. My address in The Institute records will be 1550 West Lewis Avenue  
State whether residence or office address.  
Number 1550 Street West Lewis Avenue  
City Phoenix Zone State Arizona
5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as practicing Architect  
State whether as a practicing architect, teacher, a public official, etc.
6. I desire to be a member of the Arizona Chapter.
7. I declare that I will comply with the By-laws; and the Standards of Professional Practice of The American Institute of Architects, which are attached hereto; and the Rules and Regulations supplementary thereto; and that I understand the duties, responsibilities, and obligations of a member of The Institute; and that I have read and understand all the information contained in this form and its attachments.
8. I have filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the Chapter above named. I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its component organizations.
9. I enclose my check for \$20.00, for admission fee and the first year's annual dues, of which \$1.00 is for a year's subscription to the *Bulletin of The American Institute of Architects*. It is my understanding that if I am not admitted to membership \$10.00 will be returned to me, and \$10.00 retained by The Institute as an examination fee.

Date April 8 1953

*Lester Hayes Laraway*  
Applicant sign full name in ink

PAID  
20. 12.14.53

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## STATISTICS

10. Date of birth August 13 1895 Place of birth Denver, Colorado

11.(a) I am registered or licensed to practice architecture in the following-named states:

Arizona

(b) I passed the State Board Examination in the following-named states:

Arizona

(c) I hold Certificate No. .... of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, for having passed their Standard Examination.

## EDUCATION

12.(a) I attended high schools, private schools, colleges, universities, as follows:

<i>Name of School, College, University</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>No. of Years</i>	<i>Year of Graduation</i>	<i>Degree</i>
Polytechnic High	Long Beach, Calif.	4	1914	
	Rexford Newcomb, Prof.			
Six months study and travel in Europe 1924				

(b) I have held the following-named scholarships or other honor awards, and have traveled in the following-named countries:

France, Spain, Switzerland and England

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

13. I list below, in chronological order, the periods of my training as draftsman, the names and addresses of my principal employers, and my classification as draftsman while employed by each:

	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	
Gable & Wyant, Los Angeles, Calif.	1921	1923	Draft.
Soule & Murphy, Santa Barbara, Cal.	1923	1927	Des. & Draft.
Kernan & Miller, Los Angeles, Calif.	1927	1928	Des. & Draft.
R. D. King, Los Angeles, Calif.	1928	1929	Des.
Soule & Murphy, Santa Barbara, Cal.	1929	1931	Des.
Renderinds & Commerc'l Art, Self, Long Beach, Cal	1932	1935	
Lescher & Mahoney, Phoenix, Ariz.	1936	1942	Des. Draft Supervs'n.
Self employed since 1942			

### PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

14. I list below, in chronological order, the periods during which and the states in which I have practiced architecture as an individual or as a member of a firm or corporation or as a public official or have taught architecture or the arts and sciences allied therewith. (State names of firms or corporations or public office and of schools or colleges).

Arizona (self)	1942 <sup>From</sup>	1944 <sup>To</sup>
Arizona (Byron & Laraway)	1944	1948
15. Arizona (self)	1948	to date

15. Is architecture your principal vocation?

Yes

### BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS

16. I list below other business in which I participate or own an interest, and the extent of such participation or interest.

None

### PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

- |                                     |              |                               |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 17. Member of Institute from        | to           |                               |
| 18. Junior of Institute from        | to           |                               |
| 19. Associate of Arizona            |              | Chapter from Mar. '52 to date |
| 20. Junior Associate of             | Chapter from | to                            |
| 21. Student Associate of            | Chapter from | to                            |
| 22. Member of State Organization in | from         | to                            |

### ENDORSEMENT BY PROPOSERS

(The two proposers must be corporate members of The Institute in good standing.)

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have read the statements made hereinabove by the applicant and believe them to be correct. I vouch for his honorable standing in this community and in his profession, and I believe he is fully qualified for membership and I propose him therefor.

I have known the applicant for 5 years.

I have known the applicant for 15 years.

Signed

*Ralph B. Howe*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposer

Signed

*Harold Ekman*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposer

207 E. Camelback Rd.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address

113 E. Camelback  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address

*Ralph B. Howe* 3.

*Harold Ekman*



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.  
Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION  
OF

Lester Hayes Laraway - Phoenix, Arizona  
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,  
Phoenix, Arizona  
Address

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date December 18, 1953

*George Bain Cummings*  
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? Yes
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? No or by exemption? No (Education & experience)
3. What was the scope of the examination?.....
4. What was the period of the examination?.....days. Written examination.....hours; Oral examination.....hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards?..... If so, give Certificate No.....
6. Date of first registration July 2, 1938 Registration No. 853 Is it current? Yes

*Rayna Hunt*  
(Signature of Secretary of Board)  
Executive

Date December 22, 1953 Arizona State Board of Technical Registration for Architects  
(Name of Board)

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January 15, 1954

Mr. Lester Hayes Laraway, A.I.A.  
1550 West Lewis Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to inform you that your application for membership in The Institute was acted on favorably by The Board of Directors and that you were admitted to corporate membership in The Institute and assigned as indicated below.

