

Pancoast, Russell J.
Florida South

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Application for Membership

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 Russell T. Pancoast

Address 1139 Lincoln Rd. Miami Beach Fla.

Place and date of birth Marchantville N.J. 1899

Graduate in architecture Cornell - 1922

Holder of Scholarship in architecture _____

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

If practicing architect, firm name Russell T. Pancoast

Have been in practice 3 years. If draughtsman, employed by _____

Collegiate and office training _____

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) Russell J. Pancoast
[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) Class 2 Member
[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. _____ (4) August Leizer

(Essential if Registered) _____ (5) Richard Mitchell

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. _____ (6) Nathaniel Lehmann

(7) _____
NUMBER

[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.]

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RUSSELL T. PANCOAST

ARCHITECT

1120 LINCOLN ROAD

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

June 11, 1929



The American Institute of Architects
The Octagon,
1741 New York Ave.,
Washington, D. C.

Att: Mr. E. T. Kemper, Exec. Sec.

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing a check for \$25.00 covering my dues for a year in advance, should I be approved as a member of the Institute. I am also sending under separate cover my diploma from Cornell University.

I wish to thank you for your letter of May 27th which notified me that these things were necessary.

Yours very truly,

Russell T. Pancoast

RUSSELL T. PANCOAST,
Architect.

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*Letter + check out
File with app
for June Board of
Exec. FIB*

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American Institute of Architects
6/18/29

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

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September 14, 1929

Dear Mr. Pancoast:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in The American Institute of Architects, effective September 14, 1929.

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

A Membership Card is enclosed.

An engrossed Certificate of Membership in The American Institute of Architects is also sent herewith.

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. Russell T. Pancoast,
1139 Lincoln Road,
Miami Beach, Florida.

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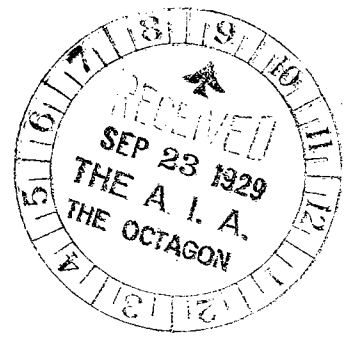
RUSSELL T. PANCOAST

ARCHITECT

1130 LINCOLN ROAD

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

Sept. 20, 1929



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Mr. E. C. Kemper,
The Octagon,
1741 New York Ave.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:-

This letter is to
acknowledge the receipt of certificate
of membership for which I wish to thank
you.

Yours very truly,

RUSSELL T. PANCOAST,
Architect

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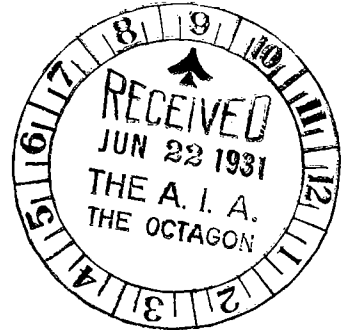
RUSSELL T. PANCOAST

ARCHITECT

159 LINCOLN ROAD

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

June 19, 1931



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

Dear Mr. Kemper:-

I have Mr. Ackerman's letter
which you forwarded to me. Many thanks
for your efforts in my behalf.

It looks as though we would
have to solve the problem here as best
we can. Mr. Ackerman has apparently con-
fused me with someone else, since he refers
to a long talk he had with me. I have
never met Mr. Ackerman.

Yours very truly,

RUSSELL T. PANCOAST

RTP:D

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

COPY

June 15, 1937.

Dear Mr. Pancoast:

Mr. Stefan H. Zacher, whom you proposed for membership in The Institute, was admitted to such membership on June 15, 1937, and assigned to the Florida South Chapter.

The Board thanks you sincerely for your interest on behalf of the new member and The Institute.

Sincerely,

Chas. J. Ingham

Secretary.

CTI*B

Mr. Russell T. Pancoast, A. I. A.,
First National Bank Building,
Miami Beach, Florida.

