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SHPO OFFERS PRESERVATION WEEK MINI-GRANTS

From the Editor:

The sympathy and concern of the Archives and History staff are with all who have suffered as a result of the terrible events of September 11, 2001. Many of our staff members have family and friends in the areas most directly affected, but all are safe. Visitors to the Cultural Center may want to pay their respects to the Firefighters and Police Officers Memorials located on the north side of the plaza, both dedicated to those who have fallen in the line of duty. We have noticed more visitors than usual to these two statues in the past week. As a result of heightened security, visitors to Archives and History will see an increased Capitol Security and West Virginia State Police presence at the Capitol Complex. Please be patient and cooperative with their requests. They are here for the safety of all. We also encourage avoidance of stereotyping and intolerance of any particular person or group. As West Virginians we should know all too well how easy it is for the majority to be misunderstood and condemned for the ways of a few. West Virginia is a state made strong by the blending of many ethnic backgrounds and diverse cultures. We should celebrate our history and honor our past by setting an example of acceptance for the rest of America to follow.

PRESERVATION WEEK MINI-GRANT APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

The West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has announced a mini-grants program to provide funding to assist with Preservation Week historic walking tour activities. No matching funds are required for the grants of no more than \$2,000.00 each provided through the Historic Preservation Fund of the National Park Service. The grants are intended for the production of publications to inform and to educate the public about specific historic resources, such as brochures for walking or driving tours and/or individual sites. Funding applies to design, research and/or printing of materials.

According to the program description available through the West Virginia SHPO office, the primary purpose of the project is to provide information on existing historic and prehistoric sites. A cultural resource survey must have been completed in that area, and subjects of brochures must be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. There also must be a commitment that the materials will be used and/or distributed, with a plan prepared for doing so.

SHPO staff will review applications received by the December 15, 2001, deadline for completeness and eligibility and will compile a list of projects according to the priorities and selection criteria outlined in the program description. Some projects may receive partial funding. The Archives and History Commission will review the applications and select the projects to be awarded the mini-grants.

For more complete information and for applications, contact:

**Historic Preservation Office
Division of Culture and History
The Cultural Center
1900 Kanawha Blvd. East
Charleston, WV 25305
(304) 558-0220**

Since *Archives and History News* is mailed to all of the West Virginia historical/genealogical organizations for which we have addresses, and is available on our Web site to all others, we thought we would call this program to your attention. We sincerely hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to promote the history and heritage of your community. We also ask that you provide copies of your completed brochures to the Archives and History Library for both public information and document preservation purposes.

Please direct all questions concerning the Preservation Week mini-grant program to the State Historic Preservation Office.

AUGUST NEW TITLES

Illustrated Atlas of the Upper Ohio River and Valley from Pittsburgh, Pa. To Cincinnati, Ohio: E. L. Hayes, 1877. **NOTE:** This is not new to the collection, but was previously uncataloged. This atlas contains many street maps of towns in the area described, as well as views of towns, estates, schools, industrial and manufacturing facilities, etc. The atlas is housed in our Map

Collection and is available upon request for viewing in the main Archives and History Library Reading Room.

Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, Supplement, 2002, Part 2: Gale Research Co., 2001.

The Continental Army: Robert K. Wright, Jr., 1984.

Capon Valley Sampler: Sketches of Appalachia from George Washington to Caudy Davis: Willard Wirtz, 1990.

Recollections of the Civil War 1861-1865: Charles Silas Hatcher, 2001.

This I Remember: Virgil A. Fisher, 2000.

Poindexter Descendants Association Membership Directory: The Association, 2001.

Tullo, Telles, Tillis Family of Virginia: Ancestors of Clark Tillis of Mason County, West Virginia: Anna L. Lutz, no date. [Pamphlet]
The Sinckler, Sinkler, St. Clair Family of Virginia: Ancestors of Sarah Sinckler of Mason County West Virginia: Anna L. Lutz, no date.

Minority Military Service: South Carolina and Georgia 1775-1783: National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, 1997.

Minority Military Service: Delaware, Maryland and New Jersey 1775-1783: NSDAR, 1998.

Minority Military Service: Virginia 1775-1783: NSDAR, 1999, c1996.

Minority Military Service: North Carolina 1775-1783: NSDAR, 1996.

Kanawha Co, WV Cemeteries: Book III: West Virginia Genealogical Society, [2001].

Three Confederate Soldiers from Kanawha County, West Virginia: The Hudnalls: Why and How They Served and the Men Who Led Them: William Roosevelt Hudnall, 2001.

Obituaries of West Virginia Newspapers, 1822-1899: Volume 6, 1896: extracted by Gerald S. Ratliff, compiled and indexed by Rose W. Peterson and Donald W. Peterson, 2001.

West Virginia State Government: A Kid's View: Ashley Catherine Teets, 2000.

History of the Daily Athenaeum: Geraldine Kessel, 1963. [Master's Thesis]

George Washington and the Frontier Mountains: Charles C. Hall, 1999. [1 sheet, poem on one side, portrait and briefbiographical sketch on verso.]

Hampshire County Crisis: April 1756: Terry Gruber, 1999.

