

## Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, State Architect

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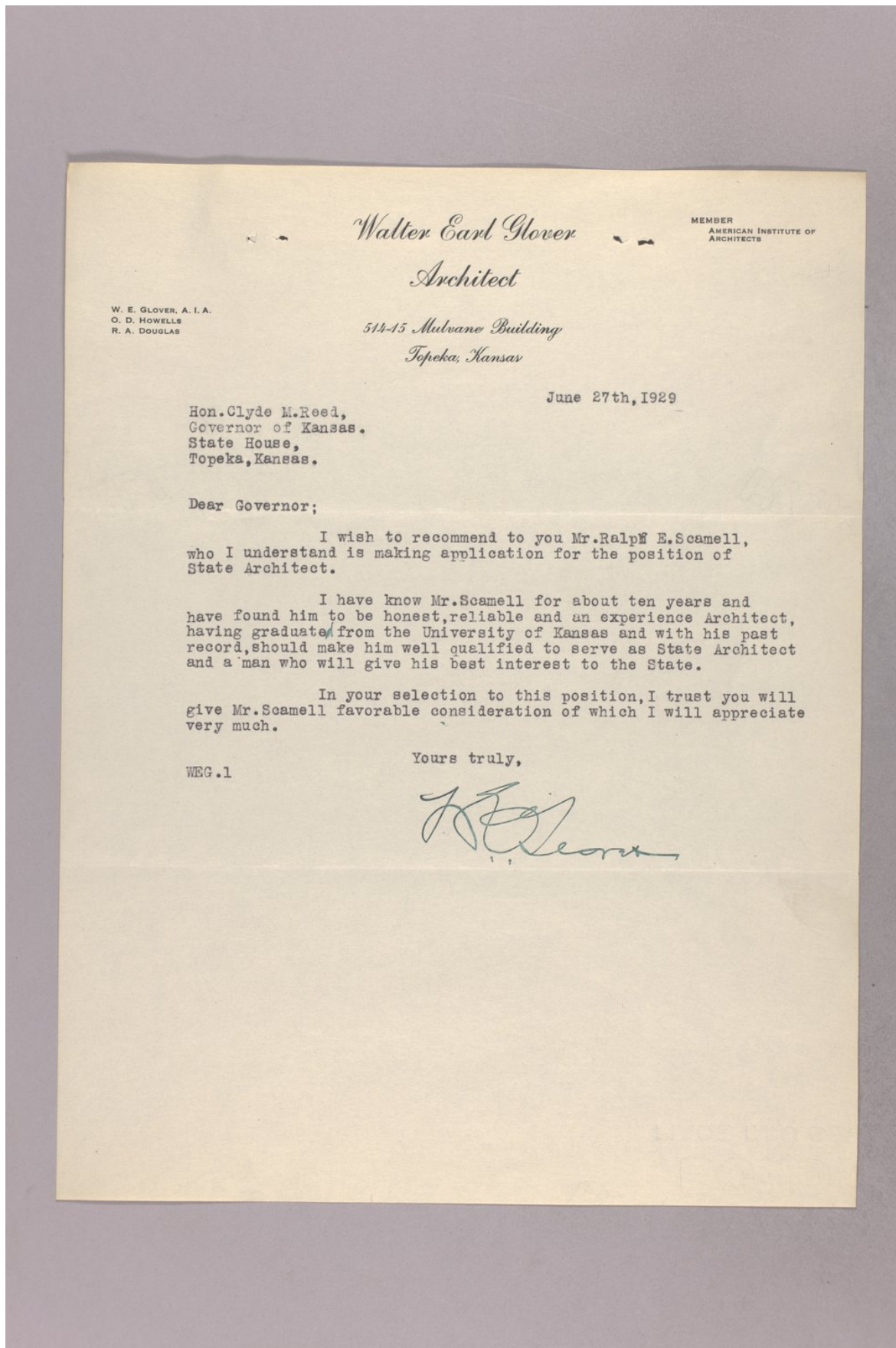
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*Walter Earl Glover*

MEMBER  
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ARCHITECTS

*Architect*

W. E. GLOVER, A. I. A.  
O. D. HOWELLS  
R. A. DOUGLAS

*514-15 Mulvane Building  
Topeka, Kansas*

June 27th, 1929

Hon. Clyde M. Reed,  
Governor of Kansas,  
State House,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor;

I wish to recommend to you Mr. Ralph E. Scamell,  
who I understand is making application for the position of  
State Architect.

I have know Mr. Scamell for about ten years and  
have found him to be honest, reliable and an experience Architect,  
having graduate from the University of Kansas and with his past  
record, should make him well qualified to serve as State Architect  
and a man who will give his best interest to the State.

In your selection to this position, I trust you will  
give Mr. Scamell favorable consideration of which I will appreciate  
very much.

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Yours truly,

*W. E. Glover*

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To whom it may concern:

I wish to state, unreservedly, that I consider  
Mr. R. E. Scamell, Architect of this City, as  
particularly qualified to fill the office of State  
Architect, for the State of Kansas.

I have known Mr. Scamell personally for some time  
and can not speak too highly of his character and  
business reputation. I know that he is exceptionally  
qualified as an architect and would be able to handle  
construction of any type of buildings desired by the  
State. He has a very keen artistic sense, coordinated  
with an excellent idea of all materials of construction,  
and a general understanding of the business relation  
involved in construction work.

This letter is entirely voluntary and is  
unsolicited.

