

Application for Membership

October 13, 1920

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 Morton Henry Levy
Address Congress + Barnard streets, Savannah Ga.
Place and date of birth Savannah Ga., Jan. 19, 1890
Graduate in architecture Georgia School of Technology, B.S. in arch., 1911
Holder of Scholarship in architecture.

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 an Associate of a Chapter of the Institute, give name of chapter Georgia Chapter

If practicing architect, firm name Levy & Clarke

Have been in practice 4 3/4 years

If draughtsman, employed by

Collegiate and office training with H. W. Witcover (Savannah) 4 1/2 years, Summer 1913 in Europe with Harvard Traveling School of Architecture

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.

Morton H. Levy
[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application was duly elected an Associate of the Georgia

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date Sept 20, 1920

Warren C. Powell
By W. C. Chase (Pres.) Secretary.
Georgia 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) H. W. Witcover
- (2) W. C. Chase
- (3) John Robert Dunn

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|------------------|----------------------|
| Prelim. Fee | <u>\$5.00</u> |
| Initiation | <u>not pay</u> |
| Unan. End. | <u>not</u> |
| Exhibits | <u>received</u> |
| On Priv. Com. of | <u>Nov. 17, 1920</u> |

[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.]

Class of 1911

CLASS OF 1911.

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

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December 17, 1920.

My dear Mr. Levy:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective December 17, 1920.

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

No charge for dues has been made against you for the current year and a statement for dues for 1921 will come forward after the first of the year. You will receive in due course the engrossed Certificate of Membership.

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 will be glad to give you our best co-operation.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Morton Henry Levy,
Congress & Barnard Sts.,
Savannah, Georgia.

K:C

December 30, 1920

LEVY & CLARKE - ARCHITECTS - 16 BRYAN ST., E. - SAVANNAH, GA.

TO: Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary A.I.A.

SUBJECT: Payment of dues.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your kind letter of the 17th instant notifying us of our election to the A.I.A., we wish to state that the photographs we submitted have been returned, but we have not received the Drawings and Specifications which accompanied them.

Enclosed please find the following checks which we, being unaware of the proper procedure, would thank you to hand to the proper Officer:

| | | |
|--------------|------------------------------|---------|
| M. H. Levy | remaining 3/4 Initiation fee | \$15.00 |
| W. B. Clarke | remaining 3/4 Initiation fee | \$15.00 |
| M. H. Levy | dues for the ensuing year | \$20.00 |
| W. B. Clarke | dues for the ensuing year | \$20.00 |

Thanking you in advance for this favor, we remain,

MHL

Very truly yours,



not required
L.H.

Received Payment
American Institute of Architects
By *PA 4000* 1/3/2021

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

COPY

January 5, 1921.

Gentlemen:

Yours of December 30, is received. We will endeavor to locate the drawings and specifications which have not yet reached you.

Since the initiation fee of incoming members was remitted to \$5.00 until the time of the Convention in May, I return herewith checks #782 and #783 in the sum of \$15.00 each.

Receipt of dues for the year 1921 for Messrs. Levy & Clark is acknowledged herewith.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Messrs. Levy & Clark,
16 Bryan Street, E.,
Savannah, Georgia.

R:C

Enclosures

COPY TO

FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

MORTON H. LEVY

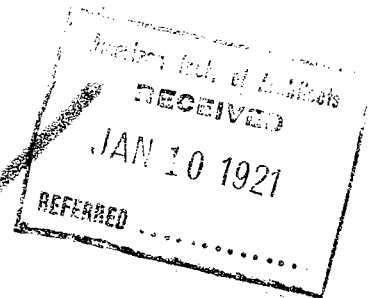
January 8th 1921

WILLIAM B. CLARKE

LEVY & CLARKE - ARCHITECTS - 16 BRYAN ST., E. - SAVANNAH, GA.

TO: Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Executive Secretary, A. I. A.

SUBJECT: Location of Exhibits



Dear Sir:

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 5th instant, stating remission of three-fourths of the initiation fees with reference to our Institute Memberships.

With reference to Drawings & Specifications sent as exhibits, we have learned that Mr. Wm. J. J. Chase, A. I. A., Ex-president of Georgia Chapter, retained these in Atlanta ;and therefore it will not be necessary for you to do anything further about them.

Thanking you for your past favors, we remain,

Very truly yours,

MHL

LEVY & CLARKE
ARCHITECTS
SAVANNAH, GA.

January 25, 1933

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

Gentlemen:

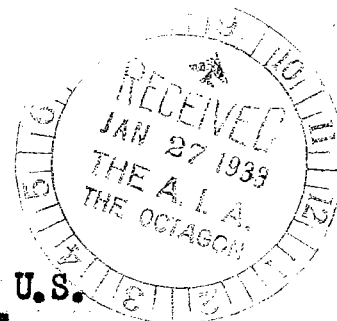
On December 28, 1932 we sent you a U.S.
Money Order No. 629620 in the sum of \$50.00 as
payment of 1932 dues of Morton H. Levy and William
B. Clarke. We have had no acknowledgement of this
payment.

We would thank you to advise us of the
receipt of this payment and oblige,

Very truly yours,

MHL/s

Wm B Clarke



*Received check 12/31/32
cards were not sent
to those paying in the
last day of the year
1932*

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

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COPY

January 28, 1933.

Gentlemen:

We have your letter of January 25th, in which you call to our attention that you have received no acknowledgment of the payment of \$50 - Money Order No. 629620 - covering your 1932 dues.

We are pleased to enclose herewith 1932 Membership Cards for Morton H. Levy and William B. Clarke, which completes the record for 1932.

We regret the inadvertence in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Messrs. Levy and Clarke, Architects,
614 Blum Building,
Savannah, Georgia.

K.H.B

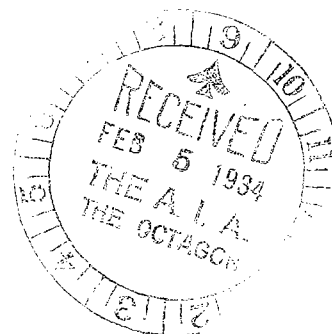
ERNEST JOHN RUSSELL, PRESIDENT, ST. LOUIS
CHARLES D. MAGINNIS, 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT, BOSTON
HORACE W. PEASLEE, 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT, WASHINGTON



FRANK C. BALDWIN, SECRETARY, WASHINGTON, D. C.
EDWIN BERGSTROM, TREASURER, LOS ANGELES
EDWARD C. KEMPER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue
WASHINGTON, D. C.



January 17, 1934.

Dear Mr. Levy:

The code situation, and a reduced staff at The Octagon, have delayed grateful acknowledgment of your remittance on account of Institute dues, and gift of any possible credits under the proposed plan mentioned in President Russell's letter of January 1.

Your check for \$10 has been credited to dues for the year 1934, In view of your gift of the prospective credits, the balance due for 1934 is \$5.00.

