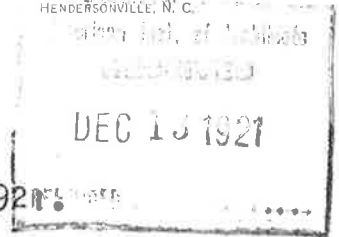


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ERLE G. STILLWELL, SECRETARY AND TREASURER
HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.

THE NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS



DECEMBER 12, 1921

MR. E. C. KEMPER,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. KEMPER:-

I AM ENCLOSING YOU THE APPLICATION FOR
INSTITUTE MEMBERSHIP OF MR. HARRY BARTON OF GREENSBORO,
N. C., TOGETHER WITH A CHECK FOR TWENTY DOLLARS.

MR. BARTON HAS RECEIVED THE UNANIMOUS ENDORSEMENT OF
THE NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER.

THIS APPLICATION WAS RECEIVED LAST MAY AND THE
ENDORSEMENT OF THE CHAPTER OBTAINED BY MAIL VOTE IN DUE
COURSE.

BY SOME MEANS, WHICH I AM ENTIRELY UNABLE TO ACCOUNT
FOR, THIS APPLICATION WAS PLACED IN THE CHAPTER FILE FOR
MATTERS ATTENDED TO INSTEAD OF HAVING BEEN SENT TO YOU. I HAVE
BEEN OF THE OPINION ALL ALONG THAT THIS APPLICATION HAD BEEN
SENT TO YOU PROMPTLY AND ACTED UPON, BUT IN GOING OVER THE
FILES TODAY FIND THAT THIS IS NOT THE CASE.

THIS DELAY IS OF COURSE ENTIRELY MY FAULT AND IF THE
MATTER CAN BE RUSHED I SHALL APPRECIATE IT.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

COPY TO MR. BARTON.

Received Payment
American Institute of Architects
\$20.00
12/13/21

Barton, Harry
North Carolina

No. 10 - U. Fed.

Application for Membership

May 3rd, 1921

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

SIR:

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects.

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name Harry Barton

Address Greensboro [Number and Street.] [City.] N. C. [State.]

Place and date of birth Philadelphia June 17th, 1921

Graduate in architecture George Washington University
[If required in your case, give name of institutions and year.—Attach evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture _____
[If required in your case, attach evidence.]

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

If an Associate of a Chapter of the Institute, give name of chapter _____

If practicing architect, firm name Harry Barton Architect

Have been in practice fourteen years

If draughtsman, employed by _____
[State number of years.]

Collegiate and office training Williamson School, George Washington University, Society of Beaux Arts Architects and important Northern Architects offices.

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.

Harry Barton
[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 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.

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____

Prelim. Fee. Pd \$20.00 12/12/21

Initiation remitted

Unan. End. yes

Exhibits not required

On File. Date of _____

[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 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.]

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

COPY

December 14, 1921.

My dear Mr. Barton:-

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 Mr. Erle G. Stillwell, of North Carolina.

This will be brought before the Board sometime in February and you will be advised of the action taken .

Acknowledgment is also made of your preliminary fee of \$5.00.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Harry Barton,
Greensboro, N. C.

K:VB

ERLE G. STILLWELL, PRESIDENT
W. H. PEEPS, VICE-PRESIDENT

JAS. F. GAUSE, SECRETARY AND TREASURER
WILMINGTON, N. C.

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Barton*

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THE NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

April 24, 1922.

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Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary,
The Octagon House,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Kemper:-

I have your letter of the 20th instant and am surprised to know that Mr. Barton's application has not been acted upon at this time.

However, I presume that it is making the necessary rounds of committee action.

Unless I am mistaken, you wrote me sometime ago that this application would be acted upon at the February meeting of the Executive Committee.

Yours very truly,

Erle G. Stillwell

EGS/MCC

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

February 16, 1922.

Dear Mr. Parker:-

I enclose herewith original letters of February 11 and February 13 from Mr. E. Dwight Ryerson, Institute member of Mobile, Alabama, protesting against the election of Mr. Harry Barton, architect of Greensboro, N. C.

Mr. Barton has the unanimous endorsement of the North Carolina Chapter, and in view of Mr. Ryerson's charges I hesitate to submit this in full or in brief to the North Carolina Chapter. Incidentally this record would be rather difficult to brief for submission to a Chapter which has given unanimous endorsement to the applicant.

Mr. Ryerson's charges touch upon a situation in North Carolina which may come to the Institute Board on its merits. It is quite plain, from general evidence, that the architects of North Carolina (and of several Southern states) are making it rather difficult, to say the least, for outside architects to get registration. Probably the Executive Committee would not desire to take official notice of this general issue until it is raised, but it ought to know which way the wind is blowing.

Please return the record herewith for the Executive schedule, in the stamped envelope enclosed, with your instructions as to procedure. If you think best we will prepare a brief submitting the case to the Secretary of the North Carolina Chapter, or will prepare a review for the consideration of the Executive Committee.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Wm. Stanley Parker, Secretary,
American Institute of Architects,
120 Boylston Street-Boston, Mass.

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Inter-Office Communication

Barton Case

Subject

From

To

Date

E. C. K.

Mr. Parker

2-16-22

Dear Mr. Parker--

Since dictating the enclosed letter, we have another privileged against Mr. Barton, which is enclosed herewith. It is dated February 14. Please return it with the other papers.

Very truly yours,

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ROBERT D. KOHN, 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT

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

WILLIAM STANLEY PARKER, SECRETARY
D. EVERETT WAID, TREASURER
EDWARD C. KEMPER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

March 10, 1922.

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Dear Mr. Kemper:

I return you herewith by registered mail the documents concerning the application of Mr. Harry Barton, which you sent me with your letter of the 16th. I think it unwise, as you do, to send any statement of these matters to the North Carolina Chapter. Put it on the docket for the Executive Committee Meeting, and write Arnold Greene and ask him to send the "detailed account and proof of above charges" referred to in the next to the last paragraph of his letter of February 14.

Very truly yours,

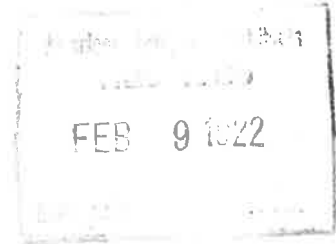
W. S. Parker
Secretary.

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Registered Mail
P/F

Raleigh, North Carolina.

February 8, 1922.

The Secretary,
The American Institute of Architects,
Washington, D. C.



Dear Sir :

As a former Fellow of The Institute
my attention has been called to the application for
membership of Mr. Harry Barton of Greensboro, North
Carolina. I have been intimately acquainted with
Mr. Barton and consider him not only a weak man but
no ornament whatever to the architectural profession.

Yours very truly,

Harley N. Cutler.

MC:H

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

COPY

Priv
S. E. S.

February 10, 1922.