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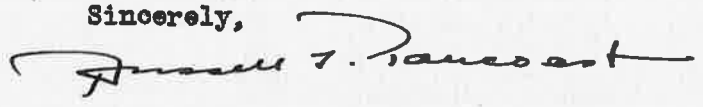
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American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

"The Octagon" and confidential mail is being sent to me in duplicate, one copy addressed to First National Bank Building, Miami Beach, Florida, and the other to Post Office Box 2307, Miami Beach. Please discontinue the First National Bank address and discontinue the extra copies.

Sincerely,



RTF:EMS

RUSSELL T. PANCOAST

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JOHN E. PETERSEN, *President*
605 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach

FRANK E. WATSON, *Vice-Pres.*
1532 Dupont Bldg., Miami

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605 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach

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1101 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach



THE FLORIDA SOUTH CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
MIAMI, FLORIDA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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I.A.A. Director for Chapter

NINETEEN FIFTY

November 1, 1950

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
The Octagon
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

The following action was taken by the Executive Board of Florida South Chapter of the Institute at their October meeting.

WHEREAS, this Executive Committee believes Russell T. Pancoast, a member of this Chapter, has made notable contributions to the advancement of the profession because of his achievements, that he is worthy of a Fellowship in the Institute, and that he is a member of good standing in this Chapter for approximately 25 consecutive years immediately prior to this date.

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Florida South Chapter of the American Institute does hereby nominate Russell T. Pancoast a Fellowship in the Institute, and therefore, the President and the Secretary be and hereby are authorized and directed to prepare the nomination papers and forward them to the Jury of Fellows of the Institute, and to do all things proper to forward said nomination.

We hope that Mr. Pancoast's nomination will receive a favorable reception.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary
Frank E. Watson
Vice President, Fla. South Chapter



Received Nov. 1, 19 50
Voted On 19 .
Voted On 19 .
Voted On 19 .
Granted 19 .

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
JURY OF FELLOWS

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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. Name of Nominee Russell Thorn Pancoast Date of Nomination Oct. 28, 19 50
2. Address of Nominee 927 - 41st Street, Miami Beach, Florida
3. Nominee's firm Russell T. Pancoast and Associates
4. Nominee's principal place of business , Florida
5. Nominee's Chapter Florida South Chapter, A.I.A.
6. Nominee's State ^{Organization} ~~Association Member~~ Florida Association of Architects, A.I.A.
7. Nominee admitted to Institute 1929 19 .
8. Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from 1929 ~~19~~ to Dec. 31, 19 50
9. Nominee's age 52 Birthplace Merchantville, N.J.
10. Nominators: Executive Committee, Florida South Chapter, A.I.A.

11. Achievement in Design, Service to The Institute, and Public Service.

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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

BY CHAPTER

THE JURY OF FELLOWS
The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue,
Washington 6, D. C.

Date October 28 19 50

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on October 27 1950 *Type in full name.
nominated* Russell Thorn Pancoast
member of this Chapter, for fellowship in The Institute. We enclose evidence of the qualifications of the nominee for the fellowship on which the nomination was based and certify the resolution is as follows:

"Whereas, this Executive Committee believes* Russell Thorn Pancoast
a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the profession because of his achievement in** Design, Service to The Institute, and
that he is worthy of fellowship in The Institute; and Public Service,

*Type in full name.

**Type in "Design," "Science of Construction," "Literature," "Education," "Service to The Institute," or "Public Service," as is appropriate.

"Whereas, said member has been in good standing in this Chapter for† twenty-one consecutive years immediately prior to this date; therefore be it

†Type in number of years.

"Resolved, That‡ The Florida South Chapter,
The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate*
Russell Thorn Pancoast

‡Type in name of Chapter.

*Type in full name.

for fellowship in The Institute, and the President and the Secretary be and hereby are authorized and directed to prepare the nomination papers and forward them to The Jury of Fellows of The Institute and to do all things proper to forward said nomination."

Herndon Lewis
August J. Jennings
John Edwin Petersen Pres.
Herbert Johnson
Frank E. Watson
Acting Secretary.

THE NOMINATORS SHOULD SEE THAT LETTERS OR DATA ARE SENT TO THE JURY OF FELLOWS IN SUPPORT OF THIS NOMINATION.

