

INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

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Graduation Semester & Year: Spring '22

Semester & Year of Internship: Fall '19

Major: History

Minor: Creative & Professional Writing & Education

Hobbies: Reaching, watching TV & movies

Campus Activities: History Club

Future Plans/Career Goals: To either work in a museum or teach a history class.

Hometown:

Mt. Pleasant, PA

- **Internship (company/your title):**

West Overton Village & Museums

- **How did you find your internship?**

Dr. Herr brought it up at a history club meeting.

- **What were your duties?**

I scanned and digitized the museum's archives, putting them up on an online exhibit.

- **How many hours per week were you at your internship site?**

Around 4 to 4.5

- **What did you enjoy most about your internship?**

The thing that I most enjoyed about my internship was being able to handle and read old documents from the time period. I found that both really fascinating and informative

- **What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?**

I would say the most difficult aspect of this internship was having to interpret some of the language in the documents, as well as trying to read some of them because they are so old and written during a different time.

- **How did your experience at UPG and in the History department prepare you for your internship?**

I was prepared for my internship because I was able to apply my critical thinking and research skills that I learned from my history classes. A big part of being a history major is learning how to read primary source documents and interpreting them in order to better understand the content and material of the document(s).

- **How has your internship prepared you for a career?**

I think my internship has prepared me for a career in the sense that I got to experience how a small museum functions, and what the process of document/archive digitization consists of. I definitely think that I am now better equipped to enter into a career related to this field of study having done this internship.

- **What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?**

I would recommend for other students who may do this internship to make sure they develop good research skills and are familiar with reading primary source documents/material. I also recommend having patience, as sometimes it takes a lot of effort and concentration to read and fully understand some of the documents.

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