

Dated November 23, 1943.  
Received February 4, 1944.  
Granted March 14, 1944.

MEMBERSHIP NO 2252



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

*See due order  
to Bureau 4, 1944  
H. H. Seeger*

- A Name of applicant... Christiana Steketee..... Chapter. Grand Rapids.....
- B Address of applicant. 621 Murray Building, Grand Rapids 2, Michigan.....
- C Applicant proposed by. Emil G. Zillmer..... and..... Ralph E. Seeger.....
- D Application received with check for \$ 10.00..... on..... February 4, 1944.
- E Application returned for correction..... 19 ..
- F Application in due order on..... February 4, 1944.
- Record of registration, Form S39, Sent (Mich.) Feb. 10, 19 44 Received. February 17, 19 44  
(Wisc.) " " " " February 17, 1944.
- G Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
  - (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on..... 19...., on..... 19 ..
  - (b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on..... 19...., on..... 19 ..
- H Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on..... February 10, 19 44.
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission  
~~or that application be denied~~ received on..... February 4, 19 44.
- J No report from chapter executive committee on..... 19 ..
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on..... March 7, 19 44.
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on..... March 7, 19 44.
- M Applicant was admitted on..... March 14, 19 44.
- N Notice ~~and certificate~~ to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter  
to proposers on..... March 14, 19 44.
- O Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$  
returned to applicant on..... 19 ..

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT

I, Secretary of The American Institute of Architects, hereby certify that, under authority vested in me by The Board of Directors, I have this day duly elected

Christiaan Steketee

to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the Grand Rapids Chapter.

Date March 14, 19 44

*Alexander C. Robinson*  
Secretary



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS ORIGINAL

1944 FEB 14 AM 10:34 Filed with The Secretary of The American Institute of Architects.

File the duplicate on gray paper, with Secretary of the local chapter of The Institute.

The American Institute of Architects

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I, the undersigned, do hereby apply for corporate membership in The American Institute of Architects.

- 1. My full name is Christiana Steketee .
- 2. I am a Naturalized citizen of the U. S. A. .
- 3. My legal residence is in the City of Grand Rapids ,  
County of Kent State of Michigan .
- 4. My address in The Institute records will be  
Number Street 621 Murray Building  
City Grand Rapids 2 State Michigan .
- 5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as partner "Weemhoff & Steketee" .
- 6. I desire to be a member of the Grand Rapids Chapter.
- 7. I declare that I have read the by-laws and the Principles of Professional Practice of The American Institute of Architects, and that I understand the duties, responsibilities and obligations thereunder of a member of The Institute, and I do hereby agree and declare that, if admitted to membership, I will to the best of my ability abide by and comply with such by-laws and Principles of Professional Practice.
- 8. I have filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the chapter above named. I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its chapters or state association members.
- 9. I enclose my check for \$10.00 , for admission fee and the first year's annual dues. It is my understanding that if for any reason I am not admitted to membership all of said amount will be returned to me, except five dollars which The Institute will retain as an examination fee.

2. State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.

4. State whether residence or office address.

5. State whether as a practicing architect, a teacher, a public official, etc.

Date Nov. 23, 1943 .

Christiana Steketee  
Applicant sign full name in ink

RECEIVED  
\$10.00 = 7/4/44

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STATISTICS

10. Date of birth

Place of birth

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

(State or States) By Examination

(State or States) By Exemption

(a) I hold a Certificate No. .... of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

EDUCATION

12. I attended the following named schools (high school, private school, college or university); have held the following named scholarships; have travelled in the following named countries:

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

13. I list below, in chronological order, the periods of my training as draftsman, the names and addresses of my principal employers, and my classification as draftsman while employed by each:

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PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

14. I list below, in chronological order, the periods during which and the states in which I have practiced architecture as an individual or as a member of a firm or corporation or as a public official or have taught architecture or the arts and sciences allied therewith. (State names of firms or corporations or public office and of schools or colleges).

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See Application record herewith

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 15. Member of Institute from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Junior of Institute from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. Associate of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. Junior Associate of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- 19. Member of State Association in \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

ENDORSEMENT BY PROPOSERS

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have read the statements made herein above by the applicant and believe them to be correct. I vouch for his honorable standing in this community and in his profession. I believe he is fully qualified for membership and I propose him therefor.

I have known the applicant for 20 years.

I have known the applicant for 25 years.

Signed Paul J. Zillmer  
Proposer

Signed Ralph E. Seeger  
Proposer

132 Federal Square Bldg 839 Fitzgerald Bldg  
Grand Rapids Grand Rapids  
Note: The two proposers must be corporate members of The Institute in good standing.

