



Preservation Internship

AT THE RICHARDSON-BATES HOUSE MUSEUM

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.

Taking care of a 13,000 square foot Italianate mansion is no small task. While cleaning is an important task for any museum, it is especially integral for the preservation of historic house museums. This internship is a generalized experience, meant to teach an intern about archival cleaning methods in all forms. This includes cleaning different types of fabrics, pest identification and removal, and light day to day art and artifact conservation.

Responsibilities

- Follow strict cleaning procedures and schedules in line with standard museum cleaning practice
- Learn to identify materials and work on the continued preservation of these materials accordingly
- Complete minor repairs under the supervision of the Museum Assistant
- Create condition reports for items to assess

Qualifications

- Junior or Senior class standing at SUNY Oswego; History, Art majors or Museum Studies minors preferred
- Available to work 8 - 10 hours per week, for a total of 120 hours
- An eye for detail, and commitment to thorough work
- Able to lift 40 lbs

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