

Dated March 7, 19 46
Received May 2, 19 46
Granted July 15, 19 46

MEMBERSHIP NO 4424



In due order
May 29, 1946
J.H. Green

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

- A Name of applicant Poy Gum Lee Chapter Brooklyn
- B Address of applicant 32 Mott Street, New York, New York
- C Applicant proposed by E. James Gambaro and . . . Lorimer Rich
- D Application received with check for \$ 10.00 on May 2, 19 46
- E Application returned for correction 19
- F Application in due order on May 29, 19 46
- Record of registration, Form S39, Sent (N.Y.) May 28, 19 46. Received June 15, 19 46.
- 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 May 2, 19 46
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission ~~on that application be denied~~ received on May 2, 19 46
- J No report from chapter executive committee on 19
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on July 9, 19 46
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on July 9, 19 46
- M Applicant was admitted on July 15, 19 46
- N Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter to proposers on July 15, 19 46
- O Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$ returned to applicant on 19

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT

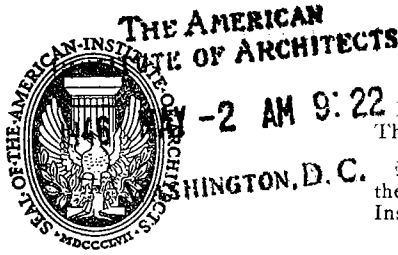
I, Secretary of The American Institute of Architects, hereby certify that, under authority vested in me by The Board of Directors, I have this day duly elected

Poy Gum Lee

to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the Brooklyn Chapter.

Date July 15, 19 46

Oliver Anderson Secretary



ORIGINAL

MAR 2 AM 9:22

File this original with The Secretary of The American Institute of Architects.

File the duplicate, on yellow paper, with the secretary of the local chapter of The Institute.

The American Institute of Architects

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

- 1. My full name is *Poy Gum Lee.*
- 2. I am a *natural* citizen of *U.S.A.*
- 3. My legal residence is in the City of *New York, Brooklyn 289 Washington Ave.*
County of *Brooklyn* State of *New York*.
- 4. My address in The Institute records will be
Number *32* Street *MOTT ST.*
City *New York* State *New York*.
- 5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as *Practicing Archt*
Brooklyn Chapter.
- 6. I desire to be a member of the *Brooklyn* Chapter.
- 7. I declare that I have read the by-laws and the Principles of Professional Practice of The American Institute of Architects, and that I understand the duties, responsibilities and obligations thereunder of a member of The Institute, and I do hereby agree and declare that, if admitted to membership, I will to the best of my ability abide by and comply with such by-laws and Principles of Professional Practice.
- 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 chapters or state association members.
- 9. I enclose my check for \$ *10⁰⁰*, for admission fee and the first year's annual dues. It is my understanding that if for any reason I am not admitted to membership all of said amount will be returned to me, except five dollars which The Institute will retain as an examination fee.

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2. State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.

4. State whether residence or office address.

5. State whether as a practicing architect, a teacher, a public official, etc.

PAID
DATE *3/10* or *3/21/46*
Date

March 19 46

Poy Gum Lee
Applicant sign full name in ink

MR. LEE PAID CAMBARO IN CASH. FOR CONVIANCE, ATTACHED IS CAMBARO'S CHECK COVERING THIS.

STATISTICS

10. Date of birth *14 Jan. 1900* Place of birth *New York City*

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

(State or States) By Examination (State or States) By Exemption

New York.

R.A. # 2625 N.Y. State, Reg. Archt.

(a) I hold a Certificate No. _____ of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

EDUCATION

12. I attended the following named schools (high school, private school, college or university); have held the following named scholarships; have travelled in the following named countries:

Dewitt Clinton H.S. (N.Y.C.) 1913-17
Pratt Inst. Archt. Div. 1917-1920
M.I.T. summer Archt. - 1921
Columbia extension Archt. - 1922 & 1923
Received R.A. N.Y. State Aug. 1923
Pratt Inst. B-archt. - 1946
visited
Japan
China
Manchuria
Hong Kong

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:

J.B. Smock Son, (N.Y.C.) 1920 - clerk of works
E. E. Sharkey (Chicago) 1921 - junior drafts
Jacob Lubroth (N.Y.C.) 1922 - drafts
Ludlow Peabody (N.Y.C.) 1922 - "
Murphy, McGill & Hamburg (N.Y.C.) 1923 - "
J. F. Jackson (N.Y.C.) 1925 - "

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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).

