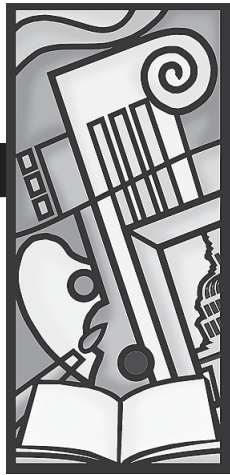


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From the Editor:

The summer travel season is in full swing, and many of you will be fitting us in as you drive through Charleston on the way to your final destinations. In order to make best use of your time, we urge you to come prepared with specific records in mind to search, and your questions for our staff written down. Don't forget to bring at least your basic family history information with you for reference, or if you like, post your family tree to one of the available genealogy Web sites for online access as needed. Feel free to call us before you come to verify the availability of the records and other resources you need. With today's fuel prices, keep in mind that for most researchers we can provide "one-stop shopping" for county courthouse records on microfilm, local history books, Ancestry Library Edition, HeritageQuest Online, and both historical and current newspapers for all 55 counties.

For the Sake of Accuracy

We hate to nitpick, but for the sake of accuracy, especially for ensuring your visits, mail and telephone calls result in contact with the correct agency in a timely fashion, we would like to make the following distinctions.

The **Cultural Center** is a building on the Capitol Complex. The building houses two agencies and several facilities: West Virginia Division of Culture and History (WVDCH) offices and the West Virginia Archives and History Library; West Virginia Library Commission (WVLC) offices and the WVLC library; the Great Hall; the Norman L. Fagan State Theater; several gallery spaces; various meeting rooms; and space for the State Museum. The "**Culture Center**" is a name sometimes used for The Cultural Center, probably dating from the earliest days of the building when statutorily it was called the "West Virginia Science and Culture Center," but this is no longer the name used to identify the building. All signs, publications,

stationery and Web pages refer to the building as The Cultural Center.

The **Capitol Complex** is the group of buildings and monuments on the large block of land surrounding

the State Capitol building. The street address of **1900 Kanawha Boulevard East** is used for the entire complex, provides no physical

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West Virginia Cemetery Listings File is Growing

West Virginia Cemetery Listings, Ms2006-052, the Archives and History Library's artificial collection of cemetery surveys, is already growing. We originally had no listings for Hardy County, and now we have 22, with more expected, thanks to Suzanne W. Whitson of Wardensville, who has been e-mailing cemetery lists to Susan Scouras at susan.scouras@wvculture.org for addition to the collection. If you have information you are willing to share with fellow researchers, please e-mail or mail your lists to us. Handwritten lists are fine and annotations are welcome. Please do not send photocopied pages from published cemetery books, only original surveys. (They *may duplicate* a list published

in a book, done by a different compiler at a different time, but *may not be copied* from a book.) We hope to receive location and burial information for cemeteries not included in any of the published cemetery books. Especially sought are listings for the many small family cemeteries on private property scattered across the state, mostly in very rural areas, even if there is only a single marked or known grave to record. You can read the list of available cemetery listings in Ms2006-052 on our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/ms2006-052.html>. If you find cemetery listings that interest you, but you are unable to visit the library, you

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access to the buildings on the Complex, and when used alone is not an adequate address for any single building or agency. Mail should be addressed to the specific agency with the building name and/or number, and the "zip plus four" zip code. For instance, the mailing address for any agency in The Cultural Center should include the name of the agency, the building name (or its number, Building 9), as well as the full zip code of 25305-0300 with the last four digits indicating the specific building. Mailing addresses should always contain an agency name, not just the name of a person, to avoid delays in delivery. Physical access to the parking areas adjacent to The Cultural Center is by the entrance off Greenbrier Street at Washington Street. The nearest access from I-64/I-77 is Exit 99, Greenbrier Street.

The **West Virginia Division of Culture and History** is divided into five sections. The **Archives and History** section includes the **Archives and History Library** (located on the north side of the building off the Great Hall), all of the collections and services associated with the **State Archives**, and a staff that includes archivists, historians, a librarian, library assistants, and an archival photographer. Archives and History also provides staff support for the **Records Management and Preservation Board (RMPB)**, primarily by the county records archivist and the Director of Archives and History, and manages the **West Virginia Highway Historical Marker Program**. **Mining Your History Foundation** is an independent non-profit group that donates funds, materials and volunteer hours to Archives and History.

