



J. Blair Frier, AIA Principal Architect

Relevant Project Experience

Mr. Frier has acted as Project Architect and Manager on numerous restoration projects since he joined S-E-M in 1980. Restoration projects include Stewart Hall, Purinton House and Restoration of The Hezekiah Clagett Home Place (Reymann Memorial Farm) for West Virginia University. Both Stewart Hall and Clagett Home Place were fortunate in winning AIA West Virginia Design Awards. He also worked on restoration projects at Miami University (Ohio), Davis and Elkins College, for The City of Charleston, West Virginia, The City of Beckley, West Virginia, The Town of Parsons, West Virginia, and for several private clients. He also has extensive experience in cost estimating and developing preservation project programs, schedules and budgets.

Mr. Frier serves as S-E-M's historic preservation specialist. He also has extensive experience with historic storefront repair and restoration. Projects he has recently completed include store front restoration at the historic Buxton Landstreet Building in Thomas, West Virginia as well as a Storefront / Facade Repair Study for the Historic District of the City of Charleston, West Virginia. The Charleston project included included over 60 buildings and 100 facades.

The Renovation of the Callaway Building for Wooton, Wooton, and Fragile Attorneys for which Frier served as Principal In Charge, also won an AIA West Virginia Honor Award. Work scope included implementing restoration guidelines, storefront and facade restoration, negotiating with the contractor to fine tune the work scope after demolition, and construction administration services.

Blair served as Co-Principal in Charge with Charissa Wang Durst, AIA of Hardlines Design Company on a \$10 million dollar restoration of the Historic Crestview Middle School (1915) in Columbus, Ohio. He is serving in a similar capacity on the restoration of Southwood Elementary School (1896). 11 schools in Columbus were designated as historic and selected for restoration and continued use. S-E-M is the only firm in Columbus to be awarded 2 projects from the group.

Mr. Frier served two years as President of the AIA West Virginia. He has considerable experience serving on review committees including the Raleigh County Historic Landmarks Commission, Beckley Historic Landmarks Commission (President), and also on the Design Committee (Main Street) of Beckley (President). During the early stages of Main Street Beckley's implementation he wrote the "Historic Review Guidelines" governing the restoration of buildings located in Beckley's designated Historic District. He was awarded "Main Street West Virginia Board Member of the Year" in 1998. He is also a member of the The National Trust for Historic Preservation and has considerable experience working with SHPO.

Project Responsibility

Principal Architect
Analysis and Estimating
Historic Design

Education

Bachelor of Architecture,
Virginia Tech, 1976

Work History

Years with S-E-M: 25
Years with Other Firms: 3

Registration

Registered Architect, West
Virginia, 1984

Professional Affiliations

American Institute of
Architects
Past President AIA West
Virginia, 1992-93
National Trust for Historic
Preservation

Awards (as Designer)

AIA West Virginia:
Stewart Hall Restoration
Clagett Home Restoration
Wooton Wooton Fragile
Restoration

AIA West Va. Craftsmanship:
Stewart Hall: Iron Lights and
Gates

Awards (as Principal)

Canyon Rim Visitor Center
Roane County High School