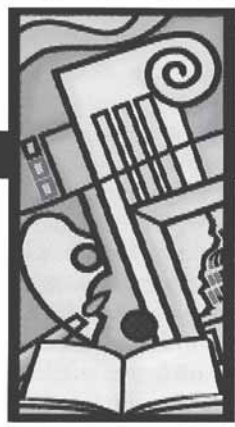


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From the Editor:

We were very pleased to have a full house attend our Genealogy for Beginners Workshop in August and took a small survey of the participants. Half were first time visitors to the West Virginia Archives and History Library. Only one person reported an intent to apply to a lineage society, but the others may change their minds once they make connections to eligible ancestors. Most had used Internet resources for genealogy. All were interested in additional presentations in the Archives Library. Watch your local newspaper and this newsletter for additional evening and daytime workshops or tutoring sessions in the Library for novice researchers. If you have an idea for a topic or speaker for our First Tuesday of the Month lecture and workshop series, contact Bryan Ward, (304) 558-0230, bryan.ward@wvculture.org.

Time to Think About History Day 2010

It is never too early for your organization to begin thinking about your display table at the annual History Day at the Legislature, scheduled for February 18, 2010. If you will have an event or a new publication to promote in 2010, consider revamping your old display to reflect that. If you have never used display boards, artifacts, costumes, or other attractions in your space, challenge your members to develop some creative means to draw folks over to your table where you can talk to them about the importance of your organization. Set aside some funds for a few give-aways or to aid members in making the trip. If your group has never been represented at History Day, make this your first annual visit.

Don't forget to review the activities of your membership and those in your community or organization who have done so much to preserve and promote history and genealogy, and select a nominee for a 2010 History Hero award. Not sure who qualifies, or if a suggested nominee already has an award? Visit

our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/histhero.html> to find an alphabetical list of all winners, and annual winners' lists with brief descriptions of the honorees' achievements. As usual, *Archives and History News* will give those on the mailing list a heads up when registration forms and History Hero applications will be mailed, and

Vital Research Records Update

The new servers have been received for the Vital Research Records Database. Because the servers are being configured to handle other Archives and History databases as well, such as the West Virginia Memory Project, the process will take some time. The West Virginia Office of Technology anticipates little disruption of service during the transition. We hope that Vital Research Records will be running smoothly, without the current delays and time-outs, by mid-October. Kanawha County marriage records, the last record set to be added, is still a work in progress, and should

when the forms will be posted online. Not sure if you are on the mailing list? Check the list of historical, genealogical and preservation societies on our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/histsocs.html>. If your group is not on the list, contact Mary Johnson, mary.johnson@wvculture.org, (304) 558-0230.

be in the database by mid-October, if not sooner. We thank you for your continued patience, and promise service will be better soon.

Wireless Internet Now Available in Archives and History Library

Wireless Internet service is now available for patrons in the West Virginia Archives and History Library Reading Room. Patrons using their own laptops will be able to use the Library's subscription services, Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest Online, as well.

VGS Fall Conference in October

The Virginia Genealogical Society, in cooperation with the Shenandoah Valley Genealogical Society, will present its annual fall conference on Saturday, October 10, 2009, at the Conference Center of the Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, Virginia. Entitled "Oh Shenandoah! Migration and Settlements Across the Valley," the conference will feature lectures on Virginia research, colonial migration in and out of the

Shenandoah Valley, and using Google Earth for genealogical research. Speakers include Dorothy A. Boyd-Bragg, Victor S. Dunn, and Pamela K. and Richard G. Sayre. For more information contact the Virginia Genealogical Society, 1900 Byrd Avenue, Suite 104, Richmond, VA 23230-3033, on the Web at <http://www.vgs.org>, or be e-mail at vagensoc@aol.com.

