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EXPERIENCE	<p>Senior Historian with RGA, Inc., Cranbury, NJ, since 2015. Responsible for documentation and historic research for National Register nominations, cultural resource surveys, historic resource impact studies, historic structure reports, historical commission / HARB education and training. Meets the U.S. Department of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards for Architectural Historian (48 FR 44716 and 36 CFR 61).</p> <p>Senior Planner with Wise Preservation Planning LLC, Chester Springs, Pa., 2001-2015. Responsible for documentation, graphics, and historic research for National Register nominations, historic resource surveys, historic resource impact studies, historic structure reports, property research, easement inspections, historical commission / HARB education and training.</p>
National Register Nominations	Prepared or contributed to the nominations resulting in the designation of two buildings as National Historic Landmarks, plus nine buildings and eight historic districts resulting in their listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Projects in Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Northampton Counties in Pennsylvania and Belmont County, Ohio. Responsible for documentation, professional architectural descriptions (Section 7) and significance / history – deed, tax, genealogical, historic map research, context essay (Section 8).
Historic Surveys	Eighteen municipal-wide cultural resource surveys since 2000. Surveyed municipalities have been in Erie, Chester, Montgomery, and Delaware Counties in Pennsylvania and Camden, Middlesex, and Mercer Counties, New Jersey. Responsible for identifying potential historic buildings using historic sources; coordinating project team; photography; site plans; professional architectural description; inventory; assessment of National Register eligibility of each property; identification of potential historic districts; methodology report.
Presentations & Training	Offers PowerPoint presentations used for training historical commissions, HARBs, and historic preservation associations on various aspects of preservation policy, architectural history, local architecture.
Structure Reports	Eleven Historic Structure Reports for historic buildings (primarily dating to the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries) in the Philadelphia suburbs. Historic research includes tax and deed documentation, census information, and genealogical research. Description of historic resources includes measured floorplans and professional description of interior and exterior architectural fabric.
Impact Studies	25 Historic Resource Impact Studies. These studies, conducted to meet federal, state, or local requirements, have two components: (1) drafting statements of historic significance through research and documentation of the building/property and (2) evaluating the impact of the proposed project on historic resources (with mitigation recommendations as appropriate).

- EDUCATION** M.S., Historic Preservation, University of Pennsylvania, 2001.
Anthony Nicholas Brady Garvan Award (best preservation thesis, 2001).
- M.A., History, University of North Carolina-Greensboro, 1991.
- B.A., History, University of North Carolina-Greensboro, 1988. Magna cum laude,
University Marshal, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Alpha Theta.
- ASSOCIATIONS** Downingtown (Pa.) Historical and Parks Commission (Secretary, 2006-2013).
- Chester County Historical Society.
- Former board member, Friends Historical Association (national organization of Quaker historians and scholars in Quaker history).
- Former board member, Chester County Historic Preservation Network.
- AWARDS** Communication Award, Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Awards 2016, shared with Preservation Erie. Award recognized the website I designed, eriebuildings.info, produced to showcase results of cultural resource survey of over 30,000 historic properties located in Erie County, Pennsylvania.
- PUBLICATIONS** *A Field Guide to American Residential Doors*. Pottstown, Pennsylvania: Old-doors.info, 2019.
- “An Experiment in Democracy: The Richards Primary Law and the 1920 Presidential Campaign in South Dakota,” *South Dakota History*. Vol. 46, No. 3 (Fall 2016), pp. 185-224.
- “The Architectural Genealogy of the Yonge Street Friends Meeting House,” *The Canadian Quaker History Journal*. No. 77 (2012), pp. 16-49.
- Historic Atlas of Ohio Yearly Meeting*. Barnesville, Ohio: 2012. Commemorative booklet produced for the bicentennial of the Ohio Quakers.
- “How Colonial is Colonial Religious Architecture?” *Tredyffrin Easttown History Quarterly*. Vol. 46, No. 1 (Winter 2009), pp. 14-29.
- “Evolution of Chester County Architecture,” *Tredyffrin Easttown History Quarterly*. Vol. 43, No. 1 (Winter 2006), pp. 27-38.
- “Friends (Quaker) Culture in Colonial North Carolina 1672-1789,” *The Southern Friend: Journal of the North Carolina Friends Historical Society*. Vol. XXII, Nos. 1-2 (Spring 2000), pp. 3-81.
- Ohio Elects the President: Our State’s Role in Presidential Elections 1804-1996*. Mansfield OH: Bookmaster’s, 1999.
- The North Carolina Electoral College: The People and the Process Behind the Vote*. Raleigh NC: Office of the Secretary of State, 1988 and 1992 update.