Your action in assisting the Institute at this critical period is greatly appreciated, and a further acknowledgment will be made after the Convention, in May.

Sincerely yours,

E. C. Kemper
Executive Secretary.

Mr. Morton Henry Levy, A. I. A.,
3d Floor, Levy Store Building,
Savannah, Georgia.

ECK*B

2/5/34
U. B. Blake

*Enclosed \$1000
\$500 M. H. Levy
\$500 U. B. Blake*

FELLOWSHIP DATA

NOT ELECTED

May 12, 1955

Mr. Henry Levy, President
South Georgia Chapter, A.I.A.
410 East Bay Street
Savannah, Georgia

Report of Actions of The Jury of Fellows
Re: Nominations of Members of Your Chapter

Dear Mr. Levy:

The Jury of Fellows has requested me to advise you of the following actions it has taken on nominations before it of corporate members who were considered for advancement to Fellowship:

Nomination Referred to 1956 Meeting of Jury

Cletus William Bergen, A.I.A.

Nomination Withdrawn

Morton Henry Levy (deceased)

The Jury of Fellows regrets that due to the death of Mr. Levy it was not possible to act upon his nomination.

Sincerely yours,

Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director

ERP/fhg

Ex pt. 2
P.P. - 5-20
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
JURY OF FELLOWS

Received Oct. 25, 1954

Voted On Mar. 24, 1955

Voted On 19 .

Voted On 19 .

NOT Granted 19 .

NO M

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. Name of Nominee Morton Henry Levy Date of Nomination Oct. 8, 1954.
2. Address of Nominee 410 East Bay Street, Savannah, Georgia
3. Nominee's firm Levy & Kiley
4. Nominee's principal place of business Georgia
5. Nominee's Chapter South Georgia
6. Nominee's State Organization
7. Nominee admitted to Institute 1920
8. Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from 1920 19 to Dec. 31, 1954.
9. Nominee's age 64 yrs Birthplace Savannah, Georgia
10. Nominators: Daniel L. Grantham Henry Levy William P. Bergen
Carl E. Helfrich Walter Kiley Jack K. Stacy
Walter P. Marshall Ralph S. Thomas Oscar Hanson
Ben P. Ritzert John C. LeBey S. Porter Driscoll
11. Achievement Service to The Institute.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

BY
CHAPTER

THE JURY OF FELLOWS, A.I.A.

The Octagon, 1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Date: **October 8, 1954**

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on **March 31st, 1954** ^{*Type in full name.}
nominated* **Morton Henry Levy**
member of this Chapter, for fellowship in The Institute. We enclose evidence of the qualifications of the nominee for the fellowship on which the nomination was based and certify the resolution is as follows: **(See copy of letter Attached)**

"Whereas, this Executive Committee believes* **Morton H. Levy**
a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the profession because of his achievement in** **Service to the Institute**
that he is worthy of fellowship in The Institute; and

*Type in full name.

**Type in "Design," "Science of Construction," "Literature," "Education," "Service to The Institute," or "Public Service," as is appropriate.

"Whereas, said member has been in good standing in this Chapter for† **thirty-two**
years prior to this date; therefore be it

†Type in number of years.

"Resolved, That‡ **South Georgia** Chapter,
The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate* **Morton H. Levy**

‡Type in name of Chapter.

*Type in full name.

for fellowship in The Institute, and the President and the Secretary be and hereby are authorized and directed to prepare the nomination papers and forward them to The Jury of Fellows of The Institute and to do all things proper to forward said nomination."

Daniel L. Grant
President

A. Pate Danvers
Secretary.

THE NOMINATORS SHOULD SEE THAT LETTERS OR DATA ARE SENT TO THE JURY OF FELLOWS IN SUPPORT OF THIS NOMINATION.



South Georgia Chapter
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
Savannah, Georgia

March 31, 1954

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

At the March meeting of the South Georgia Chapter, Mr. Morton H. Levy and Mr. Cletus W. Bergen were unanimously nominated for advancement to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects, as witnessed by the signature of the corporate members below.

Enclosed is a brief history of the two nominees for the consideration of the jury.

Best regards,

Carl E. Helfrich
Carl E. Helfrich

Chairman for the Nomination of Fellowships

CEH:jd
Enc.

CORPORATE MEMBERS:

Daniel L. Grantham, Pres.
So. Ga. Chapter

Daniel L. Grantham

Carl E. Helfrich

Carl E. Helfrich

Walter P. Marshall

Walter P. Marshall

Ben P. Ritter

Ben P. Ritter

Henry Levy

Henry Levy

Walter Kiley

Walter Kiley

Ralph S. Thomas

Ralph S. Thomas

John C. DeBey

John C. DeBey

William P. Bergen

William P. Bergen

Jack K. Stacy

Jack K. Stacy

Oscar Hanson

Oscar Hanson

S. Porter Driscoll

S. Porter Driscoll



South Georgia Chapter

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Savannah, Georgia

Morton H. Levy, A. I. A.

Born Savannah, Georgia, January 19, 1890.

Attended Elementary and High Schools at Savannah, Georgia.

Graduated 1911 with B. S. in Architecture from Georgia Institute of Technology in their first graduating class in Architecture.

Worked five years in the office of the late H. W. Witecover, A. I. A., of Savannah, as draftsman and chief draftsman.

Summer of 1913, studied in Europe with Harvard University Travelling Summer School of Architecture.

Formed Partnership in 1916 with the late Wm. B. Clarke, A. I. A., in 1922, Cletus W. Bergen became a partner and in 1927 the firm again became Levy and Clarke.

Influenced H. W. Witecover, Henrick Wallin, Percy Sugden, and W. B. Clarke to form with myself Savannah Society of Architects, 1920 and became a member of the Georgia Chapter, A. I. A.

1922 became first secretary of South Georgia Chapter which was formed by members of Savannah Society of Architects.

1927 was appointed Supervising Architect for the Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham, until World War II, following which a group of A. I. A. members collaborated on planning of Public Schools of Chatham County.

1938 appointed consulting Architects Savannah Housing Authority, following which for several years, until World War II, a group of A. I. A. members collaborated on Housing and Slum Clearance projects in Savannah.

1922 appointed member of City Advising Zoning Committee, 1947 appointed member City planning Board.

1940 became member Board of Trustees of Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences and served for six years.

1946 formed a partnership with Walter F. Kiley, A. I. A., following death of William B. Clarke in 1943.



