

DEBRA A. McCLANE
ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

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EDUCATION

Master of Architectural History and Certificate in Historic Preservation,
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, 1992
Bachelor of Arts, English, University of Virginia, 1987

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2003-Present Debra A. McClane, Richmond, Virginia
Architectural Historian, Private Consultant

Provide professional services and consultation in the areas of historic preservation, architectural history, and cultural resources compliance. Projects focus on architectural survey and documentation, historical research, National Register of Historic Places nominations, educational and tourism-related materials. Clients include local municipalities, non-profit organizations, corporate clients, and private individuals. Certified as a Small Women-owned business (SWaM) by the Commonwealth of Virginia since 2005. Current certification through 2025.

2009-2013 The Louis Berger Group, Inc., Richmond, Virginia
Architectural Historian

As a part-time employee conducted architectural surveys and historical research for a variety of federal, state, and local agencies, as well as private companies. Projects focused primarily on fulfillment of Sections 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act and National Environmental Policy Act. Tasks included evaluations of National Register eligibility, cultural landscape assessments, and cultural components of environmental compliance documents, and development of historic contexts and studies, popular histories, public brochures, HABS and HALS documents. Conducted webinars for project presentations and client meetings.

1998-2002 The Louis Berger Group, Inc., Richmond, Virginia
Architectural Historian, Project Manager

Conducted architectural surveys and historical research for a variety of federal, state, and local agencies, as well as private companies. Projects included field documentation of a wide range of resource types and recommendations regarding National Register eligibility of resources. Provided quality control for architectural projects undertaken by other staff members.

1995-1998 Gray & Pape, Inc., Richmond, Virginia
Principal Investigator, Architectural Historian

Conducted architectural surveys and historical research for cultural resource investigations, National Register determinations of eligibility, and historic context studies. Developed cultural resource management plans for military facilities and drafted local historic preservation ordinances.

1995 Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Richmond, Virginia
Archives Assistant

Participated on multi-disciplinary team to prepare the Department's paper files for entry into computer database. Confirmed location of properties, historic status, and accuracy of files.

1992-1994 Historic Tampa/Hillsborough County Preservation Board, Tampa, Florida
Historic Sites Specialist/Historic Preservationist

Served as staff person for local architectural review board and provided technical assistance to the public and governmental bodies regarding historic preservation issues.

NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS (partial list)

- 2024 Bluefield Commercial Historic District, Bluefield, VA. For the Town of Bluefield and the Department of Historic Resources.
- 2024 Chesapeake Beach Historic District, Virginia Beach, VA. For the City of Virginia Beach.
- 2023 Eyreville, Northampton County, VA. For private owner. With Michael Clem and Michael B. Barber; contributions by Jenean Hall, and Carl R. Lounsbury
- 2023 Montross Historic District, Westmoreland County, VA. For Town of Montross and the Department of Historic Resources.
- 2022 Blue Marlin Lodge, Virginia Beach, VA. For City of Virginia Beach.
- 2022 Chatham, Machipongo, VA. For private owner.
- 2022 L&J Gardens Historic District, Virginia Beach, VA. With Iron Dog Preservation LLC, Edna Hendrix, and Dr. Joanne Lucas.
- 2021 Clovelly, Richmond, VA. For private owner.
- 2021 Multiple Property Documentation Form, Virginia Beach Oceanfront Resort Motels and Hotels (1955-1970) and Jefferson Manor Motel Apartments. For the City of Virginia Beach, VA. With Iron Dog Preservation LLC
- 2021 Quarry Hill, Hot Springs, VA. For private owner.
- City Point Historic District Update. For the City of Hopewell, VA and the Department of Historic Resources. With Iron Dog Preservation LLC.
- 2019 Appalachia Commercial Historic District. For the Town of Appalachia, VA and the Department of Historic Resources.
- 2018 Warm Springs and West Warm Springs Historic District. For Bath County, VA and the Department of Historic Resources.
- 2017 North Belmont Neighborhood Historic District. For City of Charlottesville, VA.
- 2017 Kenwyn, Richmond, VA. For private owner.
- 2017 The Old Manse, Orange, VA. For private owner.
- 2017 Oceana Neighborhood Historic District, Virginia Beach, Virginia. For City of Virginia Beach, VA.
- 2017 Slusser-Ryan Farm, Blacksburg, VA. For private owner.
- 2015 Carillon Neighborhood Historic District, Richmond, VA. For the Carillon Civic Association.
- 2015 William Byrd Park, Richmond, VA. For the Friends of William Byrd Park.
- 2014 Carters Run Rural Historic District, Marshall, VA. For private owners.
- 2013 Gretna Commercial Historic District, Gretna, VA. For the Town of Gretna, VA and the Department of Historic Resources.
- 2010 Altavista Downtown Historic District, Altavista, VA. For the Town of Altavista, VA and the Department of Historic Resources.
- 2009 Four Locust Farm, Charlotte County, VA. For private owner.
- 2008 Casa Feliz, Winter Park, FL. For the Friends of Casa Feliz.
- 2008 Cromwell's Run Rural Historic District, Fauquier County, VA. For the Goose Creek Association.
- 2007 John Marshall's Leeds Manor Road Rural Historic District, Fauquier County, VA. For Citizens for Fauquier County.
- 2005 Trenton and Oak Hill, Cumberland County, VA. For Cumberland County, VA and the Department of Forestry.
- 2004 Crooked Run Valley Rural Historic District, Fauquier County, VA. For the Crooked Run Valley Association.
- 2002 Forest Hill Park, Richmond, VA. For the Friends of Forest Hill Park and the City of Richmond.
- 1992 National Historic Landmark Nomination for the Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. For the Corcoran Gallery of Art.

PUBLICATIONS, PAPERS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

- 2017 "James Gamble Rogers II" in *AIA Architectural Guide to Central Florida*. For the American Institute of Architects National Convention, AIA Orlando. With Patrick W. McClane.
- 2016 *The Gentleman's Farm: Elegant Country House Living*. Co-author with J. Laurie Ossman, PhD., Walter Smalling, Jr., photographer. Rizzoli USA.
- 2016 "Documenting a Community's Recent Past," in *Preservation Matters*. Published by Charles County (MD) Government, Department of Planning & Growth Management.
- 2014 *Images of America: Botetourt County, Virginia, Revisited*. Arcadia Publishing.
- 2013 "Documenting Post-World War II Housing" in *Connections* (online publication of the Recent Past Preservation Network). With Emily Pettis. Winter.
- 2009 James Gamble Rogers II Residential Masterworks. With Patrick W. McClane. Presented at the 3rd Annual James Gamble Rogers II Colloquium on Historic Preservation, Winter Park, Florida.
- 2007 *Images of America: Botetourt County, Virginia*. Arcadia Publishing.
- 2004 *The Architecture of James Gamble Rogers II in Winter Park, Florida*. With Patrick W. McClane. University Press of Florida.
- 2002 Contributing author, *Buildings of Virginia: Tidewater and Piedmont (Buildings of the United States)*. Edited by Richard Guy Wilson. Oxford University Press.
- 1996 The John Nolen Research Grant, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.
- 1993 The Residential Architecture of James Gamble Rogers II in Winter Park, Florida. Rhea Marsh and Dorothy Lockhart Smith Winter Park Research Grant, Winter Park, Florida.