# Harold E. (Gene) Harmon, Jr.

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#### **Work Experience:**

#### Inheriting Heritage, LLC, Manager

January 2020-Present

- Heritage Interpretation Historical, natural, and cultural
- Interpretive Consultant Improvement of existing or creation of new interpretation

# <u>Living History Interpreter:</u> Swan House, Atlanta History Center February 2014-August 2020

- Worked on transcriptions for Library of Congress Veterans History Project.
- Researched and created 1<sup>st</sup> person living history interpretation at Swan House set in 1930
- Guided tours in 1<sup>st</sup> person
- Interpretive coach for Swan House interpreters
- Engaged guests to help make connections for them to the history of the house, the family, and Atlanta through 1<sup>st</sup> person interpretation involving improvisation and interaction with other interpreters
- Coordinated group tours with other house interpreters
- Created interpretative documentation for Swan House and Margaret Mitchell House
- Daily verified the house was in operational state and ready for the public
- Reported house issues to maintenance as needed
- Resolved all issues with guest relations
- Handled emergencies in coordination with security staff
- Helped with special events

# Living History Interpreter: Archibald Smith Plantation Home: Roswell, GA Feb. 2014-Nov. 2015

- Gave 3<sup>rd</sup> person guided tours of the home in an informative, engaging manner dressed in civilian period attire
- Helped with special events
- Performed living history demonstrations of federal and confederate Civil War soldiers, including discussions of uniforms and equipment with rifle firings
- Participated in special 1<sup>st</sup> person living history programs

## Living History Interpreter: Doyon/Aramark Joint Venture

May 2013-September 2013

Denali National Park and Preserve, AK

- Created 1<sup>st</sup> person living history program and presented to over 28,000 guests
- Researched history of Denali National Park to continually improve quality of living history presentations as a 1941 park ranger
- Worked with interpretive staff to fine-tune presentation and increase guest understanding of overall theme
- Video of 1<sup>st</sup> person living history presentation at Savage Cabin

# Assistant Online Editor: Six Mile Post, Rome, GA

August 2012-January 2015

- Maintain web page and Facebook updates
- Write articles as assigned by editorial staff
- Post and edit online material including articles and photographs
- Received Certificate of Award from Georgia College Press Association (GCPA) in recognition of outstanding achievement in journalistic profession, 2-year college division
- Won 3rd place for Best Feature Story in the 2013 GCPA Better Newspaper Contest.

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# Other Historical Interpretation Experience:

#### CIG/NAI Training Experience:

2016-Present

• Assisted with training of personnel from the National Park Service, state parks, historic sites, and museums for certification through NAI as Certified Interpretive Guides

## Andersonville National Historic Site: Andersonville, GA

March 2006-March 2019

- Organize annual living history event in coordination with the National Park Service staff while serving as guard force commander and public programs supervisor
- Research and conduct 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> person living history public presentations on military life at Camp Sumter on both sides of the stockade during 1864-65

#### Sweetwater Creek State Park: Lithia Springs, GA

Sept. 2005-Sept. 2019

- Organize annual living history event in conjunction with park staff, executing duties in capacity of troops commander and public programs supervisor
- Create relevant 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> person living history public presentations on mid-19<sup>th</sup> century military involvement and civilian life in the New Manchester, Georgia community

#### Stately Oaks Plantation: Jonesboro, GA

Sept. 2014-Sept. 2019

- Organize and execute annual living history event in coordination with site staff
- Create 1<sup>st</sup> person living history scenarios and 3<sup>rd</sup> person presentations

## Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park: Chattanooga, TN

October 2015

• Organize and execute annual living history event in coordination with NPS staff

### Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village: Tifton, GA

February 2017

• Organize, coordinate, and implement living history event

## Georgia Veterans State Park: Cordele, GA

February 2018

• Organize, coordinate, and implement living history event

# Pamplin Historical Park: Petersburg, VA

April 2018

- Performed living history programs in coordination with park staff
- Organize, coordinate, and implement annual living history event

#### Reflection Riding Arboretum and Nature Center: Chattanooga, TN

November 2016

• Organize, coordinate, and implement living history event

### **Skills and Certifications:**

- Certified Interpretive Guide, National Association for Interpretation/National Park Service 2013-present
- Excellent customer service and problem solving skills
- Computer proficiencies: MS FrontPage, Dreamweaver, WordPress, MS Word, MS ImageComposer, MS PictureIt, Adobe Photoshop, ThumbPlus, and Windows Imaging

