

Wilby, Ernest

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

April 13th, 1916

To the Secretary of the American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

SIR:

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects under Class [A, B, C, or D].

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name Ernest Wilby

Address 58. 60, Lafayette Boulevard

Place and date of birth England 1869

Graduate in architecture _____
[Give name of institutions and year—Evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation to be submitted with application.]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture _____
[Give name and year.]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecole des Beaux Arts _____
[State which, and year—Evidence of Certificate to be submitted with application.]

If practicing architect, firm name Associated Albert Kahn

Have been in practice Fourteen 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.

Ernest Wilby
[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application is a member of Michigan Chapter, A. I. A.

J. J. Schneider Secretary.
Michigan Chapter, A. I. A.
[To be omitted when the applicant does not reside in the territory of a Chapter.]

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.

W. H. ... Pres.
J. J. Schneider Secy.
... Treas.
[The signatures of three Institute members are here required. In the case of "official endorsement" of candidates by a Chapter, the signatures of its officers only shall be here required.]

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August 1, 1916.

Dear Sir:

Acting for the Secretary, I take pleasure in advising you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective July 7, 1916.

You will receive later, the Annuary and Proceedings for the current year. The former contains of the official documents of the Institute.

In accordance with the action of the last Convention of the Institute with regard to applicants qualifying in 1916, your initiation fee of \$25.00 has been remitted. As you have paid the preliminary fee of \$5.00, the only charge on the Institute books is for dues for the current half year. For this item we enclose a formal statement.

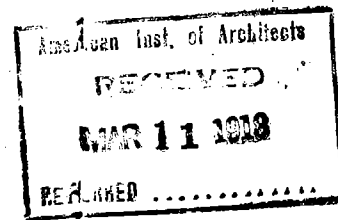
May I take this opportunity to say that the office of the Institute at the Octagon is for the service of every Institute member. Should the occasion arise, we will be glad to give you our best cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Ernest Wilby,
58 Lafayette Blvd.,
Detroit, Mich.
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ALBERT KAHN
ARCHITECT
MARQUETTE BUILDING
DETROIT, MICH.



ERNEST WILBY
ASSOCIATE.

369. Ouellette Avenue. Windsor. Ontario. Canada.
March 7th. 1918.

To Secretary, American Institute of Architects
The Octagon.
Washington. D. C.

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Dear Sir;-

Two years ago failing health compelled me to give up my practice of Architecture in Detroit.

This has of course made a very considerable difference to my income. This reduction forces me to give serious thought to its right use

At the present time it seems to me that it is the duty of all British subjects residing in Canada to reserve their funds for the use of their own country,

I am a British subject and I reside in Canada,

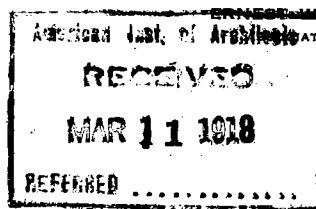
Under the circumstances I have decided to resign my Associate membership in the Institute and add the money so saved to my donations to the different patriotic and war funds,

Naturally I take this step with much regret, for I have the most sympathetic and friendly interest in both the Institute and in your wonderful country,

Very truly yours

Ernest Wilby

ALBERT KAHN
ARCHITECT
ROUETTE BUILDING
DETROIT, MICH.



369, Ouellette Avenue. Windsor. Ont. Can.
March 7th, 1918.

Mr. Everett Waid.
Treasurer, A.I.A.
The Ocatagen.
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir;-

Please be advised that I have
resigned my Associate membership in the
American Institute of Architects,

Yours truly

Ernest Wilby

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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March 11th-1918

Dear Sir:-

Permit me to acknowledge with regret your letter of March 7th to the Secretary which is in the nature of a resignation from the Institute.

If you are no longer engaged in the practice of architecture and are not connected with any other business activity perhaps you are eligible for retirement. In this connection see the enclosed copy of the Institute By-laws.

A member placed on the Retired List of the Institute remains in good standing, but is exempted from the payment of dues.

The matter will come up before the April meeting of the Board of Directors, and we will be pleased to hear from you before that time.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Ernest Wilby,
369 Ouellette Avenue,
Windsor, Ontario, Canada

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COPY TO

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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April 17th-1918

My dear Mr. Eisen:-

The resignation of Mr. Ernest Wilby, 369 Ouellette Avenue, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, will come up at the Board meeting in Philadelphia. I am writing to ask if you will not be kind enough to send to the Secretary, Mr. Parker, a collect telegram ^{by the 23rd} at the Bellevue-Stratford, Philadelphia, stating whether or not Mr. Wilby is in good standing in the Michigan Chapter. We cannot accept his resignation unless he is.

Very truly yours,

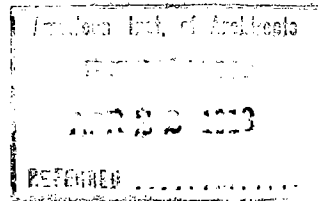
Executive Secretary

Mr. Adolf Eisen, Secretary,
Michigan Chapter, A. I. A.,
Hammond Building, Detroit-Michigan

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Copy to Mr. Parker

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MARCUS R. BURROWES, DIRECTOR

April 19th, 1918.

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Mr. E. C. Kemper,
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 17th inst. at hand. Have looked up the standing of Mr. Ernst Wilby and find same O. K. Regret very much to hear ~~he~~ has decided to resign.

Yours respectfully,

Adolph Eisen
Secretary.

E:ID

Will Kemper

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Next Board

May 23-1918

Dear Mr. Kahn:-

At the April meeting of the Board of Directors, the resignation of Mr. Ernest Wilby of your Chapter was considered. A copy is enclosed herewith.

Under the circumstances the Board was loath to accept the resignation and directed that the matter be brought to your attention for any ~~further~~ report that you might care to make. Is there any way of bringing about a change of view on the part of Mr. Wilby. It might be pointed out to him that by remaining in the Institute he will be rendering help to the architectural profession when it needs help most.

It would be appreciated if you can respond in time for the next Board meeting, about the middle of June.

By direction of the Secretary,

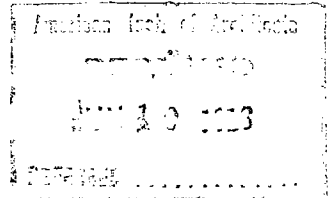
Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. Albert Kahn,
58 Lafayette Boulevard,
Detroit, Michigan

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FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER



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June 6th, 1918.

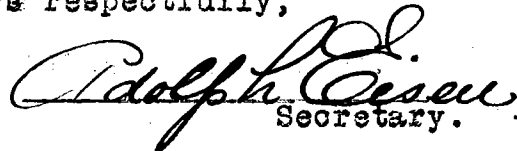
Mr. E. C. Kemper,
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I have your communication regarding the resignation of Mr. Wilby at hand and am very glad to hear that your committee has decided not to accept Mr. Wilby's resignation.

