



**Proposal for Preparation of a
National Register of Historic Places Nomination
for Engine House 2 in Mason City, Iowa**

Prepared for:
The City of Mason City
Historic Preservation Commission

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Introduction

The City of Mason City Historic Preservation Commission has been awarded a Certified Local Government Grant from the State Historical Society of Iowa to nominate the Engine House 2 to the National Register of Historic Places. Wapsi Valley Archaeology is pleased to present this proposal for completion of this work.

Our proposal addresses the work outlined in the Request for Proposals and includes information on our scope of work, work products, schedule, and budget. We also present information on the professional qualifications of our team.

Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc. has the experience and expertise to provide these services to the City of Mason City. All work will be performed in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards and Guidelines for Historic Preservation and Archaeology* and the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards and Guidelines for Identification and Evaluation*.

Scope of Work

Engine House No. 2 was constructed in 1939 in the Art Deco style. The fire station was constructed under the National Industrial Recovery Act of 1933, a federal relief program implemented by Franklin D. Roosevelt during the Great Depression. The building is considered National Register eligible under both Criterion A, for its association with events important to history, and Criterion C, for its architectural distinction. The Engine House is the only remaining intact building in the Art Deco style in Mason City.

Wapsi Valley Archaeology will work closely with the Mason City Historic Preservation Commission in the completion of this project. We will coordinate the research and nomination work with city staff, commission members, and volunteers, and will consult with the Iowa State Historic Preservation Office during the nomination process.

This project will involve a number of steps, as outlined in the RFP:

Task 1

First, Wapsi Valley will prepare the National Register of Historic Places nomination packet for the engine house. As part of this process, we will complete historic research on the building at appropriate state, county, and local repositories and libraries. Sources may include but are not limited to the Mason City Public Library, Mason City City Hall, Cerro Gordo County Recorder's Office, and the Iowa State Historic Preservation Library. We will examine relevant resources such as plat maps, county histories, and other historic documentation. In addition, we will also complete newspaper research as needed to document important events affecting the fire station. We also welcome information from local citizens, who may have historic photographs, scrap books, other information regarding the building's history, or perhaps stories to tell us about its past that will be both meaningful and important to include in the nomination.

We will then develop a historic context for Engine House 2, identifying relevant historical associations, including a discussion of the building's designer, Hansen & Waggoner Architects, as well as other significant aspects or events relating to the property. In addition, we will build a case for the engine house's architectural significance through careful examination of its craftsmanship, materials, and architectural design. We will document the resource's architectural style, materials, construction techniques, floor plans, and interior finishes. Based on all of this information, we will develop a narrative text and prepare maps, photographs, historic images, maps, and other figures to be included in the nomination packet. The nomination packet will follow the organization and content outlined in the National Register Bulletin *How to Complete the National Register Registration Form*.

Draft copies of the nomination form will be submitted to the City, Historic Preservation Commission, and Iowa SHPO for their review. Wapsi Valley Archaeology will then make any necessary changes to the document prior to submittal to the State Nomination Review Committee (SNRC) for final commentary.

Wapsi Valley Archaeology staff will present the nomination at the meeting of the SNRC. After receiving their comments, the packet will then be finalized and submitted to the National Park Service via the Iowa SHPO for final evaluation and listing.

Task 2

Wapsi Valley Archaeology will also create a digital content package for use on a website developed by a separate contractor. The content of the packet will

include text, images, audio, and video to tell the story of the building's history and significance. The content will be geared to capture the interest of and educate a general audience about the history and significance of Engine House 2.

Task 3

Wapsi Valley Archaeology will attend virtual meetings with the project director and Municipal one to discuss and facilitate the implementation of the website.

Task 4

We will plan to present the results of this study to member at the Preserve Iowa Summit in Mason City on June 16-18, 2022.

Work Products

The following work products will be completed by Wapsi Valley Archaeology for this project:

- A project research design and schedule will be prepared and shared with the local project director and all pertinent parties at the outset of this project.
- The project will involve fieldwork, an assessment of the property, research, and documentation preparation for the National Register nomination.
- Draft nomination documentation will be submitted to the Mason City Historic Preservation Commission and the Iowa SHPO for comments. Wapsi Valley will make revisions as needed following the review. The nomination form will be prepared in accordance with the National Register of Historic Places Nomination Guide.
- Wapsi Valley Archaeology will present the nomination to the SNRC prior to finalization.
- The final National Register nomination packet will be submitted to the Iowa SHPO and National Park Service for listing. We will also provide an electronic copy to the Mason City Historic Preservation Commission.
- We will be available to meet with city staff, commission members, and volunteers as needed for this project.

