

M. H. STARKWEATHER  
ARCHITECT  
40 WEST CONGRESS STREET  
TUCSON, ARIZONA

May 12, 1936.



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

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I am enclosing herewith my check for \$50.00 in payment of \$30.00 back dues and \$20.00 current dues in accordance with a letter of instructions received from Mr. Geo. J. Adams of the Southern California Chapter A.I.A. I have forwarded him my check for \$15.00 in payment of Chapter dues.

I am Trusting this will put me in good standing again,

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Starkweather*

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Dropped for non-payment dues effective December 31, 1935.  
Owed dues for 1935 and 1936 - \$30.00

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*I see view of letter 1/6/37  
dues applied to 1936  
transferred to 1937.*

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Office of Secretary  
5514 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD  
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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

May 28, 1936



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

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I am instructed by the Executive Committee to inform you that this Chapter approves the reinstatement of M. H. Starkweather of Tucson, Arizona as a member of the Institute.

He is now in good standing in this Chapter and this approval on our part pre-supposes his placing himself in good standing with the Institute.

A group of Arizona Architects, including Mr. Starkweather, are making a definite effort towards the establishment of a Chapter in that State, and we are doing everything we can to promote that idea. Mr. Starkweather's reinstatement will assist them to a definite degree.

Very sincerely,

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER  
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

By *George J. Adams*  
Secretary.

GJA:HW

M. H. STARKWEATHER  
ARCHITECT  
40 WEST CONGRESS STREET  
TUCSON, ARIZONA

July 21, 1936.



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

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I am enclosing herewith my check for \$5.00 according to your letter of July 14th.

I would like to request that you send me five application blanks for membership in the Institute, together with the proper forms for making application for a Charter for the State of Arizona. I have just returned from Los Angeles where I attended a meeting of the Southern California Chapter and we now have sufficient members belonging to that Chapter to make application for our own chapter. The group in Los Angeles were very anxious that we go ahead with forming our chapter.

Upon receipt of the above forms we will forward to you all the necessary papers and trust that your board will give us favorable consideration.

Respectfully yours,

*M. H. Starkweather*

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## THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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

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To The Secretary of The Institute:

The Board of Examiners of The Institute, at its meeting at The Octagon on Dec. 21, 1936, gave consideration to the application for reinstatement from M. H. Starkweather, former Institute Member of the Southern California Chapter.

It found that Mr. Starkweather was not indebted to The Institute and that his readmission was recommended by the Executive Committee of the Southern California Chapter.

Consideration was also given to the By-law requirement that readmissions must be under the same procedure as first admissions, but inasmuch as the new form of application had not been issued by The Institute, it was the decision of The Board that Mr. Starkweather's request for readmission, under date of May 12, 1936, and accompanying correspondence, be accepted as sufficient documentation.

Therefore, The Board of Examiners reelected M. H. Starkweather to membership in The Institute, effective *Jan 1, 1937*

*Robert F. Benson*  
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
JURY OF FELLOWS

No. NF #1385  
Received Nov. 3 19 67  
Voted On March 19 68  
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Voted On \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_  
Granted *April* 19 68

No. M #1385

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. Name of Nominee Merritt Howard Starkweather Date of Nomination November 3 1967
2. Address of Nominee 516 North Tucson Blvd., Tucson, Arizona
3. Nominee's firm M. H. Starkweather - Architect
4. Nominee's principal place of business same as above
5. Nominee's Chapter Southern Arizona
6. Nominee's State Organization Arizona Society of Architects
7. Nominee admitted to Institute January 1, 1937
8. Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from 1 19 37 to 12/31 19 67
9. Nominee's age 76 Birthplace Chicago, Illinois
10. Nominators: Executive Comm., Southern Arizona Chapter
  - (1) William H. Cook
  - (2) Kirby Lockard
  - (3) Robert E. Bender
  - (4) Richard A. Morse
  - (5) Terry Atkinson
  - (6) Gordon M. Luepke
11. Achievement SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION & PUBLIC SERVICE

#1385



CONFIDENTIAL

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Nomination for Fellowship by Chapter

The Jury of Fellows, AIA
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Date November 3, 1967

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on July 26 1967 (DATE OF MEETING)

nominated Merritt Howard Starkweather (NAME OF NOMINEE), corporate member of this Chapter, for fellowship in the Institute. We enclose evidence of the qualifications of the nominee for the fellowship on which the nomination was based and certify the resolution is as follows:

Whereas, this Executive Committee believes Merritt Howard Starkweather (NAME OF NOMINEE) a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement to the profession because of his achievement in service to the profession and achievement in public service (NAME OF CATEGORY(S) FOR WHICH NOMINATION IS MADE—I.E., DESIGN, SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION, LITERATURE, EDUCATION, SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION, PUBLIC SERVICE)

Whereas, said member has been in good standing in this Chapter for 36 years prior to this date; therefore be it (NUMBER OF YEARS)

Resolved, That Southern Arizona Chapter, AIA (NAME OF CHAPTER)

does hereby nominate Merritt Howard Starkweather (NAME OF NOMINEE) for fellowship in The Institute, and the President and 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."

