

Brittney Lynn Ingersoll

EDUCATION

M.I. with a Concentration in Archives and Preservation from Rutgers University, New Brunswick (September 2022 – September 2025)

M.A. American History with a Certificate in Public History from Rutgers University, Camden (Passed with Distinction) (May 2018)

B.A. History from Rutgers University, Camden (May 2016)
Minor in European Studies

A.A. History from Cumberland County College (2011-2014)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Curator, Cumberland County Historical Society (October 2018 – Present)

Accessioning, cataloging and processing of new acquisitions, primary source documents and secondary sources. Pulling books and documents for researchers and answering research requests. Operates and maintains the society's social media. Research for exhibits and articles for the society's newsletter. Chair of CCHS newsletter committee, organizes articles and sends to editors. Send final newsletter to printer. Reorganized and maintains membership list. Plans and coordinates society events. Trains new staff and volunteers. Taught workshops on archival practices, writing history, and hearthside cooking.

Teaching Assistant, Rutgers University, Camden (January 2021-May 2021)

Prep for and lead weekly class discussions; grading student papers and exams, and keeping attendance for American History I.

Historian in Residence Fellowship, Center for Historic American Building Arts [CHABA] (November 2020-November 2021)

Two research projects that were presented as formal talks for CHABA's social media accounts. Routine research on items that pertain to the Cumberland Nail and Iron Works for CHABA's Instagram account. Monthly prompts to generate interest in the history of Bridgeton, NJ for CHABA's social media accounts.

Records Management Assistant, The Warren and Reba Lummis Genealogical and Historical Research Library at the Cumberland County Historical Society (2013 – 2018)

Accessioning, cataloging and processing of new acquisitions, primary source documents and secondary sources. Pulling books and documents for researchers. Created an Instagram and Twitter for the society and maintains the social media. Research for exhibits and articles for the

society's newsletter. Worked with JoyceMedia to redo the society's website and making one of the society's collection searchable through the website. Reorganized the membership.

Fellow, Rutgers University, Camden, (September 2016 – May 2018)

Grading student papers and exams and maintaining a grade book for Western Civilization I (Fall 2016). Grading student papers and exams, keeping attendance, and leading student discussion groups for Western Civilization II (Spring 2017). Grading student papers and exams, and keeping attendance for American History I (Fall 2017 and Spring 2018)

OTHER RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Volunteer, In Her Own Right Metadata Enhancement Event, (March 27, 2020).

Read through digitized archival material and listed the locations mentioned in the documents in a google excel sheet.

Volunteer, Researcher, The Library Company of Philadelphia (June 2017 – August 2017)

Searching for books and going through the archives at the Library Company of Philadelphia and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania to research topics for the Library Company of Philadelphia.

Volunteer, "A Re-Union of Interests," the 16th Annual Program in Early American Economy and Society (PEAES) Conference, at the Library Company of Philadelphia (October, 2016)

Assisted in registration of attendees and was on hand to answer questions regarding conference logistics.

Volunteer, Vineland Historical and Antiquarian Society, (2012 – 2014)

Catalogued books, daguerreotypes, photographs, and tintypes. Designed an exhibit on fashion, using different articles of clothing, accessories, and articles from *Godey's Lady's Book*.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Board Member, Cumberland County Historical Society Board of Trustees, (December 2018 – Present)

Attend Board of Trustees meetings. Aid in governing the historical society through discussion and voting in new policies.

Chairperson, Cumberland County Historical Society Collection Policy Committee, (October 2018 – Present)

Research and write a collection policy/policies that meet the needs of all the museums of the Cumberland County Historical Society.

Member, Library Committee, The Warren and Reba Lummis Genealogical & Historical Research Library (2018 – present).

Aid in decision making for the daily operations of the library and the coordinating of events that the library may be hosting.

Freelance Research Assistant, New Jersey, (June 2018 – September 2018)

Visiting archives, photocopying documents, and collecting information for private researchers.

RELEVANT CLASSES AND GRADUATE COURSES

Mold: Prevention, Detection, and Recover, Conservation Center for the Art & Historic Artifacts (CCAHA) (February 1, 2019)

The class demonstrated how to prevent, detect, and remove mold from museum collections.

Internship: Cumberland County Historical Society - The Warren and Reba Lummis Genealogical & Historical Research Library (Fall 2017)

Scan/digitize the John G. Keyser Civil War sketches and placed them in historical order. Wrote up a finding aid for the sketches. Accumulated the sketches into a book. Scanned and put together the cover of the book, researched and wrote the introduction, and formatted the book. I also digitized the book *History of the Twenty-Fourth Regiment* by James J. Reeves, and sent both books out to the printer.

