

Virginia Architecture

SELECTED READINGS AND A GUIDE TO COLLECTIONS AT THE LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA



Few states have such a rich architectural heritage as Virginia. Virginia's public and private buildings provide a testimonial to its history and traditions as well as demonstrating the progressive evolution not only of Virginian, but also of American architecture in general. The goal of this guide is to point out to the researcher the major collections available at the Library of Virginia and suggest some additional bibliographies, books, and periodicals as beginning steps in the study of Virginia's impressive architectural legacy.

SELECTIONS FROM THE PRINT COLLECTION

Bibliographies

Cable, Carole. *Thomas Jefferson, Architect: A Bibliography of Scholarship from 1968–1981*. Monticello, Ill.: Vance Bibliographies, 1983. Z5941 A673 no. A-995

Coppa & Avery Consultants. *Virginia: A Guide to its Architecture*. Monticello, Ill.: Vance Bibliographies, 1980. Z5941 A673 no. A-270

Dessypris, Mary, and Jennifer McDaid. *The Virginia Capitol: An American Architectural Milestone*. Richmond, Va.: The Library of Virginia, 2001. F233.8 C2 V56 2001

Doumato, Lamia. *Architect Thomas Jefferson: A Selected Bibliography*. Monticello, Ill.: Vance Bibliographies, 1980. Z5941 A673 no. A-298

Historic American Buildings Survey.

. I 29.74:B 47

Ray, Tom H. *A Checklist of Architectural Books in the Special Collections of the Library of Virginia*. Richmond, Va.: [Library of Virginia], 2001. Z5945 R39 2001

Virginia Commonwealth University. Libraries. James Branch Cabell Library. *Architectural Bibliography: For Holdings in the James Branch Cabell Library, Virginia Commonwealth University*. Richmond, Va.: Virginia Real Estate Research Center, School of Business, Virginia Commonwealth University, 1984. Z5941 V8 1984

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Wittkofski, J. Mark. ***Theses and Dissertations Relevant to Virginia Archaeology, Architecture, and Material Culture***. Richmond, Va.: Virginia Department of Historic Resources, 1991. **Z1345 W58 1991**

Yetter, George Humphrey. ***Architectural Drawings Archive: A Guide to Special Collections***. Williamsburg, Va.: Department of Architectural Research, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, 1988. **Fiche 84 AR 4**

General Titles

To find books on Virginia architecture use the following subject headings:

Architecture—Virginia—[City or County]
Architecture, Domestic—Virginia
Architecture, Domestic—Virginia—[City or County]
Architecture, Colonial—Virginia
Historic Buildings—Virginia
Historic Buildings—Virginia—[City or County]
Dwellings—Virginia
Churches—Virginia
Churches—Virginia—[City or County]
Courthouses—Virginia
Courthouses—Virginia—[City or County]

Brownell, Charles E., et al. ***The Making of Virginia Architecture***. Richmond, Va.: Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Distributed by the University Press of Virginia, 1992. **NA730 V8 M35 1992**

Published as a companion to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts exhibition entitled *The Making of Virginia Architecture: Drawing and Models, 1719–1990*, this volume is a comprehensive, thoroughly researched history of Virginia's outstanding architectural heritage, illustrated with architectural drawings and models.

Bucklen, Mary Kegley. ***County Courthouses of Virginia: Old and New***. Charleston, W.Va.: Pictorial Histories Publishing, 1988. **F227 B92 1988**

This book gives a historical synopsis for every Virginia courthouse.

Farrar, Emmie Ferguson. ***Old Virginia Houses***. New York: Hastings House, 1955. **F227 F3 1955**

This work consists of 9 volumes. Volumes 3-9 were authored by E. F. Farrar and E. Hines. The volumes have various imprints. This work covers many areas of Virginia: the subtitles of the nine volumes are "The Mobjack Bay Country," "Along the James," "Along the Fall Line," "The Northern Peninsulas," "The Heart of Virginia," "The Piedmont," "Shenandoah," "The Mountain Empire," and "Harbors."

