

*In due order  
February 12, 1951  
J. Schwab*



Dated January 17 19 51  
Received January 29 19 51  
Granted January 1, 19 52

MEMBERSHIP NO 7991

Published Date: March 15, 1951  
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

- A Name of applicant... Walter W. Ahlschlager..... Chapter Dallas.....
- B Address of applicant... 212 So. St. Paul Street, Dallas 1, Texas.....
- C Applicant proposed by... Grayson Gill..... and... Donald S. Nelson.....
- D Application received with check for \$10.00..... on..... January 29 19 51
- E Application returned for correction..... 19 .
- F Application in due order on..... February 12 19 51
- Record of registration, Form S39, Sent (Tex). Jan. 31... 19 51. Received. February 12 19 51.
- G Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
  - (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on... March 1..... 19 51 on February 1 19 51.
  - (b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on..... 19..., on 19 .
- H Acknowledgments to applicant, ~~proposers~~, and chapter on..... February 1 19 51.
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission  
~~or that application be denied~~ received on..... February 5 19 51.
- J No report from chapter executive committee on..... Resubmitted--December 11, 1951
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on..... March 13, 19 51.
- Resubmitted--December 11, 1951
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on..... March 13 19 51.
- M Applicant was admitted on..... January 1, 19 52.
- N Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter ~~and letter~~  
~~to proposers~~ on..... January 1, 19 52.
- O Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$.....  
returned to applicant on..... 19 .

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT

I, Secretary of The American Institute of Architects, hereby certify that, under authority vested in me by The Board of Directors, I have this day duly elected

Walter W. Ahlschlager

to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the Dallas Chapter.

Date January 1, 19 52.

*[Signature]*  
Secretary

(a)

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INSTRUCTIONS

Type in all information carefully and sign with ink.  
Mail this original and check for \$10.00 to The Secretary, The American Institute of Architects, 1741 New York Avenue, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.  
File the duplicate, on yellow paper, with the secretary of the local Chapter of The Institute.

The American Institute of Architects

APPLICATION FOR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

I, the undersigned, do hereby apply for corporate membership in The American Institute of Architects.

1. My full name is WALTER W. AHLSCHLAGER

2. I am a NATURAL citizen of UNITED STATES

State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.

3. My legal residence is in the City of DALLAS

County of DALLAS State of TEXAS

State whether residence or office address.

4. My address in The Institute records will be

212 So. ST. PAUL STREET

Number Street

DALLAS, TEXAS  
City Zone State

State whether a practicing architect, a teacher or a public official, etc.

5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as A PRACTICING ARCHITECT.

6. I desire to be a member of the THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS/ Dallas TEXAS Chapter.

7. I declare that I will comply with the By-laws; and the Standards of Professional Practice of The American Institute of Architects, which are attached hereto; and the Rules and Regulations supplementary thereto; and that I understand the duties, responsibilities, and obligations of a member of The Institute; and that I have read and understand all the information contained in this form and its attachments.

8. I have filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the Chapter above named. I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its component organizations.

9. I enclose my check for \$10.00, for admission fee and the first year's annual dues, of which \$1.00 is for a year's subscription to the Bulletin of The American Institute of Architects. It is my understanding that if I am not admitted to membership \$5.00 will be returned to me, and \$5.00 retained by The Institute as an examination fee.

Date JANUARY 17 1951

*Walter W. Ahlschlager*  
Applicant sign full name in ink

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## STATISTICS

10. Date of birth JULY 19, 1887 Place of birth CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

11.(a) I am registered or licensed to practice architecture in the following-named states:

ILLINOIS, TEXAS, OKLAHOMA, ARIZONA, GEORGIA, COLORADO, FLORIDA.

(b) I passed the State Board Examination in the following-named states:

ILLINOIS

(c) I hold Certificate No. 42 of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, for having passed their Standard Examination.

## EDUCATION

12.(a) I attended high schools, private schools, colleges, universities, as follows:

<i>Name of School, College, University</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>No. of Years</i>	<i>Year of Graduation</i>	<i>Degree</i>
LEWIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, CHICAGO	CHICAGO	4	1909	YES
ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY, CHICAGO	CHICAGO	3	1912	
ART INSTITUTE, CHICAGO	CHICAGO	3	1912	

(b) I have held the following-named scholarships or other honor awards, and have traveled in the following-named countries:

EUROPE - MEXICO - CANADA - JAPAN.