The other section most used by those interested in history and preservation is the **West Virginia State**

Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). SHPO is responsible for nominations to the State Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places, as well as administration of several grant programs. SHPO is responsible for preservation of the built environment and archaeology, with staff that includes structural historians and archaeologists. The State Historic Preservation Office is *not responsible* for preservation of, or for providing information regarding preservation of, non-structural items on film or paper, such as manuscripts, books, photographs, videotape, etc., all of which are the responsibility of the Archives and History section.

The remaining Culture and History sections are **Administration** (including *Goldenseal* magazine, Fairs and Festivals, Events, Technical Services and Security), **Arts**, and **Museums** (the State Museum, five historic sites located around the state, and tour guides). The **West Virginia Archives and**

History Commission and the **West Virginia Commission on the Arts** are citizen advisory boards to WVDCH with members appointed by the governor. Among the responsibilities of the Archives and History Commission are review and approval of nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, and review and approval of applications for Highway Historical Markers. Note that the Cultural Facilities and Capital Resources Grant Program, administered by the Arts section and approved by the Commission on the Arts, is not purely related to the fine arts and is available to historical museums and other cultural sites that fit certain parameters. The Commissioner of WVDCH is the statutory chairman of the RMPB and of the **Capitol Building Commission**. The **Friends of Culture and History** is a volunteer group in support of all of WVDCH, providing docents, ushers and other assistance with programs and activities.

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West Virginia Encyclopedia to be Released on West Virginia Day

The West Virginia Humanities Council has announced the impending release of the new *West Virginia Encyclopedia*, a 944-page, hardbound book with 417 black and white illustrations, on West Virginia Day, June 20, 2006. Special premiere events will be conducted at West Virginia Independence Hall in Wheeling in the morning, at Tamarack in Beckley all day and into

the evening, and at The Cultural Center in Charleston in the evening.

The *West Virginia Encyclopedia*, edited by Ken Sullivan, includes 2,200 articles by nearly 600 writers, experts in fields ranging from archaeology, biography, history and literature through folklore, culture, and the arts and sciences. The *West Virginia Encyclopedia* will be available in bookstores, including Tamarack, or directly from the West Virginia Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. East, Charleston, WV 25301. For more details about the encyclopedia or the book premiere events, check the Humanities Council Web site at <http://www.wvhumanities.org> or call them at (304) 346-8500.

Mark Your Calendars!

History Day

Thursday, February 22, 2007
Capitol Complex

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The West Virginia Library Commission (WVLC) occupies offices on the south side of The Cultural Center, and serves as the “state library” of West Virginia, providing assistance to public and school libraries throughout the state with a staff of librarians and media specialists. The **WVLC Library** (located on the south side of the building off the Great Hall) is open to the public 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is closed all state holidays. The WVLC Library has state government agencies and employees, the Legislature and legislators’ staff, and the general public as their clientele. They issue library cards, have a circulating collection of books and various audio-visual media, and maintain a collection of the study books needed for state employment examinations. *The WVLC Library routinely forwards all requests regarding history and genealogy to the Archives and History staff for reply.*

[IMPORTANT NOTE: Although the **WVLC Library** and the **WVDCH Archives and History Library** are both under the Department of Education and the Arts and share an online public access library catalog, the two libraries are completely separate in mission, funding, staff, administration and physical operation. There is minimal overlap in the collections, patrons and services of the two agencies.]

Additionally, activities, services or publications of three other West Virginia organizations are frequently confused with functions of WVDCH. Unlike a number of well-known state historical societies, the **West Virginia Historical Society** does not have an office, staff, or library, and does not provide any research services. *All research inquiries addressed to the Society are forwarded to the Archives and History Library staff*

for reply, and most are returned to the senders with notice of the required research fee. The **West Virginia Humanities Council**, a not-for-profit agency, is West Virginia’s state affiliate for the National Endowment for the Humanities, an independent grant-making agency of the federal government. The Humanities Council conducts grant programs and sponsors speakers, re-enactors, and

various other history and social studies-related activities in West Virginia. The **Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences**, operated by a not-for-profit non-governmental organization, opened in downtown Charleston in 2003 and includes the Avampato Discovery Museum, Maier Foundation Performance Hall, a café and a gift shop.

