



# The American Institute of Architects

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

APPLICATION NO AP 11537

Dated January 25, 19 56  
 Received March 6, 19 56  
 Granted March 20, 19 56

MEMBERSHIP NO 11537

- A Name of applicant James Lee Thomas Chapter South Carolina
- B Address of applicant 504 Hilda, Spartanburg, South Carolina
- C Application received with check for \$ 20.00 on March 6, 1956
- D Application returned for correction 19
- E Application in due order on March 6, 1956
- F Acknowledgments to applicant and chapter on March 6, 1956
- G Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission or that applicant be denied received on March 6, 1956
- H Record of registration, Form S39, Sent S. C. Feb. 10, 19 56 Received. March 6, 19 56
- I The applicant has - been examined as to his professional qualifications by South Carolina State Board of Architectural Examiners.
- J The applicant is - currently registered as an architect or licensed to practice architecture in the states of South Carolina.
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on March 14, 19 56
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on March 14, 19 56
- M The applicant was requested to furnish additional evidence of his professional qualifications on or before 19, which was received.

*Handwritten initials*

**REPORT:**

As a result of its findings on the evidence submitted The Board of Examiners unanimously reports that in its opinion the applicant is\* qualified for membership in The American Institute of Architects.\*\*

Date March 14, 19 56

THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS  
*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*  
 Chairman

**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

James Lee Thomas  
 to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the South Carolina Chapter.

Date March 20, 19 56

*[Signature]*  
 Secretary

- N Applicant **was** admitted on March 20, 19 56
- O Notice to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter on March 20, 19 56
- P Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$ 19 returned to applicant on 19

S.C.  
Reg 2.  
received



INSTRUCTIONS

Type in all information carefully and sign with ink.  
Mail both copies to the secretary of the local Chapter of The Institute, with check for \$20.00 made payable to The American Institute of Architects.

# The American Institute of Architects

## APPLICATION FOR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

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

1. My full name is **James Lee Thomas**
2. I am a **natural** citizen of the United States.  
State whether natural or a naturalized citizen.
3. My legal residence is in the City of **Spartanburg**  
County of **Spartanburg** State of **South Carolina**
4. My address in The Institute records will be  

Number	<b>504</b>	Street	<b>W. Hilda</b>
City	<b>Spartanburg</b>	Zone	<b>South Carolina</b>

  
State whether residence or office address.
5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as **a registered architect employed by a practicing architect**  
State whether a practicing architect, teacher, a public official,
6. I desire to be a member of the **South Carolina** Chapter.
7. I declare that I will comply with the By-laws; and the Standards of Professional Practice of The American Institute of Architects, which are attached hereto; and the Rules and Regulations supplementary thereto; and that I understand the duties, responsibilities, and obligations of a member of The Institute; and that I have read and understand all the information contained in this form and its attachments.
8. I have filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the Chapter above named. I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its component organizations.
9. I enclose my check for \$20.00, for admission fee and the first year's annual dues, of which \$1.00 is for a year's subscription to the *Bulletin of The American Institute of Architects*. It is my understanding that if I am not admitted to membership \$15.00 will be returned to me, and \$5.00 retained by The Institute as an examination fee.

Date **January 25, 1956**

*James Lee Thomas*  
Applicant sign full name in ink

PAID  
\$20  
1-25-56

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STATISTICS

10. Date of birth March 9, 1929 Place of birth Charlotte, North Carolina

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

South Carolina

(b) I passed the State Board Examination in the following-named states:

South Carolina

(c) I hold Certificate No. 530 of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, for having passed their Standard Examination.