My dear Mr. Cutter:-

Your letter of February 8 with regard to Mr. Harry Barton of Greensboro, N. C., is at hand.

The Executive Committee of the Institute would appreciate your confidential advices giving more definite objections to the application of Mr. Barton. Such communication would be treated as strictly confidential and we hope to hear from you before the meeting about April 1st.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Manly N. Cutter,
Raleigh, North Carolina.

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CHARLES K. BRYANT
ARCHITECT
Box 897

RICHMOND, VA, Feby 9th 1922.

Mr. William Stanley Parker, Secretary.
The American Institute of Architects,
Washington, D.C.

FEB 10 1922

Dear Sir:-

I note in the circular letter of the Institute of
Jany 16th the name of Mr. Harry Barton of Greensboro, N.C. as
an applicant for membership, and request that his name be held
up for a short while for investigation.

This matter was discussed at the meeting of the Va.
Chapter held here on the 19th of Jany and I think it should be
looked into before he is elected to the membership of the
Institute.

Will notify you as soon as I can get the information
I am now after in the matter.

Yours very truly,

Charles K. Bryant

CKB/B.

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

COPY

February 10, 1922.

My dear Mr. Bryant:-

Acting for the Secretary, permit me to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of February 9 with regard to Mr. Harry Barton of Greensboro, N. C.

We will hold up action on his application until hearing further from you, which I trust will be in advance of the Executive Committee meeting about April 1st.

Any advices from the Chapter will be treated as strictly confidential.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Charles K. Bryant,
Box 897,
Richmond, Va.

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E. DWIGHT RYERSON
ARCHITECT

MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

MOBILE, ALABAMA

February 3rd, 1922
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To The Secretary,
The American Institute of Architects,
Octagon House,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Sir:-

I desire to offer objection to the candidacy
of Mr. Harry Barton, Architect, of Greensboro, N. C. as a member
of the American Institute of Architects, as per your circular
letter of January 16th, 1922.

At the proper time and when called upon to do
so, I will present convincing evidence of his ineligibility
to membership, and facts sustaining my objection.

Sincerely yours,



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

COPY

*Pres. Com.
Harry Barton.*

February 7, 1922.

My dear Sir:

Acting for the Secretary, Mr. Parker, permit me to acknowledge your letter of February 3, objecting to the admission of Mr. Harry Barton to the Institute.

Further action on Mr. Barton's application will be held pending a letter from you giving specific reasons why he should not be admitted.

The Institute Board depends upon the cooperation of its members in matters of this kind. Your letter should state the case plainly; and it will be treated as strictly confidential. There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee in the early Spring, and we hope to have your reply at your early convenience.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. E. Dwight Ryerson,
Van Antwerp Building,
Mobile, Alabama.

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E. DWIGHT RYERSON
ARCHITECT

MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

MOBILE, ALABAMA

February 11th,
1922.

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

FEB 11 1922

My Dear Sir:

With reference to the circular letter of January 16th, 1922 and to your instruction to send in privileged communication and with particular reference to your favor of the 7th instant, I desire to state the reasons why I do not feel like passing by the application of Mr. Harry Barton, Architect, of Greensboro, N. C., to membership in the American Institute of Architects:

I will refer to an incident that occurred in January 1920, at Raleigh, N. C.; I had just accepted a position as chief draftsman in the office of the State Architect at Raleigh, N. C. a few days before the occurrence of the events which I am about to relate and, ascertained, quite by chance, that an examination for registration of architects was to be held in that city.

Mr. Barton, whom I had known for many years, was Secretary of the Architectural State Board of Examination and Registration of North Carolina, and, upon learning of my presence in Raleigh, invited me to dine with him. In the course of our conversation the subject of the examination was broached and he said I would undoubtedly have no trouble whatever in passing such an examination. I had heard from other sources that in some states a number of questions on engineering were asked of the candidate for admission, and inquired of him how extensively they went into that subject. He told me that it was a mere matter of form and that they might possibly ask me to make a section through a concrete porch floor, but nothing further.

When the examination was held I was exempted from taking the subject of design as it was generally conceded that my experience indicated that I was sufficiently proficient in that branch.

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Octagon House, Washington, D. C.

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The subject of experience, training and specification writing I passed with creditable marks.

What was my surprise however, to be confronted with a complex and very difficult examination on structural engineering, including computations of footings, superimposed loads on girders and cantilever footings. This, of course, was out of my line as my former experience had been in offices where a corps of structural engineers was employed and to whom such questions were referred. I should have refused to have taken that portion of the examination, but unfortunately, did not, and received a correspondingly low mark in consequence and one that brought my general average below the passing mark.

Mr. Barton consoled with me on the result and informed me that had I taken the examination test on design - the one from which I had already been exempted - I probably would have passed the entire examination.

I might state in passing that a competent Structural Engineer who took the examination, failed to receive a passing mark in that section of the examination.

It might be stated also that the only person who did pass - outside of an Atlanta Contractor - was a draftsman in the office of Mr. Barton. Had I been alone in the matter I would have thought less of it, but a friend of mine, Mr. Arthur H. Howland, of Raleigh, N. C., who had recently moved into the State, was also treated in the same manner.

The whole situation was so apparently an effort on the part of the Architectural State Board of Examination and Registration of North Carolina, to exclude architects who came from other sections of the country, (in other words, what might be termed a "native son" proposition) as to be evident and noticeable to outsiders who were conversant with the situation.

I maintain that Mr. Barton, as a Member of the Architectural State Board of Examinations and Registration of North Carolina, knew of and concurred in the action of the entire

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

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Board, which proposed to exclude such architects from the practice of architecture in that State as they saw fit, regardless of their qualifications, and that he was cognizant of the fact that the examination was a much more difficult one than he had intimated to me. This is clearly shown by the facts stated above.

I would also call your attention to an excerpt from Chapter 270 of Public Laws of 1915 of North Carolina, Section 3:

"Any person who shall by affidavit show that he has made the practice of architecture his sole business or principal means of livelihood previous to the passage of this Act, or who shall present a certificate from a similarly constituted board of another State, or any person who is a member of the American Institute of Architects may, upon payment of ten dollars (\$10.00), be granted certificate and admitted by the said board to practice architecture in the State without examination."

This Law, I was informed upon inquiry, was later repealed. Can you conceive of any reason why such a law should be repealed, unless it were to exempt outside architects from practicing architecture in the State?

In passing, I would like to state that in my opinion the success of the various State Boards of Architectural Examination and Registration depends, or should depend upon the spirit of reciprocity, and also one would surely expect that a person who was eligible for admission in the American Institute of Architects would be eligible to practice architecture anywhere in the United States. It seems to me that this provision should be recommended to all the State Boards by your Committee who has that part of the work in charge.

