

Dated July 1, 1949.
Received November 21, 1949.
Granted December 15, 1949

MEMBERSHIP NO 7272



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

*In due order
December 2, 1949
J.H. Servas*

- A Name of applicant John Knox Shear Chapter Pennsylvania Society (Pittsburgh)
- B Address of applicant Department of Architecture, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh 13, Pa.
- C Applicant proposed by Robert Schmertz and B. K. Johnstone
- D Application received with check for \$ 10.00 on November 21, 1949
- E Application returned for correction 19
- F Application in due order on December 2, 1949
- Record of registration, Form S39, Sent (Pa.) Nov. 29, 1949. Received December 2, 1949
- 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 November 29, 1949
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission ~~or that application be denied~~ received on November 21, 1949
- J No report from chapter executive committee on 19
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on December 8 1949
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on December 8 1949
- M Applicant was admitted on December 15 1949
- N Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter to proposers on December 15 1949
- O Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$ 19 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
John Knox Shear
to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the Pennsylvania Society Chapter.

Date December 15 1949.

Carle A. ...
Secretary

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THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION NO 7272

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WASHINGTON, D. C.



INSTRUCTIONS

Type in all information carefully and sign with ink.
Mail the original and check for \$10.00 to The Secretary, The American Institute of Architects, 1741 New York Avenue, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.
File this duplicate, on yellow paper, with the secretary of the local Chapter of The Institute.

The American Institute of Architects

APPLICATION FOR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

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

1. My full name is JOHN KNOX SHEAR
2. I am a NATURAL citizen of THE UNITED STATES
2. State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.
3. My legal residence is in the City of Pittsburgh
County of Allegheny State of Pennsylvania
4. My address in The Institute records will be Department of Architecture
Carnegie Institute of Technology
4. State whether residence or office address.
Number * Street *
City Pittsburgh Zone 13 State Pennsylvania
5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as a teacher and practicing architect
5. State whether as a practicing architect, a teacher or a public official, etc.
6. I desire to be a member of the PITTSBURGH Chapter.
7. I declare that I will comply with the By-laws; and the Standards of Professional Practice of The American Institute of Architects, which are attached hereto; and the Rules and Regulations supplementary thereto; and that I understand the duties, responsibilities, and obligations of a member of The Institute.
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 component organizations.
9. I enclose my check for \$10.00, for admission fee and the first year's annual dues, of which \$1.00 is for a year's subscription to the *Bulletin of The American Institute of Architects*. It is my understanding that if I am not admitted to membership \$5.00 will be returned to me, and \$5.00 retained by The Institute as an examination fee.

Date July 1, 19 49

John Knox Shear
Applicant sign full name in ink

*10- 11/20/49

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STATISTICS

10. Date of birth **March 9, 1917** Place of birth **Town of Putnam, New York**

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

Pennsylvania

(b) I passed the State Board Examination in the following-named states:

Pennsylvania

(c) I hold Certificate No. ~~192671~~ of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, for having passed their Standard Examination.

EDUCATION

12.(a) I attended high schools, private schools, colleges, universities, as follows:

<i>Name of School, College, University</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>No. of Years</i>	<i>Year of Graduation</i>	<i>Degree</i>
Frenchburg School	Frenchburg, Kentucky	6	'29	
Stowe High School	Stowe Township, Pa.	4	'33	
Carnegie Institute of Tech., Pgh/		5	'38	B. of Arch.
Carnegie Institute of Tech., Pgh.		1	'41	M. of Arch.
Princeton University	Princeton, N. J.	2	'41	M.F.A. in Arch.