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APPLICATION RECORD

**Personal Name:** Steketee, Christian  
U. S. Citizen-certificate No. 3395181

**Date of Birth:** May 19, 1890.

**Place:** The Netherlands, City of Veere  
Entered U. S. A. in 1912.

**Physical Condition:** Excellent. Height 5'8 1/2". Weight 175 lbs.

**Occupation:** Architect. Private practice.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan.  
Office - 621-622 Murray Building  
Residence - 722 Lafayette Ave. SE.

**Status:** Married. One son (in U. S. Army)

**Education** Grade School. High School. Technician.  
Academy of Arts in the Netherlands.

Extension Course University of Michigan.  
Graduate Officers Training School  
Royal Dutch Army.

**Travel** England, France, Holland and U. S. A.  
to study Architecture.

**Languages** English, Dutch- Good.  
French, German - Fair.

**Licenses** For professional practice by State Board examinations.

- 1. State of Michigan - certificate No. 1814.
- 2. State of Wisconsin - certificate No. 1493.  
(transfer).

Both licenses are in good standing and have never been revoked.

**Membership** Michigan Society of Architects.  
President of Western Michigan Division.

APPLICATION RECORD

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Experience	1916	Reserve Officer Dutch Army. Infantry Coastguard.
	1919-20	Traveling Designer for Grand Rapids Show Case Co. (stores)
	1920-21	Traveling Designer for Nachtegall Manufacturing Company. (banks)
	1921-23	Draftsman for Benjamin & Benjamin, Architects, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
	1923-34	Draftsman and in 1926 Associate with Daverman Company, Architects, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
	1934	Supervising Architect C. W. A., Kent County, Michigan.
	1935 1937	Reconditioning Inspector and Architect H.O.L.C. Formed present partnership "Weemhoff & Stekotee" Architects, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Partially List of  
Buildings Designed  
Lately.

Churches	Bethel Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Berean Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Lee Street Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
Hospitals	Cutlerville Sanatorium. Administration Building Dormitories Nurses Home Chapel Utility Buildings, etc.  Detention Hospital
Transportation	Associated Truck Lines Depot Service Garages Oil Stations
Industrial	Sparta Foundry Machine Shop Boiler room Smoke Stack Pouring rooms Loading docks Sand conditioning towers, etc.

APPLICATION RECORD  
page 3

Partial List of  
Buildings Designed  
Lately (con'd.)

Industrial	J. C. Miller Electrical Plating Company <i>Additions.</i> Grand Rapids Steel Furniture Company *
Military	Michigan State Naval Armory, E. Grand Rapids. Michigan State Guard Armory (rem.) Ionia, Michigan. <i>Field Supervisor Green-River Ordnance Plant.</i> <i>Ambay, Minn's. May to Dec. 1942.</i>
Apartments and Residents	Several apartments and residences in files.
Office	Equipped for three draftsmen. Mechanical engineering done by local engineers at fee basis.

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THE AMERICAN  
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

AP No 2252

1944 FEB 16 PM 3:02

WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.  
Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

Christiaan Steketee, Grand Rapids, Mich.  
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,  
Madison, Wisconsin  
*Address*

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date February 10, 1944 Alexander C. Robinson II.  
*Secretary*

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? Yes
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination?.....or by exemption? By Reciprocity
3. What was the scope of the examination?.....
4. What was the period of the examination?.....days. Written examination.....hours; Oral examination.....hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? Yes If so, give Certificate No. 758
6. Date of last registration April 26, 1935 Registration No. A- 1493 Is it current? Yes

Josephine V. Hughes  
Josephine V. Hughes  
Act. Sec. (Signature of Secretary of Board)  
Wisconsin Registration Board of Architects and Professional Engineers.  
(Name of Board)

Date Feb. 14, 1944



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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
1944 FEB 17 PM 2:53  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

AP No 2252

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.  
Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

Christiaan Steketee, Grand Rapids, Mich.  
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,  
Detroit, Michigan  
*Address*

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Date February 10, 19 44

Alexander C. Robinson II.  
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? Yes
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? Yes or by exemption?
3. What was the scope of the examination?
4. What was the period of the examination? 3 days. Written examination 28 1/2 hours; Oral examination \_\_\_\_\_ hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? If so, give Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Date of last registration November 2 1927. Registration No. 1814. Is it current? Yes

Watts A. Shelby  
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Michigan State Board of Registration  
for Architects, etc.  
(Name of Board)

Date February 15 19 44

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

March 14, 1944

Dear Mr. Steketee:

The Secretary is happy to inform you that your application for membership in The Institute was acted on favorably by The Board of Directors and that you were admitted to corporate membership in The Institute and assigned to membership in the Grand Rapids Chapter, effective March 14, 1944. You will be a member of that Chapter, or of some other chapter if you later transfer thereto, until your membership in The Institute terminates.

