

Dated (Undated) 19 .
Received October 4, 1941.
Granted November 8, 1941.

MEMBERSHIP NO 915



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

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In due order
October 4, 1941
H. J. Garrison

- A Name of applicant George A. Coffin ^{Miami} Chapter FLORIDA SOUTH .
- B Address of applicant 532 S.W. 23rd Road, /Florida
- C Applicant proposed by Marion I. Manley and George H. Spohn
- D Application received with check for \$ 10.00 on October 4, 1941.
- E Application returned for correction 19 .
- F Application in due order on October 4, 1941.
- Record of registration, Form S39, Sent Fla. - Oct. 13, 1941. Received. October 18, 1941.
- G Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
 - (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on 19 19 .
 - (b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on 19 19 .
- H Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on October 15, 1941.
- Advice of " chapter on October 14, 1941
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission ~~on that application was denied~~ received on October 13, 1941.
- J Certified resolution of chapter received on January 21, 1942
- No report from chapter executive committee on 19 .
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on November 4, 19 41.
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on November 4, 19 41.
- M Applicant was admitted on November 8, 19 41.
- N Notice and ~~certificate~~ to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter to proposers on November 8, 41
- O Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$ returned to applicant on 19 .

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT

I, Secretary of The American Institute of Architects, hereby certify that, under authority vested in me by The Board of Directors, I have this day duly elected

- - George A. Coffin - -

to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the FLORIDA SOUTH - Chapter.

Date November 8, 19 41.

Secretary

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File the original with The Secretary of The American Institute of Architects.

File the duplicate, on gray paper, with the secretary of the local chapter of The Institute.

The American Institute of Architects

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I, the undersigned, do hereby apply for corporate membership in The American Institute of Architects.

1. My full name is *George A. Coffin*

2. State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.

2. I am a *Natural* citizen of *the U. S. of America*

3. My legal residence is in the City of *Miami*

County of *Dade* State of *Florida*

4. State whether residence or office address.

4. My address in The Institute records will be

Street *532 S.W. 23rd Road*

City *Miami* State *Florida*

5. State whether as a practicing architect, a teacher, a public official, etc.

5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as *a practicing architect*

6. I desire to be a member of the *Florida South* Chapter.

7. I declare that I have read the by-laws, the rules and regulations, and the Standards of Practice of The American Institute of Architects, and the by-laws and rules and regulations of the chapter of which I desire to become a member, and that I understand the duties, responsibilities and obligations thereunder of a member of The Institute, and I do hereby expressly agree and declare that, if admitted to membership, I will to the best of my ability abide by and comply with such by-laws, rules and regulations, and will abide by and uphold said Standards of Practice and conduct my practice of the profession accordingly. I am financially able to undertake all pecuniary obligations of a member to The Institute and to the chapter.

8. Receipts required.

8. I filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the chapter above named and attach his receipt therefor. I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its chapters or state association members.

9. I enclose my check for \$ *10.00*, for admission fee and the current annual dues. It is my understanding that if for any reason you do not admit me to membership, all of said amount will be returned to me, except five dollars which you will retain as an examination fee.

Date

19

George A. Coffin
Applicant sign full name in ink

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STATISTICS

10. Date of birth *June 19, 1896* Place of birth *Wilmington, Delaware*

11. I am registered or licensed to practice architecture in the following named states:

(State or States) By Examination *Florida* (State or States) By Exemption

(a) I hold a Certificate No. of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

EDUCATION

12. I attended the following named schools (high school, private school, college or university); have held the following named scholarships; have travelled in the following named countries:

Dover, Delaware High School

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

13. I list below, in chronological order, the periods of my training as draftsman, the names and addresses of my principal employers, and my classification as draftsman while employed by each:

1922 to 1925 Jr. Draftsman - F.R. Watson, Architect - 1211 Walnut St. Phila Pa.
1925 to 1926 Sr. Draftsman - W.C. DeGarmo, Architect - 39 S.E. 6th St. Miami, Fla
1926 to 1929 Sr. Draftsman - Kiehnol & Elliott, Architects - Seybold Bldg. Miami
1929 to 1934 Free Lance Draftsman. any place I could get a job.
1934 to date Practising Architecture in Miami.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

14. I list below, in chronological order, the periods during which and the states in which I have practiced architecture as an individual or as a member of a firm or corporation or have taught architecture or the arts and sciences allied therewith. (State names of firms or corporations and of schools or colleges)

March 1934 to date - practicing Architecture in Florida

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 15. Member of Institute from ✓ to
- 16. Junior of Institute from ✓ to
- 17. Associate of Florida South Chapter from to date
- 18. Junior Associate of ✓ Chapter from to
- 19. Member of State Association in from to

ENDORSEMENT BY PROPOSERS

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have read the statements made herein above by the applicant and believe them to be correct. I vouch for him and for his honorable standing in this community and in his profession. I believe he is fully qualified for membership and I propose him therefor.