South Georgia Chapter
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
Savannah, Georgia

Past President:

South Georgia Chapter, A. I. A.
Construction Trades Council, Savannah Chamber of Commerce
Congregation Mickve Israel, Savannah, Georgia
Harmonie Club, Savannah, Georgia

Past Master:

Clinton Lodge No. 54, F & AM
Research Lodge No. 1, F & AM

Among Principal Works of Firm:

Dormitory of S. Ga. Teachers College, Statesboro, Ga.
Hospital Addition, Jesup, Ga.
Primitive Baptist Church, Statesboro, Ga.
Methodist Church, Sylvania, Ga.
Cohen's Old Men's Retreat, Savannah, Ga.
Cohen Home, Savannah Beach, Ga.
Synagogue Agudath Achim, Savannah, Ga.
Additions to Public Library, Savannah, Ga.
Rear Wing and Nurses Home, Telfair Hospital, Savannah, Ga.
Health Center, Savannah, Ga.
Bonette Motel, Statesboro, Ga.
Village Green Motel, Sylvania, Ga.
Levy Store, Savannah, Ga.
Globe Shoe Co. Store, Savannah, Ga.
Woolworth Store, Savannah, Ga.
Immanuel Baptist Sunday School, Savannah, Ga.
Burnell Bldg., Savannah, Ga.

Among Collaboration with other Architects:

High School, Savannah, Ga.
Fellwood, Garden Homes and Yamacraw Housing Developments.

BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

1. Nominee's full name **Morton Henry Levy**

2. Strike out inappropriate word and write in name of Country.

2. Nominee is a natural naturalized citizen of **U.S.A.**

3. Nominee's legal residence **5 East 52nd Street, Savannah, Georgia**

4. Nominee's firm name **Levy & Kiley**

5. Nominee's principal place of business, address
410 E. Bay Street, Savannah, Georgia

6. Type in "N.C. A. R. B." or name of State Board, as case may be.

6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by
Florida, Georgia and South Carolina

7. Strike out inappropriate words.

7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a practicing architect—~~teacher in architecture~~
~~teacher in science of construction~~—~~public official~~—~~retired~~.

8. Type in date of birth and city and Country.

8. Born **January 19, 1890**. Place of birth **Savannah, Georgia**

9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:

| | Location | No. of Years | Year of Graduation | Degree |
|-----------------------|---|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| High School | Savannah, Ga. | 3 | 1905 | ---- |
| Private School | | | | |
| College or University | Georgia Tech | 5 | 1911 | B.S. in Arch. |
| College or University | | | | |
| Post Graduate at | Harvard Summer Sch. of Arch. 1/4 in Europe | | 1913 | ----- |
| Scholarships held | | | | |

10. Type in important experiences during employment or additional statistics of importance in nominee's record.

10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

Past President: Congregation Mickve Israel 1929-1939
Harmonie Club 1928

Past Master: Clinton Lodge No. 56, F & A M 1927
Research Lodge of Ga. 1947

Supr. Engineer: U.S. Army Construction Division 1917-1918
(See also Page 6)

Nominators should read "Principles Underlying the Bestowal of Fellowships", Institute Document No. 9 before completing this nomination. Additional sheets may be inserted to supplement any page, 3 to 7, inclusive. Use typewriting only.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

1. Works

| Type (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special | Identification of Work | Location of Work (City) | (State) | Completed Construction Work (Year) | Photographs Drawings, or Sketches Submitted | |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|---------|---|--|---|
| (d) | Exterior Agudath Achim Synagogue | Savannah | Georgia | 1940 | 1 | Under column headed "Type" type in (a), (b), (c), or (d), as the case may be. |
| (d) | Sanctuary Mickve Israel Synagogue | Savannah | Georgia | restored after 1927 Fire | 1 | |
| (d) | Exterior Mickve Israel Syn. | Savannah | Georgia | " | 1 | Type in last col- umn to right the number submitted in each case. |
| (d) | Exterior Savannah High School as Supr. Arch't of local group of Architects | " | " | 1936 | 1 | |
| (c) | Administration Building Yamacraw Housing Project Reproducing "Colonial Mansion" as Consult'g. Arch't. of local group of Architects | Savannah | Georgia | 1939 | 1 | |
| (a) | Additions & Alteration to Levy's Dept. Store | Savannah | Georgia | 1953 | 1 | |
| (a) | Store for Woolworth Company | " | " | 1954 | 1 | |

2. Describe nominee's notable work in design, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

Nominee served as Supervising Architect of group of local Architects, members of South Georgia Chapter A.I.A., doing work for the Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham from 1927 to 1941; and as Consulting Architect for like group from A.I.A. in connection with work for Housing Authority of Savannah.

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

1. CONSTRUCTION WORK

Type of Work
Constructed

Identification
of Work

Location
of Work

Completed
Construction
Work
(Year)

Photographs,
Drawings, or
Sketches
Submitted

Type in last
column to right
the number sub-
mitted in each
case.

2. BOOKS, TREATISES, OR ARTICLES WRITTEN

Subject Title

Where Published

Date Published

Delivered paper on Ironwork in Savannah to and filed same
with archives of HISTORICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY of Savannah, 1940.

3. Describe nominee's notable work in the science of construction and any recognition thereof by other societies, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

1. EDUCATION WORK

(List the degrees and the educational positions held by the nominee, and bring out clearly the nominee's signal work and its particular force and influence which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by pupils, the profession, other societies, or the public.)

2. LITERARY WORK

(List the original written works of the nominee and state clearly the particular force and influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by other societies, the profession, educational institutions or the public.)

*Book, Treatise
or Article*

Subject

*Name of Book or Periodical
Containing Work*

*Year Work
Published*

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE

1. State fully the nominee's signal service to The Institute, his chapter, or his state organization, or to the profession, which the nominators believe has notably contributed to the advancement of the profession, and list the offices in architectural organizations occupied by the nominee and the period of each.

1922. Becoming member of Georgia Chapter A.I.A. (Atlanta) influenced Savannah Architects who did not even speak to each other to form Savannah Society of Architects, which later became South Georgia Chapter A.I.A.

1922. Appointed Architectural Member of City Advisory Zoning Committee.

1925. President of South Georgia Chapter A.I.A. and organized Construction Trades Council of Savannah Chamber of Commerce, participated in by all building trades.

1926. Chairman of Committee of Chapter entertaining directors of A.I.A. in meeting at Savannah, Georgia

1927. Appointed Supervising Architect for Board of Education at head of group of A.I.A. Architects and served till 1940.

1940. Elected Trustee Telfair Academy of Arts & Sciences and served six years.

1948. Appointed Architectural member of City Technical Planning Board, serving continuously ever since in endeavor to obtain Master Plan of City and surroundings.

1953. Appointed by South Georgia Chapter A.I.A. as Chairman of Architects' Advisory Committee on new Museum in Owens Thomas House.

1940- 1954. Worked as Chapter representative on setting up file of "Regency" and "Colonial" buildings and drawings at Telfair Academy of Arts & Sciences.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

1. List the public offices held by the nominee and the positions of trust held by him in recognition of civic leadership, and state clearly his notable work in public service and the particular influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession.