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

13. I list below, in chronological order, the periods of my training as draftsman, the names and addresses of my principal employers, and my classification as draftsman while employed by each:

*From* *To*

ENTERED OWN PRIVATE PRACTICE IMMEDIATELY UPON TERMINATION OF COLLEGE.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

14. I list below, in chronological order, the periods during which and the states in which I have practiced architecture as an individual or as a member of a firm or corporation or as a public official or have taught architecture or the arts and sciences allied therewith. (State names of firms or corporations or public office and of schools or colleges).

	From	To
ILLINOIS	1912	1946
TEXAS	1941	1951
OKLAHOMA	1942	1950
ARIZONA	1947	1948
ALABAMA	1943	1944
GEORGIA	1943	1944
COLORADO	1943	
FLORIDA	1944	1946

BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS

15. I list below other business in which I participate or own an interest, and the extent of such participation or interest.

- REAL ESTATE - AHLSCHLAGER & AHLSCHLAGER - OWNERSHIP, TEXAS
- " " CONTINENTAL CORPORATION OF TEXAS - OWNERSHIP, TEXAS
- " " TURTLE CREEK APARTMENT CO. - OWNERSHIP, TEXAS
- " " WILL-WALT COMPANY, OWNERSHIP, TEXAS
- " " SAM-WALTER CORP., OWNERSHIP, TEXAS

VARIOUS DIRECT AND INDIRECT OWNERSHIP IN INDUSTRIAL AND OTHER TYPES OF BUSINESSES.

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 16. Member of Institute from ABOUT 1912 to 1915 ) no record. LHM
- 17. Junior of Institute from to
- 18. Associate of Chapter from to
- 19. Junior Associate of Chapter from to
- 20. Student Associate of Chapter from to
- 21. Member of State Organization in TEXAS SOCIETY, from ABOUT 1942 to TO PRESENT DATE.

ENDORSEMENT BY PROPOSERS

(The two proposers must be corporate members of The Institute in good standing.)

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have read the statements made hereinabove by the applicant and believe them to be correct. I vouch for his honorable standing in this community and in his profession, and I believe he is fully qualified for membership and I propose him therefor.

I have known the applicant for 10 years.

I have known the applicant for years.

Signed Grayson Hill  
 Proposer  
1913 San Jacinto St  
 Address  
Dallas Tex.

Signed Donald S. Nelson  
 Proposer  
505 North Erway  
 Address  
Dallas 1 Tex

Grayson Hill  
1913 San Jacinto St

3. Donald S. Nelson  
Reserve Loan Life Bldg



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.  
Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

Walter W. Ahlschlager, Dallas, Texas  
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,  
Dallas, Texas  
Address

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date January 31 1951

  
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? Yes
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? Yes or by exemption? .....
3. What was the scope of the examination? one hour oral examination
4. What was the period of the examination? ..... days. Written examination ..... hours; Oral examination one hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? No If so, give Certificate No. ....
6. Date of first registration Dec. 12 1940 Registration No. 851 Is it current? Yes

  
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date 7 February 1951

Texas State Board of Architectural Examiners  
(Name of Board)



Dallas Chapter

Name of Chapter

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION OF CHAPTER  
ON APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:

I, the undersigned secretary of The Dallas Chapter,  
The American Institute of Architects, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of a  
resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of this Chapter at a duly called meeting thereof  
held on Feb. 3, 1951, vouching for the honorable standing of  
Walter W. Ahlschlager in the community, and  
recommending his admission to membership in The Institute:

RESOLUTION

"Whereas, Walter W. Ahlschlager an architect having his  
~~legal residence~~ principal place of business within the territory of this  
Chapter duly applied on Feb. 3 1951 for membership in The  
American Institute of Architects; and

"Whereas, the Executive Committee of this Chapter has examined the  
statements made by him in his application for such membership and believes  
that the statements are true and correct and that the applicant is an architect  
of integrity and ability and of honorable standing in this community and  
among his fellow architects and able to undertake the financial obligations of  
such membership to The Institute and this Chapter; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Dallas Chapter ~~Chapter~~  
The American Institute of Architects, vouches for the honorable character  
and standing of Walter W. Ahlschlager an applicant for admission  
to membership in The Institute, believes him able to undertake the financial  
obligations of that membership, and recommends to The Board of Directors of  
The Institute his admission to membership in The Institute and this Chapter."

Date Feb. 3,

19 51 .