\* Signatures of Members of Executive Committee

William H. Cook, Pres.

Kirby Lockard, Secretary

Robert E. Bender, Treas.

Richard A. Morse, Exec. Comm.

Jerry Atkinson, Exec. Comm.

Gordon M. Luepke, Exec. Comm.

\* must be personally signed and typed

THE NOMINATORS SHOULD SEE THAT DATA IS SENT TO THE JURY OF FELLOWS IN SUPPORT OF THIS NOMINATION. ALL SUCH COMMUNICATIONS SHALL BE PRIVILEGED AND NO COPIES SHOULD BE GIVEN TO OTHERS.

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## BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

Additional sheets may be inserted to supplement any page, 2 to 7, inclusive.

## Typewriting only

1. Nominee's full name: Merritt Howard Starkweather
2. Nominee is a  natural  naturalized citizen of United States  
(NAME OF COUNTRY)
3. Nominee's legal residence (address): 2300 E. 2nd Street, Tucson, Arizona
4. Nominee's firm name: M. H. Starkweather - Architect
5. Nominee's principal place of business (address): 516 N. Tucson Blvd., Tucson, Arizona
6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by: Arizona  
State Board of Technical Registration  
(NAME OF STATE BOARD, NCARB, AS CASE MAY BE)
7. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture in the states of: Arizona
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8. Nominee is engaged in the profession of architecture as: Principal  
in practice for self  
(CURRENT STATUS OF EMPLOYMENT AND POSITION)
9. Nominee's date of birth: Nov. 10, 1891 Place of birth: Chicago, Ill.
10. Nominee's education:
- (a) Name of High School, College, University, Private Schools, Post Graduate, etc. (chronological order)
- | LOCATION         | NO. OF YEARS | YEAR OF GRADUATION       | DEGREE                            |
|------------------|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Oshkosh, Wis.    | 4            | 1909                     | High School Diploma               |
| Scranton, Pa.    | I.C.S.       | Course in Architecture   |                                   |
| Cambridge, Mass. | -            | Wilson Engineering Corp. | Course in Structural Engineering. |
- (b) Scholarships held by nominee: None
11. Nominee has traveled in the following countries:  
1954 - World tour by ship, Asia, Africa, South America.  
1960 - A.I.A. World tour from San Francisco.  
1962 - South Seas and Australia.
12. Other data concerning nominee's record: (important experiences during employment or additional statistics of importance in nominee's record) Drafting experience:  
Spokane, Wash. - Cutter and Malgren - 2 years.  
Joseph, Oregon - Oregon Engineering & Construction Co. - 2 yrs.  
Los Angeles, Cal. - Brunswick-Balke Collender - 3 years.

## NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

(Part I of this page must be executed in all cases regardless of category for which nomination is made to conform to photographic exhibits which will be submitted.)

### 1.\* Works

TYPE <i>(a) Commercial</i> <i>(b) Monumental</i> <i>(c) Domestic</i> <i>(d) Special</i>	IDENTIFICATION OF WORK	LOCATION OF WORK <i>(City)</i> <i>(State)</i>		COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION WORK <i>(Year)</i>	PHOTOGRAHPS SUBMITTED TO JURY OF FELLOWS
(d)	Ameraid Foundation	Dragoon	Ariz.	1930-1960	
(d)	Arizona Inn	Tucson	Ariz.	1930-1955	
(c)	W. S. Fulton Residence	Dragoon	Ariz.	1930	
(c)	C. W. Brown Residence	Tucson	Ariz.	1931	
(d)	Fort Lowell School	Tucson	Ariz.	1960	
(d)	Hoemako Hospital	Casa Grande	Ariz.	1962	

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 addition to works in Paragraph 1 above: Scottish Rite Temple, American Legion Building, Junior High Schools, numerous grade schools, Elks Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, high school stadium, numerous commercial buildings, official residence for the President of the University of Arizona and many other large residences.

\* Part 1 above must be executed in all cases regardless of category for which nomination is made to conform to photographic exhibits which will be submitted.