CPM Co. Bldg Bureau - Shanghai China 1923-1928
Peytshie Architects - Shanghai China 1928-1942
St Johns University - Taught Architect " " 1942-1945

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

15. Member of Institute from none to
16. Junior of Institute from to
17. Associate of Chapter from to
18. Junior Associate of Chapter from to
19. Member of State Association in from to

ENDORSEMENT BY PROPOSERS

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

I have known the applicant for _____ years.

I have known the applicant for _____ years.

Signed *E. James Gamburo*

Signed *Norman Rieck*

Proposer
10 W. 33rd St.
 Address NYC.

Proposer
215 Montague St.
 Address BROOKLYN NYC.

3.

Note: The two proposers must be corporate members of The Institute in good standing.

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MURPHY, PRESIDENT
1 HANSON PLACE, BROOKLYN
JAMES GAMBARO, VICE-PRESIDENT
10 WEST 33RD STREET, NEW YORK

THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1946 MAY -2 AM 9:22
WASHINGTON, D. C.



HARRY L. YAKEL, SECRETARY
32 COURT STREET, BROOKLYN 2, N. Y.
CALVIN L. BEDELL, TREASURER
2123 KENMORE TERRACE, BROOKLYN 26, N. Y.

BROOKLYN CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

May 11, 1946

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

Att: Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Executive Secretary

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Enclosed find the following applications for corporate membership which have been approved by our Executive Committee.

Also attached to each application please find check to the amount of \$10.00 made payable to the Institute.

William Francis Leppin
84-99 Homelawn Street
Jamaica 3, N. Y.

Poy Gum Lee
32 Mott Street
New York, N. Y.

Sincerely yours,

Harry L. Yakel
Secretary

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check to
Institute

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Application
not received as yet
JMS

THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APR -2 AM 9:01

WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 1, 1946

Mr. Poy G. Lee, Architect
289 Washington Avenue
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lee:

The Executive Committee of Brooklyn Chapter of
The American Institute of Architects at a Special Meeting
held on Friday, March 29th, decided that your application
for corporate membership in The American Institute of
Architects was incomplete.

Will you please send me evidence that 1946 Regis-
tration has been obtained or renewed from the New York
State Education Department, as your name does not appear on
this list.

Your application as to all other qualifications
is most favorable and our Board regrets very much that same
cannot be acted upon until the above information is received
by the Secretary.

Yours very truly,

Secretary

HLY:MTH

copy-Mr. Edward C. Kemper ✓
Mr. E. James Ganbare

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WASHINGTON, D. C.



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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

Poy Gum Lee, New York, New York
(Name of Applicant)

RECEIVED
JUN 1 - 1946
PROF. EXAMINATIONS
BUREAU

SECRETARY,

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,
Albany, N.Y.

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, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, 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..... May 28, 19 46

Alexander C. Robinson III.
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state?..... Licensed
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination?..... no or by exemption?..... yes
3. What was the scope of the examination?..... issued August 16, 1923 on the basis of having graduated from Prot Institute School of Architecture in June 1920 with required experience
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 last registration..... Sept 1 1944 Registration No. 2625 Is it current?..... yes
Sept 1 1946

H L Field
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date..... June 12 19 46

New York State Education Dept.
(Name of Board)

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

July 15, 1946

Dear Mr. Lee:

The Secretary is happy 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 to membership in the Brooklyn Chapter, effective July 15, 1946. You will be a member of that Chapter, or of some other chapter if you later transfer thereto, 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 The Secretary's office is at your service to the extent of its powers.

The policies and the activities of The Institute are developed largely from problems arising within the chapters. By taking an active part in your Chapter affairs, you will contribute to the advancement of the objects of The Institute and will increase the benefits to be derived from Institute membership.

We bespeak your active cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Alexander C. Robinson III.

Secretary

Mr. Poy Gum Lee, A.I.A.
32 Mott Street
New York, New York

ACR:MB

cc to: Proposers: Mr. E. James Gambaro
Mr. Lorimer Rich

POY G. LEE, A.I.A.