EDUCATION

12.(a) I attended high schools, private schools, colleges, universities, as follows:

Name of School, College, University	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
Dillon High School	Dillon, S. C.	4	1946	
Clemson College	Clemson, S. C.	4	1950	BS in Arch. Engineering

(b) I have held the following-named scholarships or other honor awards, and have traveled in the following-named countries:

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:

Lockwood Greene Engineers, Inc. Spartanburg, S. C.	From Feb. 5, 1951 Mar. 15, 1953	To April 12, 1951 June 5, 1955
Hudson & Chapman, A.I.A., Spartanburg, S. C.	June 6, 1955	Oct. 31, 1955
W. Manchester Hudson, A.I.A. Spartanburg, S. C.	Nov. 1, 1955	Present

\* (NOTE: Applications received after July 1, 1953, must conclusively show that applicant has had three full years of experience in architectural work, in offices, governmental employment, or teaching, in addition to graduation from an architectural school; or eight full years of such experience without formal education; or equivalent combinations of both of the foregoing.)

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 as a public official or have taught architecture or the arts and sciences allied therewith. (State names of firms or corporations or public office and of schools or colleges.)

From To

15. Is architecture your principal vocation? Yes

BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS

16. I list below other business in which I participate or own an interest, and the extent of such participation or interest.

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 17. Member of Institute from to
18. Junior of Institute from to
19. Associate of Chapter from to
20. Junior Associate of Chapter from to
21. Student Associate of Chapter from to
22. Member of State Organization in from in to

REFERENCES

Five references are required, at least three of whom shall be corporate members of The Institute in good standing.

W. Manchester Hudson Member 501 Andrews Building Spartanburg, S. C. Address
A. H. Chapman Jr. Member 396 St. John St., Spartanburg, S. C. Address
% Lockwood Greene Engineers Inc, Spartanburg, S. C. Address
Louis S. Booth Member
Dr. John L. Slaughter Reference First Baptist Church, Spartanburg, S. C. Address
W. D. Hardy Reference Commercial National Bank, Spartanburg, S.C. Address



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

South Carolina Chapter  
(Chapter)  
Post Office Box 852  
Columbia, South Carolina  
(Address)

SECRETARY,

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,

Address 1639 Blanding Street  
Columbia, South Carolina

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

James Lee Thomas  
(Name of Applicant)

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, 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 February 10, 1956

*John W. Mitchell, Jr.*  
Chapter 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?
3. What was the scope of the examination? REGULAR STANDARD N.C.A.A.B.E.  
JUNIOR EXAM
4. What was the period of the examination?.....days. Written examination.....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.....
6. Date of first registration NOVEMBER 1954. Registration No. 530. Is it current? YES

*Margaret J. [Signature]*  
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date FEBRUARY 13, 1956

*Dr. Bondy [Signature]*  
(Name of Board)

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

March 20, 1956

Mr. James Lee Thomas  
504 Hilda  
Spartanburg, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Thomas:

The Board of Directors of The American Institute of Architects takes pleasure in informing you that it has acted favorably on your application and welcomes you to corporate membership in The Institute. You will receive shortly a certificate of membership duly executed by the officers of The Institute.

You are assigned to the South Carolina Chapter effective March 20, 1956.

I sincerely hope that you will take an active and interested part in your chapter activities since it is through these activities that Institute policies are developed. Your cooperation and participation will contribute to the advancement of Institute objectives and increase the benefits to be derived from Institute membership.

I want you to know that my office is always at your service to the fullest extent of its powers.

Sincerely yours,

Edward L. Wilson  
Secretary

Enclosures

# THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS NEWS

JAMES LEE THOMAS, AIA, OF  
SPARTANBURG, S.C., IS INSTALLED  
AS A NATIONAL AIA DIRECTOR

Contact: Pete McCall

(202) 626-7465

## For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 7, 1985--Spartanburg (S.C.) architect James Lee Thomas, AIA, was installed last night as a member of the Board of Directors of The American Institute of Architects.

He will serve a three-year term representing the South Atlantic Region, which comprises Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

The new AIA director is president of Thomas Campbell Pridgeon Inc., Architects/Engineers, a general practice that provides design services for religious, commercial, residential, historic preservation and military projects. He worked for an engineering firm and an architecture firm before establishing his own practice in 1958.

In national AIA activities, Thomas has served on both the Public Education Committee and the Committee on Architecture for Education. He has also been president, vice president, secretary/treasurer and director of the South Carolina Chapter/AIA.

