

Dated March 3 1942.
Received March 7 1942.
Granted April 11 1942.

MEMBERSHIP NO 1196



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

*In due order
March 7, 1942
H. J. Gervais*

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- A Name of applicant..... John Latham Volk..... Chapter.. FLORIDA SOUTH ...
- B Address of applicant..... Murray Building - Palm Beach, Fla.....
- C Applicant proposed by..... Bruce P. Kitchel..... and..... Marion I. Manley.....
- D Application received with check for \$10.00..... on..... March 7 19 42
- E Application returned for correction..... 19 .
- F Application in due order on..... March 7 19 42
- Record of registration, Form S39, Sent . Fla. - Mar. 16. 19 42. Received. March 20 1942 .
- 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, proposer, and chapter on..... March 10 19 42
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission
~~and that application be denied~~ received on..... March 7 19 42
- J No report from chapter executive committee on..... 19 .
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on..... April 7 1942 .
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on..... April 7 19 42
- M Applicant was admitted on..... April 11 19 42
- N Notice ~~and certificate~~ to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter
to proposers on..... April 11 1942 .
- O Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$.....
returned to applicant on..... 19 .

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT

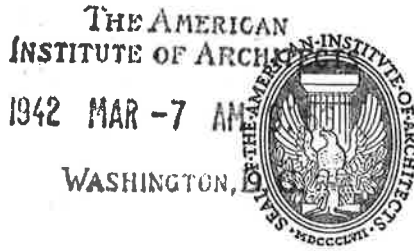
I, Secretary of The American Institute of Architects, hereby certify that, under authority vested in me by The Board of Directors, I have this day duly elected

- John Latham Volk -

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 April 11 1942.

[Signature]
Secretary



ORIGINAL

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

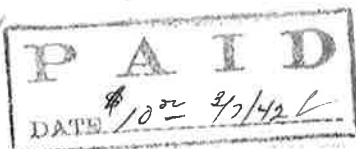
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

1. My full name is John Latham Volk .
2. I am a naturalized citizen of United States of America .
2. State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.
3. My legal residence is in the City of Palm Beach ,
County of Palm Beach State of Florida .
4. My address in The Institute records will be
Street Murray Building
City Palm Beach , State Florida .
4. State whether residence or office address.
5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as practicing Architect
5. State whether as a practicing architect, a teacher, a public official, etc.
6. I desire to be a member of the south Florida 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. 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 March 3 1942 .

John Latham Volk
Applicant sign full name in ink



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STATISTICS

10. Date of birth October 15, 1901 Place of birth Graz Austria

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

By Examination

(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:

Stuyvesant High School

New York City

Mechanics Institute

New York City

Columbia University

New York City

Beaux Arts

New York City

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:

Ludlow & Peabody, New York City, 1920 four months, Junior Draftsman

H. P. Knowles, New York City, 1921 to 1922, two years, Draftsman

Joseph H. Reedlander, New York City, 1923, six months, Designer

J. E. R. Carpenter, New York City, 1923 part of '24, 1 year, Squad Chief

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)

1924 and part of 1925, associated with W. Kenneth Watkins firm, name of Watkins & Volk, practiced Architecture in Larchmont, New York

Palm Beach Florida, October 1925 to present.

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

- ✓ 15. Member of Institute from _____ to _____
- ✓ 16. Junior of Institute from _____ to _____
- 17. Associate of _____ Chapter from _____ to _____
- 18. Junior Associate of _____ Chapter from _____ to _____
- 19. Member of State Association in Florida from 1935 to 1942

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 18 years.

I have known the applicant for 2 years.

✓ Signed Bruce P. Mitchell
Proposer

✓ Signed Marion Mauley (Pres.)
Proposer

Bruce P. Mitchell 3.
R.F.D. #1
West Palm Beach, Fla.

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MAR 18 1942

AP No
1196



FLORIDA STATE BOARD
OF ARCHITECTURE

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

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

John Latham Volk - Palm Beach, Fla. (Registered in Florida
(Name of Applicant) (as:
(John L. Volk

SECRETARY, Florida

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,
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 March 16 19 42

Chas. J. Ingraham
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? Yes
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? Yes ~~by exemption?~~
3. What was the scope of the examination? The full Junior or written examination conducted June 10, 11 and 12, 1926, and having a general average of 85.21.
4. What was the period of the examination? 3 days. Written examination 2 1/2 hours; Oral examination 1/4 hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? No. If so, give Certificate No. XX
6. Date of last registration June 12 19 26 Registration No. 796 Is it current? Yes
Annual renewal fee paid to 7/1/42

Mellen C. Gentry
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date March 18 19 42

Florida State Board of Architecture
(Name of Board)

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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April 11, 1942

Dear Mr. Volk:

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 the Florida South Chapter, effective April 11, 1942. 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 yours,


Secretary

Mr. John Latham Volk, A.I.A.
Murray Building
Palm Beach, Florida

CTI/fs

Copies to: Director, South Atlantic District, Mr. Weaver

Mr. Bruce P. Kitchell, proposer

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FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

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1777 Biscayne Blvd., Miami

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311 S.E. 7th St., Ft. Lauderdale

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1414 S.W. 23rd St., Miami



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(Address all communications to
Secretary-Treasurer)

THE FLORIDA SOUTH CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
MIAMI, FLORIDA NINETEEN FORTY-SEVEN

REC'D JUN 31 1947

June 28, 1947

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

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Please add the name of John L. Volk to the list of those
in good standing and eligible for transfer to the new Palm Beach
Chapter.