I also desire to enclose a letter under date of February 4th, 1922, addressed to you by Arthur H. Howland of Raleigh, N. C., above referred to, which he has requested me to forward to you, in which the attitude of the Board is more clearly set forth; also a letter from Professor Ross Shumaker

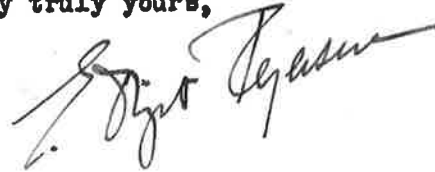
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The American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon House, Washington, D.C.

of North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering,
which corroborates the statements made above.

I would also state that a fee of twenty-five dollars
(\$25.00) was levied upon each contestant for the examination,
and that said sum was retained by the Board and not returned
to the unsuccessful contestants.

In view of the facts as stated, I do hereby charge
that, Mr. Harry Barton in permitting himself to be a party to
such practises, is not entitled to membership in the
American Institute of Architects.

Very truly yours,



Member American Institute of Architects,
1007 Van Antwerp Building,
Mobile, Alabama.

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P. O. Box #51,
Raleigh, N. C.
Feb. 4, 1922.

The Secretary,
The American Institute of Architects,
Washington, D. C.

FEB 14 1922

Sir :

At the request of Mr. E. Dwight Ryerson, architect, of Mobile, Alabama, I am submitting the following statement in connection with the application of Harry Barton of Greensboro, North Carolina, for membership in The Institute.

Mr. Barton's actions, as Secretary of the North Carolina State Board of Architectural Examination and Registration, are so peculiar as to raise the suspicion that he is guilty of unprofessional conduct in that he has deliberately abused his power of office by wilfully refusing licenses to applicants fully qualified to practice architecture in the state.

The writer took the Board's examinations at the same time that Mr. Ryerson did and received similar treatment at the hands of the Board, which as near as can be determined, practically follows the dictation of Mr. Barton in its official actions. The correspondence which has passed between Mr. Barton and myself makes interesting reading and will be sent on for your inspection if so desired.

If Mr. Barton were a man of even average talent, one could bear with some degree of equanimity his obstructive tactics. In common with other men who hold licenses in this state, Mr. Barton relies on capable draftsmen for his professional output and his personal architectural accomplishments are decidedly mediocre. What success he has attained is due to his ability as a business getter and the fact that he has consequently a name as an architect in political, religious and other circles. This, however, does not arouse respect for his ethics or envy for his ability among those of discernment in architectural affairs but it does gall one to be refused the chance to earn a living because a man like Mr. Barton is in authority and from whose decision there is no appeal under the laws of the state.

The Secretary, The A. I. A.

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Feb. 4, 1922.

I consider that if Mr. Barton is admitted to membership of The Institute such action will be a distinct insult to its present personnel, which presumably has attained ranking therein, in each individual case, because of deserving qualifications.

It should be the duty of the profession in general to rid its ranks of the men of Mr. Barton's type, rather than to condone the pernicious activities of these self-styled architects (glib and unscrupulous salesmen of flashy perspectives) by placing them upon an equal footing with men whose standing and achievements are admittedly unquestionable.

Yours very truly,

A H Howland

North Carolina State College
of

Agriculture and Engineering
State College Station

Raleigh

February 7th 1922.

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING

C. L. MANN, B. S., C. E.,
PROFESSOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING

HARRY TUCKER, B. A., B. S.,
PROFESSOR OF HIGHWAY ENGINEERING

ROSS SHUMAKER, B. ARCH.,
ASSO. PROFESSOR OF ARCHITECTURE

L. E. WOOTEN, B. S.,
ASST. PROFESSOR CIVIL ENGINEERING

CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED TO THE WRITER—
NOT TO THE COLLEGE.

FEB 14 1922

Mr. Regeron

My dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of inquiry about my status in attempts to pass the N. C. State Board of Architectural Examination and Registration, I will give these facts.

I am a graduate of the school of architecture Ohio State University, class of 1916. Since then I have been teaching architecture and drawing at Pennsylvania State College and N. C. State College while working in architectural offices at every opportunity.

After full preparation I stood the examinations in Jan. 1921 and in July 1921 receiving grades of 58% and 70.4% respectively. I feel that I was justly entitled to registration especially in view of fact that others with less training and a lack of knowledge of the fundamentals of engineering construction, were granted registration.

Hoping this is the required information you wished to have. I am
Yours very truly
Ross Shumaker

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

COPY

*Pres. Com.
Harry Barton*

February 15, 1922.

My dear Mr. Ryerson:-

Permit me to acknowledge yours of February 11 with regard to Mr. Harry Barton, applicant for Institute membership.

Your letter will be treated as strictly confidential and will be brought to the attention of the Institute Executive Committee when Mr. Barton's application comes up for final consideration.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. E. Dwight Ryerson,
1007 Van Antwerp Building,
Mobile, Alabama.

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COPY TO

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E. DWIGHT RYERSON
ARCHITECT

MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

MOBILE, ALABAMA

February 13th,
1922.

To The Secretary,
The American Institute of Architects,
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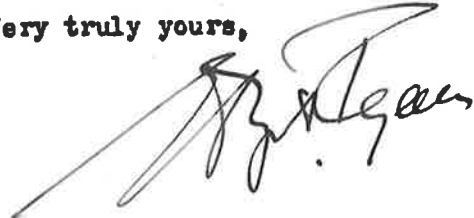
My Dear Sir:-

With further reference to my letter of the 11th inst., relating to Mr. Harry Barton, Architect, of Greensboro, N. C., I am sending to you this day, (by registered mail) a letter from Mr. O. G. Foard, of Wilmington, N. C., who is also an unsuccessful contestant for the examination for license to practise architecture in the State of North Carolina. With his letter you will find several copies, carbon or photographs, of letters written by him to various interested parties, referring to his case, and showing the attitude of the State Board of Architectural Examination and Registration of North Carolina with regard to their treatment of candidates for examination in that State.

Will you please keep these letters with your correspondence in this case and when they have served their purpose, I would be glad if you would forward them to Mr. Bannister, Chairman of the Institute Committee on Registration Laws.

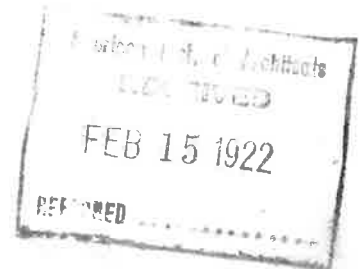
You will observe that the State of New York was very glad to give him a license to practise, and that Columbia University bestowed upon him a gold medal for design.

Very truly yours,



EDR:B

Encls.



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

COPY

February 16, 1922.

My dear Mr. Ryerson:-

This will acknowledge yours of February 13 with attached correspondence concerning Mr. Harry Barton, applicant for Institute membership. This correspondence will come up with his application at the Executive Committee meeting early in April and after that we will return it to you by registered mail.

Your suggestion that it be forwarded to Mr. Bannister, Chairman of the Committee on Registration Laws, is noted, but under the circumstances it seems to me the case would be more clearly submitted to Mr. Bannister if it came direct from you.