Mr. Wilby is man who should, by all means, remain a member of the Institute and I will endeavor, with the President, Mr. Kotting, to persuade him to remain a member. Will notify you of the results as soon as possible.

Yours respectfully,


Secretary.

E:ID

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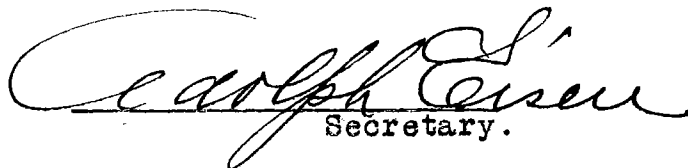
January 17th, 1919.

Mr. E. C. Kemper,
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I have yours of the 13th inst. at hand and am sorry that I have not been able to notify you in regard to Mr. Wilby's resignation but have had the matter up with him personally and have written him but have not had a reply. He is a little hard to get hold of as he has practically retired and his home is not in the City. However, I will let you know one way or the other next week.

Respectfully yours,


Secretary.

E:ID

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1919
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February 1st, 1919.

Mr. E. C. Kemper,
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Am pleased to notify you that I have had a talk with Mr. Ernst Wilby and he has decided to withdraw his resignation from the Chapter and also the Institute. He has requested that I inform you that he will confirm his intentions to you by letter.

Yours respectfully,


Secretary.

E:ID

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D.C.

W. Wilby, Ernest
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February 5th-1919.

Dear Mr. Eisen:-

Thank you for your letter of February first and the notice that Mr. Ernest Wilby withdraws his resignation from the Chapter, and also from the Institute.

I know that the Officers of the Institute will appreciate your own good work in this matter and they will be pleased to know that Mr. Wilby has reconsidered.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. A. Eisen, Secty.,
Detroit, Chapter, A.I. A.,
Detroit, Michigan.

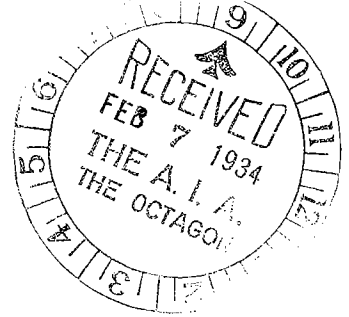
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Copy to Mr. Kimball
Copy to Mr. Parker

1249 Ouellette Avenue.
Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

February 3rd. 1934

Mr. Edwin Bergstrom.
Treasurer.
The American Institute of Architects.
The Octagon.
Washington, D.C.



Dear Sir;-

I have pleasure in enclosing cheque for \$25.00.
as payment on account of membership dues 1933.1934.
When conditions admit with make an additional
remittance to cover amount now in arrears.
I am.

Very truly yours.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ernest Wilby".

Ernest Wilby.

Mr. Kemper-

~~_____~~
\$10.00 to 1934 and \$15.00 for dues after 1934?

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PAID
25.00 7/8/34

Should have form letter "B"

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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February 8, 1934

Dear Mr. Wilby:

We wish to acknowledge the receipt of and thank you for your letter of February 3rd, together with check in the amount of \$25.00 to be applied to your dues account.

Herewith is copy of President Russell's letter of January 1st, which is self-explanatory.

Under the proposed plan, if adopted, the annual Institute dues will be \$15.00. As you have paid \$25.00, we have credited \$10.00 to cover your 1934 dues; and \$15.00 on account of dues after 1934; subject, of course, to Convention approval of the plan.

In case you find it possible to assist the Institute at this critical period, a return card is enclosed with reference to a gift of possible credits under the proposed plan.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Ernest Wilby,
1249 Ouellette Avenue,
Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

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JURY OF FELLOWS

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Received March 2 1938.

Voted On Aug. 15 1939.

B Voted On Feb. 28 1940.

Voted On 19 .

Granted 19 40

NO M

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

- 1. *Name of Nominee* Ernest Wilby *Date of Nomination* Feb. 24 19 38
- 2. *Address of Nominee* 1567 Ouillette Avenue, Ontario, Canada
- 3. *Nominee's firm* Ernest Wilby, Architect
- 4. *Nominee's principal place of business* 306 Division Ave., N., Ann Arbor, Michigan
- 5. *Nominee's Chapter* Detroit
- 6. *Nominee's State Association Member*
- 7. *Nominee admitted to Institute* 19 16
- 8. *Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from* 1927 to Dec. 31 19 39
- 9. *Nominee's age* 71 *Birthplace* Yorkshire, England (Citizen of Canada)
- 10. *Nominators:* Detroit Chapter

11. *Achievement* in design, science of construction, education and literature

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Nominations received
(Nominators leave blank)
March 2, 1938

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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

BY
CHAPTER

JURY OF FELLOWS

The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

Date Feb. 24 19 38

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on Feb, 24, 19 38
nominated* Ernest Wilby,
member of this Chapter, for fellowship in The Institute. I enclose evidence of the qualifications of
the nominee for the fellowship on which the nomination was based and certify the resolution is as
follows:

*Type in full
name.

"Whereas, this Executive Committee believes* Ernest Wilby
a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the pro-
fession because of his achievement in**
that he is worthy of fellowship in The Institute; and

*Type in full
name.

**Type in "De-
sign," "Science
of Construction,"
"Literature,"
"Education,"
"Service to The
Institute," or
"Public Service,"
as is appro-
priate."

"Whereas, said member has been in good standing in this Chapter for†
consecutive years immediately prior to this date; therefore be it

†Type in number
of years.

"Resolved, That‡ the Detroit Chapter,
The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate*

‡Type in name
of Chapter.

*Type in full
name.

for fellowship in The Institute, and the President and the Secretary be and hereby are
authorized and directed to prepare the nomination papers and forward them to the Jury of
Fellows of The Institute and to do all things proper to forward said nomination."

Talmage C. Hughes, (sgd.)
Secretary.

THE NOMINATORS SHOULD SEE THAT LETTERS OR DATA ARE SENT
TO THE JURY OF FELLOWS IN SUPPORT OF THIS NOMINATION.

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BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

- 1. Nominee's full name Ernest Wilby
- 2. Nominee is a natural naturalized citizen of Canada
- 3. Nominee's legal residence Windsor, Ontario, Canada
- 4. Nominee's firm name Ernest Wilby, Architect
- 5. Nominee's principal place of business, address 306 Division Ave., N.,
Ann Arbor, Michigan

2. Strike out in-
appropriate word
and write in name
of Country.

- 6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by State of Michigan Board
for Registration of Architects.

