

West Virginia Archives and History

Annual Report Fiscal 2017-2018

Archives and History maintains the Archives and History Library and the West Virginia State Archives; administers the highway marker program to designate historical sites; and provides support services and technical assistance to state, county, and historical organizations and institutions. Under the *Code*, the director of Archives and History serves as secretary to the citizen advisory Archives and History Commission and as staff to the Records Management and Preservation Board.

Mission

The mission of Archives and History is to collect and preserve West Virginia's public records and historical materials, to make these records available to the public and private sectors, and to disseminate historical information through publications and programs, so as to enrich the lives of past and present residents and future generations.

During the 2017-2018 fiscal year, Archives and History continued its programming and educational efforts and made significant progress on the sesquicentennial marker project, but

Highlights

- Records Management and Preservation Board awarded grants totalling \$411,014 to support projects in 36 counties
- 4,763 state documents and 20,766 pages printed from documents in electronic form, and 736 books and pamphlets added to collections
- more than 207 linear feet of manuscripts and state government records, and more than 3,000 photographs and negatives added to collections
- 63 new, replacement, and refurbished highway historical markers erected in 40 counties
- statewide county records preservation project digitized 577 record books
- 141 rolls of film shot in preservation microfilming of daily, weekly, and monthly newspapers
- 240 research letters, 1,979 reference calls, and 21,633 e-mails handled

the primary focus was on collections. Staff completed processing several significant collections, rescued another from destruction, and facilitated the transfer of a large quantity of records from county officials. Processing of the Jennings Randolph Collection was completed, and a public opening was held that included family members, noted public officials, and other friends of Senator Randolph. The collection of Tanner J. Livisay, West Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent official, was retrieved from Detroit and processed. Both collections were being used extensively by researchers after finding aids were completed and made available. In response to telephone calls from

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Wheeling archivists, Archives and History staff salvaged corporate materials from the former Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corporation headquarters and began organizational efforts. Additionally, efforts to accept county records accelerated, resulting in county and circuit clerk records from five counties being transferred to the State Archives.

Archives and History Library Lecture Series, 2017-2018		
July 27	<i>Block Series: African American Life</i>	Rev. Paul H. Easley
Aug. 31	<i>Block Series: African American Life</i>	Chlorine Grigsby Carter
Sept. 21	<i>The Rebel in the Red Jeep, the Life of Ken Hechler</i>	Carter Taylor Seaton
Oct. 5	<i>Dupont High School Football</i>	Jesse Skiles
Nov. 2	<i>The Myths and Realities of Senator Robert C. Byrd</i>	David Corbin
Nov. 16	<i>The Norfolk and Western Railroad: Its Ohio Extension and Kenova District</i>	Tim Hensley
Dec. 7	<i>Pearl Harbor Remembered: We Were There</i>	Patricia McClure/ GWHS students
Feb. 15	<i>An Introduction to West Virginia Archives and History</i>	Joe Geiger
Mar. 15	<i>Jemima Boone</i>	Becky Park
Apr. 19	<i>Time Capsules to Our Past: Identifying and Preserving Our Photographic Images</i>	Nat DeBruin
May 17	<i>1968: Fifty Years Ago in West Virginia</i>	Jack Canfield
May 24	<i>World War I: Honoring and Remembering Soldiers Who Gave All in the Great War</i>	Benjamin Woodard and Pat McClure
May 31	<i>Block Series: African American Life</i>	Anna Evans Gilmer
June 28	<i>Block Series: African American Life</i>	Edward Hargro

Library

The Archives and History Library handled nearly 2,000 reference calls and answered nearly 250 research letters, a number of them requiring more than minimal research. The total number of people using the library space grew by 15 percent. Weekday, daytime usage declined slightly, while Saturday usage increased by 26 percent and total patron usage of the library during evening hours rose 12 percent. Looking more closely at evening usage, the increase was attributable solely to researcher use of the library. The number of researchers arriving after 5:00 p.m. grew 31 percent at the same time that attendance at the evening lectures, which accounts for more than two-thirds of overall evening usage, was flat in spite of the fact that more evening lectures were held in 2017-2018 than in the 2016-2017 year.