Phoyacinto

Sincerely yours,

FLORIDA SOUTH CHAPTER
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

F. J. Tarlowski
F. J. TARLOWSKI, Secretary-Treasurer
1414 S. W. 23rd Street
Miami, Florida

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

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June 30, 1947

Dear Mr. Volk:

No doubt you are aware that at its Annual Meeting in late April, The Board of Directors of The Institute issued a charter to the Palm Beach Chapter of the A.I.A.

As you are located in the territory of this new Chapter, the Secretary of the Florida South Chapter, to which you are now assigned, has suggested that you might wish to have your chapter assignment transferred to the Palm Beach Chapter.

If you agree and will so advise us, we shall be glad to arrange for the transfer.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director

Mr. John L. Volk, A.I.A.
Plaza Circle
Palm Beach, Florida

K/g

Copy to the Secretary, Florida South Chapter, A. I.A.
" Palm Beach Chapter, A.I.A.

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JOHN L. VOLK
ARCHITECT
PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

JOHN L. VOLK, R.A.A.I.A.
LAWRENCE S. FUNKE, R.A., A.I.A.
KEMP CALER, R.A., A.I.A.
KARL H. HALLER, ENGINEER

July 18, 1947

PLAZA CIRCLE
TEL. 6148-6149

*OK
as of May 1
B*

REC'D JUL 21 1947

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

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your letter of
June 30th, will you kindly arrange to have
my chapter assignment transferred to the Palm
Beach Chapter?

Sincerely yours,

John L. Volk
John L. Volk

JLV/lg

*Approved by Palm Beach
Chapter in letter of 7/8/47
B*

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

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July 21, 1947

Dear Mr. Volk:

This will advise that you have been formally transferred, as an Institute member in good standing, from the Florida South Chapter and assigned to the Palm Beach Chapter, effective May 1, 1947.

Both Chapters have been advised.

John
The Secretary of the Palm Beach Chapter is Mr. George Julian Votaw, 253 North Avenue, Palm Beach, Florida; and we suggest that you contact him with regard to the next meeting and other matters of interest.

Sincerely yours,

Alexander C. Robinson III
Secretary

Mr. John L. Volk, A.I.A.
Pleas Circle
Palm Beach, Florida

ACR:MB

NO. _____

**BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE
of American Architects**

Name: John L. Volk **of (address)** 206 Phipps Plaza, Palm Beach, FL 33480
Born: Oct. 15, 1901 **at** Graz, **Died:** Feb. 20, 1984 **at** Freeport, Bahamas
Austria **and** Hedwig Cermaly Volk
Parents: John Volk **of** Springfield, MA **on** Apr. 15, 1947
Married: Lillian Jane Kinney
Children: John Kinney Volk
Education: Columbia University

Training; and practice as Principal: (Firm Names, Places, Dates, Specialization)

From 1925 until his death in 1984, his practice was known as John L. Volk, Architect, and then as John L. Volk and Associates, Architects, in Palm Beach, FL. He had a branch office in Naples, FL in the late 1950's.

Specialization in Residential and Commercial site-planning. Professional Memberships and Service: (Institute and Chapter Activities; Teaching)

Member of American Institute of Architects (AIA) throughout his professional career.

Other Affiliations: (Religious, Fraternal, Political, Social)

- * Bethesda-by-the-Sea Church, Palm Beach, FL
- * Founding member of Sailfish Club & Fraternal Order of Police, both of Palm Beach, FL

CONTINUED ON ADDENDUM

Public Service: (Civil and Military; Community, State, National)

Founder and Officer of Palm Beach Civic Association throughout his life. Also founding member of The Landmarks Preservation Committee of Palm Beach, FL from the time of it's founding in 1979 until his 1984 death. **MILITARY - CONTINUED ON ADDENDUM**

Published Material: (Articles and Addresses; Executed Work; Biographical Data)

- * The Work of John L. Volk, Architect, Palm Beach - Published by Architectural Catalog Co., Inc. New York 1937
- * Architecture and Design, John L. Volk, Architect - Published by Architectural Catalog Co., Inc. New York 1948
- * PALM BEACH LIFE, Dec. 1981 - The Men Who Drafted The Palm Beach Style
- * GOLD COAST OF FLORIDA, Jan. 1982 - Palm Beach's John Volk: Five Decades of Architectural Influence
- * SOUTH FLORIDA HOME & GARDEN, Nov. 1984 - John Latham Volk - Builder of A Thousand Mansions

General Background: (Personal Characteristics and Accomplishments; Interests, Digressions, Travels, Friendships, Side-lights, Honors, and Awards.)

