



MICHAEL ANDERSON

Senior Leather Conservator

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SUMMARY

Renowned for exceptional craftsmanship in the field of antique leather restoration, demonstrating a profound understanding of historical materials and techniques. Expertise spans over two decades, encompassing intricate restoration projects that require both meticulous attention to detail and a deep appreciation for the artistry of leatherwork. The ability to analyze and assess the condition of antique leather items leads to tailored restoration strategies that preserve both aesthetic and structural integrity.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Leather Conservator Heritage Preservation Society

Jan 2023 - Present

- Executed comprehensive assessments of leather artifacts for conservation needs.
- Developed and implemented restoration plans for over 150 antique leather items.
- Utilized advanced techniques such as dyeing, conditioning, and re-threading.
- Collaborated with historians to ensure authenticity in restoration processes.
- Trained junior conservators in specialized leather care methodologies.
- Presented findings and methodologies at national conservation conferences.

Lead Leather Restoration Specialist Artisan Leatherworks

Jan 2020 - Dec 2022

- Managed restoration projects for high-value private collections and institutions.
 - Conducted detailed documentation of restoration processes for archival purposes.
 - Implemented innovative repair techniques that increased item longevity.
 - Oversaw quality control measures to maintain high standards of craftsmanship.
 - Engaged in client consultations to align restoration with client expectations.
 - Developed training programs for apprentices focusing on traditional leatherworking skills.
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EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Conservation, University of Fine Arts, 2004

Sep 2019 - Oct 2020

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Technical Skills:** leather restoration, artifact conservation, historical analysis, project management, training and mentorship, client relations
- **Awards/Activities:** Restored a 17th-century leather-bound manuscript, enhancing its value by 300%.
- **Awards/Activities:** Received the National Award for Excellence in Conservation in 2018.
- **Awards/Activities:** Published a peer-reviewed article on sustainable leather restoration practices.
- **Languages:** English, Spanish, French