6. Type in "N.C.
R. B." or
name of State
Board, as case
may be.

- 7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a ~~practicing architect—teacher in architecture—
teacher in science of construction—public official~~ retired. Acts occasionally as consultant
architect. Lecturer on Architecture for University of Michigan.

7. Strike out in-
appropriate
words.

- 8. Born June 6th, 1868 . Place of birth Ossett, Yorkshire, England

8. Type in date
birth and city
and Country.

- 9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:

	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
High School				
Private School	Wesley			Harrogate, Yorkshire, England
College or University				
College or University				
Post Graduate at				
Scholarships held				

- 10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

Has made many visits to Europe for purpose of study. Traveled extensively.
Has made an intensive study of ancient and modern buildings in Europe for
an understanding of the principles to be used in solving the problem of
Architectural design for the modern North American Building. He was a
pupil of Thomas E. Collcutt, F.R.I.B.A. (President of the Royal Institute
of British Architects.)

9. Type in im-
portant experi-
ences during em-
ployment or ad-
ditional statistics
of importance in
nominee's record.

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Nominators should Read "Principles Underlying the Bestowal of Fellowships", Institute Document No. 9, before completing this nomination. Additional sheets may be inserted to supplement any page, 3 to 7, inclusive. Use Typewriting only.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

1. Works

<i>Type</i> (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	<i>Identification of Work</i>	<i>Location of Work</i>	<i>Completed Construction Work (Year)</i>	<i>Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted</i>
		(City)	(State)	
A.	Commercial buildings of every type. The Detroit News Building, Detroit, Michigan. The Ford Sales Room Building, Broadway, New York. Ford Motor Plant, Highland Park, Michigan Packard Motor Plant, Detroit, Michigan. Dodge Motor Plant, Hudson Motor Plant, Detroit, Michigan.			
B.	Detroit Athletic Club, Detroit. Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor, Mich. Battle Creek Post Office, Temple Bethal, Detroit.			
C.	Fraternity and other buildings for the University of Michigan. Couzens residence. Swift residence, Detroit. Walker residence, Walkerville, Ontario.			

Under Column headed "Type" type in (a), (b), (c), or (d), as the case may be.

Type in last Column to right the number submitted in each case.

2. Describe nominee's notable work in design, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

In all cases the problem of design has been considered as a problem in creation to tell the story of material construction and spirit of today in the language of the Architect as an artist and craftsman. The effort was made to obtain the spirit of style modified to comply with the spirit of today. To obtain originality and individuality and to avoid the usual and the commonplace, when and where the opportunity offered new forms of design and of detail were designed for the use of modern materials and modern forms of construction and the effort made to give these beauty of form and proportion. This applies more especially to the industrial type of architectural design developed by Albert Kahn and the applicant and first exemplified in the Ford Motor Plant, Highland Park, Michigan. The Ford Sales Building, Broadway, New York, was possibly the first building in New York to be designed in the modern spirit now used generally. The use of detail was regarded as an essential element of design and as a test of the designers skill in telling the story of today to meet this condition much thought and study was used to evolve new types of design in detail which would harmonise with present day conditions in material, in construction, and in expressing our present day form of culture and civilization. An illustration of the applicant's valuation of detail in design might be cited as the Doorway Entrance to the Administration Building of the Hudson Motor Plant. It has been the applicants opinion that an architectural designer must be versatile and capable in all styles and in his work has endeavored to meet this test, in the Gothic field, the classic field, and the modern field, and to do this without reproducing the work of other minds he has tired to add some contribution of his own.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

1. CONSTRUCTION WORK

<i>Type of Work Constructed</i>	<i>Identification of Work</i>	<i>Location of Work</i>	<i>Completed Construction Work (Year)</i>	<i>Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted</i>
Industrial Plants	Ford Motor Plant,	Highland Park, Michigan	1910	

Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

2. BOOKS, TREATISES, OR ARTICLES WRITTEN

<i>Subject Title</i>	<i>Where Published</i>	<i>Date Published</i>
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3. Describe nominee's notable work in the science of construction and any recognition thereof by other societies, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

The above mentioned plant designed by Albert Kahn and Ernest Wilby was the first of its kind. In it the concrete pier and steel sash were combined to produce the industrial type of building now universally used. This building is described and commented on in American Architecture by Fiske Kimball as a definite contribution to American Architecture.

A number of minor inovations now used in the industrial building have been added since 1910 by Albert Kahn and Ernest Wilby in colaboration.

It is to be noted that while the first purpose of the above mentioned constructive features was material and practical an attempt was made to use them as an architectural asset for order and sightliness, to combine engineering with architecture to produce harmony.

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

1. EDUCATION WORK

(List the degrees and the educational positions held by the nominee, and bring out clearly the nominee's signal work and its particular force and influence which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by pupils, the profession, other societies, or the public.)

Degrees none. Positions Held: 1904-06 Conducted classes in Architectural design and perspective for the Detroit Draughtsmens' Association. 1913-15 judge of Pupil's Art Work in public schools of Detroit, Michigan. 1913-16 Judge of work submitted in competition for prized given by the Arts and Crafts Society of Detroit. 1913-15 Patron for Detroit for the Beaux Arts Society of Architects, New York. 1913-15 Vice President Architectural League of America. 1922-24 Teacher of Architecture, University of Michigan. 1925-29 Professor of Architecture, University of Michigan. 1929-38 Lecturer on Architecture, University of Michigan. 1937-38 Director, Windsor Art Association. 1936- Appointed Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and Science, London, England.

Recognition given.

Chiefly in the verbal and written tokens of appreciation of students, draughtsmen and young architects. In gifts and testimonial dinners. In being made an honorary member of Societies listed and in friendship and cordial good will of innumerable architectural friends.

In being appointed Lecturer to the University of Michigan given as token of appreciation after retirement from teaching.

In the recognition given of work accomplished by Fiske Kimball in his book on American Architecture. By Lewis Mumford in his written and spoken comments on American Architecture.

2. LITERARY WORK

(List the original written works of the nominee and state clearly the particular force and influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by other societies, the profession, educational institutions or the public.)

<i>Book, Treatise or Article</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Name of Book or Periodical Containing Work</i>	<i>Year Work Published</i>
Notes by a Canadian Architectural Student in London			1902
		Canadian Architect	
Concrete Work in the Country		English Technical Mag.	1902
An article on Perspective		Alumnus Mag. of U. of M.	1911

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE

1. State fully the nominee's signal service to The Institute, his chapter, or his state association, or to the profession, which the nominators believe has notably contributed to the advancement of the profession, and list the offices in architectural organizations occupied by the nominee and the period of each.