- WVA will provide at least 5 photographs documenting the project to the Project Director
- WVA will create a sitemap for the website
- We will prepare the digital content package on Engine House 2, to be launched on a website designed and uploaded by a separate contractor. Web content will include images, video and narratives.
- We will provide monthly updates to the project director.
- We will plan to attend regular website coordination meetings.
- Wapsi Valley Archaeology staff will present the results of the project at the Preserve Iowa Summit in Mason City in June of 2022.

All products created for the Project will include the acknowledgement:

The activity that is the subject of this Project has been financed in part with Federal funds from the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. The views and conclusions contained in this document are those of the authors and should not be interpreted as representing the opinions or policies of the U.S. Government. Mention of trade names or commercial products does not constitute their endorsement by the U.S. Government.

Proposed Project Schedule

Timeline	Task
August 2021	Sign subcontract with the City
August 2021	Project kick-off meeting with project director, SHPO staff, web designer, and WVA team.
August-December 2021	Draft NRHP nomination packet research and preparation. Initial preparation of website content.
October 1, 2021	Presentation of draft website site map to project director and website developer
November 1, 2021	WVA presents information on existing videos, concept statements on new videos (3-4 minutes in length), interview subject lists, and draft interview questions.
November 2021 – February 2022	HPC members record and edit new videos scripted by WVA

December 6, 2021	First draft submittal to the HPC and SHPO for review and comment
January 15, 2022	Final sitemap, text, and images to website developer
March 2022	WVA provides final videos to project director and website developer
April 4, 2022	Final NRHP Nomination packet submittal
April 2022	Final digital content delivered for website
May 2022	Final website testing and release
June 10, 2022	Presentation of the Engine House 2 NRHP nomination to the State Nominations Review Committee
June 2022	Final revisions to the nomination packet
June 16-18, 2022	Presentation at the Preserve Iowa Summit
July, 2022	Final nomination forwarded to the National Park Service
August, 2022	Project closed

Wapsi Valley Archaeology Background and Experience

Established in 2001 and incorporated in 2002, Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc. is a full-service professional cultural resources consulting firm based in Anamosa, Iowa. The research team at Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc. includes one Architectural Historian/Historian, one Project Historian, and four Archaeologists who meet Professional Qualifications Requirements of the Secretary of the Interior. All Principal Investigators hold master's degrees in their fields. Additional staff include a GIS Specialist, an Office Manager, and project field staff. We have worked closely with staff at the Iowa SHPO and have a thorough understanding of state and federal historic preservation guidelines.

We strive to achieve the highest level of excellence in our work to fulfill our clients' requirements for professional investigations, timeliness, cost effectiveness, and efficiency. We work closely with our clients to ensure that the details of each project are understood and appropriately executed. Our professional staff discusses research designs and field strategies in detail to ensure a high-quality management process. Fieldwork and analyses are completed under the direct supervision of qualified supervisory staff. All submittals are reviewed for content and edited by a professional editor. This process has enabled us to complete exemplary work for our clients.

Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc. was founded on the concept of providing cultural resources investigations of the highest professional caliber. We are committed to working closely with our clients to fulfill requirements in a balanced, efficient, and practical manner. We provide high-quality cultural resources services at reasonable costs, with fast turnaround and friendly service. We strive to help our clients successfully complete their projects and are known to go that extra mile to help each project shine.

Wapsi Valley Prior Experience

Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc. has worked on projects involving diverse local, state, and federal agencies, which includes Iowa cities and counties as well as the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT), Iowa Prison Industries, Iowa Army

National Guard, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), U.S. Army, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Authority, Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA), U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Authority, FEMA, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Since 2007, Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc. has been under contract with the Iowa DOT for on-call cultural resource services for transportation-related projects across the state of Iowa. We provide both archaeological and architectural history services to the DOT that sometimes involve large-scale compliance projects covering many acres. In addition, we held three consecutive multi-year contracts with the Iowa DNR for State Revolving Fund projects. We are also currently under a five-year, indefinite quantity on-call contract with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for cultural resource investigations (both architectural history and archaeology) in the Upper Mississippi River Valley.

Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc. has completed numerous architectural history and history investigations across the Midwest. A few project examples include:

- *National Register Nomination of the Bever Woods Historic District, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.* This project is current in progress.
- *An Intensive-Level Architectural History Survey for the Bever Woods Area, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.* The survey was completed in August of 2020.
- *National Register Nomination of the Coggon Commercial Historic District, Linn County, Iowa.* The district was listed on the National Register in 2019.
- *National Register Nomination of the Cedar Falls Downtown Commercial District, Cedar Falls, Iowa.* The district was listed on the National Register in October of 2017.
- *National Register Nomination of the Concord Congregational Cemetery, Dubuque County, Iowa.* Preparation of documentation to nominate the Concord Congregational Cemetery (C.C. Cemetery) to the National Register of Historic Places. The cemetery is located in the no-longer-extant town of Cottage Hill along Highway U.S. 52 in Concord Township,

Dubuque County, Iowa, and is eligible under Criteria A and D. The cemetery was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2017.

- *National Register Nomination of the Cottage Hill Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Dubuque County, Iowa.* Preparation of documentation to nominate the Cottage Hill Methodist Episcopal Cemetery (M.E. Cemetery) to the National Register of Historic Places. The cemetery is located in the no-longer-extant town of Cottage Hill along Highway U.S. 52 in Concord Township, Dubuque County, Iowa, and is eligible under Criteria A and D. The M.E. Cemetery is noteworthy because it contains graves of African American settlers in Dubuque County. The cemetery was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2017.
- *First Avenue Residential Intensive-Level Survey and Evaluation Project, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa.* This survey was completed for the City of Newton, Iowa. Field investigation and archival research revealed that 45 of 63 evaluated individual properties contribute to the two proposed historic districts. Of those properties, seven were evaluated as individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, including one currently listed on the National Register.
- *City of Cedar Rapids Library Project, Linn County, Iowa.* This project identified an archaeological site associated with what was known in the 1920s as “the Black Block,” a neighborhood of African Americans who lived in Cedar Rapids at the time. The entire block of buildings at this location was demolished in 1925, its story forgotten until it was uncovered during our research. Unfortunately, the integrity of the area has been compromised by demolition, development, and construction; however, the location is important to the history of the city of Cedar Rapids.
- *Interpretive Signage, Tobin’s Cabin Site, Benton County, Iowa.* Wapsi Valley designed interpretive signage telling the story of John Tobin and his role in Iowa’s conservation movement.
- *Kiosk, Big Hollow Recreation Area, Des Moines County, Iowa.* Wapsi Valley designed a kiosk to tell the story of the prehistory and history of the area.
- *Flint River Trail, Des Moines County, Iowa.* Wapsi Valley designed signage for an overlook to educate the public about the area’s prehistory and history. We also prepared an educational exhibit for display at Starr’s Cave Park and Preserve.

- *Preparation of a Historic Property Study Booklet for the Chambers Ford Bridge Replacement Project, Tama County, Iowa.* In 2013, Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc. completed a historical and architectural review as well as the development of a Treatment Plan for removal of a National Register-listed bridge in Tama County, Iowa. We then prepared a Memorandum of Agreement and Advisory Council for Historic Preservation packet for the removal of the bridge. We have since documented the historic bridge and authored a public interest booklet about the bridge and its history to help mitigate the adverse effects of the bridge's removal.
- *Cultural Resource Surveys, U.S. Highway 52 Improvement Project, Dubuque County, Iowa.* Intensive-level architectural history survey and Phase I archaeological survey along a 9.5-mile corridor between Luxemburg and Rickardsville, Dubuque County, Iowa. Documented 69 architectural properties. Of the 69 evaluated individual properties, 13 contained resources that are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, encompassing a total of 20 eligible buildings, districts, or sites (cemeteries). They are eligible for their association with the agricultural development of the area, the data that may be gained from them, and their distinctive architectural characteristics.

