

*Seymour
Jersey*

Application for Membership

May 5, 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 Seymour Williams

Address Woodruff Building, Mahway, New Jersey
(Number and Street) (City) (State)

Place and date of birth Ludlow, England, May 22, 1882

Graduate in architecture University of Pennsylvania. Out on leave of absence last half of Senior year. Have never returned to qualify for graduation.
[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.~~ Is a member of the N.J. Soc. of Archts.

If practicing architect, firm name Seymour Williams

Have been in practice 5 years, Previous experience, 10 years

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

Collegiate and office training as above

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.

Seymour Williams
[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application was duly elected an Associate of the a member of
[For use when the applicant is an Associate.]

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date the N.J. Soc. of Archts.
[Insert date of election to chapter.]

Hugh Roberts Secretary.
W. J. Stephens 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) *Hugh Roberts*
- (2) *W. J. Stephens*
- (3) *H. J. Stephens*

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Exhibits	
On Priv. Com.	

[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 OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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June 7, 1922.

My dear Mr. Williams:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective June 7, 1922.

You have been assigned to the New Jersey 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. A statement covering current dues is enclosed, and no charge has been made for the first half of the current year.

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

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Seymour Williams,
Woodruff Building,
Rahway, New Jersey.

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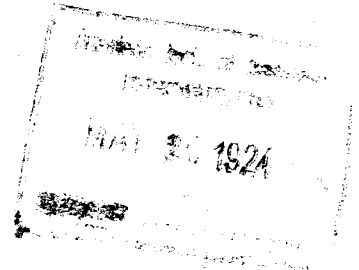
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FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

SEYMOUR WILLIAMS
ARCHITECT

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May 27th, 1924



The American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon House,
Washington, D. C.

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary-

Dear Sir:-

Since my return from the Convention I have been told that I was listed on the Bulletin Board as one of the past Presidents of the New Jersey Chapter.

If I was so listed it is an error and I beg that you will see that the correction is made so that in the report of the Convention the honor of being a past President will go to the one to whom it belongs. The two immediate past Presidents were H. T. Stephens of Patterson and James O. Betelle of Newark.

It is quite possible that the error was observed and corrected at the time of the Convention but I think it only just that I make sure, by writing you following the information given me on my return.

I am,

Very respectfully yours,

SW-MWC

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~~SEYMOUR WILLIAMS~~
ARCHITECT
RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY

Member The American Institute of Architects.
The New Jersey Chapter, A. I. A.
The New Jersey Society of Architects.
Registered: New York, New Jersey and Florida.

December

Mr. Frank C. Baldwin, Secy.
The American Institute of Architects
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Baldwin:-

In reply to yours of November
hasten to meet my obligation, in part
least, by enclosing check for \$25.00. The
balance of \$25.00 will be sent either before
December 31st or during the month of January.

I am not only chagrined but I am very
sorry that my neglect has placed me on the
list of delinquents considered by the Board
at the November meeting. Certainly, the
A. I. A. dues should be paid up and no mem-
ber finding it difficult to meet all his
obligations could honestly and sincerely find
anything but commendation for the letters
sent out by you and the Treasurer, Mr. Bergstrom,
in your endeavor to keep the memberships paid
up.

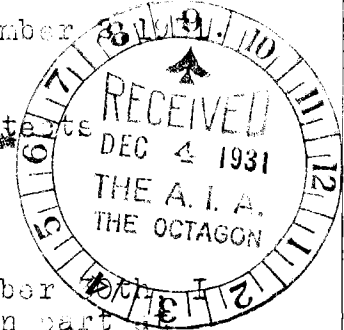
With full appreciation of the many angles
of your problem and your kind handling of it
in dealing with individual members, I am

Most sincerely yours,

Seymour Williams

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ARCHITECT
RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY

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April 11th 32

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

Dear Mr Bergstrom,

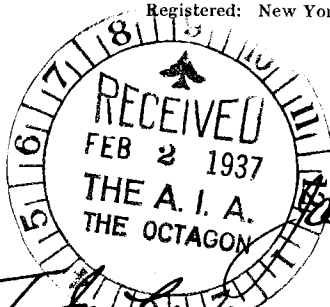
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\$50.00 - Prof.*

Enclosed in
my check for \$50.00 to
cover 1931 and 1932 dues.
When it is so hard to
spare this amount I do
hope the A.I.A. will take
more interest in the in-
dividual architect and
less in Bureaus, after the
coming Convention.

Sincerely,
Seymour Williams

SEYMOUR WILLIAMS
ARCHITECT
RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY

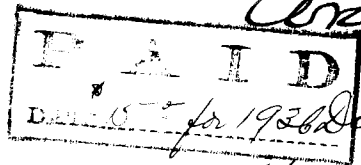
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The New Jersey Society of Architects
Registered: New York, New Jersey and Florida



Mr Charles T. Ingheim
Secretary
The American Institute of Architects

Dear Mr Ingheim
Check enclosed for 1936 dues.
Deeply regret two boys at college -
of whom I am very proud - and
other obligations to be met have
caused me to become in default.
With appreciation of the fine
service you are rendering as
Secretary, believe me

Cordially yours



Seymour W.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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February 9, 1937.

Dear Mr. Williams:

This will acknowledge and thank you for yours of
January 30, and check for \$15 covering Institute dues for the
year 1936.