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Thomas has also served as chairman of the Spartanburg Council of Architects, as president of the Clemson Architectural Foundation and as a member of the Governor's Advisory Committee for Fire Training Service and the Spartanburg Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

He earned his Bachelor of Science in architectural engineering from Clemson University in 1950 and served in the U.S. Army in Korea. A graduate of the Command and General Staff College, he is currently a colonel in the retired reserves.

Also installed during ceremonies in Washington were the AIA's 1986 president, John A. Busby Jr., FAIA, Atlanta; first vice president, Donald J. Hackl, FAIA, Chicago; vice presidents, A. Notley Alford, FAIA, Dayton, Ohio, Benjamin E. Brewer Jr., FAIA, Houston, and David E. Lawson, FAIA, Madison, Wis.; treasurer, Harry C. Hallenbeck, FAIA, San Diego, and 11 other new directors. Philip W. Dinsmore, AIA, Tucson, Ariz., continues in his two-year term as secretary.

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JAMES LEE THOMAS, AIA  
Director, South Atlantic Region

James Lee Thomas, AIA, is president of Thomas Campbell Pridgeon Inc., Architects/Engineers, Spartanburg, S.C., a general practice that designs educational, religious, commercial, residential, historic preservation and Defense Department projects.

Thomas earned his B.S. in architectural engineering from Clemson University in 1950 and served in the U.S. Army in Korea. A graduate of the Command and General Staff College, he is currently a colonel in the Retired Reserve.

Thomas worked for an engineering firm and an architecture firm before starting his own practice in 1958.

Nationally, Thomas has served on both the AIA Public Education Committee and the AIA Committee on Architecture for Education. He has also been president, vice president, secretary/treasurer and director of the South Carolina Chapter/AIA.

In community activities, Thomas has been president of the Clemson Architectural Foundation, chairman of the Spartanburg Council of Architects, a member of the Governor's Advisory Committee for Fire Service Training and a member of the zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals for the City of Spartanburg. He also served as president of the Spartanburg Lions Club.

December 1985

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA  
The Board of Directors  
The American Institute of Architects

*South Atlantic*

NAME: James Lee Thomas

Send Board Business Mail to:  Home  
(check one)  Office

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

EDUCATION:

B.S. Architectural Engineering  
Clemson University - 1950

MILITARY EXPERIENCE:

U.S. Army, 1951-1953, including combat service w/40th Inf.Div. in Korea;  
1953-1977, service with Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve; currently  
a Colonel, Infantry, in Retired Reserve; Graduate of Command & General Staff College.

EARLY ARCHITECTURAL EXPERIENCE:

(Please include firm names and dates)

Lockwood Greene Engineers - 1951-1955  
W. Manchester Hudson, AIA - 1955-1958  
Began Private Practice - 1958

PRESENT FIRM NAME AND ADDRESS:

(Please include telephone number)

Thomas Campbell Pridgeon, Inc., Architects/Engineers  
P.O. Box 3028, Spartanburg, S.C. 29304 phone: 803/583-1456

YOUR POSITION IN FIRM:

President

TYPE OF WORK FIRM DOES:

General practice including educational, religious, commercial, residential,  
historic preservation and Department of Defense projects.

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MAJOR ARCHITECTURAL PROJECTS:

City-County Office Building, Dillon, S.C.  
Cowpens, Clifdale & Pacolet Elementary Schools, Spartanburg County, S.C.  
New Facilities & Renovations for First Baptist Church, Spartanburg, S.C.  
3 Projects, Housing for low Income Families, Spartanburg, S.C.  
Blacksburg Elementary School, Blacksburg, S.C.

STATES WHERE YOU ARE LICENSED TO PRACTICE:

South Carolina, North Carolina and NCARB Certificate

PAST AIA ACTIVITIES AND POSTS: (Please include elected offices, committee experience, dates)

SCAIA, Director 1968-1970	AIA, Public Education Committee (formerly Environmental Education Committee) 1979-1984
SCAIA, Sec/Treas. 1976	
SCAIA, V.Pres. 1977	AIA, Committee on Architecture for Education 1984 to Present
SCAIA, President 1978	

OTHER ARCHITECTURAL-RELATED ACTIVITIES: (Please include dates)

President, Clemson Architectural Foundation 1975 during establishment of the Clemson College of Architecture's Center in Genoa, Italy, for fifth year studies; Chairman Spartanburg Council of Architects, 1959; Governor's Advisory Committee for Fire Service Training, 1979; Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals, City of Spartanburg.