President Construction Trades Council, Chamber of Commerce

Vice President Engineers Society of Savannah

President Congregation Mickve Israel

President Harmonie Club

Commanding Officer State Guard Troop in World War II.

Architectural Representative City Technical Planning Board.

Trustee Telfair Academy of Arts & Sciences.

JOHN G. KENNEDY
MAYOR



THOMAS R. JONES
SECRETARY

LETITIA C. WILSON
ASST. SECRETARY

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

December 17, 1948

Mr. Morton H. Levy
Mr. Warren Primm
Mr. Will H. Artley
Mr. Malcolm Seckinger
Mr. Harry Rollinson
Mr. James Dotson
Mr. W. E. Lane
Savannah, Ga.

Gentlemen:

I beg to advise that City Council, at its meeting on December 10th, unanimously approved your appointment (as a *member*) a Board of Review for the Building Code of the City of Savannah.

I shall appreciate being advised that you will be able to serve.

Very truly yours,

He will accept your appointment

Mayor

UGK:lw

OLIN F. FULMER
MAYOR

JANE IVES
SECRETARY



ROBERT F. MANN
DIRECTOR PUBLIC RELATIONS

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

February 15, 1949

Mr. Morton Levy
Savannah
Georgia

Dear Mr. Levy:

It is required by city ordinance that three citizens at large be appointed members of the Technical Planning Board of the City of Savannah. At the regular meeting of City Council on last Friday I recommended for appointment to this board you and Dr. A. J. Waring, who have previously served, and Mr. A. H. Bankston. The recommendation was approved by Council.

I shall appreciate being advised that you will be able to serve. The other members are:

D. D. Hankins, City Engineer, Chairman
Alderman Leo F. Griffin
Alderman William S. Ray
Alderman Melvin T. Roberson
Norris Sherry, Director of Building
Lewis A. East, Superintendent Water Department
Robert F. Downing, Director of Public Works
William H. Robertson, Supt. Park and Tree Commission

Sincerely yours,

Olin F. Fulmer
Mayor

OFF:lw

October 26, 1954

Mr. Daniel L. Grantham, President
South Georgia Chapter, A.I.A.
21 East York Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. Grantham:

On behalf of The Jury of Fellows, I am writing to acknowledge receipt of the nomination of Mr. Morton Henry Levy, A.I.A., for advancement to Fellowship in The Institute, as made by the members of the South Georgia Chapter.

Exhibits of the executed work of Mr. Levy supporting the nomination also have been received.

I'm sure your members have in mind the writing of letters supporting the nomination, and any others who know the nominee, giving factual and detailed information as to the nominee's achievements for the information of the Jury.

In case you do not have a record, those who are proposing the nominee are

| | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| ✓ Daniel L. Grantham | ✓ Henry Levy | William P. Bergen |
| ✓ Carl E. Helfrich | ✓ Walter Kiley | Jack K. Stacy |
| ✓ Walter P. Marshall | ✓ Ralph S. Thomas | Oscar Hanson |
| ✓ Ben P. Ritzert | ✓ John C. LeBey | ✓ S. Porter Driscoll |

The marked instructions attached will inform you as to the type of letter which the Jury requires.

When they are received (and they may be filed up to February 1st) the nomination will be ready for submission to the Jury.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais
Secretary to The Jury of Fellows

Enclosure



HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SAVANNAH

EAST BROAD AT OGLETHORPE

TELEPHONES 6-7141-6

POST OFFICE BOX 507

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

W. H. STILLWELL,

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

COMMISSIONERS

HERBERT L. KAYTON, CHAIRMAN

WM. HUGH STEPHENS, VICE-CHAIRMAN

JOSEPH F. GRIFFIN, JR.

JAMES H. BYINGTON

J. R. BURNEY

October 7th., 1954.

Mr. Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
1335 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that you South Georgia Chapter has proposed Mr. Morton H. Levy for a fellowship in the American Institute of Architects and I hasten to express my hearty approval of this proposal. As Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Savannah, as a former member of our local Board of Education and as a Trustee of The Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences for all of whom Mr. Levy has satisfactorily handled commissions in the past I have been acquainted with him and his work and can commend him to your consideration. Mr. Levy is competent and the ideals of the A.I.A. have been his first consideration in the development of his planning and supervision.

I take pleasure in commending him to you for advancement to a fellowship in your body.

Sincerely,

Herbert L. Kayton
Chairman,

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October 7, 1954

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

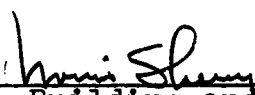
Sirs:

It has come to my attention that Mr. Morton H. Levy, A. I. A., has recently been nominated by the South Georgia Chapter A. I. A. for advancement to Fellowship.

I have been closely associated with Mr. Levy for the past fifteen years or more, both professionally and in his tireless efforts as representative of the South Georgia Chapter A. I. A. to develop and achieve a competent Planning Board and master plan for the City of Savannah and Chatham County. His efforts in this direction have very recently been achieved and we now have a competent Planner.

There is no architect in the South Georgia District who is more deserving of this recognition which has been recommended by the Local Chapter.

Very truly yours,



Director, Building and Engineering
and
Chairman of the Planning Board,
City of Savannah, Georgia

TELFAIR ACADEMY OF ARTS
AND SCIENCES
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

FOUNDED - 1875
ORGANIZED - 1883
INCORPORATED 1920

October 8, 1954.

The Jury of Fellows, A. I. A.,
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.


Gentlemen:

As President of the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences of this city which operates art galleries in the old Telfair mansion, an art school and the Owen-Thomas House museum, it has been my good fortune to work with Morton H. Levy, A. I. A., nominated by the South Georgia Chapter for fellowship.

Mr. Levy has served on our Board, has been our consulting architect for many years, has headed our Architectural Records Committee, and was the architect in charge of recent extensive alterations to our West Wing.

I must believe that Mr. Levy's labors, not only for us but in his profession in this community, are in the best tradition of his profession and in the furtherance of the ideals of the American Institute of Architects. I believe him well worthy of the honor and commend him to your most favorable consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas H. Gignilliat,
President.

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CLETUS W. BERGEN, A. I. A.
WILLIAM P. BERGEN, A. I. A.
ARCHITECTS

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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

January 25, 1955

FACTUAL

Jury of Fellows

A. I. A.

c/o The Octagon

1735 New York Avenue, N. W.

Washington 6, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

It is my pleasure to recommend the name of Mr. Morton H. Levy for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Levy was a former partner of mine in the 1920's, and I have long held a great personal admiration for his many fine characteristics and his sincere effort to advance the profession of architecture in this community.

Mr. Levy is numbered among the earliest graduates of Georgia Tech electing to practice his profession in his native city of Savannah. He was one of the prime movers in the establishment of the Savannah Society of Architects, which organization did valiant work in promoting fraternity and harmony in the profession in this community. This Society was later succeeded by the South Georgia Chapter, A. I. A., when it became evident that distance made it impossible for Savannah architects to regularly attend the meetings of Georgia Chapter in Atlanta.