New Titles

- Grant County WV Marriages, 1901–1925:** Wes Cochran, 2005.
Grant County WV Marriages, 1926–1969: Wes Cochran, 2005.
The Cutlips of Cutlips Fork of Little Otter, Braxton, County, West Virginia: George L. Cutlip, 1993.
Abraham Lincoln, A Life of Respect: Sheila Rivera, 2006 [juvenile literature].
Genealogy, Erna May Copenhaver (Simms): Frances Wentz Taber, 2006.
Farewell, My General: Shirley Seifert, 1954.
Wartime Remembered: Tour of Duty in the South Pacific: November 13, 1943 to May 6, 1945: Henry B. Wehrle, Jr., 2005.
Encounter Calhoun County, W. Va., Spring 2006: Calhoun Chronicle, 2006.
Last Train to Dunlow: History from the Hollows of Wayne County, West Virginia and the Coming of the N & W Railroad, 1870–1940: Kay Stamper Dickinson, 2005.
101 Questions about Copyright Law: Andrew Alpern, 2002.
Courthouse Indexes Illustrated: Christine Rose, 2006.
Fitzwater Families in America, Rev. Ed.: Katheryn (Fitzwater) Devine, 2003.

New Titles: Gifts of Patricia Pleska

- Address Book for Germanic Genealogy:** Ernest Thode, 1994.
A Genealogist’s Guide to Discovering Your Immigrant & Ethnic Ancestors: Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, 2000.
Dictionary of Genealogy: Terrick V. H. FitzHugh, 1985.
Britain: Step-by-Step Guide to Tracing Your Ancestors: D. M. Field, 1982.
Tipperary: History and Society: Interdisciplinary Essays on the History of an Irish County: William Nolan, 1985.
The Great Hunger: Ireland 1845–1849: Cecil Woodham-Smith, 1989, c1962.
What to Say in Your Genealogical Letters: Do’s and Don’ts in Genealogical Correspondence: J. R. Gobble, 1967.
Handy Tips for Your Genealogical Research in Ohio: [no date].
Beyond Vital Records: [no date]
Handy Tips to Your Genealogical Research in New England: [no date].
Handy Tips to Migratory Patterns and Immigration to the United States: [no date].
Kinship: It’s all Relative: Jackie Smith Arnold, 1990.
Early Pennsylvania Research: [no date].
The A–Z Guide to Tracing Ancestors in Britain: F. C. Markwell, 1989.
Your English Ancestry: A Guide for North Americans: Sherry Irvine, 1993.
Guide to Local and Family History at the Newberry Library: Peggy Tuck Sinko, 1987.

Finding West Virginia Newspapers

If you are looking for West Virginia newspapers published in a particular town or county, or for a repository that has a specific title, check these resources:

- *West Virginia Newspapers, 1790–1990: A Union List* is a compiled list of West Virginia newspaper holdings of West Virginia libraries. Contents of this book are grouped by name of the town in which the paper was published.
- *Index to Archives and History Library Newspaper Microfilm Collection Through 1994* is a list of the newspapers on microfilm held by the West Virginia Archives and History Library. This list is also on our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/newspapers/newsmic.html>. (A list of current West Virginia newspapers received in the Library is included in this issue of *Archives and History News*.)
- West Virginia Press Association list of daily and weekly West Virginia papers with links: <http://www.wvpress.org/newsonline.asp>.

SSDI Search Tips

The May 17, 2006, issue of *RootsWeb Review* (Vol. 9, No. 20) offers several search tips for the Social Security Death Index (SSDI) (<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/ssdi.cgi>) in an article entitled “Using RootsWeb: Delving Deeper into the SSDI.” The following is a combination of statements from the article and of the editor’s own experiences with the SSDI.

