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The American Institute of Architects Architectural Biography Project

(The following is a somewhat abbreviated form specifically designed for the purpose of updating the records of the members of the College of Fellows.)

Information on more than 100,000 architects is contained in the AIA Archives, a part of the AIA Library and Archives at AIA Headquarters in Washington. This material is heavily used by members, scholars, the press, AIA staff and others. The ABP is designed to insure that material on the membership becomes a part of that collection, already the largest collection of biographical and project data on American architects in a single collection. The form evolved from requests for information made to the Archives. You may fill in the blanks on the form, or provide data already prepared, or both. Firm brochures, articles about the firm and its work, articles about individual members of the firm, are especially desirable.

(Please type or print all entries)

Architect's Name: CHASE JOHN SAUNDERS
Last First Middle

State: TEXAS

County: HARRIS City: HOUSTON AIA Chapter: HOUSTON

Date form prepared: _____ By whom prepared: _____

1. Personal history (please furnish complete data: a biographical data sheet, curriculum vitae, firm or individual history, etc., may also be submitted):
 - a. Date of birth: 01/23/25
 - b. Place of birth: ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND
 - c. Names of parents: Mr. John S. Chase and Mrs. Viola H. Chase
 - d. Education (school, degree, year): HAMPTON UNIV., BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ARCH. (1948); UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, MASTER OF ARCH. (1952).
2. Type of current employment (please circle appropriate word): individual practice partnership firm member government industry education other
3. Name of practice/employment: JOHN S. CHASE, FAIA, ARCHITECT, INC.



4. Address of practice employment: 1201 Southmore Street Houston, TX 77004

5. Current address (if different from above): N/A

6. Practice/Employment history (firms, location, positions held, etc):
Founded current firm in 1954 and have, served as President since its in-
ception. Served as an Asst. Professor at Texas Southern University
prior to the establishment of the firm.

7. Year architectural practice began and where: 1954

8. Architectural licenses (give state or states, number and year issued):
Texas, #1780 (1954) Tennessee, #10,899 (1975) Ohio, #6828 (1981)
Florida, #9829 (1983) D.C., #2461 (1975) Virginia, #3991 (1977)

9. Year retired from architectural practice and where (if no longer in active practice); Disposition of office records, drawings, correspondence, other project files (please identify successor firm, institution or collection, name and address of private owner, etc., holding records): N/A

10. Remarks concerning type of practice (include specialty if any, and comment on architectural philosophy, general practice and influence on practice; attach additional sheets if desired):
See attachment A

11. Work for which you were or are architect, or were or are associated with others as architect (you may wish to list or describe your most important commissions, or projects representative of the practice; lists previously prepared or publications on work may also be submitted; a chronological listing is suggested; use extra sheets if desired):

Date	Location	Project, Name and Type of Building	Client	Cost
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See attachment B (Standard Form 254)

12. Year joined AIA 1960 Year became Fellow 1977

13. Portrait photograph of architect (preferably 8 x 10 black and white; please identify photographer, credit line required, any restrictions on use; more than one may be submitted):

14. Photographs of work (preferably 8 x 10 black and white; please identify each photograph by subject and location, date of photograph, credit required if any, and or/name of photographer; DO NOT USE BALL POINT PEN OR SCOTCH TAPE ON PHOTOGRAPHER; LIST BELOW PHOTOGRAPHS SUBMITTED, WITH DATA, USING EXTRA SHEETS AS NEEDED:

✓ Booker T. Washington, Houston, TX, 1991, Gail Cunningham
School of Education, Houston, TX, 1979, Rick Gardner (T.S.U.)
U.S.A. Embassy, Tunis Tunisia, 1990, Thanh-Su Nguyen

15. Honors or awards won (please include name of award, purpose of award, by whom awarded and date; a list may be attached): U.T Distinguished Alumni Award, Hampton Univ. Distinguished Alumni Award; AIA Whitney M. Young Citation, Fleet Owner's Golden 100 Award; (3) National Organization of Minority Architects Design Excellence Awards & TX Society of Architects Honor Award.