Architect

299 SAVILLE ROAD
MINEOLA, L. I., N. Y.

TEL: GARDEN CITY
7-7151W

July 23, 1953

American Institute of Architect
1741 New York Avenue N.W.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Since I moved to Mineola two years ago, I found that it was not convenient to attend the meetings at the Brooklyn Chapter.

I am requesting a transfer to the Long Island Chapter, so as to be nearer to my home.

Please notify the Chapters involved and process my transfer accordingly.

Sincerely yours,


Poy G. Lee

FKL

SILVERMAN, PRESIDENT
342 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

JOSEPH LEVY, JR., VICE PRESIDENT
153 PIERREPONT STREET, BROOKLYN 1, N.Y.



IRVING P. MARKS, SECRETARY
44 COURT STREET, TOWER 'B', BROOKLYN 1, N.Y.

VINCENT PELLEGRINO, TREASURER
1545 55TH STREET, BROOKLYN 19, N.Y.

BROOKLYN CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

OCTOBER 23, 1953

MR. EDMUND R. PURVES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON 6, D.C.

DEAR MR. PURVES:

IN REPLY TO YOUR 2 NOTICES OF REQUEST FOR TRANSFER,
DATED JULY 29, 1953 AND SEPTEMBER 28, 1953, RESPECTIVELY, CONCERNING
THE TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP OF MR. POY G. LEE TO THE LONG ISLAND
SOCIETY CHAPTER, A.I.A., PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT MR. LEE HAS BEEN A
MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE BROOKLYN CHAPTER, A.I.A.

I VERY MUCH REGRET THE DELAY IN ANSWERING THESE
REQUESTS, BUT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD DID NOT MEET DURING THE SUMMER
MONTHS.

SINCERELY YOURS
Irving P. Marks
IRVING P. MARKS
SECRETARY

IPM:JBM

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

October 28, 1953

NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Effective Date - August 1, 1953

TO: *Transferred Member:* Mr. Roy G. Lee, A.I.A.
299 Saville Road.
Mineola, L.I., N.Y.

Alia

*Secretary of Chapter
To Which Member is
Transferred* Mr. Joseph Watterson, Secretary
Long Island Society Chapter, A.I.A.
231 Mineola Boulevard
Mineola, New York

*Secretary of Chapter
From Which Member
Is Transferred* Mr. Irving P. Marks, Secretary
Brooklyn Chapter, A.I.A.
44 Court Street, Tower "B"
Brooklyn 1, 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,

George Bain Cummings
SECRETARY

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

POY G. LEE, A. I. A.

Architect

299 SAVILLE ROAD
MINEOLA, L. I., N. Y.

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April 3 1962

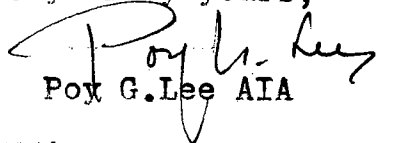
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Ave NW
Washington D.C.

Dear Sirs:-

Please be informed that I have moved
from Mineola, N.Y. and my new address is
215 Park Row New York 38 New York.
tel. CO 7-4081

With this change in residence, please
transfer my membership to the New York
Chapter of the A.I.A.

Very truly yours,


Poy G. Lee AIA

copy to L.I.Society Chapter.

Mr. Lee, Roy L.

FILE COPY - PLEASE RETURN



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

April 25, 1962

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NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Effective Date **April 25, 1962**

TO: Transferred Member:

**Mr. Roy G. Lee, A.I.A.
215 Park Row
New York 38, New York**

✓ 46

*Secretary of Chapter
To Which Member is
Transferred*

**Mrs. Margot A. Henkel, Exec.-Secty.
New York Chapter, A.I.A.
115 East 40th Street
New York 16, New York**

*Secretary of Chapter
From Which Member
Is Transferred*

**Mr. Frank Majer, Jr., Secretary
Long Island Society Chapter, AIA
340 Great Neck Road
Great Neck, 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,

[Handwritten Signature]
SECRETARY

cc: Exec.-Dir. of the New York State Association of Architects, AIA

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

November 19, 1968

Mrs. Margot A. Hankel, Exec.-Sec'y,
New York Chapter, AIA
20 West 40th Street
New York, New York 10018

Re: Death of Foy G. Lee, AIA, on
March 24, 1968

Dear Mrs. Hankel:

We are 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, FAIA
Executive Director

WHS:bjm
Enclosure

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POY G. LEE, A.I.A.