Yours very truly,

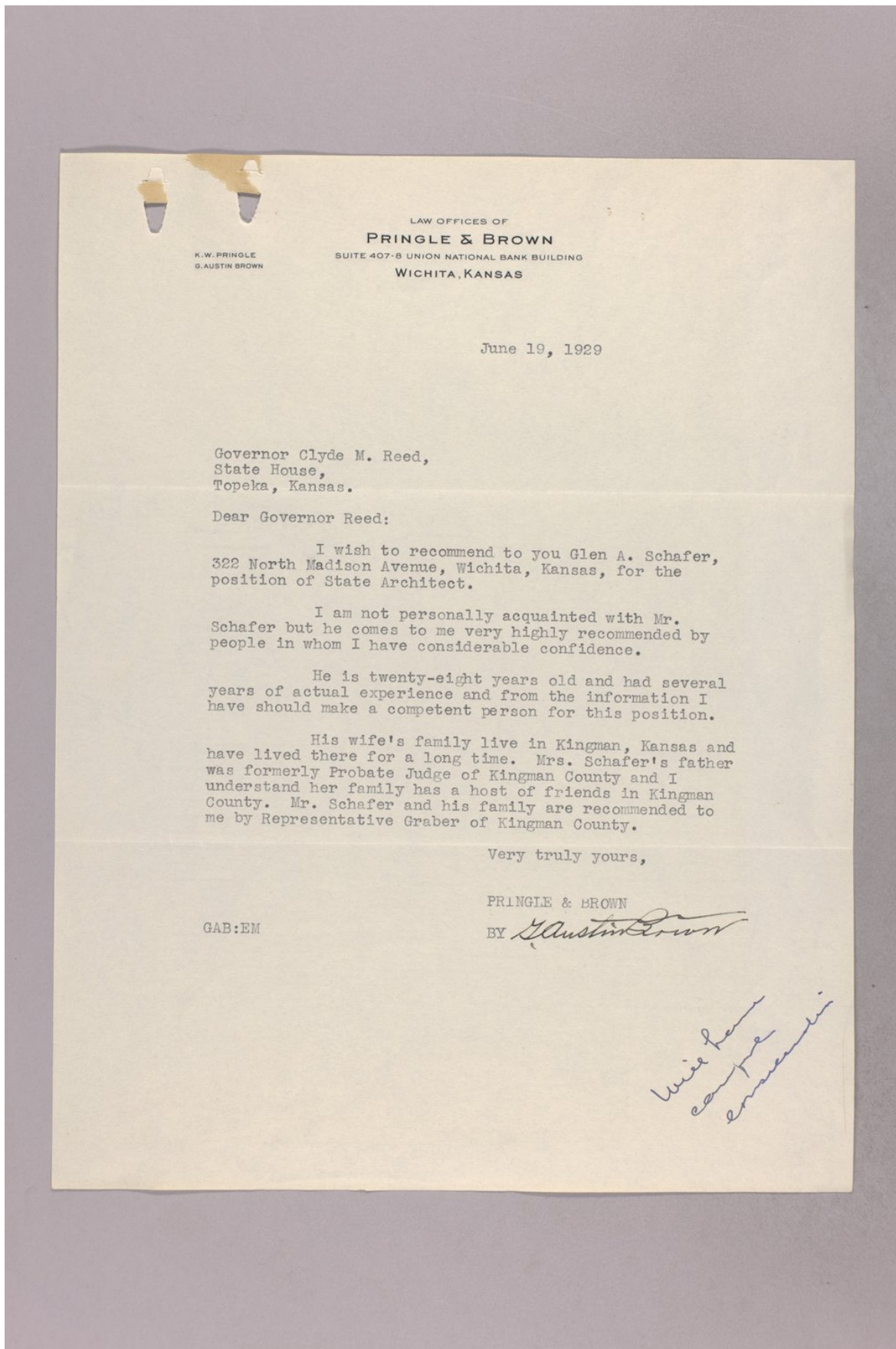
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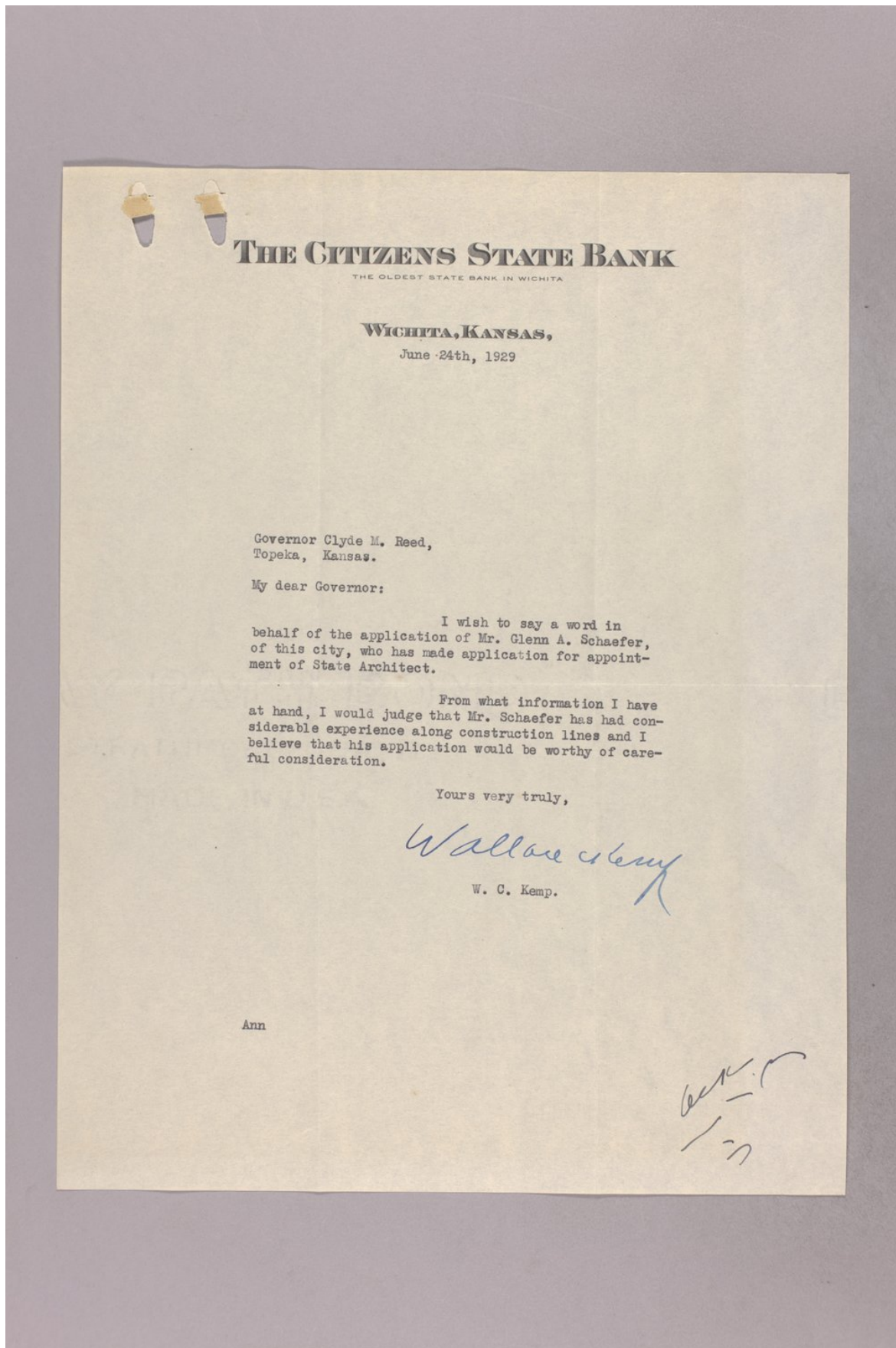
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333 N. Madison Ave.  
Wichita, Kansas  
June 12, 1929

Honorable Sir:-

Not having heard of any appointment to the office of State Architect, I beg to inquire if this position has been supplied, or if I might have your personal consideration for same.

Please be assured that I can fulfill all qualifications for the position, and furnish any references necessary.

Thanking you for your time, your thoughtful consideration, and for an early reply, I am

Very respectfully  
Glenn A. Schaefer.

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HENRY J. ALLEN  
KANSAS

### United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 27, 1929.

Honorable Clyde M. Reed,  
Governor of Kansas,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Clyde:

Mr. Glenn A. Schafer is an applicant for the position of State Architect. He has a fine following here amongst our friends.

I realize that in case you are looking for a new State Architect, the very first thing you would be interested in knowing about Mr. Schafer is whether he is competent to handle the work. His recommendations indicate to me that he is, but he ought to have an interview with you which would give you a chance to pass upon him and upon the question of his experience.

I don't want to bother you, because I know how busy you are, but if there is a chance that you might be interested in Schafer, I want to bespeak for him an interview and your consideration of his application. He is a fine type of young man, and I recommend him to you. If there isn't any chance, tell me frankly so that none of us will be wasting our time on a blind lead.