Forman, Henry Chandlee. ***Virginia Architecture in the Seventeenth Century***. Williamsburg, Va.: Virginia 350th Anniversary Celebration Corporation, 1957. **F229 V795 no.11**

One of the twenty-three booklets published to celebrate the 350th anniversary of Jamestown. Based on archaeological findings the author recreates the style of Virginia buildings between 1600 and 1700.

Gleason, David K. ***Virginia Plantation Homes***. Baton Rouge, La.: Louisiana State University Press, 1989. **F227 G58 1989**

A photographic presentation of Virginia's plantation dwellings. Some of these mansions and their gardens express the most important architectural achievements of the colonial and antebellum periods.

Green, Bryan Clark, et al. ***Lost Virginia: Vanished Architecture of the Old Dominion***. Charlottesville, Va.: Howell Press, 2001. **NA730 V8 G74 2001**

This book examines the significant buildings, which even though now lost, were instrumental as trend setters. It covers all aspects of architectural heritage: domestic, civic, religious and commercial buildings.

Lane, Mills. ***Architecture of the Old South: Virginia***. Savannah, Ga.: Beehive Press, 1987. **NA730 V8 L26**

This book discusses both well-known and lesser-known Virginia buildings built prior to the Civil War.

- Loth, Calder. ***Virginia Landmarks of Black History***. Charlottesville, Va.: University Press of Virginia, 1995. **E185.93 V8 V57 1995**
This volume concentrates on African American contributions to Virginia's heritage and presents significant sites previously omitted from Virginia's general register. Homes of civic leaders, churches and universities significant to the African-American community are discussed.
- . ***The Virginia Landmarks Register***. 4th ed. Charlottesville, Va.: Published for the Virginia Department of Historic Resources by the University Press of Virginia, 1999. **F227 V62 1999**
This volume is a compilation of places officially designated as Virginia Historical Landmarks by the Virginia Board of Historic Resources 1968 through March 19, 1997. Each entry is accompanied by a photo or illustration and a brief description. Entries are organized alphabetically by county or independent city. Places added to the registry after March 19, 1997, are included in an appendix.
- Lounsbury, Carl R. ***An Illustrated Glossary of Early Southern Architecture and Landscape***. New York: Oxford University Press, 1994. **NA727 I44 1994**
This book not only provides good explanations and illustrations for a complex terminology, but also analyzes the transfer and changing terms of English terms to the American South's vocabulary. In addition, it provides information on the derivation of local terms and where they were first mentioned.
- Nichols, Frederick Doveton, and William B. O'Neal. ***Architecture in Virginia, 1776–1958: The Old Dominion's Twelve Best Buildings***. Richmond, Va.: Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, 1958. **NA730 V8 N5**
A selection of the twelve most creative buildings in the Commonwealth, built during times of prosperity. These distinctive buildings were not only trendsetters in Virginia, but represent major contributions in American architecture
- National Register of Historic Places, 1966 to 1994: Cumulative List through January 1, 1994**. Washington, D.C.: National Park Service, Preservation Press, National Trust for Historic Preservation, National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, 1994. **E159 N3419 1994**
A list of more than 62,000 sites recording the architectural heritage of the nation.
- O'Neal, William Bainter. ***Architectural Drawing in Virginia, 1819–1969***. Charlottesville, Va.: School of Architecture, University of Virginia, and Virginia Museum, 1969. **NA730 V8 O58**
This is a catalogue of an exhibition at the University of Virginia, which demonstrates that Virginia architects were not only interested in designing civic buildings and private residences, but their interests included diverse projects such as bridges and railway carriages.
- . ***Architecture in Virginia. An Official Guide to Four Centuries of Buildings in the Old Dominion***. New York: Walker & Company for the Virginia Museum, 1968. **NA730 V8 N5**
A list of Virginia's most important buildings, private, public and commercial, spanning a period of four hundred years.
- Peters, John O., and Margaret T. Peters. ***Virginia's Historic Courthouses***. Charlottesville, Va.: University Press of Virginia, 1995. **F227 P377 1995**
Courthouses have served as the "meeting point" of Virginia communities from early colonial times. This book presents a photographic record of these important public buildings, an architectural history of each structure, and places them in the cultural and historical context of each county.
- Rawlings, James Scott. ***Virginia's Colonial Churches: An Architectural Guide***. Richmond, Va.: Garrett & Massie, 1963. **NA5230 V8 R3**
An in-depth description of Virginia's forty-eight surviving colonial churches.
- Waterman, Thomas Tileston. ***The Mansions of Virginia, 1706–1776***. Chapel Hill, N.C.: University of North Carolina Press, 1946. **NA7235 V5 W35**
An in-depth treatise on the architecture and the buildings of the colonial period in Virginia.
- Whiffen, Marcus. ***The Public Buildings of Williamsburg Colonial Capital of Virginia: An Architectural History***. Williamsburg, Va.: Colonial Williamsburg, 1958. **A735 W5 W47 v. 1**
A historic and architectural discourse on the public buildings of Williamsburg. The author recounts how and why these buildings were built, how they related to the contemporary architecture of England, and how their presence influenced the architecture of the rest of Virginia.
- Wiencek, Henry. ***Mansions of the Virginia Gentry***. Birmingham, Ala.: Oxmoor House, 1988. **NA7561 W57 1988**
A presentation of six major Virginia mansions.

