Project Description:

Participate in the observance of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War and the bicentennial of the War of 1812 by top research institutes across the country.

The National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC) at the Library of Congress is mounting a five year/five part display on the program’s website entitled “NUCMC and the Documentary Heritage of the American Civil War.” We will be focusing our Part V/2015 observance of the Civil War on the following topics: the sesquicentennial of the death of Abraham Lincoln, Reconstruction, Confederate exiles, war monuments, and the rise of veterans’ organizations. In 2014, we are also planning a Web exhibit highlighting NUCMC cataloging commemorating the bicentennial of the War of 1812.

The intern will search NUCMC cataloging in WorldCat, the world’s largest network of library content and services, to identify individual documents and collections which pertain to the Civil War and related topics (e.g., the sesquicentennial of the death of Abraham Lincoln, Reconstruction, Confederate exiles, war monuments, and the rise of veterans’ organizations) and collections pertaining to the War of 1812. The intern will make recommendations for materials best suited for the 2014 and 2015 displays; search for and identify appropriate visual content (chiefly from the rich collections of the Library’s Prints and Photographs Division); draft text describing the selected archival material and its content within the overall theme; and possibly assist in the creation of the Web display.

The intern will work closely with senior NUCMC cataloger Roberto Sicre, will network with participating national organizations, and will gather information from Part V of the "Documentary Heritage of the Civil War" and the War of 1812 observances.

Project Function:

Archival Services (includes processing, weeding, indexing, etc)

Curatorial Services/ Exhibit Development

Editing/Publishing

Information Architecture

Information Visualization

Intellectual Property
Research

Web Design/Development/Administration

**Required Skills and Abilities:**

Advanced computer skills, some experience in the description of archival materials, and the ability to search bibliographic data files quickly and accurately.

**Preferred Skills and Abilities:**

Basic knowledge of HTML and web page creation and editing