Clifford J. Lane  
President  
Secretary

(Strike out title not applicable)

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Type in name  
of officer and  
chapter.

Type in dates  
and name of  
applicant.

Type in name  
of applicant.  
Strike out the  
words "legal  
residence" or  
"principal  
place of busi-  
ness" which-  
ever are not  
applicable.

Type in name  
of chapter.

Type in name  
of applicant.





THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

THOMAS D. BROAD, DIRECTOR, TEXAS DISTRICT  
618 RESERVE LOAN LIFE BUILDING, DALLAS, TEXAS

24 Feb. 1951.

Re: Application of  
Walter W. Ahlschlager.

Mr. Ned Purves.  
1741 New York Ave. N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ned:-

As regional director I am worried about the application of the above architect. I find that the application was signed by Don Nelson and Greyson Gill as sponsors. The Dallas Chapter approved it because of these two signatures. These two men were associated with Mr. A. on the Mercantile Bank Job here and while neither of them has said as much, I suspect that they could not without considerable embarrassment decline to sign.

While I do not of my own knowledge know any of the many things that are heard around Dallas against this man, where there is so much smoke, I believe we should at least look to see if there is some fire.

I have a lawyer friend who represents several insurances companies that were some way involved in some suits in connection with Mr. A. at the time he left Chicago and moved here. My friend warned me against ever in any way becoming involved with this man, because of his operations in Chicago which he considered very bad smelling. He did not give me details.

I have heard that he was disbarred in New York State and that Mr. Robt. Barnard O'Connor, 101 Park Ave. New York 17, N. Y. and Mr. Wm. Adams Delano, 126 E. 38th St. New York 16, N. Y. can report on this.

I have also heard that he was disbarred in Illinois and that Mr. John Reed Fugard, 520 N. Michigan Blvd. Chicago 11, Ill. can report on this.

I want to avoid doing any injustice to this man, but I believe in view of so many rumors a thorough investigation should be made before this application is approved. I suppose you will want to refer this to the Examining Committee and that its members or some of the staff for them will want to go into these matters in New York and Illinois.

Looking forward to seeing you next week,

Yours truly,

CONFIDENTIAL

March 8, 1951

Dear Bob:

May we seek your advice on a rather confidential matter?

The application of Walter W. Ahlschlager for membership in The Institute is at hand. Although the application is in good order and has been signed by appropriate sponsors, it has been brought to our attention by one of the members of The Board of Directors that Mr. Ahlschlager is not a suitable candidate for membership in The Institute. The Board member also felt that in all probability the sponsors were in a rather embarrassing position and had no recourse but to sign the application.

Your name has been confidentially given to us as one who may have some knowledge of Mr. Ahlschlager's past activities. We should appreciate any comments or recommendations which you might wish to make. Your letter would be regarded as strictly confidential. It would, however, and if you permit, be made available to the Board of Examiners of The Institute, and the Board would likewise regard it in a confidential light.

The Board of Examiners will be meeting here in The Octagon on Tuesday, March 13th. Therefore, if possible we should like any information you wish to give us on hand by that time.

Appreciating your help, I am

Sincerely yours,

Edmund R. Purves  
Executive Director, AIA

Mr. Robert B. O'Connor, F.A.I.A.  
101 Park Avenue  
New York 17, New York

ERP:MSD



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126 East 38th Street  
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Executive Director, AIA

Mr. John R. Fugard, A.I.A.  
520 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago 11, Illinois

ERP:MSD

# THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1741 New York Avenue, N. W.

Washington 6, D. C.

## THE OCTAGON

Inter-Office Communication

March 12, 1951

To: The Board of Examiners, A.I.A.  
From: E. R. Purves, Executive Director  
Re: Application of Walter W. Ahlschlager

With reference to the above applicant, and correspondence attached:

Mr. Fugard telephoned this morning and said that he knew Mr. Ahlschlager in Chicago fifteen years ago, at which time he was definitely a "bad boy" and never could have gotten into The Institute. He was then a man who operated like Chip Robert.

Today, he was certain, there would be no complaint from the Chicago Chapter, as the young men know nothing about him, and he thinks action on his application should hinge on what the people in Texas think of him. If he is behaving himself down there, it would be up to the Chapter to make its own recommendation.

Mr. Robert O'Connor, to whom an inquiry also was addressed, remembers nothing about the applicant at this time.

No word has been received as yet from Mr. William Adams Delano, to whom inquiry also was sent.

