

Curriculum Vitae

Wendy Lynn Adams

EDUCATION

November 2009

Master of Arts in History (Public History)

Indiana University (Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis), Indianapolis, Indiana

- Academic focus on eighteenth-century history and the Scots-Irish immigrant
- Thesis: “The Nottingham Settlement: A North Carolina Backcountry Community”

August 2001–May 2005

Continuing Education (Professional Writing)

Bethel College, Mishawaka, Indiana

- Completed courses in editing, marketing, novel writing and writing for newspaper and magazines.

May 1990

Master of Library Science

Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

- Academic focus on technical services, primarily cataloging and acquisitions

May 1985

Bachelor of Arts (Christian Ministries with Church Music)

Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky

- Academic focus on Christian education and choral and instrumental music

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

September 2009–Present

Cataloger, Northwest Territory Project (part-time, temporary)

Indiana Historical Society, Collections, Indianapolis, Indiana

- Serve as member of project team to digitize a Northwest Territory collection of original late-eighteenth and early-nineteenth century manuscripts.
- Primarily responsible for creating metadata based on interpretation of original manuscripts and existing collection guide and entering metadata into an Excel spreadsheet for later upload into CONTENTdm (by others).

June 2009–August 2009

Editorial Assistant (part-time, temporary)

Indiana Historical Society, Family History Publications,
Indianapolis, Indiana

- Proofread and verified facts within articles prior to publication in *THG: Connections* and Online Connections.
- Authored articles for inclusion in *THG: Connections* and Online Connections.
- Provided additional research to support facts stated within articles, when necessary.

November 2008–Present

Collections Assistant (part-time)

Conner Prairie Living History Museum, Fishers, Indiana

- Provide data entry support, adding new records and updating existing online catalog records for the Museum's artifacts using the Past Perfect database program.
- Assist Conservation Technician with preventative conservation (dust and dirt removal) of historic homes on the Museum's campus.
- Perform a variety of miscellaneous tasks associated with the management of the collection, including relocation of artifacts on premises and preparing artifacts for receiving and removal.
- Maintain the Museum's research library, implementing inventory of collection, cataloging and processing new and previously unprocessed books, cleaning up online catalog (PastPerfect) and planning reorganization of library's shelves and book location.

August 2007–August 2008

Editorial Assistant (Paid Graduate Intern, IUPUI)

Indiana Historical Society, Family History Publications,
Indianapolis, Indiana

- Proofread and verified facts within articles prior to publication in *THG: Connections* and Online Connections.
- Authored articles and wrote miscellaneous material for inclusion in *THG: Connections* and Online Connections.
- Provided additional research to support facts stated within articles, when needed.
- Provided editorial support, when required.
- Served as exhibitor coordinator for Midwestern Roots 2008, a genealogy conference sponsored by the Indiana Historical Society in August 2008.

August 2006–May 2007

Collection Assistant (Paid Graduate Intern, IUPUI)
Indiana State Museum, Collection Management and Textile Conservation, Indianapolis, Indiana

- Updated and augmented existing online catalog records for silver flatware and furniture (chest of drawers and desks) collections using the MIMSY database program.
- Researched historical provenance for artifacts in the collection.
- Assisted Textile Conservator in preparing textiles for exhibit by surveying and assessing artifact's condition; stabilizing and repairing when necessary; and constructing a variety of storage and exhibit mounts. These included a Quaker bonnet, 1830s man's day coat, day dresses, athletic shoes, early twentieth-century women's boots, WWI army uniforms, and various household textiles (coverlets and pillowcases).

August 2005–May 2006

Public History Intern (Paid Graduate Intern, IUPUI)
Indiana Supreme Court, Chief Justice's Chambers, Indianapolis, Indiana

- Assisted with educational outreach programs, providing historical research and developing handouts and support materials.
- Researched projects slated for publication using archival documents related to nineteenth-century Indiana Supreme Court actions.
- Compiled and co-edited *In Memoriam: Glimpses from Indiana's Legal Past* (2006), a 328-page collection of Indiana biographies based on memorials published in the Indiana Supreme Court's official court proceedings spanning from 1865 to 2001.
- Transcribed early nineteenth-century documents from Indiana's Polly Strong antislavery case for publication on the Indiana Supreme Court's "Courts in the Classroom" Web page.
- Created flat-panel exhibits based on state court history.