This restores you to good standing in The Institute
and a formal notice will be sent to you and the New Jersey
Chapter in due course.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

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Mr. Seymour Williams, A. I. A.,
Woodruff Building,
Rahway, New Jersey.

FELLOW OF THE
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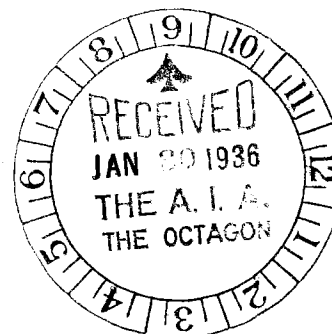
REGISTERED ARCHITECT
STATES OF NEW JERSEY
AND NEW YORK

C. W. FAIRWEATHER
ARCHITECT
METUCHEN, N. J.

TELEPHONE
METUCHEN 6-0626

January 28, 1936

Mr. Paul A. Davis, 3rd
Chairman Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue
Washington, D.C.



Dear Mr. Davis:-

Enclosed please find application forms for advancement to Fellowship of Hobart A. Walker, Ernest H. Fougner, and Seymour Williams.

These candidates have been endorsed by the Executive Committee of the New Jersey Chapter and we will appreciate your consideration of their fitness.

We have sent the exhibits referred to in the applications under separate cover.

Yours cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "C. W. Fairweather".

CWF:AC

Chairman
N.J. Chapter Jury of Fellows.

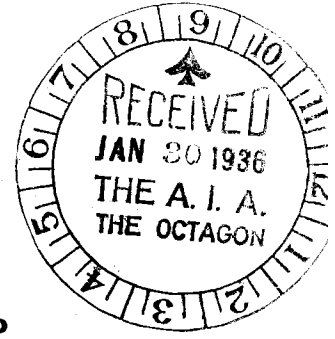
(Proposals for Fellowship must be filed with the Jury of Fellows, at The Octagon, not later than February 1st of any calendar year if it is desired that such proposals be acted upon prior to the second succeeding convention.)

(Issued by the Jury of Fellows)

Confidential

The American Institute of Architects

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



FORM OF PROPOSAL FOR FELLOWSHIP

(Before executing read carefully the accompanying document on Principles of Fellowship)

Name of Member Proposed—

Mr. SEYMOUR WILLIAMS

Street 133 Central Avenue

City Rahway

State New Jersey

Notice—Use Ink and Write Legibly Throughout.

Chapter of Member Proposed—

New Jersey

(Name of Chapter)

Date of Election to Institute—

1922

(The year is sufficient)

Place of Business—Location of Best Work.

Rahway, New Jersey.

(Principal Place of Business past Five Years)

Rahway, Colonia, Mendham, New Jersey. Venice-Nokomis, Florida.

(One or more cities in which best work is located)

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General Conditions of Fellowship: (Chapter II, Article 1, Section 1, By-laws:)

Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects is conferred upon a member who is a citizen of the United States, who, in the opinion of an authorized jury of fellows, shall have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession in design, construction, literature, education or public service.

PROPOSAL FOR FELLOWSHIP

January 27, 1936

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

The following name of Seymour Williams, a member in good standing, is submitted to the Jury of Fellows with a recommendation that he be advanced to Fellowship:

Name SEYMOUR WILLIAMS (In full)

Address Rahway, New Jersey (City and State)

Place and date of birth Ludlow, Schropshire, England. May 22, 1885.

Graduate of Architecture University of Pennsylvania, 1911. (Name of College, University or School)

On leave of absence last two-thirds of Senior Year. Did not graduate.

Holder of Scholarship in Architecture--

(Name of Scholarship)

If practicing architect give firm name or names, and state how long connected with each:

Seymour Williams From 1917 to present. (Firm name) (Approximate time)

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Working his way through college he accepted a promising position early in his Senior Year and set out to prepare himself for his own practice by working two two years each in offices doing special work. First, in New York City with Pilcher & Tachau, doing Armories and Public Buildings; then in Saranac Lake, New York with Scopes-Feustman doing Hospitals and Sanitaria and in Syracuse with Merrick and Randall doing Schools and Municipal Buildings. During his two years in New York he was a member of the faculty of Mechanics Institute teaching second-year Architecture, four evenings a week.

Following the six years of practical experience he won a competition for a Masonic Temple to be erected in Rahway, N.J. and with this Commission he opened an office in that City in 1917 where he has remained in practice up to the present time. He became active in the Civic affairs of his City, at various times serving organizations as indicated under item No. 2, page 9.

He has been recognized by the members of his profession in this State by being elected as second Vice-President, New Jersey Chapter two years, first Vice-President two years, and President two years; has held the same offices in the New Jersey State Society of Architects and has been President of the Union County Society of Architects. He has also served as an appointed member of the State Board of Architects for a term of two years being elected Vice-President of this Board.

He was selected by the Chapter and recommended to the Department of the Interior for appointment as District Officer for this State when the Historic American Buildings Survey was initiated as a C.W.A. Project in 1933. He was also appointed to serve as District Officer for the Historic American Buildings Survey which has been operating the past year as an E.R.A. Project and has recently been recommended by the Department of the Interior to the W.P.A. in Washington as Division Chief of the Mid-Atlantic Section of the Historic American Buildings Survey. He has also been for several years the Chairman of the Chapter's Committee on the Preservation of Historic Buildings and the New Jersey Member of the National A.I.A. Committee on Historic Buildings.