To serve Architecture loyally and to advance in the minds of Architect and Public a love for and an appreciation of Architecture as a Noble art and worthy of the very best that man can give it.

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

1. List the public offices held by the nominee and the positions of trust held by him in recognition of civic leadership, and state clearly his notable work in public service and the particular influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession.

Service in the field of Architectural Education.

Dear Mr Brant;-

Find I forgot to say that in filling in the printed form furnished by the Institute you are at full liberty to modify or change anything I have said or stated when and where such statement is a matter of opinion.

It appeared to me that some of the comments made by me might be helpful. they are not intended to be arbitrary. so change or add as seems best to you.

Yours.

E. W.

I have made many attempts to get the enclosed written my so called good eye has always gone bad on me and made it impossible to operate the typewriter.

Please forgive and excuse the delay.

I cannot readily find words to express my grateful appreciation of the honor the Chapter proposes to do me. Am far from sure after reading the questionnaire that I am entitled to this honor. for the work I have actually done seem very poor stuff when I remember what I started out to do when I was young and full of enthusiasm.

I am wondering about photographs. I have a few a few you are welcome to. but they are not very good.

And now I must stop for my vision is getting very cloudy. Accept my thanks and cordial good wishes to yourself and all the members of the Chapter.

If there is anything more I can do if it my answers fail to cover all the information needed let me know and I will try respond.

Sincerely yours.

Ernest Wilby

Ernest Wilby.

1567 Ouellette Avenue.
Windsor.Ont.

January 18th.1938.

Mr.E.L.Brant.
Executive Secretary.
Detroit Chapter.A.I.A.
Hotel Statler.Detroit.Mich.

Dear Mr Brant;-

Have just finished answering the questionnaire you sent me and it has been some work.

You may remember that I went through a quite serious operation lately and have lost the complete use of one eye.The other is so very weak and deficient that while I have made many attempts to get the enclosed written my so called good eye has always gone bad on me and made it impossible to operate the typewriter.

Please forgive and excuse the delay.

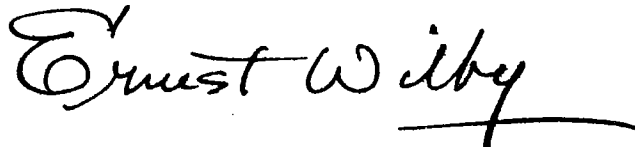
I cannot readily find words to express my grateful appreciation of the honor the Chapter proposes to do me.Am far from sure after reading the questionnaire that I am entitled to this honor.for the work I have actually done seem very poor stuff when I remember what I started out to do when I was young and full of enthusiasm.

I am wondering about photographs.I have a few a few you are welcome to.but they are not very good.

And now I must stop for my vision is getting very cloudy.Accept my thanks and cordial good wishes to yourself and all the members of the Chapter.

If there is anything more I can do of it my answers fail to cover all the information needed let me know and I will try respond.

Sincerely yours.



Ernest Wilby.

Re;Ernest Wilby.

Windsor.Ont.January 18th.1938.

Biographical Statistics.

1. Ernest Wilby.
2. Canada.
3. Windsor.Ontario.Canada.
4. Ernest Wilby.Architect.
5. Ann Arbor.Michigan. 306.North Division Street.
6. State of Michigan Board for Registration of Architects.
7. Retired from active practice.Acts occasionally as Consultant Architect.Lecturer on Architecture for the University of Michigan.
8. June,6th.1868.Ossett.Yorkshire.England.
9. Private School.Wesley College.Harrogate.Yorkshire.England.
10. Has made many visits to Europe for purpose of study. travelled extensively.Has made an intensive study of ancient and modern buildings in Europe for an understanding of the principles to be used in solving the problem of architectural design for the modern North American building. Pupil of Thomas E.Collcutt.F.R.I.B.A. (President of the Royal Institute of British Architects.)

Achievement in Architectural Design.

In association with Albert Kahn Architect of Detroit.Mich. has designed many buildings.several hundred.

- A. Commercial buildings of every type.
The Detroit News Building.Detroit.Mich.
The Ford Sales Room Building.Broadway.New York.
For Motor Plant.Highland Park.Mich.
Packard Motor Plant.Detroit.Dodge Motor Plant.Detroit.
Hudson Motor Plant.Detroit.etc.
- B. Detroit Athletic Club.Detroit.Hill Auditorium.Ann Arbor.Mich
Battle Creek Post Office.Temple Betal.Detroit.etc.
- C. Fraternity and other buildings for the University of Michigan.Ann Arbor. Couzens residence.Swift residence. Detroit.Walker residence.Walkerville.Ont.etc.

Achievement in Architectural Design.

2. Comment by E.W.

In all cases the problem of design has been considered as a problem in creation to tell the story of material construction and spirit of to-day, in the language of the Architect as an artist and craftsman.

The effort was made to obtain the spirit of style modified to comply with the spirit of to-day.

To obtain originality and individuality and to avoid the usual and the commonplace. When and where the opportunity offered new forms of design and of detail were designed for the use of modern materials and modern forms of construction and the effort made to give these beauty of form and proportion.

This applies more especially to the industrial type of architectural design developed by Albert Kahn and the writer and first exemplified in the Ford Motor Plant, Highland Park, Mich.

The Ford Sales Building Broadway, New York was possibly the first building in New York to be designed in the modern spirit now used generally.

The use of detail was regarded as an essential element of design and as a test of the designers skill in telling the story of to-day. To meet this condition much thought and study was used to evolve new types of design in detail which would harmonise with present day conditions in material, in construction, and in expressing our present day form of culture and civilisation.

An illustration of the authors valuation of detail in design might be cited as the Deerway Entrance to the Administration Building of the Hudson Motor Plant.

It has been the writer's opinion that an architectural designer must be versatile and capable in all styles and in his work has endeavoured to meet this test. in the Gothic field. In the Classic field and the Modern field, and to do this without reproducing the work of other minds. In each he has tried to add some contribution of his own.

Wm. Wilby

Achievement in Science of Construction.

1. Industrial plants.
Ford Motor Plant. Highland Park. Mich. 1910.
2. None.
3. The above mentioned plant designed by Albert Kahn and Ernest Wilby was the first of it's kind. In it the concrete pier and steel sash were combined to produce the industrial type of building now universally used. This building is described and commented on in American Architecture by Fiske Kimball. as a definite contribution to American Architecture.
A number of minor inovations now used in the industrial building have been added since 1910 by Albert Kahn and Ernest Wilby. in coloboration.
It is to be noted that while the first purpose of the above mentioned constructive features was material and practical an attempt was made to use them as an architectural assett for order and sightliness. to combine engineering with architecture to produce harmony.

Achievement in Education. and Literature.