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Wilson, Richard Guy, ed., ***Buildings of Virginia: Tidewater and Piedmont***. New York: Oxford University Press, 2002. **NA730 V8 B85 2002**

This book is part of a series on American architecture commissioned by the Society of Architectural Historians. The introduction covers the evolution and highlights of the state's architectural traditions and then guides the reader to individual buildings in the eastern half of Virginia, which were instrumental in setting the standards of American architecture.

Virginia Localities

To locate books about a county, city, neighborhood or specific area, search the online catalog by subject, such as:

Chesterfield County, Va.—Architecture
Richmond (Va.)—Architecture
Architecture—Virginia—Alexandria
Architecture, Domestic—Virginia
Architecture, Domestic—Virginia—Alexandria
Architecture, Colonial—Virginia
Historic Buildings—Virginia
Dwellings—Virginia

Listed below is but a sample of books on architecture of Virginia localities.

Chambers, S. Allen. ***Lynchburg: An Architectural History***. Charlottesville, Va.: Published for the Sarah Winston Henry Branch of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities by the University Press of Virginia, 1981. **NA735 L97 C5**

Driggs, Sarah Shields. ***Richmond's Monument Avenue***. Chapel Hill, N.C.: University of North Carolina Press, 2001. **F233.37 D75 2001**

Dulaney, Paul Summers. ***The Architecture of Historic Richmond***. 2nd ed., Charlottesville, Va.: University Press of Virginia, 1976. **NA735 R5 D8 1976**

Edwards, Kathy. ***Monument Avenue: History and Architecture***. Washington, D.C: U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Cultural Resources, HABS/HAER, 1992. **I 29.74:M 76**

Morrill, Penny C. ***Old Town Alexandria***. Arlington, Va.: Vol. 1, No. 1 Inc., 1979. **NA735 A5 M67**

O'Dell, Jeffrey M., ***Chesterfield County: Early Architecture and Historic Sites***. Chesterfield, Va.: Chesterfield County Planning Department, 1983. **F232 C52 O33 1983**

Smith, Eugenia. ***Centreville, Virginia: Its History and Architecture***. Fairfax, Va.: Fairfax County Office of Planning, 1973. **F234 C29 S64**

Terrell, Isaac Long. ***Old Houses in Rockingham County, 1750–1850***. Verona, Va.: McClure Press, 1970. **F232 R7 T4**

