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Application for Membership

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Sept 29, 1920

To the Secretary of the American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

SIR:

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects under Class B
[Insert appropriate letter.]

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name James E. Cooper

Address 504 Commercial National Bank
[Number and Street.] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth Rockville Md Feb. 6, 77
[Give name of institutions and year.—Evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation to be submitted with application.]

Graduate in architecture Md. Institute of Arch. Md. Atelier MacGregor, Guy
[Give name of institutions and year.—Evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation to be submitted with application.]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture one of first 4 for Paris Prize, did not compete as I was in business for myself
[Give name and year.]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecole des Beaux Arts This made me eligible for the Ecole
[State which, and year.—Evidence of Certificate to be submitted with application.]

If an Associate of a Chapter of the Institute, give date of admission thereto no other association

If practicing architect, firm name d'Hauterville + Cooper N.Y. J. E. Cooper

Have been in practice 8 years in all years.

If draughtsman, employed by Warren + Wetmore designer
[State number of years.]

Collegiate and office training Walker + Morris N.Y. Arnold Brunner N.Y. have been chief designer since age of 21

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.

James E. 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.....
[Insert exact date of election to chapter.]

.....Secretary.

.....Chapter, A. I. A.

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

J. P. Munson A. I. A.
Reginald Wood F. A. I. A.
William J. Marsh F. A. I. A.

Prelim. Fee.....
Initiation.....
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Exhibits Recd......
On Priv. Com. of Oct. 5, 20.....

[The signatures of three Institute members are here required unless the applicant has the unanimous endorsement of his Chapter, in which case certification to that effect should be made above by the President and 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. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

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JAMES E. COOPER

ARCHITECT

504 COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Sept. 30, 1920.

To the Secretary of the American Institute
of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In making application for membership, I feel that I must go further into details.

I was first employed in Baltimore by Baldwin & Pennington at the age of sixteen. Finding the possibilities exhausted after four and one-half years, I went to New York with Warren & Wetmore, and was one of the first of the three draftsmen they employed. The first work was on the New York Yacht Club. Other buildings included the Belmont Hotel, Chelsea Steamship Pier, Recreation Piers, Brooklyn Stables, Dean, Van Cortlandt office building, Henrich Hudson Memorial Bridge of concrete, 750 ft. span (not built), subway stations, numerous city and country houses, and the first drawings for the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

I left Warren & Wetmore to go in business for myself. The completed work included residences for Henry Whitehouse, Fitz Hugh Whitehouse and Munson Morris, country residences of Payne Whitney and Roger Winthrop. All these under the firm name of d'Hauteville & Cooper, and the country residence of Joseph Larocque at Bernardsville, under my own name.

Was afterwards associated with Edward Herbert Davis of Scranton, Pa., on large improvements consolidating all of

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the principal railroads of the city, including the bridging of the river, a municipal market, storage warehouse and Union Station.

In taking up my residence in Washington, have been associated with Wood, Donn & Deming, on competitive work, Sing Sing Prison being one of the prize designs.

Was afterwards with Elliot Woods, ~~Superintendent~~, working on the House and Senate Office Building, the Court House in Judiciary Square, refinishing some rooms in the Capitol, and the alteration to the House of Representatives, which was not carried out.

Was afterwards employed by Leon Dessez of this city, and was with him the greater part of eight years, in which time the District Normal School was worked up, Engine House No. 2 on 12th St. between G and H, the new Municipal Hospital, 1000 beds, fourteen special service buildings and Residence of George Hamilton, Leon Dessez, Country est. of Gen. Buchanan psychopathic hospital. Under General Black and Leon Dessez, worked on the new proposed Soldier's Home Hospital.

In the meantime, I was in business for myself in the Cochran Building, about four years. Designed about twelve buildings of my own, including bakeries, city and country residences, stores, etc.

From the time I was employed by Warren and Wetmore, New York, up to the time of Mr. Dessez's death, was employed

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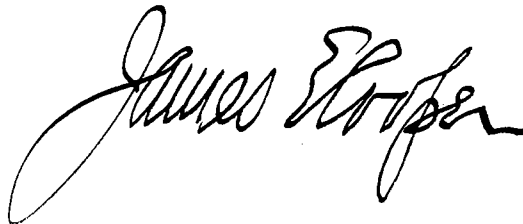
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principally as designer and had complete charge of the work done.

