

Volunteer Spotlight

Sam Compton



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Sam began volunteering at the archives in September 2020, soon after his graduation from East Tennessee State University with a major in history. He came to us because of a possible interest in becoming an archivist and wanted practical experience before working on a graduate degree in the field. We have been glad to have him.

He first became interested in archival work after conducting a research project in his senior year at ETSU 's Archives of Appalachia. He researched a former bank in Johnson City and found old checks issued when it was active. That bank building now houses Fryberg's German restaurant.

In addition to volunteering at the archives, Sam works at two fast-food restaurants and has worked in the past as a camp counselor at the Holston Presbytery Camp. So, his days are pretty full.

A native of Kingsport, Sam is a triplet, having a brother and a sister. He graduated from Sullivan South High School prior to attending ETSU. Growing up, he was active in the Boy Scouts, reaching the rank of Eagle Scout. He especially liked the outdoor activities, such as hiking and camping. He enjoys reading books of fantasy, science fiction, history, and political science.

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