Sincerely,





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RAY L. GAMBLE

ARCHITECT  
114 WEST EIGHTH AVENUE  
TOPEKA, KANSAS

Apr. 3, 1929.

Mon. Clyde M. Reed, Governor,  
Topeka, Kansas,  
Dear Sir:

Sometime ago I applied to you for appointment to  
the office of State Architect (If it was your intention to  
make a change in this office)

If it is your pleasure to talk this over with me at  
any time I can be reached by 'phone in the state architects  
office. I am chief draftsman in this office now.

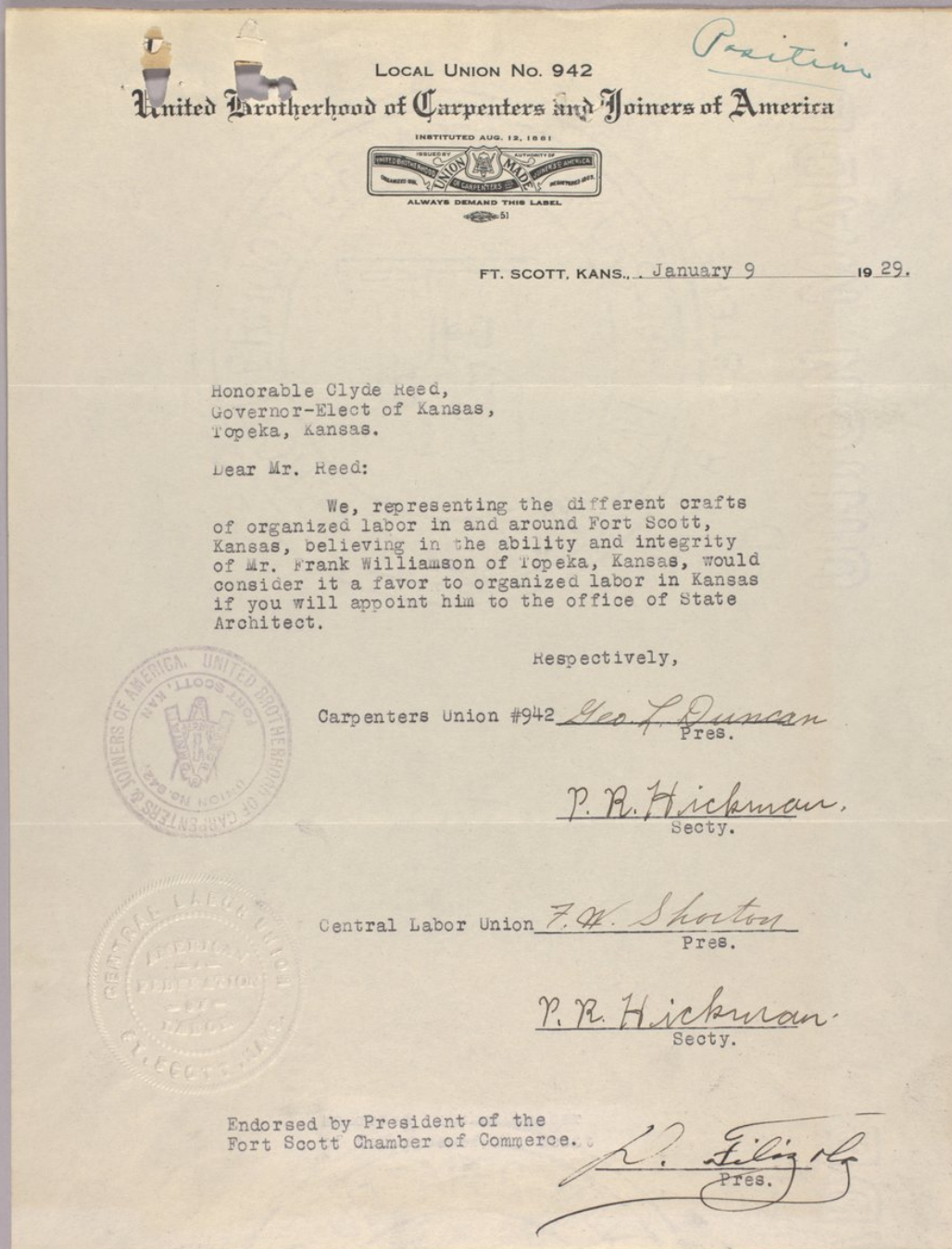
Respectfully,

*RL Gamble*

*Am not  
ready yet*



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Frank Williams  
State Architect

January 24, 1929

Mr. W. W. Noltemeyer  
The Wichita Trades and Labor Assembly  
1110 South Wichita Street  
Wichita, Kansas

My dear Mr. Noltemeyer:

Governor Reed directs me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 29 in which you state that the Wichita Trades and Labor Assembly wish to endorse Mr. Frank Williams for the position of State Architect, and to say it is being filed for his careful consideration when he is ready to take action on these matters. However, it is unlikely that he will give much attention to appointments before early spring.

The Governor regrets the delay in this matter which is occasioned by the voluminous correspondence preceding his inauguration.