16. Publications by or about you or your work (include citation given author, title, publication name, publisher, date; you may supply copy of publication or a list previously prepared):

17. If information about you or your work is included in biographical dictionaries such as Who's Who, not already included, please list:

18. Please add such additional data as you may wish on additional sheets.

19. May this information be made available to AIA Archives users? Circle either yes or no.

Return form to:

Tony P. Wrenn, Hon. AIA, CA
Archivist
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
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John S. Chase
Signature
JOHN S. CHASE
Name
8-24-93
Date

ATTACHMENT A.

Remarks concerning type of practice (include specialty if any, and comment on architectural philosophy, general practice and influence on practice; attach additional sheets if desired):

Approaching nearly forty years of architectural practice, the firm of John S. Chase F.A.I.A. Architect, Inc. distinguishes itself through nearly a lifetime's commitment to professional service, exemplified by Mr. Chase's on-going involvement in all projects and continuing relationship with both past and present clients. The result has been the completion of numerous award-winning commercial and institutional projects and a well-deserved reputation not only as a consummate professional and community leader but also as a pioneer among African-American architects.

10. Profile of Firm's Project Experience, Last 5 Years

Profile Code	Number of Projects	Total Gross Fees (in thousands)	Profile Code	Number of Projects	Total Gross Fees (in thousands)	Profile Code	Number of Projects	Total Gross Fees (in thousands)
1) 006	7	372	11) 039	5	650	21) 078	6	210
2) 008	3	1,694	12) 045	1	300	22) 079	5	275
3) 010	3	730	13) 048	6	420	23) 082	2	250
4) 014	5	950	14) 050	3	380	24) 084	3	740
5) 017	2	280	15) 052	6	215	25) 087	2	327
6) 019	5	465	16) 055	4	325	26) 088	6	689
7) 027	7	1,969	17) 057	4	381	27) 089	22	4,025
8) 029	16	5,420	18) 060	3	394	28) 090	1	130
9) 035	6	923	19) 072	8	750	29) 096	2	580
10) 036	4	965	20) 078	5	314	30) 115	2	115

11. Project Examples, Last 5 Years

Profile Code	"P", "C", "JV", or "IE"	Project Name and Location	Owner Name and Address	Cost of Work (in thousands)	Completion Date (Actual or Estimated)
066	C	1 RENOVATIONS OF TERMINAL A&B Houston Intercontinental Airport Houston, Texas	Department of Public Works City of Houston Houston, Texas	11,200.	1988
089					
008	P	2 MAIN AUDITORIUM REMODELING TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY Houston, Texas	Fac. Planning and Operation Dept. Texas Southern University Houston, Texas	1,096.	1990
029					
010	P	3 L. DOUGLAS WILDER HALL FRESHMEN MEN'S DORMITORY Hampton, Virginia	Board of Regents Hampton University Hampton, Virginia	3,100.	1989
029					
014	P	4 ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH RENOVATION AND ADDITION Dallas, Texas	Board of Trustees St. John's Baptist Church Dallas, Texas	750.	1990
089					
017	P	5 SINGING HILLS PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER Dallas, Texas	Enercon Group Inc. 1266 East Ledbetter St. Dallas, Texas	8,500.	1992
019					
029	JV	6 COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGRG. BLDG. B.T. WASHINGTON MAGNET H.S. Houston, Texas	Houston Independent School District 3830 Richmond Ave. Houston, Texas	3,800.	1990
027					
008	JV	7 BANQUET HALLS AND GRAND BALLRM. GEORGE R. BROWN CONVENTION CTR. Houston, Texas	Dept. of Public Works City of Houston Houston, Texas	107,800.	1988