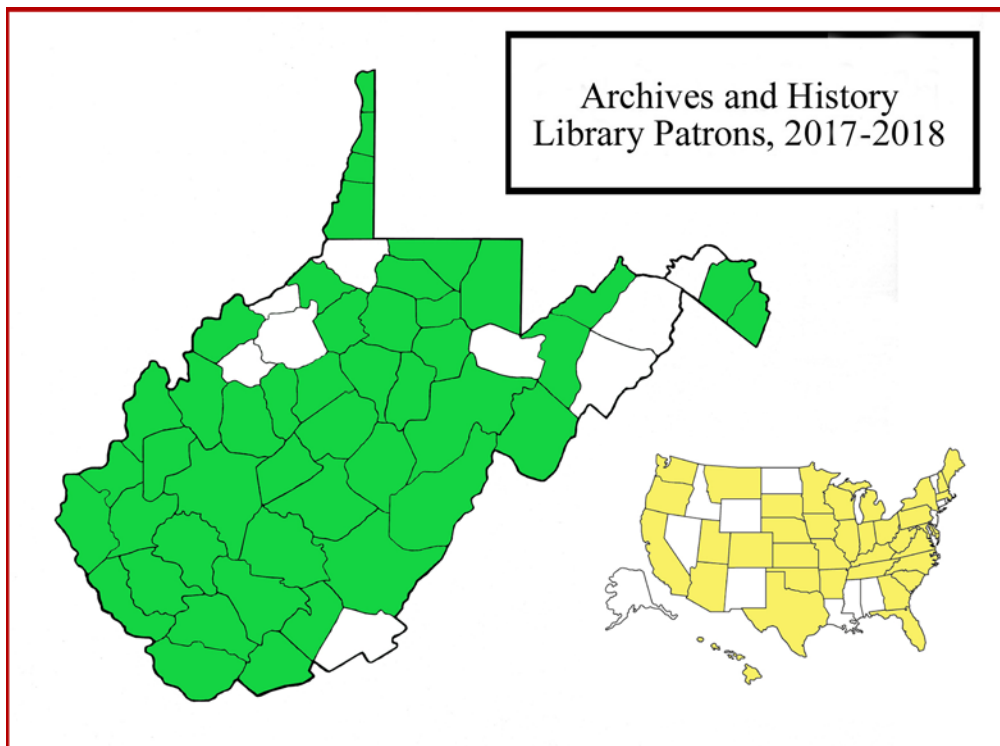
Two noteworthy daytime library programs served

as bookends to the fiscal year. On July 15, 2017, Archives and History Director Joe

Geiger and intern Tiana Hall gave a presentation as part of the division’s 40th-anniversary commemoration. A new online exhibit, “Together We Won the War: West Virginia and World War I,” was premiered. On June 20, 2018, the public opening of the Jennings Randolph Collection was held in the library. Several individuals who had worked with or had personal experiences with the late senator spoke, as did his son Frank Randolph, who was accompanied by Jennings Randolph’s grandson Brian Randolph (Frank’s nephew). In conjunction with this special event, an exhibit of Randolph materials was placed on display in the library, a photo exhibit was installed in the Archives and History gallery, and an online exhibit was created for the Web site.



New Archives and History Services and Fees Guidelines went into effect on November 15. In addition to adjusting fees for research services, the revised guidelines allow patrons to take a limited number of free photographs of printed pages, documents or microfilm images for personal research use only. Patrons must abide by the conditions under which this privilege



“You all are fantastic! I have contacted many other places trying to get information for family history and my wife’s DAR application. I wish they were even half as helpful and polite as all of your staff.” - October 2017

“I came back from my Christmas family visits to find the requested documents in my mail. It was like a Christmas present. . . Thanks again for all of your help. The State of West Virginia is lucky to have your services!” - December 2017

“I would like to thank you for your ‘above and beyond’ service in responding to my request. . . Your customer service far exceeded my expectations! Again, thank you for your excellent service.” - January 2018

is allowed or their privilege will be removed. From the time of its implementation through the end of the fiscal year, patrons reported taking more than 1,500 free photographs.

During the Spring, six U-Scan digital microfilm systems were received and set up. Staff worked with Aspen Technologies to get the U-Scan equipment working properly, with functionality with the Vendapin payment units not completed until June. Some older reader/printers were surplused, although as many analog systems as possible were retained for use by patrons who are not comfortable with the digital machines.

