

# MORVEN

MUSEUM & GARDEN

**Position:** Researcher

**Description:** Morven Museum & Garden (Princeton, NJ) seeks a part-time researcher to help uncover histories of the men, women, and children enslaved by the Stockton family at Morven (from the late 1750s to the 1830s). Partially funded by a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, this project aims to build on previous work done by historians and curators at Morven since the early 2000s. While some people, like Marcus Marsh, are fairly well-documented, in many cases, only the first names of men and women are known, mostly through correspondence.

Morven had focused on the better-known patriarchs who led on the national scene until a reinstallation of the permanent history galleries in 2018. The re-interpretation expanded those stories while adding the voices of the many people who lived and labored at Morven, including enslaved men and women. New discoveries will be incorporated into Morven's permanent exhibition and will become part of an online gallery on Morven's website.

The researcher will work closely with Morven's curator and deputy director, following known leads. The position will require some travel to archives, churches, libraries, etc in the region. Known repositories of information are at the Historical Society of Princeton, NJ State Archives in Trenton, Stockton papers at the Princeton University Library, the Library Company of Philadelphia, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and the Rush papers at the University of Pennsylvania. At the end of the six-month period the researcher will submit a final report of their findings along with copies of related primary documents and images.

**Start date:** January 2022

**Salary:** Stipend of \$10,000 for 400 hours over a maximum of six months. Morven will cover travel and research fees.

**Qualifications & Skill Requirements:**

- Experience in archival research
- Expertise in genealogical research of African Americans in the 18th and 19th centuries, particularly enslaved people
- Familiarity with 18th and 19th century history and manuscripts

**How to apply:** Please send a cover letter & resume to Elizabeth Allan, Deputy Director & Curator at [eallan@morven.org](mailto:eallan@morven.org) by November 1, 2021.

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