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Application for Membership—A. I. A.

Application for Member

No. A-13 Chapter: Wash. State
 Name: Troast, N. Lester
 Initiation Fee: Paid 2/6/31
 Annual Dues: Paid 2/6/31
 Exhibits, ~~Certificate~~ Endorsement Rec'd 3/5/31
 Acknowledgment by Secretary—~~Resident~~ O.K.
 Endorsements: O.K.
 Board of Examiners: April meeting
 Board of Directors or ~~Executive Committee~~ April meetings
 The Octagon: April number
 Privileged: -----
 Elected: June 20, 1931
 Exhibits Returned: June 24, 1931
 Remarks: _____

To the Secretary of The American Institute of Architects.

I hereby apply for Membership in The American Institute of Architects are correct:

Name N. Lester Troast

Address Sitka,

Place and date of birth Garfield, N. J. July

Graduate in architecture _____
[Give name of institution and year. Diploma or Certificate of graduation]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture _____
[If required in your case, a]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British class of the Ecolé des Beaux Arts _____
[If required in your case, state which,

If your State has a Registration or License Law and you are not re _____
none required.

If practicing architect, firm name N. L. Troast, Architect.

Have been in practice 5 years. If draughtsman, employed by _____

Collegiate and office training 3 yrs. Draughtsman; 5 yrs. Supervising Constr. 3 yrs. teaching Arch. Drawing & Constr. (while in practice)

I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute and the circular of advice relative to "Principles of Professional Practice," 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) _____
[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.

(7) _____
NUMBER

(4) _____
(5) _____
(6) _____

[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 applicant proposed, and in which there were no negative votes. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

Initiation Fee 25⁰⁰ 7/6/31
 Dues 25⁰⁰ 7/6/31
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 Exhibits annual card
 On Priv. Com. of _____

Application for Membership

July 17, 19 29.

To the Secretary of The American Institute of Architects.

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

Name N. Lester Troast

Address Sitka, Alaska.

Place and date of birth Garfield, N. J. July 20, 1899.

Graduate in architecture _____
[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 Ecolé 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. _____
none required.

If practicing architect, firm name N. L. Troast, Architect.

Have been in practice 5 years. If draughtsman, employed by _____

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Jan. 28, 1931.

Mr. H. Lester Troast, Architect,
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Troast:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your application for membership in the American Institute of Architects together with your check for fifty dollars (\$50.00) made out to the Institute covering your initiation fee and first year's dues.

I have signed this and forwarded same to the Octagon.

However, the Institute requires that a simple exhibit be submitted with the application. This consists of working drawings and photographs of two executed buildings. These may be taken right from the office files.

Would you kindly send this exhibit directly to Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Executive Secretary American Institute of Architects, The Octagon, Washington, D.C.

Very truly yours,

Washington State Chapter,

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Lance Edward Gowen,
Secretary.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

February 9, 1931

Dear Mr. Troast:

Permit me to acknowledge with gratification, and on behalf of the Secretary, your application for membership in The American Institute of Architects, received by reference from the Secretary of the Washington State Chapter, together with check for \$50.00 for your Initiation Fee and first year's Annual Dues in advance.

It is noted that Mr. Gowen, Secretary of the Chapter, has already written to you with regard to the necessity of submitting exhibits of work executed by you, and as soon as they are received your application will be complete in every respect. We shall then be in a position to put it forward to election.

There will probably be a meeting of the Board of Examiners shortly after the 21st of this month, at which time all completed applications will be considered for submission to the Executive Committee at its meeting in March to receive final action.

We hope that you can see your way clear to having exhibits of your work on hand here at The Octagon by the 21st of this month.

Yours sincerely,

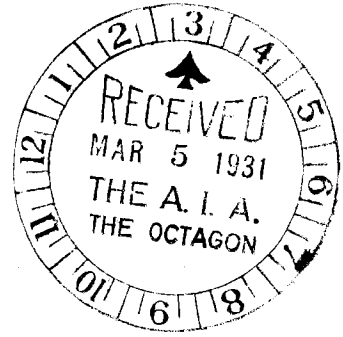
Assistant Executive Secretary.

Mr. N. Lester Troast,
Sitka, Alaska.

H/fhg

Copy of letter to the Director,
Western Mountain Division

N. L. TROAST
ARCHITECT
SITKA, ALASKA



February 23, 1931.

Mr. George T. Heckert,
The American Institute of Architects,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Heckert:

Your letter of the 9th acknowledging the receipt of my application for membership in The American Institute of Architects was received on the last boat along with a letter from Mr. Gowen, Sec. of the Washington State Chapter.

I regret that slow mail service brought me the letters informing me about the exhibits on the day which they were due in Washington.