October 2018

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#### **Education:**

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society November 2012-Present Golden Key International Honour Society March 2019-Present Georgia Highlands College: Cartersville, GA Spring 2011-Fall 2014 Associate of Arts Degree in History Kennesaw State University: Kennesaw, GA Fall 2015-Fall 2019 Pursuing Bachelor of Arts Degree in History President's List for Fall 2018 Indiana University, Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands: Bloomington, IN Foundations of Interpretation November 2013 Causes of Civil War May 2014 May 2014 Park Assets: Asset Prioritization – API How to Prepare an Interpretive Program February 2015 History of the National Park Service April 2015 The National Park Service and the Federal Government August 2015 Civil War to Civil Rights Interpretation: Best Practices for Heritage Interpreters Aug. 2015 Universal Design September 2015 **Program Access** April 2016 **Instructor Training Program: Introduction** August 2017 Interpretation and Coaching for ABMC Managers March 2020 (ABMC – American Battle Monuments Commission) The First World War and the United States April 2020 Managing First Amendment Activities in Your Parks and Recreation Agency June 2020 Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center November 2013 Wilderness Act of 1964 Writing a Minimum Requirements Analysis November 2013 Deciding to Keep Wilderness Wild: Four Cornerstones for Wilderness Managers May 2014 Visitor Use Management: Fundamentals May 2014 Visitor Use Management: Strategies May 2014 Visitor Use Management: Monitoring Visitor Impacts & Use January 2015 Wilderness Stewardship Planning Framework February 2015 Fundamentals of Managing Cultural Resources in Wilderness August 2015 Inventory & Monitoring of Cultural Resources in Wilderness August 2015 Evaluating Scientific Proposals for Cultural Resources in Wilderness September 2015 Fundamentals of Managing Paleontological Resources in Wilderness August 2017 Inventory & Monitoring of Paleontological Resources in Wilderness June 2018 Evaluating Scientific Proposals for Paleontological Resources in Wilderness Oct. 2018 Natural Resource Management in Wilderness: Fundamentals October 2018 Natural Resource Management in Wilderness: Challenges in Natural Resource Restoration

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Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center			
Natural Resource Management in Wilderness: Air Quality Management October 2018			
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•	April 2020		
•	Natural Resource Management in Wilderness: Soil & Water Management		
•	April 2020		
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•	Natural Resource Management in Wilderness: Fish & Wildlife Inventory & Monitoring July 2020		-
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Published Works:			
•	Author – "Division"	NAI Sunny Southeast Region I	3log 2020
•	Author - "Improvisation of Interpretation"	NAI Legacy Magazine, Sept/Oct 2020	
•	Author – "Make It Your Own"	NAI Sunny Southeast Region I	3log 2020
•	Author – "Frustration"	r – "Frustration" NAI Sunny Southeast Region Blog 2020	
•	Author – "Muscogee Minute: Follow your dreams and embrace the challenges"		
		Six Mile Post article	2015
•	Author - "Muscogee Minute: Enough is eno	ugh" Six Mile Post article	2014
•	Author – "Muscogee Minute: Remembering our history" Six Mile Post article		e 2014
•	Author – "I Am Essential" Six Mile Post article		2014
•	Author – "Primary elections to select Georgia candidates coming in May" Six Mile Post		
	article 2014		
•	Author - "Black History Month recognizes historic accomplishments" Six Mile Post article		
			2014
•	Author – "Don't forget the little things in life" Six Mile Post article		2013
•	Author – "Student spends summer on last frontier" Six Mile Post article		2013
•	Author – "Re-enactments celebrate sesquicentennial of Civil War" Six Mile Post article		
			2013
•	<i>Author</i> – "Cartersville to host speech contest		2013
•	Author – "Time will tell what Obama's legac	· 7	2013
•	Author – "Fall enrollment report out" Six Mile Post article		2013
•	Author – "Obama retains office by beating Romney" Six Mile Post article		2012
•	Author – "GHC military support" Six Mile Post article		2012
•	Author – "The long road here" Six Mile Post article		2012
•	Author – Under the Smoke self-published book, print and electronic formats		2012
•	Author - "We can no longer sit idly by" The Daily Tribune News article		2010
•	Author – "Let us, as a community" The Daily Tribune News article		2009
•	Author – "A Re-enactor's Point of View" M	acon County Citizen article	2003
•	Author – "Hunley Fascination Continues to	Grow" Civil War Courier article	2002