

Sparklin, J. W. D.
Wash. D.C.

Application for Membership

June 3rd, 1921

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

SIR:

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

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name Wm D Sparklin

Address 944 Munsiey Bldg. Wash. D.C.
[Number and Street] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth Baltimore Md Oct 31 1880

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

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

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

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

If practicing architect, firm name Clark and Sparklin Inc.

Have been in practice Twenty years.....

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

Collegiate and office training Henry Brauns

I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute and the "Circular of Advice Relative to Principles of Professional Practice and Canons of Ethics," and I agree, if elected, honorably to maintain them.

I further agree, if elected to membership in the American Institute of Architects, that if at any time my membership shall cease, either by my own resignation or by any action taken by the Institute, I will then, by that fact, relinquish all rights of any character that I may have acquired by reason of such membership in the property, real or personal, of the American Institute of Architects, and of the Chapter of the Institute of which I am then a member.

Wm D Sparklin
[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application was duly elected an Associate of the.....
[For use when the applicant is an Associate.]

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date.....
[Insert date of election to chapter.]

..... Secretary.

..... Chapter, A. I. A.

We, the undersigned members of the American Institute of Architects, have carefully examined the foregoing statement and believe it to be correct. We know the applicant personally, and consider that his work and practice warrant his admission to Membership.

- (1) Franklman
- (2) [Signature]
- (3) Delos H. Smith

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must send.

[The signatures of three Institute members are here required unless the applicant has the unanimous endorsement of his Chapter, in which case certification to that effect should be made above by the Secretary. Unanimous endorsement is that endorsement in which each Institute member of the Chapter had an opportunity to express himself by letter ballot either for or against the member proposed. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

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April 28, 1921.

My dear Sir:-

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective April 28, 1921.

You have been assigned to the Washington, D.C. Chapter as an Institute member in good standing therein, and the Secretary of the Chapter so notified.

The enclosed statement for dues should receive early attention, as the engrossed Certificate of Membership is not sent until dues for the first year have been paid. No charge has been made for the first quarter of the current year.

May I take this opportunity to say that the office of the Secretary at the Octagon is for the service of every Institute member. Should the occasion arise we shall be glad to give you our best cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Wm. O. Sparklin,
944 Munsey Building,
Washington, D. C.

K-P.

Enclosure.

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

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May 20, 1921.

Dear Mr. Ehmman:-

This letter will be presented to you by Mr.
W. O. Sparklin of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Sparklin is one of the new members of the
Institute and a practicing architect in the District of
Columbia.

He has under consideration some work in
Florida and desires to comply with the requirements of
your Board. He is a member of the Institute and the
Washington, D. C. Chapter in good standing and I wish to
bespeak for him personally your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. E. A. Ehmman, Secretary,
Florida State Board of Architecture,
135 East Bay Street,
Jacksonville, Florida.

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May 23, 1921.

My dear Mr. Sparklin:-

As promised, I send herewith a complete list of the registered architects in Florida. Those who are members of the Institute have been checked in red.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. William O. Sparklin,
Munsey Building,
Washington, D. C.

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January 17, 1922.

My dear Mr. Sparklin:-

In accordance with a letter of January 11, from Mr. Wheat, Secretary of the Washington, D. C., Chapter, this will formally advise you that you have been transferred from the Washington D. C. Chapter to the Florida Chapter as an Institute member in good standing therein. The Secretaries of the two Chapters concerned have been notified to this effect.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. W. O. Sparklin,
St. James Hotel,
Jacksonville, Florida.

K:VB

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File
Sparklin

December 26, 1924

Wm. O. Sparklin, Esq.
P. O. Box 695,
Fort Myers,
Fla.

Dear Sir:

It seems to our Committee on Practice A.I.A. only fair to you to acquaint you with certain statements which have come into our hands which in touching on your professional ethics reflect adversely on the profession as represented by the Institute.