- I. Degrees. None.
Positions held.
1904-06. Conducted classes in Architectural design and perspective for the Detroit Draughtsmens' Association.
1903-15. Judge of Pupil's Art Work in Public Schools of Detroit. Mich.
1913-16. Judge of work submitted in competition for prizes given by the Arts and Crafts Society of Detroit. Mich.
1813-15. Patron for Detroit for the Essex Arts Society of Architects. New York.
1913-15. Vice-president Architectural League of America.
1922-24. Teacher of Architecture. University of Michigan.
1925-29. Professor of Architecture. University of Michigan.
1929-38. Lecturer on Architecture. University of Michigan.
1937-38. Director. Windsor Art Association.
1936- Appointed Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and Science. London. England.
1916. Member American Institute of Architects.

Recognition given.

Chiefly in the verbal and written tokens of appreciation of students draughtmen and young architects. in gifts and testimonial dinners. In being made an honorary member of societies listed. and in friendship and cordial good will of innumerable architectural friends.

In being appointed Lecturer to the University of Michigan. given as token of appreciation after retirement from teaching.

In the recognition given of work accomplished by Fiske Kinball in his book on American Architecture. By Lewis Mumford in his written and spoken comments on American Architecture.

2. Literary work.

Have written so little for publication that I have nothing worth mentioning. the three listed are of very slight value.

1902. Notes by a Canadian Architectural student in London.

Published in the Canadian Architect.

1902. Concrete work in the Country. Published in an English Technical Magazine. (Forget the name)

1911. An article on Perspective published in the Alumnus Magazine of the University of Michigan.

Achievement in service to the Institute.

None. other than to serve Architecture loyally. and to advance in the minds of Architect and Public a love for and an appreciation of Architecture as a Noble art and worthy of the very best that man can give it.

Public Service.

Such service is covered by my service in the field of Architectural Education.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
Nomination for Fellowship.

by
Chapter

JURY OF FELLOWS
The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

Date Feb. 24 1938

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on 2-24 1938 nominated Ernest Wilby member of this Chapter, for fellowship in the Institute. I enclose evidence of the qualifications of the nominee for the fellowship on which the nomination was based and certify the resolution is as follows:

*Type in full name.

"WHEREAS, this Executive Committee believes ERNEST WILBY a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the profession because of his achievement in Architecture, Service to the Inst. that he is worthy of fellowship in the Institute; and Education and service in the field of architectural

*Type in full name.

**Type in "Design" "Science of Construction" "Literature" "Education" "Service to The Institute or "Public Service as is appropriate.

"WHEREAS, said member has been in good standing in this Chapter for two consecutive years immediately prior to this date; therefore be it

"RESOLVED, That Detroit Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate Ernest Wilby for fellowship in The Institute, and the President and the Secretary be and hereby are authorized and directed to prepare the nomination papers and forward them to the Jury of Fellows of The Institute and to do all things proper to forward said nomination."

**Type in number of years.
Type in name of Chapter.

*Type in full name.

Admaged Hughes
Secretary

THE NOMINATORS SHOULD SEE THAT LETTERS OR DATA ARE SENT TO THE JURY OF FELLOWS IN SUPPORT OF THIS NOMINATION

BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

1. Nominee's full name Ernest Wilby
2. Nominee is a natural naturalized citizen of CANADA
3. Nominee's legal residence 1567 Oullette Ave., Windsor, Ont.
4. Nominee's firm name Ernest Wilby
5. Nominee's principal place of business, address Same

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6. Type in "N.C.A. R.B." or name of State Board, as case may be.

6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by State of Michigan

7. Strike out in-appropriate words.

7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a practicing architect—teacher in architecture—teacher in science of construction—public official—retired.

8. Type in date of birth and city and Country.

8. Born June 6, 1868 . Place of birth Yorkshire Eng.

9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities; Location No. of years Graduated Degree

High School _____
 Private School _____
 College or University _____
 College or University _____
 Post graduate at _____
 Scholarships held _____

10. Type in important experiences during employment or additional statistics of importance in nominee's record.

10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

1. Works:

Type	Identification of work	Location of work	Completed Construction work	Photos, Drawings, of sketches submitted.
(a) Commercial		(city)	(state)(year)	
(b) Monumental				
(c) Domestic				
(d) Special				

NOTE: Under Column headed "Type" type in (a), (b), (c), or (d), as the case may be. Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

2. Describe nominee's notable work in design, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

1. Construction Work

Type of Work
Constructed

Identification
of Work

Location
of work

Completed
construction
Work
(year)

Photographs,
Drawings, or
Sketches
submitted.

Type in last
column to right
the number sub-
mitted in each
case.

2. Books, Treatises, or Articles Written

Subject Title

Where Published

Date Published

3. Describe nominee's notable work in the science of construction and any recognition thereof by other societies, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

1. Education Work

(List the degrees and the educational positions held by the nominee, and bring out clearly the nominee's signal work and its particular force and influence which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by pupils, the profession, other societies, or the public.)

2. Literary Work

(List the original written works of the nominee and state clearly the particular force and influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by other societies, the profession, education institutions or the public.)

Book, Treatise
or Article

Subject

Name of Book or Periodical
Containing Work

Year Work
Published

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE

1. State fully the nominee's signal service to The Institute, his chapter, or his state association, or to the profession, which the nominators believe has notably contributed to the advancement of the profession, and list the offices in architectural organizations occupied by the nominee and the period of each.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

1. List the public offices held by the nominee and the positions of trust held by him in recognition of civic leadership, and state clearly his notable work in public service and the particular influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession.

WIRT C. ROWLAND
ARCHITECT
616 MURPHY BLDG.
DETROIT

THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1940 MAY -9 AM 9:15

May 7, 1940
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Jury of Fellows
Ernest S. Russell, Chairman
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have been informed that Ernest Wilby, formerly of Detroit, has been proposed as a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. I therefore, heartily recommend that such action be taken for I consider that he is eminently worthy of this honor.

I can speak most feelingly in this recommendation. For many years ago it was my privilege to work side by side with him in the Design Department of Albert Kahn's office, during which time he was responsible for the architectural character of the buildings for the motor industry, then in its inception, and also many other fine banking buildings in this City and elsewhere.

Probably no other man who worked in this City has had such a fine influence, both architecturally and personally, on the younger element in the profession. Now that he is retired from active work and teaching, we as a group, feel that he has passed on at least a modicum of his inclusive knowledge of architecture and a sincere devotion to the highest standards of the profession.

Sincerely,



Wirt C. Rowland

Member of the Board of Directors
Detroit Chapter
American Institute of Architects

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DETROIT CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

TELEPHONE
MADison 0803

Arthur K. Hyde, President
3105 East Grand Boulevard
DETROIT, MICH.

