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March 27, 1917.

Dear Mr. Kemper:-

Regarding the Worcester Chapter matter, how did it happen that Mr. James Knox Taylor, whose address is given as Northampton, which is not in the county of Worcester, is registered in the Annuary as a member of the Worcester Chapter? I assume he was transferred from the Boston Chapter to the Worcester Chapter, but I am wondering whether his residence since changed so that he ought again to be transferred to the Boston Chapter. I understand that Northampton is not only his place of residence, but his chief place of business.

Very truly yours,



Secretary.

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

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March 30, 1917.

Dear Mr. Parker:

Responding to yours of March 27, I enclose copy of letter of December 29, 1916 from the Secretary of the Worcester Chapter.

Mr. Taylor resigned from the Boston Chapter and was assigned to the Worcester Chapter on February 24, 1916, in the same manner as members from the Chapter-at-Large were assigned.

For quite a period of time Mr. Taylor's exact location was uncertain and now that he has located permanently in Northampton, which is not in the county of Worcester, it would appear that he should be reassigned to the Boston Chapter.

Will you correspond further with Mr. Taylor and shall I schedule this for the Executive Committee meeting in con-

nection with the Worcester case.
Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. William Stanley Parker, Secretary
American Institute of Architects,
Boston, Mass.

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January 14th, 1916.

Dear Sir:-

According to the records at the Octagon you resigned from the Boston Chapter during the year 1915. As this implies a discontinuance of Institute membership we would be glad to know if you expect to become a member of some other Chapter. The Chapter-At-Large is to be discontinued, in accordance with a resolution of the last Convention.

I make inquiry in connection with the preparation of the 1916 Annuary and in connection with a report to be made to the Secretary of the Institute.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

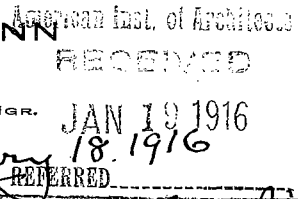
Mr. James Knox Taylor,
Plymouth Inn,
Northampton, Massachusetts.

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WILLARD A. SENNA, MGR.



January 18, 1916

E. C. Kemper

Executive Secretary A. I. A. Washington D. C.

Dear Sir: Replying to your enquiry of
January 14th I beg to advise you that
while your records show a resignation
from the Boston Chapter in 1915. I was told
by the Secretary of that Chapter that my
name would be reported as transferred
because of the rule that a resignation from
the Chapter implied a resignation from the
Institute as well.

The only reason I have not as yet be-
come a member of another Chapter is
because I have not as yet been able to
definitely locate permanently, but I
can assure the Society that as soon as
I do I shall connect myself again
with whatever Chapter may be nearest.

With the hope that until such time
a way may be found to continue my
membership in the main body I am

Yours truly

James Knox Taylor

Taylor, James Knox

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February 5¹⁰, 1916.

Dear Sir:

In view of your letter stating that you expect to affiliate with some Chapter of the Institute as soon as permanently located, the Secretary has directed that we carry your name under the Boston Chapter, ~~appropriately~~ marked with an asterisk as those who have been assigned to that Chapter from the Chapter-at-Large.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. James Knox Taylor,
Plymouth Inn,
Northampton, Mass.

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Copies to Messrs. Mauran & Fenner.

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March 26, 1917.

James Knox Taylor, Esq.,
Plymouth Inn,
Northampton, Mass.

Dear Mr. Taylor:-

I assume that you know of the vote taken at the last meeting of the Worcester Chapter, "unanimously" authorizing the Executive Committee to take such action as was necessary to terminate the membership of the Worcester Chapter in the American Institute of Architects. This action would of course terminate membership of the Institute members of the Chapter.

Can you tell me anything in regard to the reasons for this action?