**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 TO JURY OF FELLOWS
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See Page 3.

2. Books, Treatises, or Articles Written

SUBJECT TITLE	WHERE PUBLISHED	DATE PUBLISHED
None		

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.

None

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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.)

Holds no degrees.

**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.)

BOOK, TREATISE OR ARTICLE	SUBJECT	NAME OF BOOK OR PERIODICAL CONTAINING WORK	YEAR WORK PUBLISHED
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None

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**NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

1. State fully the nominee's signal service to the profession, The Institute, his chapter, or his state organization, 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.

Mr. Starkweather was the first registered architect in Arizona to join the American Institute of Architects. He became a member of the Southern California Chapter in 1931. During the ensuing years, he felt the need for a local chapter in Arizona and was instrumental in organizing the Arizona Chapter in 1937 with members in both Tucson and Phoenix. During the early years of this chapter, 1937-1949, he served as president, secretary, and on the governing board of the chapter. He filled all the positions in a most competent manner and exerted a strong influence in expanding the membership and strengthening the influence of the chapter.

When the Rocky Mountain Region of the Institute was formed in , Mr. Starkweather, because of his outstanding work with the Arizona Chapter, was nominated for and became the first director of this new region. During his two-year tour of duty as director, he not only attended all board meetings presenting the problems faced by the architects in this area, but also paid visits to other chapters in the region to keep the members advised of national matters. As the original director, he gave generously of his time in pulling the new region together.

In 1957, on the Centenary of the Institute, in recognition of his services, Mr. Starkweather was awarded a Certificate of Merit as a pioneer architect by the Southern Arizona Chapter.

Throughout his career, Mr. Starkweather, as a senior architect, has given generously of his time in assisting younger architects with his very practical advice when called on to do so.

**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.

The list below of civic activities and offices held clearly indicates Mr. Starkweather's interest in the civic affairs in this community.

Member, City Council, City of Tucson, Arizona, 2 years.  
President of City Board of Health, 2 years.  
Chairman, Tucson Planning and Zoning Commission, 11 years.  
President, Tucson Fine Arts Association, 2 years.  
One of the original organizers of the Fiesta de los Vaqueros, Grounds Chairman, General Chairman, and now one of their judges, covering a period of twenty-seven years.  
Charter Member, Kiwanis Club of Tucson 1923, Past President and Director.  
Charter Member, American Legion.  
Served in France during First World War with 23rd Engineers and as lieutenant with the 52nd C.A.C.  
Member of all Masonic bodies, 33rd Degree Scottish Rite and Stage Director for twenty-six years.  
Member of Elks with various offices including three Grand Lodge elective offices.  
Past Director, Tucson Chamber of Commerce.  
Secretary of Elks Charity Hospital for nineteen years.  
Director, Children's Hospital for four years.

As Chairman of the Tucson Planning and Zoning Commission, he exerted a strong influence to orderly change during a most trying period of explosive expansion in the city's growth. This certainly was a professional contribution of great, though perhaps unrecognized value to the architectural community.



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DECLARATION OF AUTHORSHIP

THE following certification must accompany the photographic exhibit. It may be signed by anyone in possession of full knowledge concerning the development of the design. This might be the Chapter President, a member of the Executive Committee of the Chapter, a partner of the nominee, or even the nominee himself. If the various examples were developed under different conditions respecting authorship, the various statements below should be keyed to the proper exhibits.

The accompanying photographs show examples of work with which the nominee's connection was as follows:

- The nominee was solely responsible for the design.
- The nominee was largely responsible for the design.
- The design was under the direction of the nominee.
- The nominee's firm executed the design.

Signed *Merritt Howard Starkweather* Title Member Executive Committee  
Arizona Chapter A.I.A.

Name of Nominee Merritt Howard Starkweather

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April 9, 1968

Mr. Merritt H. Starkweather, FAIA  
M.H. Starkweather, Architect  
516 North Tucson Boulevard  
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Starkweather:

The American Institute of Architects desires to confer upon you the honor of Fellowship and membership in the College of Fellows, in accordance with the action of the Jury of Fellows at its recent meeting, for your notable contribution in Public Service.

Your presence is requested at the 1968 Convention of The Institute to be held in Portland, Oregon, June 23-27, 1968.

Those who have been advanced to Fellowship will receive their medals at the Investiture ceremony at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 24, 1968, at the Masonic Temple, Portland, Oregon. Presentation will be with appropriate ceremony and it is highly desirable that each of the newly advanced Fellows be present.

Information will follow as to rehearsal, room reservations and any other pertinent details.