He has served on various Committees of the Chapter with credit and has, at all times, been enthusiastic in advancing the status of the architectural profession and in preaching our obligation as members of this profession to fulfill all obligations to the Public, inherent in our association with, and for them, and has been one of the Chapter's delegates to a number of the Institute's Conventions.

His practice has been in a small community of 17,000 and has been of a very general nature. As an illustration he has, in his practice, been the architect for the Sisters' Home of St. Mary's Church, the Parish House of St. Paul's Church, the Sunday School of the Baptist Church and the Community House of the Presbyterian Church. He has done an Elks Club, Masonic Temple, Schools, Banks, Stores, Municipal work and Residential work, both City and Country. While his office has been located in Rahway, N.J., he has done work in other sections of the State and in Florida. His design has been sound and his practice has always been conducted along the highest ethical lines.

ACHIEVEMENT IN DESIGN

I. Architectural Work—

Commercial

Bauman Florist Shop
Name of Building

Rahway, N.J.
City or Town

Robinson's Hardware Store

Rahway, N.J.

Monumental

Name of Monument

Place

Domestic

Henry H. Landon
Name of Owner

Mendham, N.J.
Place

O.A. Wilkinson

Colonia, N.J.

Wm. H. Peterson

Colonia, N.J.

Dr. Fred H. Albee

Colonia, N.J.

Special Work

Casino & Bathing Pavilion on the
Nature of Work
Gulf of Mexico

Venice-Nokomis, Florida.
Place

Masonic Temple

Rahway, N.J.

Grover Cleveland Grade School

Rahway, N.J.

Rahway Savings Institution,

Rahway, N.J.

Venice-Nokomis Bank & Trust Co.,

Venice-Nokomis, Florida.

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2. Here should follow a description of his work in design, showing special attention to the particular features the proponents believe worthy—

His practice as an individual architect illustrates sound planning, sensible design and practical consideration for the needs of his clients. It should be said that having been the only architect in a small city of 17,000, twenty miles from New York, he has had to meet serious competition in many fields during the years of his practice. The success with which he has met this competition and the standing he enjoys in his community indicate most clearly that he has obtained certain success in meeting his problems and contributing to the development of his city through his practice and we ask that full consideration be given of the many problems the general practitioner has to meet and solve personally in smaller communities where his contacts become very intimate and important; where a mistake in judgment would be much more glaring than it would be in the office of a partnership or firm in a larger city.

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3. Photographs, sketches, or drawings should be submitted of two or three buildings or works—

Photographs Casino & Bathing Pavilion on the Gulf of Mexico, Venice-Nokomis,
Works Florida

Masonic Temple, Rahway, N.J.

Grover Cleveland Grade School, Rahway, N.J.

~~Brooklyn~~ Rahway Savings Institution, Rahway, N.J.
Works

Office and Florist Shop, Rahway, N.J.

Residence H.H. Landon, Jr., Mendham, N.J.

~~Brooklyn~~ Residence O.A. Wilkinson, Colonia, N.J.
Works

Residence W.H. Peterson, Colonia, N.J.

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ACHIEVEMENT IN CONSTRUCTION

1. Engineering Construction

Name of Building

Place

2. Books, Treatise, or Articles Written—

Subject

Name of Book or Periodical

3. Photographs

Works

Place

4. Drawings

Building or Works

Place

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5. Here should follow a description of the notable work done by the applicant, with special stress laid on his particular achievements and recognition by societies, or other groups—

See paragraph 3, Biographical Sketch.

Dotted lines for writing a description of notable work.

ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

1. Literary Work—

Books, Treatise, or Articles Written—

An analysis of the Institute's efforts to solve Low Cost Housing Problem.

Subject

American Architect

Name of Book or Periodical

Dotted lines for listing additional literary works.

Achievement in Education and Literature—*continued*

2. Here should follow a summary of particular influences that may have been created by any of the works above mentioned if known to the proponents and any recognition accorded by the profession, by societies, or by the public—

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3. Educational Work—

The proponents should direct attention to the position held by applicant, his or her particular force or influence in his or her line of endeavor, and any evidence of recognition by pupils, by the profession, or by the public of his or her achievements.

He has advanced the public interest in the preservation of Historic Buildings in his State through exhibits of the work done under the Historic American Buildings Survey in the Newark Museum and the Newark Public Library giving lectures on this subject in connection with the exhibitions and has lectured on the preservation of our Historic Buildings before various civic groups throughout the State and in addition has developed newspaper publicity on the subject.

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4. If under this class applicant has also designed or executed work, then proponents should fill out also the blanks under heading (Achievement in Design)—

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ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

1. Here should follow a clear statement of the field in which his activities have been directed, the influence of that leadership and what accomplishment has resulted—

Was selected by the Chapter and appointed by the Department of the Interior, District Officer for New Jersey Historic American Buildings Survey and served in that capacity in 1933-34 in charge of a C.W.A., State Wide Project. In 1934-35 same capacity in charge of an E.R.A. State Wide Project, and has just recently assisted in the transfer of this project to the Works Progress Administration for 1936. The influence of the proponent's leadership in this particular field and accomplishments are evidenced by the fact that he has been instrumental in relieving the unemployment situation among the members of his profession throughout the entire State, having at one time had 158 persons directly under his charge whom he had personally selected from his knowledge of their qualifications and need. His contacts with the various C.W.A., E.R.A. and W.P.A. officials both in the State and in Washington during this period have had no small influence in developing a proper appreciation on the part of officials and public of the need of assisting members of his profession and the value of the proposed work. The manner in which he has met the various phases and situations of this work has reflected credit on our profession as a whole.