Architect

215 PARK ROW
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10038

CORTLANDT 7-4081

2612 Century Drive
Bakersfield, California
June 9, 1969

American Institute of Architects
Baldwin Memorial Archives

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing the record of my late husband, Poy G. Lee. I am sorry that I have taken such a long time to fill out the forms for your records.

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to organize my husbands files; and I do thank you for keeping such a permanent file of A.I.A. members.

As I have expressed before, my husband was always so proud of his membership with the local, State and National A.I.A. chapters and it was a privilege he truly enjoyed.

Many thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Poy G. Lee.
Mrs. Poy G. Lee

Lee, Poy G.

BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE
of American Architects

NO. _____

Name: Poy G. Lee.

of (address) 850 Union St Brooklyn N.Y.

Born: Jan. 14, 1900 at New York City

Died: _____ at _____

Parents: Lee Yick Dep

and Ng. she Lee

Married: Pansy Choye Lee

of Shanghai China on Sept. 18, 1926

Children: Arline Hanking Lee, Kitty Hanchet Lee, Elizabeth Hanson Lee

Education: DeWitt Clinton H.S., N.Y. - Pratt Institute Brooklyn N.Y. Bachelor Architect

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

↳ J.F. Jackson	- archt	Practice: - my own - 1927 to 1945
Murphy McGill & Hamlin	..	in Shanghai & works throuth
Ludlow & Peabody	..	China.
Y.M.C.A. Bldg Bureau	..	- return to USA. 1946.
Louis - E. J. Wade	..	Specialization - Y.M.C.A., Hospitals & Schools.

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

Licensed Architect - New York State
 Licensed Architect - Society of Chinese Architects - president - 1926 & 1927.
 Chinese Govt. Nanking.
 American Institute of Architects - Brooklyn Chapter 1926
 Asst Professor in Architecture & Engineering - St Johns University - Shanghai China

Other Affiliations: (Religious, Fraternal Political, Social)

Methodist Ep. Church 1944 & 1945
 Member of Masonic Lodge.
 American Legion

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

Architect - Sun Yat-Sen Mausoleum - Nanking, China.
 Bldg Assessor & Arbitration Committee - Shanghai Municipal Council.
 Advisor, Chinatown N.Y.C. Welfare Committee.

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

Y.M.C.A. in China. 1923 - 1930

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Lee, Poy G.

BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE
of American Architects

NO. _____

Name: Poy G. Lee of (address) 215 Park Row, New York, N.Y.

Born: Jan. 14, 1900 at New York City, Died: Bakersfield, Calif. March 24, 1968

Parents: Yiek Dep Lee and Ng Shee Lee

Married: Pansy Choye of Shanghai, China on Sept. 18, 1926

Children: Arlene Lee Chow, ~~Kathrene~~ Lee Jue, Elizabeth Lee Chan

Education: P.S. 23, New York City
De Witt Clinton High School
Pratt Institute, Architecture

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

Own firm, Shanghai, China
New York City Housing Authority. 1950-62
Own firm, New York City, 1962-68

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

A.I. A.
New York State Association of Architects

Teaching; St. John's University, Shanghai, China

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

Lee Family Assn. of New York City
American Legion
Chinese Masons

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

First World War

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

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Lee, Poy G.

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

Buildings:

in New York City Chinatown: American Legion Memorial Arch
American Legion Building
Pagoda Theater, On Leong Merchants Bldg., Mandarin Restaur.
Gold Full Rest. , Won Kee and On Luck Rice Shop

Supervised and designed buildings for all Chinese Y.M.C.A. structures

In Shanghai, China: Bank of Canton, New Asia Hotel, Sacred Heart School, Lingnan School, Shung Tak School, Government Quarentine Station.
Numerous residences and restaurants

In Nanking, China: Sun Yat Sen Mausoleum
Capitol Theater, New Capitol Theater

In Canton, China: Sun Yat Sen Memorial Hall

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

Compiled by:

Date:

Acknowledgements:

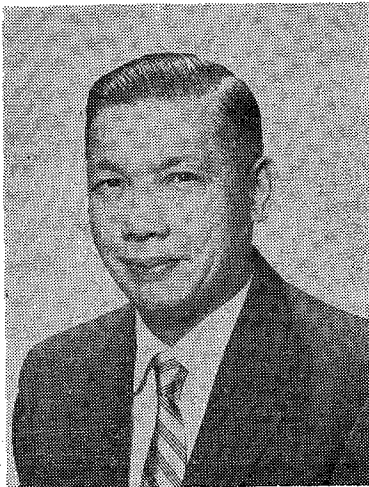
Lee, Poy G.

