

Cooper, David M.  
Pittsburgh

Maplewood, Pa.

### Application for Membership

August 25<sup>th</sup> 1927

To the Secretary of the American Institute of Architects.

Prelim. Fee	\$17.50
Initiation	.....
Exhibits	not req.
On Priv. Com. of	.....

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects, and certify that the following statements are correct:

Name David M. Cooper  
Address 604 Maplewood Ave Cambridge Pennsylvania  
[Number and Street.] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth Belfast, Ireland, July 30th 1865.

Graduate in architecture Science & art Dept, City & Guilds of London, England  
[Give name of institution and year. Diploma or Certificate of graduation (or photostatic copy) must accompany this application.]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture.....  
[If required in your case, attach evidence (or photostatic copy).]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecolè des Beaux Arts.....  
[If required in your case, state which, and attach evidence of Certificate (or photostatic copy).]

If your State has a Registration or License Law and you are not registered, state reasons.....

If practicing architect, firm name David M. Cooper

Have been in practice 40 years. If draughtsman, employed by.....

Collegiate and office training Technical & Architects office

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.

(1) David M. Cooper  
[Signature of Applicant]

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

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date..... (2).....  
[Insert date of election to chapter.] [Signature of the Secretary of the chapter.]

If the applicant is not an Associate, the following acknowledgment must be signed:

Without endorsement I hereby take note on behalf of my chapter that this applicant is applying for Institute membership (3).....  
[Signature of President or Secretary of Chapter to which the applicant will be assigned if elected.]

We, the undersigned members of the American Institute of Architects, have carefully examined the foregoing statement by the applicant and believe it to be correct. We know the applicant personally, and consider that his work and practice warrant his admission to Membership.

Registration or License Number.  
(Essential if Registered)

It is not mandatory that applicants from Registration or License law states be registered or licensed. But the current number of Registration or License must appear here if the applicant is registered or licensed.

(4) James M. Mackay  
(5) Thomas Whelan  
(6) P. M. Trumble

[The signatures of three Institute members are here required even if 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, and in which there were no negative votes. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

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## PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
PITTSBURGH, PA.

October 15th, 1927.

Mr. E. C. Kemper,  
American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper :

I am enclosing herewith applications for Institute Membership for the following gentlemen named below together with their checks for \$5.00 to cover Institute Initiation fee:

David M. Cooper - Ambridge, Pennsylvania.  
R. M. Marlier, - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.  
Harry Viehman, - " " "  
Lyle E. Swiger, - " " and Asheville, N.C.

and the application blank without check as Initiation fee has already been paid, of Mr. Jacob A. Altschuler, New Castle, Pa.,

Each of these men have been unanimously passed upon by the Chapter, the Membership Committee and the Chapter Board of Directors, and are transmitted to you for favorable consideration by the Directors of the Institute.

A word about each of these men follows :

David M. Cooper, an Irishman by birth presented credentials of study, training, etc., in the Schools and Guilds of Dublin and London to Mr. Jas. M. MacQueen, a Scotchman in the Institute, who stated that Mr. Cooper's training was vouched in these credentials was sufficient to endorse him for Membership in the A.I.A. Mr. Cooper has been in practice some forty years; he is 62 years old and close to the retiring age. He expressed the hope that his application would be favorably acted upon as he hopes to spend the days of leisure, which he was looking forward to as a member of the A.I.A.

Raymond M. Marlier, one of the active group of younger Architects, which are beginning to establish themselves firmly in practice is a worthy candidate.

Harry Viehman, is in the same group as Mr. Marlier and

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Mr. E. C. Kemper,  
10-15-27.

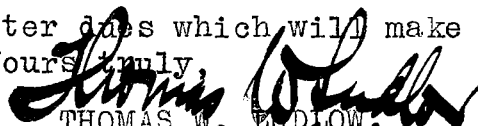
in addition is an Associate Member of the Pittsburgh Chapter, he takes a very active part on Committees and other work entrusted to him, and is a worthy candidate.

Lyle E. Swiger is a little younger than the men just noted, and is still working as a draftsman in the Asheville office of Douglas D. Ellington, a Member of the Pittsburgh Chapter. Mr. Swiger's affiliations are with the Pittsburgh territory and although he is temporary in Asheville, N.C., it is his intention to return to Pittsburgh in the very near future, and has requested in making application for Institute Membership, that he be posted to our Chapter. Our Directors hope that the Executive body of the Institute will see their way clear to concede Mr. Swiger's request.

