

HENNEPIN HISTORY MUSEUM

Title: Undertold Stories Research Intern (for University of Minnesota History Majors)

Salary range: \$1500 stipend

Date: Spring 2019

Reports to: Collections Manager

Hours: 10-20 hours per week
150 hours total over the course of the semester

Summary

Hennepin History Museum is currently cataloging our collection for the first time. As part of this project we seek an Undertold Stories Research Intern to help us to assess our three-dimensional artifact collections. Specifically, this internship focuses on reviewing items that have been cataloged to identify artifacts that can help us to better tell a more inclusive history of Hennepin County. The intern will work with Museum staff to identify artifacts that tell such stories. The intern will also research and write about these stories, with resulting information to be shared on the museum's blog and via social media, as well as potentially in the magazine. The intern will have an opportunity to gain practical hands-on public history experience in a local history setting. *PLEASE NOTE: applicants must be University of Minnesota-Twin Cities History majors to qualify for this donor-funded opportunity.*

Essential Functions

- Identify artifacts in the collection that allow us to tell untold stories
- Conduct original research
- Write short articles and social media posts about historic items

Required Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Historical research skills
- Basic object and archival care and handling knowledge or willingness to learn
- Ability to work independently and with others
- Knowledge of 19th and 20th century American history
- Writing skills (especially for a non-academic audience)
- A commitment to sharing a more inclusive history in a public setting

Desired Qualifications

- University of Minnesota-Twin Cities History major
- Interest in public history
- Passion for broadening the scope of historical stories told in the public realm

To apply:

Send resume and a cover letter outlining your interest and qualifications to Alyssa Thiede at alyssa.thiede@hennepinhistory.org by November 15, 2018.