In addition, Maria Lopez Schmid completed the following National Register Nominations prior to joining Wapsi Valley:

- *Decanter Hotels, Old San Juan, Puerto Rico.* Principal Investigator, historic context and nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, conservation plan, and interior design of a 1776 Old San Juan building. 2015.
- *Teachers' Association Building, San Juan, Puerto Rico.* Principal Investigator, nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, Historic Preservation Fund Grant. 2015.
- *Luis Muñoz Marin Residence, San Juan, Puerto Rico.* Principal Investigator, nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, Historic Preservation Fund Grant, for Luis Muñoz Marin Foundation. 2011.

- *Condado Vanderbilt Hotel, Condado, Puerto Rico*. Principal Investigator, nomination of a 1918 building to the National Register of Historic Places for International Hospitality Enterprises Inc. 2008.

Staff Qualifications

Professional staff involved in this project meet the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards.

The Project Manager for this project will be Nurit G. Finn, who has over two decades of experience in the cultural resources/historic preservation fields. An archaeologist by profession, Nurit served as Project Manager and has been a co-author or Project Manager of four National Register nominations: the Coggon Commercial Historic District, the Cedar Falls Historic District, the Cottage Hill Methodist Episcopal Cemetery in Dubuque County, and the Concord Congregational Cemetery in Dubuque County. She also served as Project Manager for and assisted with the Bever Woods Area Survey in Cedar Rapids, and is currently managing the Bever Woods National Register nomination. Nurit has prepared public outreach content for a number of projects, including the Coggon Historic District as well as kiosks, interpretive signage, and museum exhibits.

The Principal Investigator for this project will be Architectural Historian Maria Schmid, M.A., who lives in Fort Dodge, Iowa, and specializes in architecture, architectural theory, and architectural history. Maria served as a Professor in the School of Architecture at Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico. She has also worked professionally in historic preservation in the Midwest, Southeast, and Puerto Rico. She has completed architectural history survey and evaluation projects, developed historic building renovation designs, and successfully nominated multiple buildings to the National Register of Historic Places. Her National Register nominations include the Beaver Woods National Register nomination (currently in progress), Coggon Commercial Historic District; Teachers' Association Building, San Juan; Decanter Hotels, Old San Juan; Luis Muñoz Marin Residence, San Juan; and the Condado Vanderbilt Hotel, Condado.

Maria will be assisted by Project Historian, Jacob Noble, who recently joined Wapsi Valley Archaeology after receiving a Master's in Heritage Studies and Public History from the University of Minnesota.

Summary of Professional Personnel Qualifications for This Project.

Team Member & Education	Areas of Expertise, and Experience
<p>Nurit G. Finn, Project Manager</p> <p>Ph.D. Candidate University of Michigan (Anthropology)</p> <p>M.A. University of New Mexico (with honors, Anthropology)</p> <p>A.B. Bryn Mawr College (cum laude, Anthropology)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Cultural Resources Association (Past Rep., Board of Directors), Association of Iowa Archaeologists (Past President), Society for American Archaeology, Society of Historic Archaeology, Iowa Archaeological Society, Midwest Archaeological Conference, Jones County Historic Preservation Commission (Past Vice-Chair). • Project management experience, including large-scale architectural history investigations, National Register nominations, and interpretive signage development. • Areas of specialization include project management, editing and report production, and Historic Preservation Management Plans. Regional emphasis on Midwest and Southeast. <p>*Over 20 years' experience in historic preservation and archaeological research. Meets Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for Archaeology.</p>
<p>Maria L. Schmid Principal Investigator— History/Architectural History</p> <p>M.A., Historic Preservation Goucher College</p> <p>Bachelor of Architecture Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas of specialization include architecture, architectural history, historic preservation, climate change and historic buildings, and historic buildings flood mitigation. • Experience administering, researching, and writing NRHP nominations. • Experience undertaking architectural surveys, descriptions, inventory, NRHP evaluation of buildings and structures, history research, HABS documentation, conditions surveys, and renovation design of historic buildings. • Taught history of architecture, design studios, and architectural representation fundamentals at Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico. • Association for Preservation Technology Education and Research Committee. • Language fluency: English and Spanish. <p>*Meets Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for History and Architectural History.</p>

Maria L. Schmid, Architectural Historian/Principal Investigator

EDUCATION

Graduate	Master of Arts in Historic Preservation, Goucher College (Towson, MD), 2015
Undergraduate	Bachelor of Architecture, Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico, Cum Laude, 2001