(rec'd  
later)

ERP/G

*Mrs. Gowan  
FAG*

R. B. O'CONNOR AND W. H. KILHAM, JR. • ARCHITECTS  
101 PARK AVENUE • NEW YORK 17, N. Y. • MURRAY HILL 5-1272

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R. M. BEDER

CONFIDENTIAL

March 9, 1951.

Mr. Edmund R. Purves  
Executive Director, AIA  
The Octagon  
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ned:

I am sorry that I am really unable to give you any satisfactory information in response to your inquiry of March eighth. I can only recall one very slight contact between our office and Mr. Ahlschlager which was, I think, about 25 years ago. I believe that he had some connection with the owner of property which had been suggested for use by the Metropolitan Opera. As we were the architects for the Opera at that point my senior partner, B. W. Morris, was the one who had most of these contacts. Frankly I remember almost nothing about it and I certainly have no knowledge which would be useful one way or the other in reference to your query.

I am very sorry not to be of any help to you in this matter but hope that you may have better luck with others.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Bob*

R. B. O'Connor

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*MSD*  
*Please acknowledge*  
*BAP.*

HENRY S. WATERBURY F. A. I. A.  
ALEXANDER McILVAINE A. I. A.  
JOHN W. WATERBURY A. I. A.

DELANO & ALDRICH  
ARCHITECTS  
126 EAST THIRTY-EIGHTH STREET  
NEW YORK 16, N. Y.  
TELEPHONE MURRAY HILL 5-5850

WM. ADAMS DELANO F. A. I. A.  
ADVISORY ARCHITECT

March 12, 1951.

My dear Mr. Purves:

I am afraid I cannot help you much in the matter you wrote me about. I have only met Mr. A. twice, as I remember it, once in his office in Chicago and once in my office in New York. These meetings took place in 1928, in connection with the design of Carew Tower in Cincinnati, when I was asked by my friend, Mr. Emery, the owner, to act as adviser on the gallery of shops. I am told that Carew Tower is a great success and the plan arrangement rather unusual. From my brief contact with the author, I should not, personally, have thought of proposing him for the Institute.

Very sincerely yours,

*Wm. Adams Delano*  
*by J. Manning*  
*Secy*

Edmund R. Purves, Esq., Executive Director,  
The American Institute of Architects,  
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.,  
Washington 6, D. C.

CC - airmail

(Mr. Delano had to leave the office before  
being able to sign this letter so asked  
me to do so for him. JBM)



7-146

March 14, 1951

Dear Mr. Delano:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 12th with reference to "Mr. A."

The information which you give is very much appreciated.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Edmund R. Purves  
Executive Director, A.I.A.

Mr. Wm. Adams Delano, F.A.I.A.  
126 East 38th Street  
New York 16, New York

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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March 14, 1951

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

The Board of Examiners of The American Institute of Architects has before it the application for corporate membership of Mr. Walter W. Ahlschlager, now of Dallas, Texas.

It has been reported to this Board that Mr. Ahlschlager was disbarred from practice in your State.

The Board would appreciate a confidential report from you on Mr. Ahlschlager.

Sincerely yours,

T. Worth Jamison, Jr.  
Chairman  
The Board of Examiners

Mr. Harold T. Brinkerhoff, Secretary  
State Board of Examiners of Architects  
339 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York

J/G

Copies to: Mr. Purves  
Mr. Broad

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

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B. S. E. y

March 14, 1951

Confidential

Dear Mr. Kervin:

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Chairman  
The Board of Examiners

Mr. Charles F. Kervin, Superintendent  
of Registration  
Department of Registration & Education  
Architects Division  
Springfield, Illinois

J/G

Copies to: Mr. Purves  
Mr. Broad

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE  
23 SOUTH PEARL STREET  
ALBANY 7, N. Y.

JOHN W. PAIGE, CHIEF  
GEORGE A. GILGER, SUPERVISOR  
LOUIS RABINEAU, SUPERVISOR

IN REPLYING, PLEASE HAVE ALL LETTERS, TRAN-  
SCRIPTS AND FEES CLEARLY IDENTIFIED AS TO  
PURPOSE AND PROFESSION FOR WHICH INTENDED.

March 22, 1951

Mr. T. Worth Jamison, Jr.  
Chairman, The Board of Examiners  
The American Institute of Architects  
The Octagon  
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jamison:

At the request of Mr. Brinkerhoff we are replying to your inquiry of March 14, 1951 regarding the licensure of Mr. Walter W. Ahlschlager in New York State. According to our records Mr. Ahlschlager was issued certificate of licensure #2950 on January 14, 1926, at which time he resided at 1540 Broadway, New York City. The records also show that he graduated from the Armour Institute of Art Instruction, Chicago, Illinois, May 16, 1909.