I have known the applicant for 12 years. I have known the applicant for 16 years.

Signed Marion Trauley Proposer

Signed George H. John Proposer

3. 930 Seybold Bldg Miami



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FLORIDA STATE BOARD
OF ARCHITECTURE

RECORD OF REGISTRATION
OF

George A. Coffin - Miami, Florida
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY, Florida
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,
502 Barnett National Bank Bldg.
Address Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date October 13 19 41

Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? Yes
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? Yes or by exemption? X
3. What was the scope of the examination? By Junior Examination January 10, 11, 12 and 13, 1934, having a general average of 82.05.
4. What was the period of the examination? 4 days. Written examination 30 hours; Oral examination _____ hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? No If so, give Certificate No. X
6. Date of last registration: Jan. 13 19 34 Registration No. 984 Is it current? Yes. Annual renewal fee paid to 7/1/42

(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Mellen C. Greeley, Secretary-Treasurer
Florida State Board of Architecture

(Name of Board)

Date October 16, 19 41

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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November 8, 1941

Dear Mr. Coffin:

The Secretary is happy to inform you that your application for membership in The Institute was acted on favorably by The Board of Directors and that you were admitted to corporate membership in The Institute and assigned to membership in the Florida South Chapter, effective November 8, 1941. You will be a member of that Chapter, or of some other chapter if you later transfer thereto, until your membership in The Institute terminates.

Your certificate of membership, duly executed by the Officers of The Institute, will be sent in due course.

The Board of Directors welcomes you to membership in The Institute and The Secretary's office is at your service to the extent of its powers.

The policies and the activities of The Institute are developed largely from problems arising within the chapters. By taking an active part in your Chapter affairs you will contribute to the advancement of the objects of The Institute and will increase the benefits to be derived from Institute membership.

We bespeak your active cooperation.

Sincerely,



Secretary

Mr. George A. Coffin, A.I.A.,
532 S.W. 23rd Road,
Miami, Florida

CTI:ER

GEORGE A. COFFIN A. I. A. ARCHITECT
532 S. W. 23RD ROAD — MIAMI 36 FLORIDA

October 3, 1947

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

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have written to the Florida South Chapter, A. I. A. I believe this letter is self-explanatory. What action the Chapter may take on this matter remains to be seen.

During the many years I have been a member of this Chapter I have served one term as Vice-President, one term as President and nearly three years as a Director but never before have I witnessed the Chapter officers using these methods.

During the unification of the state associations and the chapters there have been, as I am well aware, many difficult problems to overcome and perhaps the Institute has conferred upon the Chapter authority to force a Chapter member to join a state association whether he wishes to or not and further, deny an applicant membership in the Chapter if he does not join, such as in Mr. Baxter's case. If this is true then I will deeply appreciate it if you will inform me under what decisions this authority exists.

Very sincerely yours,

George A. Coffin
George A. Coffin

See
attached
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GAC:MM
Encl/1 Copy of letter

September 29, 1947

The Florida South Chapter A.I.A.,
Miami, Florida.

Gentlemen:

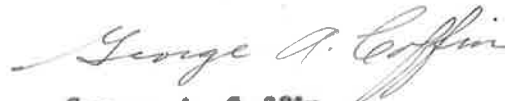
Recently I was informed by Mr. Robert Baxter that he had received a notice from Washington advising him that he had been admitted a corporate member in the Institute. He further advised me that the Chapter Secretary, Mr. Tarlowski, had refused to accept his check for Chapter dues and advised him he would not accept his check unless he paid his dues to the Florida Association of Architects. The president of this Chapter, Mr. Polevitsky, has concurred with the secretary in this decision without the Board of Directors approval.

Unless the By-Laws of this Chapter have been amended this decision is in direct violation with Article #2, Section #4. I am unaware of any change in our By-Laws whereby membership in this Chapter is contingent upon the applicant joining the Florida Association of Architects.

This action by the president and secretary appears to be an effort to coerce Mr. Baxter into joining an organization that he says he does not desire to join. These methods are old world in origin and are the same as used by Communist dominated labor unions in America.