He has recently been appointed by the W.P.A. in Washington on recommendation of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, as Division Chief of the Mid-Atlantic Division of the Historic American Buildings Survey.

2. Recite the positions of trust held by applicant in evidence of his recognition as a civic leader—

Member and Secretary of the Zoning Commission	Rahway, N.J.
Name of Societies or Civic Groups	Place
Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustment (Since adoption of the Zoning Ordinance, 7 yrs. ago.)	Rahway, N.J.
Secretary Rahway Chapter American Red Cross (For the past 15 years.)	Rahway, N.J.
Secretary of the Craftman's Club. (Masonic)	Rahway, N.J.
Secretary of a Men's Brotherhood and ^{member} various Civic Committees, not listed, from time to time.	Rahway, N.J.
Has served as Treasurer of a Building Loan Ass'n.	Rahway, N.J.
Member Board of Trustees, First Presbyterian Church	Rahway, N.J.

(Proposers should sign at top of page 10)

Signatures: Submitted by

Group of five Members or/and Fellows—

Date. January 27, 1936.

1. *C. J. Fairweather F. A. I. A. (Chairman N. J. Chapter Committee)*
2. *Cornelius W. R. Bogert F. A. I. A. on Fellowship*
3. *James O. Betelle F. A. I. A.*
4. *Wilson C. Ily F. A. I. A.*
5. *Harry T. Stephens F. A. I. A.*

BY-LAW PROVISIONS AND RULES OF PROCEDURE CONCERNING
ADVANCEMENT TO FELLOWSHIP.

ADDRESS COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN, THE JURY OF FELLOWS
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

BY-LAWS OF THE INSTITUTE.

Chapter II, Article 1. General Conditions of Fellowship.

Section 1. Qualifications.

(a) Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects is conferred upon a member who is a citizen of the United States who, in the opinion of an authorized jury of fellows, shall have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession in design, construction, literature, education, or public service.

Section 2. Prerequisite.

(a) Membership in the Institute for not less than ten years shall be a prerequisite to fellowship.

Section 3. Jury of Fellows.

(a) The Jury of Fellows shall consist of six fellows appointed by the President, two of whom shall serve for periods of one, two, and three years, respectively, and until their successors are appointed. The President shall appoint the chairman of the Jury, and shall fill all vacancies occurring in the Jury of Fellows by death, resignation, expiration of term or otherwise.

Section 4. Recommendations for Fellowship.

(a) Method. Any group of five or more members may recommend to the Jury for consideration the name of a member whom they deem qualified for fellowship. Such recommendation shall contain a brief statement of the notable service or achievements which, in the opinion of the nominators, justify the nomination.

(b) Supporting Data. Names of nominees for fellowship shall be submitted with full and explicit data to the Jury of Fellows on forms prepared for this purpose. The Jury shall then request from the chapter officials, the Directors of the Institute, and such other sources as it deems necessary privileged communications relating to the qualifications of the nominees. All recommendations shall remain on file with the Jury of Fellows for at least twelve months prior to final action.

Section 5. Rules of Procedure.

(a) The Jury shall formulate rules for its procedure subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Article 2. Election to Fellowship.

Section 1. Procedure.

(a) Election. Election to fellowship shall be by the Jury of Fellows. Fellows may be elected at any regular meeting of the Jury of Fellows.

(b) Method. Such election shall be by ballot. Four affirmative votes shall be necessary to elect.

(c) Announcements. The names of all fellows so elected shall be announced to the convention.

Article 3. Nomenclature.

Section 1. Nomenclature.

(a) Fellowship in the Institute shall be designated by the initials "F. A. I. A."

RULES OF PROCEDURE.

1. A meeting of the Jury of Fellows may be held at the call of the Chairman, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, and in any event this meeting should occur at least 60 days prior to the date of the Convention.

2. Suggestions to the Jury for advancement to Fellowship may be made as stated in the By-laws.

3. The validity of any objection raised to any candidate shall rest solely with the Jury, and all communications shall be considered only as informative data.

4. The Jury shall file with the archives of the Institute the original recommendation and a statement of its action with

the reasons for election in each case. Privileged communications shall not be preserved.

5. Proposals for Fellowship must be filed with the Jury of Fellows, at The Octagon, not later than February 1st of any calendar year. All proposals so filed will be considered by the Jury and those selected will be cited for the honor of Fellowship at the second succeeding convention.

6. In the event of failure to act favorably upon any recommendation within three years due notice shall be given to the proponents, the recommendation surrendered and privileged communications destroyed. No recommendation so surrendered shall again be presented within two years from such notice.

This is a revised copy of the Rules of Procedure of the Jury of Fellows as amended and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting on November 14, 1930.

C O P Y

HARRY T. STEPHENS
Architect
United Bank Building
152 Market Street
Paterson New Jersey

January 29, 1936

Mr. Paul A. Davis, 3rd.,
Chairman, Jury of Fellows,
The American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon House, 1741 New York Avenue.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Davis:

The enclosed Proposals for Fellowship come to me for signature, with Mr. Fairweather's letter, also enclosed, and request that I forward all to you. It is a pleasure to do so.

