

In their own words ...

Experience – Grow - Make a Difference



How did your internship opportunity happen?

I was connected with the Galena/Jo Daviess County Historical Society from a faculty member in the history department. With some connections and the ability to receive PAACE funding, I was able to obtain an internship as a Curatorial Assistant.

How does your internship complement your academic goals?

With this internship, it will help me gain more experience within the Public History field, the field of study that I wish to pursue in graduate school in fall 2016. It will also help in the future with applying for jobs, the internship will be great for references and overall, to increase my knowledge of this growing field of study.

How are you spending your days?

I am helping to complete an ongoing project of digitizing oral histories, which were recorded back in the 1980's. Digitizing these tapes will help to preserve them for future generations. I am also doing research for an exhibit that will be featured in mid-August. The internship will highlight the life of Elihu and Adele Washburne, a prominent family in Galena. I am doing an inventory of labels and exhibits in the museum, I transcribed Civil War letters from a Galena general, learned how to use a museum software program called Past Perfect and helped out with various other archive projects.

What type of skills are you learning?

I'm required to use creativity and critical thinking. Each of my jobs is within the museum/archive field. With this new exhibit coming to the museum in mid-August, I want the public to be interested and connected to the people highlighted in the exhibit. Working with the various amount of documents, records, and research materials, I have been able to expand my knowledge of local history and how it influences the areas we live in.

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Interning at the Galena Jo Daviess
County Historical Society in
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"Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It is perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday." – John Wayne...
– Samantha Teske

Samantha's aha moment:

"I learn something new every day...it's always new and exciting!"



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