May 4, 1940

THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1940 MAY -6 AM 10:26
WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Ave.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Board of Directors of the Detroit Chapter have proposed Ernest Wilby as a candidate for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

I wish to add my personal endorsement of Mr. Wilby. To the younger men of the profession Mr. Wilby has always been greatly admired for his outstanding ability and loved for his sincerity and his sympathetic personality. Few architects have exerted greater influence for upholding the best traditions of the profession among the younger men of the Detroit Chapter.

As Professor of Design at the College of Architecture of the University of Michigan his ability as an architect and as a teacher won for him the admiration of all.

Detroit is fortunate in having many outstanding examples of his work.

I sincerely hope that the Jury will honor this outstanding member of the Institute by electing him to Fellowship.

Very respectfully,

Arthur K. Hyde

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MARCUS R. BURROWES
ARCHITECT
415 BRAINARD STREET
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

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INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1940 MAY -6 AM 9:23

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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May 3, 1940

Mr. Ernest J. Russell, Chairman
The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
#1741 New York Ave. N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It has been called to my attention that the Michigan Chapter, A.I.A. is to propose Mr. Ernest Wilby as a candidate for election to Fellowship in the Institute.

I have known Mr. Wilby and his work for some twenty-six years and can vouch, unreservedly, for his artistic ability, sincerity in upholding the best traditions of the profession, as well as his enviable personal qualifications.

I trust that the Jury will act favorably when Mr. Wilby's election is under consideration, as I feel the high honor would not be misplaced.

Respectfully yours,

MRB:DM

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April 30, 1940

THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1940 MAY - 3 AM 9:18
WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Jury of Fellows,
The Octagon
#1741 New York Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Mr. Ernest J. Russell, Chairman

Gentlemen:

I understand that Mr. Ernest Wilby has been proposed by the Michigan Chapter for Fellowship in the A.I.A. I heartily endorse this proposal.

Mr. Wilby was an associate of mine for many years, and until he became Professor of Design at the University of Michigan. I am submitting herewith photographs of buildings, for the design of which he was largely responsible.

Mr. Wilby is a thorough artist, of highest personal qualifications, and would do justice to the honor if conferred upon him. I, therefore, bespeak your favorable consideration of admitting him to Fellowship in the A.I.A.

Respectfully yours,

Albert Kahn

AK/mpw

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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THE OCTAGON

Inter-Office Communication

May 3, 1940

MEMORANDUM - For Mr. Meyer:

As you will note from the attached copy of letter of April 30th from Mr. Albert Kahn, F.A.I.A., we have received photographs of some of the architectural work of Mr. Ernest Wilby to accompany Mr. Wilby's nomination for Fellowship.

These photographs will be held, with others, for submission to The Jury at its May meeting.

K/g
Enclosures

Secretary to
The Jury of Fellows

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A. D. WALKER

April 17, 1940

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INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1940 APR 19 AM 9:52
WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Jury of Fellows A.I.A.
The Octagon
1741 New York Ave. N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am introducing to your notice a very good friend of mine from Detroit, Michigan - Mr. Ernest Wilby. Our friendship has extended over forty years.

Mr. Wilby has been with Albert Kahn for a long time as designer. He is universally liked, respected and admired by his brother architects and has done some especially fine work in Detroit and elsewhere. Mr. Frank Baldwin of your Committee I am sure will know him and can tell you more about his merits. If there is a possibility of electing him to a Fellowship, he would appreciate that honor and so would his friends. If you want to know his age, he must be around my age, which I confess is 75 years, but don't tell him.

Very truly yours,

H. M. Grylls
F.A.I.A.

HJMG:K



THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1940 MAY 15 AM 9:07

WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

CLAIR WILLIAM DITCHY, DIRECTOR, GREAT LAKES DISTRICT
333 STATE STREET, DETROIT, MICHIGAN

May 13, 1940.

Jury of Fellows,
The American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

In connection with the nomination of Ernest Wilby for Fellowship in The Institute, I beg the privilege of offering my support.

I have known Mr. Wilby intimately since 1915 when I entered the office of Albert Kahn, Architect, Ernest Wilby, Associate. The benefits of his profound knowledge and thorough training were at the command of every draftsman in the office who exhibited a sincere interest in architecture. His delightful and unassuming personality encouraged the young men as well their seniors to seek his kindly advice and guidance, and it would of course be impossible to estimate the extent of his influence through his long years of practice and later through his years of teaching.

I can best summarize my opinion of Mr. Wilby by characterizing him as an architectural "Mr. Chips" who through his long years of service in the profession has made countless friends and has earned their gratitude and respect.

Yours very truly,

CWD/a

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

COPY

February 24, 1941

Dear Mr. Wilby:

It is my pleasant privilege to advise that you have been elected a Fellow of The American Institute of Architects, by action of The Jury of Fellows at its meeting in 1940.

The certificate of your election to fellowship will be presented to you at a session of the seventy-third convention of The Institute in Yosemite Valley, California, in May.

The presentation of fellowship certificates is an important ceremony of the convention. It is highly desirable that the newly elected fellows appear in person. The officers of The Institute and The Jury of Fellows join in the request that you be present to receive this honor.

Please send your response to The Octagon.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

Mr. Ernest Wilby, F.A.I.A.
1657 Quillette Avenue
Windsor, Ontario, Canada

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INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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WINDSOR, ONTARIO

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 2nd. 1941.

Mr. Charles T. Ingham.
Secretary. A. I. A.
Washington. D. C.

Dear Mr. Ingham; -

Your letter of February 24th found me laid up with influenza. Please accept my regret for the delay in acknowledging and thanking you for your most pleasant and welcome communication advising me that the Jury of Fellows had judged me worthy of the high honour of Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

I am deeply conscious of the privilege and honour it is to be admitted to the brotherhood of the men who have contributed so nobly to the advancement of the Art of Architecture in North America.

My own wishes no less than the expressed wish in your letter that I present myself in person for the ceremony of presentation of the Fellowship certificates prompt me to make every effort to be on hand.

But I foresee much uncertainty. The urgent need of the Canadian Government to conserve it's credit in the United States for purchase of

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war materials make it very difficult to obtain permission for the private individual to convert Canadian funds into American currency.

I am far from sure I can obtain such a permit, and without it of course a trip to the Yosemite would be financially impossible.

I am however applying to the Board of Control of Foreign Exchange at Ottawa for this permit.

My health now is also a matter of uncertainty. Am now experiencing the infirmities and weaknesses of advanced age, and am badly handicapped by impaired eyesight which is sufficiently severe to require that I be accompanied by someone whenever I venture away from my home here.