Whitwell, W. L. ***The Architectural Heritage of the Roanoke Valley***. Charlottesville, Va.: University Press of Virginia, 1982. **NA730 V8 R68**

Winthrop, Robert P. ***Architecture in Downtown Richmond***. Richmond, Va.: Junior Board of Historic Richmond Foundation, 1982. **NA735 R5 W55**

Winthrop, Robert P. ***The Jackson Ward Historic District***. Richmond, Va.: Department of Planning and Community Development, 1978. **F233.69 J2**

Major Buildings

To locate information on individual buildings perform a subject search, such as:

Historic buildings—Virginia
Virginia—Capital and Capitol
Stratford Hall, Va.
Monticello, Va.

Kimball, Fiske. ***The Capitol of Virginia: A Landmark of American Architecture***, with a New Introduction by Charles Brownell and an Essay on the Capitol Model by F. Carey Howlett. Revised and expanded. Richmond, Va.: Library of Virginia, 2002.

Monticello in Measured Drawings (drawings by the Historic American Buildings Survey/ Historic American Engineering Record, National Park Service; architectural commentary by William L. Beiswanger). Charlottesville, Va.: Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation, 1998
NA7615 M66 M66 1998

Architects

To search the online catalog for information on individual architects, use the following subject headings:

Architects—Virginia—Biography—Dictionaries
Architects—Virginia—Directories
Architects—Virginia—Periodicals
Architects—Virginia—Richmond
Name of firm or individual

The titles below represent a sample of the material in the collection.

Dewberry and Davis. Architecture: ***The Portfolio of the Dewberry & Davis Architectural Studio***. Alexandria, Va.: Dewberry & Davis, 1998. NA53 D48 1998

Frazer, Susan Hume. ***D. Wiley Anderson, Virginia Architect (1864–1940)***. Richmond, Va.: Virginia Commonwealth University, 2001. NA737 A5 F73 2001

Architects Publishing Company. ***Prominent Builders of Virginia***. Mount Vernon, N.Y.: Architects Publishing, 194?. TH451 A67

The Virginia Architects Handbook. Richmond, Va.: Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects, 1968-1993. NA11 A5 V8
Annual directory of architects and firms. Continued as an annual issue of *Inform* magazine.

Forbes, John Douglas. ***Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson & Abbott, Architects: An Introduction***. Charlottesville, Va.: University of Virginia Graduate School of Business Administration, 1958. HF5006 V8 no.3

Lanciano, Claude O. ***“Our Most Skillful Architect”: Richard Taliaferro and Associated Colonial Virginia Constructions***. Gloucester, Va.: Lands End Books, 1981. NA737 T34 L36

Lewis, Henry Wilkins. ***More Taste than Prudence: A Study of John Evans Johnson (1815– 1870), An Amateur With Patrons***. Chapel Hill, N.C.: Borderer Press, 1983. NA737 J67 L67

Potterfield, Thomas Tyler. ***John A. Lankford and Charles T. Russell: Architects for Richmond’s Black Community, 1900–1920***. Richmond, Va.: T. T. Potterfield, 199?. NA737 L28 P86 1990

Read, Charles Henry. ***Modern Buildings: 1882–1900***. Richmond, Va.: I. N. Jones & Son, 1900? NA730 V8 R4 1900

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Wells, John E. ***The Virginia Architects, 1835–1955: A Biographical Dictionary*** Richmond, Va.: New South Architectural Press, 1997. A54 V8 W462 1997

Richardson, Selden. ***"Architect of the City": Wilfred Emory Cutshaw (1838–1907) and Municipal Architecture in Richmond***. Richmond, Va.: Thesis, Virginia Commonwealth University, 1997. NA9085 C9 R5 1997

Roster of Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Richmond, Va.: Commonwealth of Virginia, State Board for the Examination and Certification of Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. 1940–. Annual. NA124 V8 A3