According to the *RootsWeb* article, the Social Security Administration has limits on the number of letters in the database, twelve letters

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West Virginia Newspapers in Archives Library

The following is a list of newspapers that currently (June 2006) are received in the West Virginia Archives and History Library

NEWSPAPER	COUNTY	CITY	TYPE
Barbour Democrat	Barbour	Philippi	Weekly
Bluefield Daily Telegraph	Mercer	Bluefield	Daily
Braxton Citizens' News	Braxton	Sutton	Weekly
Braxton Democrat	Braxton	Sutton	Weekly
Bridgeport News	Harrison	Bridgeport	Weekly
Brooke County Review	Brooke	Wellsburg	Weekly
Cabell Record	Cabell	Milton	Weekly
Calhoun Chronicle	Calhoun	Grantsville	Weekly
Charleston Daily Mail	Kanawha	Charleston	Daily
Charleston Gazette	Kanawha	Charleston	Daily
Clarksburg Exponent-Telegram	Harrison	Clarksburg	Daily
Clay County Free Press	Clay	Clay	Weekly
Clendenin Herald	Kanawha	Clendenin	Weekly
Coal Valley News	Boone	Madison	Weekly
Dominion Post	Monongalia	Morgantown	Daily
Fayette Tribune	Fayette	Oak Hill	Weekly
Gilbert Times	Mingo	Gilbert	Weekly
Glenville Democrat	Gilmer	Glenville	Weekly
Glenville Pathfinder	Gilmer	Glenville	Weekly
Graffiti	Kanawha	Charleston	Weekly
Grant County Press	Grant	Petersburg	Weekly
Greenbrier Valley Ranger	Greenbrier	Lewisburg	Weekly
Hampshire Review	Hampshire	Romney	Weekly
Hancock County Courier	Hancock	New Cumberland	Weekly
Herald Record	Doddridge	West Union	Weekly
Herald-Dispatch	Cabell	Huntington	Daily
Hinton News	Summers	Hinton	Weekly
Hurricane Breeze	Putnam	Hurricane	Weekly
Independent Herald	Wyoming	Pineville	Weekly
Industrial News	McDowell	Jaeger	Weekly
Intelligencer	Ohio	Wheeling	Daily
Inter-Mountain	Randolph	Elkins	Daily
Jackson Herald	Jackson	Ripley	Weekly
Lincoln Journal	Lincoln	Hamlin	Weekly
Lincoln Times	Lincoln	Hamlin	Weekly
Logan Banner	Logan	Logan	Daily
Martinsburg Journal	Berkeley	Martinsburg	Daily
Mineral Daily News-Tribune	Mineral	Keyser	Daily
Monroe Watchman	Monroe	Union	Weekly
Montgomery Herald	Fayette	Montgomery	Weekly
Moorefield Examiner	Hardy	Moorefield	Weekly
Morgan Messenger	Morgan	Berkeley Springs	Weekly
Moundsville Daily Echo	Marshall	Moundsville	Daily
Mountain Messenger	Greenbrier	Lewisburg	Weekly
Mountain Statesman	Taylor	Grafton	Weekly
Mullens Advocate	Wyoming	Mullens	Weekly
News Register	Ohio	Wheeling	Daily
Nicholas Chronicle	Nicholas	Summersville	Weekly

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Parkersburg News	Wood	Parkersburg	Daily
Parkersburg Sentinel	Wood	Parkersburg	Daily
Parsons Advocate	Tucker	Parsons	Weekly
Pendleton Times	Pendleton	Franklin	Weekly
Pennsboro News	Ritchie	Pennsboro	Weekly
Piedmont Herald	Mineral	Piedmont	Weekly
Pleasants County Leader	Pleasants	St. Mary's	Weekly
Pocahontas Times	Pocahontas	Marlinton	Weekly
Point Pleasant Register	Mason	Point Pleasant	Daily
Post Report*	Greenbrier, Monroe, Nicholas, Raleigh and Summers		Weekly
Preston County Journal	Preston	Kingwood	Weekly
Preston County News	Preston	Kingwood	Weekly
Princeton Times	Mercer	Princeton	Weekly
Putnam Democrat	Putnam	Winfield	Weekly
Putnam Herald [Herald- Dispatch]	Putnam	[Huntington]	Weekly
Putnam Post	Putnam	Winfield	Weekly
Record Delta	Upshur	Buckhannon	Weekly
Register Herald	Raleigh	Beckley	Daily
Ritchie Gazette	Ritchie	Harrisville	Weekly
Roane County Reporter	Roane	Spencer	Weekly
Shepherdstown Chronicle	Jefferson	Shepherdstown	Weekly
Shinnston News	Harrison	Shinnston	Weekly
Spirit of Jefferson-Advocate	Jefferson	Charles Town	Weekly
St. Mary's Oracle	Pleasants	St. Mary's	Weekly
Star News	Jackson	Ravenswood	Weekly
Times Record	Roane	Spencer	Weekly
Times-West Virginian	Marion	Fairmont	Daily
Tri-State Journal	Wayne	Wayne	Weekly
Tyler Star News	Tyler	Sistersville	Weekly
Wayne County News	Wayne	Wayne	Daily
Webster County Echo	Webster	Webster Springs	Weekly
Webster County Republican	Webster	Webster Springs	Weekly
Weekly News Sentinel	Lincoln	Hamlin	Weekly
Weirton Daily Times	Hancock	Weirton	Daily
Welch Daily News	McDowell	Welch	Weekly
West Virginia Daily News	Greenbrier	Lewisburg	Daily
Weston Democrat	Lewis	Weston	Weekly
Wetzel Chronicle	Wetzel	New Martinsville	Weekly
Williamson Daily News	Mingo	Williamson	Daily
Wirt County Journal	Wirt	Elizabeth	Weekly