Was employed during the war by Donn and Deming on work at Indian Head, Maryland, and by the Bureau of Standards on housing improvements. This last work was stopped by the Armistice.

Since then I have been employed in the capacity of designer by Philip M. Jullien, samples of some of the work I am submitting as an exhibit.

Very truly yours,



JEC:B

P. S. In the meantime I am practicing under my own name.

J.E.C.
Also been a licensed Architect
in the State of New Jersey for the
past fifteen years.

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November 6, 1920

My dear Sir:-

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective November 5, 1920.

You will receive under separate cover the Proceedings of the Fifty third Convention and the Year Book for 1920.

You have been assigned to the Washington, D. C. Chapter as an Institute member in good standing therein, and the Secretary of the Chapter so notified.

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 will be glad to give you our best cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. James E. Cooper,
504 Commercial Natl Bank,
Washington, D. C.

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Copy to Mr. Wheat, Secretary of Washington, D. C. Chapter.

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September 15, 1922.

My dear Mr. Cooper:-

The Institute is in receipt of a letter from the Treasurer of the Washington Chapter giving the names of several Institute members who are indebted to the Chapter for annual dues, for one or more years.

Your name is on this list and as we must bring it before the Institute Board of Directors at its December meeting, I take the liberty of calling the matter to your attention, in the hope that adjustment may be made with the Chapter prior to the December meeting and that we may be advised by the Chapter Treasurer, or by you, to that effect.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. James E. Cooper,
Commercial Natl Bk Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

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October 31, 1923.

James E. Cooper, Esq.,
1421 F St.,
City.

Dear Jimmy:

I am directed by the Executive Committee of the Washington D.C. Chapter, American Institute of Architects, to inform you that unless you make either a payment on account of your indebtedness to the Chapter, or some tangible promise of your intention to pay this indebtedness not later than the first of December, 1923, you will be dropped on that date from membership in the Washington D.C. Chapter, American Institute of Architects.

Please make a very earnest effort to send either a payment on account or a definite promise of your intention to pay before the date above mentioned, because we most assuredly do not want to lose our charming and talented Jimmy.

Sincerely yours,

Harry F. Cunningham, A.I.A.
Secretary

Copy to Mr. E.C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary American Institute of Architects.

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November 2, 1923.

Dear Mr. Cooper:-

The Institute is in receipt of a copy of letter of October 31 addressed to you by the Secretary of the Washington, D. C. Chapter, with regard to your indebtedness to the Chapter.

Institute and Chapter membership can only be terminated by action of the Institute Board of Directors, and such action is customarily taken at the request of the Chapter when a member fails to meet his obligations.

Mr. Cunningham's letter has been placed on the schedule of the Board meeting, to be held on November 8, and if the usual routine is followed a resolution will be adopted discontinuing your Institute and Chapter membership, effective December 1, 1923, unless you have made satisfactory arrangement with the Chapter and the Chapter has so notified the Secretary of the Institute.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. James E. Cooper,
1421 F. Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

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November 23, 1923.

Dear Mr. Cooper:-

With regard to your indebtedness to the Institute and the Washington, D. C. Chapter, I beg to advise that the Institute Board of Directors have directed that your Institute and Chapter membership be discontinued, for non-payment of Chapter dues, effective December 1, 1923, unless you have made some satisfactory arrangement with the Chapter prior to that date.

Will you not take the necessary step to save your membership in your professional society, so that we can hear from the Washington, D. C. Chapter to that effect before the date mentioned.

Very sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. James E. Cooper,
504 Commercial Natl Bk Bldg.,
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Cooper,

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January 23, 1924.

Dear Mr. Cooper:-

Under the resolution of the Board of Directors, delinquents who do not make some remittance, or satisfactory arrangement with the Treasurer, by February 1, are to be dropped for non-payment of dues from the Institute and the Chapter.

Having in mind your letter of November 26, and the desire of the Washington Chapter not to lose your membership, I send this personal note asking if you cannot take some action, not later than January 31, which will permit us to keep you on the Institute and Chapter rolls.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. James E. Cooper,
1421 F. Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

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Copy to Mr. Cunningham.