The official roster of licensees in Virginia by year. Available online at: <<http://www.dpor.state.va.us/regulantlookup/>>

Guinness, Desmond. ***Mr. Jefferson, Architect***. New York: Viking Press, 1973. NA737 J4 G84

Pickens, Buford Lindsay. ***Mr. Jefferson as Revolutionary Architect***. Philadelphia: Society of Architectural Historians, 1976. NA737 J4 P5

Periodicals

Listed below are journals that may have articles on Virginia subjects. The Library of Virginia has additional architectural journals. Please check the online catalog under the subjects:

Architecture—Periodicals

Architecture—Virginia

Virginia—History—Periodicals

Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians. Philadelphia: Society of Architectural Historians, 1941–1986. Quarterly. NA1 S7

Virginia Cavalcade. Richmond, Va.: Library of Virginia, 1951–2002. Quarterly. F221 V73

Inform. Richmond, Va.: Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects, 1990–. Five times a year. NA730 V8 I53

Richmond Journal of History and Architecture. Richmond, Va.: William Byrd Branch for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, 1994–96. F233.37 A74

Architecture and Building. New York: W. T. Comstock, 1890–1932. Weekly. NA1 A48

Virginia Magazine of History and Biography. Richmond, Va.: Virginia Historical Society 1893–. Quarterly. F221 V9

William and Mary Quarterly. Williamsburg, Va.: Office of Admissions, College of William and Mary, 1892–. Quarterly. F221 W71

Periodical Indexes

Art Index, New York, H. W. Wilson, 1933–1985. Z5937 A79

Swem, Earl Gregg. ***Virginia Historical Index***. Gloucester, Mass.: P. Smith, 1965. F221 S93 1965

This is a comprehensive index to several publications of Virginia history. For additional information on how to use this index go to: <<http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/news/swem.htm>>

Virginia Cavalcade. Index available online at: <http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwedo/pubs/cavalcade/volumes/index.htm>

Magazine Index 1900–1985. Available on line at: <<http://image.vtls.com/collections/help/MZ.html>>.

This index lists includes articles relating to Virginia buildings and localities from various magazines. Compiled by the reference staff of the Library of Virginia to serve as a finding aid.

In addition the Library of Virginia provides access to the following subscription databases in the reading rooms:

America: History and Life

Gale Infotrac

Gale Expanded Academic

Gale General Reference Gold

JSTOR (Journal Storage, the Scholarly Journal Archive)

The above databases index a very large number of periodicals, magazines, and scholarly journals on the discipline of architecture. In many cases, the full text of articles is available.

Researching a Property

Salmon John, S. ***Researching Your Historic Virginia Property***. Richmond, Va.: Department of Historic Resources, 2000. **NA107 V8 S16 2000**

A very handy booklet describing the sources that are available, where to find them, where to find records, and generally speaking how to research the history of a property.

Preserving a Property

Virginia's Historical Registers: A Guide for Property Owners. Richmond, Va.: Department of Historic Resources, 2000. **F227 V59 2000**

Step by step information on how to begin the process of registering a house in the Virginia Historical Register.

MANUSCRIPT AND PICTURE COLLECTIONS

Architectural Drawings and Plans

The Library of Virginia has impressive holdings of architectural plans and drawings documenting the rich heritage of the state. Municipal, state, private and business collections provide a picture of the varied building activity in Virginia. For detailed information on these holdings please consult Research Note 13, *Architectural Drawings and Plans at the Library of Virginia* by Vincent Brooks (October 2000), available at <http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/map/rn_13arch.htm> and *Landscape Architecture Resources at the Library of Virginia* by Vincent Brooks (December 2000) available at <<http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/map/landscape.pdf>>.