Since his licensure in architecture Mr. Ahlschlager does not appear to have been registered for any of the subsequent biennial periods and is currently not registered for the 1950-52 registration period in architecture.

Mr. Ahlschlager's record card contains no reference to his having been disbarred from practice in New York State. For a confirmation of this part of the record, however, we suggest that you write Mr. August Bardo, Executive Secretary of Professional Conduct, Division of Enforcement of Professional Laws, The State Education Department, 399½ Madison Avenue, New York 17, N. Y., and ask whether his records show whether or not any action has been taken or is pending against Mr. Ahlschlager.

Sincerely yours



George A. Gilger  
Supervisor

GAG:hb

cc-Mr. Harold T. Brinkerhoff

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

March 27, 1951

Dear Mr. Gilger:

On behalf of Mr. T. Worth Jamison, Jr., Chairman of The Board of Examiners of The American Institute of Architects, I am writing to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of March 22nd, reporting on your records with regard to the licensure of Mr. Walter W. Ahlschlager in New York State.

As you suggested, we are addressing an inquiry concerning their records on Mr. Ahlschlager to Mr. August Bardo, Executive Secretary of Professional Conduct, Division of Enforcement of Professional Laws for New York State.

Your report will be submitted to The Board of Examiners at its next meeting in April.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to  
The Board of Examiners

Mr. George A. Gilger, Supervisor  
Bureau of Professional Licensure  
State Education Department  
23 South Pearl Street  
Albany 7, New York



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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Bardo:

As the suggestion of Mr. George A. Gilger, Supervisor of the Bureau of Professional Licensure, we are writing to you in the following matter:

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Division of Enforcement of Professional Laws  
The State Education Department  
399½ Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

TWJ/G

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LAWS

March 28, 1951

AUGUST J. BARDO JR  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

SUITE 12-C  
399 1/2 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

Mr. T. Worth Jamison, Jr.  
Chairman, The Board of Examiners  
The American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Jamison:

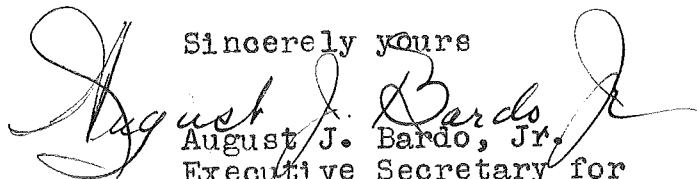
I have your letter of March 27, 1951 relative to the application for corporate membership of Mr. Walter W. Ahlschlager of Dallas, Texas.

A copy of Mr. Gilger's letter to you was forwarded to me and I also had occasion to discuss this matter with Mr. Harold T. Brinkerhoff who is Secretary to the New York State Board of Examiners of Architects.

There are no records in this office pertaining to Mr. Ahlschlager and, therefore, we may state that there have never been any disciplinary or criminal proceedings brought against Mr. Ahlschlager in so far as his activities in this State. Apparently the report that Mr. Ahlschlager is disbarred from practice in this State is completely inaccurate.

It is hoped that you will consider this report as confidential and we wish to assure you that we will be very happy to assist you on any future occasion when you may wish to have our advice.

Sincerely yours

  
August J. Bardo, Jr.  
Executive Secretary for  
Professional Conduct

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April 3, 1951

Dear Mr. Bardo:

On behalf of Mr. T. Worth Jamison, Jr., Chairman of The Board of Examiners of The Institute, I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 28th, with regard to the record of Mr. Walter W. Ahlschlager as a registered architect in the State of New York.

The Board of Examiners will be most appreciative of your report and cooperation and will be sure to keep the matter confidential.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to  
The Board of Examiners

Mr. August J. Bardo, Jr.  
Executive Secretary for Professional Conduct  
Division of Enforcement of Professional Laws  
399½ Madison Avenue - Suite 12-C  
New York 17, New York

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Department of Registration and Education  
Springfield

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CHAS. F. KERVIN  
SUPERINTENDENT OF REGISTRATION

March 20, 1951

Mr. T. Worth Jamison, Jr.  
Chairman, The Board of Examiners  
The American Institute of Architects  
The Octagon  
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jamison:

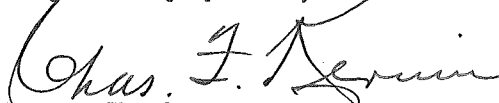
In response to your confidential letter of March 14, may I submit the following report.

