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Biographical Information

I worked four years as a carpenter to put myself through school and this was my first experience with historic preservation. I worked on three large restoration projects, restoring parts of homes built prior to 1900. I also did a large amount of new construction and volunteered with the local Habitat for Humanity chapter.

My second influence came from my relationship with Charles and Becky Witsell of Little Rock on their home and learning most of what I know about historic preservation. Their efforts on their own home, experiences with and ownership of property in Little Rock's Quapaw Quarter and restoration projects of state government buildings were a major inspiration.

My focus during my graduate geography education was on urban geography, specifically; city redesign and redevelopment with emphasis on housing. My personal research involved the local affordable housing environment of Tallahassee.