If it is the wishes of this Chapter that these methods be condoned and approved then I feel that any usefulness I may have as a Director of this Chapter is at an end and herewith I tender my resignation as a Director in the Florida South Chapter.

Sincerely yours,


George A. Coffin

GAC:MM

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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October 7, 1947

Dear Mr. Coffin:

In the absence of Mr. Kemper from Washington, I am replying to your letter of October 3 with which you enclosed a copy of your letter of September 29 to the Florida South Chapter of The Institute.

As you may know, Mr. Baxter has written and asked for an official ruling on the question of payment of dues to the Florida Association of Architects. In reply Mr. Kemper offered to bring the correspondence before The Board for a ruling, at its meeting in Charleston, South Carolina, the first week in December, as this matter has never been passed upon.

However, with regard to membership in the Florida Association of Architects, The Institute By-laws (Chapter VI, Article 1, Section 3) provide as follows:

"(a) Every corporate member of The Institute assigned to a chapter within the state shall automatically be a member of the state organization, or be represented therein."

If you desire, we shall also bring to The Board's attention your letter of October 3 to Mr. Kemper and the letter of September 29 above mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. R.
Executive Assistant

Mr. George A. Coffin, A.I.A.
532 S. W. 23rd Road
Miami 36, Florida

JWP:MSD

cc: Mr. J. L. Skinner, Director
South Atlantic District, A.I.A.

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PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

GEORGE A. COFFIN
A R C H I T E C T
532 S. W. 23RD ROAD
MIAMI · FLORIDA

December 30, 1957

The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue
Washington D.C.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully tender my resignation as
a corporate member of the Institute effective as
of January 1, 1958.

Very sincerely yours,

George A. Coffin
George A. Coffin

*born
June 19, 1896
1957 dues
paid
elected 1941*

*Resignation
Suspense*

January 29, 1958

Mr. George A. Coffin
532 S. W. 23rd Road
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Coffin:

It is with regret that we have received your letter resigning your corporate membership in The Institute and the Florida South Chapter to which you are assigned.

Inasmuch as the resignation of a corporate member must be approved by his Chapter also, we are writing to the Florida South Chapter for this information. When approval is received final action can be taken on your resignation and you will be notified.

If, at some future date, you wish to renew your affiliation with the A.I.A. let us know and we shall be glad to send you information as to the procedure to be followed.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Florence H. Gervais
Secretary of Membership and Records

Copy to the Secretary, Florida South Chapter, A.I.A.

Please let us know if Mr. Coffin is in good standing in the Chapter, and oblige

*Coffin,
George A
Resignation*

October 7, 1958

Mr. Charles Robert Abele, Secretary
Florida South Chapter, A.I.A.
550 Brickell Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Abele:

On January 29, 1958, we sent to you a copy of our letter to Mr. George A. Coffin, a corporate member of the A.I.A., assigned to your Chapter, with reference to the resignation which he had submitted.

We asked that you advise us whether or not Mr. Coffin was in good standing in order that the resignation might be acted upon. We do not find any response to that request and ask that you let us know as soon as possible if this member was in good standing at the time his resignation was submitted in order that his resignation may be accepted without further delay.

Sincerely yours,

Florence H. Gervais
Secretary of Membership and Records

FHG/mk

IRVIN KORACH, *President*
1630 Lenox Avenue
Miami Beach, Florida

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2575 S. Bayshore Drive
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**THE FLORIDA SOUTH CHAPTER
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October 20, 1958

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

Dear Miss Gervais:

Reference is made to your letter of October 7, 1958, concerning resignation of Corporate Member George A. Coffin. Please be advised our Treasurer reports that Mr. Coffin is a member in good standing.

Sincerely,

C. Robert Abele, Secretary
Florida South Chapter, A.I.A.

CRA:rs

Mr. Robert Coffin George A.
DUPLICATE



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Office of The Secretary

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP

To Mr. George A. Coffin
532 S. W. 23rd Road
Miami, Florida

Your resignation from The Institute, dated **December 20**, 19**57**, is effective both in The Institute and in your chapter, as of **January 1**, 19**58**, the date it was received by The Secretary.

The Board regrets your decision to withdraw from The Institute, and hopes that you will return to it soon.

Date **October 24**, 19**58**.

Edward Wilson
Secretary.

Florida 50 Chapter
Copy to Accty Dept

*Approved
Ed Sir*