Web Site

During the fiscal year, staff added 1,454 image files, 633 html/PDF text files, and 364 database records to the Archives and History Web site. Two new online exhibits were major additions during the year: “Together We Won the War: West Virginia and World War I,” added in July 2017, and “Jennings Randolph: ‘Your ‘New Dealer’ for all the years!’,” added in June 2018.



Among other items added were Quick Quizzes (3 quizzes, 30 questions) and new records in the Golden Horseshoe Winners, State Government Documents, and Periodicals databases. The Photo Gallery, which contains images that had previously been on display in Archives and History's photo gallery off the Great Hall, was updated with the addition of images for the World War One and road construction exhibits. Staff completed the update of the online newspaper microfilm listing for the remaining 21 counties.

In addition, 58 biographies of individuals included on the West Virginia Veterans Memorial were added to the Web site. Archives and History's Veterans Memorial volunteer Pat McClure continued to work with an Advanced Placement U.S. History class from George Washington High School, assisting them in writing biographies. She also worked with GW's ROTC class.

During the Fall, staff resumed the time consuming process of reorganizing Web pages in anticipation of an expected redesign of Culture and History's Web site after the problem with the Web site search feature, which occurred during the previous fiscal year, was fixed. The work involved making modifications not only to the files being moved but also to hundreds of other files that contain links to the moved files. As an example, moving one file required updating its link in nearly 5,000 other files.

During the year, nearly 17,000 responses to the Daily Trivia were received, and nearly 3.5 million Quick Quiz pages were accessed. Archives and History pages remained the most accessed pages on the division's Web site, in particular the Vital Research Records pages.

Collections

Archives and History continued to receive transfers of records from county and circuit clerks during fiscal 2017-2018. The State

Archives acquired 27 boxes of marriages, wills, deeds, claims, filings, oaths, bonds, roads, elections and other records from Doddridge County and 16 boxes of deeds, marriages, wills and other records from Lewis County. A comparison of the loose marriage records from Lewis County with the record book listing revealed the fact that some early marriages are not contained in the record book. Also received were more than 700 boxes of chancery and law case files from the circuit clerks in McDowell, Mercer, and Pleasants counties. The latter group of records has not been processed yet.

Archives and History also received the Tanner J. Livisay Collection, which consists of 12 boxes of materials belonging to the noted home demonstration agent and extension service agent and the first



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African American family life specialist in the country. Beginning as a home demonstration agent in 1941, Livisay helped to improve living conditions for many households within Mercer, McDowell, and Wyoming counties. In 1945, she became a district home demonstrating agent, serving statewide until 1962. She left this position to become the state extension specialist in child development and human relations and assistant professor of home economics at West Virginia University until her retirement in 1968.

Another important collection that was saved in February 2018 before it was lost is the Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Collection. These materials had been left in the 12-story corporate headquarters building on Market Street in Wheeling after the owners filed for bankruptcy in 2012 and locked the doors in early 2013. By the time Archives and History staff were invited to salvage materials, portions of the ceiling on the twelfth floor, where the top executives offices were, had collapsed and water had damaged records, including



some of the vault contents. Still, with the help of a few local archivists and historians, staff were able to retrieve a considerable amount of material in a very short period of time. In addition to more than 200 boxes of documents, staff brought dozens of maps and drawings related to various properties that once were part of the steel operations back to the State Archives. The latter had been stored on a somewhat hidden 13th-floor mechanical space and only became known to staff midway through the salvage operations when a member of the contracting company engaged to work on the vacant building brought it to their attention. The collection was still being processed at the end of June.

Other interesting collections accessioned in 2017-2018 include the League of Women Voters of West Virginia; the Naylor family of Jackson, Upshur, and Kanawha counties; wartime, etc., collections of Richard H. Ayers of Kanawha County, the Barton family of Kanawha County and Florida, Bernard Hall of Lincoln County, and William Burton Robinson of Kanawha and Greenbrier counties; and Fayette County politician and newspaperman J. Alfred Taylor. The State Archives also received slides of Buffalo Creek taken by a member of the National Academy of Engineering inspection team, 1972-1973, and photographs of the construction of the Winfield Dam #1, 1935-1937. (See the accession list at the end of the report for a complete list of additions to the West Virginia State Archives collections in 2017-2018.)