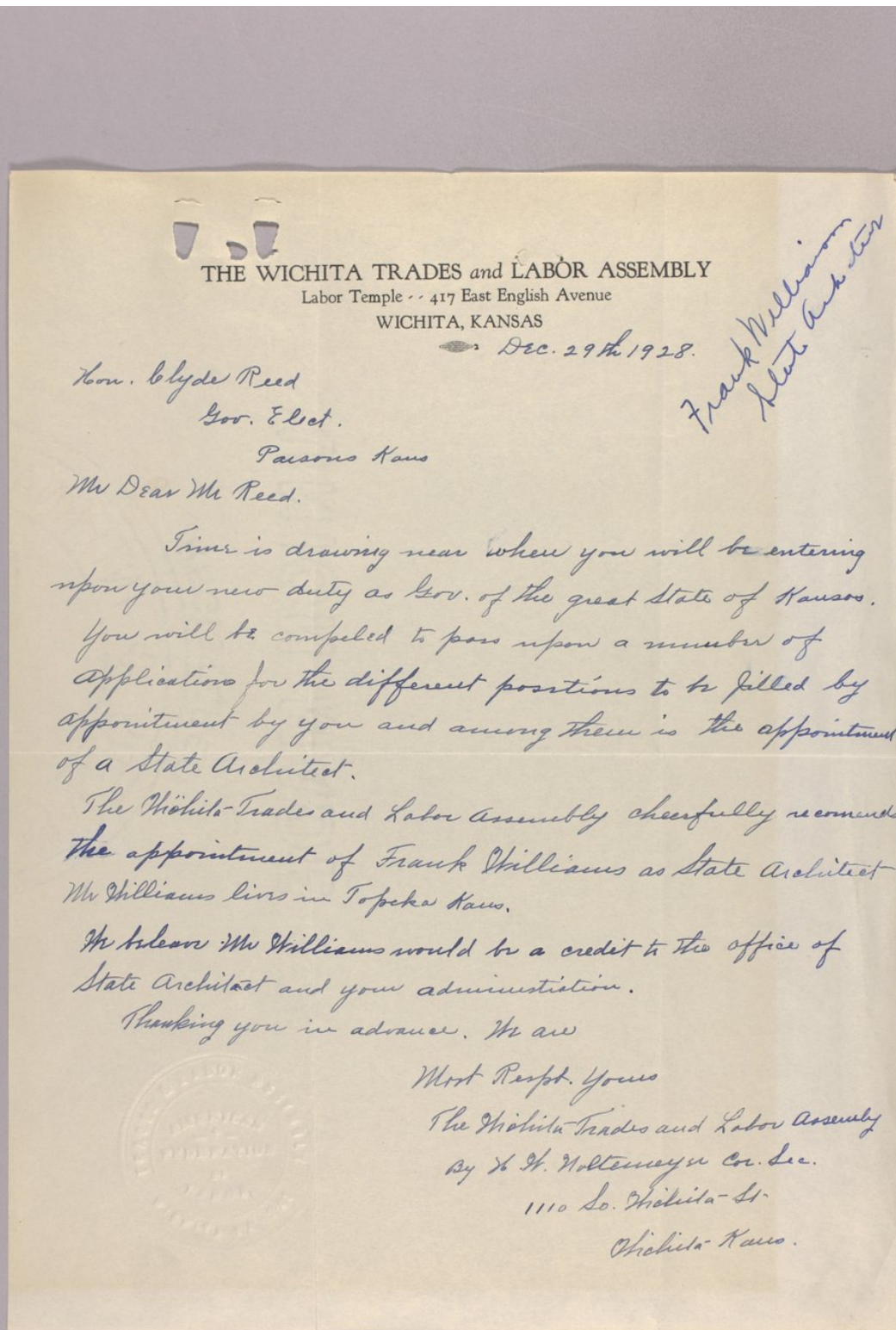
Very truly yours

Secretary to the Governor

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*Frank Williams*  
*St. architect*

February 16, 1929.

Mr. David Roberts,  
1950 South Market Street,  
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Roberts:-

Governor Reed has directed me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 15th with resolution from your local union endorsing Frank Williams of Topeka for appointment as State Architect.

Governor Reed wishes to advise the members of your local union that he will give careful consideration to their endorsement and Mr. Williams when the time comes for this appointment to be made.

Thanking you, I am,

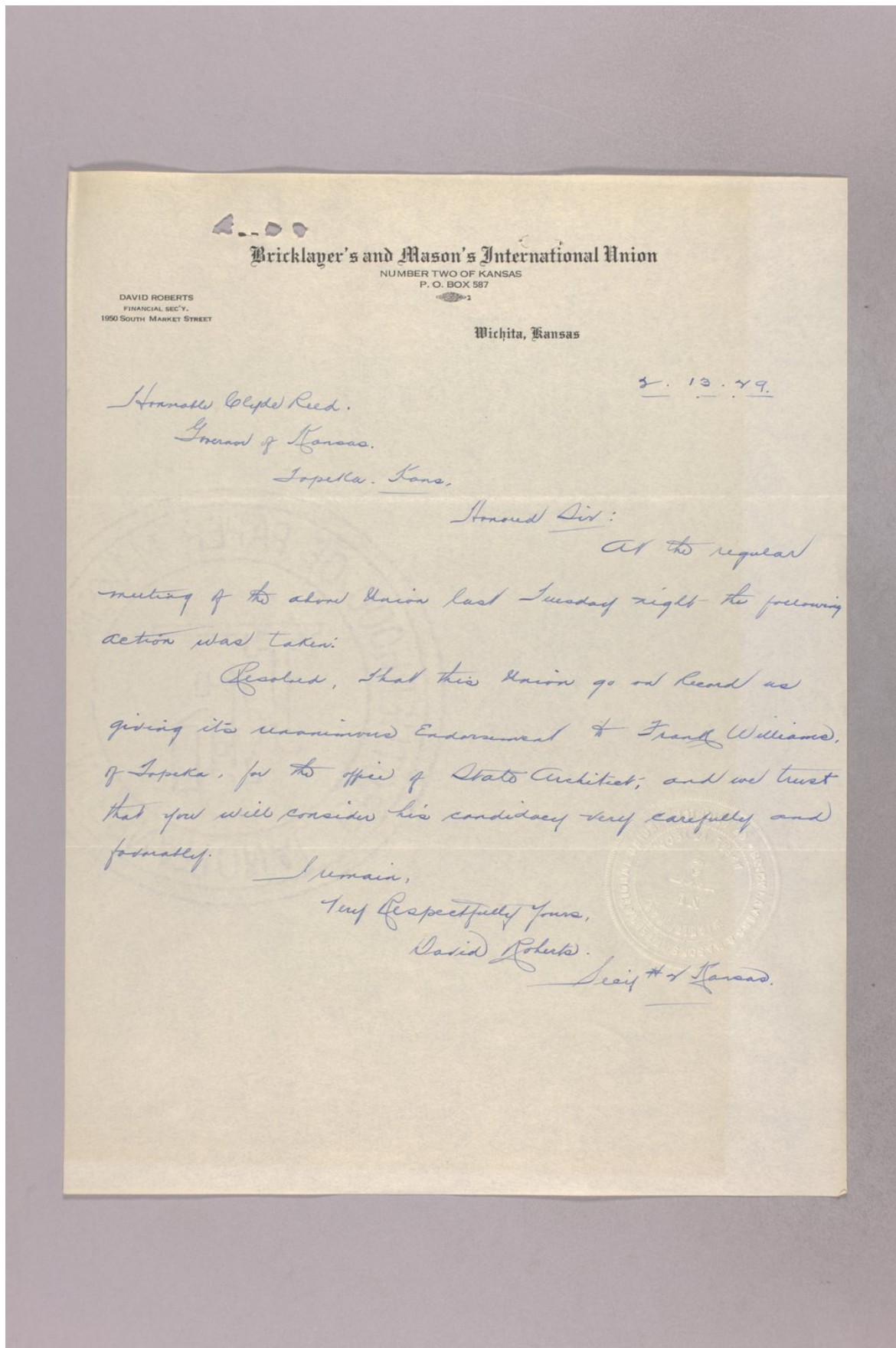
Very truly yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.



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*Frank Williams*  
*State Architect*

February 18, 1929

Mr. O. H. Blase,  
Secretary,  
Lathers' International Union, No. 185,  
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Blase:

Governor Reed has directed me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 16th endorsing Frank Williams of Topeka, for appointment as State Architect.

The Governor wishes you to know that this endorsement of your local union will receive his most careful consideration when the time for this appointment arrives. It is not likely that any action will be taken on this matter until after the adjournment of the legislature.