2010 Speakers for Archives Lecture Series

Two more speakers have been lined up for the First Tuesday Archives and History Workshop and Lecture series. On January 5, 2010, Scott Johnson, a regular Archives and History Library patron who is an Assistant Attorney General with the State of West Virginia, will speak about *Genealogy and the Law: An Introduction to Some Legal Issues in Genealogical Research*. Johnson told us his presentation "will cover basic use of the West Virginia and Federal Freedom of Information Acts and Privacy Acts, concerns about copyright laws, and issues relating to personal liability (civil and criminal) for field research such as visiting cemeteries." His strong interest in genealogy is expressed by his membership in a number of lineage societies, including the Sons and Daughters of the Colonial and Antebellum Bench and Bar.

In February Doug Wood, alias Ostenaco, returns to the Archives lectern with another topic based on his own extensive research in the books and specialized collections of the Archives and History Library. His lecture on February 2 is entitled "Digging into West Virginia's 18th Century, Groundhog Style." Wood is a long-time Library patron, having spent two decades gathering

historical information for his living history portrayal of Ostenaco, a Cherokee leader. He was very active last year in presentations commemorating the 250th anniversary of the French and Indian War. For more information about Ostenaco as a History Alive! portrayal, visit <http://www.wvhumanities.org/Ostenaco.htm>.

Darby's Universal Gazetteer

The full title of this reference book by William Darby is *Darby's Universal Gazetteer, or, A New Geographical Dictionary: containing a description of the empires, kingdoms, states, provinces, cities, towns, forts, seas, harbours, rivers, lakes, mountains, capes, &c. in the Known World; with the Government, Customs, and Manners, of the inhabitants; the extent, boundaries, and natural productions of each country; and the trade, manufactures, and curiosities of the cities and towns*. The West Virginia Archives' copy is "The second edition, with ample additions and improvements," published in Philadelphia by Bennett & Walton in 1827. We continue our series of sample entries for features now in West Virginia, with spelling and punctuation unchanged:

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Evening Workshops and Lecture Schedule

Date	Conducted by:	Subject
September 1 Tuesday	Lynn Barney	<i>Put Your Family's Memories in a Scrapbook</i>
October 6 Tuesday	Mary Johnson	"His Soul Goes Marching On": <i>The Life and Legacy of John Brown</i>
November 3 Tuesday	Terry Lowry	<i>Bastard Battalion: A History of the 83rd Chemical Mortar Battalion in World War II</i>
December 1 Tuesday	Dr. Kenneth R. Bailey	<i>A Glimpse at Some Lesser-Known Prominent West Virginians</i>
January 5 Tuesday	Scott Johnson	<i>Genealogy and Law: An Introduction to Some Legal Issues in Genealogical Research</i>
February 2 Tuesday	Doug Wood	<i>Digging into West Virginia's 18th Century, Groundhog Style</i>

Registration for these free workshops is helpful but not required.
 Call our office at (304) 558-0230, or e-mail bobby.taylor@wvculture.org.

Workshops are held 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the West Virginia Archives and History Library, The Culture Center, Charleston, West Virginia.

Charlestown,* village of Kenhawa Cty., Virg., on the point of confluence above the junction of Kenhawa and Elk rivers.

Charlestown, pstv. Jefferson Cty. Virg., 73 ms. NW. from W.C.

Charlestown, Brooke Cty. Virg., see *Wellsburg*.

Coals-Mouth, pstv. Kenhawa Cty. Virg. [Became St. Albans in the 1870's]

Elk, river of western Virg., rises in Randolph Cty., and flowing westward by comparative courses about 100 ms. falls into the great Kenhawa at Charleston, after having traversed Randolph and Kanhawa cties.

Hardy, Cty. Virg., bounded by Md. NW., Hampshire Cty. in Virg. NE., Shenandoah SE., Rockingham, Pendleton and Randolph SW.; length 42ms., mean width 17; area about 700 sqms. The S. branch, and various other branches of the Potomac, cross this Cty. from SW. to NE. The surface is excessively mountainous, and soil rocky, and generally barren. Chief

Recipe for Colonial Cologne

The Archives' collections are always full of surprises. Jaime Simmons found the following formula for "Colonial Cologne" written on a slip of paper dated 1905, but with no other identifying information, while browsing the McCulloch Collection.

