

Norwich Historical Society Summer Internship Program: Research

Purpose: The student intern(s) will be responsible for researching and writing a short article on Jean Pierre Boyer and the rich Haitian connections within the city of Norwich. This article will be published in the Norwich Historical Society's newsletter and our column in *The Norwich Times*. Student(s) must be comfortable with working independently and able to meet set goals and deadlines.

Key Responsibilities:

- Research Jean Pierre Boyer and his connection to the Diah Manning House located at 85 Town Street.
- Research other Haitian connections to Norwich such as William Harris and the Harris family.
- Write a short article on the student's research.

Historical Background: During the Haitian Revolution in the late eighteenth century, the Diah Manning family housed Haitian prisoner and refugee, Jean Pierre Boyer, in their home located at 85 Town Street in Norwich from 1800-1801. Years later, Boyer went on to serve as President of the Republic of Haiti from 1818–1843. Additionally, William Harris, father of Sarah Harris Fayerweather, Mary Harris Williams, Celinda Harris Anderson and Olive Harris Olney, was reportedly born in Haiti. He arrived in Norwich from the "West Indies" about the same time; it would be interesting to know if there were any connections to the Harris Family and Jean Pierre Boyer.

Work Environment: The student(s) will have a hybrid experience of working from home and doing research at the Otis Library Local History and Genealogy Room. There will be structural oversight with weekly check ins, due dates, requirements, and expectations. Student(s) will need access to their own laptop or computer or use the library's computers. There will be occasional check-ins held in person at the Norwich Heritage & Regional Visitors' Center 69 East Town St Norwich, CT 06360.

Stipend: There will be a \$500 stipend and reimbursable transportation costs.

Reports to: NHS Executive Director

Time Commitment: This opportunity will be held in the summer of 2022 and will span six weeks, July 11 – August 15, 2022.

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone Number _____ **Email** _____

Emergency Contact Person and Contact Info: _____

How did you hear about this opportunity? :

Please explain why you are interested in this opportunity.:

Please read the following carefully before signing this application:

I understand that this is an application for and not a promise of this opportunity. I certify that I have and will provide information that is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

SUBMIT APPLICATION:

Mail: Norwich Historical Society 69 East Town Street Norwich, CT 06360 ATTN: Summer Intern Program

Email: info@norwichhistoricalsociety ATTN: Summer Intern Program

Please submit your internship application by May 13, 2022