If the recent statement that you are indebted to W. C. Ilgenfrits in the sum of about \$400.00, was the sole basis for the foregoing statement, we would feel that we were in no way justified in mentioning the matter, since it is not the province of the Institute to act as a collecting agency. However it is the friendly office of all Institute activities to acquaint a member of such a fact as that in August, 1924, I was advised that formal charges of unprofessional conduct would be preferred against you and the matter was referred to a sub-committee for investigation. In October the Chairman of this committee reported to me that these charges had been dropped because the complainant had learned that you seemed to be trying to "do the right thing". Our Committee felt that unless we informed you of these facts it would not be doing the friendly thing.

Trusting that you will receive this information in the spirit in which it is written, I remain,

Very truly yours,

J. L. M.

Chairman

January 30, 1928.

My dear Mr. Sparklin:

At the December meeting of the Board of Directors of the Institute your name appeared on the list of delinquent members who are indebted for Institute dues for more than one year - as of December, 1927.

The Board took action on the list as a whole to the effect that those not making payment in full, or some arrangement with the Treasurer as to future payment - before February 15, 1928 - must lose their memberships.

As Secretary of the Institute and because the Institute needs your moral support, as evidenced by your membership, I ask the privilege of addressing you this letter on a somewhat personal basis.

It is a serious thing to forego your membership in the Institute, and in your Chapter. Termination of Institute membership automatically terminates Chapter membership.

It is a serious thing for the Institute and the Chapter to lose a member who, in the beginning, was enthusiastic about both and determined to make his contribution to the cause of the architectural profession.

If you will make a special effort and send to the Treasurer, at The Octagon, a check for at least the indebtedness of one full year, it will permit us to carry your membership during 1928. If 1928 is as good as it promises to be the future should take care of itself.

Will you not let me hear from you, personally if you prefer, at your early convenience - and certainly by February 15th.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Wm. O. Sparklin,
Fort Meyers, Fla.

Secretary.

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

COPY

February 7, 1929

Dear Mr. Sparklin:

It is with regret that we write to advise you of the termination of your membership in the American Institute of Architects, and in the Florida Chapter, effective December 31, 1928.

This action results from the operation of the By-Laws of the Institute which, in 1928, required that the membership of the member who owed for more than one year be terminated, after due notice.

The By-Laws now in effect - as changed at the last Convention - give but one year for the payment of dues, because the Institute has found that it cannot carry on its activities without prompt payment by every member.

If you will permit, we wish to say that the Treasurer, and the Officers of the Institute exceedingly regret to lose your membership for financial reasons. They hope that at some future date you will reconsider, and decide to again affiliate with the American Institute of Architects and the Chapter in your community.

By direction of the Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Wm.O. Sparklin,
Fort Myers, Fla.

K-s

*In due order
December 15, 1944
H. J. Gervais*

THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1945 FEB 13 PM 2:31
WASHINGTON, D. C.



Dated March 14, 1944.
Received April 21, 1944.
Granted February 14, 1945.

MEMBERSHIP NO 2527

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
READMISSION TO
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

- A Name of applicant... William Oliver Sparklin... Chapter Florida North
- B Address of applicant... 305 Morgan Street, P.O. Box 3009, Tampa (1), Florida
- C Applicant proposed by... Walter B. Schultz... and... Russell Seymour
- D Application received with check for \$10.00... on... May 9, 1944.
Check for \$15.00 received on... April 21, 1944.
- E Application returned for correction (Owes \$50.00 back dues for 1927 and 1928, and balance of \$15.00 on current dues.)... 19
- F Application in due order on... (Dues remitted by Bd. Dir. 12/15/44) December 15, 1944.
Record of registration, Form S39, Sent (Fla.) Apr. 22, 1944. Received. April 26, 1944
- G Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
 - (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on... 19... on 19
 - (b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on... 19... on 19
- H Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on... April 24, 1944
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission or that application be denied received on... April 21, 1944.
- J No report from chapter executive committee on... 19
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on... February 6, 1945.
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on... February 6, 1945.
- M Applicant was admitted on... February 14, 1945
- N Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter to proposers on... February 14, 1945.
- 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

William Oliver Sparklin
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 North Chapter.

Date February 14, 1945.

Oliver C. Edwards, Jr.
Secretary



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS ORIGINAL

1944 APR 21 AM

File this 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.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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 *William Oliver Sparklin*.

2. State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.

2. I am a *Native born* citizen of *The United States*.

3. My legal residence is in the City of _____

County of _____ State of _____

4. State whether residence or office address.

4. My address in The Institute records will be

Number *Floridan-Silver Hotel*

City *Jacksonville*, 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 _____ Chapter.

7. I declare that I have read the by-laws and the Principles of Professional Practice of The American Institute of Architects, and that I understand the duties, responsibilities and obligations thereunder of a member of The Institute, and I do hereby agree and declare that, if admitted to membership, I will to the best of my ability abide by and comply with such by-laws and Principles of Professional Practice.

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 chapters or state association members.

9. I enclose my check for \$ *10.00*, for admission fee and the first year's annual dues. It is my understanding that if for any reason I am not admitted to membership all of said amount will be returned to me, except five dollars which The Institute will retain as an examination fee.

Date *Mar 14* 19 *44*.

William Oliver Sparklin
Applicant sign full name in ink

Stamp: A.I.A. 180 11/22/44

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STATISTICS

10. Date of birth *Oct. 31st 1881* Place of birth *Baltimore Md.*

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

(State or States) By Examination

(State or States) By Exemption

Florida No 190 ✓
4-17

(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:

Attended public schools and The Maryland Institute in Baltimore, Md.
Have traveled over entire United States, Canada, Mexico.

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:

Started as draughtsman with Henry Brauns A.I.A. in Baltimore in 1898 and became his chief draughtsman. Left above employment to become chief designer with Dietrich Bros. Baltimore. Practiced in Balto. and Washington for 11 years and came to Florida in 1919 and have practiced here since 1920.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

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- 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).

Have practiced in Baltimore under the Firm name of Fournoy and Sparklin and Sparklin and Childs.

Have practiced in Washington under the Firm name of Zirk and Sparklin.

Have practiced in Florida as W. O. Sparklin Architect and Engineer.

Have a certificate to practice Professional Engineering in Florida.

Do not have my records with me but the Institute files anywhere around 1919 to 1930 will establish time of my membership.

Was member first of the Washington D.C. chapter and was transferred to Fla. about 1920

W. O. Sparklin

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the applicant and believe them to be correct. I vouch 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 2 1/2 years.

I have known the applicant for 2 years.

Signed Walter B. Schultz
Proposer
100 Reg 444

Signed Russell Seymour
Proposer
122 20th St
Jacksonville, Fla.

Note: The two proposers must be corporate members of The Institute in good standing.



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WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.
Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

William O. Sparklin, Jacksonville, Fla.
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,
Jacksonville, Fla.
Address

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..... April 22, 19 44

Alexander C. Robinson III
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state?..... Yes
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination?..... NO..... or by exemption?..... Yes
3. What was the scope of the examination?.....
Registration was granted under Sec. 11 of former law, a/c previous practice
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 last registration..... June 11, 1921 Registration No..... 190..... Is it current?..... Yes

William C. Gentry
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date..... April 24..... 19 44

Florida State Board of Architecture
(Name of Board)

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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April 24, 1944

Dear Mr. Seymour:

This will acknowledge receipt of the application of Mr. William O. Sparklin for readmission to membership in The Institute and the Florida North Chapter, together with his check for \$10.00 and the Favorable Recommendation of the Chapter.

Mr. Sparklin's membership in The Institute terminated on December 31, 1928 for the non-payment of Institute dues. He owed dues for 1927 and 1928 in the total amount of \$50.00.

Under the by-laws a former member may not be reinstated while he is indebted to The Institute or any of its chapters. When such former members apply for readmission, they must pay for back dues unless such dues are remitted by action of The Board.

In unusual circumstances, and upon recommendation of the chapter, The Board often is agreeable to the remission of back dues, provided the chapter remits any dues for the chapter for a like period; and provided the former member applies for readmission.

Also, former members are not entitled to the reduced dues now in effect for new members, and their applications for readmission must be accompanied by payment of \$25.00 - \$5.00 for the admission fee and \$20.00 for the current year's dues - in advance.

We are not writing to Mr. Sparklin in this matter, as yet, as it appeared to be the better procedure to advise the chapter of the situation first and then hold the application pending advice of further instructions or recommendations from the chapter.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. Russell Seymour, Secretary
Florida North Chapter, A.I.A.
122 Hogan Street
Jacksonville, Fla.

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PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

cc to: Director, South Atlantic District

~~Mr. Wilson~~

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JEFFERSON D. POWELL, VICE-PRES.
RUSSELL SEYMOUR, SEC'Y & TREAS.



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WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE FLORIDA NORTH CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

122 HOGAN STREET
JACKSONVILLE 2, FLORIDA

May 6, 1944

Edward C. Kemper, Executive Secretary,
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Re: Application of William O. Sparklin.

In reply to your letter of April 24th regarding Mr. William O. Sparklin's application for Corporate Membership I am enclosing, herewith, Mr. Sparklin's check in the amount of \$15.00, which, together with his previous check in the amount of \$10.00, will complete the total payment of \$25.00.

Mr. Sparklin has been out of the City until yesterday and immediately answered my call regarding this matter. He states that it is his understanding that he notified the Institute to discontinue his membership and that the Institute continued to charge him with dues for 1927 and 1928.

The Florida North Chapter has no record of this matter, because our Chapter was organized in 1929 and therefore has no indebtedness against Mr. Sparklin.

Mr. Sparklin is connected with the firm of Reynolds, Smith & Hills, Architects and Engineers who have done several million dollars worth of work for the Army and Navy. We believe him to be a very capable man and would be especially happy to have him as a member of the Florida North Chapter.

Yours very truly,


Russell Seymour, Secretary.



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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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May 25, 1944

Dear Mr. Seymour:

Your letter of May 6 regarding the application of Mr. William O. Sparklin was received promptly, but a response was held until we could make a careful search concerning the resignation to which you refer.

According to the record here, his membership was terminated as of December 31, 1928 for unpaid dues for the years 1927 and 1928 in the sum of \$50.00.

Some error has been made and if Mr. Sparklin can send a copy of a letter of resignation or other evidence of his desire to terminate his membership, we will certainly endeavor to make amends.

Unless such procedure can be developed, it will be necessary for him to pay the old account of \$50.00 before his present application can be acted upon.

An extra copy of this letter is enclosed should you wish to refer it to Mr. Sparklin, and we wish to assure him and you that we shall do everything possible to clear the record - upon receipt of further information.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. Russell Seymour, Secretary
Florida North Chapter, A.I.A.
122 Hogan Street
Jacksonville, 2, Florida

ECK:bdh
Enc.

REYNOLDS, SMITH AND HILLS
ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS
10 SOUTH LAURA STREET JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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JOHN F. REYNOLDS, MEM. A. S. C. E.
IVAN H. SMITH, MEM. A. I. A.
GEORGE B. HILLS, MEM. A. S. C. E.
C. E. RICHHEIMER, ASSOC. MEM. A. S. C. E.
G. A. YOUNGBERG, MEM. A. S. C. E.

May 30, 1944

DIRECT REPLY TO

P. O. Box 4817
Jacksonville 1, Florida

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

ATTENTION: MR. E. C. KEMPER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Mr. Russell Seymour, Secretary of the local chapter, has handed me a copy of your letter of the 25th with reference to my application for reinstatement as member of the A.I.A.

With reference to a copy of my letter of resignation, it will be impossible for me to produce such a copy at this time for the simple reason that I closed my office in St. Petersburg for the duration and all of my records are stored there. I also doubt very much if I have kept such letters dated as far back as this one, as I have made it a practice to clean out all dead correspondence from my files every five years.


My memory could fail me, but it is my distinct recollection that I wrote you immediately upon receiving my dues notice.

I came to Florida as a member of the Washington, D. C., Chapter, and after being in the State several years, I discovered that my membership was a handicap. This situation was so different from my experience in Washington that I became disgusted and decided to discontinue my membership. Florida was in more or less of a pioneer stage at the time and the local architects seemed to resent my being here instead of extending the customary welcome to a fellow professional. I am glad to say that conditions have changed in the above respect.

I was approached here to become a member again on the new enrollment basis, after having explained my status in detail. I agreed, filled out the application and filed same with my check. After some time, I was informed that inasmuch as I had been a member, I would be required to pay an additional fee, which I did. Now this last letter places another light on the subject.

The amount of money involved is not a great stumbling block, but the manner in which my application has been handled does dampen my desire to follow through.

Very respectfully,


Wm. O. Sparklin

WOS:mr

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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June 16, 1944

Dear Mr. Sparklin:

I am sorry there has been a delay in responding to yours of May 30.

We have a reduced staff here at The Octagon and have been literally swamped with work since the recent meeting of The Board of Directors.

We have made another search for the letter of resignation to which you refer, but without success. If you will certify that such a letter was sent, giving the approximate date, it may be that The Board, on the recommendation of the Florida North Chapter, would remit any outstanding dues accumulated since the time of the submission of the resignation.

Here at The Octagon we have no alternative in this procedure for the reinstatement of members, but must follow the general rules contained in the by-laws and instructions of The Board.

This, of course, is good practice, but there may be individual cases in which it makes a hardship, so please be assured of our best cooperation in putting your reinstatement forward in the light of the above and our letter of May 25 to Mr. Seymour.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. Wm. O. Sparklin
Reynolds, Smith and Hills
P. O. Box 4817
Jacksonville 1, Florida

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THE FLORIDA NORTH CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

122 HOGAN STREET
JACKSONVILLE 2, FLORIDA

November 27, 1944

Mr. Edward C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Re: Application of-
Wm. O. Sparklin

Under date of April 10, 1944, the undersigned as secretary of the Florida North Chapter, A.I.A., transmitted to your office, the application of Mr. Wm. O. Sparklin, for Corporate Membership in the Institute. This application was accompanied by appropriate resolution indicating favorable recommendation of the Chapter for membership.

Subsequently we were advised that Mr. Sparklin, who was a former member of the Institute, was charged with \$50.00, unpaid dues for the years 1927 and 1928. Mr. Sparklin states that it is his understanding that he resigned before these dues accumulated. Since this was prior to the existence of the Fla. North Chapter, we have no records to check this matter.

We of the Florida North Chapter feel, however, that this haggling over the matter of unpaid dues as of some fifteen years ago, whether correct or not, is inconsistent with the present program of Unification which Mr. Oberwarth has gone to a great deal of effort to promote by enlarging the membership of the Institute.

Therefore, I suggest that this matter be reconsidered, and approved as recommended by the Florida North Chapter.

Sincerely yours,

Russell Seymour
Russell Seymour, Secretary

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Wm. O. Sparklin case

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December 4, 1944

Dear Mr. Seymour:

Responding to yours of November 27 at hand on the 28th, with regard to the application of Mr. Wm. O. Sparklin:

Here at The Octagon, we have no choice of procedure in this matter of outstanding dues of those who apply for readmission.

The old dues are on the books here and the by-laws say the applicant for readmission must pay them before he can be re-elected.

We thought we saw opportunity to be of help when we wrote to Mr. Sparklin in a letter of June 16, 1944 in part as follows:

"We have made another search for the letter of resignation to which you refer, but without success. If you will certify that such a letter was sent, giving the approximate date, it may be that The Board, on the recommendation of the Florida North Chapter, would remit any outstanding dues accumulated since the time of the submission of the resignation.

"Here at The Octagon we have no alternative in this procedure for the reinstatement of members, but must follow the general rules contained in the by-laws and instructions of The Board.

"This, of course, is good practice, but there may be individual cases in which it makes a hardship, so please be assured of our best cooperation in putting your reinstatement forward in the light of the above and our letter of May 25 to Mr. Seymour."

He has not responded to this letter.

Only The Board of The Institute has power to remit dues. It will meet in Cincinnati on December 13-15 and if the Florida Northern Chapter will recommend to The Board that the unpaid dues of Mr. Sparklin for the years 1927-28 in the sum of \$50.00 be remitted, because of the loss of his letter of resignation submitted in 1927, or for other unusual circumstances — we believe that The Board would take favorable action.

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December 4, 1944

Such a letter or a telegram should reach The Octagon not later than December 10, as I am leaving for the meeting on December 11th.

Please be assured of our best attention to this matter, under the limitations above indicated.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. Russell Seymour, Secretary
The Florida North Chapter, A.I.A.
122 Hogan Street
Jacksonville 2, Florida

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=TALKED WITH WILLIAM O. SPARKLIN AGAIN LAST SATURDAY AND HE REAFFIRMED HIS PREVIOUS STATEMENT THAT HE IS NOT INDEBTED TO THE INSTITUTE AS ALLEGED. FURTHERMORE HE IS NOT INDEBTED TO THE FLORIDA NORTH CHAPTER. OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGAIN URGES FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF THIS APPLICATION:

=RUSSELL SEYMOUR SECRETARY FLORIDA NORTH CHAPTER A I A

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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January 6, 1945

Dear Mr. Seymour:

Herewith is copy of letter of even date to Mr. William O. Sparklin advising him that his old account for Institute dues was waived by action of The Board at its recent meeting.

As soon as further action on the application has been completed, formal letters concerning Mr. Sparklin's reinstatement will go to him and to you.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. Russell Seymour, Secretary
Florida North Chapter, A.I.A.
122 Hogan Street
Jacksonville 2, Florida

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January 6, 1945

Dear Mr. Sparklin:

With reference to previous correspondence, we are pleased to advise that The Board of Directors at its recent meeting, on the recommendation of the Florida North Chapter, remitted your old account for Institute dues for the years 1927 and 1928 in the sum of \$50., on the understanding that you desire to apply for reinstatement.

Formal notice concerning your reinstatement will go to you -- just as soon as the further required action on your application has been completed *here*.

By direction of The Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. William O. Sparklin
Reynolds, Smith and Hills
P. O. Box 4817
Jacksonville 1, Florida

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WM. O. SPARKLIN
ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER
305 MORGAN ST. - P. O. BOX 3009
TAMPA 1, FLORIDA

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Jan. 25th. 1945.

Mr. Edward C. Kemper
Executive Secretary
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Ave. N.W.,
Washington, 6, D.C.

Dear Mr Kemper;

Your communication of the 6th. finally reached me at my office in Tampa.

My being away from my office and the fact that your letter was addressed to Jacksonville, is responsible for my delay in answering.

I appreciate your interest in the matter of my reinstatement as member of the Institute, but I do not like the conditions set forth, namely, that my indebtedness to the Institute is being waved to make this possible.

My position is that I did not owe the amount named and if I thought for one moment that I did, I would send you a check covering same. The action taken by your board is predicated upon this debt being bonified and placing me in a position of getting something I have never asked for.

I merely set forth the foregoing to let you know my real feeling in this matter and I trust that it will be taken in the spirit in which it is sent.

Again thanking you for your courtesies in this matter, I am,

Very sincerely,



Wm. O. Sparklin.