Jacob A. Altschuler - The application of this gentleman has been pending for two years chiefly because he failed to take the required steps to obtain the signatures of members of the Institute to endorse his application. The Executive Officers of the Chapter who have endorsed his application have done so on the strength of correspondence received from Mr. Altschuler, in which he binds himself to uphold the Canons of Ethics and all principles of practice as laid down by the Institute. The Directors are holding a Meeting in New Castle on October 28th for the purpose of meeting Mr. Altschuler and any other Architects in that city, with the view to interesting some or all of them to join the Institute. Mr. Eckles, Sr. an Institute Member in New Castle has written us most favorably in respect to Mr. Altschuler and on his recommendation the Board were unanimous in their approval that it should be forwarded to Washington for action.

We will continue our drive to increase the Membership in the Institute in this district up to the end of this year. With the beginning of next year and the increased initiation fee, I doubt exceedingly if we will be as successful in obtaining new members, as have during the past year. Practically all of the older men, who are eligible to join the Institute are either in that body or have objections against them, and the younger men will, I feel sure, find difficulty in paying the raised initiation fee of the Institute together with Institute & Chapter dues which will make a total of \$75.00 the first year.

Yours truly,

  
THOMAS W. LUDLOW

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*Mr. Ludlow*  
*2 Bd. of Examiners*  
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October 17, 1927

Dear Mr. Ludlow:

This will acknowledge with great appreciation your letter of October 15th and applications for Institute membership from the following:

David M. Cooper - Ambridge, Penna.  
R. M. Marlier - Pittsburgh, Penna.  
Harry Vishman - " " "  
Lyle E. Swiger - " " " and  
Asheville, N.C.  
Jacob A. Altschuler - New Castle, Penna.

We are making acknowledgment to each of the applicants in due course, and will put the applications through as rapidly as Institute procedure permits.

I Your comments on each of the men will come before the Board of Examiners with the applications, and will prove helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Thomas W. Ludlow, Secretary,  
Pittsburgh Chapter, A.I.A.,  
305 Seventh Avenue, Pittsburgh,  
Penna.

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December 30, 1927

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in The American Institute of Architects, effective December 30, 1927.

You have been assigned to the Pittsburgh Chapter as an Institute Member in good standing therein, and the Secretary of the Chapter has been so advised.

The enclosed statement covering dues for the year 1928 should receive prompt attention.

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.

Cordially yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. David M. Cooper,  
604 Maplewood Avenue,  
Ambridge, Penna.

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# David M. Cooper, A. I. A.

Registered Architect

Ambridge, Pa.

May 8<sup>th</sup> 1933.

Mr. Edwin Bergstrom  
Treas. A.I.A.



Dear Mr. Bergstrom,

Enclosed please find cheque for \$12.50. 6 months dues;

I am not in a position at present to send the full amt will send you balance as soon as I possibly can.

I have had no business for months & months. and that's my reason.

Yours very truly  
David M. Cooper

Received Payment  
American Institute of Architects  
\$12.50 on 1933 dues  
5/1/33



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May 15, 1933.

Dear Mr. Cooper:

This will acknowledge yours of May 8th, and thank you for the remittance of \$12.50 on account of Institute dues for the current year.

Your loyal support is keenly appreciated at this time.

We hope that before the end of the year business will show considerable improvement and that it will be easy for you to give attention to the balance of the current dues.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. David M. Cooper, A. I. A.,  
604 Maplewood Avenue,  
Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

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David M. Cooper

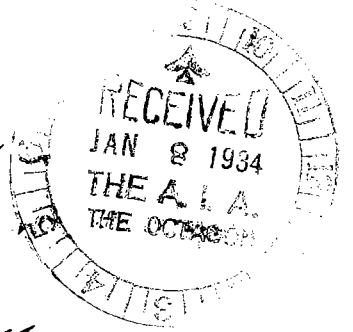
Registered Architect

Ambridge, Pa.

January 5<sup>th</sup> 1934

My dear Mr. Bergstrom,

Enclosed you will find  
Cheque for Fifteen dollars,



In sending this I may  
state I am doing so in the hope  
it will benefit the Institute, and  
thro it the profession generally.

I have been hit pretty hard  
myself, having had to take employment  
as a watchman, however I am  
hoping for a brighter future,

I have signed and mailed  
The Postal Card to the Board of Directors.

With best wishes for the Institute  
and the profession, I am dear  
Mr. Bergstrom

Yours very truly  
David M. Cooper.

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*Handwritten notes:*  
Hedley  
Jan  
*(Circled signature)*

January 10, 1934.