Early American History Research Reports. Williamsburg, Va.: Colonial Williamsburg Foundation; Guilford, Conn.: OPUS Publications, 1989. **Fiche 84**

This collection consists of 495 microfiche, the work of scholars at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation over a period of sixty years. Each report is a thorough study of its subject, and includes bibliographies, indexes, maps and drawings. The reports are divided in five categories covering the areas of Archaeology, Architecture, Decorative Arts, History and Trades. The Architecture category not only includes architectural histories and reports for a number of restored colonial buildings, but also in-depth reports about a variety of topics, including landscape development, paint color, fencing, and window glass in the eighteenth century. There is a guide to the collection. (Ref. Z1237 C7).

Historic American Buildings Survey. Virginia. Cambridge, England: Chadwick-Healey; Teaneck, N.J.: Somerset House, 1980. **Fiche 27**

In 1933, the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, established the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) to provide work to architects, draftsmen and photographers left jobless by the Great Depression. The program is still active today and continues to collect drawings, photographs and descriptions of buildings, documenting the rich and diverse architectural heritage of the nation. The National Park Service administers this program, but the collection is housed at the Library of Congress. The microfiche collection at the Library of Virginia covers material received by the Library of Congress up to the end of 1979 for the state of Virginia.

In 1969, the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) was also established to preserve America's industrial and engineering heritage. Thanks to the work of HABS/HAER an archive of historic architecture has been created, which provides significant primary source material for historic preservation.

The HABS/HAER collection is also available online from the Library of Congress at:

<<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/hhhtml/hhhome.html>>.

National Register of Historic Places. Virginia. Teaneck, N.J.: Chadwick-Healey, 1984. **Fiche 66**

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of sites of unique character and identity that provide a tangible and irrefutable testimony of America's past. The material in this fiche collection covers the state of Virginia and includes the "Inventory-Nomination Forms" with information about each property, photographs and maps through December 1982. A searchable database on places listed or determined as eligible is available at <<http://www.nr.nps.gov/>>.

Virginia WPA Historical Inventory Project. Film 509

The Virginia Works Project Administration (WPA) Historical Inventory is a collection of photographs, maps, and detailed reports documenting many 18th- and 19th- century buildings in communities across Virginia. WPA workers in the 1930s described, assessed, and photographed early structures (many of which do not survive today), creating a unique record of Virginia's past. The Library of Virginia's Digital Library program has a searchable database of the project, <<http://eagle.vsla.edu/vhi/>> that includes digital images of pictures, maps, and survey reports.

The Charles F. Gillette Collection

The Library of Virginia houses the Charles F. Gillette Collection which consists of architectural landscape drawings and a collection of more than 890 photographs from the Charles F. Gillette Papers, 1918–1969, depicting Virginia houses, estates, gardens, and other private and corporate landscape projects designed by landscape architect Charles Freeman Gillette (1886–1969). The photograph collection is available on line at: <<http://eagle.vsla.edu/gillette/virtua-basic.html>>.

Pictures

School Buildings Service Photographs

This collection consists of photographs from the Virginia State Department of Education depicting elementary and secondary school buildings across the state. The more than 3,000 photographs were taken between 1920 and 1970 as part of a school reform and consolidation movement. Available online at: <<http://eagle.vsla.edu/school/virtua-basic.html>>.

Pictures, Photographs, etc.

The Picture Collection of the Library of Virginia has a large collection of Virginia architectural images filed by county and building name. The department also houses extensive files of original Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission (VHLC) nomination reports and original HABS reports, filed by county, title, and sometimes by the owner's name. Many of these WPA photographs taken during the 1930s are part of the online Virginia Historical Inventory collection, but there are other WPA photographs housed in the files in the Picture Collection. The collections also include lithographs, engravings and other fine prints of older historic structures in Virginia, particularly Richmond, as well as photographs of hotels, churches, stores, jails, taverns, courthouses, banks, and diners.

Several indexes and databases of photograph collections from various libraries around the state are available online at:

<<http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/photo/index.htm>>.

The Picture Collection is open by appointment 9:00–12:00 and 1:30–4:30 Tuesday–Friday. (Telephone 804-692-3703)

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