August 1990–May 2005

Assistant Librarian (Cataloger)
Bethel College, Mishawaka, Indiana

- Supervised and performed all aspects of copy and original cataloging for book, audio-visual and other non-book formats using recognized library standards.
- Hired, trained and supervised the work of part-time student workers.
- Provided reference services using traditional and computer-oriented tools.

- Assisted in the Library's transition from card catalog to online catalog.
- Facilitated Library's change from Dewey Decimal Classification System to Library of Congress Classification System.

December 1989–April 1990 **Library Assistant/Practicum Student**
Education Library, Indiana University, Bloomington,
Indiana

- Processed new book and audio-visual acquisitions.

October 1986–December 1987 **Director of Christian Education**
Ann Street United Methodist Church, Beaufort, North
Carolina

- Planned, coordinated and implemented educational and musical activities and programs for children and youth.

PROFESSIONAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE

2005–2007
Conner Prairie Living History Museum
Fishers, Indiana

- Assisted Museum Registrar by entering individual collection files into computer database using Past Perfect.
- Participated as costumed interpreter for the Christmas candlelight tour (December 2006).

2005–2007
Morris-Butler House
Indianapolis, Indiana

- Participated in preliminary reinterpretation planning for possible servant's room (Spring 2005).
- Assisted with annual Valentine's Day dinner (2006–2007), serving tables and cleaning up.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

June 17, 2008 "Collections Preservation Workshop," Indiana Historical Society, Marion, Indiana.

April 21, 2008 "Managing Photograph Collections," Indiana Historical Society, Indianapolis, Indiana.

March 1-3, 2007 "Collections Camp: Caring for Furniture" (AASLH Professional Development Series), Shakertown, Kentucky.

PUBLICATIONS

- Adams, Wendy L. "Abstracts of the Montgomery County Legal Documents in the Barnes Manuscripts Collection , 1851–1910." *The Hoosier Genealogist: Connections* 48, no. 1 (forthcoming, 2010).
- Adams, Wendy L. "Jasper County, Voters Listed in Poll Book for Fourth Precinct, Rensselaer, Indiana, 1932 Primary." *Online Connections* (<http://www.indianahistory.org>), (forthcoming, January 2010).
- Adams, Wendy L. "Lawrence County Index to Account Book of Hade Bridwell, Blacksmith, Perry Township, 1873–1878." *Online Connections* (<http://www.indianahistory.org>), (forthcoming, January 2010).
- Immel, Mary Blair. "List of Names in a Pamphlet Commemorating the LaFuze Family Centennial Reunion." Edited by Wendy L. Adams. *Online Connections* (<http://www.indianahistory.org>), (forthcoming, January 2010).
- Adams, Wendy L. and Melinda Moore Weaver. "Court Papers: Abstracts of the Delaware County Legal Documents in the Barnes Manuscripts Collection, 1864-1892." *The Hoosier Genealogist: Connections* 49, no. 1 (2009): 25–32.
- Adams, Wendy L. and Melinda Moore Weaver. "Jackson County, Members of the Jackson County Medical Society, 1876–1936." *Online Connections* (<http://www.indianahistory.org>), 2008.
- Adams, Wendy L. and Melinda Moore Weaver. "The 'Jefferson Chronicles': Statewide Articles in the Indianapolis Daily_Sentinel 1869–1872, Part 2: Name Index from Selected Articles." *Online Connections* (<http://www.indianahistory.org>), 2008.
- Adams, Wendy L. and Rachel M. Popma. "Legal Documents: Abstracts of the Hamilton County Legal Documents in the Barnes Manuscripts Collection, 1839, 1865–1871." *The Hoosier Genealogist: Connections* 48, no. 1 (2008): 26–27.
- Bonner, Mrs. S. A. "Decatur County History: A 1901 'History of the Greensburg Presbyterian Church'." Edited by Wendy L. Adams. *The Hoosier Genealogist: Connections* 48, no. 1 (2008): 28–337.
- Adams, Wendy L. "Fulton County, Journal of James K. Stinson, 1875-1881." *Online Connections* (<http://www.indianahistory.org>), 2007.
- Dorrel, Ruth. "Vanderburgh County, Marriage Register of Justice of the Peace Eben C. Poole, 1910." Introduction by Wendy L. Adams. *Online Connections* (<http://www.indianahistory.org>), 2007.
- Adams, Wendy L. and Elizabeth R. Osborn. *In Memoriam: Glimpses from Indiana's Legal Past*. Indianapolis: Indiana Supreme Court, 2006.