(b) I have held the following-named scholarships or other honor awards, and have traveled in the following-named countries:

Carnegie Founders Scholarship - 2 years
 Princeton Graduate Fellowship - 2 years
 Carnegie Institute of Technology Graduate Fellowship - 1 year
 Medal (Student) American Institute of Architects

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:

	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
Clarence B. Kearfott, Architect	May 1939	September 1939
Sherley W. Morgan, Architect Part-time	September 1939	June 1941
Charles and Edward Stotz, Jr. Arch. & Eng.	June 1941	October 1941
" " " Part-time	October 1941	July 1942
John Pekruhn, Arch.	September 1948	April 1949

General drafting and design with all except John Pekruhn with whom I was associated as co-designer, etc.

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).

From To

Have been practicing in Pennsylvania since April 1949

Teaching experience - 1938-39 C.I.T. Evening School, Architectural Drawing; 1941-42 and fall semester 1942 C.I.T. Day School, Architectural Design (Inst.); 1946 C.I.T. Arch. Design, Inst. 1946-47 Princeton Univ. 3 semesters Architectural Design (Asst. Prof.); 1947 to present-C.I.T. Arch. Design, Assoc. Prof. and Asst. Head of Dept. of Arch; Head, Dept. Arch. effective Sept. 1949.

BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS

- 15. I list below other business in which I participate or own an interest, and the extent of such participation or interest.

None

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 16. Member of Institute from to
17. Junior of Institute from to
18. Associate of Chapter from to
19. Junior Associate of Chapter from to
20. Student Associate of Chapter from to
21. Member of State Organization in from to

ENDORSEMENT BY PROPOSERS

(The two proposers must be corporate members of The Institute in good standing.)

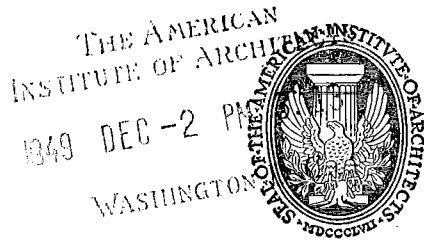
I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have read the statements made hereinabove by the applicant and believe them to be correct. I vouch for his honorable standing in this community and in his profession, and I believe he is fully qualified for membership and I propose him therefor.

I have known the applicant for 15 years. I have known the applicant for 15 years.

Signed Robert Schmetz Proposer
1152 Century Bldg Address
Pittsburgh Pa

Signed M. G. Wherstein Proposer
Empire Bldg Address
P. H. ...

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

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

John Knox Shear, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,
Harrisburg, Pa.
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..... Nov. 29 19 49

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Secretary

- 1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state?..... Yes
- 2. Was his registration or licensing by examination?..... oral or by exemption?.....
- 3. What was the scope of the examination?..... practical questions
- 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?..... no If so, give Certificate No.....
- 6. Date of first registration..... 4-18-49 19..... Registration No..... A 2475 Is it current?..... Yes...

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(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date..... Dec. 1, 1949 19.....

.....
Pennsylvania State Board of Examiners of Archts.
(Name of Board)

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December 15, 1949

Dear Mr. Shear:

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 Pennsylvania Society of Architects, a Chapter of the A.I.A., effective December 15, 1949. 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 yours,

Secretary

Mr. John Knox Shear, A.I.A.
Department of Architecture
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania

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ARCHITECTURAL RECORD



PUBLISHED BY F. W. DODGE CORPORATION

119 WEST 40TH STREET, NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

July 5, 1955

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

Dear Sir:

In February of this year I moved from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where I belonged to the Pittsburgh Chapter, to the New York area.

I am writing you to apply formally for transfer of membership to the New York City Chapter.

My address in New York is: 119 West 40th Street, New York 18, New York. If you need any further information in order to effect this transfer, I shall be happy to furnish you with it.

I might add that I have been in touch with both Chapters in relation to making this transfer.

Cordially,

John Knox Shear
Editor-in-Chief

JKS:bar

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NEW YORK CHAPTER



AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

August 24, 1955

Mr. Edmund R. Purves, Executive Director
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Purves:

We received your second request for the transfer of Mr. John Knox Shear from the Pittsburgh Chapter, A.I.A. to the New York Chapter, A.I.A.