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BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

- 1. Nominee's full name Russell Thorn Pancoast
- 2. Nominee is a natural ~~naturalized~~ citizen of United States of America
- 3. Nominee's legal residence 4341 Sheridan Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida
- 4. Nominee's firm name Russell T. Pancoast and Associates
- 5. Nominee's principal place of business, address 927 - 41st Street, Miami Beach, Florida
- 6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by - Florida, by exemption, 1925
Senior Examination N.C.A.R.B. #178,
1939.

2. Strike out in-
appropriate word
and write in name
of Country.

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6. Type in "N.C.
A. R. B." or
name of State
Board, as case
may be.

7. Strike out in-
appropriate
words.

8. Type in date
of birth and city
and Country.

- 7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a practicing architect ~~teacher in architecture~~
~~teacher in science of construction public officials~~
- 8. Born February 13, 1899. Place of birth Merchantville, New Jersey

9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:

	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
<i>High School</i>				
Miami High School	Miami, Fla.	2	-	-
<i>Private School</i>				
George School	Bucks County, Pa.	3	1918	-
<i>College or University</i>				
Cornell University	Ithaca, N. Y.	4	1922	B. of Arch.
<i>College or University</i>				
U. of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia, Pa.	1 term	-	-

Scholarships held

- 10. Other data concerning nominee's record.
The Nominee started his office training at the Philadelphia office of Simon and Simon, and after about six months transferred to the office of Day & Klander of the same city. He then moved to Florida and worked for Kiehnel & Elliott. Beginning in the fall of 1923 he spent six months in Europe and North Africa, and returned to take charge of a Miami Beach branch office for Kiehnel & Elliott. In January 1926 he formed a partnership, Pancoast & Sibbert, at Miami Beach, and practiced architecture under that name until July 1927, and then under his own name until 1941. During the war years the Nominee took over the management of several corporations and managed a small shipyard doing war work. He also contributed and ran his own boat for the U. S. Coast Guard, with the rating of Chief Boatswain. As the Coast Guard obtained more equipment and less men, the nominee was commissioned and was disenrolled with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. After the war the nominee formed a partnership with three other architects and has been practicing in the name of Russell T. Pancoast and Associates.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

1. Works

<i>Type</i> (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	<i>Identification of Work</i>	<i>Location of Work</i> (City)	(State)	<i>Completed Construction Work</i> (Year)	<i>Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted</i>
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Under column headed "Type" type in (a), (b), (c), or (d), as the case may be.

A portfolio is submitted containing photographs and photostats of miscellaneous work designed by Russell Thorn Pancoast.

Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

2. Describe nominee's notable work in design, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

Russell T. Pancoast was one of the first in this area to get away from "Spanish" architecture, and to design buildings better suited to the South Florida climate, and the temperament of the occupants.

In the ten years from 1930 to 1940, the whole conception of South Florida Architecture changed so completely that it became recognized as a "style", and was featured in national magazines and national exhibits. The nominee was a leader in this change, and his work was widely published both nationally and locally. One of his residences received particular mention in the Florida exhibit of the New York Architectural League.

His work does not depend on novelty or eccentricity for attention. The principles of good design in planning, massing, use of materials, and relation to site conditions let his earlier work stand the comparison of later contemporary design. The Miami Beach Public Library, designed in 1930, with its outstanding use of native coral rock and its simplicity of line and massing, is as good today as the day it was erected.

He is still blazing trails in design where "modern" is a suspicious term. The new Student Activities Building at the University of Florida (see exhibit) is a good example of his most recent work. This building is an important departure from the former collegiate gothic buildings on the campus. By using the same materials (red brick with stone trim), there is a pleasing relationship with the older buildings. Former university skepticism has changed to enthusiastic approval, and the new building will no doubt prove the opening wedge for a more honest approach in designing the future work in connection with its large expansion program.

