

Dated October 19, 19 53
Received October 21, 19 53
Granted January 1, 19 54

MEMBERSHIP NO 9610



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

- A Name of applicant.....Thomas William Dunstan Wright.....Chapter.....Washington-Metro.
- B Address of applicant.....1000 Vermont Avenue, Washington 5, D. C.....
- C Applicant proposed by..Leon Brown..... and Waldron Faulkner.....
- D Application received with check for \$ 10.00 on..... October 21, 19 53
- E Application ^(held) returned for correction. (additional payment of \$10.00)..... November 6, 1953.
- F Application in due order on..... November 27, 19 53
- Record of registration, Form S39, Sent D. C. Oct. 29, 19 53. Received. November 9, 1953.
- G Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
 - (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on..... November 29, 19 53 on October 29, 19 53
 - (b) Form S12, 30-day extension ending on..... 19....., on 19 .
- H Acknowledgments to applicant, proposer, and chapter on..... October 29, 1953.
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission ~~on that application be denied~~ received on..... November 27, 19 53
- J No report from chapter executive committee on..... 19 .
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on..... December 1, 19 53
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on..... December 1, 19 53
- M Applicant was admitted on..... January 1, 19 54
- N Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter ~~and letter to proposer~~ on..... January 1, 19 54
- 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
Thomas William Dunstan Wright

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

Date January 1, 19 54.

George Bain Cummings
Secretary

(a)

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*In due order
November 27, 1953
J. J. Gerovasi*



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 Thomas William Dunstan Wright

2. I am a natural citizen of the United States of America

3. My legal residence is in the City of Washington

County of State of District of Columbia

4. My address in The Institute records will be office address

Number 1000 Street Vermont Avenue
City Washington Zone 5 State D.C.

5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as a practicing architect

6. I desire to be a member of the Washington-Metropolitan 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 October 19, 1953

1953

Thomas William Dunstan Wright
Applicant sign full name in ink

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State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.

State whether residence or office address.

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

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STATISTICS

10. Date of birth January 12, 1919 Place of birth Rome, Italy

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

- The District of Columbia
- The State of Maryland

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

- The District of Columbia

(c) I hold Certificate No.....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>
Saint Albans School	Washington, D.C.	7	1937	Diploma
Harvard University	Cambridge, Mass.	4	1941	A.B.
Harvard University	Cambridge, Mass.	4	1950	Bach. of Arch.

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

England, Canada, Mexico, France, Germany, Italy, Denmark, Switzerland, Austria, Ireland, Morocco, Tunisia. I lived in Europe for eight years and travelled there during six additional summers, plus war duty.

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:

	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
U.S. Government, draftsman	1941	1942
Joseph H. Saunders, A.I.A., designer	1950	1951
Leon Brown, A.I.A., associate	1951	the present

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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

The District of Columbia
The State of Maryland

1952, as a registered architect, and for two previous years as an architectural draftsman employed by above architects in D.C. and Va.

A four page article of mine was published in the October 1952 issue of the A.I.A. Bulletin.

BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS

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

none, except for being a Lt. Comdr. in the USNR

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 16. Member of Institute from to
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 from to

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 3 1/2 years.

I have known the applicant for 12 years.

Signed Leon Brown Proposer

Signed Raymond Kunkin Proposer

1000 Vermont Ave. N.W. Address

1200-18th Street N.W. Address

Leon Brown

Washington, D.C. Raymond Kunkin

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

Thomas William Dunstan Wright- Washington, D. C.

(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,

District of Columbia

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, 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 October 29, 1953

George Bain Cummings
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? Junior written examination
- 4. What was the period of the examination? 4- days. Written examination 36 hours; Oral examination hours.
- 5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? If so, give Certificate No.
- 6. Date of first registration Nov. 4, 1953. Registration No. 826 Is it current? Yes

Thomas W. Wright
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date 19..... District of Columbia Board of Examiners & Registrars of Archs.
(Name of Board)

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

Administration Building
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.

October 29, 1953

Mr. Thomas William Dunstan Wright
1000 Vermont Avenue
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Your application for membership in The Institute has been received with your check for \$10.00 attached. Your desire to become a member of The Institute is appreciated by its Board of Directors.

