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Education:

1970 BA – Sam Houston State University, History
1994 MA History – University of Houston, Institute for Public History
1996 Modern Archive Institute, National Archives

Sam Houston Memorial Museum:
Director January 2013 – present

Collections Department 1995-2012

Curator of Collections
Wrote and implemented first Collections Policies and Procedures
Wrote first Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Plan
Accreditation by AAM
Certified site by THC for State Associated Held-in-Trust Collections
Converted collections databases to Access and Past Perfect
Began imaging artifacts
Sam Houston State University Internal audit
Assisted with October Archaeology Fair
Wrote, received, and participated in Conservation Assessment Program Grant
Sam Houston Julep Cup- initiated, designed, and produced
Significant Acquisitions:
 Rost Collection
 Houston Silhouette
 Sam Houston Chair
 Other period objects

Activities

Preservation:

National Parks Service, two summer log structure preservation workshops in Montana
Received THC Preservation Trust Grant for Sam Houston's "Woodland" Home
Painted Woodland Home and Steamboat House
Skirting Woodland Home
Roberts Farris Cabin restoration served as project manager
Heating in Steamboat House
Guerrant Cabin restoration served as project manager
Joshua Houston, Jr. Home restoration served as project manager
Walker County Historical Commission – "Preservationist of the Year"
 for work at Oakwood Cemetery

Exhibits:

Assisted with writing text for renovations of Main Museum
Wrote text for artifacts on exhibit in Main Museum and Exhibit Hall
Designed and installed:

- Currency of the Republic
- Sam Houston grave marker
- Sam Houston memorabilia collection
- Joshua Houston and Eliza Revelle

Publications:

Sam Houston Memorial Museum guide book
Sam Houston, For Texas and the Union

Outside Museum

Worked with:
University of Houston Architecture Department
United States Department of State, Embassy Division
Department of Interior National Landmark Report
Tides of Texas History
Walker County Treasures
Bob Bullock, Texas State History Museum
Wynne Home Arts Center
Texas Prison Museum
Hill College
Texas Highways
Texas State Cemetery

Museum related

Worked with:
Transferred items to Consumer Sciences SHSU
Worked on and conducted school outreach programs
Assisted educational publishing companies with images and text
Assisted various researchers including James Haley
SHSU Alumni Association, President Markers, Oakwood Cemetery
Founder Day Presentation
Lets' Talk Committee

Presentations:

Texas State Historical Association
ALFAM
Texas Association of Museums
Gone to Texas participant

Affiliations:

Sons of the Republic of Texas
Sons of the American Revolution

Community Service related:**Mayor City of Huntsville – two terms**

Huntsville City Council - four terms

Walker County Heritage Foundation / Joshua Houston, Jr. Home

Oakwood Cemetery Advisory Board

Wrote application and received Historic Texas Cemetery designation for Oakwood

Cemetery, Huntsville, Texas

City of Huntsville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

City of Huntsville Marker Committee:

Andrew Female College

Wynne Home

Boettcher's Mill (wrote narrative and application)

Cumberland Presbyterian Church (wrote narrative and application)

James A. Baker (wrote narrative and application)

Roberts Farris Cabin

Original Site of the Steamboat House

Bishop Ward College

Worked on July 4 Celebration Committee and Children's Parade

Board member Boys and Girls Club of Walker County

Served on March 2 Birthday Committee