½ oz. oil of Lavender

½ oz. oil of Bergamot

½ oz. oil of Lemon

16 drops oil of Cinnamon

4 drops oil of Neroli [distillation of fresh blossoms of the bitter orange tree, also called Oil of Orange Flowers]

4 pts. alcohol

Dissolve all in the alcohol and let stand for a few days to filter. Add 10 drops of Attar of Roses.

town Moorfields. Pop. 1820, 5700. Ctl. lat. 39° N. lon. W. C. 2° W.

Moorfields, pst. and seat of justice, Hardy Cty. Virg., on the right bank of the S. branch of Potomac 53 ms. SW. by W. from Winchester. Lat. 39° lon. W. C. 1° 56' W.

***Editor's Note:** The entry for Kenhawa [Kanawha] County featured in the April 2009 issue of this newsletter includes the statement, "Chief town Charleston." According to *Place Names in West*

Discovering Your Appalachian Ancestors

The Special Collections Division of the Akron-Summit County Public Library and the Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society present *Discovering Your Appalachian Ancestors*, a free workshop on Kentucky, Virginia, and West Virginia family history research. Speakers include Mari-Lynn Evans, producer of the award-winning documentary, *The Appalachians*, and Certified Genealogists, Barbara Vines Little and Jana Sloan Broglin. The workshop will be held on Saturday, November 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Main Library, located at 60

Virginia, by Mary Jenkins, Charleston was originally named Fort Lee, chartered as Charles Town, with the spelling changed to Charleston in 1819, and was also known as Kanawha Court House. Kanawha Court House is not in the gazetteer, nor does the entry for Charlestown mention any type of postal service, nor any status as "seat of justice." Although the main entry for the town is "Charlestown," note that it is spelled "Charleston" in the entry for Elk River.

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

South High Street. The program is free and open to the public. Free parking will be available in the High-Market Parking Deck. An hour for lunch will be on your own. For additional information and to sign up, contact the Special Collections Division at (330) 643-9030, speccollections@akronlibrary.org, <http://www.akronlibrary.org/main-sc.html>. [Information courtesy of Judy James, Akron-Summit County Library.]

New Titles

Up From History: Robert Norrell, 2009.

Records of the Revolutionary War: W. T. R. Saffell, 2007, c1894.

Reformers to Radicals: Thomas Kiffmeyer, 2008.

Virginia at War, 1863: William C. Davis, editor, 2008.

The Wheeling Family: A Celebration of Immigrants and Their Neighborhoods: Seán Duffy, 2008.

Frederic Jackson's Ancestors: Edith Hankins, [no date].

Rainelle United Methodist Church: [directory, no date].

Mixed Harvest: W. E. Blackhurst, 1970.

Sawdust in Your Eyes: W. E. Blackhurst, 1963.

When Gauley Ran Blood: A Civil War Novel: Rock Foster, 2002, c1999.

Ball, Bat and Bitumen: A History of Coalfield Baseball in the Appalachian South: L. M. Sutter, 2009.

Edge Effects: The Border Name Places: Robert Temple, 2008.

Oakhurst: The Birth and Rebirth of America's First Golf Course: Paula DiPerna, 2002.

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.

NEW ARCHIVES LIBRARY HOURS BEGAN, August 3: Archives and History Library is open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday.

GLENWOOD EXHIBIT, September 1–30: Hosted by First Presbyterian Church, Charleston. For more information, call the church at (304) 343-8961, or visit <http://www.marshall.edu/gsepd/humn/glenwoodproject/>

LABOR DAY, September 7: Archives Library will be *closed*.

“HOW TO WRITE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY,” September 10: Kanawha Valley History Center, Rand Community Center, Rand. For more information, or to register, call Linda Hoskins, (304) 925-2438.

BERKELEY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FALL TOUR OF HOMES, September 12–13: For more information, visit <http://bchs.org/falltour2009.html> or call (304) 267-4713.