Also is Northampton your chief place of business? If so you ought to be a member of the Boston Chapter.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

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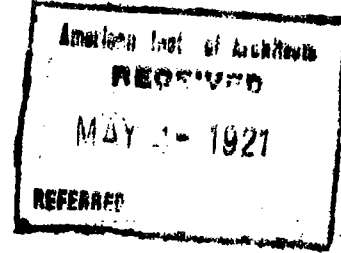
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Attention of the Treasurer.

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



Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find my check for \$20.00 being my annual dues for the year of 1921.

In this connection, kindly note change of address to - c/o Mr. North Emory #7429 Devon Street, Mt. Airy, Phila.Pa. This address, however, is only temporary and I will notify of the permanent one a little later.

Yours very truly,

James Knox Taylor
James Knox Taylor

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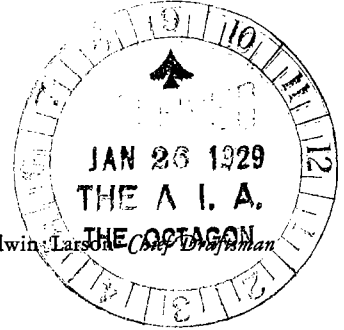
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1/23/29



Mr. Frank C. Baldwin, Secretary,
The Octagon,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

I recently had an opportunity for an intimate conversation with Mr. James Knox Taylor regarding his affiliation with the Florida Chapter. As a result, he is ready to have his membership transferred.

In this conversation, one of the questions discussed was the fact that due to his age and period of membership in the Institute, he is exempt from dues to both the Chapter and the Institute. I am taking this up with you direct in an effort to have this ruling acted upon so that it will become effective this year.

Mr. Taylor is naturally reticent about advancing the matter himself - but confidentially, I feel that such action will be greatly appreciated on his part.

Cannot you handle this matter, also write him a note regarding transfer and advising him as to procedure? - I think this will precipitate action.

We think very highly of Mr. Taylor here, are fond of him, and will consider it an honor to have him in the Chapter.

Very sincerely,

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Mr. M -

What does Taylor owe?

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Fellow - 1889 - owes for 1929-25

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Transmitted by

January 31, 1929.

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

Responding to your letter of January 23rd, addressed to Mr. Baldwin:

I feel quite sure that Mr. James Knox Taylor is eligible for retirement.

At present he is assigned to the Boston Chapter as an active member in good standing therein.

There is a fixed procedure, which he should follow, and I am sure he would be willing to do so if you explained to him personally.

That procedure is shown on the marked excerpt of the By-Laws sent herewith - relative to retirement.

If ^{he} you would address the necessary letter to the Institute Executive Committee, in time for its meeting on March 8th, in Washington, I am sure it will receive the fullest measure of consideration.

We find that Mr. Taylor's dues to the Institute have been paid except for 1929, and it might be desirable for him to ask that his retirement be made effective as of December 31, 1928, thus relieving him of dues for the current year.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Jefferson M. Hamilton,
President, Florida Chapter, A.I.A.,
509 Twiggs Street, Tampa, Fla.

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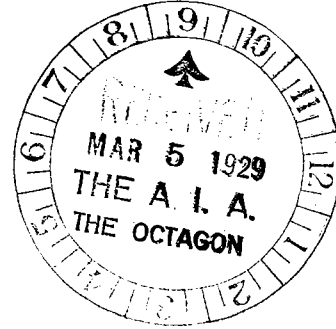
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March 5/29

Mr. Frank C. Baldwin, Secretary,
The Octagon,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

The attached application from Mr. Taylor,
is in accordance with my letter to you under
date of the 23rd. of January.

The Florida Chapter will appreciate
the prompt handling of this matter by the
Institute.

Very sincerely,

Jefferson Hamilton

J.H.H

REPRESENTING
CHARLES M. HART
247 PARK AVE. NEW YORK

JAMES KNOX TAYLOR, F.A.I.A.
ARCHITECT
309 WARNER BLDG. TAMPA, FLORIDA

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Mr. Frank C. Baldwin, Secretary,
The American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the By-laws of the
Institute, Art. 5, Section 1, the first half of
the second paragraph, I hereby make application
for exemption of dues to the Institute.

