



Liberty in Our Grasp 2021 Paid Internship Opportunity

The Delaware Historical Society (DHS) is seeking two (2) part-time (20 hours/week) interns to conduct research and digitize collections material for the “Liberty in Our Grasp: Delaware’s Freedom Seekers Database, 1759-1865” project. The interns will be responsible for:

- Assessing and selecting materials from the DHS archival collections related to the history of slavery in Delaware
- Scanning selected materials
- Deposit into storage
- Creating metadata for each digital surrogate

In this project, interns will work with Delaware Historical Society (DHS) staff to select and digitize collections items held in the Research Library. Interns will receive training in handling archival collection materials and digitizing collections. The first weeks of this internship will be done virtually using DHS digital collections and materials available online. Specific tasks, primarily scanning, will be completed on-site under supervision. Interns may gain experience with file hosting services like Dropbox, experience with descriptive standards like Dublin Core and common controlled vocabularies like Library of Congress Authorities and experience doing light image file processing.

“Liberty in Our Grasp: Delaware’s Freedom Seekers Database, 1759-1865” is a project that will increase access to collections that document Delaware’s African American History (with emphasis on the period 1759 to 1864) housed at the Delaware Historical Society and its Jane and Littleton Mitchell Center for African American Heritage (MCAAH) by making them easily accessible online. The Delaware Historical Society will work with Delaware educators to develop and pilot lesson plans for teachers in grades 3 through 5, 6 through 8, and 9 through 12. A corresponding website will host primary source materials, lessons, assessment activities, and student tasks that will be available to the public.

Pay Rate: \$15/hour

Dates: Monday April 26, 2021 – Friday June 25, 2021

Working Conditions:

Must have reliable internet connection;

Perform functions such as standing, lifting, walking and climbing stairs;

Must be able to travel to Wilmington



Skills and Abilities:

Strong speaking and interpersonal skills.

Interest in History, African American History, education, and library/archives.

Knowledge of computers and familiarity with word processing and data management.

Ability to work between the hours of 9am-5pm, Monday through Friday

Must be able to lift up to 30 pounds.

Experience with digitization workflows and/or handling archival collections desirable but not required;

To Apply

Please send resume, cover letter, and three professional references to deinfo@dehistory.org
No telephone calls please.

Deadline to apply April 12, 2021

The Delaware Historical Society is an equal opportunity employer.

The Delaware Historical Society continues to follow all COVID-19 safety precautions.

More about the Delaware Historical Society:

The Delaware Historical Society is a non-profit organization that preserves, promotes, and shares Delaware's history in a welcoming environment to educate, inspire, and empower people and communities. In 2016, the Jane and Littleton Mitchell Center for African American Heritage opened with a core exhibit that explores Delaware's African American history from 1639 to the present. The Delaware Historical Society and Mitchell Center use a variety of methods to present the African American historical record. Museum and web exhibitions, educational programs, lectures, and special events complement historical society programs on African American history and culture. The Delaware Historical Society archives and museum steward 3,000,000 materials, including material culture, artifacts and 9 buildings that document five centuries of Delaware's heritage. This includes an archival collection of approximately 100 anti-slavery petitions, manumission records, and slave sales documenting the history of slavery in Delaware. The materials in this collection are robust and represent the period from 1759 to 1865.

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