The Chapter office has been closed for four weeks and I am sorry not to have been able to take care of this matter. Our next Executive Committee Meeting will be on September 8, and this matter will be taken up at the meeting. You will receive an answer to your inquiry on September 9.

I am sorry about the delay.

Sincerely yours,

Margot A. Henkel
Executive Secretary

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NEW YORK CHAPTER



AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

August 24, 1955

Mr. Edmund Purves, Executive Director
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Purves:

This is to inform you that the proposed transfer of
Mr. John Knox Shear, 119 West 40th Street, New York 18,
New York, from the Pittsburgh Chapter, A.I.A. to the
New York Chapter, A.I.A., has been approved.

Sincerely yours,

Harmon H. Goldstone
Secretary

HHG:rr

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GERTRUDE M. WEBER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
1401 KEYSTONE BLDG. • PHONE GR 1-9555

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

August 25, 1955

Mr. Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

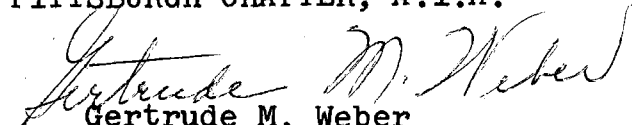
Dear Mr. Purves:

At its meeting held August 2, 1955 the Executive Committee of the Chapter approved the transfer of John Knox Shear from the Pittsburgh Chapter to the New York Chapter, AIA.

Mr. Knox is in good standing with the Pittsburgh Chapter, his dues having been paid to December 31, 1954.

Very truly yours,

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER, A.I.A.


Gertrude M. Weber
Executive Secretary

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cc: Mr. Paul Schell

*Members,
Shear, Jacobs & Co.*

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1741 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

September 12, 1955

NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Effective Date - August 1, 1955

TO: *Transferred Member:*

Mr. John Knox Shear, A.I.A.
119 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

*Secretary of Chapter
To Which Member is
Transferred*

Mr. Harmon H. Goldstone, Secretary
New York Chapter, A.I.A.
115 East 40th Street
New York 16, New York

*Secretary of Chapter
From Which Member
Is Transferred*

Mr. Lawrence C. Wolfe, Secretary
Pittsburgh Chapter, A.I.A.
119 East Montgomery Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

In accordance with Chapter II, Article 1, Section 7 of the By-laws of The Institute this will advise that the above-named corporate member has been transferred as indicated.

Sincerely yours,

Edward L. Wilson

SECRETARY

Copies to the Secretaries:

New York State Association of Architects, A.I.A.
Pennsylvania Society of Architects, A.I.A.

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C.J.

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Shear, John Knox

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

January 27, 1958

To: The Secretary or Executive Secretary of the
New York Chapter
The American Institute of Architects

Dear **Mrs. Hankel**:

We were very sorry to learn of the death of **John Knox Shear**
on **1/10/58** a corporate member of The Institute
since **1949**.

We would appreciate it very much if you would have two
copies of the enclosed Baldwin Memorial Archive Forms
filled in and returned to The Institute for its files.
The third copy is for your files.

Sincerely yours,

Edmund R. Purves, F.A.I.A.
Executive Director

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cc: Treasurer's Office

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Shear, John K.

BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE
of American Architects

NO. _____

Name: John Knox Shear of (address) 27 Westcott Road
Princeton, N. J.
Born: 3/9/17 at Putnam, N. Y. Died: Jan. 10, 1958 at Princeton, N. J.
Parents: Dr. Hiram Ray Shear and Armina Belle Knox
Married: Margaret Maddox of Pittsburgh on June 1944
Children: (3) John Knox, Jr., Thomas Stewart, and Ann Maddox

Education: Carnegie Inst. of Tech. B. Arch. 38 & M, Arch, 41-Princeton Univ. M. F. A.
(INArch) 41 PHI KAPPA PHI & TAUSIGMA DELTA 37, AIA Stud Medal 38