There is nothing derogatory in our files with reference to Mr. Walter W. Ahlschlager, 212 South St. Paul, Dallas, Texas, nor is there any record of his being disbarred from the practice of architecture in this State.

Our records indicate that he was issued architect registration, No. 1057, by this Department on May 1, 1909, and that his registration was renewed annually from that date to July 1, 1941, when he failed to pay the annual renewal fee. His registration was restored to good standing on March 15, 1944, by payment of the required restoration fee, and he has remained in good standing since that date.

Hoping the above information will serve to inform you and with warm personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

  
Chas. F. Kervin  
Superintendent  
of Registration

CFK:bp

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March 27, 1951

Dear Mr. Kervin:

On behalf of Mr. T. Worth Jamison, Jr., Chairman of The Board of Examiners of The American Institute of Architects, I am writing to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of March 20th, reporting on your records with regard to the registration to practice in Illinois of Mr. Walter W. Ahlschlager.

Your report will be submitted to The Board of Examiners at its next meeting in April for their information.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to  
The Board of Examiners

Mr. Chas. F. Kervin, Superintendent of Registration  
Department of Registration and Education  
Springfield, Illinois



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*Supplement*

Confidential

April 11, 1951

Dear Mr. Broad:

Your letter of February 24, 1951, to Ned Purves, concerning the application of Mr. Walter W. Ahlschlager, is very much appreciated by The Board of Examiners.

As suggested in your letter, the several men in New York and Illinois were written to, and copies of their replies are enclosed herewith.

Mrs. Swank, the Executive Secretary of the Dallas Chapter, has requested that Mr. Ahlschlager's application for membership be held up pending further advice from the Chapter, which, of course, will be done.

Looking forward to seeing you in Chicago in May, I am

Sincerely yours,

T. Werth Jamison, Jr.  
Chairman, The Board of Examiners

Mr. Thomas D. Broad, Director  
Texas District, A.I.A.  
618 Reserve Loan Life Building  
Dallas, Texas

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DALLAS CHAPTER

August 20, 1951

Mr. J. W. Rankin  
Administrative Secretary  
The American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

What a vacation you've had! No letter from us for at least a month. This must have given you strength to face the whole, long cold winter some of which we could do with in Dallas right now. Temperatures of 107 get dull!

I enclose the application, check (duly endorsed) and chapter approval of Charles B. Witchell. I also enclose a new brace of executive board meeting minutes.

At the meeting Friday, the board voted to rescind its action with regard to the application for corporate membership of Mr. Walter Ahschlager, and has asked me to inform you of the fact.

Yours sincerely,

(S) PATRICIA SWANK

Mrs. A. B. Swank, Jr.  
Executive Secretary

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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*Application  
Suspense*

August 31, 1951

Dear Mrs. Swank:

We have received your letter of August 20 with the enclosures.

According to our records, The Executive Committee of your Chapter approved the application of Mr. Walter Anschlager. Now you state that it has voted to rescind its action. We wonder if this means a disapproval, in which case we shall advise Mr. Anschlager, or whether you wish us to hold this matter in abeyance until you have more time for additional investigation.

Yours very truly,



J. W. Rankin  
Administrative Secretary

Mrs. A. B. Swank, Jr.  
Executive Secretary  
3119 Raleigh Street  
Dallas 9, Texas

JWR/hd

cc: Miss Gervais ✓



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Extract from Minutes of the Executive Board of the Dallas Chapter  
November 13, 1951

"The matter of Mr. Ahschlager's membership was re-opened. Mr. Swank said he felt that the affair had been mishandled, and apologized; but he said that although the last board vote had been four against, and two not voting to rescind approval, he - Mr. Swank - still felt that there is too much appearance of labeling a man guilty without proper proof. He said he felt strongly that Mr. A. should be considered innocent of all charges, questioned about them frankly, and given a chance to say whatever he wishes in the matter. Mr. Harper moved that a meeting be set up wherein the candidate could be heard. Passed. The meeting was arranged for 4:30 p.m. Friday, November 16 at the Mercantile National Bank. Mrs. Swank is not to attend the meeting."