Thanking you, I am

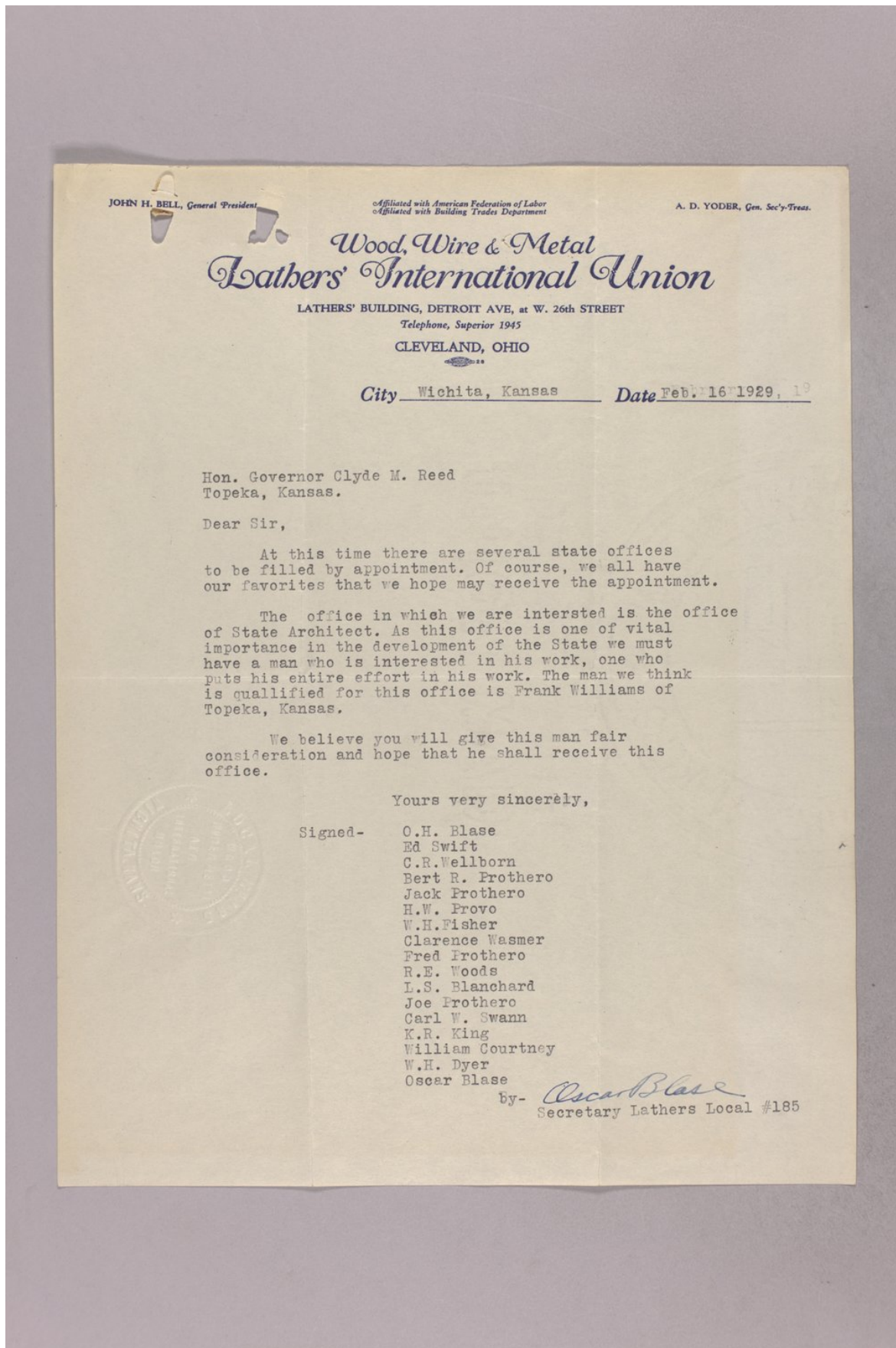
Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Frank Williamson  
State Architect

January 25, 1929

Mr. Frank Higgins  
Recording Secretary  
United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners  
Local No. 1198  
Independence, Kansas

My dear Mr. Higgins:

Governor Reed directs me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 5 endorsing on behalf of your brotherhood Mr. Frank Williamson of Topeka for the position of State Architect, and to say it is being filed for his careful consideration when he is ready to take action on these matters.

However, it is unlikely that he will give much attention to appointments before early spring.

Very truly yours

Secretary to the Governor

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*United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners*  
OF AMERICA

**Independence Union No. 1198**

INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS, January 3, 1929

Your Excellency Clyde Reed  
Governor of the State of Kansas

At the meeting of Local # 1198 United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of Independence Kansas, I, as Recording Secretary was instructed to address you, requesting your Excellency to appoint Mr. Frank Williamson of Topeka Kansas, to the office of State Architect.

I am also instructed to place the Seal of the local on this letter, showing it to be the request of the entire Local.

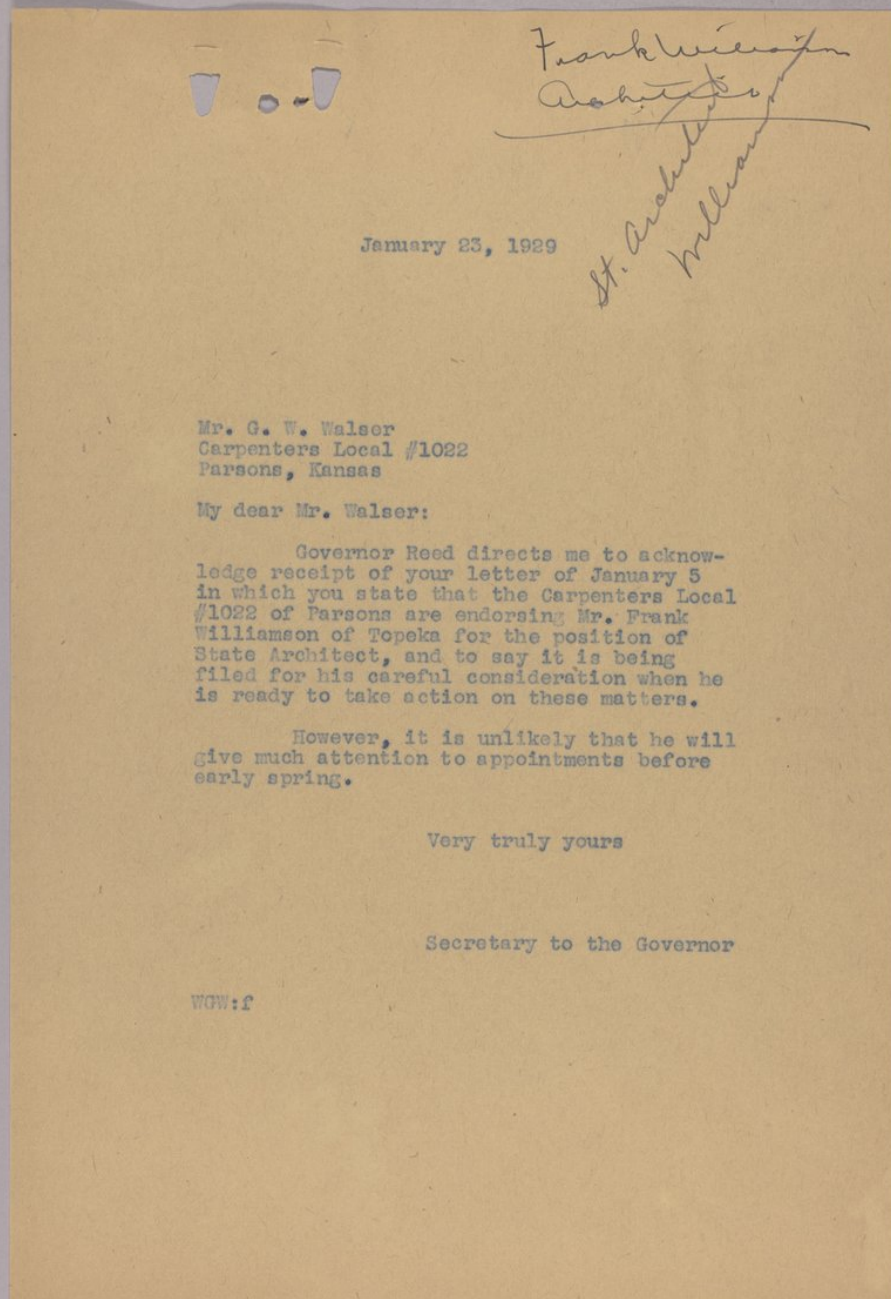
Thanking you for your courtesy, I am  
Respectfully yours,