Very truly yours,

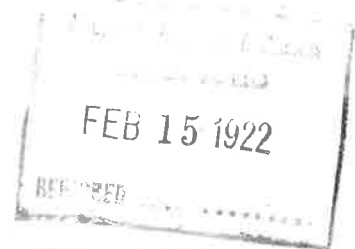
Executive Secretary.

Mr. E. Dwight Ryerson,
Van Antwerp Building,
Mobile, Alabama.

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JAMES B. LYNCH
ARCHITECT

~~61-62 TRUST BUREAU~~
WILMINGTON, N. C.



Feb. 8th. 1922.

Mr. E. D. Ryerson, Architect,
1007 Van Antwerp Bldg.,
Mobile, Ala.

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter of Feb. 1st., allow me to make the matter as brief as possible. From the correspondence inclosed you will be able to get at the main facts. These facts are:-

1.- Filed my application with N. C. State Board in March 1920, with letter of Society Columbia Architects attached. See letter dated Mch. 17, 1920 from Mr. Barton.

2.- Failed to receive notice of next regular examination in Raleigh July 1920. See letter dated August 17, 1920 from Mr. B.

3.- Appeared at next regular examination in Raleigh January 17, 1921, with diploma from Columbia University, original letters from Mr. Kenneth M. Murchison, Mr. H. W. Corbett, Mr. Arthur Ware, and Walker & Gillette. Mr. Gause of the Board read some of these letters while with me on the train going to Raleigh.

4.- Met Mr. Barton in the lobby of the Bland Hotel about 8:45 A.M. on the 17th., asked him if the Board cared to see any of the papers mentioned under (3) and was told that none of them would be considered, but that I would have to stand the Examinations.

5.- Went to examination room, was told there was no drawing board for me, and lost about one hour's time in getting one from State Architect's office (board loaned by Mr. Nelson on advice of Mr. Cooper an applicant). Room not prepared or fit to hold examinations in - artificial light, ordinary serving tables which were too high to work at when seated and too low when standing. All of the 17th. on examination on planning and design - see copy of examination headed "A Public Library".

6.- January 18th. Morning examination "Specifications"-no copy. Afternoon examination "Construction". See copy so headed. I asked the Board for more time - not granted - and told them that I could not complete these questions in three hours. Started on question #6. Wording did not indicate to me character of bearings. Asked Mr. Barton how span was to be taken, as "simple", "outside", or "inside"; was told to use my own judgement, that question was taken from a standard text-book. Decided to use $M = (W \times L) \div 10$ and figured area of steel required. Left #6 unfinished. Completed questions 5 and 4, and part of 2. Mr. Lord granted us a twenty minute extension of time - not used by me.

7.- Received grades of examinations, letter Mr. Barton dated

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JAMES B. LYNCH
ARCHITECT
~~61-62 TRUST BUILDING~~
WILMINGTON, N. C.

Jan. 28, 1921. Not understanding mark of .78 on Training and Experience, I wrote Mr. Northup Feb. 7th. 1921 and received reply. See letters attached (also letter my brother to Gov. Morrison).

8.- In order to get expert opinion on the "Construction" examination I wrote to Mr. Francis W. Wilson, Consulting Engineer, of Boston, simply to satisfy my own curiosity. See copies of letters.

9.- I failed to receive notice of the place and date of the regular January 1922 examinations.

10.- On April 29, 1921 I was granted license by the New York State Board without examination - certificate #1591. I informed one member of N. C. State Board of this shortly afterward, but so far as I know no notice has been taken of this fact. See copies of letters attached.

I suggest that you write Mr. Howland %J. M. Kennedy, Architect, Raleigh, N. C. I understand that he is a graduate of Mass. Institute of Technology and has been trying to get a license in this state during a somewhat longer period than have I. Any further information that I can furnish will be willingly given.

Very truly yours



P. O. Box 124
Wilmington, N.C.

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Greensboro, N.C.
March 17, 1920.

Mr. C. G. Foard,
403 Chestnut St.,
Wilmington, N.C.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your application for examination for certificate to practice architecture in this state. Same will be given due consideration at the July meeting of the Board. I am also in receipt of your check for \$25.00 to pay the examination fee. This will be handed over to the treasurer who will give you credit for same.

Very truly yours,

Harry Barton SFC

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COPY TO MR. Lord.

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Greensboro, N.C.
August 17, 1920.

Mr. C. G. Foard,
403 Chestnut Street,
Wilmington, N.C.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter dated August 14th and regret to note that you did not receive a notice of the July meeting of our Board. As I told you in my previous letter we thought that we had sent notices to every applicant and I cannot understand why you did not receive one unless we overlooked your name or the letter got lost in the mail. I remember very distinctly that your application was among the others for consideration at our meeting and since you were not present no action was taken.

While a diploma from a recognized school of Architecture is a big assistance for an applicant to get a certificate, but his practical experience since his graduation is far more important, and unless an applicant has a certificate from another state to practice and has established a reputation as an Architect we require him to take an examination, however, I would suggest that you be present at our January meeting and if you can produce sufficient evidence of your qualifications the Board may exempt you from the examination, however, you should come prepared to take the examination should the Board decide it is necessary.

I regret very much that your relationship with Mr. Lynch is embarrassing by reason of the fact that you have not a certificate. Perhaps you could make arrangements with Mr. Lynch whereby you could become a silent partner until you have qualified for a state license.

Very truly yours,

Harry Barton

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Address all communications to Henry Goldsmith, 121 Liberty Street,

NEW YORK June 4, 1912.

Mr. Osborne Giles Foard,
Livingston Hall, Columbia University, City.

Dear Sir:-

You have been awarded a medal presented annually by our Association for proficiency in design. This medal will be presented to you in person at twelve o'clock noon, Commencement Day, Wednesday, June 5th at the Avery Library. This is to request that you will be in attendance at the time and place above stated.

Very truly yours,

Goldwin Goldsmith

President

GG/EW

#1

HELMLE, A.I.A.

WILLIAM H. MAC MURRAY, M.E.

HARVEY W. COI

HELMLE AND CORBETT
ARCHITECTS
180 NORTABUE STREET
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Nov. 3, 1920.

"To Whom It May Concern"

This is to state that Mr. O. G. Foard worked in our office for about a year. He did very satisfactory work, showing a good knowledge of design and construction. I can recommend him as having sufficient technical training and practical office experience to qualify him for the general practice of Architecture.

H. W. Corbett

#3

F. B. & A. WARE
ARCHITECTS
1170 BROADWAY, NEW YORK
TELEPHONE 409 MADISON SQUARE

November
Eighth
1920.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that
Mr. O. G. Foard worked in our office during the
year of 1912 and did excellent drafting work on
several important buildings which we were construct-
ing at that time. We take pleasure in recommend-
ing Mr. Foard for a license to practice architecture
in your locality.