Care of Paper: Techniques and Materials for Handling and Transport, Conservation Center for the Art & Historic Artifacts (CCAHA) (November 30, 2017)

The class consisted of the correct way to handle historical paper, the different types of damages that can occur over time and how to handle documents that possess certain damages.

Archives and Records Management, Rutgers University Camden, (Spring 2016)

Worked with other graduate students and Special Collections librarian to process and re-house the Nicholas Virgilio Papers, a well-known haiku poet. The process took twenty-one hours to complete. The readings from the course aided in process of organizing the collection that consisted of three boxes of papers that Virgilio seemed to have built up over a time span of about twenty years. Then I wrote a report explaining the process and the reasoning behind our decision-making, contextualizing it with class readings on archival theory and practices.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Prominent Women in South Jersey (Working Title), Co-Author with Patricia Martinelli, Researching prominent women of Cumberland, Salem, Gloucester, and Cape May County from the 1700s to the 1940s. Also, responsible for writing the conclusion. (Working Project)

New Jersey Fan Club: Artists and Writers Celebrate the Garden, Ed. Kerri Sullivan, (Rutgers University Press, 2022), Responsible for compiling descriptions and images of items and artifacts from history institutions for a section of the book; wrote the introduction of the section.

John G. Keyser: Sketchbook with Sketches from the Battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville 1862-1863, (2017)

Responsible for compiling the book based on original archival collections; organized and curated images; wrote introduction. The book was done for an internship with the Cumberland County Historical Society.

Articles

“The Influences of the Underworld: Nineteenth-Century Brothel Guides, Calling Cards, and City Directories” on *Commonplace: The Journal of Early American Life*, (March 1, 2022), <http://commonplace.online/article/the-influences-of-the-underworld/>

“Showman Otis G. Bellows’ Indian Shows and Minstrel Troupe of Bridgeton, 1850-1895” in the *Vineland Historical Magazine*, (Winter 2020)

“Aspirational News: *Woman’s Edition of the Daily Pioneer* and the Presbyterian Improvement Society in Bridgeton, NJ 1898” in the *SoJourn: A journal devoted to the history, culture, and geography of South Jersey*, (Summer 2020).

Cumberland County Historical Society Newsletter Articles

"Changing the Recipe: Rag to Wood Pulp Paper 1843 to Now," in the *Cumberland Patriot*, Cumberland County Historical Society’s Newsletter, (Winter, 2022).

"Work of Desperation: Clerks & Vinegar Valentines 1840-1880," in the *Cumberland Patriot*, Cumberland County Historical Society’s Newsletter, (Fall, 2022).

“Cold Sugary Sweetness: Ice Cream Parlors in Bridgeton, NJ 1850-1900,” in the *Cumberland Patriot*, Cumberland County Historical Society’s Newsletter, (Spring 2022).

“Lessons in Morality: The Willard House of Bridgeton, NJ 1904-1906,” in the *Cumberland Patriot*, Cumberland County Historical Society’s Newsletter, (Winter, 2021).

“Duck Duck Bang: The Story of Andrew ‘Ducky’ Hendrickson Jr. 1882-1911,” in the *Cumberland Patriot*, Cumberland County Historical Society’s Newsletter, (Fall, 2021).

“Spare the Rod, Spoil the Child’: Mayor Arthur C. Whitaker and His Spanking Machine, Bridgeton, NJ 1913 – 1921” in the *Cumberland Patriot*, Cumberland County Historical Society’s Newsletter, (Winter, 2020).

“Casting the Ballot: The Anniversaries and Realities of the 15th and 19th Amendments, 1776-1956” in the *Cumberland Patriot*, Cumberland County Historical Society’s Newsletter, (Fall, 2020).

“2019 Cumberland County Historical Society Annual Business & Dinner Meeting: Harriet Beecher Stowe” in the *Cumberland Patriot*, Cumberland County Historical Society’s Newsletter, (Winter, 2020).

“Literary Figures and Their Connection to Cumberland County, NJ” in the *Cumberland Patriot*, Cumberland County Historical Society’s Newsletter, (Fall, 2019).

“BYOB at Mom’s: Beer Parties and Illicit Behavior at “Mom” Cook’s House, Bridgeton, NJ 1904-1911” in the *Cumberland Patriot*, Cumberland County Historical Society’s Newsletter, (Fall, 2019).