His work has ranged over a wide variety of types of building. Residential, commercial, ecclesiastical, and public work, have given him broad experience. All of his work is enhanced by distinguished use of color - exteriors as well as interiors. His approach to design is a blending of the imaginative and the conservative, both disciplined by a mind intensely practical.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

1. CONSTRUCTION WORK

<i>Type of Work Constructed</i>	<i>Identification of Work</i>	<i>Location of Work</i>	<i>Completed Construction Work (Year)</i>	<i>Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted</i>
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Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

2. BOOKS, TREATISES, OR ARTICLES WRITTEN

<i>Subject Title</i>	<i>Where Published</i>	<i>Date Published</i>
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3. Describe nominee's notable work in the science of construction and any recognition thereof by other societies, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

1. EDUCATION WORK

(List the degrees and the educational positions held by the nominee, and bring out clearly the nominee's signal work and its particular force and influence which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by pupils, the profession, other societies, or the public.)

2. LITERARY WORK

(List the original written works of the nominee and state clearly the particular force and influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by other societies, the profession, educational institutions or the public.)

*Book, Treatise
or Article*

Subject

*Name of Book or Periodical
Containing Work*

*Year Work
Published*

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE

1. State fully the nominee's signal service to The Institute, his chapter, or his state organization, or to the profession, which the nominators believe has notably contributed to the advancement of the profession, and list the offices in architectural organizations occupied by the nominee and the period of each.

Russell T. Pancoast is one of the outstanding leaders who have built and constantly raised the prestige of the profession of architecture, and of the Institute, in the State of Florida.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

He became a member of the A.I.A. as a young architect in 1929, and quickly showed his desire and willingness to work for the advancement of the profession. He was elected secretary of the South Florida Chapter, then president, then reelected as president for a second term. From the time he joined until the present, he has always been of service to the chapter as director, on committees, and as a driving force toward actual accomplishment. He has the gift of cutting through the non-essential, and is articulate and effective in discussion.

The nominee has served on the following national A.I.A. committees:

Advisory Committee, - United Nations Organization,
Committee on the Preservation of Historic Buildings,
Chairman, one of the Committees of Review on Architect and Convernmental Relations.

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS

The clear and concise thinking of the nominee was soon felt in the state association, and he was elected president. At that time the association was at a low ebb, both in membership and performance. The state law regulating the practice of architecture needed revision, and needed it badly. The new president was sure the association could be strengthened, and have the law improved, and began working to that end. Within a year the number of architects at the annual convention had tripled, and a new law had been written. The nominee was reelected president, and when the legislature met, the bill was presented. Because of alterations successfully proposed and added by its opponents, this bill had to be withdrawn. However, the momentum of the effort and the political wisdom gained at the first defeat finally brought forth legislative approval of an improved law two years later. Without the leadership and perseverance of the nominee this achievement would not have been possible.

This group activity gave the association the strength and confidence it needed, and in the past year, it has been successful in securing two further modifications of state law, this time with the unofficial help and advice of the nominee, who is now President of the Florida State Board of Architecture.

It is the feeling of the nominators that this legislative achievement alone, if he had no other recommendation, would warrant recognition from the profession by the bestowal of fellowship in the Institute.

FLORIDA STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE

On recommendation of the architectural organizations in the state, the nominee was appointed a member of the Florida State Board of Architecture by the governor in 1946. He served as a member for 2½ years, and then was elected president. He is now serving his second term in this office, and the board is more effective than it ever has been in the enforcement of the laws governing the practice of architecture in Florida. Under his leadership the board now has necessary operating funds, an adequately paid secretary and assistant, one attorney to advise the board, and in addition - one to do field work on a part time basis. Improved quarters have been furnished for examinations, and improved

methods of correcting certain parts of the examinations have been instituted. The time and ability essential for this progress have been given generously and without pay.

SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION

His personal integrity, the efficiency of his office, and the high quality of its work are in themselves contributions to the prestige of the profession of architecture. Practicing architects call frequently for advice on office procedure, practical construction, and legal matters.

The first A.I.A. group meeting for informal exchange of ideas was held in his office. Its subject was office administration, and the nominee has, on request, spoken subsequently on this subject. Laymen are referred to him for explanation of architectural ethics. Applicants for work are given considerate interviews, and help in finding jobs if possible. He is held high in the esteem of contractors as well as within his own profession.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

1. List the public offices held by the nominee and the positions of trust held by him in recognition of civic leadership, and state clearly his notable work in public service and the particular influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession.