Your certificate of membership, duly executed by the Officers of The Institute, will be sent in due course.

The Board of Directors welcomes you to membership in The Institute and The Secretary's office is at your service to the extent of its powers.

The policies and the activities of The Institute are developed largely from problems arising within the chapters. By taking an active part in your Chapter affairs you will contribute to the advancement of the objects of The Institute and will increase the benefits to be derived from Institute membership.

We bespeak your active cooperation.

Sincerely,

Secretary

Mr. Christian Steketee, A.I.A.  
621 Murray Building  
Grand Rapids 2, Michigan

ACR:bdh  
Enc.

cc - Emil G. Zillmer  
Ralph E. Seeger  
Director Cellarius

COPY TO

FILES

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

CHRIS STEKETEE . . . . . ARCHITECT

MEMBER AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS • REGISTERED IN MICHIGAN AND WISCONSIN

621-622 MURRAY BUILDING • TELEPHONE 9-2693 • GRAND RAPIDS 2, MICHIGAN

Dec. 4 - 1958

The Secretary of  
The American Institute of Architects

Elected 1944

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Dear Sir.

Due to serious trouble - having lost almost entire  
vision in the right eye - I have worked but little  
in 1958. It appears on my books to date that my  
income for this year will be less than five thousand  
dollars. I received your notice of impending suspension -  
that should not happen especially since my good  
friend John Richards is President of the Institute.  
Therefore I enclose my check and hope to be able  
to keep payments up for another 1 1/2 year when I  
may reach the age of seventy.

Sincerely yours

Chris Stekete

check for \$35  
dated 12/1/58  
C.F.  
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Waiver  
Dues (A)  
Suspense

December 9, 1958

Mr. Howard E. DeWolf, Secretary  
Western Michigan Chapter, A.I.A.  
167 Maplewood Drive  
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. DeWolf:

We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Chris Stekete, A.I.A., reading as follows:

"Due to serious trouble - having lost almost entire vision in the right eye - I have worked but little in 1958. It appears on my books to date that my income for this year will be less than five thousand dollars. I received your notice of impending suspension. That should not happen especially since my good friend John Richards is President of the Institute. Therefore, I enclose my check and hope to be able to keep payments up for another 1-1/2 year when I may reach the age of seventy."

Mr. Stekete sent his check for \$55.00 only, which leaves a balance of \$15.00 on account of his 1958 dues, inasmuch as the provision for reduced dues, payments based on an income of \$5,000.00 or less are no longer in effect.

However, in view of Mr. Stekete's loss of sight in his right eye, we thought it better to write to the Chapter to ascertain if it would wish to make any recommendation for waiving his Institute and Chapter dues in part or in total until such time as he is better able to carry on his Architectural Practice or becomes eligible for Membership Emeritus.

Upon receipt of your advice we shall write to Mr. Stekete accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais  
Secretary of Membership & Records

FHG/mk

December 27, 1958

Miss Florence Gervais, Secretary  
Membership and Records  
American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Gervais:

At an executive committee meeting of the Chapter on December 15, your letter regarding action on dues of Mr. Steketeo was reviewed. It was recommended that his status be retained as a member because of his service to the Chapter and Institute.

The following may clarify, somewhat, the status of membership of Mr. Reed Lowden. On December 15, at our regular meeting, Mr. Lowden indicated that he would like to withdraw his corporate membership and hold associate status because of personal reasons. I told him I thought it could be arranged. On November 22, I had written asking him to submit information to the Institute which had been requested in order to properly complete his application. If his corporate application can be returned, along with his check, we will process an associate membership application for him.

I wrote Miss Kochis on November 26, asking for information regarding the application of Eugene Gjerstad. I called Mr. Gjerstad to ask him personally about his application status. He said that he had not re-submitted his check for application because he was uncertain of his desires to become a member.

Yours very truly,

Howard E. DeWolf,  
Secretary

HED/h/d

cc: L. Brown ✓  
R. Lowden  
G. Sprau  
C. Steketeo

Mr. E.  
Steketee

January 10, 1959

Mr. Chris Steketee, A.I.A.  
621-622 Murray Building  
Grand Rapids 2, Michigan

Dear Mr. Steketee:

This is a belated acknowledgment of your letter of December 4th with which you forwarded payment of \$35.00 on account of your 1958 Institute dues.

