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APPENDIX B.

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FORM OF APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP,
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

Answered _____

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To the Secretary of the American Institute of Architects:

SIR: I respectfully apply for Associate membership in the American Institute of Architects. I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute and agree, if elected, to honorably maintain and obey them.

My full name is *Morrison Huggins Vail*

My address is *1128-1130 Unity Bldg. Chicago, Ill.*

I am employed by *myself* *Geo. Dixon, Ill.*

I am a member of the firm of *Morrison H. Vail*

I began the study of architecture in the year *1883*

I began the independent practice of architecture in the year *1891*

The accompanying photographs show buildings or other work designed by me.

No. 1 is *Alta Swedish Apartments Building, Chicago, Ill.*
(Give description of same.)

No. 2 is *Gymnasium Bldg. Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.*

No. 3 is *Residence at Dixon, Ill.*

The accompanying drawings are *Booklet describing Auditorium Building at Dixon, Ill.; Madison, Wis. and Monticello Tenn.; Circular truss roof - 160 ft. span.*
(Give description of any drawings the applicant may choose to submit.)

Respectfully submitted,

Morrison H. Vail
(Signature of applicant.)

We, the undersigned, Fellows or Associates of the American Institute of Architects, have carefully examined the above statement, and believe it to be accurate. We know Mr. *Morrison H. Vail* personally, are familiar with his professional work and practice and desire his election as an Associate Member of the American Institute of Architects.

(The signatures of three Institute Members are here required.)

*W. S. B. Jenney Chicago, Ill.
Peter B. Wright Chicago*

We, the undersigned residents of *Chicago and Dixon, Ill.* know Mr. *Morrison H. Vail* personally, and believe him to be capable in his profession and honorable in all his dealings.

(Here the candidate may secure the signatures of residents in the city or town wherein he is at present practicing. The address of each indorser must follow his name.)

*H. A. Otis Chicago, Ill.
800 Dodge Dixon Ill
Milw. D. Mattison
#1843 Wellington Ave. C.
R. J. Bennett Chicago
#1 Michigan Ave.*

DETROIT, MICHIGAN



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

Dear Sir:

Circumstances compell me
to resign my membership in
the Institute. I deeply regret
this necessity, after thirty years
of loyal membership.

Sincerely yours
Morrison H. Hail.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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W. C. Morrison

December 16, 1930

Dear Mr. Vail:

We have your letter of December 1st, stating that circumstances compel you to resign your membership in The American Institute of Architects, and we would indeed be sorry to take such action, in view of your long association with the Institute.

Before acting on your resignation, we wish to call to your attention the provision of the By-laws which allows a member who has been engaged in the practice of architecture for ten years or more, or who has been a member of the Institute also for ten years or more, to be placed on the retired list, under certain conditions.

A marked circular, containing excerpts from the By-laws, is enclosed, and if you believe you would be eligible to be placed on the retired list, we shall be glad to suggest such action at the next meeting of the Executive Committee, scheduled for about February first.

Will you not let us hear further from you in this connection?

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Morrison H. Vail,
1239 Holcomb Avenue,
Detroit, Mich.

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Copy to the Secretary,
Chicago Chapter.

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PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

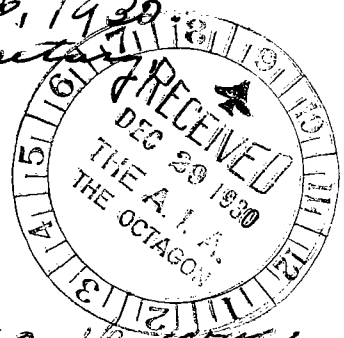
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~~P.C. [Signature]~~

1239 Holcomb Av.
Detroit, Mich.

Dec. 26, 1930

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



Dear Mr. Kemper:

Your esteemed favor of Dec. 16 was duly received and carefully considered.

I deeply regret the necessity of resigning and would be most happy to continue my affiliation as a "retired member (if eligible) until I am able to again reinstate. However I cannot conceive that (as such) I would be of any benefit to the Institute and I certainly do not want to be a burden to it. Furthermore I doubt that I am eligible as I am only 65 years old and, after I closed my practice two years ago, I secured a position as draftsman in the Lighthouse Service of the Department of Commerce. This position pays me barely enough for our living, but I could not get anything better under Civil Service because of my age and there was no opening with the Architects because of the "Hard Times". I still owe the money borrowed to pay the last two years' dues to Institute and Chapter.

The story of my misfortunes is too long and too painful to relate in detail and would only tire you. I will simply state that by 1917 I had acquired property and income sufficient to live on and I closed my office and went "seaside" in the "U" service, but, when I returned after the war, I found that I had been swindled out of all by those I had trusted with my affairs while away. I then began over again and tried to recover, but certain competitors combined to take advantage of the the difficulties I was working under and finally succeeded in turning me out from my office and even collecting for work done, until I was forced to quit burdened with debts. I do not wish to say any more, nor will I bring any charges for unprofessional practice but will assume and suffer the consequences myself and endeavor to forget.

I tried to secure opportunity to tell this personally to the President and Secretary at the recent meeting of the Board in Detroit, but was unable to get an audience. I fear that the delay of action on my resignation means that another year's dues will be expected from me, which I cannot pay.

Sincerely yours

Morrison H. Waif.

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January 7, 1931.

My dear Mr. Vail:

We are sorry to have your letter of December 26th.

It does not appear that you are eligible for retirement, and we have therefore written to the Secretary of the Chicago Chapter as per enclosed copy of letter.

Upon hearing from him we will bring the resignation before the Executive Committee, at the February meeting, advising you shortly thereafter.

You will not be charged for 1931 dues.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.



Mr. Morrison H. Vail,
1239 Holcomb Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

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March 16, 1931.

Dear Mr. Vail:

At the March meeting of the Executive Committee your resignation, as a member in good standing, from the Institute and the Chicago Chapter, was accepted, effective December 31, 1930.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Morrison H. Vail,
1239 Holcomb Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

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