Staff completed processing of the Jennings Randolph Collection in January 2018. This impressive collection includes more than 900 boxes of papers, 21 boxes of photographs, scrapbooks, and oversized documents. The detailed finding aid was placed online, and

Archives and History Statistics

<u><i>Archives Patron Services</i></u>	<u><i>Total</i></u>	<u><i>Collections Cataloging/Processing</i></u>	<u><i>Total</i></u>
Library Patrons	4,334	Scanned photos (other)	267
Library Reference Calls	1,979	Photos copied	0
Electronic inquiries/responses	21,633	Contact Sheets	0
Library Tour Groups	24	Archives Prints/Electronic images	527
Research Letters Answered	240	Archives collections accessioned (li. ft.)	207.5
Free Patron Photos	1,568	Photographs/negatives accessioned	3,029
Photo research requests	81	Donation letters (books, other misc.)	37
Patron photos print/digital	672	Microfilm rolls	
Retouched prints/digital images	190	rolls, 35mm	141
News station moving images requests	29	number of images, 35mm	110,100
Civil War Medal Inquiries (e-mail) etc.	80	Microfilm rolls duplicated	
Medal applications received	15	16mm	0
Medals mailed	22	35mm	136
Donor contacts	24	Microfilm rolls received	0
New Highway markers ordered	45	State Documents Received	4,763
		pages of electronic files	20,766
		Books, etc. Cataloged	736
		<u><i>Web Site</i></u>	
		Daily Trivia responses	16,984
		Database records added	364
		Digitized images added	1,454
		HTML/PDF files added	633
		<u><i>Records Management Board</i></u>	
		Phone calls/electronic inquiries	927
		Site visits	4
		County records auth. for disposal (cu. ft.)	2,721
		Grant reports processed	147
		<u><i>Inter-agency Support</i></u>	
		Library photocopies	1,324
		State records auth. for disposal (cu. ft.)	3,139.5
		<u><i>Intra-agency Support - Photos</i></u>	
		Exhibits Print/digital	310
		Historic Preservation Digital	7
		Goldenseal Print/Digital	153
		Museum Digital	7
		Gratis Print/Digital	36
		Total intra-agency images	503

researchers began utilizing the materials almost immediately.

During the fiscal year, staff generated initial checksums, extracted metadata, and created additional copies of the remainder of electronic records that came as part of the Governor Earl Ray Tomblin and First Lady Joanne Jaeger Tomblin collections. Staff also performed this work on the Governor Bob Wise materials. Because materials are stored on external devices, staff manually performed periodic checksums of materials.

Space, both physical and digital, is a growing concern for Archives and History. The permanent electronic records archives is relegated to external hard drives in addition to original CDs, thumb drives, etc., with no other viable storage option available at present. Storage for Web content and other files is also of concern, imposing limits on what is placed online. Physical storage also is increasingly at a premium as the State Archives carries out its paramount mission “to collect and preserve West Virginia’s public records and historical materials.”

Audiovisual Archives

The audio-visual archives received a large number of audio recordings of West Virginia Public Radio News in July 2017, with programs including *Inside Appalachia*, *West Virginia Morning*, and *Dateline West Virginia* as well as the basic news stories that went into these specific programs. Also received were *Aging With Grace and Dignity* and some other special programs. In October, WCHS Air Check tapes and DVDs for the 2008-2015 period were received. The moving images archivist assisted several film producers, including Russ Barbour of West Virginia Public Broadcasting, whose projects included documentaries on West Virginia and the Vietnam War and the Division of Culture and History.