*Frank Higgins*

Recording Secretary  
Local # 1198

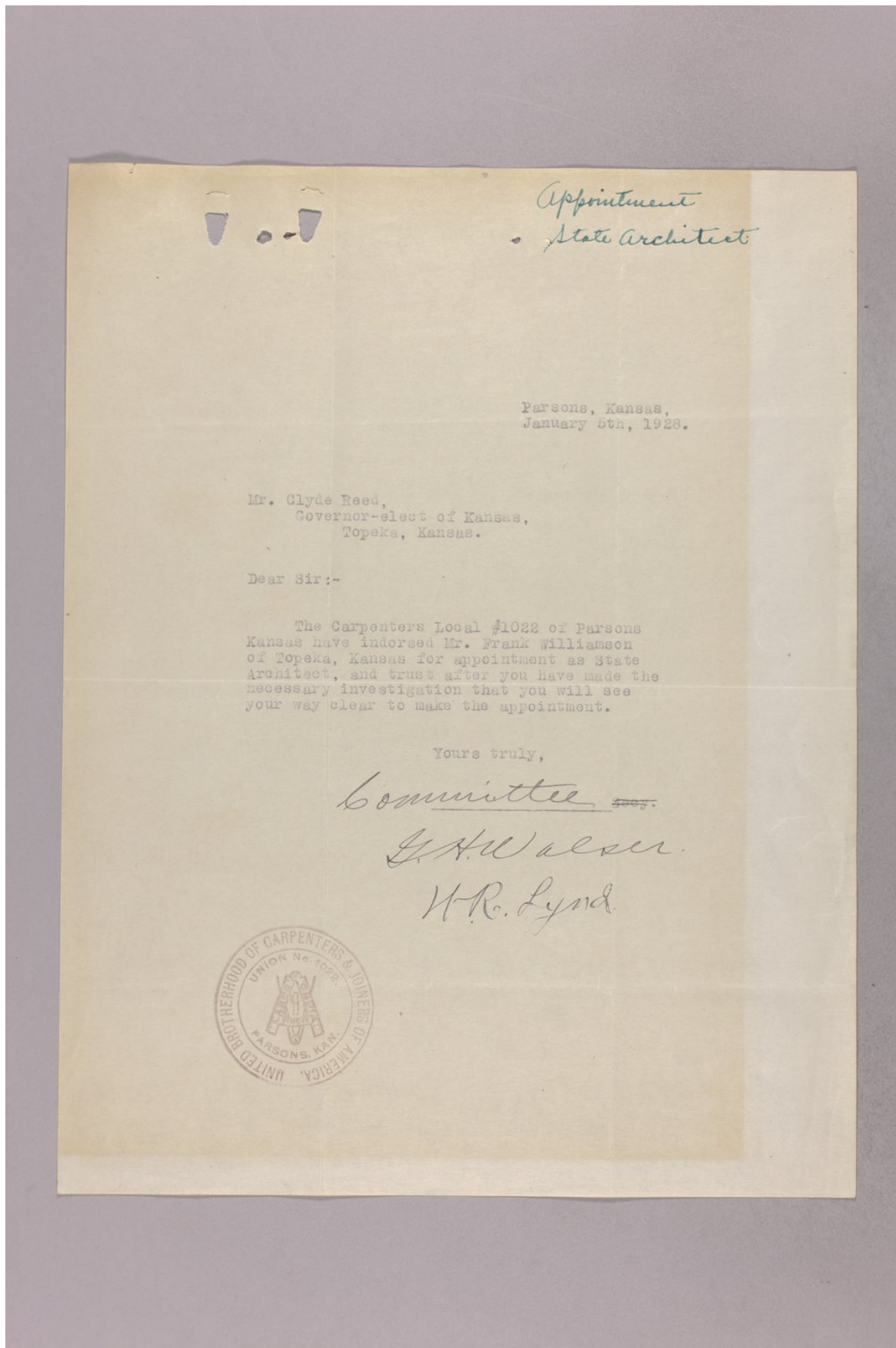
Address 111 1/2 N. Penn. Ave.

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Architect  
Williamson

January 17, 1929

Mr. R. R. Jarrett, Recording Agent,  
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers,  
Local Union 417,  
1516 Maple,  
Coffeyville, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Jarrett:

Governor Reed asks me to  
acknowledge receipt of your communica-  
tion of January 11th endorsing Mr.  
Williamson for state architect.

Your recommendation will be  
given careful consideration at the time  
this appointment is made, but it is not  
likely that the Governor will get to the  
matter of appointments until after the  
legislative session is over.

Very truly yours,


Secretary to the Governor.

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*Appointment*



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD  
**ELECTRICAL WORKERS**  
LOCAL UNION NO 417 OF Boffeyville  
Kans

(Printed in U. S. A.)

Address of Writer 1516 maple  
Jan 11 1927

Mr Clyde Reed,  
Topeka  
Kans

Dear Sir.

as our Local Union went on  
Record, for the appointmet  
of Mr Geo. Williamson as state  
architect. Please give us  
this certificate.

Yours Truly  
R R Janett  
Recording Sec.



## Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, State Architect

January 8, 1929.

*Frank Williams  
St. Architect  
Shawnee Co*

Mr. Ed. F. Pollock,  
R. F. D. #6,  
Wichita, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Pollock;

Mr. Reed directs me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th inst. endorsing Mr. Frank Williams, for the position of State Architect, and to say your letter is being filed for careful consideration when giving attention to this subject, but his time is so taken up with legislative matters that it is not likely he will get to appointments before spring.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor


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Address of Writer Ed. F. Pollock, R.F.D. #6,  
Wichita, Kansas.