Though I think we would be better without grades of membership, except as distinctions are unavoidable, as in the selection of officers and so on, yet, if we are to have the Fellowship grade, and we are, selections to it should be most carefully made, as they are.

On this account, I want to go a bit beyond merely signing as a proposer. I have known all three of these members since before they came into the Institute, Mr. Walker for over fortyfive years, the others for nearly twenty. I believe all to be more than usually worthy, so, that, were we to have a magazine like the movies do, all would get stars, Mr. Walker, five or six.

All came into the Institute while I was Chm. of the N.J. Committee on Institute Membership and President of the Chapter, and have lived up to all expectations.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Harry T. Stephens.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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January 31, 1936

Dear Mr. Stephens:

On behalf of the Chairman of the Jury of Fellows of the Institute, we wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 29th, with regard to the proposals to advance Messrs. Ernest H. Fougner, Hobart A. Walker, and Seymour Williams to Fellowship.

Your letter has been forwarded to the Chairman of the Jury for his information.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to the
Jury of Fellows

K/g

Copy to the Chairman,
Jury of Fellows

Mr. Harry T. Stephens, F.A.I.A.,
152 Market Street,
Paterson, N. J.

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April 29, 1937.

Dear Mr. Williams:

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

The certificate of your election to Fellowship will be presented to you at the evening session and dinner on June 4, which concludes the Sixty-ninth Convention of The Institute, to be held in Boston, Massachusetts, June 1-4, inclusive.

The Officers and The Jury of Fellows join in the request that you be present to receive this honor.

Sincerely yours,



Secretary.

Mr. Seymour Williams, F.A.I.A.,
Woodruff Building,
Rahway, New Jersey.

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

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May 6, 1937

Dear Mr. Williams:

Under the established procedure of The Institute, the photographs which accompanied the proposal for your advancement to Fellowship are being returned to you under separate cover, transportation prepaid.

We trust that you will receive these promptly and in good order.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
The Jury of Fellows

K/B

Mr. Seymour Williams, F.A.I.A.,
Woodruff Building,
Rahway, N. J.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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July 7, 1937.

My dear Mr. Williams:

At the closing session of the Sixty-ninth Convention of The Institute held in Boston, the reading of the announcement of your elevation to Fellowship in The Institute was accompanied by the following citations:

SEYMOUR WILLIAMS - of New Jersey: For untiring endeavor in forwarding the policies of The Institute; for notable public service and the esteem in which he is held by fellow practitioners, Seymour Williams is advanced to Fellowship in The Institute.

All of the citations were prepared by the Jury of Fellows at the time of the elections.

By direction of the former Chairman of the Jury, Mr.
Robert D. Kohn.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary of the Jury of Fellows.

ECK:LF

Mr. Seymour Williams, F. A. I. A.,
Woodruff Building,
Rahway, New Jersey.

SEYMOUR WILLIAMS
ARCHITECT
RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY

Rec'd 2:15 PM
April 16, 1938
Member The American Institute of Architects
The New Jersey Chapter, A. I. A.
The New Jersey Society of Architects
Registered: New York, New Jersey and Florida

April 15th 38

Dear Mr Kemper

The enclosed should have been sent long ago. in fact was originally set up to be sent last Dec, but I found I was unable to spare it. I have two sons at college and I'm proud of it but we have to scratch sometimes to keep them there and the A.I.A. has to list me as "in default". I hope this check will place me in good standing as I am a delegate from N. J. to the Convention and have been fortunate enough to "just make the boat". The balance of \$10⁰⁰ I will pay in June or July.

With best wishes and success -
your usual success - at your Con-
vention.

Cordially

Seymour Williams

Required Payment
American Institute of Architects
\$20⁰⁰ 4/26/38

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May 12, 1938.

Dear Mr. Williams:

Your letter of April 15, was received during the pressure of Board and Convention business.

This will acknowledge the check for \$20.00 which accompanied your letter and has been credited to your account. We also acknowledge your payment of an additional \$10.00 made during the Convention at New Orleans which pays your account for the year 1938 in full.

It was good to see you at the Convention and I am sorry we did not have a chance to exchange more than a few words.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

ECK:LF

Mr. Seymour Williams, F.A.I.A.,
Rahway, New Jersey.

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SEYMOUR WILLIAMS
ARCHITECT
RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY

Member The American Institute of Architects.
The New Jersey Chapter, A. I. A.
The New Jersey Society of Architects.
Registered in New York, New Jersey and Florida.

1939 SEP -7 AM 9:12

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Sept 5-39

Dear Mr Bergstrom

I regret sending in my dues
and "Host" expenses so late but
I've still got two boys at
College - which is the best excuse
I can use - and one I'm proud
to state.

Although New Jersey Chapter, for
no particular reason, does not ap-
pear on the list of your petitioners
you have many warm friends
among the delegates who will
attend, one of whom is,

Cordially yours

Seymour Williams

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1939 dues

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INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1943 JAN -9 AM 9:37

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. Charles T. Ingham, Secretary
American Institute of Architects
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C.

January 7, 1943

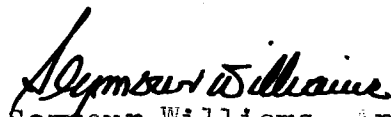
Dear Mr. Ingham:

I am writing with regard to my membership in the American Institute of Architects which, under the terms of the bi-laws, was automatically terminated on December 31 because of non-payment of dues for the previous two years, although by payment of the dues for one year my membership could have been continued under suspension.

While I am very jealous to retain my membership in the Institute, the reasons for my inability to comply with the regulations regarding dues over the past two years is a personal matter. However, I fully expect to request reinstatement sometime in July of this year on payment of the dues owing as of December 31, 1942.

I wish to assure you that my apparent inattention to this matter has not been due to a lack of interest in the A. I. A. or appreciation of the advantages of membership in that organization. I regret very much to suffer the onus of suspension, but other things are at the moment of greater importance to me than this situation.

Sincerely yours,



Seymour Williams, Architect
Inspector of School Plans
and Buildings

SW:K

c.c. G. C. Fenhagen
Regional Director
c.c. C.W. Fairweather
Secretary

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

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Mr M

January 11, 1943

Dear Mr. Williams:

We write at once, on behalf of Secretary Ingham, to respond to your letter of January 7.

Your Institute membership was not terminated on December 31.

The Secretary sent you a notice on December 1 advising you of the by-law provision for termination for non-payment of two years' dues - as of December 31.

But since then we have been authorized by The Secretary and The Treasurer to withhold the termination notices at least until February 15th 1943, and to accept one year's dues - or more - up to that date and as of December 31, 1942.

28 If you can send a check for \$20.00 between now and February 15 your Institute membership will remain unimpaired.

We all hope that conditions will be better for the profession by the end of this new year, and here at The Octagon we particularly hope that it will be possible for you to retain your membership.

The Institute needs your moral support and your affiliation at this time and its Officers would much regret to have your name go off the membership roll.

With personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

S.

Executive Secretary

Mr. Seymour Williams, A.I.A.
Inspector of School Plans and Buildings
Department of Public Instruction
Trenton Trust Building
Trenton, New Jersey

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SECRETARY

TREASURER

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

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A.B.

March 22, 1943

Dear Mr. Williams:

This is the first moment in which to acknowledge your letter of March 18 to Secretary Ingham, with copy of your letter of January 7 to Mr. Fairweather.

Under a general authorization from The Treasurer, Mr. Ashton, we took the liberty of holding up the notice of termination of your membership, and unless and until you receive such notice you are a corporate member of The Institute and the New Jersey Chapter.

Meanwhile, we took the liberty of writing to Mr. Fairweather as per enclosed copy of letter.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. Seymour Williams, F.A.I.A.
385 Central Ave.
Rahway, N.J.

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March 22, 1943

Dear Clem:

Herewith is copy of letter of March 18 from Mr. Seymour Williams, his letter of January 7, to you, and of our letter of March 22 to him.

Mr. Williams is indebted for Institute dues as follows: \$20.00 for 1941, \$20.00 for 1942, and \$20.00 for 1943 - a total of \$60.00.

Under the circumstances, and in line with the policy of The Treasurer, Mr. Ashton, in such matters, we have laid aside the notice terminating his membership, which technically should have been sent after the first of the year under the automatic procedure.

In view of the circumstances, the matter has been placed on the agenda of The Board at its meeting in Cincinnati on May 22, with a view to remitting the dues as stated above.

However, The Board would not take such action unless it was approved in advance by the New Jersey Chapter, and unless the Chapter took similar action with respect to any outstanding chapter dues of Mr. Williams.

A word of advice and recommendation from the Executive Committee of the New Jersey Chapter, prior to the Board meeting on May 22, would be much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. C. W. Fairweather, Secretary
New Jersey Chapter, A.I.A.
Rector Street
Metuchen, New Jersey

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THE AMERICAN
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1943 MAR 20 AM 9:52

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Mr. Charles T. Ingham, Sec'y.,
The A. I. A.
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

March 18, 1943

Dear Mr. Ingham:

Under date of January 7 I wrote regarding my delinquency in dues and stated when I would be in a position to request reinstatement. At the same time I wrote Clem Fairweather a personal letter giving the reasons why I was behind in my dues to the A. I.A. I felt this explanation was irrelevant to the National A.I.A.: however, I am now enclosing a copy for your personal information. I am doing it for the reason that Clem thinks if I am suspended during the interum of three or four months that my name on the membership list will always be identified as not a continuous membership.

I would be greatly disturbed if this were the case; therefore, I want in some way to avoid such a condition. Would it be possible to consider the reasons as given to Clem Fairweather and extend the limiting date for me from February 28 to May 15. On that date I would pay for one year's dues and the balance on June 15. This is the best I can do. The letter to Clem indicates the conditions causing me to defer, for the time being, such items as dues.

Sincerely yours,

Seymour Williams

SW:K

*385 Central Ave.,
Rahway, N. J.*

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INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1943 MAR 20 AM 9:52

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. C. W. Fairweather
Rector Street
Metuchen, New Jersey

January 7, 1943

Dear Clem:

The enclosed copy of my letter to Mr. Ingham is sent for your information. I felt that I should write to the Secretary instead of permitting my membership to become automatically suspended without some word from me on the matter. However, you can appreciate that I do not feel like offering the actual reasons because it is too personal for me to state that the twelve months hospitalization of my wife and daughter, and the additional expenses attending the decease of my wife and also of my mother previously, have made it imperative that I curtail all expenses that could possibly be omitted. As you know, my membership and fellowship in the Institute means a great deal to me, and I will of course desire to be reinstated as soon as I can spare the money. It is unfortunate that during the interim and at the time I make my request for reinstatement I will be just as unable then, as now, to offer the real reasons for my situation.