In view of the information contained in your letter with regard to the unfortunate trouble with your eyes, we wrote to the Western Michigan Chapter asking if the Chapter would wish to recommend that you be asked if you were interested in applying for election as a Member Emeritus. This was necessary because one of the requirements for Membership Emeritus is 15 years of prior membership in The Institute, while you have been a member only since 1944 - a little shy of the 15 years required.

With the Chapter's favorable response, copy of which you have, we can now forward to you an application for this change in status for which you might wish to apply. Such members retain all of the rights and privileges of active, corporate membership, while being exempted from the payment of any further dues to the A.I.A., the Chapter, and the State Organization to which he is assigned.

If you will fill out, sign and return the enclosed form we shall be pleased to see that it is referred to The Committee on Membership for review and recommendation to The Board of Directors for final action.

We are sorry to have to report that reduced dues for members whose income is \$6,000 a year or less is no longer in effect. It was discontinued with 1957 dues payments, I believe - or maybe earlier. At any rate, it cannot be applied to 1958 dues payments.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais  
Secretary of Membership and Records

Enclosures

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*Mr E  
Suspense 11-10-59  
no response  
JFB*

*members.  
Steketee, Chris*

FILE COPY - PLEASE RETURN

May 29, 1959

Mr. Chris Steketee  
621-22 Murray Building  
Grand Rapids 2, Michigan

Dear Mr. Steketee:

Under date of January 10th I wrote to you with regard to submitting an application for election as a Member Emeritus of The Institute, which would waive any further dues payments to the A.I.A. and your Chapter if favorably acted upon.

So far as I know you did not respond to that letter and, in view of a balance of your 1958 dues being unpaid, it was necessary that The Treasurer's Office proceed with the suspension of your membership, as required under the By-laws.

This will not affect consideration of your application for Emeritus status, however, if you wish to file it. The dues for 1958 could be waived, if you so requested, and election made retroactive to January 1, 1959, thus waiving further dues beginning with those of the current year.

I hope you will let me hear from you at your early convenience, as we should like very much to be of assistance in retaining your membership in good standing.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais  
Secretary of Membership and Records

Copy to the Secretary, Western Michigan Chapter, A.I.A.

CHRIS STEKETEE . . . . . ARCHITECT

MEMBER AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS ♦ REGISTERED IN MICHIGAN AND WISCONSIN

621-622 MURRAY BUILDING . TELEPHONE 619-2693 . GRAND RAPIDS 2, MICHIGAN

January 26, 1960

The American Institute of Architects  
Washington 6, D. C.  
1735 New York Avenue N. W.

Miss Florence H. Gervais:  
Secretary of Membership and Records.

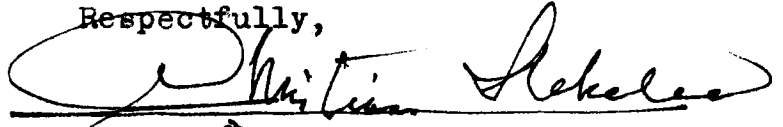
Dear Miss Gervais:

In reference to your letter of January 10, 1959. I am now enclosing application for M. E. at my next birthday May 19, 1960, at which day I hope to reach my seventieth birthday. Unfortunately my eye trouble is the same as last year. My right eye is without any use and completely worn out.

My dues up till 1960 have been paid up to the chapter and the Institute.

I respectfully request to be granted a reduction of this year's dues if this application may be granted.

Respectfully,

  
Christian Stekete

*received*  
*1960*

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

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP EMERITUS

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:

*Strike out the  
inappropriate  
reason, a, b,  
or c, as the  
case may be.*

I wish to apply for Membership Emeritus in The Institute for the following reasons:

- a. I am more than 70 years of age.
- b. ~~I am 65 years of age, retired, and not engaged in the practice of architecture.~~
- c. ~~I am unable to engage in any gainful vocation.~~

*Write in  
name of  
chapter.*

I have been in good standing in The Institute and the *West. Michigan* chapter for 15 successive years or more immediately preceding the date of this application.

Respectfully,

  
Signature

Date *May 19* 19 *60*.

*The applicant may supplement the above reasons in writing below or on sheets which he shall attach to this application. Under exceptional conditions and circumstances, The Board of Directors may lessen the period of good standing but not the requirements of a, b, or c.*

*Letter enclosed.*

FILE COPY - PLEASE RETURN

Members  
Stekette, Christian

*Copy  
Bld. 200*



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

NOTICE OF ELECTION—MEMBER EMERITUS

TO **Christian Stekette, A.I.A.**  
**621-622 Murray Building**  
**Grand Rapids 2, Michigan**

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 **March 1, 1960** .

Date **March 22** 19 **60**.

*[Signature]*  
Secretary

*W. Nick Chapter  
Copy to Acty. Dept*

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