



Buffalo Architecture Foundation, or **BAF**, is a not-for-profit, public charity dedicated to inspiring the exploration of architecture and how it shapes our lives.



Buffalo Architecture Foundation invites the community to discover architecture, to become stewards of the built environment and to advocate for design excellence.

This mission is implemented through educational activities and events engaging citizens of all ages.

BAF currently has 3 main programs: ***Architecture+Education***, the ***Pro Bono Publico Awards*** and ***Building Stories***.



Buildings Stories is a multi-media, personal history project documenting and sharing individual experiences with architecture, construction, landscape and planning throughout Western New York.

Building Stories submissions are featured on the foundation website, *BuffaloArchitecture.org*, and comprise a brand new *University at Buffalo Libraries* digital collection that can be accessed online at UBdigit—the result of a wonderful recently cultivated partnership.

The collage consists of several panels. Top left: A black and white photo of a bridge with the caption 'Why I Love the Peace Bridge'. Top right: A black and white photo of a man in a suit standing in front of a house with the caption 'Grandpa Braun's House'. Middle left: A black and white photo of a man with a child. Middle right: A black and white photo of a bridge with the caption 'Buffalo Underground - An Excursion into the Depths of Scajaquada Creek'. Bottom left: Logos for 'BUFFALO ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION' and 'BUILDING STORIES'. Bottom right: A black and white photo of a man in a suit sitting on a chair with a child, with the caption 'Building Stories by Lois Jehle Jurin'.

Building Stories highlight the power of place.

Sample entries include some images from *Painting for Preservation*, “Why I Love the Peace Bridge,” “Buffalo Underground: An Excursion into the Depths of Scajaquada Creek,” and “Grandpa Braun’s House,” a fond remembrance of a Northampton Street home and the family that once lived there.

Why develop a program like *Building Stories*?



Western New York was, is and will be the site of distinguished, world class architecture--landmarks by the masters.

And the region was, is and will be home to wonderful vernacular buildings--the handiwork of true crafts men and women.

These buildings, from the profound to the sentimental, are significant threads in the tapestry of our lives.

Every building has a story.



Good architecture *endures* and *endears*.

To *endure* is to be lasting, to be durable.

To *endear* is to make esteemed, precious, beloved.



To *endure* is also to bear pain without flinching—to withstand neglect and deterioration until a vision, a restoration, a renovation can provide rebirth.



Good architecture *endures* and *endears*.

It protects and shelters us, while engaging and enriching our daily lives.

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Enduring and endearing stories.



By inviting you to share *your* unique ***Building Story***, Buffalo Architecture Foundation is seeking to reveal fresh perspectives, to spark new conversations and to collect stories that might not otherwise be articulated.

By connecting with the community so personally through these stories, **BAF** is directly enlisting the public in its mission to discover architecture, to become stewards of the built environment and to advocate for design excellence.

Please visit *BuffaloArchitecture.org* to learn more about the foundation, join **BAF** in ***building appreciation from the ground up*** and consider sharing your own story.