

Application for Membership

Oct 17, 1923

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 John Rodney Labor

Address 209 Union National Bank Bldg. Houston Texas  
[Number and Street.] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth Bryan Texas April 20, 1886

Graduate in architecture Mass. Institute of Technology 1908  
[If required in your case, give name of institutions and year.—Attach evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture \_\_\_\_\_  
[If required in your case, attach evidence.]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecole des Beaux Arts \_\_\_\_\_  
[If required in your case, state which, and attach evidence of Certificate.]

If an Associate of a Chapter of the Institute, give name of chapter \_\_\_\_\_

If practicing architect, firm name Henry J. Jones + Labor

Have been in practice with Jones + Labor years 15

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

Collegiate and office training \_\_\_\_\_

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.

J. R. Labor

[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application was duly elected an Associate of the \_\_\_\_\_  
[For use when the applicant is an Associate.]

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date \_\_\_\_\_  
[Insert date of election to chapter.]

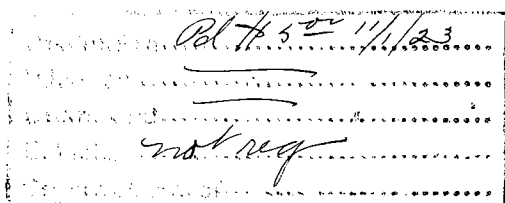
Secretary.

Chapter, A. I. A.

We, the undersigned members of the American Institute of Architects, have carefully examined the foregoing statement and believe it to be correct. We know the applicant personally, and consider that his work and practice warrant his admission to Membership.

- (1) H. H. Glendon  
(2) A. C. F. Smith  
(3) L. Q. Cato

[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.]



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

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January 4, 1924.

My dear Mr. Tabor:-

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective on December 26, 1923.

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

Enclosed herewith is statement covering dues for the current year.

May I take this opportunity to say that the office of the Secretary at the Octagon is for the service of every Institute member. Should the occasion arise, we shall be glad to give you our best cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. John R. Tabor,  
209 Union National Bank Bldg.,  
Houston, Texas.

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Encl.

COPY TO

FILES    PRESIDENT    SECRETARY    TREASURER

March 27, 1924.

Dear Mr. Tabor:-

This will advise you of the formation of the South Texas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, effective March 4, 1924.

As you are residing within the territory of the South Texas Chapter, we have transferred you, as an Institute member in good standing, from the Texas Chapter to the South Texas Chapter, effective March 4, 1924.

We have advised Mr. Birdsall P. Briscoe, Chairman of the Organizing Group of the South Texas Chapter, to whom we are sending all Institute communications for the time being.

By direction of the Secretary.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. John Rodney Tabor,  
Union Natl Bank Building,  
Houston, Texas.

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Mr. Kemper.

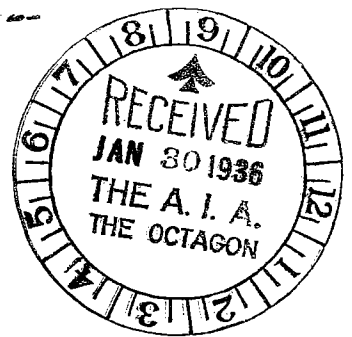
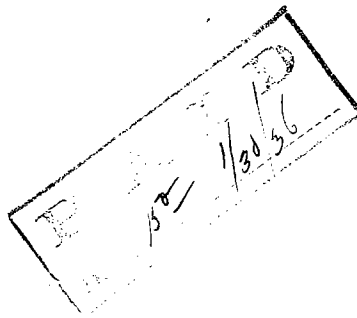
Enclosed find check for bill for  
payment of dues as per Bill that you sent  
me.

However Mr. Biscoe sent me your  
letter for digestion. Can it be possible  
that members are dropped from the  
A.I.A. for ~~not~~ <sup>non</sup> payment of dues through  
January? I would appreciate a reply.  
Please mail me receipt for the payment of  
dues on your bill.

Very truly yours,

J. L. Intr.

This referred to members  
in arrears as Dec 31, 1935.  
1936



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

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February 8, 1936

Dear Mr. Tabor:

This will acknowledge with thanks your letter received on January 30th, and remittance of \$15.00 in payment of Institute dues for 1936.

We are enclosing herewith, receipted bill, as requested. Membership card for the current year was mailed to you several days ago.

With reference to the members to be dropped from the Institute for non-payment of dues through January, 1936:

This refers only to members whose dues are in arrears on December 31, 1935, and who do not make arrangement for payment of same on or before January 31st.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

*C.*  
K:s  
Encl.

Mr. John Rodney Tabor,  
209 Union National Bank Building,  
Houston, Texas.

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*a related  
person  
Tabor John R.*

BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE  
of American Architects

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

Name: John Rodney Tabor of (address) 1222 Barkdull St., Houston, Texas  
Born: April 20, 1886 at Bryan, Texas Died: Oct. 28, 1955 at Houston, Texas  
Parents: John Q. Tabor and Sallie Rhodes Tabor  
Married: Olive M. Smith of Houston, Texas on Sept. 18, 1915  
Children: None

Education: San Antonio, Texas High School - 1904  
Texas A. & M. College - B. S. in Architecture - 1906  
Mass. Institute of Technology - graduate degree in architecture-190  
Training; and practice as Principal: (Firm Names, Places, Dates, Specialization)  
H. F. Jones & Tabor - 36 years  
Tabor, Price & Christiansen - 2 years  
J. Rodney Tabor - 3 years

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

Houston Chapter, American Institute of Architects - 1923  
Charter member, Texas Society of Architects

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

St. Paul's Methodist Church, Houston  
Supporter Development Fund and Wesley Foundation - Texas A&M College  
Editor-in-chief - "Longhorn" - Texas A&M College - 1906  
Class representative - Texas A&M College

Public Service: (Civil and Military; Community, State, National) / Established continuing Student Award  
in Architecture at Texas A&M  
College - 1951  
Established the Olive Tabor Scholarship for Christian Workers at  
Scarrett College, Nashville, Tenn.-1950

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

A number of short stories and poems

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

Quiet, but not retiring. Ever alert to the needs and always interested in his profession, his church, his school, and his fellow men. A sensitive man who bore his physical affliction with dignity and courage. A thoughtful and gentle man who did not overlook those little things that are recalled with pleasure ever afterward.

Principal Commissions:

Montgomery Ward Building, Houston - 1913  
\*Cotton Hotel, Houston - 1913  
Christian Science Church - Houston - 1918  
Texas Theatre, Houston - 1920  
Sidney Lanier High School - 1925  
High School, Texas City, Texas - 1948  
Other schools in Texas City

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

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Date: August 7, 1956

Acknowledgements: