



The American Institute of Architects
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

APPLICATION NO AP 16429
Dated Jan. 25 1961.
Received April 19 1961.
Granted May 15 1961.
MEMBERSHIP NO 16429

- A Name of applicant Matthew Lowber Virden, III Chapter Mississippi
B Address of applicant 712 Spruce - Columbus, Mississippi
C Application received with check for \$ 20.00 on April 19 1961
D Application returned for correction (rec'd May 22nd) 19
E Application in due order on April 19 1961
F Acknowledgments to applicant and chapter on May 22 / May 1 1961
G Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission or that applicant be denied received on April 19 1961
H Record of registration received April 19 1961
I The applicant has been examined as to his professional qualifications by Mississippi State Bd. of Architecture
J The applicant is currently registered as an architect or licensed to practice architecture in the states of Mississippi
K Application sent to The Committee on Membership May 2 1961
L The Committee on Membership reported on application on May 29, 1961
M The applicant was requested to furnish additional evidence of his professional qualifications on or before May 29, 1961

REPORT:

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

THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

Date May 29 19 61

[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 Matthew Lowber Virden, III to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the Mississippi Chapter.

Date June / May 15 19 61.

[Signature]
Secretary

- N Applicant admitted on May 15 1961
O Notice to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter on June / May 15 1961
P Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$ returned to applicant on June / 19

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In Due Order

J. H. Green
Head
Membership Dept.
A. I. A.



APPLICATION NO 18429

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 **Matthew Lowber Virden, III**
- 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 **Columbus**
County of **Lowndes** State of **Mississippi**
- 4. My address in The Institute records will be
Number **712 Spruce** Street
City **Columbus,** Zone State **Mississippi**
State whether residence or office address.
- 5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as **practicing architect.**
State whether a practicing architect, teacher, a public official, etc.
- 6. I desire to be a member of the **Mississippi** 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 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 \$5.00 is for a year's subscription to the *Journal of The American Institute of Architects* and the *Memo--a Newsletter*. It is my understanding that if I am not admitted to membership \$10.00 will be returned to me, and \$10.00 retained by The Institute as an examination fee.

Date **January 25, 19 61**

Matthew Lowber Virden
Applicant sign full name in ink

APR 19 1961

PAID
\$20.00 - 4/19/61

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STATISTICS

10. Date of birth August 27, 1930 Place of birth Greenville, Mississippi

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

Mississippi and Louisiana

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

Louisiana

(c) I hold Certificate No. 3825..... 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:

<i>Name of School, College, University</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>No. of Years</i>	<i>Year of Graduation</i>	<i>Degree</i>
Greenville High School	Greenville, Miss.	2		
New Mexico Military Inst.	Roswell, New Mex.	2	1948	Diploma
Ga. Inst. of Technology	Atlanta, Ga.	5	1953	BS, B. of Arch.

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

None

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

<i>Employer's Name-Address</i>	<i>Type of Business</i>	<i>Classification of Position</i>	<i>Period of Employment by month and year</i>
E. E. Norwood Hall & Norwood Greenville, Miss.	Architect-Engineer	Draftsman-Designer	Jan. '56 - Sept. '59
Wm. I. Rosamond & Associates 1112 Main Bldg. Columbus, Mississippi	Architect-Engineer	Draftsman-Designer	Sept. '59 to date

*(NOTE: Applications 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.)

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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.)

<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	
Wm. I. Rosamond & Assoc.	Sept. '59	Date
1112 Main Bldg., Columbus, Miss.		

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.

Viriden-Hannan Company, Greenville, Miss. -- Partner
 Delta Bldg. Material Co., Leland, Miss. -- Partner

See Chapter Secretary's Comments } applic-
 eant's } explan-
 ation }
 attached

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS AND APPLICATIONS
 IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

17. I have previously applied for membership or associateship in the ...Mississippi..... chapter of The American Institute of Architects. The details concerning this application are as follows:

- 18. Member of Institute from _____ to _____
- 19. Junior of Institute from _____ to _____
- 20. Associate of Mississippi Chapter from Sept. '60 to date.
- 21. Junior Associate of Mississippi Chapter from '57 to Feb. '60
- 22. Student Associate of _____ Chapter from _____ to _____
- 23. Member of State Organization in _____ from _____ to _____

REFERENCES

Five references are required, at least three of whom shall be corporate members of The Institute in good standing. Member references must be available for personal contact by the local chapter officers.

<u>WIR</u> William I. Rosamond <i>Member</i>	<u>Box 869, Columbus, Mississippi</u> <i>Address</i>
<u>Fred L. Harrison, Jr.</u> <i>Member</i>	<u>Box 869, Columbus, Mississippi</u> <i>Address</i>
<u>WEN</u> E. E. Norwood <i>Member</i>	<u>Greenville, Mississippi</u> <i>Address</i>
<u>WIK</u> Harold Kaplan <i>Reference</i>	<u>Greenville, Mississippi</u> <i>Address</i>
<u>Charles Barlow</u> <i>Reference</i>	<u>c/o Barlow & Plunkett, Jackson, Mississippi</u> <i>Address</i>

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER

April 17, 1961

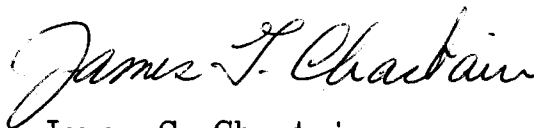
Miss Florence Gervais, Head
Membership Department
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Gervais:

Enclosed is Matthew L. Virden, III's application for corporate membership, record of registration, favorable recommendation of the Mississippi Chapter, and a check made payable to the American Institute of Architects.

May I point out, although Mr. Virden notes in paragraph 16 two businesses in which he is a partner, his principal occupation is architecture.

Very truly yours,



James G. Chastain
Secretary - Treasurer

JGC:pv

Enclosures

APR 19 1961





THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Mississippi

(Chapter)

936 First National Bank Bldg.

Jackson, Miss.

(Address)

SECRETARY,

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,

Address

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

Matthew Lowber Virden, III

(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 14 February 1961

James I. Chastain Chapter Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? Yes

2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? or by exemption? Yes

3. What was the scope of the examination? Registration approved on the basis of graduation from an accredited school of architecture and 3 years experience

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?

If so, give Certificate No.

6. Date of first registration 11-20-59 Registration No. 447 Is it current? Yes

Carl P. Matthes (Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date 2-28 1961

Mississippi State Board of Architects (Name of Board)

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*Application
Suspense*

May 10, 1961

Mr. James G. Chastain, Secretary
Mississippi Chapter, A.I.A.
First National Bank Building
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Chastain:

With further reference to the application of Matthew L. Virden, III, for corporate membership, you will recall that in his application he has indicated he holds a partnership in

Virden-Hannan Company, Greenville, Mississippi
Delat Bldg., Material Co., Leland, "

although his principal occupation is the practice of architecture.

The Secretary of The Institute has requested us to obtain further information from you and would like to know if these business firms engage in building construction.

Upon receipt of your response the application will be re-submitted to The Secretary for further consideration.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais
Head, Membership Department

FHG

Copy to Secretary Carroll

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER

May 19, 1961

Miss Florence H. Gervais
Head, Membership Department
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Re: Application for Membership - Matthew L. Virden, III

Dear Miss Gervais:

In answer to your letter of May 10 I am enclosing a letter from Mr. Virden concerning his relationship to the two firms listed in his membership application.

Sincerely,

James G. Chastain

James G. Chastain
Secretary - Treasurer

JGC: jc



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WILLIAM I. ROSAMOND & ASSOCIATES
ARCHITECTS • ENGINEERS

ADDRESS REPLY TO:

M. L. Virden, III
Post Office Box 869
Columbus, Mississippi
May 17, 1961

Mr. James G. Chastain
Secretary-Treasurer
Mississippi Chapter, A. I. A.
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Jim:

In reply to your letter of May 16, 1961, with reference to my application for Corporate Membership in the American Institute of Architects, I submit the following information:

1. Virden-Hannan Company, Greenville, Mississippi, is a partnership between my sister and me and consists of property holdings and farm lands from which we receive income through rentals. It is in no way connected with building construction.
2. Delta Building Material Company, Leland, Mississippi, is a wholesale building supply house in which I hold a 1/10 interest. It deals in the selling of all types of building materials on a wholesale basis to retail lumber yards in the Delta. I have no active part in running this company at the present time, participating as a stockholder in it only.
3. I am at present an associate of the firm William I. Rosamond and Associates, Architects-Engineers, Columbus, Mississippi, and have held said position since January 1, 1961. This is my principal occupation and it is my intent that architecture shall be my principal profession in the future. The holdings listed above have been passed on to me from my father and in no way will interfere with my principal occupation as an architect.

Mr. James G. Chastain

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May 17, 1961

I hope this clears up these matters; however, if I can be of further assistance, please contact me.

Yours truly,



M. L. Virden, III

MLV:bw

June 16, 1961

Mr. Matthew Lowber Virden, AII, A.I.A.
712 Spruce Street
Columbus, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Virden:

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.

In approximately two months you will receive a certificate of membership duly executed by the officers of The Institute.

You are assigned to the Mississippi Chapter of The A.I.A., effective June 15, 1961.

I sincerely hope that you will take an active and interested part in your Chapter activities. The Chapter is the cornerstone of The Institute's strength where the policies which advance our profession are developed. Members who are active in Chapter affairs gain the most from A.I.A. as professional men and provide the leadership which A.I.A. needs to meet the challenges and opportunities which the future holds for architecture.

I want you to know that The Secretary's Office is at your service to the fullest extent of its powers.

By direction of The Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Scheick, A.I.A.
Executive Director

WHS:MM

November 17, 1971

Mr. Matt L. Virden, III, AIA, Director
Gulf States Region/AIA
827 Main Street
Greenville, Mississippi 38701

Dear Mr. Virden:

Our warmest congratulations on your recent election as Director of the Gulf States Region/AIA.

In our Public Relations Department we maintain in our biographical files a biography and photo of each Board member. At this time, we have neither a biography nor a photograph of you and would appreciate it if you would provide us with a copy of each. I am enclosing a biography of one of the current Board members which may be useful as a guideline.

If you have any questions, or if we can assist you in any way, do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Anne Fetzer
Administrative Assistant
Public Relations Department

Enclosure

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

MATT L. VIRDEN III, ~~AIA~~ ^{FAIA}
Director, Gulf States Region

^{FAIA}
Matt L. Virden III, ~~AIA~~, is president of Virden & Roberson, Ltd., Architects, Greenville, Mississippi, a firm formed in 1961 by Mr. Virden.

The organization consists of some ten persons and is primarily architectural in its pursuits with a limited capacity in planning and land use, interior design and engineering.

A native of Greenville, Virden was graduated from New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell. He received a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Architecture degrees from Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, in 1953.

He is presently a director of Delta State Savings and Loan Association, Commercial National Bank, and the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, and he is also Chairman of the Commission on Community Services, Catholic Diocese of Natchez-Jackson, Mississippi.

In 1968 he served as president of the Mississippi Chapter of The American Institute of Architects, and has served as a director of the Mississippi Chapter. Mr. Virden was a member of the Housing Committee of the Institute for three years, 1969-1971.

His firm received an Award of Merit in the 1969 Gulf States Region Honor Awards Program for the design of St. Mary's Convent, Vicksburg, Miss., and an Honor Award in Architecture in the 1971 Honor Awards Program of the Gulf States Region for Lois Aron Meditation Chapel, Mississippi Valley State College, Itta Bena.

Mr. Virden is licensed to practice in Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Kentucky and holds a National Council of Architecture Registration Boards Certificate.

December, 1972

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DIGEST OF THE CAREER AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF
Matt L. Virden, III, AIA
Greenville, Mississippi

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Chapter Offices

1966 - Director	Chapter delegate to national convention -
1967 - Vice President	1968, 1970, 1971
1968 - President	Delegate-at-Large - 1972

Chapter Committees

1969 - Committee on Governmental Relations
Legislative Subcommittee
Building Commission Coordinating Subcommittee

1970 - General Chairman of 19th Annual Gulf States Regional Conference

1971 - Committee on Residential Architecture

National Committees and Offices

1969, 1970, 1971 - Housing Committee
Constraints Subcommittee - 1970
Chairman, Government Liaison Subcommittee - 1971

1972-1974 - Gulf States Regional Director

1972 - Commissioner, Commission on the Environment

1971 - Honor Awards Jury - Tennessee Society of Architects
1972 - Honor Awards Jury - Alabama Council of Architects

PUBLIC SERVICE

Chairman, Citizens Advisory Committee for Urban Renewal
Vice President, Greenville Chamber of Commerce
Director - 2 terms (4 year total)

(Member, Diocesan Pastoral Council)
Chairman, Commission on Community Services, Catholic Diocese of Natchez-Jackson,
Mississippi
Past Chairman - Parish Council Presidents' Commission
Past Chairman - Parish Council, St. Joseph's Catholic Church

DESIGN (Firm Award)

1969 - Award of Merit - St. Mary's Convent, Vicksburg, Miss.
Gulf States Regional Conference

1971 - Honor Award - Meditation Chapel, Valley State College, Itta Bena, Miss.
Gulf States Regional Conference

References

Address

Relationship to Nominee

Arch Winter, FAIA	Mobile, Alabama	AIA association
Louis Lundgren, FAIA	St. Paul, Minn.	" "
Bishop Joseph B. Brunini,	Catholic Diocese of	Client and Church Service
	Natchez - Jackson	
	Amite Street	
	Jackson, Miss.	
John Pritchard, FAIA	Tunica, Miss.	AIA association
William I. Rosamond, AIA,	Columbus, Miss.	" "

NOMINATION

1. Matthew Lowber Virden, III, AIA, of the Mississippi Chapter,
(name of nominee) (chapter assignment)
and corporate member of the AIA since June 15, 1961,
(date of election)

is nominated for fellowship for his notable contribution to the advancement of the profession of architecture. The nomination is made by:

(check and sign either 1a. or 1b.)

1a. Vote of governing Board
of Mississippi Chapter, American Institute of Architects
(name of component organization)
Watts Clark, AIA, President Watts Clark
(signature and title of Chapter President or Secretary)

1b. Individual corporate members and/or fellows as follows:
(written signature) (typed signature and chapter)

2. The nominators designate the following member to be the sponsor of this nomination:

Name James Watts Clark
Address P. O. Box 9732, Jackson, Miss. 39206
Telephone Number 948-4145

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PROFILE

(additional sheets to supplement the printed pages
may be inserted after the appropriate printed page)

TYPEWRITING ONLY

1. Nominee's name: Matthew Lowber Virden, III, AIA

2. Nominee is a natural naturalized citizen of the United States.

3. Nominee's legal residence address: 706 Arnold Avenue
Greenville, Mississippi 38701

4. Nominee's firm name: Virden & Roberson, Ltd., Architects

5. Nominee's principal place of business address: 819 Main Street,
Greenville, Mississippi 38701

6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by: Miss. State Board of Registration for Architects & NCARB
(name of state board, NCARB, as case may be)

7. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture in the states
of: Miss., Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Kentucky

8. Nominee is engaged in the profession of architecture as: Principal of a firm in general architectural practice

9. Nominee's date of birth: August 27, 1930
Place of birth: Greenville, Mississippi

10. Nominee's education:
(a) High School, College, University, Post Graduate, etc.
(chronological order)

Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
Roswell, N. M.			
New Mexico Military Institute	2	1948	Diploma
Atlanta, Ga.			
Ga. Institute of Technology	5	1953	B.S.; B. of Arch.

(b) Scholarships held by nominee:

None

11. Nominee has traveled in the following countries: Mexico

12. Other data concerning nominee's record:
Military Service: 3 yrs. active - 7 yrs. reserve. Retired, Honorable
Discharge in November 1962 - rank Captain

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

February 26, 1973

Mr. Matthew L. Virden, III, FAIA
819 Main Street
Greenville, Mississippi 38701

Dear Mr. Virden:

I have the pleasure of informing you that the Jury of Fellows advanced you to fellowship effective February 16, 1973, for your notable contribution to the advancement of the profession of architecture. With this action, you are also admitted to the College of Fellows.

Those who have been advanced to fellowship will receive their medals, with appropriate ceremony, at the Investiture of Fellows to be held on May 7, 1973, at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall, San Francisco, California. Further details about this event will be sent at a later date.

The Officers of the Institute and the Jury of Fellows join with me in the hope that you will be present to receive this honor. Please send your reply to me at the address given below at your early convenience.

Permit me to add my personal congratulations and good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Hillard T. Smith, Jr., FAIA
Secretary

cc: Mr. James Watts Clark, AIA, Sponsor