

**THE WILLIAMS RESIDENCE, 1995**  
*Old Lyme, Connecticut*

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This project began as a fairly limited remodeling of a rambling house located on a gorgeous site near the mouth of the Connecticut River. Eventually the scope of work changed and necessitated demolition of the building, except for the small central section, which comprised a

diminutive farmhouse, built in the nineteenth century. Although the program called for substantial new construction, Robert Orr & Associates respected and maintained the simple massing and spare detailing of the original farmhouse. By drawing on the original building, and referencing common local traditions, Robert Orr let the new house sit comfortably within the established character of the place.

*A VIEW OF THE IONIC COLONNADE (below)*

Breaking from the austere character of the front façade, a delicate ionic colonnade wraps the rear of the main building. Inside the house the simplicity of the exterior gradually transforms into a romantic exercise in fine woodworking.