029	JV	8 SCHOOL OF LAW & GOVT. STUDIES TOWNVIEW CTR. MAGNET H. S. Dallas, Texas	Dallas Independent School District 3700 Ross Ave. Dallas, Texas	32,000.	1991
057					
035	C	9 HARRIS COUNTY ASTRODOME REMODELING AND EXPANSION PROJ. Houston, Texas	County Engineering Dept. County of Harris Houston, Texas	38,000.	1990
089					
036	P	10 CRASH, FIRE, AND RESCUE STATION HOUSTON INTERCONTINENTAL AIRPORT Houston, Texas	Dept. of Public Works Houston Intercontinental Airport Houston, Texas	1,440.	1987
039	C	11 WEST BUS OPERATIONS AND VEHICLE MAINTENANCE FACILITY Houston, Texas	Metropolitan Transit Authority 1201 Louisiana Houston, Texas	14,000.	1988
045	JV	12 NEW FEDERAL RESERVE BANK AND OFFICE BUILDING COMPLEX Dallas, Texas	Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas Station K Dallas, Texas	115,000.	1991
048	C	13 NORTH-NORTHEAST GENERAL HOSP. 5656 Kelley Street Houston, Texas	Harris County Hospital District 726 Gillette Street Houston, Texas	54,800.	1988
050	P	14 CLAYTON HOMES & KELLY VILLAGE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS MODERNI- Houston, Texas	Facilities Planning Dept. Houston Housing Authority Houston, Texas	8,100.	1989
089					
052	P	15 GENERAL SERVICES BUILDING AND VEHICLE MAINT. FACILITY Houston, Texas	Fac. Planning & Operations Dept. Texas Southern University Houston, Texas	3,800.	1987
039					
055	P	16 REHABILITATION OF WESTBRIDGE 1 OFFICE BUILDING INTERIORS Houston, Texas	Century Development Corporation 5 Greenway Plaza Houston, Texas	650.	1988
057	IE	17 U.S. COURTHOUSE AND FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING San Jose, California	Public Building Service General Service Administration Sacramento, California	21,500.	1985
072					
058	JV	18 NEW SCIENCE CENTER ADDITION III U.H. UNIVERSITY PARK CAMPUS Houston, Texas	Board of Regents University of Houston System Houston, Texas	14,500.	1990
060	P	19 COMPUTER RESOURCE CENTER RICHLAND COLLEGE RENOVATIONS Dallas, Texas	Board of Governors Dallas Community College District Dallas, Texas	1,300.	1985
029					

072	P	20	DEPT. OF AVIATION OFFICE BLDG. EXPANSION AND REMODELING Houston, Texas	Department of Aviation City of Houston Houston, Texas	1,440.	1988
089	C	21	CONCEPTUAL AND OPERATIONAL PLANNING for the Gulf, Katy & North Corridors Houston, Texas	Metropolitan Transit Authority 1201 Louisiana Houston, Texas	300.	1988
079	P	22	THOMAS STREET CLINIC DEMOLITION PACKAGE Houston, Texas	FACILITIES PLANNING DEPT. HARRIS COUNTY HOSPITAL DIST. Houston, Texas	39	1992
048	P	23	U.S. POSTOFFICE & COURTHOUSE FEDERAL OFFICE BLDG-RENOVATION Galveston, Texas	Design & Construction Contracts. Div. General Service Administration Fort Worth, Texas	3,500.	1993
084	C	24	NEW STRETT JUSTICE CENTER RENOVATION AND EXPANSION Dallas, Texas	County Engineering Department County of Dallas Dallas, Texas	2,500.	1989
087	C	25	DART CONVENTION CTR. STATION DALLAS REGIONAL RAIL SYSTEM Dallas, Texas	Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority 601 Pacific Ave. Dallas, Texas	111,200.	1989
088	P	26	LOOSCAN RELIEF ELEM. SCHOOL Houston, Texas	HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCH. DIST. Houston, Texas	4,440.	1993
089	P	27	DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY INC. NATIONAL HDQTRS. RENOVATIONS Houston, Texas	Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. 1700 New Hampshire Ave., N.W. Houston, Texas	1,900.	1990
060	C	28	FEASIBILITY STUDY AND DESIGN OF A NEW RESOURCE RECOVERY FAC. Houston, Texas	Dept. of Solid Waste City of Houston Houston, Texas	156,000.	1988
090	C	29	DALLAS CENTRAL WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT Dallas, Texas	Dept. of Public Works City of Houston Houston, Texas	13,700	1991
115	C	30	CEDAR CREST WATER PUMP STATION Dallas, Texas	Dept. of Public Works City of Dallas Dallas, Texas	500.	1989