ARCH B. SWANK, JR., PRESIDENT  
TERRELL R. HARPER, VICE-PRESIDENT  
HAROLD E. PRINZ, TREASURER



CLIFFORD J. LANE, SECRETARY  
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DALLAS, TEXAS**

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MINUTES of a special executive board meeting, held Friday, November 16 in the conferenceroom of the Mercantile National Bank, at 4:30 p.m. Present were Messrs: Swank, Harper, Lane, Prinz, Tatum and Welch, and Mr. Walter Ahschlager.

The meeting was called to review objections made to the board's approval of the application of Walter Ahschlager for corporate membership in the Institute.

The board met a few minutes early to compile a list of pertinent questions which boiled down to three general topics: 1. What were the circumstances of his dropping his previous membership in the Institute? 2. What are his interests in real estate businesses? 3. What about the rumors of construction failure on a building for which he had done the plan?

When Mr. Ahschlager arrived he undertook to answer all, in some detail. He explained that he was expelled from the Chicago Chapter in 1915 on a charge of plagiarism, although he was never given a hearing, and did not even know the reason for his expulsion until some years later. He also went into the circumstances surrounding the charge.

He said his interests in real estate concerned buildings designed by himself built by himself, for lease to others. These include the Penny Building in Corpus Christi, and the Maple Avenue Building in Dallas.

As to the construction failure rumor on the Walnut Hill Building, he said that the owner had departed from his plans, although he had been warned by many letters and much explanation.

Mr. Welch moved Mr. Ahschlager's application be approved, Mr. Lane seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

ARCH B. SWANK, JR., PRESIDENT  
TERRELL R. HARPER, VICE-PRESIDENT  
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DALLAS, TEXAS**

November 17, 1951

Mr. J. W. Rankin  
The American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

The executive board of the Dallas Chapter Friday voted unanimously to approve Mr. Walter Ahschlager's application for corporate membership in the A. I. A. This will supercede the action to rescind.

The delay in the matter was caused by a number of objections based, apparently, on rumors alone. It is a delicate matter, of course, and we tried to be as thorough as possible. We wrote to chapters in cities where he had previously practiced. The board interviewed those who had objections and, on Friday, interviewed Mr. Ahschlager himself. He answered all questions most cooperatively and frankly, and expressed himself as entirely willing to abide by all regulations of the Institute. The board then voted unanimously to approve his application.

I am sorry not to have been able to be more explicit before, but we wished to handle the affair as justly and fairly as was humanly possible. The board feels that Mr. Ahschalger will make a good member.

I'll send you a flock of board meeting minutes early in the week.

New officers of the chapter, for your information, are as follows:

President: Terrell R. Harper,  
2101 N. St. Paul, Dallas  
Vice-President: Clifford J. Lane  
408 Melba Building, Dallas  
Secretary: J. Herschel Fisher  
5217 Ross Avenue, Dallas  
Treasurer: William H. Hidell Jr.  
2814 Fairmount, Dallas  
Director to the TSA: Arch B. Swank Jr.  
2025 Cedar Springs, Dallas

Yours sincerely,

*Arch B. Swank Jr.*  
Mrs. A. B. Swank Jr.



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November 21, 1951

Dear Mr. Swank:

Thank you very much for yours of November 17th, advising of the action of the Dallas Chapter with regard to the application of Mr. Walter Ahschlager for membership in the A.I.A. His application will be submitted to The Board of Examiners at its meeting in December.

We also have noted the new officers for the Chapter and have changed our records accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. Rankin  
J. W. Rankin  
Administrative Secretary

Mrs. A. B. Swank, Jr., Executive Secretary  
Dallas Chapter, A.I.A.  
3119 Raleigh Street  
Dallas 9, Texas

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FILE COPY - PLEASE RETURN

January 1, 1952

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to inform you that your application for membership in The Institute was acted on favorably by The Board of Directors and that you were admitted to corporate membership in The Institute and assigned as indicated below.

You will be a member of the listed organizations, unless you later transfer therefrom, until your membership in The Institute terminates.

Your certificate of membership, duly executed by the Officers of The Institute, will be sent in due course.

The Board of Directors welcomes you to membership in The Institute, and my office is at your service to the extent of its powers.

The Policies of The Institute are developed largely from activities within the chapters and State organizations. By taking an active part in their affairs, you will contribute to the advancement of the objects of The Institute and will increase the benefits to be derived from Institute membership.