Same is to be retroactive, as of
January 1st, 1929.

Your attention in seeing that this
matter is brought before the proper body, will
be much appreciated.

Very sincerely,

James Knox Taylor

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March 25, 1929.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

This will formally advise that at the March meeting of the
Executive Committee, it was

Resolved, That James Knox Taylor be placed on the
retired list, effective December 31, 1928.

By direction of the Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. James Knox Taylor,
309 Warner Building,
Tampa, Fla.

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August 2, 1929

My dear Mr. Taylor:

This is in the nature of a formal and routine letter to advise you of the creation of the Florida Central Chapter, and your assignment thereto, by resolution of the Board of Directors of the Institute, effective April 27, 1929.

The President of the new Chapter is Mr. J. E. Hamilton, 509 Twigg Street, Tampa, Fla.; and the Secretary is Mr. George Winkler, 704 Telephone Building, Tampa, Fla.

They have been advised of your transfer from the old Florida Chapter to the new Florida Central Chapter.

Your obligations and privileges will remain the same as heretofore, with respect to Chapter and Institute affiliation, and we hope that you will join with the new Chapter in making its work a success.

By direction of the Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. James Knox Taylor,
309 Warner Building,
Tampa, Fla.

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FLORIDA CENTRAL CHAPTER
 THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

The Florida Central Chapter, A.I.A., In session at Tampa, Florida, September 19th, 1929, passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Master Architect of the Universe in the omniscience of a perfect understanding has withdrawn into the quietude of peace of His own Presence our dear friend and co-laborer James Knox Taylor, and

Whereas, Uncle Jimmie's sympathetic comradeship and wise counsel has been an inexhaustible source of inspiration and help to all those who enjoyed the privilege of knowing him, and

Whereas, his contribution to Architecture, as teacher, public official and private practitioner has been notable, therefore be it

Resolved, that the profession of Architecture both local and national has lost one of its most valued and distinguished members; be it further

Resolved, that the members of the Florida Central Chapter American Institute of Architects have been deprived of the fellowship of a wise counselor and loyal friend; be it further

Resolved, that his devoted friends of the Florida Central Chapter American Institute of Architects are deeply grateful for the beneficent influence and example of his idealism which heritage death is powerless to destroy; finally be it

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the record of this meeting, and that copies be sent to such relatives, or other persons or organizations as may be determined by the president.

Passed at a regular meeting of the Florida Central Chapter American Institute of Architects, held September 19th, 1929.

Attest,

Nat Walker President.

Geo Winkler Secretary.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Mr. Boyd
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 7, 1929

Mr. D. Knickerbacker Boyd,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Boyd:

We are indeed sorry to hear of the death of Mr. James Knox Taylor. The Institute and its Officers greatly appreciate the cooperation which you, and other Members of the Philadelphia Chapter, extended. It is also evident that Mr. Adams, of Tampa, was a friend in need to Mr. Taylor.

To me, this is merely another illustration of what I have often said - that the Institute has much of the spirit of the college fraternity, which comes close to being idealism in its finest form.

With personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

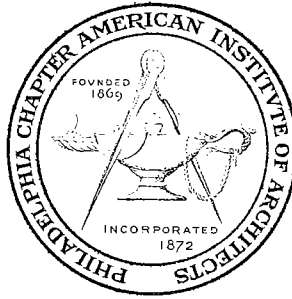
Mr. D. Knickerbacker Boyd,
112 South 16th Street,
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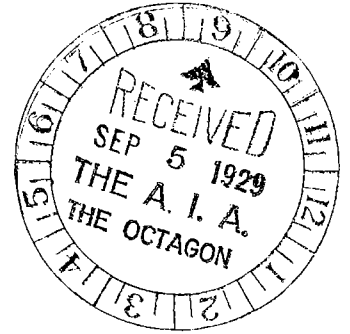
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D. Knickerbacker Boyd,
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705 Otis Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
112 S. 16TH STREET

August 30th, 1929.