Mr. Levy has held every office in South Georgia Chapter, including the presidency, and has always been regarded with high esteem by his fellow members and the citizens of this community. Mr. Levy's public service record has extended over his entire career and in addition to his worthy service in the Chapter, He was a tireless worker in the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences here in Savannah, one of the oldest museums and art galleries in the South. As a member of the Board of Directors and as an architectural consultant he furthered the work of this organization, contributing much of his time and skill without recompense, to the advancement of this organization.

Mr. Levy was also one of the prime movers in the acceptance by the Telfair Art Gallery, of the Ownes-Thomas House, originally designed by William Jay and now being preserved as one of the outstanding examples of early colonial life in Georgia.

Mr. Levy was appointed to the Planning Board of the City of Savannah upon the formation of that Board a decade ago, and many of the splendid results achieved by that Board came about because

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of his contributions of time and effort, among which might be mentioned valuable contributions in the creation of a Zoning Act for the City of Savannah, and the establishment of the Planning Board rules covering the development of housing projects in the municipality.

The results of Mr. Levy's capabilities and untiring efforts for the betterment of his native city are well illustrated not only by his architectural efforts but by his unceasing devotion to promote fellowship and harmony among the profession and his determined effort to protect the ordinary citizen by the establishment of proper rules and regulations in zoning and in project development.

Mr. Levy's death was recognized as a sincere loss, not only to his family and to his firm, but also to the entire community, and these sentiments were most suitably expressed in the editorials of our local newspapers.

It is my sincere belief that his life and efforts were centered around the advancement of the profession in this community, and I truly believe that even after his death, these efforts should be rewarded by advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

Sincerely yours,



Cletus W. Bergen

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RALPH S. THOMAS - A. I. A. - ARCHITECT

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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

January 26, 1955

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Ave., North West
Washington, D. C.

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Re: Morton H. Levy
~~South Georgia Chapter~~ *β*

Gentlemen:

Mr. Morton H. Levy has contributed much to the Architectural Profession and was active in many public services in connection with his work. The following are some of his achievements.

In 1920 he succeeded in forming and maintaining the Savannah Society of Architects which later became the South Georgia Chapter of the A.I.A. He has served in all of the offices of this Chapter.

Served as Supervising Architect for the Board of Public Education.

Member of City Zoning Committee

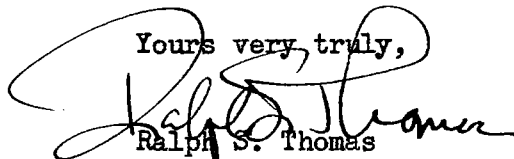
Member of City Planning Board.

Served on Board of Trustees of the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Past President Construction Trades Council.

It is a privilege to recommend Mr. Morton H. Levy to be advanced to a Fellow.

Yours very truly,



Ralph S. Thomas

RST/t

BEN P. RITZERT, A.I.A., ARCHITECT

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January 27, 1955

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Washington 6, D. C.

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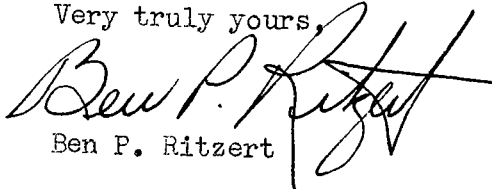
This letter is written in behalf of Mr. Morton Henry Levy who is being proposed to the rank of Fellow by the Corporate Members of the South Georgia Chapter, A.I.A. of which I am a member. Since Mr. Levy has been proposed to this high honor by his fellow practitioners, he has passed away. The Corporate Members of this Chapter would like to have him elevated to this rank posthumously.

At one time, I worked as an architectural draftsman in the firm of Levy and Kiley, of which firm Mr. Levy was a senior partner. Mr. Levy was one of the first graduates from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Following his graduation, he studied architecture in Europe and had a vast knowledge of Classical Architecture. He was one of the key men in forming the South Georgia Chapter, A.I.A. and through his many years worked tirelessly for his profession as well as for his fellow members. Mr. Levy has had many important architectural commissions and appointments, being Supervising Architect for the Board of Public Education and also a member of the City Zoning Committee, City Planning Committee, Supervising Architect on all of the slum clearance projects here in Savannah and a member of the Board of Trustees of Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Mr. Levy was considered one of Savannah's foremost architects and he was straight forward in his profession and his dealings with his fellowmen. He was an active fraternal and civic worker. The City of Savannah has lost one of its outstanding personalities and will be greatly missed by all who knew and worked with him.

I hope he will be given the worthy consideration of your board.

Very truly yours,


Ben P. Ritzert

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WALTER P. MARSHALL

MEMBER
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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January 27, 1955

Jury of Fellows,
American Institute of Architects,
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

This letter is written hoping that the information it contains may be of assistance in helping to support the recommendation of the South Georgia Chapter A.I.A. that Morton Henry Levy, a member of the Chapter, be made a Fellow of the Institute.

Mr. Levy took a leading role in getting the members of the profession to organize the Savannah Society of Architects in 1920. Then in 1922 he took an active part in getting the group established as the South Georgia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and served as its first secretary.

Over quite a period of years he served as a member of the City Zoning Committee and in 1947 was appointed a member of the City Planning Board, in both cases performing a very great service to both the profession and the public.

In 1927 he was appointed Supervising Architect for the Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham, which he held until World War II, following which a group of the South Georgia Chapter members collaborated on planning of Public Schools for City and County.

Mr. Levy also collaborated faithfully with the Savannah Housing Authority on Housing and Slum Clearance projects in the City of Savannah.

In 1940 he became a member of the Board of Trustees of Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences and served for six years.

He has served as President of the South Georgia Chapter A.I.A.; Construction Trades Council of the Savannah Chamber of Commerce; Congregation Mickve Israel; and the Harmonie Club.

He is a Past Master of Clinton Lodge No. 54, F&AM, and of Research Lodge No. 1, F&AM.

From the above, I think it can honestly be said, that throughout his professional life Mr. Levy has contributed to the best interests of the profession and public relations.

Mr. Levy has recently departed this life but I hope and trust that the Jury can make a postmortem award of Fellowship to him.

Very truly yours,

Walter P. Marshall

Walter P. Marshall, A.I.A.

CARL E. HELFRICH
ARCHITECT - ENGINEER

DANIEL L. GRANTHAM
ARCHITECT

A. I. A. - N S P E

21 EAST YORK ST., SAVANNAH, GEORGIA
TELEPHONE 4-7261

January 27, 1955.

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Jury of Fellows,
A.I.A.,
c/o The Octagon,
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Morton H. Levy, A.I.A., Deceased.