Your requests for exhibits came at a rather inopportune time, inasmuch as all the work that I did before coming to Alaska, with a few exceptions, is in storage in New Jersey. Up until just recently, my work has been along private lines and in a consulting capacity for the Government, so I really do not have very much that would make a fair exhibit. Some work that could have been used for this purpose was recently sent to the Interior as an exhibit for the College. However, I am sending you under separate cover, plans and photographs of one executed building and the plans of another residence that was done some time ago. I have written to New Jersey and have asked that photographs be forwarded to you of this particular job.

*Rec'd
3-5-31
JMS*

Trusting that this will reach you in time for the Board of Examiners meeting, I am,

Yours sincerely,

N. L. Troast
N. L. Troast.

NLT/HE.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

March 17, 1931

Dear Mr. Troast:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 23rd, which was received on March 5th, and for the package of drawings and photographs, under separate cover on the same date.

Your application is now complete in every respect, and we shall be glad to submit it to the Board of Examiners at its next meeting, as your exhibits were received too late for the February meeting.

It is hoped that final action may be obtained at the April meetings of the Board of Directors, and you will be advised of the action taken, probably during the month of May.

Yours sincerely,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. N. L. Troast,
Sitka, Alaska.

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June 20, 1931.

Dear Mr. Troast:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in The American Institute of Architects, effective June 20, 1931.

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

A Membership Card is enclosed herewith.

An engrossed Certificate of Membership in The American Institute of Architects will be sent to you, in due course.

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. N. Lester Troast,
Sitka, Alaska.

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enc.

P.S. - The exhibits which you sent to The Octagon, in connection with your application, are being returned to you under separate cover. If you do not receive them within a reasonable time please let us know.

N. LESTER TROAST, A. I. A.

ARCHITECT

~~JUNES 10 1947~~

657 Main Avenue
Passaic, New Jersey

THE AMERICAN
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WASHINGTON D. C.

March 10, 1947

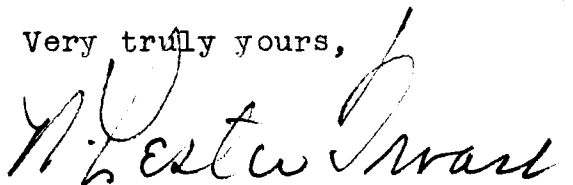
Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Executive Secretary
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

At the present time through my membership
of the Institute I am assigned to the Washington State
Chapter.

As I do not expect to return to the
Pacific North West and expect to remain in New Jersey,
will you please have my membership transferred to the
New Jersey Chapter.

Very truly yours,



N. Lester Troast

NLT:law

cc: N. J. Chapter, A.I.A.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

March 12, 1947

Dear Mr. Troast:

This will acknowledge your letter of March 10 requesting that your membership in The Institute be transferred from the Washington State Chapter to the New Jersey Chapter, inasmuch as you are planning to remain in New Jersey.

We are today writing to the Secretary of the Washington State Chapter to ascertain your standing therein, and as soon as we have received his reply, your transfer will be completed.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director

Mr. N. Lester Troast, A.I.A.
657 Main Avenue
Passaic, New Jersey

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THE AMERICAN
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

NEW JERSEY CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

March 24, 1947

Mr. E. C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary, A.I.A.,
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ed:

With reference to a letter sent by N. Lester Troast to you under date of March 10 asking for transfer from the Washington State Chapter to the New Jersey Chapter, please be advised that we are well acquainted with Mr. Troast and the transfer would be acceptable to us if otherwise in order.

Yours cordially,



Secretary.

CFW:ER

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May 9, 1947

STEPHEN H. RICHARDSON
516 CENTRAL BUILDING
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

CANNOT MAKE LONG STANDING TRANSFERS OF A. M. HUNTZ, DONALD J. STEWART
AND H. LESTER TROAST UNTIL YOU ADVISE IF IN GOOD STANDING WASHINGTON STATE
CHAPTER. THESE MEMBERS PRESSING OCTAGON FOR ACTION. WE WOULD LIKE TO HELP
THEM. WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE TELEGRAM RELEASING THESE NAMES PARTICULARLY
DONALD STEWART

E. C. KEMPER

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PRESIDENT

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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

SEATTLE WASH 1947 MAY 9 5 39

**EDWARD C. KEMPEL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1741 NEW YORK AVE NORTHWEST WASHDC**

**IRTEL A N HURTZ D S STEWARD AND L TROAST ARE IN GOOD
STANDING**

**STEPHEN H. RICHARDSON SECRETARY
WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER AMERICAN INSTITUTE
OF ARCHITECTS**

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Douglas William Orr
Searle H. von Storch

May 12, 1947

Dear Mr. Troast:

In accordance with your request, we beg to advise that you have been formally transferred, as an Institute member in good standing, from the Washington State Chapter and assigned to the New Jersey Chapter, effective May 15, 1947.

Both Chapters have been advised.

The Secretary of the New Jersey Chapter is Mr. Clement W. Fairweather, Metuchen, New Jersey, and we suggest that you get in touch with him concerning the next meeting and other matters of interest.