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

My dear Kemper:

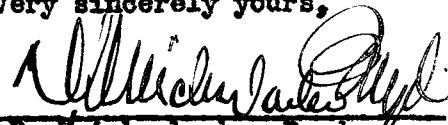
As an indication of the possibility of collaboration between Chapters, especially in times of death or stress, I believe you will be interested in seeing the enclosures which I am now sending regarding the death of James Knox Taylor.

They consist of a telegram from Mr. F. O. Adams, of Florida, and of a copy of my telegraphic reply to him as well as of my report to R. B. Bencker, Vice President of our Chapter in the absence of President Walter H. Thomas, who is in Europe.

It is a pleasure to feel that because of the expanded activities of our Chapter, it is possible for matters of this kind to receive prompt and energetic attention without overcrowding officers like our President and Secretary and yet at the same time it is a privilege not to be lightly regarded when we can pay some little attention to the last rites in connection with a departed friend and member of the Institute.

With kindest personal regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,


D. Knickerbacker Boyd.

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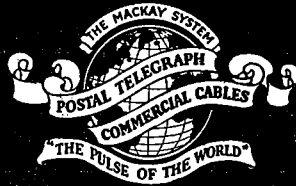
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WALTER H THOMAS PRESIDENT
PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER
220 SOUTH SIXTEENTH ST
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STOP MRS NORTH EMORY SEVEN FOUR TWO NINE DEVON STREET MOUNT AIRY PENNSYLVANIA
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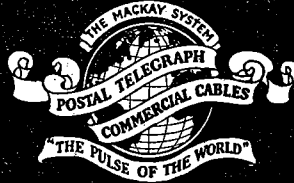
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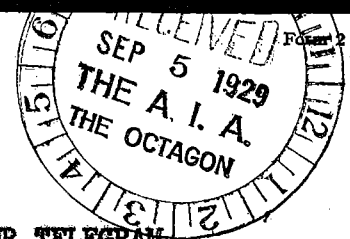
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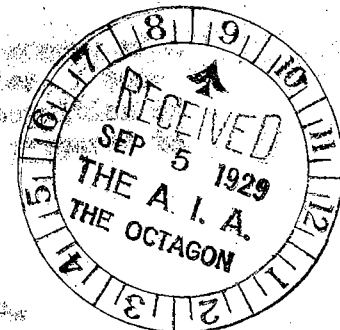
FRANKLIN O ADAMS
509 TWIGG ST
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IN ABSENCE ABROAD OF WALTER THOMAS PRESIDENT PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER YOUR TELEGRAM REFERRED TO SECRETARY ABEL AND BY HIM TO ME AS OLD FRIEND OF JAMES KNOX TAYLOR TO ACT FOR HIM AND CHAPTER IN HIS SAD DEATH STOP HAVE COMMUNICATED WITH MRS. EMORY WHO ASKS ME TO EXPRESS HER DEEP APPRECIATION TO YOU AND PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER FOR GOOD OFFICES STOP WILL SEND FLOWERS FROM THIS CHAPTER TO FUNERAL SATURDAY THREE O'CLOCK HER HOME STOP WITH COOPERATION OF JOHN RANKIN HAVE PREPARED AND SENT OBITUARY NOTICES LOCAL PAPERS OTHER ARCHITECTS MAY ATTEND FUNERAL BUT DAY AND HOUR MOST INOPPORTUNE FEEL IT A PRIVILEGE TO COOPERATE AND MRS EMORY WILL ADVISE IF ANYTHING FURTHER WE CAN DO

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Mr. E. C. Keuper

D. Kaickerbush Boyd
Chairman,
Committee on Public Information,
705 Ohio Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.



August 20th, 1929.

Mr. Ralph B. Sandler, Vice President
Philadelphia Chapter, A.I.A.,
Horn Building,
Phila., Pa.