AWARDS

- Stephen K. F. and Katharine W. Lee Prize in Historic Preservation, Goucher College, 2013
- McCullough Prize for best thesis, Master of Arts in Historic Preservation, Goucher College, 2015

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

National Register of Historic Places Nominations

2019	Coggon Commercial Historic District, Linn County, Iowa. Principal Investigator, nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.
2015	Teachers' Association Building, San Juan. Principal Investigator, nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, Historic Preservation Fund Grant.
2015	Decanter Hotels, Old San Juan. Principal Investigator, historic context and nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, conservation plan, and interior design of a 1776 Old San Juan building.
2011	Luis Muñoz Marin Residence, San Juan. Principal Investigator, nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, Historic Preservation Fund Grant, for Luis Muñoz Marin Foundation.
2008	Condado Vanderbilt Hotel, Condado. Principal Investigator, nomination of a 1918 building to the National Register of Historic Places for International Hospitality Enterprises Inc.

Sections 106 and 110, National Historic Preservation Act Compliance Projects

2021	<i>Intensive-Level Architectural History Survey for a Storm Sewer Section in Greene, Butler County, Iowa.</i> WVA Report No. 1162, Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc. Anamosa, Iowa.
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- 2020 *Reconnaissance-Level Architectural History Survey for the Ute Avenue and Ashworth Road Intersection Improvement Project, Waukee, Dallas County, Iowa.* WVA Report No. 1139, Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc. Anamosa, Iowa.
- 2020 *Intensive-Level Architectural History Survey for the Red Rock Prairie Trail, in Jasper County, Iowa.* WVA Report No. 1126, Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc. Anamosa, Iowa.
- 2020 *Intensive-Level Architectural History Survey for the CRANDIC Bridge 18.15 over the Iowa River near Middle Amana, Iowa County, Iowa.* WVA Report No. 1123, Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc. Anamosa, Iowa.
- 2019 *Reconnaissance-Level Architectural History Survey for the Red Rock Prairie Trail, in Jasper County, Iowa.* WVA Report No. 1105, Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc. Anamosa, Iowa.
- 2019 *Intensive-Level Architectural History Survey for the Bever Woods Area Project, Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa.* WVA Report No. 1096, Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc. Anamosa, Iowa.
- 2019 *Intensive Level Architectural History Survey for the Trestle Bridge over Beaver Creek Project in Johnston, Polk County, Iowa.* WVA Report No. 1093, Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc. Anamosa, Iowa.
- 2019 *Intensive Level Architectural History Survey for the Steamboat Rock Dam Stream Restoration Project, Hardin County, Iowa.* WVA Report No. 1092, Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc. Anamosa, Iowa.
- 2019 *Reconnaissance Level Architectural History Survey for the Ellis Boulevard to 6th Street NW Connector Project in Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa.* WVA Report No. 1085, Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc. Anamosa, Iowa.
- 2019 *Reconnaissance Level Architectural History Survey for the City of Eagle Grove Downtown Façade Revitalization Project, Wright County, Iowa.* WVA Report No. 1076, Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc. Anamosa, Iowa.
- 2019 *Intensive Level Architectural History Survey for a Proposed Development, City of Fort Madison, Lee County, Iowa.* WVA Report No. 1075, Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc. Anamosa, Iowa.
- 2019 *Historic Structures Report for the Lock and Dam No. 10 Lockmaster's House, Guttenberg, Clayton County, Iowa.* WVA Report No. 1064, Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc. Anamosa, Iowa.
- 2019 *Cultural Resource Literature Search and Records Review, Lac qui Parle Project, Lac qui Parle, Chippewa, Swift, and Big Stone Counties, Minnesota.* WVA Report No. 1059, Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc. Anamosa, Iowa. With Nurit Finn.