Sincerely yours,

Alexander C. Robinson III
Secretary

Mr. N. Lester Troast, A.I.A.
657 Main Avenue
Passaic, New Jersey

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*Noted
JH*

Handwritten notes:
Members
Transfer

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AUGUST 10 1957

August 5, 1957

Mr. Jacob Shteir, A.I.A., Treasurer
New Jersey Chapter, A.I.A.
9 Clinton Street
Newark 2, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Shteir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 2nd with check for \$100.00 payable to the A.I.A. to cover the 1957 Institute dues of Messrs. Lester Troast and Stanley A. Leeks, who are unable to meet these obligations because of illness.

This is a very fine gesture on behalf of the Chapter.

No doubt the Chapter has looked into the possibility of these members being eligible for Membership Emeritus, which would exempt them from further payments of dues. I note that Mr. Troast, in particular, has been a member of the A.I.A. since 1931. The enclosed copy of form of request for this change in status sets out the conditions under which members are eligible.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais
Secretary of Membership and Records

P.S. - The check is being turned over to our Accounting Department, from which the membership cards will be mailed.

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FILE COPY - PLEASE RETURN

December 10, 1957

Mr. N. Lester Troast, A.I.A.
30 Lowell Terrace
Bloomfield, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Troast:

We are in receipt of your Application for Membership Emeritus which we shall be glad to present to The Committee on Membership for consideration at the first opportunity.

When final action has been taken you will be notified.

Sincerely yours,

Florence H. Gervais
Secretary of Membership and Records

b/c - Executive Director, New Jersey Chapter, A.I.A.

Mr. Troast bases his request on his inability to engage in any gainful vocation. Will you please advise us if he is in good standing in the New Jersey Chapter? The Committee meets on December 17th and we hope for your reply prior to that date to expedite action on this application. Many thanks for your cooperation.

EUGENE M. DENNIS, PRESIDENT
ELIZABETH

MARCEL VILLANUEVA, 1ST VICE PRES.
ORANGE

JACOB SHTEIR, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT
NEWARK



ADOLPH SCRIMENTI, TREASURER
205 WEST MAIN STREET
SOMERVILLE

JOHN SCACCHETTI, SECRETARY
415 - 32ND STREET
UNION CITY

NEW JERSEY CHAPTER
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
120 HALSTED STREET • EAST ORANGE, N. J.
TELEPHONE: ORANGE 2-7900

ALBERT C. BROWN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

December 13, 1957

Miss Florence H. Gervais
Secretary of Membership and Records
The American Institute of Architects
The Octagon
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Gervais:

With reference to your recent letter please be
advised that Mr. Lester Troast is in good standing
in the New Jersey Chapter.

Cordially,

Albert C. Brown
Executive Director

ACB/jr

*Approved
Bo. Dir*



*Approved
Board of Directors*

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

NOTICE OF ELECTION—MEMBER EMERITUS

TO Mr. N. Lester Troast, A.I.A.
30 Lowell Terrace
Bloomfield, New Jersey

It is my privilege to advise you that The Board of Directors has conferred upon you the title

MEMBER EMERITUS

of The American Institute of Architects and of its component organizations of which you are a member, exempting you from the payment of annual dues to The Institute and such organizations, effective January 1, 1958 .

Date January 2, 19 58.

Edward L. Wilson
Secretary

*N. J. Chapter
Copy to Mr Eger*

Troast, N. Lester

ATURDAY, OCTOBER 11,

N. LESTER TROAST, JERSEY ARCHITECT

Aide of Mahoney Troast in Clifton Is Dead—Former Alaskan School Head

Special to The New York Times.

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., Oct. 10 —N. Lester Troast, architect for the Mahony Troast Construction Company in Clifton, died here yesterday of a heart attack at his home, 30 Lowell Terrace. He was 59 years old.

Mr. Troast was a brother of Paul L. Troast of Clifton, chairman of the New Jersey Highway Authority, Republican gubernatorial candidate in 1953 and president of the Mahony-Troast Company.

Before 1936 Lester Troast was district Superintendent of Schools for the Territory of Alaska. He had gone there in 1926 to teach at an Indian school in Sitka that was conducted by the Presbyterian Board of National Missions. Later he was assigned by the Department of the Interior to do architectural work for schools and hospitals in the territory and was named Alaska Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Troast was resident engineer with the New York architectural firm of Francisco & Jacobus in the Nineteen Twenties. In 1935 he established his own architectural company in Juneau and Anchorage, Alaska, and in 1940 was engaged by the Army Corps of Engineers for work on air bases in the Aleutian Islands. He joined Mahony-Troast after World War II.

The architect was a director of the New Jersey chapter, American Institute of Architects.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. H. Evelyn Still Troast; three sons, N. Lester Jr., Richard I. and James E.; two other brothers, William C. and Aaron J. Troast, and a sister, Mrs. Lawrence M. Lyons.

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