Ballad of the Battle of Great Cacapehon: Charles C. Hall, 2000, c1996.

The Goddard Book: John W. Harms, 1984, 1990. [2 volumes]

George Fetty, Sr. of Hunterdon Co., New Jersey and Descendants: Patsy R. Laird, 2001. [2nd edition]

Holliday Graveyard: Wood County Historical Preservation Society, 2001.

MEET OUR STAFF

TERRY LOWRY

Archives and History welcomes our newest staff member, Terry Lowry. Terry joined us this month as a Cultural Program Associate. He will be assisting patrons of the Archives and History Library, as well as answering research letters. Terry is known to most West Virginia historians as the author of six books about the Civil War in West Virginia, particularly *Last Sleep: Battle of Droop Mountain*. His most recent work is *Images of the Civil War in West Virginia*, co-authored with Stan Cohen. Terry came to Archives and History from a position as docent and curator of Craik-Patton House. He has participated in Civil War reenactments and has had three Civil War movie roles as a costumed extra. He appears on screen in *Glory* and in *Gettysburg*. We are especially glad to have Terry on staff, not only for his knowledge of Civil War history, but for his acquaintance with the Archives and History collection, and for his twenty years of experience researching genealogy.

DONATIONS

Almost all of the items on the *August New Title List* were donated by the authors or the

historical/genealogical society that sells the publication. On behalf of the current citizens of West Virginia and the descendants of West Virginians who return to use the Archives and History Library, we thank you. We appreciate the organizations that have responded to our request for donations of items published by them that are not in the West Virginia Archives and History Library collection. We know the societies are always struggling for funds to stay afloat, and we recognize the sacrifice they make in donating copies.

We also are grateful to **Kenneth Fischer Craft, Jr.**, who continues to donate copies of his series, *Ohio County (WV) Index*, to the Archives and History Library as he completes each volume. His most recent gift, **Volume 7**, continues his index to Ohio County court order books, and includes as well several maps of the area showing property owners for which the author has compiled name indexes. The next book will be **Volume 7A**, a cumulative "Personal Time Line" index to Volumes 1 through 7, with 110,000 entries. **Volume 8** will start a new series of records, the "index card files" to court case files and loose papers in the West Virginia and Regional History Collection of West Virginia University. Mr. Craft's work is published by Heritage Books, Inc.

WWW.WVCULTURE.ORG/HISTORY

New on the Archives and History Web-site: *Humor Mill*, a presentation of articles discovered as the staff does research in old newspapers and of other items that tickled staff funny bones.

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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 HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 22.**
Charleston.

**ROANE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
GENEALOGY FAIR, SEPTEMBER 29.**
Spencer.

**NOTE: CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS
CALENDAR OF EVENTS: COLUMBUS DAY,
OCTOBER 8.** Archives Library will be closed.

**WEST VIRGINIA BOOK FESTIVAL,
OCTOBER 12-13.** Charleston.

VETERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 12. Archives
Library will be open.*

THANKSGIVING DAY, NOVEMBER 22.
Archives Library will be closed.

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AFTER
THANKSGIVING, NOVEMBER 23 AND 24.**
Archives Library will be open.*

**Only the Archives Library will be staffed--all
other Archives offices will be closed. The State
Museum will be open any time the Archives
Library is open. The West Virginia Library
Commission Library in the Cultural Center is
closed weekends and all holidays.*

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

**ARCHIVES AND HISTORY LIBRARY
HOURS ARE 9:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. MONDAY
THROUGH THURSDAY, 9:00 A.M. TO 6:00
P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AND
CLOSED ON SUNDAY. HOLIDAY HOURS
ARE AS POSTED. THE MICROFILM
STORAGE ROOM AND STAFF COPY
SERVICE WILL CLOSE ONE-HALF HOUR
BEFORE LIBRARY CLOSING TIME.**

**NOTE: ARCHIVES AND HISTORY OFFICE
HOURS REMAIN 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. THE
OFFICE IS CLOSED ON ALL STATE**

HOLIDAYS. PLEASE MAKE VIEWING
ARRANGEMENTS FOR MANUSCRIPT,
PHOTOGRAPH, MOVING IMAGES AND
OTHER SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DURING
REGULAR OFFICE HOURS.

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY STAFF

Fredrick Armstrong: Director

Debra Basham: Archivist (photographs, special
collections)

Constance Baston: Researcher (Veterans
Memorial Archives)

Greg Carroll: Historian (Civil War, Native
American history)

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images)

Elaine Gates: Part-time Library Assistant
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Ed Hicks: Photographer (archival photography,
darkroom)

Mary Johnson: Historian (*West Virginia History*)

Terry Lowry: Cultural Program Associate (Civil
War)

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documents, periodicals)

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(microfilming, Revolutionary War)

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library collection, newsletter editor)

Jaime (Lynch) Simmons: Library Assistant
(Records of the 1700's and early 1800's,
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Bobby Taylor: Library Manager

Nancy Waggoner: Office Assistant

On special projects: **Allen Fowler.** Intern: **Ethan
Byler.** Volunteers: **Caroline Connor, Bill Kelley
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