Training; and practice as Principal: (Firm Names, Places, Dates, Specialization)
Draftsman: C. B. Kearfott, Bristol, Va., 39; Chas & Edward Stotz, Jr. Pitts. 41-42
Marlier & Johnstone, Pitts. 46-47
Previous Firm: Shear, Spagnuolo & Taylor, Pitts. 1949-54

Professional Memberships and Service: (Institute and Chapter Activities; Teaching)
Asst. Prof. Princeton University 46-47 - Carnegie Institute of Tech. Inst. 41-42
46, Assoc. Prof. 47-49 & Prof. Hd. of Dept. 49-55 Subject Taught: Design Drawing
Theory. A. I. A. Member - Pitts Chapter, NY Chapter
Editor: Architectural Record, 1954-58

Other Affiliations: (Religious, Fraternal Political, Social) Presbyterian
Member Pi Kappa Alpha - since 1935
Princeton Club; Century Club

Public Service: (Civil and Military; Community, State, National)
Government Service U. S. N. R. 42-46

Published Material: (Articles and Addresses; Executed Work; Biographical Data)
Architectural Record 49-53 (3)
Progressive Architecture, 52
Hon: Shared 1st. Prize, Pitts. Chapter A. I. A. 46
Joseph Horne House

Name of Book:

Editor of : Religious Bldgs, for Today

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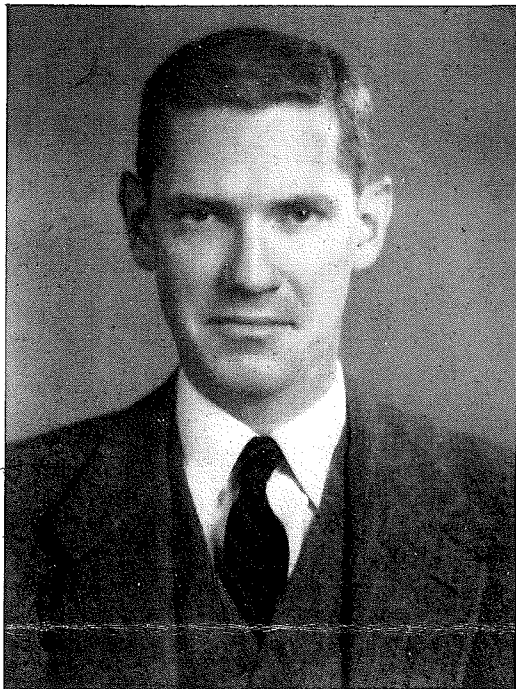
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Hon. Shared: First Prize, Pitts, Chapter A. I. A.
46 S Joseph Horne House

Travel: Mexico through United States

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[INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS]
THE AMERICAN



John Knox Shear, A.I.A., architect, educator and, since November 1, 1954, editor of ARCHITECTURAL RECORD, died January 10 in Princeton Hospital, Princeton, New Jersey, after a short illness. His age was 40. Mr. Shear came to the RECORD from a brilliant career in architectural education which had brought him, at 32, to the position of head of the Department of Architecture at Carnegie Institute of Technology, the post he left to join the RECORD. He left also his architectural practice with the firm of Shear, Spagnuolo and Taylor, which he had organized in 1949. Born in Putnam, N. Y., Mr. Shear was educated at Carnegie (B.Arch., 1938; M.Arch., 1941) and Princeton University, where he held a graduate fellowship and received the M.F.A. (arch.) degree in 1941. After four years' Navy service, Mr. Shear was in 1946-47 an associate professor of architecture at Princeton and practiced with Marlier and Johnstone of Pittsburgh. He returned to Carnegie Institute of Technology as an associate professor of architecture in 1949.

JOHN KNOX SHEAR 1917-1958

John Shear was above all a sensitive, perceptive human being. And he was a man dedicated to his family, to his church, and to architecture.