Your attention is called to the revision in dues and admission fee in 1953.

The admission fee has been increased to \$10.00, and the first year's dues were set at 20% of dues fixed for corporate members generally. At the present time, regular dues are \$50.00. Therefore, each application must be accompanied by payment of \$20.00 - \$10.00 of which is for the admission fee and \$10.00 for one year's dues in advance. After election, dues for newly-elected members are as follows:

second year, 40% of annual dues fixed for corporate members generally;

third year, 60%; and

fourth year, 80% of such dues.

Fifth and subsequent years, the regular dues are payable.

Your application otherwise is in due order, and as soon as the additional \$10.00 payment is received, The Secretary will do everything he can to expedite its progress.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

GBC/mjj

ms M

LEON BROWN, A.I.A.
THOMAS W. D. WRIGHT
ASSOCIATES

REGISTERED ARCHITECTS

1000 VERMONT AVENUE, N.W. • WASHINGTON 5, D. C. • ST. 3-2282

November 5, 1953

George Bain Cummings, Esq.
The Secretary
The American Institute of Architects
The Administration Building
1735 New York Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Cummings:

Though I appreciate your letter of October 29, 1953, I regret that I caused you the trouble of writing it.

To correct my error, I am enclosing a check for the remaining \$10.00 due on my application for corporate membership in The Institute.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas W.D. Wright

Thomas W.D. Wright

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January 1, 1954

Mr. Thomas William Dunstan Wright, A.I.A.
1000 Vermont Avenue
Washington 5, D. C.

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

ASSIGNMENTS:

Chapter: **Washington-Metropolitan Chapter, A.I.A.**
State Organization:

Effective Date: **January 1, 1954**

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Enclosures:

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*Members
Wright, Thomas W.D. file*

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1400 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 5, D. C.

September 30, 1958

MEMORANDUM:

noted hrs

To: ~~Miss Swan and Mrs. Day~~
~~Mr. Clay~~

From; Miss Gervais

Re: Address change

*noted
m SD
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Leon Brown, A.I.A., and
Thomas W. D. Wright, A.I.A.

moved to: 1640 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
Washington 7, D. C.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP EMERITUS

I hereby apply for Membership Emeritus in the Institute for the following reason:

(Check the appropriate reason)

- I am more than 70 years of age.
I am more than 60 years of age and retired from the profession of architecture.
I am unable to engage in the profession of architecture because

STATE NATURE OF INCAPACITATION

In addition, I have been in good standing in the Institute and the WASHINGTON Chapter for 15 successive years.

If and when elected to Membership Emeritus, I wish to continue to receive AIA mailings.

Yes [X] No [] (If Yes, please attach a check for \$40 if your current dues are not paid.)

Name Thomas W.D. Wright, FAIA Phone (202) 466-4393

Address 4564 Indian Rock Terrace, N.W. Date of Birth Jan / 12 / 1919
Washington, DC, 20007

I declare that the above information is accurate and complete.

[Signature] 1/25/90
DATE & SIGNATURE

Information for Applicant: The applicant may supplement the above reasons on a separate sheet. In exceptional circumstances and for adequate cause, the secretary of the Institute may lessen the required period of good standing but the other conditions are immutable.

Upon election to Membership Emeritus, all rights and privileges of membership, including the use of the title Member Emeritus written in full after the initials "AIA" or "FAIA," as the case may be, remain intact while the member is exempted from further dues payments to the Institute and the member's chapter and state.

Members Emeriti have the option to remain on the AIA mailing list for \$40 per year. This fee helps defray mailing costs. Members Emeriti who do not wish to receive AIA mailings and publications need not pay this mailing charge. Membership Emeritus dues rates (\$40) will apply to those members who upgrade their status to Emeritus by March 31 of the current year. After that date, Emeritus dues rates will be effective the year following acceptance to Emeritus status.

Mailing Instructions: Please mail application, with \$40 fee if mailings are desired, TO YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER.