“Constructing History: The Use of Memory in Writing History,” co-authored, in the *Cumberland Patriot*, Cumberland County Historical Society’s Newsletter, (Spring, 2019).

“The Bridgeton High School Riots of 1971,” in the *Cumberland Patriot*, Cumberland County Historical Society’s Newsletter, (Spring, 2019).

“Paupers & Patients: The Souls of Cumberland County Potter’s Field,” in the *Cumberland Patriot*, Cumberland County Historical Society’s Newsletter, (Winter, 2018).

“Bridgeton’s Mayor of Reform: Mayor E. Milford Applegate 1894-1898” in the *Cumberland Patriot*, Cumberland County Historical Society’s Newsletter, (Fall, 2018).

“The Notorious Dolan Family of Bridgeton 1896-1898” in the *Cumberland Patriot*, Cumberland County Historical Society’s Newsletter, (Fall, 2018).

“Celebrating Black History Month: William Steward and Mary Felts Dixon of Cumberland County,” in the *Cumberland Patriot*, Cumberland County Historical Society’s Newsletter, (Spring, 2018).

“Dear Betsey... Collection of Elizabeth Beatty Fithian Letters,” in the *Cumberland Patriot*, Cumberland County Historical Society’s Newsletter, (Spring, 2018).

“Digitization of the John G. Keyser Civil War Sketch Collection” in the *Cumberland Patriot*, Cumberland County Historical Society’s Newsletter, (Spring, 2018).

“Mysticism of Photography: The History of Photography 1839-1836,” in the *Cumberland Patriot*, Cumberland County Historical Society’s Newsletter, (Fall, 2017).

“John Cheesman: The Newspaper Man Who Caught the Bullet,” in the *Cumberland Patriot*, Cumberland County Historical Society’s Newsletter, (Summer, 2017).

“Cheesman’s Paper: The History of the *New Jersey Patriot*,” in the *Cumberland Patriot*, Cumberland County Historical Society’s Newsletter, (Summer, 2017).

“Books: Small and Large,” in the *Cumberland Patriot*, Cumberland County Historical Society’s Newsletter, (Summer, 2017).

“Bookplates, Marbling and Scrapbooks – Exhibits Showcasing the Ephemera of the Past” co-authored, in the *Cumberland Patriot*, Cumberland County Historical Society’s Newsletter, (Spring, 2017).

“A Forgotten Newspaper of South Laurel Street,” in the *Cumberland Patriot*, Cumberland County Historical Society’s Newsletter, (Fall, 2016).

“The Victorian Fashion of Hair Memorabilia,” in the *Cumberland Patriot*, Cumberland County Historical Society’s Newsletter, (Spring, 2016).

CUMBERLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BLOGS

“A Spoonful of False Promises: Patent Medicines and George H. Whipple & Son Drugstore,” <https://cchistsoc.org/a-spoonful-of-false-promises-patent-medicines-and-george-h-whipple-son-drugstore/>

“Nameless Faces of the Past,” <https://cchistsoc.org/nameless-faces-of-the-past/>

“An Ancestor of the Salem Witch Trials in Fairfield, NJ: Rev. Noyes Parris and the Fairfield Presbyterian Church, 1692-1748,” <https://cchistsoc.org/an-ancestor-of-the-salem-witch-trials-in-fairfield-nj-rev-noyes-parris-and-the-fairfield-presbyterian-church-1692-1748/>

“The Mystery of the Buried Box,” <https://cchistsoc.org/the-mystery-of-the-buried-box/>

PRESENTATIONS

“Otis G. Bellows and Amusements in Cumberland County,” Invited Talk Vineland Historical and Antiquarian Society, (August 2022)

“Willard House, Bridgeton, NJ 1904-1906,” Invited Talk Millville Woman’s Club, (March 2022)

“Willard House: Settlement Houses 1884-1906,” Talk for CHABA Residency, Bridgeton, NJ (October 2021).

“Willard House: Settlement Houses 1884-1906,” Invited Talk Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Greenwich, NJ (October 2021).

“‘Fight for your Right’: Employers & Strikers of the Cumberland Nail and Iron Works 1815-1899,” Talk for CHABA Residency, Bridgeton, NJ, (July 2021)

“From the Farm to the City: Dr. Reba Lloyd, the First Woman Doctor in Bridgeton, NJ 1867-1940” Talk for CHABA Residency, Greenwich, NJ, (January 2021)

“Aspirational News: *Woman’s Edition of the Daily Pioneer* and the Presbyterian Improvement Society in Bridgeton, NJ 1898” Invited discussion with the Book Group of the Church of the Resurrection, (October 30, 2020).