PUBLISHED WORKS:

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OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE: (Continue on a separate sheet if more space is needed)

Travel - Japan, Korea, Mexico, Italy, England, Belgium, Switzerland & Greece.

PERSONAL DATA

HOME ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE:

105 Sherbrooke Drive  
Spartanburg, S.C. 29302

803/579-2568

FAMILY INFORMATION: (Spouse's name, children)

Carolyn (wife) Active in Church & Community affairs. Training and teaching experience in home economics & Elementary Education. Currently full-time wife and AIA supporter.

Lee, Textile Plant Manager

Patricia, Homemaker & Third Grade Teacher

Richard, Attorney

Also, 3 grandchildren.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

President, Spartanburg Lions Club, 1970-71

Active in the First Baptist Church, Spartanburg, S.C., Sunday School Teacher for 15 years, Chairman of Building and Grounds for 4 terms, Deacon for 4 terms.

HOBBIES & INTERESTS:

Horses, travel, photography, art and gardening

PUBLICATIONS TO NOTIFY OF YOUR ELECTION AND APPOINTMENTS:

(Include alumni publications, daily and weekly regional newspapers)

Spartanburg Herald-Journal  
189 W. Main Street  
P.O. Box 1657  
Spartanburg, S.C. 29304

The Dillon Herald  
Dillon, S.C. 29536

Clemson University News  
Clemson Alumni Association  
Clemson, S.C. 29631

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## James Lee Thomas

Spartanburg, SC James Lee Thomas, 74, of 105 Sherbrooke Drive, died Sunday, January 25, 2004, at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. Born March 9, 1929, in Charlotte, NC, he was the son of the late James Emmanuel and Myrtle Ballard Thomas. After graduating from high school in Dillon, SC, he was a distinguished military graduate from Clemson University with a B.S. in Architectural Engineering. Mr. Thomas served in the United States Army, Armor Division, during the Korean War, receiving the commendations of the Korean Service Metal with one Bronze Service Star and a United Nations Service Metal. He continued his military service in the U.S. Army Reserve until his retirement with the rank of Colonel. Mr. Thomas practiced architecture in Spartanburg from 1953 until 1993 when he retired as President of the firm of Thomas, Campbell, Meek Architects. He was elevated to the American Institute of Architects College of Fellows in 1989. During his architectural career, Mr. Thomas served as Regional Director of the AIA/South Atlantic Region, President of the South Carolina Chapter of the AIA, and President and Trustee of the Clemson Architectural Foundation. He was an active member of the American Institute of Architects, the South Carolina Chapter of the AIA, and the Spartanburg Council of Architects. In the Spartanburg community, Mr. Thomas was a member and past president of the Spartanburg Lions Club. He served on the Advisory Board for Spartanburg Technical College. He was a Deacon and a member of the Long Range Planning Committee of the First Baptist Church of Spartanburg. Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Carolyn Moody Thomas; his son and daughter-in-law, Lee and Nan Thomas of Gastonia, NC; his daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Brian Goerke of Wexford, PA; his son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Liz Thomas of Columbia, SC; his seven grandchildren; and his sister, Carolyn Thomas Collins of Myrtle Beach, SC. Visitation will be 1-2:45 p.m. Thursday, January 29, 2004, at the First Baptist Church of Spartanburg. Funeral services will follow at 3:00 p.m. at the Church conducted by the Rev. Dr. Donald J. Wilton, the Rev. Sal Barone, and the Rev. Robert C. Morgan. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 154 Milestone Way, Greenville, SC 29615; to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, 250 East Main Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306; or to a charity of ones choice. The family is at the home. Please visit and participate in the American Memorial at [www.floydmortuary.com](http://www.floydmortuary.com). Paid Funeral Notice

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