In addition to his professional obligations, the nominee has, throughout the years, been connected with many civic and community endeavors. A partial list follows:

- Chairman - Municipal Buildings Committee of Citizens Planning Committee of Miami Beach.
- Member - Architectural Board of Advisors (5) to Committee on Pan American Cultural and Trade Center, Dade County, Florida.
- *Member - Municipal Building Code Committee.
- Member - Board of Governors (elective), Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce.
- *Member - Community Chest Board, Dade County, - Chairman in charge of solicitation from Architects (2 years).
- *Member - Architectural School Accrediting Committee to examine University of Florida (State member).
- Director - Miami Heart Hospital
- Director - Miami Beach First National Bank
- Member - Sunset Strip Association (past president)
- *World War I - A.S. U.S.N.R.
- *World War II - U.S.C.R.(T) Flotilla Commander, District Captain.
- President - Florida State Board of Architecture.
(Listed again here, since it is a service to the public as well as the profession)
- Listed in Who's Who in south and southwest.

* Not current.

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

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Purves

March 14, 1951

Dear Mr. Pancoast:

The American Institute of Architects desires to confer upon you the honor of Fellowship, in accord with the action of The Jury of Fellows at its recent meeting.

The purpose of this letter is to request your presence at the 1951 Convention of The Institute to be held in Chicago, Illinois, on May 8-11, 1951, in the Edgewater Beach Hotel.

At the formal dinner of the Convention on the evening of Thursday, May 10, those who have been elected to Fellowship will receive their certificates. Presentation will be with appropriate ceremony and it is highly important that each of the newly-elected Fellows be present. The Officers of The Institute and The Jury of Fellows join in the request that you come to receive this honor in person.

Your Chapter has been notified and has been requested to make no public announcement until after the Convention in May.

Please send your response to The Institute at an early convenient date.

Yours sincerely,

Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director

Mr. Russell Thorn Pancoast, F.A.I.A.
927 41st Street
Miami Beach 40, Florida

ERP/G/A

RUSSELL T. PANCOAST AND ASSOCIATES
A R C H I T E C T S

RUSSELL T. PANCOAST, AIA . . . ANDREW J. FERENDINO, AIA
NORMAN A. SKEELS, AIA . . . HERBERT M. BURNHAM, AIA
927 FORTY FIRST STREET MIAMI BEACH 40, FLORIDA

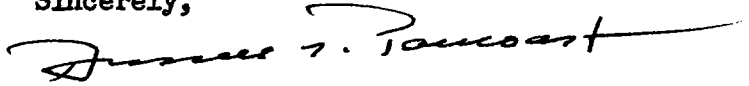
March 20, 1951

Edmund R. Purves, Executive Director
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Purves:

This will acknowledge your letter of March 14
which requests that I be present in person to receive
the honor of Fellowship on the evening of Thursday,
May 10, at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago. I will
be pleased to be present as requested.

Sincerely,



RUSSELL T. PANCOAST

RTP:d

PANCOAST, RUSSELL THORN, F.A.I.A., Miami Beach, Florida

Russell T. Pancoast was advanced to Fellowship for service to the Institute and public service. A member of the Florida State Board of Architecture since 1946, and now serving a second term as its president, he has been largely responsible for raising the standards of the profession in the State. When President of the Florida State Association, he succeeded in bringing about a badly-needed revision of the State law regulating architectural practice. He has been president, secretary and director of the South Florida Chapter, and has served on a number of committees for the national organization as well as the local group.

Born in Merchantville, New Jersey in 1899 Pancoast attended schools in Miami, Florida, and Bucks County, Pa. He received the degree of Bachelor of Architecture from Cornell in 1922.