My dear Mr. Cooper:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your letter of January 5th; for check for \$15 covering dues for the current year; and for your generous action in making a gift of any credits to which you may become entitled as a result of Convention action.

Your fine spirit, and support of the Institute at this critical stage, is most encouraging and will be brought to the attention of the Treasurer at the time of the next Board meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. David M. Cooper, A.I.A.,  
604 Maplewood Avenue,  
Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

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1938 dues paid  
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Jan 4<sup>th</sup> '39

Mr Edwin Bergstrom,  
Treasurer, A.I.A

Dear Mr Bergstrom,

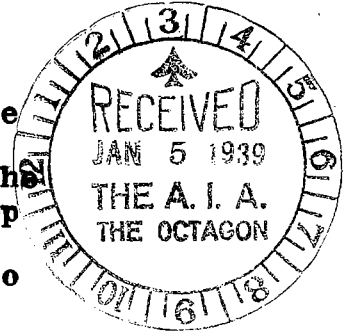
At the present time it is impossible  
for me to keep up the payment of dues in the A.I.A.

My circumstances have been changed greatly in the  
last five years and for financial reasons I cannot keep  
my membership up.

If this is in order I would ask the Institute to  
accept my resignation much as I regret it.

Yours very truly

*David M. Cooper*  
David M. Cooper.



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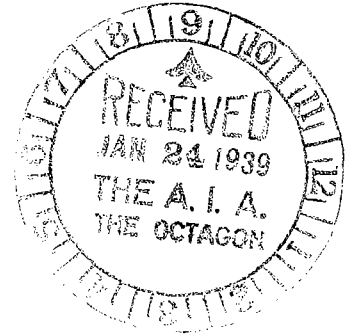


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## PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

January 23, 1939.



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

Dear Mr. Kemper,

The secretary of the Pittsburgh Chapter A. I. A., Mr. Rody Patterson, has asked me to inform you of the standing in the Chapter of Mr. D. M. Cooper, 604 Maplewood Ave, Ambridge, Pa. Mr. Cooper has tendered his resignation to your office.

All indebtedness to the Pittsburgh Chapter has been paid by Mr. Cooper up to January 1, 1939, so that he is in good standing as of Dec. 31, 1938, and his resignation is in order.

Very truly yours,

*Allan H. Neal*

Treasurer of Pittsburgh Chapter.



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
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Office of The Secretary

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP

To **Mr. David M. Cooper**  
**604 Maplewood Avenue**  
**Ambridge, Pennsylvania**

Your resignation from The Institute, dated **January 4**, 19**39**, is effective both in The Institute and in your chapter, as of **January 5**, 19**39**, the date it was received by The Secretary.

The Board regrets your decision to withdraw from The Institute, and hopes that you will return to it soon.

Date **January 21**, 19**39**.

*Chas. J. Ingraham*  
Secretary

**Note:**

Please return the certificate of membership issued to you by The Institute for cancellation as required in the By-Laws.

*Rec'd*  
*H.*

*Notice sent  
to Pittsburgh  
Chapter*

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February 2, 1939

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Thank you very much for returning to The Institute  
the certificate of membership issued to you in 1927.

If, at any time in the future, you find it possible  
to apply for reinstatement to membership in The Institute  
we shall be glad to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

K;ms

Mr. David M. Cooper, Architect,  
604 Maplewood Avenue,  
Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

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

*The President and Board of Directors*  
*have the honor to announce the election of*

*David M. Cooper*  
*Member*

*of the American Institute of Architects*

*December the thirtieth, 1927*

*By authority of the Board of Directors*

*N. O. Murphy*  
*President*  
*Franklin Baldwin*  
*Secretary*

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604 Maplewood Ave'  
Ambridge, Penna.

February 8th, '33

Dear Mr. Kemper,

Thanks very much for your letter of 2nd inst  
which I assure you I appreciate.

If, I can at any time in the near future  
see my way clear to ask for reinstatement I  
shall be glad to do so.

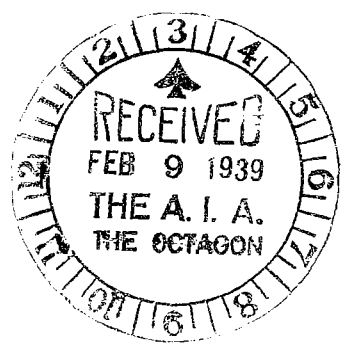
Again thanking you for your friendly  
letter I am dear Sir,

sincerely yours,

*David M. Cooper*

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*Received!*  
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