*succeeds Meadow River Post

of these same names with eleven letters, such as Marguerite, Charalambos, and Willhelmina, and got no results unless I entered them without the eleventh letter. The eleven letter names appeared in the search results with the name truncated, even if there was an accompanying middle initial. For example, Charalambos T. Alexandropoulos would be in the database as "Charalambo T. Alexandropou," and would be found in an exact search only if the first ten letters of the given name and the first twelve letters of the surname were entered in the search boxes. When all of the letters are entered for one or both names, an exact search will have no result, and although Soundex or Metaphone searches will find the names with more than the limit of letters, in most cases there will be so many results as to be impractical unless searched in combination with a less common surname.

Social Security records were not digitized until 1962, so deaths prior to 1962 are generally not found in the SSDI database; however, you can contact the Social Security Administration directly with an inquiry: http://www.ssa.gov/foia/html/foia_guide.htm. Non-U.S. citizens who worked in the United States legally and had Social Security numbers may be listed in the SSDI. Certain occupations were not covered by Social Security until the 1960's or later, primarily people considered self-employed, such as farmers, or unemployed, such as housewives. Physicians were not included until 1965. Many railroad workers who were covered under the Railroad Retirement Act of 1936 had their benefits administered by the Railroad Retirement Board, and had a different series of Social Security numbers. Some received Social Security benefits and some did not.

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for surnames and nine letters for given names. For example, the surname Alexandropoulos is recorded as "Alexandropou" and the full surname will not be found in an exact search and will not show in full in the search results in any circumstance. However, I have found that

given names up to *ten* letters are searchable, and will appear in full in the search results. I experimented with Haralambos, Theodorina, Marguerite, and Wilhelmina, all names of ten letters, and found results for all of them. I had a hard time thinking of names with eleven letters or more, but tried variations

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may request copies by writing us a standard research request letter, enclosing the \$5.00 in-state fee or the \$15.00 out-of-state research fee as appropriate.

Special Summer Hours in Effect for Museum in the Park

The Museum in the Park at Chief Logan State Park has expanded its operating hours for the summer to 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, and 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday. The museum is closed Monday and Tuesday. The special summer hours will continue through September 3, 2006.

Battlefield Preservation Seminar

The Council for West Virginia Archaeology (CWVA) and the West Virginia Division of Culture and History are cosponsoring a Battlefield Preservation Seminar presented by the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program on June 24, 2006, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the North Briefing Room of The Cultural Center, Charleston. The fee for members of CWVA or of the West Virginia Archeological Society is \$10.00. The fee for non-members is \$12.00 if pre-registered by June 9, and \$15.00 at the door. The Seminar is open to the public. Anyone with an interest in the preservation of historic battlefields or with questions concerning

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The U.S. Railroad Retirement Board Web site has a section especially for genealogists that is very helpful: <http://www.rrb.gov/mep/genealogy.asp>.

RootsWeb's *Guide to Tracing Family Trees*, Lesson 10, is about the Social Security Death Index: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~rwguide/>

[lesson10.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~rwguide/lesson10.htm). The lesson includes information about the history of the Social Security system, tips for using the SSDI, and links to related resources. RootsWeb's Help Desk also offers explanations, advice, and links to consider when your searches on SSDI have not been fruitful: <http://helpdesk.rootsweb.com/ssdi/>.