My dear Ralph:

The telegram addressed to President Thomas by Mr. F. O. Adams of the Florida Chapter informing us of the death of James Knox Taylor, was duly received through Secretary Abel and I am glad to report as follows:

I communicated with Mrs. North Henry, the relative mentioned in Mr. Adams' telegram, and found that she was Mr. Taylor's sister-in-law and that she was very appreciative of the fact that professional brethren in Philadelphia as well as in Florida were sufficiently concerned with the death of a fellow architect to go into the matter as we were doing.

She assured me that there was nothing further which we could do but after conferring with Mr. John Hall Rankin, who knew Taylor even better than I did, and after also securing further data concerning him from Mrs. Henry, I prepared an obituary notice which I have transmitted to all Philadelphia newspapers for tomorrow, the day of the funeral.

It would of course be fine if some of the members of the Philadelphia Chapter could attend the funeral but I have learned by conferring with several of them that all are, like myself, committed to being out of town on this particular Saturday - namely, the last one in August and the one preceding the Labor Day outing.

Mrs. Henry understands perfectly that this is a most unfortunate day and time for the funeral and that for this reason there will be but few, if any, of Mr. Taylor's friends or associates in attendance.

For your further information, I have also answered the telegram from Mr. Adams as per copy enclosed. By same, you will notice that I have also ordered flowers which will be sent to the house accompanied by the card with the Chapter's seal thereon and the following inscription:

In respectful appreciation
of the life and services of
James Knox Taylor
from the
Philadelphia Chapter
American Institute of Architects

It seems to me only right and proper that on occasions of this ^{kind} numbers of

Mr. R. B. Benaker

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August 30, 1929.

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the profession should do all that we can out of respect to the memory of a departed architect and I assure you that on behalf of the Chapter, I consider it a privilege to have been able to do what I have in recognition of the loss of one who held such a prominent position and will be prepared to do anything further if the occasion seems to honor. *warrant*.

Meanwhile, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

D. Knickerbocker Boyd.

DKB:MMB

James Knox Taylor

James Knox Taylor, b. Oct. 11, 1857, Knoxville, Knox Co., Ill., d. Aug. 27, 1929.
m. Adele Chambers of Phila. Feb. 3, 1887.

Educated in public schools of St. Paul, Minn.; took special course in architecture at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1877-1879; worked in various offices in New York. In 1882 he returned to St. Paul where he practiced with Cass Gilbert under the name of Gilbert and Taylor. Then to Philadelphia from 1892-1895. Began as a senior draftsman in the Office of the Supervising Architect in 1895 and was appointed Supervising Architect in 1897* which post he held until 1912. Then followed two years as director of the Department of Architecture at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1912-1914. The next few years he moved around quite a bit being in Philadelphia, Northampton, Mass., and Yonkers, N.Y. among others, before going to Tampa, Florida about 1923. He retired in 1928 and died the following year. He was a member of the Western Association of Architects in 1884 and became a fellow of the American Institute of Architects with the merger of the two organizations in 1889.

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some reference to his association with Taylor

Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals

Some 70 references under Taylor, primarily to work as supervising architect.

9 references under Gilbert and Taylor to work of the firm.

U.S. Supervising Architect of the Treasury Dept.

Annual reports. (for details of work done in the office under Taylor's tenure)

AIA membership records

U.S. National Archives

Preliminary inventory of the records of the Public Buildings Service
(Record group 121) Washington, D.C. 1958. (Its Publication no. 59-9. Preliminary inventory no. 110) (lists materials available in the National Archives that would bear on Taylor's work.)

*There seems to be a discrepancy as to when Taylor actually became Supervising Architect. Withey and the Who's Who sketch give 1897; the National Archives inventory volume (p. 6) indicates that there was an acting 1897-1898, and that Taylor did not become Supervising until 1898. However Taylor's report submitted Sept. 30, 1898, although not specific on the point, would suggest that he was appointed in 1897. Evidently further research is necessary to clarify this point.

G.E.P. 5/4/1976