Gentlemen:

In my opinion, Mr. Morton H. Levy has done much to promote architecture and the recognition of architects as a necessity in our community. The esteem with which he was held by all who knew him was a credit to the whole profession.

He was not only instrumental in organizing the original South Georgia Chapter but has served its cause and members in various capacities through the years.

He has encouraged young architects, interested them in the Institute, and what it stands for, and has set a splendid example in the manner in which he conducted his business affairs.

Mr. Levy has served not only his profession but has given more than his share of time to his community. He was a member of the City Planning Board that set into motion a badly needed slum clearance program which resulted in a much better standard of living for a multitude of people who otherwise could not have attained it. He was a member of the City Advising Zoning Committee that played a very important role in mapping out future development of our rapidly growing community.

Mr. Levy served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences.

He collaborated with his fellow architects in the making of measured drawings of historic buildings in Savannah and vicinity. Some of these I believe are on file in Washington. He served for a period of years as an architect and advisor to our local Board of Education.

As you probably know, Mr. Levy has died since his nomination for fellowship in the Institute was filed. It is, I think, the feeling of the entire chapter that he is most deserving of this honor.

Sincerely,

Daniel L. Grantham
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c/o The Octagon,
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.,
Washington, 6, D. C.

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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Morton H. Levy, A.I.A., Deceased.

Gentlemen:

The South Georgia Chapter unanimously approved the nomination of Mr. Morton H. Levy for fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. Since making application, Mr. Levy has passed away, but his heirs still wish for this honor to be bestowed upon him.

Mr. Morton Levy was the Dean of Architects for the South Georgia area. His greatest service to the Institute was an intangible one, as it concerned the very good counsel and help he gave to all young architects in this area. Mr. Levy was never too busy to advise and instruct all members in the code of ethics for the advancement of the architectural profession.

Mr. Levy was an important member of the Zoning and Planning Commission of the City of Savannah. He was instrumental in preserving the traditional landmarks of this very traditional city.

Mr. Levy's honesty in dealing with owners, contractors, and fellow architects had made the practice of architecture a thing to be greatly desired. He has been outspoken in his praise and criticism in the development of the City of Savannah.

Mr. Levy served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences. While a member of the Board he played a very prominent part in the measuring, drawing, and history of Savannah's best traditional buildings. He was most diligent in his work on the restoration of the Owen Thomas house, originally designed by John Jay.

I feel this letter is extremely inadequate, as I have known Mr. Levy only since 1945, and his many services to the City of Savannah and the Institute are unknown to me. I do, however, wish to recommend him most highly to the Jury of Fellows.

With best regards,


Carl E. Helfrich.

CEH:dk

JOHN C. LEBEY, A.I.A.
ARCHITECT
4 TAYLOR STREET, WEST
SAVANNAH, GA.
January 27, 1955

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The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

Morton H. Levy has been nominated by the South Georgia Chapter for your consideration and recommendation as a candidate for election to fellowship in The Institute. His untimely death has unfortunately intervened, however it is hoped that a posthumous award can be made. No one has contributed a greater influence on the architecture and architects of Savannah for the past forty years than Mr. Levy. I have known him for over thirty years and deem it a privilege to recommend him to you for your favorable consideration for the following reasons:

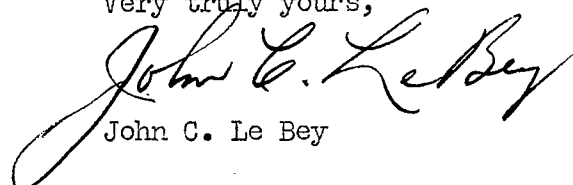
1. He conceived and carried into execution in 1920 the formation of the Savannah Society of Architects. He managed to bring together all the older architects who were not on speaking terms and instilled in them a desire for closer friendship, cooperation, and a mutual understanding of ethical collaboration for the service of the public and the profession. It was mostly through his efforts this organization became the South Georgia Chapter in 1922 with him as its first secretary. He served notably as president and was almost solely responsible for its existence during the trying years of the depression.

2. Mr. Levy was instrumental and the guiding factor in the formation of a group of A. I. A. members who collaborated in the design of Public Schools, Housing and Slum Clearance Projects and other Public Buildings constructed in Chatham County and Savannah, Georgia for the past twenty years. He was either supervising or consulting architect on most of these projects. He was always willing to recognize and aid the young practitioner, and it was mostly at his insistence that each was given an equal opportunity to participate in these groups, gain valuable experience, and render a service to the community. His broad knowledge of design, construction methods, specification writing and all around architectural practice contributed much to the help of others and the profession.

3. Through his service to the Zoning Committee and City Planning Board of Savannah; as trustee of the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences; and president of the Construction Trades Council of the Chamber of Commerce, he contributed of his time and energy for the betterment of this community and has reflected much credit upon the profession.

4. As a citizen Mr. Levy took an active part in religious, fraternal, and civic organizations, and in all of these he was a leader. His kindly helpful guidance and wise leadership will long be felt by all who knew him.

Very truly yours,


John C. Le Bey

OSCAR M. HANSEN, A. I. A.

Architect
15 LIBERTY STREET, WEST

SAVANNAH, GA.

January 28, 1955

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C/O The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

MORTON H LEVY

Attn: Miss Florence H. Gervais

Dear Sirs:

It has been requested that I write a letter in reference to the fellowship that Mr. Levy had applied for under services to the Institute and Public Service. Due to his death some weeks ago, I feel that this fellowship should be still granted in view of the many contributions that Mr. Levy has done for the Institute, the City, and his fellow architects.

Mr. Levy, at his death, was sixty-four (64) years of age and had attended the elementary and high schools in Savannah and graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1911. It was through the influence of Mr. Levy in 1920 that he was able to form the Society of Architects, which later he became a member of the Georgia Chapter A.I.A. In 1922, they were able to form what is now known as the South Georgia Chapter.

To give a brief summary of his contributions, he had been supervising architect for the Board of Public Education, head of the City Planning Board, consulting architect for the Savannah Housing Authority, a member of the board of trustees for the Telfair Academy and various other agencies that were a public service to the surrounding territory.

