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Years of experience 20 years

Years with Legacy Roots, LLC 14 years

Education

- University of Leicester - MA Historical Archaeology with Merit (2019)
- National Park Service National Landmarks Program (2013)
- Drew University (2012-2013) Historic Preservation
- Montclair State University - BA Jurisprudence magna cum laude (2011)
- Brookdale Community College - ABA AAS Paralegal degree (2009)

Training

- The Genealogy Show (2021)
- Listed Building Conference Workshops (Olympia, London, 2020)
- Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) show (London, 2018)
- Writing Section 8 for Criteria 1 and 2 (National Historic Landmarks Program)
- Writing Section 7 and Evaluating Integrity for Criteria 1, 2, 4 and 5 (National Historic Landmarks Program)
- National Register or National Historic Landmarks? (National Historic Landmarks Program)
- Writing Section 8 for Criterion 4: Architecture (National Historic Landmarks Program)
- Writing Section 8 for Criterion 6: Archaeology (National Historic Landmarks Program)
- Finding the Right Person to Write Your National Historic Landmark Nomination (National Historic Landmarks Program)

- Researching Your House's History (Drew University)
- American Architecture (Drew University)
- Grant Writing for Historic Preservation (Drew University)
- Preservation 101: An Introduction to the Landmarks Preservation Commission
- Block & Lot: Researching NYC buildings and the people who lived in them
- Annual Historic Preservation Conference

Professional Affiliations

- Preservation New Jersey
- Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, England
- Matawan Historical Society
- Matawan Historical Sites Commission

Professional history

Ms. Arnold has over 20 years of experience as a historian and historical archaeologist of historic buildings. Her experience includes fieldwork and document research for historic property reports. Using archaeological fabric, form, and function as a foundation, she has authored contextual and site-specific histories in Manhattan, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. She has collaborated with England building researchers and historians on archaeological features of US seventeenth century structures to develop a database of connections between the two countries in identification, evaluation, and documentation.

Beginning in 2011, Ms. Arnold developed Legacy Roots LLC, combining historical and genealogical research with buildings archaeology, conducting research for private and commercial clients world-wide. More recently, her work has included and focused on numerous genealogical brick-wall resolutions and assisted adoptees in discovering their birth family using DNA and collaborating documents.

Before developing her own business, Ms. Arnold worked as a paralegal for the federal government and subsequently performing 1st year legal clerk work in the private sector while studying jurisprudence.

Selected project experience

Buildings Archaeology: Fabric, Form, and Function of Historic Buildings

Date: (ongoing). Conceived, overseeing, and writing a handbook for professionals in the field of historic building research and preservation. This will provide criteria for establishing detailed guidance and administering of the historical archaeologist's role in historic building research to provide essential information to private owners, professionals, and historic districts during rehabilitation and restoration.

Connecting Early American Dwelling Artifactual Features to English Prototypes through Human Agency.

Date: (ongoing). Role: Survey Coordinator and historical buildings archaeologist. Fabric examination of 17th century houses to determine the origins of the artifactual features through the comparison of English prototypes as an aspect of identifying the precise date of the construction.

Commercial Reports:

- 310 West 89th Street (Manhattan, NY)
- 215 West 82nd Street (Manhattan, NY)
- 504 Hudson Street (Hoboken, NJ)
- 1230 Garden Street (Hoboken, NJ)
- 1234 Garden Street (Hoboken, NJ)
- 232.5 Fourth Street (Jersey City, NJ)
- 506 Court Street (Hoboken, NJ)
- 250 West 82nd (Manhattan, NY)
- 215 West 98th Street (Manhattan, NY)
- 24 West 71st Street (Manhattan, NY)
- 12 Remsen Street (Brooklyn, NY)
- 154 West 73rd Street (Manhattan, NY)
- 1 Sidney Place (Brooklyn, NY)
- 331 West 87th Street (Manhattan, NY)
- 21 West 85th Street (Manhattan, NY) 2015
- 261 West 85th Street (Manhattan, NY)
- 33 West 94th Street (Manhattan, NY)
- 441 West 21st (Manhattan, NY)

Private Reports:

- 414 Ellisdale Road (Crosswicks, NJ)
- 56 West 10th Street (Manhattan, NY)
- 899 River Road (Erwinna, PA)
- 927 Broadway (Manhattan, NY)

Authored Books:

- The Jacob Meinzer House (Matawan, NJ)
- The Caraccioli Farm (Woodbridge, NJ)
- Sarah Mills House (Manhattan, NY)
- Evermay on-the-Delaware (Erwinna, PA)
- Arnold~Arnoldt: Family History from 1627
- The Rechten Family Story, from 1723 Lilienthal, Germany

MA Historical Archaeology Thesis:

- Connecting Early American Dwelling Artifactual Features to English Prototypes through Human Agency: Examination of 17th century houses in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island built by English immigrants

Conferences:

- 'House Histories: Your Ancestor's Life Uncovered,' Ocean County Library, (NJ) 5 Oct 2019
- 'House History Primer', Hudson County Genealogical and Historical Society, (NJ) 13 Apr 2019
- 'House Histories: The Ancestral Story Beyond Documents,' Genealogy Society of New Jersey, (NJ) 23 Jun 2018
- 'Discover and Utilize Your Townhouse's History,' Vandenberg Townhouse Seminar, (NY) 6 Nov 2014
- 'Spite Houses,' Newstalk 106-108fm Dublin, Irish Radio spot, Moncrieff, 14 Aug 2014
- 'House Histories,' Monmouth County Genealogical Society, (NJ) 13 Jan 2013
- The Genealogy Event, (NY) 26 Oct 2012
- Buck's County Genealogical Society, (PA) 6 Oct 2012
- Monmouth County Genealogical Society, Eatontown, (NJ) 15 Jul 2012