12. The foregoing is a statement of facts

Signature: _____ Typed Name and Title: John S. Chase, FAIA, President

Date: March 1993

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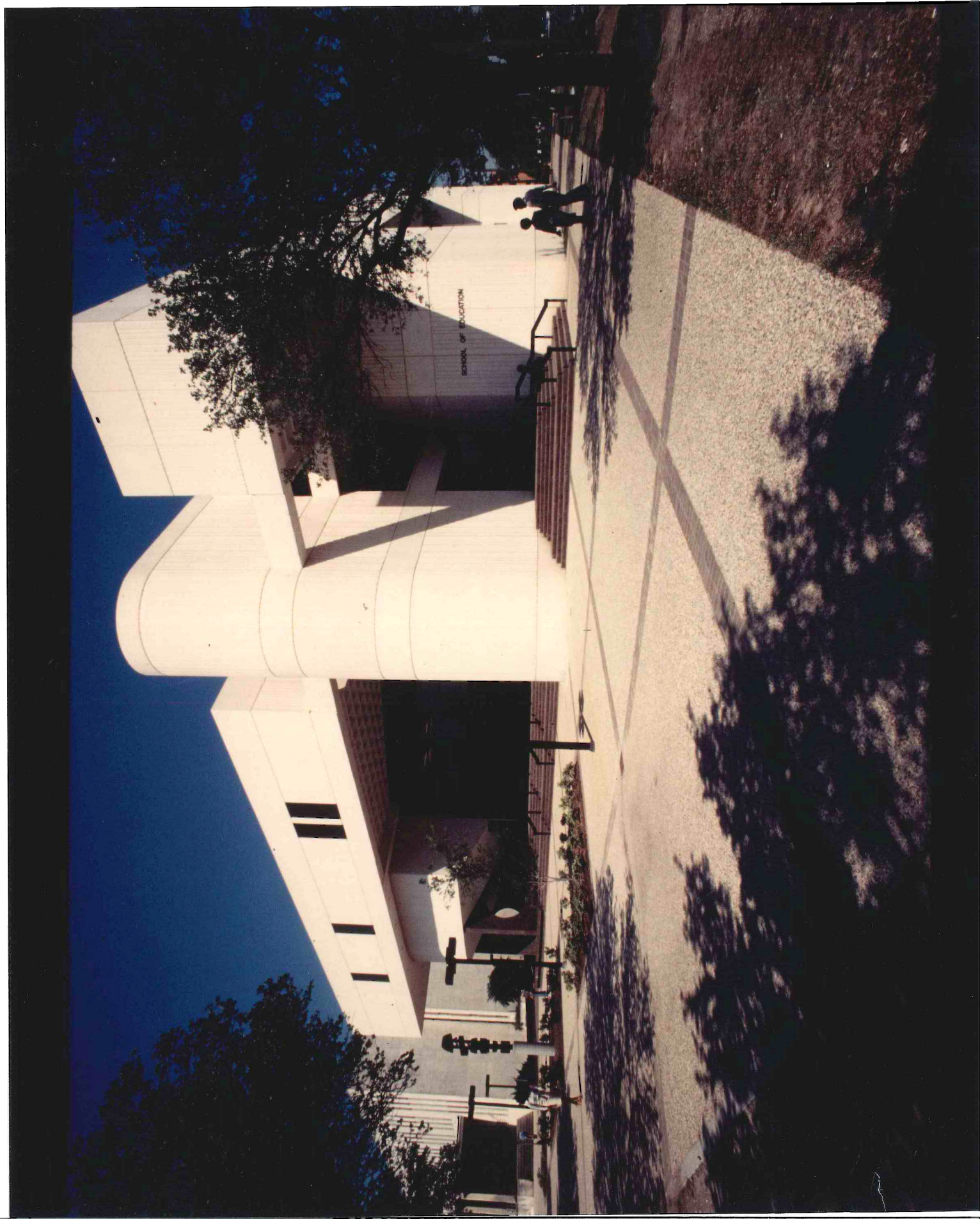
Booker T. Washington High School
Houston, Texas
1991
Gail Cunningham

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School of Education
Texas Southern University
Houston, Texas
1979
Rick Gardner

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Embassy of the United States of America
Tunis Tunisia
1990
Thanh-Su Ngyuen

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