

Trask, H. B.  
Texas Chapter

J. P. Rusk

Application for Membership

Aug 11th, 1921

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 N. C. Trask

Address El Paso Tex  
[Number and Street.] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth Volado Ohio Mar 5th 1860

Graduate in architecture \_\_\_\_\_  
[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 Trask Trask

Have been in practice forty one 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.

N. C. Trask  
[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 fore-  
going 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) Richard Chinnick F.A.I.A.
- (2) George Beaumont F.A.I.A.
- (3) W. Bonnardie F.A.I.A.

Prelim. Fee	<u>Ad. \$5.00 1/2/21</u>
Initiation	<u>remitted</u>
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Exhibits	<u>must send</u>
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[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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GUSTAVUS A. TROST  
ADOLPHUS G. TROST  
GEORGE E. TROST  
EVERETT J. BRADT

EL PASO, TEXAS December 9, 1921.

Mr. E. C. Kemper,  
Executive Sec. AIA.  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith my application for membership in the A.I.A. This application with check was inclosed with drawings and sent to you at the same time my brother's application was and mine was returned today unopened. Am returning the drawings under another cover.

Would you kindly let me know when this will go before the Board of Directors. Am very much disappointed because it did not go in with my brother's.

Very respectfully,

*H. C. Trost*

HC/E.

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December 13, 1921.

My dear Mr. Trest:-

We have yours of December 9, and regret to note therefrom that we overlooked your application-which was included in your roll of exhibits - both of which were returned to you through error.

However, your application will be brought before the Board of Directors sometime in February and you will be advised in due course of the action taken.

Your exhibits have again come to hand safely.

Acknowledgment is also made of your preliminary fee of \$5.00.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. H. C. Trest,  
Two Republics Life Bldg.,  
El Paso, Texas.

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February 16, 1922.

My dear Mr. Trost:-

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective February 16, 1922.

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

The engrossed Certificate of Membership will be sent to you in due course, after engrossing and signing by the President and Secretary. The enclosed statement covering dues for the current year should receive prompt attention.

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. H. C. Trost,  
El Paso, Texas.  
Two Republics Life Bldg.

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March 27, 1924.

Dear Mr. Trost:-

This will advise you of the formation of the West Texas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, effective March 4, 1924.

As you are residing within the territory of the West Texas Chapter we have transferred you, as an Institute member in good standing, from the Texas Chapter to the West Texas Chapter, effective March 4, 1924.

We have advised Mr. Herbert S. Green, Chairman of the Organizing Group of the West Texas Chapter, to whom we are sending all Institute communications for the time being.

By direction of the Secretary.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. H. C. Trost,  
Two Republics Life Bldg.,  
El Paso, Texas.

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HUBERT G. RIPLEY  
ADDISON B. LE BOUTILLIER

RIPLEY & LE BOUTILLIER  
ARCHITECTS  
45 BROMFIELD STREET, BOSTON

October 23, 1933.



Mr. E. C. Kemper,  
The Octagon,  
1741 New York Ave.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I hope you will be able to find space in an early issue of "The Octagon" for the enclosed.

It is a brief and inadequate tribute to an old friend for whom I had a very high regard and whose example is an inspiration to architects.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hubert G. Ripley".

HGR:W  
1 Encl.

## HARRY TROST

On September 19 last, Henry C. Trost died at his home in El Paso, Texas, at the age of seventy-three.

An editorial in the El Paso Times said; "Through the death of Henry C. Trost, the southwest loses one of its foremost citizens and builders, one who let himself be known by his works rather than by his words, one who made a valid and lasting contribution to the development of this great region. An architect of eminent quality, his monument will not be a headstone in a cemetery, but the buildings which he designed and which men find useful.--His was a life of purpose and achievement, and he leaves the southwest the richer for his having lived and worked in it."

A member of the American Institute of Architects for many years, the firm of Trost and Trost designed numerous large buildings in El Paso, in addition to an impressive list of important structures in Tucson, Phoenix, Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Chihuahua City, Mexico.

During the building of the Chicago Fair of '93, I first met Harry Trost. One of the charter members of the Chicago Architectural Sketch Club, he was the life of every gathering, an outstanding personality. We all loved him. Quiet, kindly, sympathetic, with a geniality that warmed the cockles of one's heart, he will always remain a fragrant memory to a lonely young draughtsman a thousand miles from home. It was due to his example and philosophy of life that I learned from him more than from any other source to understand and appreciate the significance and untrammelled spirit of the west. That he made an honored name for himself in El Paso where the best and most fruitful years of his life were lived, was only the expectation of his early friends. From one who had the privilege of his friendship in '93, this sincere tribute is offered.

Hubert G. Ripley.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

HUBERT G. RIPLEY, F.A.I.A.,

SECRETARY

1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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October 26, 1933.

Mr. H. G. Ripley,  
The Octagon,  
1735 New York Ave.,  
Washington, D. C.

October 26, 1933.

Dear Mr. Ripley:

Dear Mr. Ripley:

Since the inception of THE OCTAGON, there has been a standing order by the Board that it should not contain obituary materials, except in the case of Officers or Past Presidents.

Yours very truly,

Therefore, the best we can do, with your appreciation of Mr. Trost, is to put it in the permanent record here which some day will furnish the basis for the long considered history of the Institute.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Hubert G. Ripley, F.A.I.A.,  
45 Bromfield Street,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

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