Portfolio of Work (selected projects)

National Register Nominations

Caernarvon Presbyterian Church (National Register 2015). Completed context essay for a late Greek Revival style house of worship, detailing how its architecture reflected period trends in the design of Presbyterian houses of worship. Remainder of the nomination was completed by the local historical society.

Andrew Wyeth Studio (National Historic Landmark 2014). Former schoolhouse in Chadds Ford Township, Delaware County, Pa. that was converted into an art studio by N.C. Wyeth and then used as the primary studio for Andrew Wyeth from 1940 until his death.

Wiley / Cloud House (NR 2012). Colonial plank log house with many period details, including the four-room plan and an interior bracing system in which the rafters support the first floor.

Kuerner Farm (NHL 2011). National Historic Landmark for farm where Andrew Wyeth painted approximately 40% of his work.

Heller Homestead (NR 2010). Colonial style house constructed by the founder of Hellertown c. 1751, enlarged c. 1820, and renovated in 1935 in the Colonial Revival style by a significant local architect/builder.

Concord Hicksite Friends Meeting House (NR 2009). Friends Meeting House in Colerain Twp., Belmont County, Ohio, constructed for the original settlement of Quakers in Ohio and “reduced” in size in 1898.

Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse (NR 2008). One-room schoolhouse near Easton, Pa., which reflected innovations in educational trends of the late 1870s.

Oxford Historic District (NR 2007). Over 700 historic resources in a Victorian commercial and residential village.

Thornton Village Historic District (NR 2006). Small mid-nineteenth century crossroads village in Philadelphia suburbs. Posted at http://www.arch.state.pa.us/pdfs/H079268_01H.pdf

Fetters Mill Village Historic District (NR 2006). Artists’ enclave in a former milling village. Posted at http://www.arch.state.pa.us/pdfs/H117996_01H.pdf

Ellis Williams House (NR 2004). Historic house constructed c. 1740 in East Goshen Township, Chester County. Posted at http://www.arch.state.pa.us/pdfs/H097467_01H.pdf

Chester Heights Camp Meeting (NR 2001). Intact camp meeting with series of cabins arranged around a tabernacle and worship space.

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Historic Resource Surveys

Cranbury, New Jersey (2017). Nineteenth century village in Middlesex County NJ.

Erie County (2014-2015). Survey of Erie County, Pennsylvania. The survey identified over 30,000 resources, and I designed website eriebuildings.info to display information on each historic property.

Haddon Heights Borough (2012-2013). Survey of approximately 600 historic resources primarily constructed during the years 1890 to 1940.

Chester County, Pennsylvania (2001-2010). Municipal surveys completed in Schuylkill Township (2010), Kennett Township (2009-2010), West Marlborough Township (2008), Pennsbury Township (2008), East Brandywine Township (2006), East Bradford Township (2005), Franklin Township (2004), and Upper Uwchlan Township (2001).

Historic Resource Impact Studies

Charles Knox Home (2018). Study of proposed re-development of retirement home for the French International School, Lower Merion Township.

Willoughby Manor House (2010). Study of proposed renovations to a manor house along the Main Line. Recommendations resulted in alteration to plan to accentuate the significant manor house, built for the father-in-law of Nelson Rockefeller.

Cornwallis Meadows (2005). Impact study on subdivision of property adjacent to house that served as General Cornwallis's headquarters during the British march through Chester County.

Presentations

"Chester County Residential Architecture 1682-1950," presented before the Chester County Historic Preservation Network.

"Evolution of Quaker Meeting House Architecture 1660-2000," presented before the Tredyffrin Historic Presentation Trust.

"Colonial Religious Architecture," presented before the Biennial Conference of Quaker Historians and Archivists in 2006.

"Baptists and American Religious Architecture," presentation in the Lecture Series of the Chester County "Town Tours and Village Walks" in 2011.

"Barns of Chester County," presentation in the Lecture Series of the Chester County "Town Tours and Village Walks" in 2010 documenting evolution of barn types from 1700 to 1950.