 **BROTHERHOOD OF**  
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**OF AMERICA**

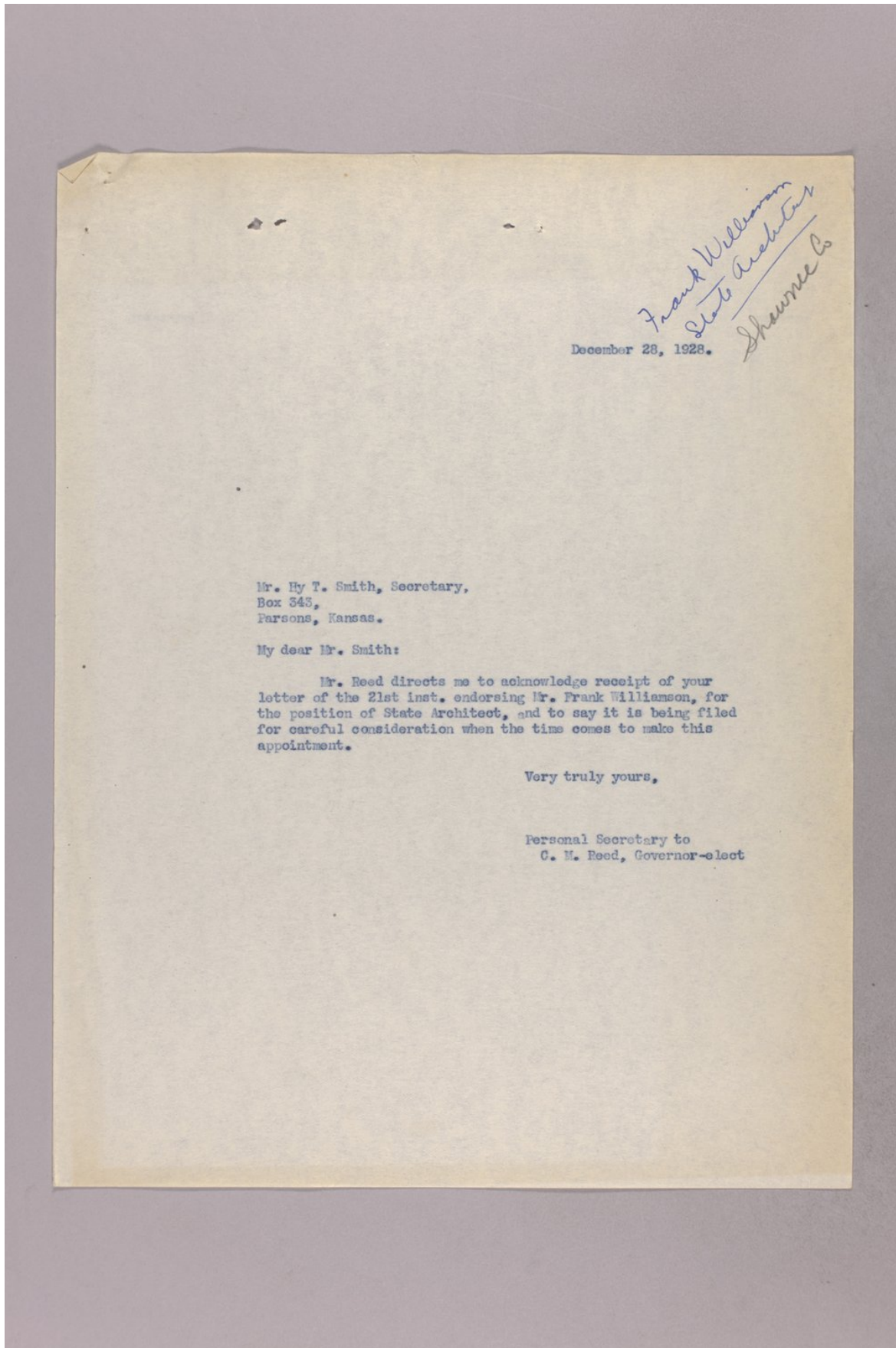
Consisting of House, Sign, Pictorial, Coach, Car, Carriage,  
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Grainers, Glaziers, Varnishers, Enamellers and Gilders.

Union No. 76 of Wichita, Kans.  
Jan. 7 4 1929

Governor Reed,  
Topeka, Kans. *Frank Williams*  
Dear Sir: We wish *State Architect*  
you to know that we -  
as a unit - heartily en-  
dorse Frank Williams  
for the office of  
State Architect. *Frank Williams*  
We sincerely  
hope he will be your  
choice.

Very respectfully submitted by,  
Ed. F. Pollock,  
Recording Secretary.

## Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, State Architect



December 28, 1928.

Mr. Hy T. Smith, Secretary,  
Box 343,  
Parsons, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Smith:

Mr. Reed directs me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. endorsing Mr. Frank Williamson, for the position of State Architect, and to say it is being filed for careful consideration when the time comes to make this appointment.

Very truly yours,

Personal Secretary to  
C. M. Reed, Governor-elect



## Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, State Architect

Parsons Central Labor Body  
PARSONS, KANSAS

December 21, 1928

Clyde M. Reed Gov.-Elect,  
1526 Morgan,  
Parsons, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Reed:

At a recent meeting of Parsons Central Body, representing the union labor of Parsons, I was instructed to send the congratulations of the Central Body to upon your recovery from your recent illness and also best wishes for a successful administration as governor.

The Central Body also wishes to endorse Mr. Frank Williamson for the position of State Architect, which the Central Body understands is an appointive office to be filled by you.

Mr. Williamson is connected with the well known firm of Williamson & Son of Topeka. He is a brother of the senior member of the firm. He is, we think you will find upon investigation, fully capable and efficient and fair minded.

The Central Body would be more than pleased to have Mr. Williamson receive this appointment as State Architect and believes that you will find that he will fill the office with credit to the incoming administration.

Again wishing you great success during the coming years, we beg to remain

Respectfully yours,

Parsons Central Labor Body,

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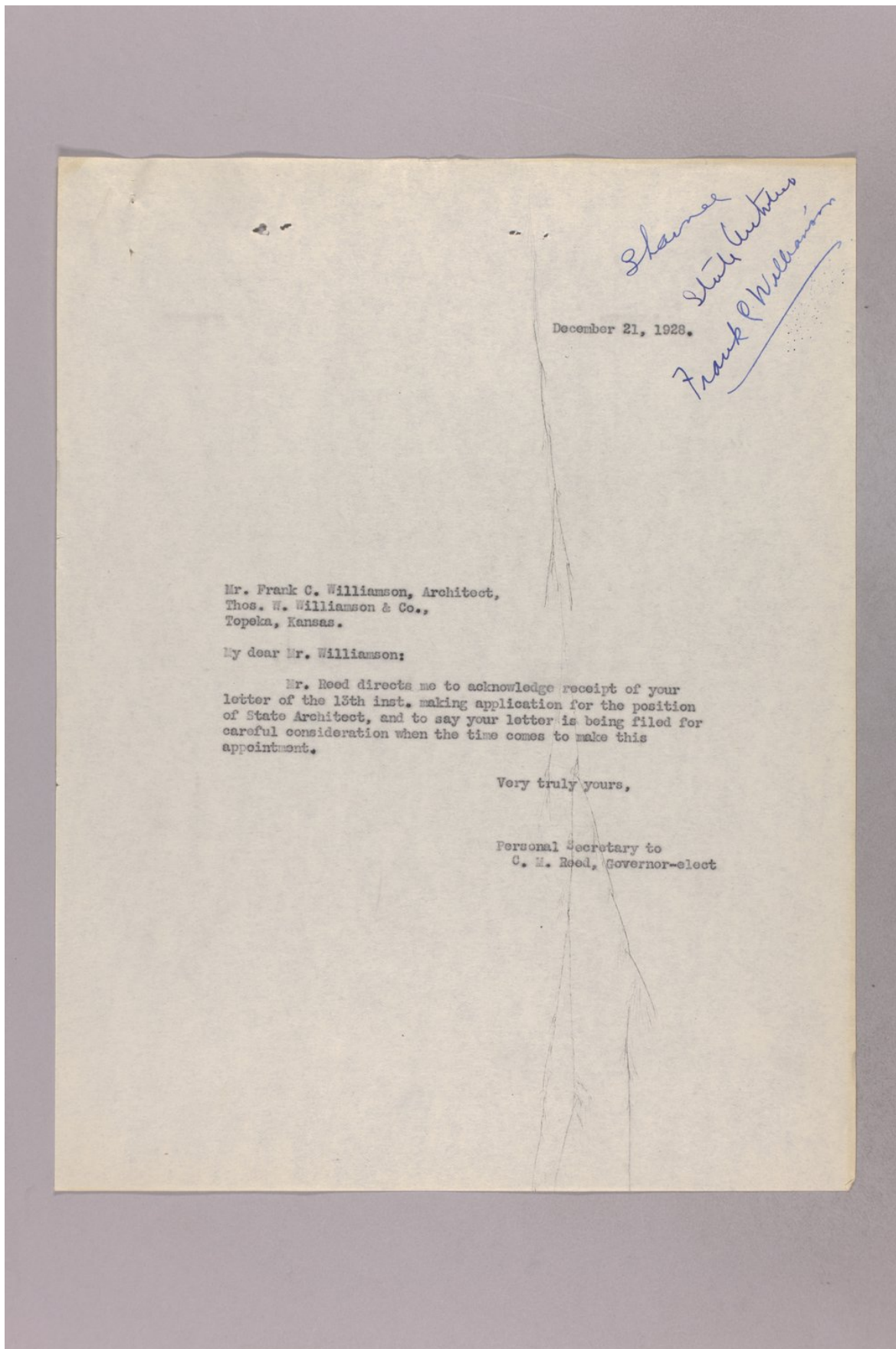
*Hy T Smith*