Web Sites of Interest

Inflation Calculator (U.S., 1800-2005), comparing dollar values between years: <http://www.westegg.com/inflation>.

Immigration Web Sites Recommended in *RootsWeb Review*.

Ellis Island: More than 22 million names of passengers and members of ships' crews who entered the United States through Ellis Island and the Port of New York between 1892 and 1924: <http://ellisland.org>.

Castle Garden: Names of 10 million passengers who arrived in New York between 1830 and 1892: <http://www.castlegarden.org>.

One-Step Webpages by Stephen P. Morse: Forms for searching passenger lists at Ellis Island, Castle Garden and other U.S. ports: <http://www.stevemorse.org>.

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associated cultural resource management issues is urged to attend. The program consists of eight presentations on subjects including preservation, mapping, grants, management and regional issues, and concludes with open discussion. For more information, contact: Council for West Virginia Archaeology, Care of Aaron O. Smith, Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc., (304) 562-7233, asmith@cariky.com.

CWVA's Web site, <http://cwva.org/index.html>, is well worth a visit. Reports on recent research are posted, as well as information about Project Archaeology, a national archaeology and heritage education

program for educators and their students. An annotated list of links to other West Virginia archaeology related Web sites is provided, as well as a second annotated list of resource links prepared especially for educators. Archaeological controversies are included, which will be of particular interest to those investigating the evidence of whether certain West Virginia petroglyphs were carved in Irish Ogham script. The site includes the full text of three *Wonderful West Virginia* articles and four *West Virginia Archaeologist* articles, plus a citation for a fifth article on these petroglyphs, all with drawings and photographs.

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<http://www.wvculture.org/history/ahnews.html>

Calendar of Events

Please check our web site (<http://www.wvculture.org/history>)
for genealogical and historical society meeting announcements,
and for more complete information on activities listed below.

WEST VIRGINIA ARCHIVES AND HISTORY COMMISSION MEETING,
June 2: The Cultural Center, Charleston.

“CAL PRICE AND *THE POCAHONTAS TIMES*,”
June 3: WVDCH Free Films, West Virginia Film Makers Series,
The Norman L. Fagan West Virginia State Theater, The Cultural Center, Charleston.

INDIAN BURDEN BASKET WORKSHOP FOR KIDS,
June 3: Grave Creek Mound Archaeology Complex, Moundsville.

BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION SEMINAR PRE-REGISTRATION
DEADLINE, June 9: *See information below.*

“PRODUCE FOR VICTORY: POSTERS ON THE AMERICAN
HOME FRONT, 1941–1945,” June 16–July 28:
Smithsonian Institution Exhibit, New Deal Homestead Museum, Arthurdale.

WEST VIRGINIA DAY CELEBRATIONS, MUSEUM IN THE PARK,
June 17–18: Pre-1840 re-enactors encampment, Logan State Park, Logan.

WEST VIRGINIA DAY CELEBRATIONS, WEST VIRGINIA INDEPENDENCE
HALL, June 20: Lecture by Kenneth Fones-Wolf, tea, music,
activities, tours of museum, Wheeling.

WEST VIRGINIA DAY, June 20: Archives Library will be open.*

WEST VIRGINIA ENCYCLOPEDIA PREMIERE EVENTS,
June 20: Tamarack in Beckley, The Cultural Center in Charleston, and
West Virginia Independence Hall in Wheeling [<http://www.wvhumanities.org>].

BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION SEMINAR, June 24: National Park Service’s
American Battlefield Protection Program, sponsored by the Council for West Virginia Archaeology and
the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, The Cultural Center, Charleston.
[For more information, contact Aaron O. Smith, CWVA, (304) 562-7233, asmith@crai-ky.com.]

INDEPENDENCE DAY, July 4: Archives Library will be *closed*.

FALL GENEALOGY/HISTORY FAIR, BROOKE COUNTY GENEALOGY,
August 19: Beech Bottom Community Christian Church, Beech Bottom.

LABOR DAY, September 4: Archives Library will be *closed*.

HISTORY DAY, February 22, 2007: The Capitol Complex, Charleston.

**Only the Archives Library will be staffed—all other Archives offices will be closed.*
The West Virginia Library Commission Library in the Cultural Center is closed weekends and all holidays.

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