Sincerely yours,

SW:K



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1943 MAR 29 AM 10:22

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

March 26, 1943

In your letter of the 22nd, you say you have "taken the liberty of writing to Mr. Fairweather as per enclosed letter". The letter referred to states that the matter has been placed on the agenda of the Board meeting of May 22 with a view to remitting the dues. You further state that the Board will not take such action without the approval of the New Jersey Chapter and remission of outstanding dues by the Chapter and that "A word of advice and recommendation is requested from the Chapter Executive Committee".

This will advise you that you have taken a "liberty" which was unwarranted and which I very much regret. I have not requested remission of my dues to the A. I. A. and obviously would not request them of the Chapter. Under no circumstance would I request or accept remission of dues from either the A. I. A. or the Chapter. The dues are owing by me and will be paid. The question I asked - and would like to have answered - was if it would be possible to consider the reasons given and extend the limiting date for payment of 1941 dues from February 28 to May 15 on the basis that I would pay for 1941 on May 15 and the balance on June 15. The balance being 1942 and half of 1943. In your letter you claim I am indebted for all of 1943. At the time of your writing I understand I owed only one quarter of 1943.

I do not doubt but that you were prompted to suggest possible remission out of consideration of the causes listed in my personal letter to Mr. Fairweather which I sent with my March 18 request to Mr. Ingham, but I contend since this consideration was not indicated or implied in my request it was a "liberty" to assume I would approve of any special consideration other than my request to be allowed two months more grace in meeting the obligation. If the only alternative is remission of dues or suspension, then I will accept suspension and terminate my membership in the A.I.A. I do not approve remission of any dues owing by members, except under very special circumstances. My circumstances are not special, only unfortunate for me in a very personal way.

If this letter sounds unappreciative do not read that attitude into it, for I am far from unappreciative. However, I do not think you had any reason to embarrass me by placing my name before the A. I. A. and the Chapter as needing remission of dues, unless specifically requested to do so by me. I do not need or wish to have my obligations remitted.

Most sincerely yours,

Seymour Willeman

SW:K

Mr. Edward C. Kemper
Executive Secretary
The American Institute of Architects
Washington, D. C.

c.c. Mr. Charles T. Ingham, Sec'y. A.I.A.
c.c. Mr. C.W. Fairweather, Sec'y. - Chapter

FELLOW
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

REGISTERED ARCHITECT
STATES OF NEW JERSEY
AND NEW YORK

C. W. FAIRWEATHER
ARCHITECT
METUCHEN, N. J.

TELEPHONE
METUCHEN 6-0626
THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1943 MAR 29 PM 1:58

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Saturday March 27, 43

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

Dear P.S.: Please excuse my scribble but I want to get this off without waiting until I reach the office on Monday.

I received a copy of Seymour Williams' dumb letter to you dated March 25. What a man!

I know that you have too much poise to feel hurt. I will supplement this of the record note ~~with~~^{by} a letter later.

Always cordially
Clem.

P.S. We don't have an exec. meeting until April 8 but there is no doubt but that the Chapter will take the same action as the parent Society and agree to defer payment of the arrears.

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Mr. M. please note. LWB
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March 31, 1943

Dear Mr. Williams:

In answer to yours of March 26, please accept a sincere apology from me - for suggesting in my letters of March 22 to you and to Mr. Fairweather that your Institute dues be remitted.

The Institute Officers and Board do not like to lose a valued membership when there is financial stress, and there is good precedent for the suggestion which I made.

But we should have ascertained your wishes before writing to the Chapter, so I am sending a copy of this to Mr. Fairweather in order that he may know of my apology to you.

Answering specifically the question in your second paragraph: under authorization of The Treasurer, Mr. Ashton, we will extend the date for payment of your 1941 dues to May 15, 1943 on the basis that the 1942 dues and half of the 1943 dues will be paid on June 15, 1943.

We trust that this clears the record with respect to procedure and we will be governed accordingly, trusting that it will be satisfactory to you.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. Seymour Williams, F.A.I.A.
385 Central Avenue
Rahway, New Jersey

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Copies to: Mr. Ingham
Mr. Fairweather

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32 MAPLE STREET, SUMMIT

GILBERT C. HIGBY, TREASURER
STREET, NEWARK
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
SECRETARY
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1943 ~~MAR 26~~ AM 9:42
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

NEW JERSEY CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

March
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R. Seymour Williams
Please advise
from letter to
R. Williams

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

Dear Ed:

With reference to your letter dated March 22, 1943 relative to the membership of Mr. Seymour Williams and also to the letter from him to you dated March 26 expressing his wishes in the matter, please be advised as follows:

Replying to the last paragraph of your letter, it is not necessary for this matter to go before our Executive Committee as a special committee consisting of the president, secretary and treasurer was appointed to take care of matters relating to arrears of dues. This committee was given power to act.

This committee recommends that Mr. Williams proposal be accepted and we will be pleased to have the National dues take precedence over the Chapter dues.