- 2018 *Intensive Level Architectural History Survey for Proposed Improvements to Interstate 80, Dallas County, Iowa.* WVA Report No. 1051, Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc. Anamosa, Iowa.
- 2018 *Phase I Intensive Archaeological Survey and Intensive Level Architectural History Survey for the Proposed Removal of Two Dams at Fort Dodge, Webster County, Iowa.* WVA Report No. 1039, Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc. Anamosa, Iowa. With Toby Morrow.
- 2016 to 2018 Architectural History Assessments and Visual Effects Report for Section 106 compliance. Resource descriptions, Inventory Forms, and National Register eligibility statements for eighteen resources in Gilmer, GA; Claiborne, LA; Greenville, MS; Innsbrook, GA; and Warren County, GA, with TerraXplorations, Inc., Tuscaloosa, Alabama.
- 2015 Architectural Description and Evaluation for Section 4(f) of Bridge no. 217 in Mayagüez and Bridge no. 443 in Loíza, Puerto Rico, for Archaeologist Sharon Mélendez.
- 2002 US Naval Security Group Activity, Sabana Seca. Investigator, field condition survey and historic investigation of Cold War-era buildings and structures, with ConservAcción, Inc., for the United States Navy.

Design Experience

Maria F Lopez, DBA 2001 to 2018

- 2017 Private Residences, Woodstock, IL. Architectural drawings for a 2,500-square-foot house. Project Manager, design, and drawings for a 2,000-square-foot house.
- 2015 Decanter Hotels, Old San Juan. Project Manager and Interior Designer of a 20-room boutique hotel in an 1800s Old San Juan building.

P&S Consultants Architecture, Engineering, and Environmental Design 2003 to 2009

- 2007/2009 Toyota de Puerto Rico Headquarters, Río Piedras, Puerto Rico. Code compliance investigation, renovation design, construction drawings and documents.
- 2005 Janssen Pharmaceutical, Dorado, Puerto Rico. Architectural design of building renovations.
- 2004 Biovail Laboratories, Dorado. Architectural design of building renovations.

Teaching Experience

The Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico, School of Architecture

Professor, 2004 to 2009

History of Caribbean Architecture, Basic Design Studios, and Architectural Representation Fundamentals

Teaching Assistant, 2001 to 2009

History of Architecture, Architectural Theory, History of Modern Architecture, and summer workshops

Other Experience

- 2012 Archivist, document digitalization and conservation at the National Archives and the Puerto Rico DOT.
- 2003 Old San Juan Fortification City Walls, San Juan. Conditions survey, field inspection, and HABS drawings manager of Old San Juan south city walls, with ConservAcción, Inc., for the DOT.

PUBLICATIONS/PAPERS

- 2016 Climate Change and Cultural Heritage Conservation: A Literature Review. APT International.
- 2015 The Coast in Peril: Preserving Puerto Rico's Historic Resources from Sea Level Rise. Thesis Abstract.
- 2015 *Including Historic Properties in the Puerto Rico Coastal Zone Law*. White paper.
- 2015 *Preserving Threatened Historic Resources in Puerto Rico from Sea Level Rise*, Pablo Méndez Lázaro, ed. "Climate Change Adaptation Plan," Report for the Puerto Rico Tourism Company, University of Puerto Rico, Medical Science Campus, Graduate School of Public Health, Department of Environmental Health.
- 2014 *Defending San Juan's Fortifications from Sea Level Rise*. White paper.
- 2014 *Rescue of Santurce with a Zone Regulation Change*. White paper.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Goucher College, Welch Center for Graduate and Professional Studies, Master of Arts in Historic Preservation. Guest Speaker, Culture and Calamity Course, May 2017.

National Trust for Historic Preservation, National Preservation Conference, Savannah, GA. Speaker, November 2014.

State Historic Preservation Office, San Juan, PR. Speaker, Conference Series, September 2015.

Goucher College, Historic Preservation Program Symposium, Towson, MD. Speaker, August 2015.

Jacob A. Noble, Project Historian

Education:

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota

- Master's in Heritage Studies and Public History, 2021
- Historic Preservation Track

Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana

- BA in History, minors in Museum Studies and Middle East Studies, 2018
- 3.89 Cumulative GPA
- College Honors and Departmental Honors

Experience:

Project Historian, Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc., Anamosa, Iowa--June 2021 to Present

A Public History of 35W, Minneapolis, MN: Exhibit Developer and Researcher--Summer 2020 to Summer 2021

- Conduct historical research into the construction of Interstate 35W through South Minneapolis using physical and digital materials.
- Collaborate with university students, professors, and community leaders to facilitate community programs and develop exhibit plans.
- Present research to over 100 attendees at online public events using Zoom and Webex.