You will be a member of the listed organizations, unless you later transfer therefrom, until your membership in The Institute terminates.

Your certificate of membership, duly executed by the Officers of The Institute, will be sent in due course.

The Board of Directors welcomes you to membership in The Institute, and my office is at your service to the extent of its powers.

The Policies of The Institute are developed largely from activities within the chapters and State organizations. By taking an active part in their affairs, you will contribute to the advancement of the objects of The Institute and will increase the benefits to be derived from Institute membership.

I bespeak your active cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

ASSIGNMENTS:

Chapter: **Arizona Chapter, A.I.A.**  
State Organization:

Effective Date: **January 15, 1954**

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Enclosures:

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November 17, 1965

Miss Jean R. Aidala, Exec.-Secty.  
Central Arizona Chapter, AIA  
2720 North 16th Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85006

Re: Death of Mr. Lester Laraway  
on October 10, 1965.

Dear Mrs. Aidala:

We were very sorry to learn of the death of the member indicated above.

For The Institute's Baldwin Memorial Archive records, it would be appreciated if you would have the enclosed forms filled in. Two copies should be returned to The Institute and the third copy should be maintained in the Chapter's files.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Scheick, F.A.I.A.  
Executive Director

WHS/pwg

enclosures

BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE  
of American Architects

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Lester Laraway of (address) 1550 W. Lewis Ave. St. Joseph Hospital

Born: August 13, 1895 at Denver, Colorado Died: October 10, 1965 at Phoenix, Arizona

Parents: Ambrosine (Hayes) Laraway and George H. Laraway

Married: Mildred Germaine Hauser of Sumpter, Oregon on March 2, 1929

Children: Daughter-"Linda" (Mrs. Jerome Wilson), "Betty" (Mrs. Wm. E. Johnson)

Education: Graduated Long Beach Polytechnic High School in 1914. Studied at Los Angeles Art Institute and with Ernst Haas, Hungarian Painter, in Los Angeles.

Training; and practice as Principal: (Firm Names, Places, Dates, Specialization)

Various Los Angeles and West Coast Architects.  
Draftsman & Designer for Soule, Murphy & Hastings, Santa Barbara.  
Lescher & Mahoney - 1936 - Approx. 1941 - Designer.  
Byron & Laraway - Phoenix, Arizona  
Lester W. Laraway, AIA - Organized 1947 thru 1965 - Phoenix, Arizona

Professional Memberships and Service: (Institute and Chapter Activities; Teaching)

President, Arizona Society of Architects, AIA 1963  
President, Central Arizona Chapter, AIA 1962  
Officer, Central Arizona Chapter, AIA 1959 thru 1963

Other Affiliations: (Religious, Fraternal, Political, Social)

Public Service: (Civil and Military; Community, State, National)

U.S. Army - W.W.I.  
Initiated Committee on Beautification - City of Phoenix  
State Boards - Plumbing

Published Material: (Articles and Addresses; Executed Work; Biographical Data)

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**General Background: (Personal Characteristics and Accomplishments; Interests, Digressions, Travels, Friendships, Side-lights, Honors, and Awards.)**

From very early childhood, my brother Lester Laraway, was constantly drawing or building things. As a boy his favorite subjects, of course, were trains and boats. In high school his ability found an outlet as cartoonist on his school paper, and when he graduated from Long Beach High School in 1914 his valedictorian address was given in the form of a "chalk talk".

After high school Laraway studied at the Los Angeles Art Institute and at a school of freehand drawing directed at that time by Ernst Haas, a brilliant Hungarian artist.

Laraway turned to architecture as a career when doing rendering for several Los Angeles architects. This work led to designing and he subsequently did free-lance rendering and designing for a number of these firms.

In 1920 Laraway became associated with the Santa Barbara architectural firm of Soule, Murphy and Hastings. He remained with this organization for a number of years. During this interval, in 1924, he and a member of the firm (Murphy) spent several months in Spain and the Balearic Isles painting, sketching and studying Spanish-Mediterranean architectural form. The knowledge gained from this trip proved invaluable when the firm of Soule, Murphy and Hastings was commissioned to rebuild many of the Spanish style buildings, both public and private, that were destroyed in the severe earthquake of 1925.

In 1936 Laraway accepted a position with Lescher and Mahoney in Phoenix and did designing for this firm for several years before opening his own office.

Throughout his entire career Laraway lived by his philosophy that honesty and integrity in his profession were paramount. He believed that any structure could be designed to be beautiful as well as functional. He was active in and devoted much time to beautification projects for his adopted city of Phoenix where he died and is buried.

**Principal Commissions: (Classified, with locations and Reference Data) (Above)**

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**Compiled by:** H. P. Laraway (Brother)

**Date:** April 7, 1966

**Acknowledgements:**