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Experience in both the building trades, project management, and academic research allows me to grasp the political, historical, and cultural importance of buildings and places while knowing how to organize projects efficiently and deliver them on time and correctly.

EXPERIENCE

02/2019-PRESENT

PRINCIPLE, VERMONT PROPERTY PRESERVATION CONSULTANT- WATERBURY, VERMONT

- A full-service historic preservation consulting firm offering everything from building research, conditions assessments, project management, plan review, and tax credits.
- 36 CFR certified for working on 3 any federally involved projects.
- VT PPC specializes in cyclical maintenance programs. Creating plans, helping with visual inspections, and teaching building owners how to proactively care for their historic buildings.

12/2019-Present

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE, PRESERVATION TRUST OF VERMONT- BURLINGTON, VERMONT

- Working with community groups and municipalities to find solutions to preserve Vermont's gathering places.
- Developing relationships with organizations to increase PTV's outreach.
- Establishing best practices for making energy upgrades to historic buildings.

05/2018-05/2018

HISTORIC SITES FACILITIES MANAGEMENT, STATE OF VERMONT, DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION- MONTPELIER, VERMONT

- Develop scopes of work for numerous large projects and reoccurring maintenance work.
- Develop RFPs, conduct site visits, develop contracts, and oversee contracted work for State-owned Historic Sites.
- Assist the Historic Sites Chief with the day-to-day operation of State-owned Historic Sites.
- Develop cyclical maintenance strategies for the State Historic Site.
- Create work requests for both large and small projects on historic sites.
- Complete maintenance tasks on numerous historic sites; including window repair, replacing broken or missing woodwork, and documenting structural issues.
- Conducted historic research on many of the State-owned Historic Sites.
- This is a temporary position due to budgetary and hiring constraints.

3/2013 – 6/2017

CARPENTER, LEACH CONSTRUCTION OF VERMONT-JERICHO, VERMONT

- Learned how to work as part of a team to create something out of nothing.

- Building extremely energy-efficient buildings, from pouring concrete footings to installing doorbells. Taking part or leading the construction of at least five new buildings.
- Demolition of and preparation for new additions or renovations to older homes. This included everything to splicing in framing materials to matching trim details.
- Maintenance and smaller projects for houses. These tasks included fixing older doors, reglazing windows, replacing old siding, or strengthening a newel post.

EDUCATION

DECEMBER, 2018

M.A. HISTORIC PRESERVATION, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

GPA: 3.87. Studied all aspects of building conservation and preservation. Understanding the historic significance of our built environment and the importance of retaining our building heritage. Conducted extensive research on local buildings and places, connecting them to state and regional trends.

MAY, 2012

B.A. AMERICAN STUDIES/HISTORY, MARLBORO COLLEGE

GPA: 3.45. My studies focused on the creation of the Vermont Republic in 1777 and the inhabitants of the Green Mountains during the Revolutionary Era. I was particularly interested in the creation of the Vermonter identity by Vermont's founders.

SUMMER, 2007

NATIONAL OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP SCHOOL, LANDER, WYOMING

MEMBERSHIPS & PUBLIC SERVICE

- Board Member- Design Review Board, Waterbury, VT
- Board Member- Preservation Action, Washington, DC
- Frm. Firefighter- Marlboro Volunteer Fire Dept., Marlboro, VT

SKILLS

- Understanding how buildings work and how to preserve their historic integrity.
- Working with building owners to ensure that their needs and the community's needs are met.
- Delegating tasks to each person's strengths to ensure efficiency and quality.
- Knowing the cultural value of our history whether that significance is local, regional, or national.
- Grasping the totality of historic events and places.
- Historical Research
- Project Management
- Team Leadership
- Critical Thinking
- Professionalism
- Dependability
- Carpentry/woodworking

ACTIVITIES

Nothing is better than taking something old and rundown and making it work and look like new. This belief explains not only my love of carpentry and buildings but also sharing history with larger audiences. I am a firm believer that every season has an excuse to be outside, whether it is fishing, boiling sap, or simply roaming the woods—I am always looking for a reason to be outside. I also believe that we should all be supporting members of our communities and my time as a volunteer firefighter in southern Vermont speaks to my willingness to do my part.