The Officers of The Institute and the Jury of Fellows join in the request that you come to receive this honor in person. Please send your response to The Institute at an early date.

A memorandum from the Department of Public Services regarding the public announcement of your advancement to Fellowship is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Rex W. Allen, FAIA

M. H. STARKWEATHER, F.A.I.A.

ARCHITECT

520 N. TUCSON BLVD.

TUCSON, ARIZONA 85716

July 13, 1970

Mr. James L. Merry, Secretary  
Southern Arizona Chapter A.I.A.  
4439 E. Broadway  
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Merry:

I hereby request that, as of January 1, 1971, my membership be changed to that of Emeritus status. My dues are paid for the year 1970 to the Arizona Chapter and the National Organization.

I am reluctantly enclosing my check for \$35.00, which was the assessment voted by the members, since I did not approve the manner in which it was voted. The fact that the notice I received stated very plainly that upon approval of two-thirds majority of the Corporate members the assessment would be in force. There were at least 25 corporate members who were not present when the vote was taken. A letter ballot, as I proposed, would have been the proper procedure.

I joined the Southern California Chapter in May 1931 and have held continuous membership since that time. I was a charter member of the former Arizona Chapter in June 1937. I will be 79 years old in November of 1970.

Will appreciate your presenting this request to the attention of the Board so that it may be effective January 1, 1971.

Very truly yours,



M. H. STARKWEATHER

MHS:N  
Enclosure



## THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Preston M. Bolton, FAIA  
Secretary  
1101 South Post Oak  
Houston, Texas 77027

**December 4, 1970**

**Mr. M. H. Starkweather, FAIA  
520 North Tucson Boulevard  
Tucson, Arizona 85716**

**Dear Mr. Starkweather,**

It gives me pleasure to inform you that I have elected you a Member Emeritus of the AIA as of **December 4, 1970.**

In addition, I wish to express my great appreciation for your many years of support of the work and projects undertaken by the AIA towards creating better architecture and a better environment.

I hope that your interest in the AIA and your chapter will continue, even though you are now relieved of dues payments to both groups.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Preston M. Bolton, FAIA

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## Designed many schools

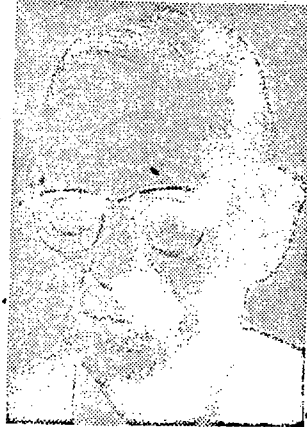
# M. H. Starkweather dies; noted architect, civic leader

Merritt Howard Starkweather, architect of many Tucson schools and commercial buildings, and founder or contributor to many Tucson organizations, died yesterday at the age of 80.

A native of Chicago, he learned draftsmanship in his father's interior woodworking factory at Oshkosh, Wis. He furthered his architectural training in Spokane and at Los Angeles before coming to Tucson in 1915.

Starkweather enlisted in 1917 in the 23rd U.S. Engineers, and served in France as a French-trained artillery officer. He rose to the rank of second lieutenant and later was a charter member of Morgan McDermott Post of the American Legion.

He helped the late Sheriff Ed Echols found the Tucson Rodeo 47 years ago by designing a crude arena on the then vacant land north of the 2200 block of East Elm Street. He later designed the present ro-



M. H. Starkweather

deo facilities on South 6th Avenue. He was rodeo chairman from 1944-1946.

He was chairman of the City Zoning Commission for 11 years, beginning in 1946. He was president of the Board of Health in 1926, and was elected to the City Council in 1924.

Buildings designed by Starkweather here include Car-rillo, Drachman, Bonillas and

Doolen Junior High schools; Tucson High Stadium; St. John's Parish School; St. Joseph's Academy and a St. Mary's Hospital addition and convent.

He founded the Arizona chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) in 1937. He was named a fellow of the AIA in 1968 for public service.

He was a charter member of the Tucson Kiwanis Club and a 33rd degree Mason. He also served the Elks as exalted ruler, state president and grand lodge officer.

Starkweather founded the Tucson Blueprint Co., sold it during World War I, bought it back on his return in 1919 and operated the firm until 1947.

He married the former Lilly E. Jettinghoff in Tucson Aug. 6, 1921. Mrs. Starkweather is his only survivor. Funeral plans are being made by Arizona East Mortuary, with the service tentatively set for Monday.— 9-18-72

Re: Southern Arizona Chapter

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Maureen, Mr. Starkweather, FAIA, passed away Sept. 14, 1972. This will furnish you with a detailed list of his accomplishments.