Yours very truly,
F. B. & A. Ware

F. B. & A. Ware

AW/RS

#2

F. B. & A. WARE
ARCHITECTS
1170 BROADWAY, NEW YORK
TELEPHONE 409 MADISON SQUARE

November 8th, 1920.

Mr. O. G. Foard,
C/o James B. Lynch, Architect,
61-62 Trust Building,
Wilmington, N. C.

My dear Mr. Foard:

Your letter was received several days
ago. Please excuse my delay in answering it.

I have consulted with Mr. F. B. Ware and
to the best of my recollection, you worked in our office
on the plans for the Bureau of Social Hygiene Buildings at
Bedford Hills, New York; also the plans of the Henry H.
Wood Residence, Oyster Bay, L.I. and you possibly did some
work on the plans for the Yankers Y. W. C. A. Building,
which were gotten out at that time. I believe my memory
is correct in this matter.

I am enclosing to you the letter which you
desire and I trust it will be helpful.

With kindest regards to you, I remain,

Yours very truly,
F. B. & A. Ware.

AW/RS

F. B. & A. Ware

#2

Walker and Gillette, Architects
128 East 37th Street
New York

November 5, 1920

To Whom it May Concern:

This is to state that
O. G. Foard worked in our office about one
year and we found his work very satisfactory.

Very truly,
WALKER & GILLETTE.

[Handwritten initials]

LNG/HS

#2

KENNETH M. MURCHISON
ARCHITECT
Architects' Building
101 PARK AVE., Corner of 40th Street
NEW YORK

Connection

c Zulueta 36-D
son New York
Havana

November Sixth
Nineteen Twenty.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to state that O. G. Foard
worked in my office for a year and a half and
was entrusted with work of considerable importance.

I believe he is perfectly qualified
to practice architecture in any State.

Kenneth M. Murchison

KMM:EM.

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FEB 15 1922

A PUBLIC LIBRARY

Jan. 17, 1921.

A public library is to be presented to a town in North Carolina having a population of 35000 people. This library is to be put in a public square which is assumed to be 300 feet square. The ground is generally level and the position of the building will be a commanding one. The building must set back a distance of 75 feet from the front line and the approaches must be treated in an architectural manner.

The exterior of the building shall be designed in the classical style of architecture using one of the five orders.

The building is to be of fireproof construction, faced with stone.

The following accommodation is to be provided for in the plan. The dimensions given are only approximate and may be modified as required by the exigencies of the design:-

First Story - Vestibule 200 sq ft; periodical room 1000 sq ft; reference library and reading room 1000 sq ft; general delivery room 600 sq ft; trustees room 350 sq ft; librarians room 350 sq ft; stack room 1500 sq ft.

Second Story - Childrens room 500 sq ft; music room 500 sq ft; exhibition room 500 sq ft; two rooms for special collections, 500 sq ft each.

It is assumed that the lavatories, store rooms etc., are to be located in the basement, which is to be raised sufficiently above the finished grade to allow for fair lighting. There are to be two flights of stairs leading to the second story but they are not to be made a prominent feature.

Drawings Required - Front elevation at a scale of 1/8 inch to the foot, which is to show enough of the frontage to indicate the treatment of the approaches. There are also to be sketch plans of the first and second floors at a scale of 1/8 inch to the foot. The elevation is to appear on one sheet and the plans upon another. All drawings are to be made in pencil only.

TIME ALLOWED 8 HOURS

Copy (original paper in my possession)

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Jan 18, 1921

- CONSTRUCTION -

- #1. Draw a section at 3/4 inch scale through the main front wall of the building you designed yesterday. This section shall pass through the main entrance of the building so as to show the size of footings, the type of floor construction, cornice, etc. This detail must be such as you would make in connection with the working drawings for this building. All construction must be worked out in detail.
- #2. Make a sketch of a part of a building or a piece of ornament to indicate your knowledge of each of the following styles of architecture - Greek, Romanesque, Gothic, French Renaissance, Spanish, Colonial.
- #3. Draw a detail at 1-1/2 inch scale through the rise and tread of an iron stairs having a marble tread, also a section through the balustrade and string showing in detail the construction. The face of the string is to be of cast iron.
- #4. Design the base of a steel column and footing under same. The column carries a load of 50,000 pounds, the bearing capacity of the soil being 1-1/2 tons per square foot.
- #5. Design one of several wood trusses required to support a square pitch slate roof, whose span is 35 feet. The distance between trusses shall be 14 feet. Draw a stress diagram, also give the size of each member of the truss, no snow, wind, or ceiling load need be considered.
- #6. Design a concrete beam to span 10 feet, to support a load of 4900 pounds per foot (not including weight). We shall assume the weight of the beam at four hundred pounds per square foot. Give the size of the concrete beam, the width being 14 inches, also the size and shape of the reinforcement required. Give your calculations in detail, showing how you arrived at the results. Fibre stress of steel 16000 - of concrete 650.

TIME ALLOWED 3 Hours.

*Copy (original paper
in my possession)*

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**STATE BOARD OF
ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINATION
AND REGISTRATION
NORTH CAROLINA**



Greensboro, N.C.
January Twenty-eighth,
1 9 2 1

Mr. O.G. Foard,
403 Chestnut Street,
Wilmington, N.C.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the examination taken by you on January 17 & 18th, 1921, at Raleigh, N.C. I regret to have to advise you that you did not receive the required passing mark of seventy and the Board is, therefore, unable to grant you a certificate. Your grades were as follows: Training and Experience, 78; Planning and designing, 61; Construction, 33; Specification, 74.5; General Average, 66.6.

Very truly yours,

Harry Barton
SECRETARY.

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#7

Mr. W. C. Northup, President,
State Board Architectural Examination & Registration,
Winston-Salem, N. C.

FEB 15 1922

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. Barton stating that the Board has given me a grade of 78 on Training and Experience. I regret to have to annoy you, but I would like to know how this grade was arrived at by the Board. On Jan. 17th two members of the Board told me that I had received a very high grade on Training and Experience. There is nothing high on a grade of 78 with 70 as a passing basis.

The story is being circulated in Wilmington that my grade was reduced because of the fact that I have had practically no experience in supervising construction. This is a question that no member of the Board ever asked me, the Board in fact having told me (through Mr. Barton) that it would not consider letters, then in my possession, which might have shed some light on this subject. If the above story be true then someone has made the statement without basing it on the facts. I could not say offhand just how much time I have spent on supervision. The best I could do would be an approximation.

Does it not seem a ridiculous situation to you:- two members of the Board soliciting my services within the past few years, one member even urging me to enter a partnership with him and getting somewhat indignant when I saw fit to reject his proposition, after which the Board estimates my training and experience at 78? Would they have been willing to pay me real money if they had actually thought that my ability was worth a rating of only eight points above passing. If I could be trusted to handle their work isn't it possible that I might somehow stagger along and turn out my own?

