



Docent Internship

AT THE OSWEGO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY - ONLY FALL

About the Museum

The Richardson-Bates House was built in two stages as a private residence for Maxwell Richardson, a local attorney, real estate broker and two-term mayor of Oswego. The house was completed in 1889 and was a home to four generations of the Richardson family. Today the Richardson-Bates House remains one of the most intact house museums in New York State, which also features an extensive archival collection and exhibit space documenting the history of Oswego County. Today, the museum is open to the public three days a week from 1pm - 5pm.

Docents are volunteers or interns who give tours to groups of the public. They tell the story of the house and family, answer questions, and make sure all guests are following visiting rules. Our volunteer docents are essential for the museum to stay open, and are the most direct connection to our community that we have.

Responsibilities

- Follow museum opening and closing procedures
- Learn how to give tours and answer general questions about the house and family
- Be "on-call" at the museum Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays for the duration of the internship

Qualifications

- Junior or Senior class standing at SUNY Oswego; Communication, Education, History, or other related major preferred. Museum Studies minor also acceptable.
- Available to work 10 hours per week, for a total of 120 hours
- **Must be available Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 1pm - 5pm for the duration of the internship**
- Must be able to walk and talk for approximately an hour

This is an unpaid internship. Any interested applicants can send a resume and statement of interest to Evie Frederiksen at assistant@rbhousemuseum.org.