He worked briefly in the offices of Simon and Simon, and Day and Klander in Philadelphia and then moved to Florida where in 1923 he took charge of the Miami Beach branch office for Kiehnel and Elliott. In 1926 he opened the firm of Pancoast and Sibbert, and from 1941 has practiced under his own name. During World War II he took over and ran a small shipyard executing military contracts and subsequently joined the Coast Guard from which he was discharged with the rank of Lt. commander. After the war he set up the office of Russell T. Pancoast and Associates, 927 - 41st Street, Miami Beach.

Pancoast joined the A.I.A. in 1929 and has served as secretary, and director, and president of the South Florida Chapter, as well as on various committees. He has also been a member of the following committees for the national organization: Advisory Committee, United Nations Organization; Preservation of Historic Buildings; Chairman of a committee of review on architect and governmental relations.

Pancoast has not only given time and energy to the general improvement of the profession, but has been generous with advice and assistance to laymen and professionals in matters relating to the field of architecture.

In addition to the professional societies, Pancoast has also been associated with numerous civic activities. These include: Municipal Buildings Committee of Citizens Planning Committee of Miami Beach; Board of Governors, Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce; Municipal Building Code committee; Architectural Board of Advisors to Committee on Pan American Cultural and Trade Center, Dade County.

His work in design covers a wide variety of types of buildings, including the Public Library at Miami Beach, the Student Activities Building at the University of Florida, and residences, churches and commercial structures. Pancoast was one of the first architects in the area to get away from the widespread Spanish influence, and has worked along modern lines into what is developing into a distinctive southern Florida style.

the florida south chapter of the american institute of architects



January 14, 1971

American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Attention: Maureen Marx

RE: Russell T. Pancoast FAIA

Gentlemen:

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We enclose herewith Application for Membership Emeritus for the above member who is now more than 70 years of age. At our Executive Board Meeting January 12, 1971 this was approved.

Please give this matter the necessary attention.

Yours very truly

Mrs. R. D'Aurora

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Application for Membership Emeritus

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:

I wish to apply for Membership Emeritus in The Institute for the following reasons:

Check the appropriate reason

- I am more than 70 years of age.
- I am 65 years of age, retired, and not engaged in the practice of architecture.
- I am unable to engage in the practice of architecture.

I have been in good standing in The Institute and the FLORIDA SOUTH chapter for 15 successive years or more immediately preceding the date of this application.

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(APPLICANT'S FULL SIGNATURE IN INK)

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The applicant may supplement the above reasons in writing below or on sheets which he shall attach to this application. Under exceptional conditions and circumstances, The Board of Directors may lessen the period of good standing but not the requirements as checked above.

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Notice of Election—Member Emeritus

TO: Mr. R. T. Vance, AIA
800 Douglas Rd.
Coral Gables, Fla. 33134

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. This action has been effective as of January 1, 1977

Date February 1, 1977 19 77 _____
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FLORIDA SOUTH CHAPTER, A.I.A.

Memo:

DATE November 30, 1972

TO: Mrs Maureen Marx
American Institute of Architects

FROM: Mrs. R. D'Aurora
Fla. So. Chapter AIA

RE: Russell T. Pancoast FAIA

Dear Maureen:

We recently lost one of our early architect members, Russell T. Pancoast, and enclose herewith newspaper clipping for the archive files and your information.

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Sincerely

Evelyn

Evelyn D'Aurora
Executive Secretary

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R. T. Pancoast, Early Architect Of Miami, Dies

The dean of Miami's architects, Russell Thorn Pancoast, who came to the area in 1913 as a schoolboy to join his pioneer resident family when Miami was "still the primitive place of birds, fish and crocodiles," died at his home Wednesday after a three-month illness.

Pancoast was 73.

He had suffered a heart attack a year ago and recently had lung complications, his family said. Death came at the unusual home — one of the most open and Florida-like of its kind in the area, an architect said — which he had designed and built in 1961. It is at 10601 Snapper Creek Rd.

Pancoast was born in 1899 in Merchantville, N. J., to a Quaker family whose roots became planted in the early days of Miami Beach and Miami. He had been left in school in New Jersey when his parents, Thomas J. and Katharine Collins Pancoast, came to Florida with Mrs.

Pancoast's brothers to consider working on a development — avocado and mango groves — their father, Beach pioneer John S. Collins, was involved in in 1911.