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February 10, 1945

Dear Mr. Sparklin:

Meetings here have delayed a response to yours of January 25th.

There was no intention on the part of The Board to imply that you were granted some special favor when old dues for 1927 and 1928 were waived.

The procedure was followed as the best and quickest way to clear the record and to bring you back into The Institute.

In view of this explanation we hope that you will authorize us to complete the routine of your readmission.

As an alternative, if you can send us a copy of the previous resignation which you filed we will gladly submit it to the next meeting of The Board as of the date tendered, thus clearing the record with respect to dues for 1927 and 1928.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

BCK:dd

Mr. Wm. O. Sparklin
305 Morgan Street
P. O. Box 3009
Tampa 1, Florida

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122 HOGAN STREET
JACKSONVILLE 2, FLORIDA

February 23, 1945

Edward C. Kemper, Executive Secretary
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Re: Readmission of Mr. William O. Sparklin.

Mr. Sparklin has just forwarded your letter of February 10th to me with instructions to advise you that he still desires to become a member of the American Institute of Architects.

Furthermore, the Florida North Chapter again recommends that this matter be cleared up as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

R. Seymour
Russell Seymour, Secretary
Florida North Chapter, A.I.A.

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February 26, 1945

Dear Mr. Sparklin:

The Secretary is happy to inform you that your application for readmission to membership in The Institute was acted on favorably by The Board of Directors and that you were readmitted to corporate membership in The Institute and assigned to the Florida North Chapter, effective February 14, 1945. 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.

The Board of Directors welcomes you again to membership 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.

Yours sincerely,

Alexander C. Robinson III
Secretary

Mr. William Oliver Sparklin, A.I.A.
305 Morgan Street
P.O. Box 3009
Tampa (1), Florida

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cc to: Director, South Atlantic District, A.I.A.
Proposers: Mr. Walter B. Schultz
Mr. Russell Seymour

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1949 JUL 20 AM 9:11

WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 16, 1949

Mr. W. O. Sparklin
Box 3009
Tampa 1, Florida

Dear Mr. Sparklin:

A recent survey of attendance of the membership of the Florida North Chapter since April 1947, indicates that you have not been able to attend any of the regular monthly meetings since that date.

Perhaps, it would be more convenient for you to attend your Chapter Meetings if your membership was transferred to one of the Florida Chapters whose headquarters and meeting place is closer to your place of business.

The Florida North Chapter will be glad to assist in every way possible to make it more convenient for you to be able to take an active part in Institute and Chapter Affairs.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS LARRICK
Secretary

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cc: Executive Director
cc: Florida Central Chapter, Secretary
cc: President, Florida North Chapter

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Sparklin

August 29, 1949

Dear Mr. Sparklin:

In view of the fact that you are located in the territory of The Florida Central Chapter, we believe you would find it more convenient to be assigned to that Chapter.

Attendance at meetings and participation in the affairs of a local Chapter are the best means of securing the fullest benefits of Institute membership.

If you would like to have your Chapter assignment transferred from the Florida North Chapter to The Florida Central Chapter and will let us know, we shall be glad to arrange accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

Florence H. Gervais
For the Administrative Secretary

Mr. W.O. Sparklin
Box 3009
Tampa 1, Florida

FHG:JBG

cc to - Mr. Thomas Larrick, Secretary of the Florida North Chapter, A.I.A.
Mr. Francis Horton Emerson, Secretary of the Florida Central Chapter, A.I.A.

WM. O. SPARKLIN, A.I.A.
ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER
HYDE PARK PROFESSIONAL BLDG.
805 W. LAFAYETTE ST. P.O. BOX 3008
TAMPA, FLORIDA
TELEPHONE H 1711

March 20, 1951

American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

This is to notify you of the passing away of Mr.
William Oliver Sparklin, of Tampa, Florida, on
the night of March 17, 1951, due to a heart ailment.

Kindly make necessary adjustments in your records.

Sincerely yours,

Richard S. Himes

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