We who have been associated with him in the brief span of his editorship of ARCHITECTURAL RECORD believe he has been a great editor. We believe he has been effective in all that he has done as a thoughtful, rational, and stimulating proponent of a more satisfying architecture.

The *doing* of architecture forever absorbed him: as an architectural editor, he was acutely and perceptively and incessantly aware of contemporaries who were currently accomplishing significantly on the frontiers of design: he valued their respect, and our mail since his death would indicate clearly that he was rich in such respect.

This issue of ARCHITECTURAL RECORD represents partial realization of another goal which John set up months ago. This was, simply, to achieve a format that would permit expression in a graphic medium of the order and clarity found in architecture.

Fortunately for the profession, John taught and built well within his staff—for his enthusiasm was infectious. Most of his basic contributions toward a stronger architectural journalism can and will be perpetuated.

The sad fact remains that architecture has lost a knowing, witty, and lovable friend. His family has lost a devoted son, husband and father. His church and churchmen in general have lost a strong ally. His associates here at Dodge have lost an honored companion.

H. Judd Payne

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John Knox Shear

JOHN KNOX SHEAR, ARCHITECT, WAS 40

Editor of Trade Magazine Dies—Former Department Head at Carnegie Tech

Special to The New York Times.

PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 10.—John Knox Shear, architect and editor of Architectural Record magazine, died today in Princeton Hospital after a short illness. His age was 40. He lived at 27 Haslet Street.

Before he became editor of Architectural Record in 1954, Mr. Shear had been head of the department of architecture at Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh.

He studied architecture at Carnegie Institute and received a master's degree in architecture there in 1941. He also received a master's degree in fine arts in 1941 from Princeton University, where he had held a graduate fellowship.

At the beginning of his career in architecture Mr. Shear was with C. B. Kearfott of Bristol, Va., in 1939, and then with Edward Stotz Jr. of Pittsburgh in 1941-42.

In 1946-47, after serving for four years with the Navy, Mr. Shear practiced with the architectural firm of Marlier & Johnstone of Pittsburgh and also was an associate Professor of Architecture at Princeton University until 1949 when he joined Carnegie Institute of Technology.

Mr. Shear formed his own architectural firm, Shear, Spagnuolo & Taylor, in 1949. He practiced architecture with his associates, Joseph Spagnuolo and Robert Taylor, until he assumed editorship of Architectural Record.

A member of the American Institute of Architects, Mr. Shear belonged to the Architectural League of New York, the Princeton Club and the Century Club.

Surviving are his widow, the former Margaret Maddox; two sons, John Knox Jr. and Thomas Stewart, and a daughter, Ann Maddox. He also leaves his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. Ray Shear of Pittsburgh; a brother, James Shear, a geographer now in the Antarctic, and a sister, Mrs. Kenneth Nelson of Dorado, Ark.

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COPY OF LETTER FROM
LUCIUS WHITE, EDWARD WHITE AND ASSOCIATES
ARCHITECTS
1009 N. CALVERT ST. BALTIMORE 2, MD.

3 January 1958

To the Family of John Knox Shear
Architectural Record
119 West 40th Street
New York City
New York

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Dear Mrs. Shear:

Mrs. White, our daughter Mildred, my son Edward and I are deeply saddened at the news of John's passing, which we have just learned through the "Newsletter" of the A. I. A., received this morning.

John endeared himself to all of us who are active in the N. C. A. R. B. and the Institute, and he will be long remembered for his pleasing personality, his unique ability to speak to professionals and laymen alike, and keep us always interested and enlightened.

The Profession, the Institute, the National Council and his host of lay friends will miss the genuine sincerity of his personality and friendliness.

You and your family have our deepest condolence.

Sincerely yours,

ORIGINAL
SIGNED BY Lucius R. White, Jr.
LUCIUS R. WHITE, JR.

LRW:B

cc: The American Institute of Architects - Washington, D. C.

Members
Shear, John Knox
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