ARCHITECT P.G. LEE BRIDGED TWO CULTURES

NEW YORK—Poy G. Lee, 68, died in California, March 24, 1968, while he and his wife, Pansy Choyee Lee, were visiting their three married daughters and their families.

Mr. Lee successfully bridged the Chinese and American cultures in his life span—through architecture. While pursuing his profession, he was constantly coping with the two languages, the interpretation of technical terminology and the employment of Oriental and Occidental psychology in his work.

The result of his skill and patience are evidenced in such NY Chinatown landmarks and structures as: the American Legion Memorial Arch, the American Legion building, Pagoda Theater, On Leong Merchants building. His restaurant designs include the Mandarin, Gold



Poy G. Lee

Full, Won Kee and On Luck Rice Shop. He also planned many print shops and building renovations.

Born in NY Chinatown, Jan. 14, 1900, he was one of 12 children. His father, Yick Dep Lee, was an ex-railroad worker turned merchant.

Young Lee went to PS-23 and De Witt Clinton High School. He studied architecture at Pratt Institute and worked for several NY firms after graduation.

In 1924, he signed a three-year contract with the YMCA to work in the land of his ancestry because that institution was building facilities there.

Great Challenge

Mr. Lee's first bridge was that of language. He had to be proficient in the various dialects—Mandarin, Shanghai and provincial Cantonese. (He found that his colloquial "village" Cantonese was seldom understood.) All contracts and speci-

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the Sun Yat Sen Memorial Hall in Canton.

New Field

Returning to Shanghai, Lee went into private practice. The field of modern architecture was new in China—especially in which one man carried through

functional beauty which wedded traditional designs with modern architecture. One comment: "Poy G. Lee, a Chinese-American, has, indeed, bridged his two cultures through his work. His architecture in both countries bear testimony to that."

Lee, Poy G.

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5TH PRECINCT Community Council conferred with 30 local colleagues at True Light Church, NYC, recently in search of a program most beneficial to the community.

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ANS WITH JAL In Chinese In English
Service, P.O. Box 2721
pan on the

52 Broadway

Lee Bridged Two Cultures

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fications were written and reviewed in Chinese. The greatest challenge, however, was his learning to deal with people whose backgrounds differed from that of his upbringing in America.

Crossing these bridges as he came to them, Mr. Lee designated and supervised the building of all YMCA structures throughout China.

Before leaving for China, Mr. Lee had among his friends a Chinese student who was later commissioned to design the Mausoleum of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, first president of the Chinese Republic. Lee worked with this architect on the project until the latter's untimely death. Poy Lee was subsequently appointed the official architect of the mountain-side memorial which he completed in 1928. He followed this success by designing the Sun Yat Sen Memorial Hall in Canton.

New Field

Returning to Shanghai, Lee went into private practice. The field of modern architecture was new in China—especially in which one man carried through

an aesthetic, functional design. Many of his structures still stand.

In Shanghai: The Bank of Canton, New Asia Hotel, Cosmopolitan Apartments, Sacred Heart School, Government Quarantine Building, Shung Tak School and numerous private residences and restaurants. In Nanking, he built both the Capitol Theater and the New Capitol Theater.

In 1946, Poy Lee returned to the US for advanced study at Pratt Institute. He became a member of the National AIA and the NY State Assn. of Architects. He was later employed as senior architect for the NY City Housing Authority and retired after 12 years. Many housing units bear his Oriental designs.

Ever-looking to the future, Poy Lee led the local community into the appreciation of functional beauty which wedded traditional designs with modern architecture. One comment: "Poy G. Lee, a Chinese-American, has, indeed, bridged his two cultures through his work. His architecture in both countries bear testimony to that."

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