Yours cordially,

Secretary

CWF/mrf

cc: Mr. Seymour Williams

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Dear Mr Kemper

May 24-43

Enclosed is my check for one year's dues to the Institute, to apply on my delinquent dues for 1941-42. In my letter of March 18 I promised to send this check on May 15, however I was hospitalized on April 6th and have only just now returned to the office.

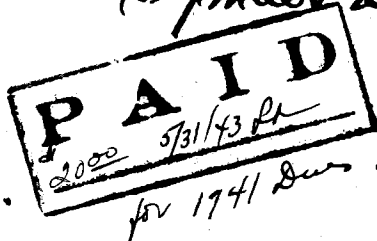
I am taking the liberty of bothering you with this ~~matter~~ detail, while at the Convention, because I do not want to wait until you return to Washington and further increase the delay between promised date of the 15th and receipt of the check.

Wish I could be at the convention myself. The meeting with the most prominent members of our profession - and their more common brethren; the good fellowship; the actual work with views in the making for the future benefit of architects and the public - we hope - is always an inspiration, no matter how vocal some of our architects become - in their enthusiasm. In spite of the "wordiness" and sometimes seeming futility of our actions the conventions are nevertheless inspirational and stimulating to us all. So it is with a feeling of nostalgia and some slight discomfort in the area of my two new anatomical decorations, that I sign myself,

Cordially yours,

Seymour Wilkine

Mr Edward C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary,
The American Institute of Archts.



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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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June 11, 1943

Dear Mr. Williams:

Your letter of May 24 reached me in Cincinnati where, of course, we were submerged with convention work.

The meeting was a good one with a larger number of delegates in attendance than were present in Detroit a year ago.

This will acknowledge and thank you for your check for \$20.00 covering 1941 dues to The Institute.

The June number of THE OCTAGON, which we hope to get out shortly, will contain the convention documents and other information of interest.

Please come to see us if you get to Washington.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer

Mr. Seymour Williams, F.A.I.A.
Department of Public Instruction, N.J.
Trenton Trust Building
Trenton, New Jersey

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

G. CORNER FENHAGEN, DIRECTOR, MIDDLE ATLANTIC DISTRICT
325 NORTH CHARLES STREET, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

January 11, 1945

Mr. E. C. Kemper, A.I.A.
1741 New York Ave.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Among the names given me of members who were to be dropped by the Institute for non-payment of dues on December 31st was the name of Mr. Seymour Williams of the New Jersey Chapter. I wrote Williams who has had a very tough time and I am today in receipt of a letter from him enclosing a check for \$20.00, the amount for which he is in default with a statement that the balance will be paid later.

Williams has always tried hard to meet his obligations and his interest in Institute affairs has always been such that I trust this check, though a few days have elapsed since the first of January, can be accepted as of December 31st so that his membership will remain in good standing.


His attitude has always been in contrast to the many names coming before each meeting of the Board asking for remission of past dues.

Sincerely yours,


G. Corner Fenhagen

GCF/jc

Enc.


C.

Handwritten note:
\$20.00 - for 1943 dues
for Seymour Williams
1-12-45
GCF

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January 12, 1945

January 11, 1945

Dear Mr. Williams:

We have received from Mr. G. Corner Fenhagen, Regional Director of the Middle Atlantic District, your check for \$20. paying in full Institute dues for the year 1943.

This will continue your Institute membership without impairment during 1945.

We join with Mr. Fenhagen in the satisfaction of knowing that you are continuing your affiliation with The Institute.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. Seymour Williams, F.A.I.A.
Trenton Trust Building
Trenton, New Jersey

ECK:dd

cc to: G. Corner Fenhagen, Director

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Seymour
March 7

February 12, 1946

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Institute is about to lose the membership of several members whose affiliations are highly regarded, among them your own.

The books here at The Octagon for 1945, with respect to the accounts of these members, will not be closed finally until February 28. If you can send a check for at least \$20.00 in payment of your 1944 dues - leaving dues for 1945 in the sum of \$20.00 to receive attention in 1946 - your membership will be continued throughout the current year.

As this letter is an informal one, we venture to express the sincere hope that you can continue to give The American Institute of Architects and the New Jersey Chapter the moral support of your membership.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer

ECK:EG

Mr. Seymour Williams
Trenton Trust Building
Trenton, New Jersey

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MAR 11 PM 1:46
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper

March 8, 1946

Thank you for your kind letter of February 12. In response, I am enclosing check for \$20.00 as suggested. I will send the check to cover 1946 dues April 15.

As my membership in the Institute means a great deal to me, I would not like to lose my affiliation even temporarily, although for some time this affiliation has been more intangible than real. Under the circumstance, I have appreciated your thought in writing me.

Sincerely yours,

Seymour Williams
Seymour Williams

SW:K

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

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\$20.00 for 1944 Dues
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March 19, 1946

Dear Mr. Williams:

The usual spring pressure here has delayed an acknowledgment of yours of March 8 and check for \$20.00 covering Institute dues in full for the year 1944.

The March Bulletin will contain such information about the Convention to be held in Miami Beach, Florida early in May. It promises to be a good party and it would be nice to see you there.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer

ECK:dd

Mr. Seymour Williams, F.A.I.A.
Trenton Trust Building
Trenton 8, New Jersey