“EARLY RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY,” September 14: John Allen, speaker, Shepherdstown. Sponsored by Shepherdstown Men’s Club and Jefferson County Historical Society. For more information, visit <http://jeffersonhistoricalwv.org/events.html> or call (304) 724-7008.

BEGINNERS GENEALOGY WORKSHOP, September 19:
Lincoln County Genealogical Society, 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Hamlin Library, Hamlin.

WASHINGTON FAMILY HOMES TOUR, September 19: Friends of Happy Retreat, Charles Town. For more information, visit <http://happy.retreat.org>, or contact Friends of Happy Retreat, (304) 724-7956, ewilsonmsw@comcast.net.

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION TRAINING, September 19: State Historic Preservation with Second Creek Historic Landmark Commission, Monroe County. Registration required by September 1.

CEMETERY PRESERVATION AND CEMETERY LANDSCAPES WORKSHOP, September 21–23: The Culture Center, Charleston. Sponsored by the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office with the National Preservation Institute. Brochure and registration form available at <http://www.wvculture.org/shpo/hpcemeteryworkshop.pdf>

ROANE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL FAIR, September 26:
Heritage Park Community Building, Spencer.

WEST VIRGINIA ARCHIVES AND HISTORY COMMISSION MEETING, October 2: Chief Logan State Park, Logan.

GENEALOGY FAIR, October 3: Berkeley County Historical Society, Christ Reformed Church, Martinsburg. For more information, visit <http://www.bchs.org>.

KANAWHA VALLEY HISTORICAL AND PRESERVATION SOCIETY FORUM, October 6: Norman Fagan State Theater, The Culture Center, Charleston. Co-sponsored by the society, West Virginia Humanities County and West Virginia Public Broadcasting.

COLUMBUS DAY, October 12: Archives Library will be open*.

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“COMPARISON OF EVENTS CELEBRATING THE 50TH AND 150TH ANNIVERSARIES OF THE JOHN BROWN RAID,” October 12: Dennis Frye, speaker, Shepherdstown. For more information, visit <http://jeffersonhistoricalwv.org/events.html> or call (304) 724-7008.

“JOHN BROWN REMEMBERED,” October 14–17: Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, Harpers Ferry. For more information, visit <http://www.harpersferryhistory.org/johnbrown/index.htm>.

25TH ANNIVERSARY, FAYETTE AND RALEIGH COUNTIES GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, October 18: Beckley-Raleigh County Convention Center, Beckley. Reservations required.

JOHN BROWN COMMUNITY FORUM, October 21: Jefferson County Black History Society, focusing on Dangerfield Newby and Lewis Leary, 7:00 p.m., Wainwright Baptist Church, Charles Town.

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

THANKSGIVING DAY, November 26: Archives Library will be *closed*.

THANKSGIVING FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, November 27–28: Archives Library will be *closed*.

CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24: Archives Library will be *closing at noon*.

CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25: Archives Library will be *closed*.

NEW YEAR’S EVE, December 31: Archives Library will be *closing at noon*.

NEW YEAR’S DAY, January 1, 2010: Archives Library will be *closed*.

**Only the Archives Library will be staffed—all other Archives offices will be closed.*

The West Virginia Library Commission Library in the Culture Center is closed weekends and all holidays.

SHPO Survey and Planning Grants Available

Applications are now being accepted for historic preservation survey and planning grants through the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Approximately \$80,000 is earmarked for this grant program. State or local government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, for-profit organizations or firms, 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, 2011. 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 deadline for applications is October 31, 2009. The announcement of grantees is planned for February 2010, contingent upon receipt of an allocation by the National Park Service. For more information contact Pamela Brooks, grants coordinator for the SHPO, at (304) 558-0240, ext. 720, or write: SHPO, WV Div. of Culture and History, The Culture Center, 1900 Kanawha Blvd. East, Charleston, WV 25305-0300, or www.wvculture.org/shpo/forms.html.



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