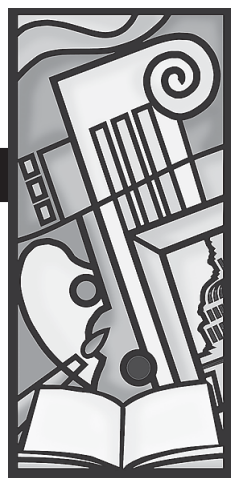


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From the Editor:

As elementary and secondary students begin a new academic year, we hope all organizations and individuals interested in West Virginia history will contact their local schools to offer their services as speakers to history and social studies classes, as well as school clubs and scout troops. If your organization or community is planning any type of history and genealogy related exhibit or program, be sure to invite local students and teachers to participate or attend as appropriate. Perhaps tutoring services can be offered to eighth graders preparing for their Golden Horseshoe exams. Sponsor essay contests or offer awards to be given at the end of the school year to the most enthusiastic history students. Don't forget to recruit Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and other service organizations for youngsters to assist with cemetery cleanups and similar projects. The rewards can be great and lasting for all concerned.

Historic Preservation Survey and Planning Grants Available

Applications are now being accepted for historic preservation survey and planning grants through the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History. Approximately \$80,000 is earmarked for this grant program, which is funded with money appropriated by the U.S. Congress through the National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund. State or local government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, for-profit firms or organizations, and educational institutions are eligible to apply. Eligible projects include architectural and archaeological surveys, preparation of nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, heritage education programs relating to preservation activities, pre-development activities, and comprehensive planning documents and development projects. Funded projects must be completed by June 30, 2006.

Grant funds are awarded on a matching basis. A competitive process is used to determine the recipients with the final decision being made by the West Virginia Archives and History Commission. The Commission selects projects that

best meet the established priorities and criteria. Development projects will be considered only when all of the justifiable funding needs of eligible projects in other categories

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Downtown Revitalization Institute Offering Training Opportunities

The Downtown Revitalization Institute, a partnership effort of Main Street West Virginia and Coalfield Community Development, is offering training opportunities for economic development of downtown communities in West Virginia. The two-day sessions are intended to assist economic development organizations; state, county and city government officials; chambers of commerce; nonprofit boards and directors, and all citizens interested in revitalizing the downtown districts of their communities. Topics include:

- National Development Council-Economic Development Deal Structuring
- Real Estate Finance
- Business Plan Certification
- Building a Sustainable Organization
- Defining Your Vision and Mission
- Developing Your Community for Cultural Heritage Tourism
- Using Market Analysis to Guide Economic Growth
- Destination Design

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 have been addressed. All grant monies must be administered in accordance with federal and state requirements. The deadline for applications is October 31, 2004. Program descriptions and application packets, including funding priorities and selection criteria, are available by contacting:

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We know many of our readers are active in Main Street programs in their communities or in related efforts to encourage cultural heritage tourism. Persons and organizations knowledgeable about genealogy, local history and historic preservation in their hometowns are vital resources to the community leaders engaged in downtown revitalization projects. Whether a site or resource being promoted is within a downtown area may not matter—the more a county or region has to offer, the more likely visitors will be to come to an area. Likewise, if you or your organization is deeply involved in preserving and promoting a single site, explore the possible benefits of linking your efforts with the greater community to everyone's mutual benefit.

Sessions are scheduled around the state as follows:

Logan	October 19-20, 2004
Flatwoods	January 24-25, 2005
Lewisburg	April 5-6, 2005
Wheeling	June 1-2, 2005

Registration for each two-day session is \$70.00. For further information, contact Marsha Geyer, Main Street West Virginia, (800) 982-3386, or mgeyer@wvdo.org.

History Day March 17, 2005

All organizations interested in history and genealogy are urged to begin preparations now for participation in History Day at the West Virginia Legislature next March 17. Since the West Virginia State Archives will be celebrating its centennial in 2005, we hope to have an extra special celebration of West Virginia's history, plus a strong demonstration of the importance of not only collecting and preserving the physical items containing that history, but of making those resources available to the public.

