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*Ash, Thomas E.
Philadelphia*

March 30, 1921

Application for Membership

April 30, 19*21*

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:

*See letter
inside from
Arch's office*

Name *Thos. E. Ash*

Address *2553 South 67th St. Phila Pa.*
(Number and Street.) (City.) (State.)

Place and date of birth *Millville, N.J. June 15 1888*

Graduate in architecture *Several Institutes and School of Industrial Arts*
[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.....

Have been in practice..... years.....

If draughtsman, employed by *Paul P. Curt*
[State number of years.]

Collegiate and office training *Two year Special Course, 5 years Beaux Arts work under Paul P. Curt 15 years office experience*

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.

Thos. E. Ash
[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) *John F. Harbo*
(2) *Walter Hough*
(3) *A. Louis Oubling*

Prelim. Fee. *Pa. \$5.00*
Initiation *remitted*
Uniq. End. *No*
Encl. *must send*
On of

[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.]

JOHN F. HARBESON
WM. J. H. HOUGH
THOMAS E. ASH

OFFICE OF
PAUL P. CRET
ARCHITECT

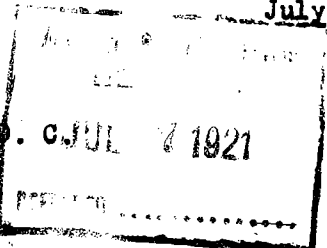
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MEMBERS AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

attach to application of Ash - ask him no further for exhibits

July 6, 1921

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



My dear Mr. Kemper:

Some two months ago I sent you an application blank, duly filled out, for Mr. Thomas E. Ash. He has handed me your letter to him of May 24 asking for a submission of exhibits.

His name was submitted, and he made application for membership, under that one of the Institute by-laws which says that "draughtsmen, over thirty years of age, are eligible for membership." A young man in this generation must choose one of two ways in which to pursue the profession of architecture. Either he starts in business for himself at an early age and has to do many uninteresting pieces of work--of a kind, too, for which he may not be fitted or trained, i. e., domestic work,--or he works up on the inside, attaching himself to the large offices where the best work is done, and sinking his own personality and his name until late in life.

It is the latter course which Mr. Ash has pursued. He was in charge of all the telephone buildings in the office of Mr. John T. Windrim, of this city, handled a volume of work far in excess of that usually in the care of the young man running his own office. He was entirely responsible for all phases of the work; nevertheless he could not send prints from the working drawings of any of these buildings, for Mr. Windrim is opposed to any such procedure.

Mr. Ash is now connected with this office in a similar capacity, and is in charge of the work for the new building now being designed by Mr. Cret for the Detroit Institute of Arts. As this is not yet built, there could be no submission of executed work.

I have talked with Mr. Lovatt and Mr. Davis, president and secretary of the Philadelphia Chapter, with Mr. Crane and Mr. Sinkler, past presidents, and they do not know what procedure should be followed in such a case, although they feel that a submission of executed work is unnecessary for a man applying for membership as a draughtsman over thirty years of age.

I should appreciate your telling me what is the customary course in such cases.

Very sincerely yours,

John F. Harbeson

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August 15, 1921.

My dear Sir:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective August 15, 1921.

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

The enclosed statement for dues should receive early attention, as the engrossed Certificate of Membership is not sent until the dues for the first year have been paid. No charge has been made for first half of 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. Thomas E. Ash,
2553 South 67th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Enclosure

COPY TO

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

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March 20, 1928

Dear Mr. Ash:

At the direction of the Secretary of the Institute, and with regret, I write to advise you that your membership in The American Institute of Architects and the Philadelphia Chapter, has been terminated, effective December 31, 1927, for non-payment of Institute dues.

You are indebted for \$50.00, covering the years 1926 and 1927.

If I might add a word of explanation, it would be to say that the Officers and Directors of the Institute are more than sorry that this action is necessary. They regret to lose your name and influence.

But the Institute is largely dependent upon the dues of its members for carrying on its work. It is not fair to those who pay their dues to carry, indefinitely, those who do not pay. Under the general resolution adopted at the December meeting of the Board, and about which we advised you, we are obliged to drop those owing for two years or more.

It is hoped that the future will bring about improved business conditions for you, and that you will consider renewing your professional society affiliations.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Thomas E. Ash,
2553 South 67th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Copy to Mr. Victor D. Abel, Secretary,
Philadelphia Chapter.

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