PORTFOLIO · 2026

Built for the *site*



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Residential, Historic & Equestrian Architecture · Aiken, South Carolina

APPROACH

The client chooses the style. The site sets the terms.

Clients come to us for classical design. Each commission begins on the lot, where we study the environmental controls and let them locate the building before the architecture is drawn.

1 **READ THE SITE**
Study the environmental controls of the lot.

2 **PLACE THE MASSING**
Locate the building on the lot in response to what the site shows.

3 **DEVELOP THE AESTHETIC**
Give the house its overall classical character.

4 **TUNE THE BUILDING SCIENCE**
Adjust fenestrations, shading elements, wall assembly construction to best serve the site context



SEA ISLAND COTTAGE · AERIAL

GARDEN, AERIAL

PROJECT 01 · SUN & SHADE

Butler Plantation

Residence

SAINT SIMONS ISLAND, GEORGIA · 2023

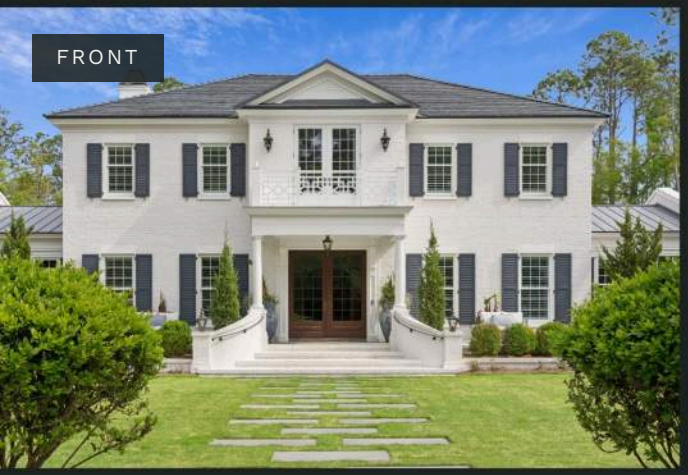
Architect of record, with construction administration. A generational property designed to grow with the family: convertible second-floor rooms, a garden house that can become an apartment, a garage with storage above for future build-out, a greenhouse and garden, and a barn with stables, tack room and workshop. The house is elongated east to west against harsh east and west sun, shade elements protect the east, west and south facades, and outdoor spaces sit on the north to welcome cool breezes.

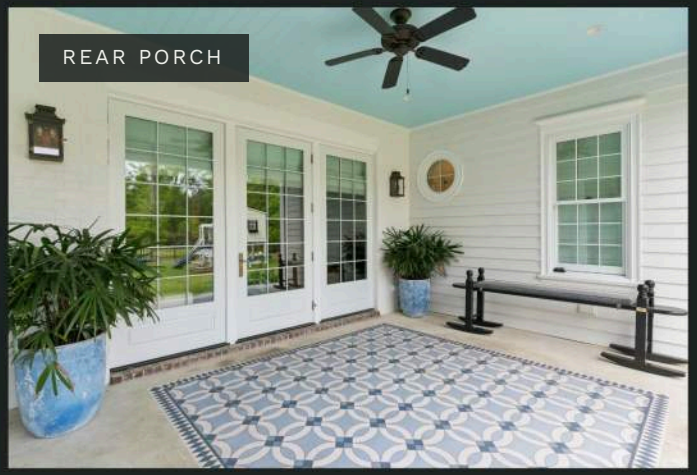


MAIN HOUSE, FRONT

MAIN HOUSE, REAR









Barn, stables and tack room



SAINT SIMONS ISLAND, GEORGIA · 2023

A generational property designed to grow with the family. Beyond the main house, the estate includes a barn with stables, tack room and workshop, a carriage house, a greenhouse and garden, and a garden house.

BARN

Stables, tack room and workshop.

GARAGE

Storage above for future build-out.

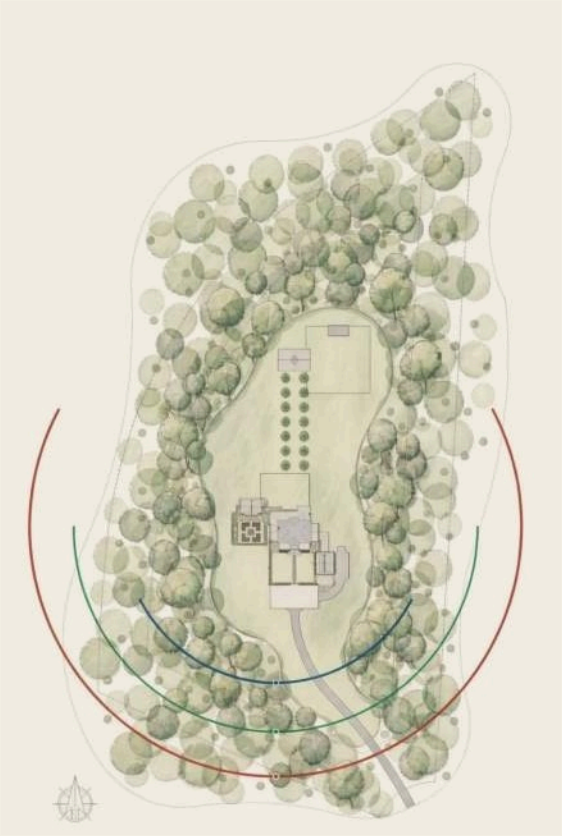
GARDEN HOUSE

Designed so it can become an apartment.