And so if it becomes possible for my wife and myself to make a visit to the Yosemite in May I will come. I am.

Gratefully and cordially yours.

Ernest Wilby

Ernest Wilby.

1567 Ouellette Avenue.
Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

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THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1941 MAY 12 AM 9:27

WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 10th. 1941.

Dear Mr. Ingham;-

Am very sorry to have to advise you that conditions beyond my control make it impossible for me to be present in person for the Ceremony of Presentation of Fellowship Certificates to the members to be honored for their service to Architecture.

Were conditions normal I would surely have given myself the pleasure of visiting California and attending the Convention.

But Canada is now at war. A trip to California would entail considerable expense, and the conversion of Canadian funds into American currency. Such conversion is now subject to rigid control by the Canadian Government.

The urgent need of Canada for American credit to pay for war supplies require that expenditure by Canadians for travel in the States be reduced to a minimum. To ensure this a special permit has to be obtained from the Foreign Exchange Control Board and such is only granted in an extraordinary conditions warrant such expenditure.

Under these conditions a trip to California is impossible for the needed permit will not be given.

Pray convey to the Jury of Fellows my high appreciation of the honor accorded me in my election to a Fellowship in the A.I.A. It is my cordial wish that the Convention will be very successful in all its phases. I am.

Yours most sincerely.

Ernest Wilby

Ernest Wilby.

Mr. Charles T Ingham.
Secretary. A. I. A.
The Otagon.
Washington. D. C.

(Drafted by Frank C. Baldwin, F.A.I.A.)

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C I T A T I O N

ERNEST WILBY - Detroit Chapter.

Admitted to The Institute in 1916.

Has been advanced to Fellowship for his achievement in design, science of construction, education and literature. His successful efforts to obtain originality and avoid the commonplace, where opportunity offered in the use of modern materials and modern methods of construction, have been notable in their resultant beauty of form and proportion. From 1924 to 1929 he was successively Teacher and Professor of Architecture, University of Michigan. Upon his retirement from teaching, he was honored by the University by appointment as Lecturer, as a token of appreciation. In 1936, he was appointed a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and Science, London, England.

1567 Ouellette Avenue.
Windsor. Ontario. Canada.

THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1942 MAY 27 AM 9:41

WASHINGTON, D. C.

*Mrs Miller
do today please*

paid \$20 after April 1, 1942
on April 11, 1942

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May 25th. 1942.

Mr. John R. Fugard.
Treasurer. A. I. A.
The Otagon.
Washington. D. C.

Dear Mr. Fugard:-

I was much surprised a week or so ago to be told by my friend Talmage Hughes of the Detroit Chapter that the Chapter had been advised that I was seven dollars in arrears of dues to the Institute.

So far as I know all payments due have been duly paid but it is possible I have overlooked something. I am not able to send a cheque for this amount under the Canadian War restrictions without permission from the Board of Foreign Exchange Control and to obtain this it will be necessary for me to exhibit some statement in writing showing that the money is needed for an approved purpose.

And so if you will send me such a statement I will be very pleased to forward whatever amount is needed to obtain a clean bill of health in the matter of dues.

With cordial good wishes I am.

Yours very truly.

Ernest Wilby

Ernest Wilby.

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

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May 28, 1942

Dear Mr. Wilby:

In reply to your letter of May 25:

The information you received from Mr. Hughes - that you are in arrears for Institute dues in the amount of \$7.00 was based on information furnished Mr. Hughes as of April 1.

Your check for \$20.00 in full payment of 1942 dues was received on April 11 and you are in good standing so far as delegate representation to the seventy-fourth annual meeting is concerned.

We are sending Mr. Hughes a copy of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. Ernest Wilby, A.I.A.
1567 Ouellette Avenue
Windsor, Ontario
Canada

PHH:ER
cc to Mr. Talnage Hughes

THE ROYAL ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTE OF CANADA

Office of the Secretary:
74 KING STREET EAST
TORONTO 1

WASHINGTON, D.C. January 10th, 1945

Mr. E.C. Kemper, Executive Secretary
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

This Institute is conferring an
Honorary Fellowship on Mr. Ernest Wilby of Windsor, Ont,
and of the A.I.A.

Would you be good enough to advise us
if it is correct to print his name on our Diploma as
"Ernest Wilby, F.A.I.A." I understand that he is a
Fellow of the A.I.A. but I do not know if you use the
letters F.A.I.A. as we do here.

Your immediate reply will be greatly
appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Constance Riffle

Secretary.

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

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COPY

January 17, 1946

Dear Miss Griffiths:

Responding to yours of January 10:

Mr. Ernest Wilby of Windsor, Ontario, is a Fellow of The American Institute of Architects in good standing, and you have used the initials "F.A.I.A." correctly, after his name, in the second paragraph of your letter.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Miss Constance Griffiths, Secretary
The Royal Architectural Institute
of Canada
74 King Street East
Toronto 1, Ontario, Canada

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1567 QUELLETTE AVENUE
WINDSOR, ONTARIO

March 22, 1950.

To The Secretary.
American Institute of Architects.
1741 New York Avenue.N.W.
Washington 6.D.C,

Dear Sir;-

In reference to my husband Ernest Wilby.F.A.I.A.
My husband who is considerable older than myself is now
in his eighty second year and is experiencing many
disabilities in constant need of medical care.

Our income from invested funds was greatly reduced
by capital losses in the crash of 1930.

Under present day conditions of income tax
reduced returns on bonds, high cost of living it is essential
we conserve our income for our personal needs.

In view of the above I would request that
my husband be placed on the retired list and be relieved
from payment of membership dues.

This letter is written with the knowledge and
approval of my husband in verification of which he will
add his signiture to that of myself. I am.

Yours faithfully.

Kathleen Olga Wilby

Kathleen Olga Wilby.

K.O.W.

Ernest Wilby

Ernest Wilby.

*Ernest Wilby
1741 New York Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C.*

Handwritten: B. Wilby

March 25, 1950

Dear Mr. Wilby:

We are in receipt of Mrs. Wilby's letter of March 22nd, advising of your wish to be placed on the Membership List of the A.I.A. as a Member Emeritus.

As soon as the necessary procedure has been completed, we shall be sure to send you formal notification of the action taken.

With every good wish to you,

Sincerely yours,

J. W. R.

J. W. Rankin
Administrative Secretary

Mr. Ernest Wilby, F.A.I.A.
1567 Duquette Avenue
Windsor, Ontario, Canada

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Copy to the Secretary, Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.

We shall appreciate advice as to Mr. Wilby's standing in the Detroit Chapter.

J.W.R.

Copy to Treasurer and Executive Secretary,
Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.

