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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Nov. 10, 1915

To the Secretary of the American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

SIR:

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects under Class [A, B, C, or D.]

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name John Van Buren
Address 1108 Republic Bldg., Kansas City Mo.
Place and date of birth Englewood, U. S. June 18 - 1854
Graduate in architecture _____
[Give name of institutions and year—Evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation to be submitted with application.]

Major of Scholarship in architecture _____
[Give name and year]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the _____

**In making my application for membership here-
with, I further agree, if elected, that at any time my
membership in the American Institute of Architects should
cease, either by my own resignation or any action taken
by the American Institute of Architects, I will then by
that fact relinquish all rights of any character that I
may have acquired by reason of that membership in the pro-
perty, real or personal, of the American Institute of
Architects.**

I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute and the "Circular of Advice Relative to Principles of Professional Practice and Conduct" and I agree to abide by them, honorably to maintain them.

John Van Buren
John Van Buren
(Signature of Applicant)

I hereby certify that the signer of this application is a member of Kansas City
Chapter A. I. A.

John Van Buren
Secretary

Officially recommended for advancement to Institute member-
ship by the Kansas City Chapter at the regular meeting, Nov. 9, 1915.

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.

Ben F. Wheeler
President

Geo. Siemens
Secretary

Kansas City Chapter, A. I. A.

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[Give name and year.]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecole des Beaux Arts _____
[State which, and year—Evidence of Certificate to be submitted with application.]

If practicing architect, firm name Yes, no firm John Van Buren

Have been in practice 17 years

If draughtsman, employed by _____

Collegiate and (office training) _____
[State number of years.] A. Van Buren, A. Van Buren

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.

John Van Buren
[Signature of Applicant.]

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Geo. McHenry Secretary.
Kansas City Chapter, A. I. A.
[To be omitted when the applicant does not reside in the territory of a Chapter.]

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[The signatures of three Institute members are here required. In the case of "official endorsement" of candidates by a Chapter, the signatures of its officers only shall be here required.]

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January 27th, 1916.

Dear Sir:-

Acting for the Secretary, I take pleasure in advising you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects effective January 18th, 1916.

You will receive later the Annuary and Proceedings for the current year. The former contains the official documents of the Institute.

In accordance with the action of the recent Convention with regard to applicants qualifying in 1916, your Initiation Fee has been remitted. As you have paid the preliminary fee of \$5.00, the only charge on the Institute books is for dues for the current year. For this item we enclose a formal statement.

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

Very truly yours,

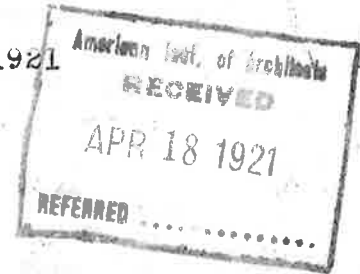
Executive Secretary.

Mr. John Van Brunt,
1106 Republic Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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THE KANSAS CITY CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

April 15, 1921



Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Executive Secry.,
The Octagon,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Kemper:

Pardon my delay in replying to your letter of the 19th ultimo, enclosing copy of Mr. John VanBrunt's letter to you under date of February 19th concerning his indebtedness of \$60.00 for Institute dues. Of course you will understand the delay was due to waiting for the Chapter meeting and Executive Committee meeting.

As per your request I held Mr. VanBrunt's letter in strict confidence but of course advised the Executive Committee of general conditions.

We appreciate very much the action of your Executive Committee and we have done likewise, namely, to recommend to you that these dues be remitted in full.

I herewith return copy of Mr. VanBrunt's letter.

Very truly yours,

President,
Kansas City Chapter A.I.A.

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Please return to the Octagon.

San Antonio, Texas.

Feb. 19/21

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My dear Mr. Kemper:-

I am just in receipt of your letter of Feb. 10th, forwarded to me here from Kansas City--in reference to the matter of my indebtedness to the Institute.

In reply I wish to state, that I have not communicated with your Treasurer regarding this matter, because I had been hoping against hope that when I did, I would be able to send something more satisfactory to him than a letter of explanation.

Your letter calls for immediate recognition, therefore I will at once try to explain why I have allowed myself to become so far in arrears in Institute dues, humiliating as it is for me to do so.

Since the war began, and since, I have had hardly enough business to pay necessary personal expenses and those of my family. While the war was on I had no commissions whatever, and was obliged to borrow as much money as I was able, in order to live. In August last the situation had become so acute that in order to repay those from whom I had borrowed, and to meet ordinary living expenses, I accepted a position as draftsman with Mr. Ralph H. Cameron, with whom I have been since September 10, last. The salary is hardly adequate to meet all my obligations for I have been trying to clear off the more pressing ones and have succeeded to a degree, but there are still many debts to be met and among them is my debt to the Institute.

How long my work here will last, I have no means of knowing, and what information I am able to get regarding the outlook in Kansas City does not look very encouraging. Meantime, I am liquidating as rapidly as possible but the fact that I have still many obligations to meet almost appals me and I find myself wondering what is going to happen if Mr. Cameron's work should fall off.

My family is in Kansas City, and that fact, coupled with the fact that my salary hardly enables me to keep them in sufficient funds, supply my own wants and meet as best I may my obligations makes my predicaments very hard to bear.

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If any way opens so that I may be able to liquidate, if only in part--my indebtedness to the Institute before March 6, I will be very glad to remit whatever amount I am able.

I am sorry to have to write what may seem to you a long and perhaps useless letter explaining a condition that, no doubt, confronts others of the profession, but as you have asked for an answer the only thing for me to do is to comply with your request, whether either I or the Institute derive any benefit. The whole situation has become very trying to me, and particularly so when I think of severing my connection with the Institute under such circumstances for I have been very proud of the fact that I ~~had~~^{have} had the honor to be associated with such a body. Please pardon my using long hand, I did not dare to trust this to the office stenographer nor to a public one.

May I ask for a reply?

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) JOHN VAN BRUNT.

To
Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Secty,
American Inst. of Architects,
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

John Van Brunt.
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Ralph H. Cameron

P.S.

Mr. C. C. Kemper Executive Secy
American Inst of Architects,
Via Octagon
Washington D.C.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Miller

April 25, 1921.

My dear Mr. Van Brunt:

With further reference to your indebtedness to the Institute, \$60.00, covering the years 1918-1920, inclusive, and your letter of February 19, on this subject, please be advised that the Executive Committee of the Institute, acting upon the recommendation of the Kansas City Chapter, has remitted your indebtedness to the extent indicated above.

Your account is now up to date with the exception of dues for the current year, statement for which is enclosed.

Trusting that you will find this action acceptable, I am

Very truly yours,

Assistant-Treasurer.

Mr. John Van Brunt,
Republic Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

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FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

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

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April 5, 1922.

My dear Sir:

Your resignation, with that of seventeen other Institute members of the Kansas City Chapter was received on April 1, and accepted by the Executive Committee of the Institute on that date.

The acceptance of your resignation terminates your membership in the Institute and the Kansas City Chapter.

A statement covering your indebtedness to the Institute on account of dues is enclosed.

By direction of the Secretary.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. John Van Brunt,
608 Interstate Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

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