



Employee: Anthony Adderley

When Anthony Adderley first tells someone he's a professional archaeologist, the reactions are fairly typical: "Archaeology in Indiana?" "Have you worked out West?" "Did you study in Egypt?"

Actually, Anthony earned his degree in anthropology at Indiana State University before completing a master's program in cultural resource management at Ball State University. However, while most of his archaeological experience has taken place in Indiana and surrounding states, Anthony's interest in prehistoric explorations actually began in Germany.

Anthony's father was a sergeant major, and he was stationed in Germany from the time Anthony was a baby. One of Anthony's earliest memories is of visiting Munich and seeing the King Tut exhibit. "I remember it was a snow day, and it was the only snow day I ever got as a kid, but the trip had already been scheduled and I had to go," Anthony said. "My brother got to stay home and

go sledding, but I had to go to a boring museum. I didn't fully appreciate it at the time, but I realize now that it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

When the Adderley family returned to the United States, a young Anthony decided to dig for treasures in his uncle's backyard. Deep within the pines of New Jersey, Anthony hit the jackpot — clay pottery and crockery from the 1700s. The ancient relics sparked the young boy's appreciation for the history of his surroundings and the people who crafted the pieces. The mystery of underground treasures became a fascination for Anthony that day.

Through his studies, Anthony learned that demand for archaeological and historic investigations existed in the Midwest as much as the Southwest. He has a particular interest in the prehistoric cultures of the Eastern Woodlands — the American Indians who occupied the Midwest and Eastern U.S. before A.D. 1400.

Anthony joined Active Environmental as a subcontract employee conducting environmental sampling and other consulting services for different projects. Today, Anthony is a full-time employee as the director of Active Environmental's cultural resource management services. Increased development throughout the state has created a need for archaeological and historic investigations, which keeps Anthony busy — yes, even in Indiana.

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