Secretary,

Box 343

*Frank Williamson  
St. Architect.*

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THOS. W. WILLIAMSON & CO.

Architects

TOPEKA, KANSAS

December 13, 1928.

*State Architect  
Thos. W. Williamson*

Honorable Clyde M. Reed, Governor Elect,  
State of Kansas,  
Parsons, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I wish to file my name as an applicant for the position of State Architect.

I am now, and have for the past thirteen years, with the exception of the time I spent in the army, been associated with the firm of Thos. W. Williamson & Company of this city.

We have been engaged, almost entirely throughout this period, in designing and supervising the erection of public buildings of all types. The list of buildings for which we have drawn the plans includes memorial buildings, court houses, churches, institutional and commercial buildings, and a large number of educational buildings ranging from grade schools to college buildings.

Some of our buildings with which you are probably the most familiar, are the Municipal building and the Junior and Senior High School buildings at Parsons and the Jayhawk Hotel and Theatre, the Masonic Temple and Christ Hospital building at Topeka. We also designed the Baker Science building at Baldwin, the Art Museum and the Field House for Washburn College at Topeka, and three of the buildings at Sterling College.

My own part of this work has been varied. I have worked on some of these buildings in the capacity of draftsman, and on others as supervisor of construction. Within the last few years, I have had considerable experience in specification writing and in the letting of contracts and the various other phases of an Architect's work.

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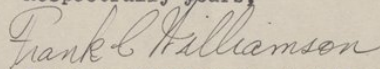
Among the buildings over which I have had complete supervision are the Christ Hospital building, and the new Washburn Field House which is now nearing completion.

I believe that the experience which I have gained on buildings of such a similar nature to those which come under the supervision of the State Architect has made me fully competent to satisfactorily discharge the duties of that position.

I respectfully submit my name as an applicant for the position of Architect for the State of Kansas, and I wish to thank you in advance for whatever consideration you feel justified in giving me.

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C  
W  
/WB

Respectfully yours,



Frank C. Williamson, Architect.



## Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, State Architect

RAY L. GAMBLE & CO.  
ARCHITECTS

114 W. 8<sup>th</sup> ST.  
TOPEKA, KANSAS  
PHONE 25910.

Nov. 30, 1928.

Hon. Clyde M. Reed,  
Parsons, Kan.  
Dear Sir:

If it is your intention to make a change in the State Architect's office, will you kindly consider me as a candidate for this position.

As you will probably remember, I was State Architect during Governor Capper's and Governor Allen's administrations. Governor Davis appointed a Democrat to succeed me in office at a time when a large number of state buildings were under construction and the result was that many of these buildings were not well finished due to the inexperience of my successor.

During my terms of office I planned many of the best buildings the state has and also planned many others while employed as chief draughtsman in the state architects office, under other architects. During Governor Paulens Administration I have held the position of chief draughtsman and in that capacity have written all of the specifications and had charge of planning all of the buildings.

I believe Ex-Governors Capper and Allen would recommend me for the position of State Architect.

I am not a politician and have held office through merit and not through political influence. However I have always been a Republican and gave you my support during the recent campaign and election.

I will briefly outline a few of my qualifications for this office:

- (1) My ability and long experience as an architect.
- (2) In accordance with the requirements of the law I "devoted my entire time to the duties of the office" and would do so if appointed to this office again.  
The last legislature increased the salary of the State Architect to \$4,000.00 per year with the understanding that he would be sufficiently compensated to enable him to comply with the law and devote his entire time to the office and not travel around at the expense of the state in securing private work and then neglect the state work and charge draftsman's salaries to the building funds while the chief draftsman attended to the work the state architect should do.
- (3) My long experience in planning work for the various state institutions and my familiarity with the requirements of these institutions.

I realize that I may be somewhat premature in making this application but if you will kindly file it for future reference and consider it when the proper time comes I will certainly appreciate your consideration

Respectfully,

*R. L. Gamble*

*R. L. Gamble  
State Architect*

## Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, State Architect



STATE OF KANSAS  
OFFICE OF STATE ARCHITECT  
CHAS. D. CUTHBERT  
TOPEKA

*State Architect*

November 30th, 1928.

Gov. Clyde M. Reed,  
Parsons, Kansas.

Dear Governor:

I hesitate to bother you at this time knowing you are a very busy man, but merely wish to express my desire to carry on and complete the large building program which we have under construction at this time and to complete our plans for proposed buildings for your administration.

Being appointed by Governor Paulen four years ago, it has been my endeavor to build up the work of the State Architect's office to an enviable position, and to build such buildings for the state as will stand monuments, of sound construction, good design and with a minimum of upkeep cost in future years.

I have not only had the State's interest, but my own interest of a State wide reputation at heart and I know that with your wide experience with the State affairs in the past and my present knowledge of all of the state buildings, we can be of vast help in carrying out the building program of your administration.

Coming as I do from a family of builders, my father having built monumental buildings over the entire state, I have not only had actual experience on construction work and estimating costs, but have had a thorough architectural training being a graduate of the School of Architecture, Washington University, St. Louis, and also, ten years as a successful practicing architect in Topeka.

The modern Architect must surround himself with a business organization and up-to-date methods; this we have done with a complete system of files and bookkeeping and I do not hesitate to say I believe our office is in better shape to function more efficiently than ever before.

I trust that sometime at your leisure in Topeka I may have the pleasure of an interview or a visit and go into the work of our office more in detail.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours respectfully,

*Chas D Cuthbert*  
State Architect.

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