New Titles

Kanawha County Births, 1865-1871: Pamela Thomas, 2004.
Addendum to: Epling/Eplin, Volume III: Robert L. Massard, 2004.
Picture Book of West Virginia: Bernadine Bailey, pictures by Kurt Wiese, Revised Edition, 1970.
Virginia County Records: Volume VIII: A Key to Southern Pedigrees: William Armstrong Crozier, editor, c1910-11, 1971 reprint.
Rebels at the Gate: W. Hunter Lesser, 2004.
Death and Dying in Central Appalachia: Changing Attitudes and Practices: James K. Crissman, 1994.
Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave: Frederick Douglass, 1989.
The Impending Crisis, 1848-1861: David M. Potter, 1976.
Ordeal by Fire: Volume II, The Civil War: James M. McPherson, 1982.
Stories from the Hills: Barbara Yeager, editor, 1970.
Gate Way to the Golden-Horseshoe Test: Science, History, Government, Geography: Lona Fridley Jones, 2nd Edition, 1959.
A Short History of the Ham Surname in Virginia & NC: [Volume 1: Origins and Migrations; Volume 2: Virginia; Volume 3: North Carolina]: David Hamm, 2003.
Brooke County (WV) Index: Complete Transcription of County Court Order Book, Volumes 54-57: Gwendolyn Mackey Hubbard and Bobbie Britt Elliott; index by Kenneth Fischer Craft, Jr., 2004.
House Histories: A Guide to Tracing the Genealogy of Your Home: Sally Light, 1989.
Papers [of Thomas Jefferson], Volume 30: Thomas Jefferson, 2004.
The Comer Family from June 13, 1853 to June 27, 2004: Marie Martin, 2004.
Portrait of Colonel Charles Lewis: History–Mystery: Joseph C. Jefferds, Jr., 2003.
Guthery: Henry, David, William and Their Descendants of Cullman County, Alabama: Ima Gene Guthery Boyd, 1989.
The Pocahontas Coalfield: Early Recollections and Happenings: 1983.
Confederate General R. S. Ewell: Robert E. Lee's Hesitant Commander: Paul D. Casdorff, 2004.
The People Sing with Kathryn Kuhlman: Kathryn Kuhlman, 1949.
The Inside Pitch—and More: Baseball's Business and the Public Trust: Gene A. Budig, 2004.
Theorizing Anglo-Saxon Stone Sculpture: Catherine E. Karkov and Fred Orton, Editors, 2003.

Samuels-Pierpont Collection

The Archives and History Library houses many letters and documents with historical significance. The collection of the combined papers of Governor Francis H. Pierpont and of Adjutant General Henry J. Samuels of the Restored Government of Virginia, the precursor to the state of West Virginia, contains over 1,400 letters and other documents relating to both civilian concerns and military matters. The papers, the majority of which are dated in 1862, are arranged in alphabetical order by the name of the writer or petitioner, with a printed finding aid. Now the collection can be searched on-line through the West Virginia Memory Project database at <http://wvmemory.wvculture.org/index.htm>. A search can be conducted according to these categories: Words Anywhere, Written By, Written To, Date, and Location (town or county). For example, a search for "David Hunter Strother" found several documents, including: *Written By* Strother, David H., *Written To* Pierpont, *Date* of 1862/05/07, and *Subject* listed as "seeks commission from native state, recommended by W. T. Willey." Although the actual documents are not accessible on-line, a researcher can locate documents relevant to specific people and places, then request to view those papers upon visiting the Archives or request copies through a research letter.

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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 STATE MUSEUM CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS

The Cultural Center, Charleston.
 Reopening date will be announced at a later time.

LABOR DAY, September 6: Archives Library will be *closed*.

COLUMBUS DAY, October 11: Archives Library will be open.*

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INSTITUTE

October 19-20: Logan

McCREIGHT LECTURE, October 28:

Charles Ogletree, speaker, West Virginia Humanities Council Annual Betsy McCreight Lecture, Institute.

ELECTION DAY, November 2: Archives Library will be open.*

VETERANS DAY, November 11: Archives Library will be open.*

**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.*

The West
 Virginia
 Division
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 and History
 seeks to
 expand
 its African
 American
 and Native
 American
 resources.

Do you have West Virginia...

African American and Native American

- Photographs ● Documents ● Books ● Letters
- Postcards for the West Virginia State Archives?

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African American and Native American

- Artifacts for the West Virginia State Museum Collection?

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- Writers and story ideas for GOLDENSEAL magazine?

Contact John Lilly at 304.558.0220, ext. 135, or john.lilly@wvculture.org

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- Historic sites or buildings for possible nomination to the National Register of Historic Places?

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Let us know what you find helpful in the newsletter, and what new topics you would like covered.

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