A quote from the GOLD COAST Magazine (Jan. 1982) "John Volk is truly a 'gentleman's gentleman,' charming and intelligent, with an eye for style, and a great capacity for enjoyment. John Volk is one who will be remembered. Of all the countless people who have had a part in the growth and enhancement of Palm Beach, there is no one alive today who has had as much influence in the town's conservative and genteel development as has Volk."

Other interests: He liked to carve wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Volk traveled yearly to Europe and the Orient. John Volk had many friendships all over the world. He liked artists and creative people also liked good fishermen and golfers!

John Volk had well over 1,000 commissions - this is a partial list:

COMMERCIAL COMMISSIONS

Bal Moral Hotel in Nassau, Bahamas; Medical Center at Lyford Cay, Bahamas, 1978; Comprehensive plan of Paradise Island in Bahamas for Huntington Hartford in 1958; Development of Andros Island Lighthouse Club and 3 residences for Dr. Axel Wenner-Gren, Bahamas.

Lost Tree Village site-plan for club house, residences and apartment buildings in 1959, and Lost Tree Ocean Apartments in 1972, North Palm Beach, FL

Ocean front condominium apartments, St. Johns Island in Vero Beach, FL

Good Samaritan Hospital in West Palm Beach, FL was done in stages over a period from 1947 until his death so that the hospital's operation was never impaired; The Hatch Department Store, presently a branch of The First American Bank, on Clematis Street in West Palm Beach.

The Research Building at the Miami Heart Institute in Miami Beach, FL; The George B. Storer Television Building in Miami Beach.

The Museum of Fine Arts in 1962 at St. Petersburg, FL

Paley Pavillon - Crippled Children's Society in Palm Beach, FL; Royal Poincianna Plaza and Royal Poincianna Playhouse, Palm Beach; A block of shops on Worth Avenue in Palm Beach owned by the Everglades Club; Additions to The First National Bank of Palm Beach; Reconstruction of the Bath and Tennis Club in 1947 after a hurricane; Florida Capitol Building on Royal Palm Way in Palm Beach; The Gallery and Theatre of

Principal Commissions: (Classified, with locations and Reference Data) (Above) The Four Arts Society in Palm Beach. CONTINUED

ON ADDENDUM

Compiled by:

Mrs. John L. Volk

Date:

May 22, 1985

Acknowledgements:

JOHN L. VOLK - ADDENDUM

Other Affiliations, Continued

- * Member of Everglades Club, Bath and Tennis Club, Beach Club and the Four Arts, all of Palm Beach FL.
- * Founding member of Lost Tree Club in North Palm Beach, FL
- * Member of Lyford Cay Club, Bahamas.

Military, Continued

During World War II, Volk was called upon by the Army and the Navy to set up an organization of architects and engineers known as Florida Associates. Under Volk's leadership, they designed and supervised construction of nine Army and Navy airports, two FHA housing projects in Boca Raton and Opa Locka, and a medical center and hospital to accommodate 10,000 men in Daytona Beach. They also converted the Breaker's Hotel into a hospital, as well as 40 Daytona Beach hotels for use by the Women's Army Corps. After the war, they were all reconverted back for private use. GOLD COAST Magazine, January 1982, In Honor Of The Past: JOHN VOLK.

Commercial Commissions, continued

- Ft. Lauderdale, Fl - Parker Playhouse.
- First American Bank in North Palm Beach, FL.
- The Hole in the Wall Club in Naples, FL; Port Royal Beach Club in 1956 in Naples, FL.
- The WGBS Television station in Boston, Massachusetts.

RESIDENTIAL COMMISSIONS

- A home with the first white roof in Palm Beach, FL called, "The Plantation" on Wells Road, in 1933 for Byron Chandler; Palm Beach residence of Nicolas Du Pont; Spanish home of Marquesa De Cuevas in Palm Beach; Residence for Vincent Bendix, Palm Beach; Palm Beach residence of Joseph Barnstein and also his Greenwich, CT residence; The Palm Beach residence of Harry Thomas; Residence of Sidney Kohl, residence of Hans Fischer, both in Palm Beach.
- Horseshoe Plantation outside Tallahassee, FL - residence for George F. Baker.
- Plantation house for Matthew Mellon in Runaway Bay, Jamaica.
- Ocala, FL residence of Peter A. B. Widener.
- Lyford Cay, Bahamas residence of William Paley; Lyford Cay residence of Sir Oliver Simmonds, now owned by Lord Martonmere; Lyford Cay residence of Gary Moore.
- The Morgan Town, West Virginia residence of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reese on the National Historic Register.

Residential commissions, continued

Residence of George B. Storer and General Robert Johnson in Indian
Creek Island in Miami Beach, FL

Residences of George Wackenhut and Edward Swenson in Coral Gables, FL

Site-plan of Resort, "Old Baldy" Club House and the residence of George
B. Storer in Saratoga, WY

Kerrigan residence in Nashville, TN on the National Historic Register

Residences of George B. Ford, Van Horn Ely and Calvin Fentress in Hobe
Sound, FL

Lawrence Tibbett residence and Sample residence in Naples, FL

Seven (7) residences in Lost Tree Village, North Palm Beach, FL