University of Minnesota Institute for Advanced Studies, Minneapolis, MN: Exhibits Developer--Spring 2020-Winter 2020

- Researched and designed exhibits for the Institute for Advanced Studies, including office window displays and exhibitions in Northrup Gallery.
- Designed physical displays to accompany programming relating to Smithsonian Institute's *Righting a Wrong* exhibit posters, including selecting and displaying objects from University of Minnesota's Immigration History Research Center Archives.

Minnesota Department of Transportation, Saint Paul, MN: Cultural Resources Unit Intern--Spring 2020 to Summer 2020

- Developed ArcGIS storymap for [MnDOT Cultural Resources Unit website](#) using historic contexts and archival photographs.
- Wrote and edited Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office inventory forms for properties contributing to Trunk Highway 52 National Register of Historic Places nomination.

- Explored viability of public outreach in Cultural Resources Unit work related to Rethinking I-94 project.

College Possible, Saint Paul, MN: Tech Connected College Coach--Fall 2018 to Summer 2019

- Facilitated college preparedness for low income students through independent technological meetings via social media, Microsoft Outlook, and phone.
- Empowered students to self advocate for their needs through various academic and administrative challenges.
- Utilized Salesforce software to track activity and build and curate reports of students and achievements.
- Independently managed portfolio of over 140 students.

Camp Millhouse, South Bend, IN: Kitchen Assistant--Summers 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2018

- Assisted developmentally disabled children and adults with meals.
- Assured cleanliness of kitchen facilities to a high standard.

Joseph Moore Museum, Richmond, IN: Collections Worker--Fall 2015 to Spring 2018

- Completed long term independent catalogue inventory using Specify database software.
- Rehoused over 5,000 avian and mammalian natural history specimens with new protective materials and housing in line with museum best practices.

Levi and Catharine Coffin State Historic Site, Fountain City, IN: Collections Intern--Summer 2017

- Conducted historical, object-focused research to improve collections database organization and quality.
- Managed site database of objects to update storage information.
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Earlham Historical Journal Editorial Board Member--2015 to 2018

- Convening Editor, Fall 2016 and 2017.
- Collaborated with editorial board members and authors to produce high quality undergraduate historical scholarship.
- Experienced in the peer review process and Chicago Style.
- Managed budgets and scheduled events and meetings.

Selected Projects

Preparation of the Bever Woods Historic District National Register nomination, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (in progress).

Architectural history studies in Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, and Quincy, Illinois (in progress).

Contributor to the Update of National Register of Historic Places Documentation for the Fort Snelling Historic District, Minnesota (in progress), Officers' Quarters Duplex.

Faulkner House, Minnesota Individual Property Inventory Form, Prepared 2021.

Publications:

"Whose City, Whose Community?: Schools, Race, and Class in 20th Century Detroit." *Earlham Historical Journal* 11, no. 1 (2018): 39-81.

"Remaking the Neighborhood: Housing, Race, and Labor in Postwar Detroit." *Earlham Historical Journal* 10, no. 2 (2018): 78-89.

Sample Documents

The following links are to download examples of National Register of Historic Places nominations completed by Wapsi Valley Archaeology:

Coggon Commercial Historic District Nomination

https://www.dropbox.com/s/jrzmbabhuz2oxg/IA_Linn%20County_Coggon%20Commercial%20Historic%20District.pdf?dl=0

Wapsi Valley Archaeology also completed a Story Map for this district, which can be viewed online:

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=1581b3bd8e724b34a69fa253039d83fc>

Cedar Falls Downtown Historic District Nomination

https://www.dropbox.com/s/3acxcsrow6u23v0/NR%20Form_10-900_Cedar%20Falls%20Downtown%20Historic%20District.pdf?dl=0

Cost Proposal

Service	Price
Preparation of National Register Nomination, Engine House 2	\$10,638.65

This price includes all costs for meetings, research design preparation, baseline cultural resource review, historic research, historic context development, photography, map production, preparation of National Register documentation packet (drafts and final), revisions to drafts, presentation at the State Nomination Review Committee meeting, and final submittal of the National Register of Historic Places nomination form and associated documentation. In addition, it includes development of website content package and presentation at the 2022 Preserve Iowa Summit.