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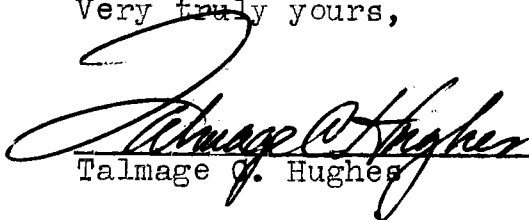
April 4, 1950

Mr. J. W. Rankin, Administrative Secretary
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

In reply to your letter of March 28th, copy of which we have received, regarding Ernest Wilby, he is in good standing with the Detroit Chapter, and we, therefore, approve of his application for Member Emeritus.

Very truly yours,


Talmage C. Hughes

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NOTICE OF ELECTION—MEMBER EMERITUS

TO **Mr. Ernest Wilby, F.A.I.A.**
1567 Duquette Avenue
Windsor, Ontario, Canada

It is my privilege to advise you that The Board of Directors has conferred upon you the title

MEMBER EMERITUS

of The American Institute of Architects and of its component organizations of which you are a member, exempting you from the payment of annual dues to The Institute and such organizations, effective **December 31, 1949.**

Date **May 5,** 19 **50.**

[Signature]
Secretary

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1567 QUELLETTE AVENUE
WINDSOR, ONTARIO

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May 22nd. 1950.

Mr. Clair W. Ditchy.
Secretary.
American Institute of Architects.
1741 New York Avenue. N.W.
Washington. 6. D.C.

Dear Mr. Ditchy; -

My husband Ernest Wilby. F.A.I.A. wishes me to acknowledge and thank you for notification of his election as Member Emeritus of the Institute.

Also to express our appreciation of the courtesy extended to us in handling the details and correspondence with sympathetic understanding.

I am.

Yours sincerely.

Kathleen G. Wilby

Kathleen Olga Wilby.

joined with others, to the enjoyment of informal gatherings.

For years he sang in his church choir.

Following his death this letter was circulated among a little group of architects:

"It was with deep regret that I read in The A.I.A. Journal for December of the death of Branson V. Gamber, F.A.I.A.

"Well do I recall how outstanding he was among the 'Vagabonds' during their European Tour in 1928. He was level-headed, diplomatic and entertaining; taking sides with neither the Yanks nor Rebels.

"During subsequent years I observed his progress and had the privilege of seeing him quite a few times. Especially do I remember him at A.I.A. Conventions at Williamsburg in 1936, Miami Beach in 1946, Grand Rapids in 1947, Salt Lake City in 1948, and this last Spring in Houston.

"It was a pleasure to see his rise to prominence in his profession; becoming an outstanding Detroit Architect; President of the Michigan Society of Architects; a Fellow of The Institute; a member of important committees in The A.I.A.; and numerous other affiliations.

"Will you now, at this moment, bow

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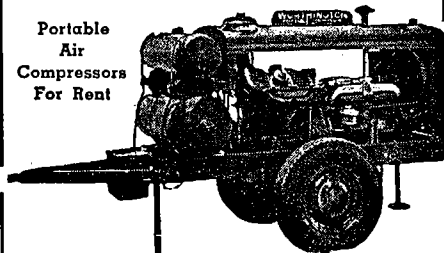
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your head in prayerful thought of this fine fellow architect and gentleman who has now passed into the great beyond."

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Some of the buildings of which Derrick & Gamber were architects:

Detroit Federal Building and Post Office; Recreation Building and Ford Museum at Greenfield Village; Charles Godwin Jennings Hospital; River Terrace, Hibbard, and Heather Hall Apartment buildings; Detroit Garages, Inc.; Pierce School in Grosse Pointe and addition to Grosse Pointe High School.

Compiled by Talmage C. Hughes, April 28, 1950.

WESTERN MICHIGAN CHAPTER

The Western Michigan Chapter, A.I.A. held its May meeting in Muskegon on Wednesday, May 23. Dinner at the Century Club was preceded by a visit to the new B. C. Cobb Power Plant. Chris Stekete, of Grand Rapids, Chapter President, presided at the dinner meeting, at which Elmer Manson, of Lansing, gave a report on the recent Institute Convention in Washington, D. C.

In charge of arrangements for the inspection of the power plant was Raymond Withey of Consumers Power Company and Carl Kressbach of Jackson, architect for the building.

JOHN COBURN

John S. Coburn, architectural photographer, of 2033 Park Avenue, Detroit, died suddenly of a heart attack, while walking near his office on the evening of June 19. At this writing, little else is known as to the details of his untimely passing.

John was well and most favorably known among the architects of Michigan, having served many of them for a number of years. He was a most likeable person, capable and conscientious. His work ranked with the best, as he had a keen sense of composition and was able to obtain results that placed him in the forefront of architectural photographers of the nation.

He had long served the Weekly Bulletin, the Detroit Chapter, A.I.A. and the Michigan Society of Architects. He regularly attended their meetings and took photographs for publication and to serve as a running account of our organizational activities.

We shall miss John, his pleasant smile, his eagerness to please and the contributions to our profession.

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Dear Mr. Cleland:

My thanks for your letter of May 15th notifying me of my elevation to Member Emeritus of The A.I.A.

Am now traveling in the eighties and of necessity have to limit my doings in large part to home and garden, and live the quiet life.

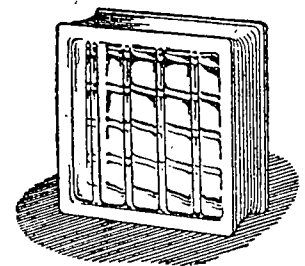
However, be advised that the latch string on our front door hangs loose and that a visit from any member of the Detroit brotherhood or by any of my U. of M. students will be welcome.

With cordial good wishes, I am
Sincerely yours,
Ernest Wilby
1507 Ouellette Ave.
Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

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December 11, 1957

The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Ave., N.W.
Washington, D. C.


Gentlemen:

This is to notify you of the death of member Emeritus

Ernest Wilby, FAIA
1567 Quellette Ave.
Windsor Ontario, Canada

Member of the Detroit Chapter, A.I.A., on December 10, 1957.

Sincerely,


Nick Demos
Circulation Manager

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From Wash Star
12/12/57

Ernest Wilby, 89, Noted Architect

WINDSOR, Ontario, Dec. 12 (AP).—Prof. Ernest Wilby, 89, one of North America's most distinguished architects, died yesterday.

Prof. Wilby, originator of the concrete pier and steel sash type of industrial construction, has lived here since 1930.

He supervised construction of Henry Ford's huge Highland Park plant, the Hill Auditorium at Ann Arbor, Mich., and the Detroit News building. He taught architecture at the University of Michigan from 1923 to 1929.

Prof. Wilby was born in Yorkshire, England, and came to Canada at the age of 4.

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