“Advertising Masculinity: 19th Century Manhood and Brothel Guides” Invited Live Stream discussion with The Tattooed Historian, (May 20, 2020).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xRp-gi_7UQ8

“Treating Vineland’s Prostitutes: Disorderly Houses and the State School for Feeble Minded Women 1861-1900,” Invited Talk for the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) at the Vineland Historical & Antiquarian Society, Vineland, NJ, (October 14, 2019).

“Treating Vineland’s Prostitutes: Disorderly Houses and the State School for Feeble Minded Women 1861-1900,” Invited Talk for the Vineland Historical & Antiquarian Society, Vineland, NJ, (April 13, 2019).

“Newspaper Ladies & The Messy History of Feminism in Bridgeton, NJ 1890 – Present” Invited Talk for the Greenwich Presbyterian Church, Greenwich, NJ (February 22, 2019).

“Illuminating Seraglios: Brothel Guides as a Literary Device,” Invited Talk for the Cumberland County Historical Society, Greenwich, NJ, (May 19, 2018).

“Home Economy of the 18th Century in Greenwich, New Jersey,” Tour held by the Cumberland County Historical Society for the Delaware Colonial Dames, Greenwich, NJ (April 19, 2018).

“Illuminating Seraglios: Brothel Guides as a Literary Device,” Celebration of Graduate Research and Creative Activity (CGRCA), Rutgers University, Camden, NJ, (April 10, 2018).

“Illuminating Seraglios: Brothel Guides as a Literary Device,” Invited Talk for The 23rd Annual Barnes Club Graduate Student History Conference, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, (March 24, 2018).

“Illuminating Seraglios: Brothel Guides as a Literary Device,” Invited Talk for Poor Richard’s Junto: Rutgers Graduate History Club, Rutgers University, Camden, NJ, (February 2018).

“The Real Story of Halloween,” Invited Talk for The Church of the Resurrection, Millville, NJ, (October 2017).

CURATED EXHIBITIONS

“Sticks and Stones Can Break My Bones.... But So Can Words,” at the Cumberland County Historical Society, (March 2022- Present)

“Nameless Faces of the Past,” at the Cumberland County Historical Society, (February 2022- Present)

“Promotional Items,” at the Gibbon House Museum – Cumberland County Historical Society, (April 2021-February 2022)

“Casting the Ballot: The Anniversaries and Realities of the 15th and 19th Amendments, 1776-1956” at the Cumberland County Historical Society, (July 2020 – September 2020)

“The Agreeables: ‘A Club of Young Women from Gouldtown’” (February 2020 – March 2020)

“Detecting Counterfeit” at the Cumberland County Historical Society (October 2019 – December 2019)

“Cumberland County, Home to National and International Authors,” at the Cumberland County Historical Society (April 2019 – August 2019)

“The First Women of Cumberland County,” at the Cumberland County Historical Society (March 2019-April 2019)

“The Bridgeton High School Riots of 1971,” at the Cumberland County Historical Society (January 2019-March 2019)

“Complicated History of Sears & Roebuck,” at the Cumberland County Historical Society (December 2018-January 2019)

“Paupers & Patients: The Souls of Cumberland County Potter’s Field,” at the Cumberland County Historical Society (September 2018 –November 2018)

“Shhhh... Secret Organizations of Cumberland County” at the Cumberland County Historical Society (June 2018 – August 2018)

“Remember the Ladies’: Women in American History” at the Cumberland County Historical Society (March 2018 – June 2018).

“Individuals of Cumberland County: Celebrating Black History Month,” at the Cumberland County Historical Society (January – February, 2018).

“Mysticism of Photography: The History of Photography 1839-1836” at the Cumberland County Historical Society (2017).

“Books: Small and Large” at the Cumberland County Historical Society (2017).

PROFICIENT IN

Facebook

Instagram

Microsoft Office

PastPerfect

Twitter

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Coalition of Independent Scholars (2019-Present)

Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR) (2017-Present)

Delaware Valley Archivists Group (DVAG) (2016-Present)

AWARDS

August 2021, Special Research Support Grant, National Coalition of Independent Scholars (NCIS) (Battleboro, VT)

Spring 2018, Dean's Graduate Conference Travel Grant, Rutgers University (Camden, NJ)

Spring 2018, History Fellow Tuition Credit, Rutgers University (Camden, NJ)

Fall 2017, Dean's Graduate Research Grant, Rutgers University (Camden, NJ)

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