I bespeak your active cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

Mr. Walter W. Ahlschlager, A.I.A.  
212 South St. Paul Street  
Dallas 1, Texas

ASSIGNMENTS:

Chapter: Dallas Chapter, A.I.A.  
State Organization:  
Texas Society of Architects, A.I.A.

Effective Date: January 1, 1952

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Ahlschlager

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**W. AHLSCHLAGER,  
ROXY'S ARCHITECT**

**Advocate of Ever-Higher  
Buildings Dies at 77**

DALLAS, March 29 (AP)—  
Walter W. Ahlschlager Sr., an  
architect who designed New  
York's Roxy Theater and many  
other buildings, died last night.  
He was 77 years old.

His latest project was a \$6  
million apartment building re-  
cently opened in Dallas.

Perhaps his most famous work  
was the Roxy Theater in New  
York, which was the world's  
largest when it was erected. It  
was razed a few years ago for  
a hotel.

Mr. Ahlschlager was born in  
Chicago in 1887. While he was  
still a student at Armour In-  
stitute of Technology in Chi-  
cago he designed 15 buildings  
on the Lutheran Concordia Col-  
lege campus in West Chicago.  
He began his professional car-  
eer in Chicago and later  
opened offices elsewhere. He  
came to Dallas in 1940 for a  
project and remained.

Among his other notable  
buildings were the Sheraton Ho-  
tel in Chicago, the Carew -  
Tower complex in Cincinnati  
and a \$9-million downtown cen-  
ter in Wichita, Kan.

Survivors are a son, Walter  
Jr., and a daughter, Mrs.  
Charles Myers of Middleburg,  
Va.

**Higher Buildings Forecast**

It was as an architectural  
seer that Mr. Ahlschlager first  
attracted notice. Forty years  
ago he dreamed of height in  
building. He predicted that tal-  
ler and larger structures would  
be the answer to America's need  
for business expansion.

In 1928, writing for a news-  
paper, Mr. Ahlschlager declared  
that "modern American archi-  
tecture is more and more ex-  
pressive of the aspirations of  
our civilization" and predicted  
that "posterity will regard our  
present-day architecture as a  
great art because it seeks to  
provide utility and ease in liv-  
ing and at the same time to  
please the eye."

During the same period he  
commented that "the skyscrap-  
er is the badge of the 20th  
century." He said that sky-  
scrapers would "provide effi-  
cient, comfortable and economic  
housing for business" and would  
not "sacrifice utility to beauty."

Later he asserted that "the  
skyscraper meets modern needs"  
and that there "is no structure  
which operates on a closer mar-  
gin of economy." "Concentra-  
tion of business," Mr. Ahlschl-  
schlager insisted, "will un-  
doubtedly mean taller and larger  
buildings in the future."

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August 25, 1965

Mrs. Charles R. Schroeder, Executive Secretary  
Dallas Chapter, AIA  
4408 Willow Lane  
Dallas, Texas 75234

Re: Death of Walter W. Ahlschlager on 3/27/65

Dear Mrs. Schroeder:

We were very sorry to learn of the death of the member indicated above.

For The Institute's Baldwin Memorial Archive records, it would be appreciated if you would have the enclosed forms filled in. Two copies should be returned to The Institute and the third copy should be maintained in the Chapter's files.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Scheick, A.I.A.  
Executive Director

Enclosures

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BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE  
of American Architects

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

Name: Walter W. Ahlschlager of (address) 3511 N. Hall, Dallas, Texas

Born: July 19, 1887 at Chicago, Ill. Died: March 28, 1965 at Dallas, Texas

Parents: John Ahlschlager and Jenny Ahlschlager

Married: of on

Children: Walter W. Ahlschlager, Jr. and Mrs. Charles Myers

Education: Architectural

Training; and practice as Principal: (Firm Names, Places, Dates, Specialization)

Armour Institute of Technology, Chicago, Ill. Graduated 1910.

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

American Institute of Architects, National Council of Architectural Registration Boards,  
Texas Society of Architects, Illinois Tech Alumni Fund

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

Religious - None  
Other - Not known

Public Service: (Civil and Military; Community, State, National)

None

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

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

Avid golfer - won many championships

Some of his works - Wedgwood Apartments, Dallas, Texas. \$6,250,000 building. Wedgwood Apartments, San Antonio, Texas, Roxy Theater in New York, Mercantile Bank Building, Dallas, Texas, and the Sheraton Hotel in Chicago, and Carew-Tower complex in Cincinnati, Wichita Plaza Building in Wichita, Kansas, among many others.

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