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JAMES E. COOPER
ARCHITECT
SUITE 5-7-8, 1421 F STREET NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON, D. C.

NOV 27 1928

Dear Mr. Kumpen

Many thanks for your
kind letter, what Mr. Cunningham
telephoned you was more or less
correct as far as things in better
shape shortly.

*Very sincerely
James E. Cooper*

To Mr. Samuel C. Kumpen
Sec. Washington D.C.

Nov. 26. 28

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May 6, 1924.

My dear Mr. Cooper:-

Your indebtedness to the Institute for dues is \$50.00, including the current year.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors last November a resolution was adopted to the effect that each delinquent who owed for two years or more on January 1, 1924, should be removed from Institute and Chapter membership unless he made a satisfactory payment or some arrangement with the Treasurer, on or before March 1, 1924.

You have received several letters or telegrams from the Treasurer about this matter and according to the records at the Octagon House you have not found it possible to meet the liberal conditions contained in the resolution, thereby saving your membership.

This situation is much regretted, for the Institute Officers and Directors are loath to lose a member for financial reasons, but fairness to those who are paying dues and supporting the work of the Society prevent further delay. This will formally advise you of the discontinuance of your Institute and Chapter membership, effective March 1, 1924.

The Secretary of your Chapter has been so advised through a copy of this letter.

On behalf of the Treasurer and the Secretary, I express the hope that improved business conditions will soon permit you to meet your obligation now standing on the Institute Books, and at the same time to apply for reinstatement.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. James E. Cooper,
504 Commercial Nat'l. Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

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Copy to Mr. Harry F. Cunningham, Secretary,
Washington D. C. Chapter, A. I. A.

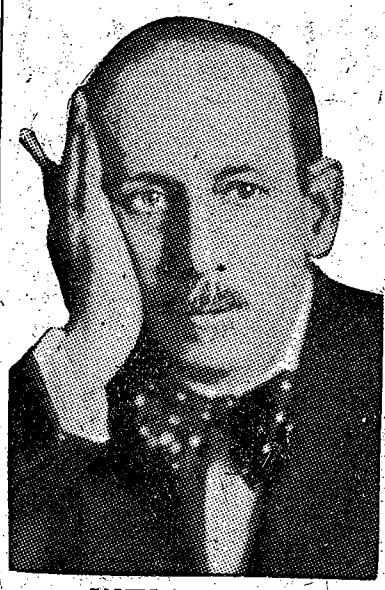
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J. E. COOPER DIES; NOTED ARCHITECT

Architect Dead

Funeral Services Will Be Con- ducted Tomorrow After- noon at Residence.



JAMES E. COOPER.

James E. Cooper, one of the most prominent architects in the National Capital, who designed many beautiful homes and other structures noted for their architectural features, died at Georgetown University Hospital Saturday after an illness of several months. He was 52 years old.

Widely known among the leading architects of this city, Mr. Cooper was a prominent member of the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects. He had resided and practiced his profession in this city for the past 20 years, coming here after a practice of some 12 years in New York City.

Designed Foxhall Village.

Mr. Cooper designed Foxhall Village, the Clark Griffith residence, Sixteenth and Dacatur streets; the home of former Senator Gore on Broad Branch road, the Chastleton Hotel, Sixteenth and R streets; No. 2 fire engine house, on Twelfth street between G and H; The Star model home of the Rock Creek Park estates and several other handsome residences in Massachusetts Avenue and Rock Creek Parks. He also drew plans for the present stands and system of entrances to the Washington Base Ball Park.

Prior to coming to this city, Mr. Cooper while with Warren Wetmore of New York designed the Belmont Hotel and the residence of Payne Whitney at Manhasset, Long Island, probably one of his most notable architectural creations and one which has been praised internationally by architects and city planners.

A native of Rockville, Md., Mr. Cooper attended Calvert Hall and later the Maryland Institute at Baltimore and had studied extensively under Masqueray, noted French architect.

Mr. Cooper is survived by his widow, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James J. Cooper, and a brother, Rev. Dr. John M. Cooper, professor of anthropology at Catholic University of America.

Funeral services will be conducted at the residence, 4447 Greenwich Parkway, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. Cooper's brother will officiate.

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