MAIN HOUSE

Convertible second-floor rooms.

The house, the barn and the land

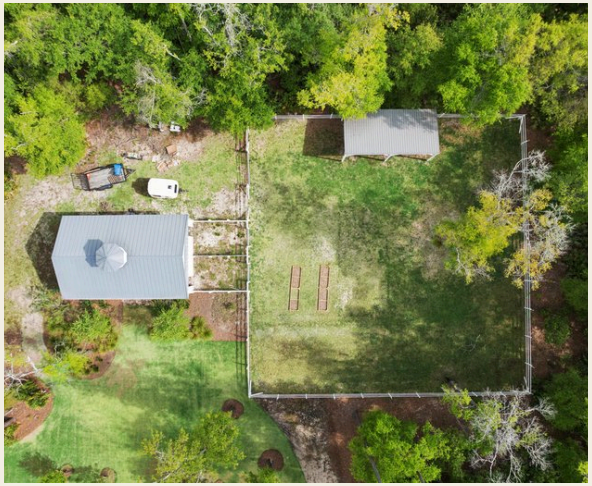


Butler Plantation Residence

SAINT SIMONS ISLAND · SITE PLAN

The house is elongated east to west to avoid harsh east and west sun. Shade elements sit on the east, west and south facades. Outdoor spaces face north to catch cool breezes.





BARN AND PADDOCK, AERIAL



BARN IN THE DISTANCE

Carriage house, barn, greenhouse





BARN, FRONT



GREENHOUSE



CUPOLA

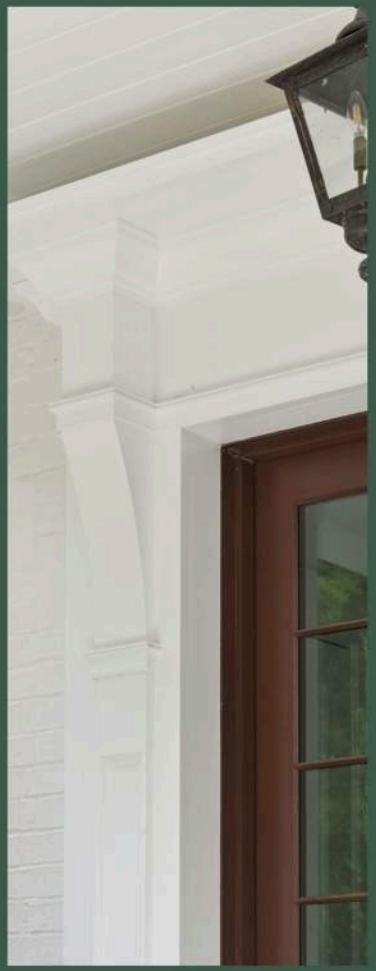
Openings and thresholds



OVAL WINDOW



DUTCH DOOR



ENTRY DOOR



LATTICE



BELGIAN FENCE

Each opening and each edge is drawn at the scale of the hand: where one passes, looks out, or leans on the house.



PROJECT 02 · WATER

Sea Island Cottage

Sea Island, Georgia · 2023. The scope reworked the exterior elements, porches and decks. Shading was added on the south-facing porches and decks, and new west-facing porches open to views of the marsh and give afternoon shade. The project was the subject of an article in Veranda Magazine.

FRONT

PROJECT 03 · SUN & SHADE

Visitors Center

BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA · WORK IN PROGRESS

A historic building owned by the city. The firm is assisting with its stabilization and preservation. The arcade forms a breezeway that shades the west side. Recognized with a 2023 historic preservation award from the Brunswick Historic Preservation Board and a 2024 Excellence in Restoration award from the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation.



REAR



VISITORS CENTER, BRUNSWICK

HISTORIC & CLASSICAL

Classical design, historic stewardship

INSTITUTE OF CLASSICAL ARCHITECTURE & ART

Member of the ICAA. Clients come to us for classical design.

VISITORS CENTER, BRUNSWICK

Assisting the city with the stabilization and preservation of its historic building. 2024 Excellence in Restoration award, Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation; 2023 historic preservation award, Brunswick Historic Preservation Board.

SEA ISLAND COTTAGE

Comprehensive renovation of a 1987 house by noted architect Robert Raley, featured in Veranda.

HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW

Research, drawings and documentation prepared to guide projects through historic-district design review.



PROJECT 04 · AIR

Seabreeze

SAINT SIMONS ISLAND · 2021

Renovation and addition, with the firm as primary architect. Windows on the north bring in natural light without harsh UV, and the west screened porch adds shading.



SPRING AND SUMMER WINDS PREDESIGN STUDY



LIVING ROOM



PORCH DECK



WINDOWED SITTING ROOM

PRESS AND RECOGNITION

Work in print and on screen

2024	**Full Swing, Season 2**	The Captain's Pavilion appears in the Netflix series
2025	**Veranda**	May issue, Sea Island
2025	**Forbes**	Best-In-State Residential Architect, Georgia
2026	**Golden Isles Magazine**	May/June issue





PRIVATE RESIDENCE · LIVING ROOM



PRIVATE RESIDENCE · KITCHEN



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