I do not want you to feel that I have any personal feeling toward the Board as a body. I realize that their duty is not altogether a pleasant one. I have no desire to make it less pleasant. But if the Board can give Mr. F.V. Hopkins license without examination it can, at least, give me some consideration. The information I am seeking is that which any citizen of the State, in my opinion, is entitled to have.

Very sincerely yours,

403 Chestnut St.,
Wilmington, N. C.
Feb. 7th 1921.

#7

WILLARD C. NORTHUP
ARCHITECT
REGISTERED UNDER THE LAWS OF
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AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF
ARCHITECTS

MEMBER
NORTH CAROLINA ARCHITECTURAL
ASSOCIATION

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

FEB 15 1922

Mr C S Ford
Wilmington N.C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Feb 7 received.

The gradings made by you at the examination held in Raleigh were passed on by the whole Board and every effort to be fair and just was made. Any outside information you get would probably be wrong and at best is not official or have any bearing on your case.

I regret very much that your showing on construction was below 70 which caused the refusal of your license. After we have spent much of our time and arrive at a decision the results are final and I hope you will now understand the case better. About the F.V. Hopkins case I know nothing and it would not affect yours.

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Yours very truly
Willard Northup

*My brother states
that he never received
an answer to this
letter. O.G.F.*

FEB 15 1922

Wilmington, N.C. February 8th 1921.

Governor Cameron Morrison,
Raleigh, N.C.

My dear Mr. Morrison,

In order to identify himself to you, the writer takes the liberty of recalling several pleasant evenings spent in your good company in the home of your former neighbor in Charlotte, whose name appears above; and with whom he has been associated in business life as indicated. The writer has been called to New York recently as Assistant Secretary of The Home Insurance Co. and, since he failed to get a short conference with you in your office last Saturday morning and will probably not get the opportunity to return to Raleigh before leaving, he must use this method of placing the following matter before you.

My brother, Osborne Giles Foard, a native of this State, attended grammar school and high school in the Wilmington Public Schools. For two years he attended Trinity College, Durham, N.C. His early desires were to make architecture his profession, so he entered the School of Architecture of Columbia University, New York City, from which he duly graduated, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Architecture. He was efficient in his work and talented enough to receive from Columbia University the Alumni Medal for excellence in design.

Thereafter, for practical experience, he worked in the offices of the following New York architects: Mr. Howard Greenley, Mr. Kenneth M. Marchison, F. B. & A. Ware, Walker & Gillette, and Helmle & Corbett. Anyone familiar with the profession knows the standing of these men and appreciates the value of their unsolicited opinions when my brother wrote asking them for a letter showing a record of his work with them for filing his application for license in North Carolina or New York. Photographic copies of their replies are attached hereto. My brother holds the original letters.

After the war he decided he preferred staying in the South to returning to New York, so he formed a connection with Mr. James B. Lynch, architect, Wilmington. In March 1920 he filed application for license to practise architecture, as required by law, with Mr. Harry S. Barton, secretary of the State Board. At the proper time he failed to receive notice from this Board of the meeting for examinations. Copies of correspondence regarding this is also attached. You will notice Mr. Barton suggests that he bring evidence

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of his work and experience to the next meeting, six months in the future!

He waited the necessary six months and attended the January 1921 meeting of the examination Board. No opportunity was given him to produce any evidence as suggested by Mr. Barton - of what his training or experience consisted, and he was not asked for any written evidence of this. He therefore took the examination. A review of this examination, will speak for itself. I attach a copy of it.

Subsequent to the examination he received from Mr. Barton, secretary, the attached letter dated January 28th 1921. You will notice my brother is rated very low on training and experience; just low enough to prevent an average passing grade. He had been told, at the time of the examination, by two members of the Board he had received a high grading on this point.

As an untechnical layman it occurs to me there is something radically wrong with the exercise of the authority of this examination Board. Apparently there is an arbitrary use of authority here exceeding that granted the highest State officer, our Governor. The professional destiny of a highly intelligent and law-abiding citizen (which opinion inquiry will easily confirm), desiring not to carry away his talents to develop another commonwealth along with his own development, is placed in the hands of a few men who may not be qualified to pass even technical judgement.

I know personally only one of the members of the examination Board, Mr. Jas. F. Gause, Wilmington. I can only judge the intelligence and training and worthiness of the Board by its representatives I know. I have known Mr. Gause since boyhood. His educational ambitions never carried him through high school and I never heard of his matriculation in any institution of higher learning, either academic or technical. His architectural experience was gained in Wilmington offices and in several architectural or engineering offices out of Wilmington.

It seems to me if the other members of the Board have no finer training or larger experience than that in architectural matters - which peculiarly involve the aesthetic development of our citizens along with their bodily safety -, North Carolina is most derelict in her duty toward her ambitious sons who equip themselves at the cost of some thousands of dollars and years of training to do her work. Their business future is placed in the control of men who might not be able to rise above personal interest or the fear of competition from men of first-class equipment.

I dislike writing such a letter as this but circumstances, some of which I have omitted, indicate to me my brother is the victim, either through inadvertence or malice, of very unfair handling in this examination for a license on the grading of his training and

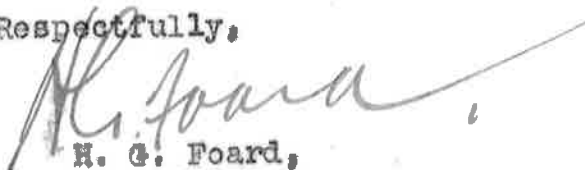
#3 - Governor Cameron Morrison.

experience; or is simply grossly incompetent.

I write without his knowledge or consent, because I fully realise he is at the mercy of the men comprising this examination Board. Even if he secures license from the State of New York they are not bound, by customs or reciprocal statutes I understand, to grant him a North Carolina license. Of course if he has to relinquish the thought of giving his talents and training and work to doing his small share in the upbuilding of our native North Carolina, elsewhere a premium is put upon sound educational preparation, character and ability. That is one solution for him, - which might secretly please some members of the Board.

Another solution, which I have to ask of you as the only authority to which I, as a native-born citizen of the State, can appeal is for a review of the work of this Board and an inquiry - with a presentation of all the facts - into the fairness of its awards. I would appreciate hearing if you will look into this matter.

Respectfully,



H. G. Foard,
Box 114,
Wilmington, N.C.

JAMES B. LYNCH
ARCHITECT.
61-62 TRUST BUILDING
WILMINGTON, N. C.

Feb. 5, 1921.

FEB 15 1922

Mr. Francis W. Wilson,
Consulting Engineer,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir,

In order to settle a dispute will you give me your opinion on the list of questions headed "Construction", inclosed herewith. We would like to know if, in your opinion, the time allowed is sufficient for fully answering all the questions.

