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EMPLOYMENT

Independent Activities *January 2008 –*

Greensboro, NC

- In 2010 I worked for a period of months with a nonprofit group called Action School in the Raleigh-Durham area. This involved furnishing advice, concept assistance, and many of the digital graphics (p. 10 and 13-17) included in a proposal for a public park design, in response to an ad for a "virtual landscape architect". The final work can be seen at <http://www.actionsch.com/projects/> (current proposal link)
- Previous to Action School above, I spent a number of months searching satellite photo sources to find possible indications of church garden locations in Guilford and nearby counties, since there was no resource for these in existence. This was followed by research in the field for confirming locations, which led to finding others, and taking original survey photography of over 50 sites during most of 2008. Later stages of editing and design during 2009 resulted in a website which compiled this never-before assembled information (including some general design guidance), found at <http://www.mindspring.com/~lesmuskey8/PCGardens/PCGcover.html>

City of High Point *Planner II, July 1992 – December 2007*

High Point, NC

- I had assorted responsibilities, mainly reviewing landscape planting plans and acting as the support person for activities of the Historic Preservation Commission. I had additional projects such as coordinating the original community meeting stages and consultant selection process for a master downtown streetscape renovation plan. I used MS Word for all written reports, and added the areas of photo retouch and web page layout to the printed media skills that I had from earlier experience. I successfully obtained tree planting and historic inventory grants, and coordinated preparation of a final manuscript for a recently published book on High Point's historic architectural resources. I was a member of the city's Urban Forestry Committee, which had responsibility for trees on public land in High Point.
- I prepared PowerPoint presentations using photography and hand sketches. I also communicated continuously with other departments and outside agencies. I continually dealt with the public, answering general questions and interpreting regulations and resolving problems. These were brought to my attention both by "walk in" and phone contacts.

**Self-employed
1977-1992**

Greensboro, NC

- I was the owner of TerraTechnics (Landscape Architecture) located in the former McIver School on East Lee Street. I provided consultant services to churches, small businesses, and residential developers. My concentration was preparation of site plans for nonprofit group homes and multifamily "Section 8" housing with Clinton Gravely and Associates, architects. I prepared all of my own marketing portfolio materials, professional collaboration proposals, and I gave many slide presentations to garden clubs, newcomers clubs, and area builders' associations using my own photography of landscape plant materials and their applications in design. I retained my hand drawing and rendering skills throughout this period, after 1990 learning page layout for presentation graphics and CAD software centered on the Apple McIntosh computer platform.
- I assisted as adjunct faculty for preparation of a new program in Landscape Architecture at A&T State University. The program eventually was granted approval to offer a full B.S. degree. At this stage our efforts centered on recruitment of students and preparation of basic course materials in landscape design. I developed a brochure, poster, and audio-visual presentation, and was sent out to explain the career by making scheduled visits to regional high schools (mostly to students in architectural drafting classes).
- Prior experience includes work in horticultural enterprises as a nursery salesperson, designer, and briefly as an agricultural research lab technician.

Web Portfolio

- The address is <http://www.evocations.org>

**EDUCATION B.L.A. from School of Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture, Michigan State U.
B.S. Horticulture from Auburn U., Auburn, AL**

OTHER

I worked the summers between academic years in the Campus Planning and the Media Center of M.S.U. The Media Center position was a full summer of preparing drawings to explain a series of natural ponds for wastewater treatment by infiltration into the natural environment. Workshops attended in order to keep my registration current have included graphic presentation methods, rain garden installations, and updates on local plant materials and tree care (sustainable design issues).

I have served on the N.C. Board of Landscape Architects, the Technical Review Committee of the Greensboro Historic Preservation Commission, the Architectural Advisory Committee for Guilford Technical Community College, and have attended many workshops to keep my N.C. License as a Landscape Architect. I also have taken college credit and non-credit courses in art, photography, video, and sound recording.

During 2010 and 2011, I have served as a substitute for the regular instructor of the site planning courses at GTCC (architectural technology program) and will be teaching adult education landscape design at GTCC in an evening schedule starting the Fall of 2011.

