

Ruth Maxon Adams, 1883–1970

Major Works

Dates of the houses at Yelping Hill are approximate. 1922 was the first summer in residence for the community and Adams started designs at that time. Work proceeded intermittently depending on the availability of contractors and workmen. Adams oversaw construction sometimes directing the laying of the stones.

1. Winifred Smith house, 2 South Randolph Street, Poughkeepsie, NY (1912)
2. Edith Fahnestock and Rose Peebles house, 129 College Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY (1916)
3. Violet Barbour house, 166 College Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY (1922)
4. Henry Noble MacCracken house (known as Fridstol), Yelping Hill, West Cornwall, CT (1922)
5. Dodd house, Yelping Hill, West Cornwall, CT (1922), burned later and rebuilt.
6. Smith house, Yelping Hill, West Cornwall, CT (1922)
7. Canby house, Yelping Hill, West Cornwall, CT (1922)
8. Trowbridge house (known as Gingerbread house), Yelping Hill, West Cornwall, CT (1922)
9. Adams house I (known as Cliff house or Rocky Cliffe House), Yelping Hill, West Cornwall, CT (1922)

10. McConaughy cabin, Yelping Hill, West Cornwall, CT (early 1930s), burned ca. 1945 and rebuilt for the McClelland family (1948), possibly around foundation and fireplace from the earlier Adams-designed log cabin.
11. Scoville Family, Treetop, 218 Street Road, West Cornwall (1928)
12. Mildred Thompson house (Dean's House), 172 College Avenue, Poughkeepsie. NY (1932)
13. Barbara Swain house, 39 Ferris Lane, Poughkeepsie. NY (1950)
14. Adams house II (known as Roadhouse), West Cornwall, CT (ca. 1960)

Archival sources:

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY., holds materials in Special Collections related to her work at the college.

Yelping Hill, West Cornwall and the West Cornwall Historical Society preserves drawings and materials from Adams's library.

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