The following is a list of the organizations together with a list of some of his principal works:

Past President:

South Georgia Chapter A.I.A.
Construction Trades Council, Savannah Chamber of
Commerce
Congregation Mickve Israel, Savannah, Georgia
Harmonie Club, Savannah, Georgia

Past Master:

Clinton Lodge No. 54, F & AM
Research Lodge No. 1, F & AM

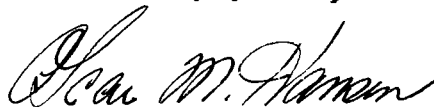
Among Principal Works of Firm:

Domitory S. Ga. Teachers College, Statesboro, Ga.
Hospital Addition, Jesup, Georgia
Primative Baptist Church, Statesboro, Ga.,
Methodist Church, Sylvania, Georgia
Cohen's Old Men's Retreat, Savannah, Georgia
Cohen Home, Savannah Beach, Georgia
Synagogue Agudath Achim, Savannah, Ga.,
Additions to Public Library, Savannah, Ga.,
Rear Wing and Nurses Home, Telfair Hospital,
Savannah, Georgia
Health Center, Savannah, Georgia
Bonette Motel, Statesboro, Georgia
Village Green Motel, Sylvania, Ga.,
Levy Stores, Savannah, Georgia
Globe Shoe Company, Savannah, Ga.,
Woolworth Store, Savannah, Georgia
Immanuel Baptist Sunday Schools, Savannah, Ga.,
Bunnel Building, Savannah, Georgia

In closing, I would like to say that Mr. Levy during his life time help to guide and train partically all of our younger architects in Savannah, We have all felt very close to Mr. Levy because he was always ready and willing to give the helping hand when it was needed.

I sincerely hope that you gentlemen will look with favor in granting this to our deceased member.

Very truly yours,



Oscar M. Hansen,
Architect, A.I.A.

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LEVY & KILEY, A. I. A.
ARCHITECTS
410 EAST BAY STREET
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

January 29, 1955

FACTUAL

Jury of Fellows
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Attention: Miss Florence Gervais
Secretary to Jury of Fellows

Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter hoping in my humble way that it will support the nomination of Morton H. Levy to a Fellowship in the Institute.

The writer has known Mr. Levy since February 1927 at which time I was still attending High School and studying under Mr. Levy during my spare time. He very graciously gave his time and money to buy supplies for my learnings. He personally asked a relative of mine to send me to college that I may further my studies in Architecture. Mr. Levy was always ready to help in any way he could. He never was one to pull strings for anyone's advancement, but if he felt they were qualified and deserving of a plug, he would be the first to talk for you. I have had close contract with Mr. Levy since our first meeting. It was my pleasure to work and study under him when I graduated from College in 1932 until we became partners in 1946.

Mr. Levy was interested in the Telfair Academy of Arts and Science. He served the Academy well for many years, but this was not all. He interested most of the Architects of Savannah to become members. To show his true trait, he was not satisfied to get the younger architects to become members, but he would have them appointed on various committees so that they would feel that they were an active part of the Organization, to help preserve the fine Architectural beauty of the older buildings.

Mr. Levy was the instigator of good fellowship among the Architects in Savannah. It was through his hard and untiring efforts that the Architects of Savannah would sit down and talk with each other. He

personally called on each Architect and explained their short comings and by persistant work had all the local Architects on speaking terms and by so doing broke the ice so that five Architects joined the Georgia Chapter, A. I. A., and later formed the South Georgia Chapter, A.I.A.. It was through his efforts that the Architects of Augusta, Georgia, became members of the South Georgia Chapter, A.I.A.. He took his time and money to go to Augusta to interest the Architects in becoming members. It was principally through his efforts that some of the older Architects of Augusta got on friendly terms. On his trips to Augusta he would ask them to lunch and in this way the ice was broken and they became members. Since then the Augusta Chapter has branched out and formed the Augusta Chapter, A.I.A., and has grown in size to equal the South Georgia Chapter.

Mr. Levy was the key man in forming the Savannah Building Trade, a group composed of Architects, Contractors, Sub-Contractors and Building Supply dealers. This organization was formed to bring a better understanding among the different trades and for laying ground for fair play among the trades. This Organization was dissolved to become a part of the local Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Levy gave much of his time to speaking before different Civic groups in the furtherance of Architecture in the Community. He spoke to Boy Scout Groups, Art classes, school groups of all ages. He had pictures and post cards to use with these talks. He did not use the same talk as it was his policy to speak according to the age of the people.

Mr. Levy took an interest in Boy Scouts and was for many years the Merit Badge Counselor for Architecture and all building crafts. It was Mr. Levy who interested other local Architects in becoming Merit Badge Counselors. He did this not to avoid his work, but to have his fellow Architects help him in guiding the youngsters in their work.

Mr. Levy was one to always give the young Architect a helping hand. Every time a young Architect decided to practice, Mr. Levy was the first to call on him to offer his congratulations and service. He would always impress on the younger Architect to feel free to call on him for advice and the good part of it was they did. There was always younger Architects calling on him to seek advice on different points of writing contracts, specifications, etc. He always made it a point to tell the younger Architect about ethics and give freely of his experiences, to help the younger Architect to better himself. Mr. Levy never spoke ill of a fellow Architect and I have known many instances in which he recommended a younger man be given a commission to help him get started.

Mr. Levy was a member of the City Advising Zoning Committee which wrote the first zoning laws for the City of Savannah, Georgia. He also gave much of his time and effort in seeing that the Code was a good one.

He also helped get up the first Building Code that had any teeth in it. The reason I mention this was he had to fight the speculative builder who outnumbered the Architects and reputable Building Contractors of the city at the time. This was a big victory for the betterment of the community and stopped "slip-shod" construction.

Mr. Levy was on the City Planning Board the last eight years of his life. He always fought for a master plan which finally materialized in the later years of his life. He also insisted that all sub-divisions, under the jurisdiction of the City Planning Board, have provisions for parks and recreational areas. This was one point that was fought by the real estate people as it cut down on their profits, but Mr. Levy always fought for his point and the board always saw fit to go along with him. There will be many families enjoying these facilities in the future, who will never know that Mr. Levy brought these facilities to their neighborhood.

Mr. Levy was a man of outstanding character, a deeply religious man. He was a leader in his congregation, a hard worker, and gave much at his time to promoting better relations of all faiths. He was friendly to all faiths and this was proven by the numerous commissions he received in Georgia and South Carolina.

To sum up my recommendation of Mr. Morton H. Levy receiving a nomination for Fellowship in The Institute, I would say there is not a Savannah Architect dead or living who would be more deserving in the fields of "Service To The Institute" and "Public Service ". Mr. Levy's honesty and ethics will live for a long time and will be a torch to guide all for many years to come. Men of Mr. Levy's caliber do not come upon this earth often. He was not only respected by us in the building field, but by everyone who knew him regardless of his vocation. I only hope that what I have written will in some way help to bring this honor to him. My only wish is that he could have lived to see this honor bestowed upon him.

Sincerely,


Walter F. Kiley

THOMAS AND HUTTON AND ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS-ENGINEERS

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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

AIR MAIL

January 31, 1955

Jury of Fellows,
American Institute of Architects,
c/o The Octagon,
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

I would like to recommend Mr. Morton H. Levy of the
South Georgia Chapter of the American Institute of
Architects for Fellowship in the Institution.

Mr. Levy has had a long and honorable career in
architecture in Savannah and surrounding area, and
in addition, was instrumental in the formation of the
Savannah Society of Architects which later became
the South Georgia Chapter of the A. I. A.