One party claims that it is. The other party claims that it is not; that in question #1 it would be necessary to figure the roof and floor construction, thickness of walls, door and window lintels, and load per lin. foot that the wall brings onto the footing, before the actual drawing could be started; and that question #6 means a complete operation (area of steel, amount of concrete, size and spacing of stirrups and points at which steel can be bent up into diagonals); that this question is not practically stated, does not show what allowance, if any, can be made for continuity, nor the ^Pdepth of bearings at the supports.

An expression from you will be greatly appreciated by

Yours very truly,

J. G. Ford

403 Chestnut St.,
Wilmington, N. C.

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March 7th, 1931

Mr. O.G. Foard
Wilmington, N.C.

Dear Sir;

Replying to your letter of February 15th;-
In my opinion the time allowed is altogether too short.

Question No.1 alone, if done as I would understand the requirements, might easily take much longer than the time allowed for ALL the questions.

Question No.6 is confusing as to the information furnished, and is also very incomplete as a specification from which to prepare a design for the beam.

It is a difficult matter to prescribe a reasonable and fair allowance of time for work of this kind. The personal equation varies greatly, and it is not always the quickest worker that is the most desirable, as an employee. Usually the reverse is the case.

Question #5 is rather peculiar, - for according to the reading, the trusses are to be designed to support nothing but the dead load. They would certainly be very light.

Hoping that I have replied to your satisfaction, and that my opinion will be of service to you, I am

Very truly yours,

Francis W. Wilson Pres.
Signed by *S.M.H.*
Wilson Engineering Corporation *March 9, 1931*

*Dictated by
Mr. Wilson*

#8

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THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ALBANY

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339 Lexington Ave. N.Y.C.

Feb. 11th. 1921.

Mr. Eric Gugler
No. 101 Park Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter to Mr. D. Everett Waid under date of the 8th. inst.

If Mr. O. G. Foard submits to the Board his certificates or diploma from Columbia College together with a full statement of his experience and period of practice subsequent to graduation from Columbia University, also examples of work done on own account and for others, I believe that the Board will excuse him from personal appearance.

Letters of reference from Architects well known to the Board receive due weight in such a case. It is most important to applicants that a very full record be placed on file with their application since a full record often assures them of registration in other states if they so desire. To this end a very comprehensive statement in an accompanying letter should be filed.

Yours very truly,

Wm F. Bannister

FEB 15 1922

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ORDER

Mar. 3, 1921.

FEB 15 1922

Mr. William P. Bannister, Sec'y.,
State Board for Registration of Architects,
339 Lexington Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of Feb. 11th. to Mr. Gugler and wish to thank you for the information given. I shall be very glad to appear before the Board if you can give me ten days notice of the time, and place, of such meeting. I am mailing to Albany to-day my application and check. Acting on your advice I give in addition the following information:-

My preliminary education was received in the public schools of this town; I was graduated from the Wilmington High School in the Spring of 1902. I entered Trinity College, Durham N.C., the same year and completed the Sophomore work (Junior work in Mathematics) when I was forced to discontinue my college course on account of sickness. I worked for about three years in Wilmington and in the Summer of 1908 went to New York, took special courses in Architecture, and entered the School of Architecture, Columbia University, that Fall. As I was ahead of my class in lecture courses, my schedule being badly interrupted, I dropped out at the end of the Fall Term 1911 - as I remember - and worked with Mr. Murchison and Mr. Greenley until the Spring Term began in 1912. I finished my work in Design with my class, being awarded the Society Columbia University Architects medal for proficiency in Design. I had two minor courses which I finished in the Columbia night school while working in various New York offices (see letters attached to application). From June 1 1912 till Mar. 1 1920 I worked continuously -excepting 1914- as a draftsman doing the customary amount of designing, working drawings, and supervision. On Mar. 1 1920 I entered partnership with Mr. Lynch and am so engaged at the present time.

I have been unable to secure the signatures which I desired on the application and have had to attach original letters, which I trust is not a violation of ~~of~~ your rules.

Very sincerely yours

403 Chestnut St.,
Wilmington, N. C.

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RONALD GREENE
ARCHITECT STRUCTURAL ENGINEER

407 OATES BUILDING, ASHEVILLE, N. C.

February, 14th. 1922.

Members of the Board of Directors,
American Institute of Architects
Octagon House, Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I submit respectfully the following objections relative to the eligibility for membership of Mr. Harry Barton, of North Carolina.

1.That as secretary of the N.C. Board of Architectural Examination and Registration, he makes unfair use of his office to limit the number of Architects wishing to practice in this state.

2.....That in this office he uses its authority in conspiracy with a certain few Architects who have formed a clique who attempt to control work and the architectural politics which exist in this state, in their particular favor.

3.....That he conducts the examinations in an illegal and unfair manner.

Altho I know nothing whatever of Mr. Barton's work as an Architect I therefore write only from the knowledge of his general reputation and my personal experience. In order that these statements may not be classed as "sour grapes", will state that altho I have been located in this state about one year, my period of practice has been one continual fight against the before mentioned clique, and as I was the only man to be granted a certificate out of a large number of applicants (by written examination) and altho I believe my papers were above passing grade; am confident that it was more from the fact that I obtained the original of a defamatory letter written by Mr. Barton to another Architect and read by him before the City School Board in an attempt to discredit my work and give him the contract that several of us were after.

Within four days after I had turned this letter over to my attorneys with instructions to take immediate action, I received my certificate. This and the fact that the contented school contract was awarded to me qualifies me I believe, to send this communication. If the Institute desires I will send detailed account and proof of above charges.

Finally will state that if it so happens that Mr. Barton is given a membership I feel so strongly justified in my opinions, that I will pay my dues one year in advance and resign at once from the Institute.

Very truly

Ronald Greene

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

COPY

March 14, 1922.

Dear Mr. Greene:

With further reference to your letter of February 14th, with regard to the eligibility of Mr. Harry Barton of North Carolina for membership in the Institute, it would be greatly appreciated if you would send for the confidential information of the Executive Committee the "detailed account and proof of above charges" referred to in the next to the last paragraph of your letter.

The Executive Committee will met in New York on April 3rd, and we are most anxious to get this Harry Barton case acted upon finally. Your complete comments would be most helpful to the Committee and would be treated as strictly privileged. Please write fully and freely in order that justice may be done.

By direction of the Secretary:

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Ronald Greene,
407 Oates Building,
Asheville, N. C.

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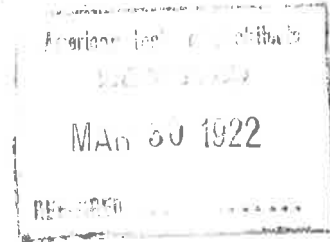
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RONALD GREENE
ARCHITECT STRUCTURAL ENGINEER

407 OATES BUILDING, ASHEVILLE, N. C.

March 29th, 1922.



American Institute of Architects,
Octogen House,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:- Attention: Mr. E. C. Kemper.

As per your request I am preparing a
detailed report on the Harry Barton case.

As I am extremely busy and as the information
which I wish to give takes some time to obtain
in exactly the shape I desire, it may be pos-
sible that this will not reach you before
April 3rd. However, I will the best I can to
get this to you.

