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Application for Membership

May 19th, 1922

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:

Name PAUL GMELIN

Address 342 Madison Avenue New York New York
[Number and Street.] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth Ulm, Germany May 8th, 1858

Graduate in architecture Technical High School Stuttgart
[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 MCKENZIE, VOORHEES & GMELIN

Have been in practice Forty (40) years.....

If draughtsman, employed by.....
[State number of years.]

Collegiate and office training.....

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.

Paul Gmelin
[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) *Stephens F. ...*
- (2) *Chas. ...*
- (3) *Andrew ...*

[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.]

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

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November 3, 1922.

My dear Mr. Gmelin:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective October 25, 1922.

You have been assigned to the New York Chapter as an Institute member in good standing therein, and the Secretary of the Chapter has been so advised.

The engrossed Certificate of Membership will be sent to you in due course, after engrossing and signing by the President and Secretary. No charge has been made for dues for the remainder of the current year. A statement for 1923 dues will come forward on January 1, and your subscription to the Institute Journal will start with that month.

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. Paul Gmelin,
342 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

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NEW YORK CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
115 EAST 40th STREET, NEW YORK

December 2, 1937.



Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Executive Secretary,
The American Institute of Architects,
1741 New York Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:-

This is to inform you of the death of one of our members on November 20th, Mr. Paul Gmelin of the firm of Voorhees, Gmelin & Walker.

Mr. Gmelin helped design, among others, the Brooklyn Municipal Building, the Albany Telephone Building and the Walker-Lispenard Building, New York. About 1885, he and Andrew McKenzie won a competition in design for the proposed telephone building in New York. In 1910, Mr. Gmelin became a member of the firm of McKenzie, Voorhees & Gmelin which, since 1926, has been Voorhees, Gmelin & Walker. Mr. Gmelin was 79 years old at the time of his death.

I trust the above information is what you would like to have in your files.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

DW:LRA

Paul Gmelin, 80, Dies; Architect Of Skyscrapers

Designer of Many Office Buildings in New York Passes in Cranford, N. J.

Special to the Herald Tribune

CRANFORD, N. J., Nov. 20.—Paul Gmelin, architect, who designed many office buildings in New York, Albany and other cities, died here this morning at his home, 15 Norman Place. He was eighty years old.

Mr. Gmelin was a partner in Voorhees, Gmelin & Walker, architects, 101 Park Avenue, New York. The other partners are Stephen Voorhees and Ralph Walker, both past presidents of the American Institute of Architects. Mr. Voorhees is head of the board of design for the New York World's Fair.

Among the buildings which Mr. Gmelin helped design were the Brooklyn Municipal Building, the Albany Telephone Building and the Walker-Lispensard Building, New York. In New York he also helped design some of the first so-called vertical style buildings, forerunners of today's skyscrapers.

He was born in Ulm, southern Germany, and attended schools in Stuttgart, Germany. He came to the United States in his youth as a draftsman for "The Bridge Builders Magazine." While with that periodical he was asked by the late Charles Follen McKim, architect, to do a perspective drawing of the Boston Public Library.

Soon afterward he joined the architectural firm of Babcock & Willard, New York. About 1885 he and Andrew McKenzie, architect, won a competition in designs for a proposed telephone building in New York City, the first structure of its kind in the United States. In the early years of this century Mr. Gmelin helped design the early skyscrapers.

In 1910 he became a member of McKenzie, Voorhees & Gmelin, which since 1926 has been Voorhees, Gmelin & Walker. He was a member of the American Institute of Architects.

His wife was the late Josa Gmelin. Surviving are two sons, Stephen and Alexander Gmelin.

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