Mr. Levy has been active has a leader in City Planning
and Housing and Slum Clearance Projects in Savannah.
Mr. Levy has been a distinguished representative of the
architectural profession in civic activities for many
years.

It is for the above named reasons that I recommend
Mr. Morton H. Levy for Fellowship in the A. I. A.

Sincerely,


S. Porter Driscoll

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LEVY & KILEY, A. I. A.
ARCHITECTS
410 EAST BAY STREET
SAVANNAH. GEORGIA

January 27, 1955

Jury of Fellows
% American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Attention: Miss Florence H. Gervais
Secretary to Jury of Fellows

Gentlemen:

It was a great deal of pleasure to me that my father, Morton H. Levy, was proposed for advancement to Fellowship. Naturally, I signed his application as one of the proposers. Now that you have asked for more information I can only show you what others outside the profession thought of him. I am sure his fellow Architects (most of them knew him longer than I did) will supply enough facts to you from the profession itself.

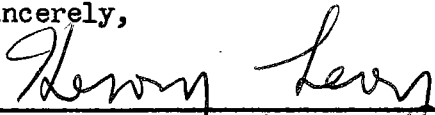
I call your attention to the enclosed photostated letter and newspaper clippings.

The letter from Rev. Trulock is from a man with whom Dad came in contact but perhaps on two dozen times in his life.. I received many such letters after Dad's death, many from people I personally did not even know.

The Editorial appeared in The Savannah Morning News and The Savannah Evening Press the day after his death. The Editorials and the resolution by City Council are a very unusual honor for a citizen of our City.

I would appreciate it very much if the Jury would see fit to award my father this advancement to Fellowship.

Sincerely,


Henry Levy, - President
SOUTH GEORGIA CHAPTER A.I.A.

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Wesley Memorial Methodist Church

ALBERT S. TRULOCK, MINISTER
ABERCORN AND GORDON STREETS

Savannah, Georgia

December the 1st, 1954.

Mr. Henry Levy,
Franklin Apts.
Savannah, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Levy:

Just a line to express my personal appreciation for the friendship of your father, Mr. Morton B. Levy. To me, he was very wonderful man, in character, in professional ability, and in the high ethical principles by which he lived every day.

I would like to offer to you my sincere congratulations upon having such a good man for a father.

People of all the Faiths, and all the Religions, united in their respect and affection for the simple and modest gentleman who went so quietly and effectively about his daily work.

We will be sorely missed and genuinely grieved for in this city where he lived so worthily.

Please express to your mother my deep and genuine sympathy.

Sincerely,

Albert S. Trulock

Morton H. Levy

Announcement of the death this morning of Morton H. Levy brought sorrow to a widespread circle of people who held him in affectionate esteem for his personal qualities as a friend and in admiration for his ability as an architect.

Member of a family held in the highest regard in Savannah, Mr. Levy for years had practiced here as an architect. He was a member of the American Institute of Architects and his work was of the high caliber that the initials A. I. A. after his name symbolized. Many a Savannah landmark reflects the genius of Morton Levy.

In the field, shall we call it, of human relations, the character of Mr. Levy stood out as a joy to all who knew him. His religious convictions were deep and he had served the ancient Temple Mickve Israel, where long his family has worshipped, as its president. The Jewish Alliance had honored him with the presidency, and he wore the emblem of a past master of his Masonic Lodge, Clinton, No. 54. Socially his presence added to the enjoyment of life and it was natural that the Harmonie Club members had bestowed upon him the presidency of that venerable organization. In the Kiwanis Club he served with distinction on some of its most important committees, notably as chairman of the committee whose efforts are dedicated to the nurturing of the spiritual life of the community.

Mr. Levy wore his honors, of which we have mentioned but a few, with dignified humility. There was nothing of the ostentatious about him. It was his own natural self, illuminated from within by a splendid character, that made Morton Levy beloved of all who knew him best, and their memories of him will be long treasured.

Morton H. Levy

There is a special sort of sadness which attaches itself to the passing of a creator. Such a man was Morton H. Levy, a distinguished architect and civic builder, whose name has been almost synonymous with that of his native city. For Mr. Levy was a creator and an artist from whose gifted brain and hand flowed the blueprints around which many of Savannah's most imposing structures were created.

The structures, of which possibly the most impressive will be the huge new building of the Jewish Educational Alliance, are not the only monuments which will cause us to remember his name. There are others, not of brick and glass perhaps, but of the soul for which he will be long remembered and loved. For through a life of civic and maternal service he had made untold contributions to the welfare of the community. His kindly guidance and wise leadership have been widely felt in many of our

most prominent Savannah institutions.

From all these multiple associations and his long career as successful architect came many honors. But Mr. Levy wore them lightly, remaining always the unassuming, friendly man he was. A deeply religious man of outstanding character he had an innate humility which made him great.

To say that such a man will be sorely missed is inane. Of course his loss will be a great one that will be borne by most of the citizens of this community. Such civic builders are far rarer and more valuable than jewels of great price, and Savannah and this area will undoubtedly be the poorer that he is gone. But such losses must be borne for they are decreed in fashion that cannot be questioned or denied.

But there is still a great heritage this good man leaves to us. The inspiration that stemmed from his character is not lost; the qualities of friendliness and brotherhood he so strongly exhibited are not interred. They are with us yet, and they will remain with us for a long, long time to come.

Council Passes Resolution On Death of Levy

City Council yesterday adopted a resolution expressing sorrow over the loss to the city of the late Morton H. Levy.

The resolution read, in part, as follows:

"In the death of Morton H. Levy the city of Savannah has lost one of its outstanding sons. Mr. Levy served for many years as a civic leader and his advice and decisions were of marked benefit to the progress of the City.

"Many of the buildings of this city today are the result of his architectural skill and foresight, and will live as a monument to him in the years to come. As a member of the planning board, his contributions were many.

"Therefore, be it resolved that the mayor and aldermen hereby record their regret at his death and by this resolution express to the family the city's gratitude for his splendid work and the worthwhile things that he did during a full and useful life."

FACTUAL

February 18, 1955

Mr. Henry Levy, President
South Georgia Chapter, A.I.A.
410 East Bay Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. Levy:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 27th with regard to the nomination to advance your Father, Morton H. Levy, to Fellowship in The Institute, and for the additional letters of tribute to him - all of which we shall be sure to call to the attention of The Jury of Fellows.

Perhaps you know, however, that up to the present, it has been the policy of the Jury to make no advancements posthumously. Of course, whether or not the Jury will continue on this basis cannot be ascertained until after its meeting in late March. At any event, the nomination of Mr. Levy will be before it at that meeting.

May I take this opportunity to extend my personal sympathy in the loss of your Father? I did not know him, but I have heard of him all during the years I have been with The Institute, and there always is a feeling of real loss and regret when we learn of the passing of members who have devoted so much to the A.I.A. and the profession during their lives.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to The Jury of Fellows