NOTE: Payments to The American Institute of Architects and to state and local components are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. However, they may be deductible under other provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

LOCAL CHAPTER CONTACT: (If no address indicated, please check your telephone book for local listing or call the AIA at 202/626-7392.)

(Place chapter stamp here)

RECOMMENDATION OF CHAPTER ON APPLICATION—The Executive Committee of the Wash DC Chapter/AIA has reviewed this application for accuracy and completeness and recommends this applicant for AIA membership. (If acceptance is not recommended, please attach a statement setting forth reasons why the applicant does not meet the qualifications set forth in the AIA Bylaws.)

[Signature]

2/28/90

AUTHORIZED CHAPTER SIGNATURE

DATE

CHAPTER MAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Send applications and national dues to: 1970 Chain Bridge Rd., McLean, VA 22109-0569

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DIGEST OF THE CAREER AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF

THOMAS W. D. WRIGHT, WASHINGTON, D.C.

(nominee)

(city and state)

design

service to profession service

public

Three of the nominee's designs have won architectural awards, fifteen have been featured in one or more national and international publications, and twenty-two have been featured in the daily press. He is cited in the national Urban Coalition magazine CITY for the manner in which he involved local community leadership in the planning and development of Capitol View Plaza, a multi-service housing complex for families of diverse income and ages.

Wright has provided creative leadership in a wide variety of professional, community, and governmental organizations. He is a past president of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter of the AIA, having previously served as editor of the Bulletin, chairman of the public information committee, director at large, treasurer, secretary, and vice president, and he is still serving in the affairs of the Chapter. With the national AIA, he is a former member of the Committee on Design, former chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on the National Capital City, and a present member of the Housing Committee.

A member of the now extinct D.C. Commissioners' Planning and Urban Renewal Advisory Council, and of the Washington Metropolitan Multiple Sclerosis Association, he is currently First Vice Chairman of the D.C. Commission on the Arts, member of the Mayor's newly formed Bi-Centennial Interim Council, member of the architectural advisory committee of the Washington Technical Institute, member of the Metropolitan Washington Planning and Housing Association, member of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, member of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials, an Honorary Housing Development Specialist of the Foundation for Cooperative Housing, an arbitrator of the American Arbitration Association, and a member of the Society of Architectural Historians.

<u>References</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Relationship to Nominee</u>
David N. Yerkes	1511 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C.	Acquaintance
Milton Grigg	404 8th St., N.E., Charlottesville, Va.	"
Nicholas Satterlee	1820 Mass. Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.	"
Waldron Faulkner	2000 L St., N. W., Washington, D. C.	"
Mayor Walter Washington	District Building, Washington, D. C.	"
Robert Elkington	7916 Kingsbury Ave., St. Louis, Mo.	"
A. Stanley McGaughan	1325 Mass. Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.	"
David H. Condon	1320 19th St., N. W., Washington, D.C.	"
Elliott Carroll	460 Foxchase Lane, Medina, Pa.	"
Philip Hammer	1140 Conn. Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.	"

NOMINATION

1. Thomas W. D. Wright, of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter
(name of nominee) (chapter assignment)
and corporate member of the AIA since January 1, 1954,
(date of election)

is nominated for fellowship for his notable contribution to the advancement of the profession of architecture. The nomination is made by:

(check and sign either 1a. or 1b.)

1a. Vote of governing Board
of Washington Metropolitan Chapter A.I.A.
(name of component organization)
Robert Calhoun Smith Sec'y
(signature and title of Chapter President or Secretary)

1b. Individual corporate members and/or fellows as follows:
(written signature) (typed signature and chapter)

Blank lines for listing individual corporate members and/or fellows.

2. The nominators designate the following member to be the sponsor of this nomination:

Name Leon Brown, F.A.I.A.
Address 1640 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007
Telephone Number Fe. 8-7646



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

February 22, 1972

Mr. Thomas W. D. Wright, FAIA
1640 Wisconsin Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20007

Dear Mr. Wright:

The Jury of Fellows has asked me to inform you of its great pleasure in elevating you to fellowship for your notable contribution to the advancement of the profession of architecture. With this action, you will be admitted as a member of the College of Fellows.