It was the year they decided to build the first bridge across Biscayne Bay to develop the Collins land into a real estate venture, a project to which Carl Fisher later contributed financial backing in admiration of the elderly, "plucky" Collins.

Russell Pancoast arrived the year the bridge was completed where the Venetian Causeway is now. His son Lester recalled that his father had been "enthralled" by the primitive place.

"He rode his bicycle across the Collins Bridge to attend school (eighth grade then) in downtown Miami and managed Miami Beach's first paper route by taking a ferry to South Beach, delivering to all the early residents there, before reaching his own home at night."

Home, at that time, was about 19th Street "where Pancoast Lake is now. That was the northern section of the Beach at that time," Lester Pancoast said.



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His own firm grew over the years to become one of the largest design oriented architectural firms in the state. Although the firm has been responsible for a great number of projects, those in which Pancoast himself was closely involved were the Miami Beach Auditorium, the Museum of Science, across the road from Vizcaya; the planning of Snapper Creek Lakes subdivision, and the recently constructed Miami Beach First National Bank.

He was a director of that bank; of the United National Bank; of Fairchild Tropical Garden, and the South Florida Historical Association, and was a former director of the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce.

During his active days in his profession, he had conducted his business from three different locations, and his firm had had a number of changes of name, always with "Pancoast" among them.

Pancoast is survived by his wife Katherine; a daughter, Mrs. Edward G. Grafton; a son Lester C., and four grandchildren, all of Miami. Services will be private, and the family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Fairchild Tropical Garden or the South Florida Historical Association.

Arthur Fogelson has been named Social Security district manager of the Miami Downtown office. His jurisdiction includes the area south of 20th Street and all of Monroe County. Fogelson succeeds retiring

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Miami's Dean of Architects, Russell Pancoast, Dies at 73

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In the early days when the Pancoast home was just being built, the parents lived over the garage, which was built first, and their three sons, including the young Russell with his eager impressions of the new, primitive area, occupied two tents below.

PANCOAST attended Cornell University in 1922 to study architecture. Although there was no family precedent for that field of study, he later said that he felt this profession would be inevitable to the emergence of Miami as a large city.

In his architecture class at Cornell, he met Katherine French, whom he later met and married after they had both finished school and obtained jobs as draftsmen in Philadelphia. Their design interests lapped over to their honeymoon, too, for their six-month honeymoon in 1923 had an itinerary of "architectural interests" in Southern Europe and North Africa.

IN MIAMI, the young Pancoast worked for established Miami architect Rich-

ard Kiehnel before opening his own office in 1926. He had always considered his first "big job" the Surf Club in 1929. But the crash and depression years followed close on its heels and construction lagged here. Except for a mid-thirties spurt, design out of his small office slowed until about 1940.

Pancoast had served in the Navy in World War I and when its successor came along, due to his love of boats and knowledge of local waters he became heavily involved in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He was discharged after the war as a lieutenant commander in the reserves. In post war years, he became involved in planning as extensions of his architectural practice, serving for 20 years as designer and town planning consultant to the city of Plantation.

Long active in architectural professional organizations, he was a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, past secretary and past president of the Florida South Chapter; a member of the Florida Association of the AIA and was a past president of the Florida State Board of Architecture, on which he served a total of 13 years.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The Silver Medallion, the highest honor which can be given by the Florida South Chapter of the American Institute of Architects to one of its members has been awarded posthumously to Russell Pancoast, a pioneer of Florida architecture.

Mr. Pancoast, who was a fellow of the American Institute of Architects, was one of the founders of the local chapter of the AIA and served on the Florida Board of Architects. Until his retirement in 1967 he headed the firm of Pancoast, Ferendino and Grafton. Mr. Pancoast died in 1972.

The Silver Medallion was presented last week to his widow, Kay, by a long-time friend and colleague in the AIA College of Fellows, T. Trip Russell. Both men served as president of the local AIA chapter. Lester Pancoast, son of the honoree and immediate past president of the Florida South Chapter, was present during the ceremonies at the Sonesta Beach Hotel on Key Biscayne.

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