

### QUALIFICATIONS IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The principal of Historic Building Architects, Annabelle Radcliffe-Trenner, and all other members of HBA's technical staff are qualified under the Federal Guidelines set out by the National Park Service in 36 CFR Part 61. In addition, HBA is highly familiar with *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards* for Rehabilitation. We apply these standards to the repair and renovation of most of our clients' buildings. In addition, HBA is knowledgeable in the submission and review processes for historic buildings at the State level; almost all of our projects are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Since HBA was founded, the firm has operated an in-house materials conservation laboratory. Our lab enables us to conduct mortar analysis and replication, as well as paint analysis. HBA also performs its own comprehensive material restoration tests.

### REPEAT CLIENTS

The greatest compliment to HBA and its performance comes when a client asks us to continue our partnership with them through a new phase of work. It speaks to their confidence in our ability to perform services swiftly, economically, and to exacting standards. We have worked with many of our clients for 5 years or more and have completed numerous phases of work. Examples include 14 years and 4 phases of work at Iviswold Castle, Felician University, Rutherford, NJ; 4 phases of work since 2007 at Saint Francis de Sales, Philadelphia; 3 phases of work at The Museum of Early Trades and Crafts, Madison, NJ; and 3 phases of work at The Frazee House, Fanwood, Scotch Plains, NJ. The President of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club wrote: *"It is your thorough guidance and perseverance as a professional team, including excellent consultants such as Silman, that have helped guide us through this long and complicated process."*

### THE PROJECT TEAM

HBA's successes stem from long-standing continuity of excellent working relationships with our consultants. We also pride ourselves on our firm's ability to maintain transparent communication with both the design team and our clients. Vivian James, Director of the Museum of Early Trades and Crafts, said of HBA: *"The firm is... highly professional [and] conscientious, and has an excellent team of consultants who clearly enjoy working together and providing us with a clear understanding of the issues at hand."*

### EXPERIENCE WORKING ON EXISTING PUBLIC BUILDINGS

In 1994, Annabelle Radcliffe-Trenner founded Historic Building Architects, LLC, with one central mission: high-quality repair, renovation, and adaptive use of historic and existing public buildings. Over the past 20 years, HBA has earned a national reputation for completing significant renovation projects on time, within budget, and to high standards. The firm has guided the renovation of many significant public buildings, including the rehabilitation of Iviswold Castle, the main administration building at Felician University, Rutherford, NJ (\$11M); the interior and exterior masonry renovation of the Cadet Chapel at the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY (\$2.5M); and the renovation of Greenwood Gardens, Short Hills, NJ (\$5.5M). HBA's record in achieving excellent results on a variety of different projects comes from its commitment to thorough condition assessments that are specially tailored to meet needs of each client and building.

After a day of on-site investigation at Cedar Bridge Tavern, Timothy Hart, Division Director of Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission, wrote to HBA: *"I am writing to note how impressed I was with your professional and well-organized operation yesterday at Cedar Bridge Tavern. At different levels, I have been involved in several preservation plans and/or nominations. Over many decades of civic and professional involvement, I have been involved in many projects involved with consultants of various styles and levels of competency. The open, transparent and professional process you and your team demonstrated last Friday and yesterday was by far the most productive and amazing that I have ever experienced or witnessed. The best! I have never participated in any investigation to match this professional experience. You assembled a group of self-confident, eminently qualified professionals, who were eager to collaborate in a focused investigation. You used technology to inform your research without becoming dominated by the gadget of the day."*

