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Job Objective

To work as a writer, editor or publisher, part-time, full-time or freelance. I am versatile and interested in historical, literary, business, biographical, technical, script, ghost and any other kind of writing, for traditional media or the Internet.

Summary

- A.B. Degree in History from the College of Charleston focusing on local Charleston, South Carolina history and culture, and the causes of the War Between the States. Graduated magna cum laude in 2000 at middle age.
- Did a Bachelor's Essay for History Departmental Honors titled "Economic Arguments and Justifications for Southern Secession, 1850s to 1861."
- Won the Outstanding Student Award for the College of Charleston History Department in 2000, and won the American History Award of the Rebecca Motte Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1999.
- Am working part-time on a masters in English from the University of Charleston, and have half the credits I need.
- Shot, edited and produced two videotape/DVD series: the 65-volume *History and Literature of the South*, and the 80-volume *World History 101 and 102*.
- South Carolina licensed real estate agent working for Carolina One Real Estate, the West Islands office on James Island.

Professional Experience

2000-Present Freelance book editor. One book I edited, *Double Daggers* by Jamie Clifford, has gotten excellent reviews and sold a few thousand copies. It is a 200 page novel.

Have done some freelance videotape/DVD production and website design.

In January, 2009 completed the South Carolina Real Estate Commission's Broker Part A and Part B courses so that I can take the state exam and become a real estate broker. Have also completed 6 of the 12 credits necessary for the professional real estate designation,

GRI (Graduate Realtor Institute). Have been a real estate agent since 2005.

Am nearly finished writing a book, *The Elements of Academic Success, How to Graduate Magna Cum Laude from College (or How to Just Graduate, PERIOD!)*, which will be published by Charleston Athenaeum Press this July (www.ElementsOfAcademicSuccess.com). I have been working on it since 2005.

1995-2000 Part-time freelance videotape/DVD producer; full-time history student at the College of Charleston after 1997.

1981-1995 Founder and CEO of Starpage Communications, Inc., a paging / live answering service / voice mail company serving Columbia, South Carolina and surrounding areas.

1980-1981 Manager of Eagle Communications, a paging and car telephone company (this was the age before cell phones) in Aiken, South Carolina.

1978-1980 Account Executive, Motorola Communications and Electronics, Radio Common Carrier Market Group.

1975-1978 Painted apartments, supervising a crew of three while attending the University of South Carolina part-time, studying Business Administration.

1973-1975 Life, Accident and Health Insurance agent for the Life Insurance Company of Georgia, running a debit.

1971-1973 Worked construction for Miles Plastering Company while taking evening courses at the University of South Carolina.

1970-1971 Attended the University of South Carolina.

1967-1970 Attended James Island High School (1967-1969) then graduated from Fort Johnson High School in 1970 when the James Island District was divided. Worked at Shakey's Pizza Parlor as a sophomore, then bagged and stocked groceries at a Winn Dixie junior and senior years.

Education

Graduate work toward a masters in English from the University of Charleston, South Carolina, which is the joint program between the College of Charleston and Citadel. Have 15 hours with overall GPA of 3.6. Plan one day to finish and do a masters thesis on some important, unpublished speeches/essays of William Gilmore Simms, the great nineteenth century Charleston writer, historian and poet, who Edgar Allan Poe said was the greatest American writer of his time (the antebellum period).

A.B. Degree in History from the College of Charleston

- The A.B. Degree requires additional Classics courses including upper-level Greek or Latin, and is more like the classics-based education of nearly all American and European historical figures before World War II, after which degrees started becoming more diversified. An A.B. Degree is closer to the education of, for example, the American Founding Fathers, and it helps in understanding them as well as the constant classical references in their writings.

Graduated Fort Johnson High School, Charleston, South Carolina, 1970

Other Special Skills and Experience

- Have had five book reviews published in the *Post and Courier* in the past two years.
- Good working knowledge of Microsoft FrontPage 2002 web design software. I own MS Expression Web 2.0 but have not worked with it.
- Some working knowledge of Adobe Photoshop CS. Created DVD menus for 23 DVDs and have done other graphics work with Photoshop.
- I own Adobe InDesign CS3 and am about to use it to do the page layout for my book.
- I also own Sony Vegas Pro 8 movie editing software, and Sony DVD Architect Pro 4.5, but have not worked much with either.
- Converted 23 volumes of *The History and Literature of the South* to DVD, and 13 volumes of *World History 101* and *102* to DVD, each with multiple Photoshop-produced menus.
- Read a paper to scholars at the William Gilmore Simms Symposium in Charleston in 2000, which was videotaped.
- Created, wrote, designed and published 22 monthly newsletters in 24 months for my company, Starpage, with strong sales/marketing message and historical theme; also published an eight-page tabloid newspaper for sales and marketing.
- Wrote, produced and starred in several one-minute radio commercials for my company, Starpage.
- Completed the Emergency Medical Technician course at Midlands TEC in Columbia in the mid-1980s and became a certified EMT.
- Became a CPR instructor for The American Heart Association in the mid-1980s.
- Was an actor and played two parts that included sword fighting in *The Royal Family*, directed by Jim Quick and produced in 1989 by Workshop Theatre in Columbia, SC.
- Was an actor playing the bad guy in several SCETV episodes of a law enforcement training series, *Crime to Court*, in the early 1990s.

- Won the national 1991 Dewitt Smith Jobe Award of the Sons of Confederate Veterans for Best Division Newsletter when serving as editor of the tabloid, *Palmetto Partizan*.
- Published the historical/political newsletter, *Hit Him Again!*, for two years in early 1990s.
- Have fought in karate tournaments, winning a silver medal at the 1989 Palmetto State Games in Columbia in lower level point competition.

Other Honors

- Member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Chapter at the College of Charleston
- Member Gold Key National Honor Society

Personal Information

Birth date: August 26, 1952 (will be 57 on August 26th)

Height: 5' 11-1/2"

Weight: 198 lbs.

Health: Excellent, non-smoker, non-drug user, social drinker, exercise several times a week running, bike riding and walking.

- Ran four marathons (26.2 miles) in the mid-1980s: the Island Marathon on the Isle of Palms in Charleston, SC, the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, DC, the Savannah Marathon in Savannah, Georgia, and the Shut-In Ridge Run up Little Pisgah in Asheville, NC. Best time was 3 hours, 23 minutes in the Island Marathon, which is an average of 7 mins. and 45 secs. per mile for 26.2 miles.
- Rode in three centuries (100 mile bike rides) in the mid-1980s.
- Have run in over 50 races of varying distances from 5K (3.1 miles) to half-marathon (13.1 miles) including 20 Cooper River Bridge Runs, the last 14 in a row with my children. We were featured in the 2005 Bridge Run magazine for having run 10 Bridge Runs in a row.

Marital Status: Divorced

Children: Have two great boys, 21 and 16

Memberships: Washington Light Infantry (we own Marion Square),
Charleston Running Club, William Gilmore Simms Society, South Carolina Poetry Society, National Association of Realtors, South Carolina Association of Realtors and Charleston Trident Association of Realtors (and MLS).

References: Available upon request.