Very truly yours,

Ronald Greene

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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April 3, 1922.

My dear Mr. Greene:

This will acknowledge your letter of March 29, and accompanying formal statement of March 31, with regard to the application of Mr. Harry Barton.

The thorough manner in which you have complied to the Institute's request for specific information is appreciated. The document will be treated as confidential and final action will probably be taken at the Executive meeting early in June.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Ronald Greene,
407 Oates Building,
Asheville, N. C.

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April 3, 1922.

Dear Mr. Kohn:

With reference to the application of Mr. Harry Barton, left in your hands for investigation, I enclose herewith a fourteen page letter of March 31, from Mr. Ronald Greene, Institute member of Asheville, which is somewhat more comprehensive than the previous record. He furnished this at the request of this office.

Please return in time for the Executive meeting on June 4, or have it at that meeting for reference.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Robert D. Kohn,
56 West 45th Street,
New York City.

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May 9, 1922.
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Mr. E. C. Kemper,
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper,

I am sending you herewith by registered mail all the correspondence in the matter of the application of Henry Barton of Greensboro, N. C. for membership in the Institute which was referred to me for further inquiry at the last meeting of the Executive Committee.

The only additions to the documents submitted to me are the letters to and from W. H. Lord of Asheville and W. J. Sayward of Atlanta, both of which had better be kept in the file and not transmitted to anyone or referred to in any correspondence.

My recommendation to the Board at its next meeting will be that Mr. Barton should be elected to membership.

Very truly yours,



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CC to Mr. Parker.

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June 26, 1922.

My dear Mr. Barton:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective June 5, 1922.

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

The engrossed Certificate of Membership will be sent to you in due course, after engrossing and signing by the President and Secretary.

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.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Harry Barton,
Greensboro, North Carolina.

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November 11, 1926

Confidential

Dear Mr. Walker:

We have received a confidential inquiry from one who is entitled to the information, concerning Mr. Barry Barton of Greensboro, N. C. Mr. Barton is Secretary of the North Carolina State Board.

Our correspondent would like to know, confidentially, something concerning Mr. Barton's background, the kind of work he does in his community, and his general standing in the community.

In other words, would he be a really desirable man to appoint as an associate architect?

If you would give me a confidential comment in this case, your reply would be helpful and would be used in strict confidence - your name not being mentioned.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Nat G. Walker,
115 Broadway,
Ft. Myers, Fla.

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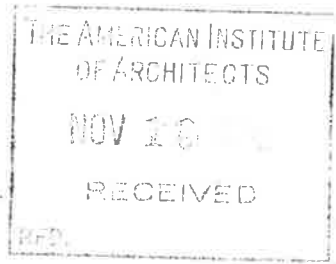


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CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. Edward C. Kemper,
American Institute of Architects,
Washington, D.C.



Dear Ed:

In reply to your letter of the 11th. inst. concerning Mr. Harry Barton of Greensboro, N.C.

I have known Mr. Barton for a number of years and have a very high regard for him. He has one of the best offices in North Carolina, and is very prominent in the business affairs of his city. He was architect for the Guildford County Court House, the State Female College and the best public work in his neighborhood. He is a past-president of the N.C. Association and, if my recollection is correct, also of the N.C. Chapter.

I am pleased to recommend Mr. Barton to you without any reservation or hesitation, because, if anything, he is more liable to lean backward than to "stoop".

On the personal side I am very fond of Mr. Barton and he is very likeable. By some of the men he is considered rather "stiff-laced", but I think this is because he gives part of his leisure time to Sunday School work.

My regards to you.

Sincerely,

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Confidential

November 19, 1926

Dear Mr. Borie:

With further reference to your inquiry concerning Mr. Harry Barton, of Greensboro, N. C., we have a confidential report from an Institute member reading as follows:

"I have known Mr. Barton for a number of years and have a very high regard for him.

"He has one of the best offices in North Carolina, and is very prominent in the business affairs of his city. He was architect for the Guilford County Court House, the State Female College and the best public work in his neighborhood. He is a past-president of the N. C. Association and, if my recollection is correct, also of the N.C. Chapter.

"I am pleased to recommend Mr. Barton to you without any reservation or hesitation, because, if anything, he is more liable to lean backward than to 'stoop'.

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Yours very truly,

~~Executive Secretary~~

Mr. Charles L. Borie, Jr.,
Zantzinger, Borie & Medary,
112 South 16th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Dear Mr. Kemper:
You will be interested in the following -
E.S.Hall

North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering
of the
University of North Carolina
Raleigh, No. Car.

May 12, 1937



Mr. Emery Stanford Hall,
Sec. Treas., N. C. A. R. B.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Sir:

It becomes my sad duty to advise you of the death of Harry Barton, Greensboro, N. C., on May 9th, 1937. He was Secretary of our State Board of Registration.

Mr. Northrup, president of the board has appointed the writer as acting Secretary to take Mr. Barton's place. He also advises me that the delegates to the meeting of the National Council will be:

Willard C. Northrup, Winston-Salem, N.C.
James B. Lynch, Wilmington, N.C.
with Ross Shumaker, Raleigh, N.C. as alternate.

Yours very truly

(Signed) Ross Shumaker

Mailing address:

Box 5445
University of North Carolina
Raleigh, N. C.

CC to Mr. Butler and Mr. Kemper

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May 17, 1937.

Dear Mr. Shumaker:

We have received from Mr. Emery Stanford Hall a copy of your letter to him, announcing the death of Mr. Harry Barton, Institute Member of the North Carolina Chapter.

This news is received with deep regret, for we feel that The Institute, the Chapter, and the profession have lost a valuable member.

If you have at hand any published material or other available data concerning his work and professional life, we would be glad to have it for the historic files of The Institute.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

ECK*B

Mr. Ross Shumaker,
Box No. 5445,
University of North Carolina,
Raleigh, North Carolina.

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W. C. NORTHUP, PRESIDENT
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Greensboro, N. C.

Sept. 13, 1937

Secretary A.I.A.,
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

You are, no doubt, aware of the fact that Mr. Harry Barton of Greensboro, N. C., a member of the A.I.A., died on May 9th of this year. I am requested to obtain certain information about him, particularly the date that Mr. Barton became a member in the A.I.A., and ask that you search your files and give me the exact date of his membership, if possible.

Thanking you for your kind attention in this matter, I am

Yours very truly,

J. Burton Wilder
J. Burton Wilder

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Banner Building,
Greensboro, N. C.



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September 21, 1937.

Dear Mr. Wilder:

In response to your inquiry of September 13:

We write to advise that Mr. Harry Barton was elected to membership in The American Institute of Architects on June 5, 1922.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

ECK:LP

Mr. J. Burton Wilder
N.C. State Board of Archi-
tectural examination and Registration,
Banner Building,
Greensboro, North Carolina.