Those who have been elevated to fellowship will receive their medals, with appropriate ceremony, at the Investiture of Fellows to be held on May 8, 1972, at 6:00 P.M. in Houston, Texas. This event will be followed by the Annual Convocation of Fellows and further details will be sent at a later date.

The Officers of the Institute and the Jury of Fellows join with me in the hope that you will come to receive this honor in person. Please send your reply to the Institute at your early convenience.

Permit me to add my personal congratulations and good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Preston M. Bolton, FAIA

Enclosures

cc: Leon Brown, FAIA, Sponsor



April 2, 1990

ID# 8634156

Thomas W Wright FAIA
4564 Indian Rock Terrace
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Mr. Wright:

It is a pleasure to inform you that your membership classification has been changed to Member Emeritus.

We are grateful for your many years of support and we hope that your participation and interest will continue, though you are now relieved of further dues payments.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Smith", written over the word "Sincerely yours".

Christopher J. Smith, AIA
Secretary

cc: Washington Chapter, AIA
Washington Chapter AIA

Thomas Wright; D.C. Architect Known for Eclectic Work

By YVONNE SHINHOSTER LAMB
Washington Post Staff Writer

Thomas W.D. Wright, 87, a Washington area architect who was active in housing matters and whose work included private homes, public housing, embassies and multiunit developments, died Feb. 18 of septic shock at the Ingle side of Rock Creek retirement facility in Washington.

The range of Mr. Wright's work was expansive, including 500-unit developments, detention facilities, schools and restaurants in the Washington area. His firm made alterations to U.S. chanceries in Oslo; Strasbourg, France; and Leningrad, now St. Petersburg. More recent work included U.S. properties in the Caribbean, Togo, Guinea and Nepal.

After the 1977 election of President Jimmy Carter, Mr. Wright submitted a white paper on urban housing to the Carter transition team. He suggested that with the right tax incentives, private enterprise could provide decent housing for middle, moderate and low-income families. In a 1977 article in *The Washington Post*, he talked



Architect Thomas W.D. Wright, 87, was active in urban housing issues.

about his experience with the Capital View Plaza housing development on East Capitol Street SE.

He said work on that project led him "to believe that citizen participation, planning and management are the keys to success."

Thomas William Dunstan Wright was born at the Grand Hotel in Rome. His parents were in Italy, where his mother had started a branch of the American Red Cross. He grew up in the District, graduating in 1937 from St. Albans School for Boys. He received his bachelor's degree from Harvard University in 1941, then served as a lieutenant commander in the Na-

vy. He served on a minesweeper in the "Champagne Campaign" in the Mediterranean Sea during World War II.

He returned to Harvard after the war, receiving a master's degree in architecture from its Graduate School of Design in 1950.

For the next three years, he was an associate with Leon Brown Architect. From 1953 to 1980, he was a partner with Brown & Wright Architects and then was sole proprietor of Thomas W.D. Wright, FAIA, Architect until 2001. He also had been president of Wright and Rubin Architects.

An author, his work appeared in several architectural publications. He was a past president of the Washington chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Wright, who was a Washington resident, volunteered on a number of boards and commissions. He was on the D.C. Planning Commission, D.C. Fine Arts Commission, the D.C. Commission on the Arts and the Georgetown Board of Architects of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts. He was also a member of the National Association of Intergroup Relations

Officials, the National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials, the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing and the American Civil Liberties Union.

He was chairman of the Architectural Review Board and of the Architectural Advisory Board of the U.S. Commission of Fine Art, and was a member of the Society of Architectural Historians.

Mr. Wright was a fencing champion and had been an honorary member of the 1940 U.S. Olympic Team. He was on the U.S. Seniors Saber Fencing Team and was an American Saber Fencing Champion, Gold Medalist, in the 70 to 74 age group. He was also a member of the Cosmos Club.

His wife of 46 years, Penelope Ladd Wright, died in 1988; his wife of four years, Anita R. Gordon, died in 1999.

Survivors include three children from his first marriage, Peter W.D. Wright of Deltaville, Va., the Rev. Felicity Wright of El Cerrito, Calif., and Allegra Wright of Charles Town, W.Va.; a sister; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.