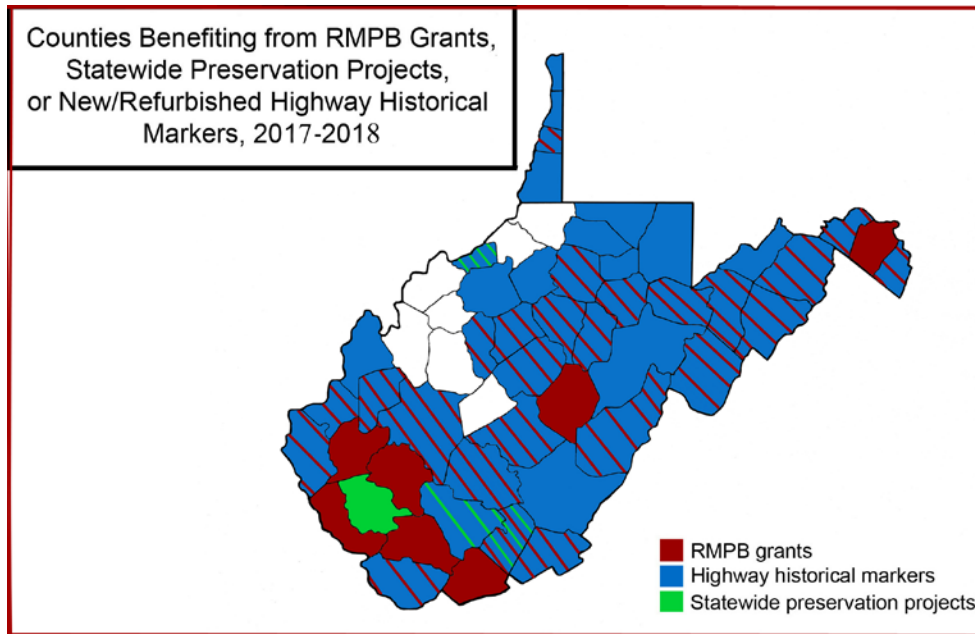
During the fiscal year, 141 rolls of microfilm were produced in filming 63 newspapers—39 weeklies, 23 dailies, and 1 monthly—for the period from 1995 to 2018. Issues of *The Highland Voice* for the 1995-2010 period were filmed, but other newspapers dated to the twenty-first century, primarily 2016 and 2017.

Highway Markers

During the year, 11 markers were refurbished, 7 were replaced, and 45 new markers were ordered. The latter figure is largely comprised of markers created as part of the sesquicentennial marker project. By the end of June 2018, 125 of the eventual 160 new sesquicentennial markers had been ordered. Archives and History continued to work with the Division of Highways regional district offices and local historical societies to determine suitable locations for new markers as they were delivered from the manufacturer.

Markers were distributed across 40 counties in the state. Following is a list of markers refurbished/replaced in the 2017-2018 fiscal year:

Town of Burnsville—Braxton
John S. Witcher—Cabell
Cabell County/Wayne County—Cabell
Camp Washington Carver—Fayette
Greenbrier County Courthouse—Greenbrier
Newell—Hancock
Simon Kenton—Kanawha
Easton Roller Mill—Monongalia
Ice's Ferry—Monongalia
Statler's Fort—Monongalia
State's Birthplace—Ohio
Wheeling Suspension Bridge—Ohio
Franklin—Pendleton
Old Judy Church—Pendleton
Stalnaker Cabin Site & Cemetery—Randolph
Corrick's Ford—Tucker
Fort Minear—Tucker
Indian Camp—Upshur



Following is a list of new markers ordered in the fiscal year:

*Benjamin F. Kelley—Barbour**
*Isaac H. Duval—Brooke**
*Perry Hays & George Silcott/Louisa Hays & Amie Silcott—Calhoun**
*West Union/Skirmish at West Union—Doddridge**
Dubois High School—Fayette
Oak Hill Rail Road Depot—Fayette
*The Gilmer Rifles—Gilmer**
*Petersburg Presbyterian Church—Grant**
*Lew Wallace's Raid on Romney—Hampshire**
*Morgan's Raid—Hancock**
*Willow Wall—Hardy**
*Granville Davisson Hall—Harrison**
*John Yates Beall—Jefferson**
*Birkett Davenport Fry—Kanawha**
*Camp Piatt—Kanawha**
*Fort Scammon—Kanawha**
*William Starke Rosecrans—Kanawha**
*Pierson's Rangers—Lewis**
*McDowell in the Civil War—McDowell**
*Alpheus F. Haymond/Thomas S. Haymond—Marion**
*Francis H. Pierpont—Marion**
*Julia Robertson Pierpont—Marion**
*Thomas H. Trainer—Marshall**
*Daniel Haymond Polesley—Mason**
*Fort Fuller/Capture of New Creek—Mineral**
*Confederate Postal Service—Monroe**
*Joseph S. Wheat—Morgan**
*Raid on Summersville—Nicholas**

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*Archibald W. Campbell/Wheeling Intelligencer—Ohio**
*The Athenaeum—Ohio**
*Rebecca Harding Davis—Ohio**
*Camp Luther—Pendleton**
*Raid on St. Marys—Pleasants**
*Battle of Mill Point—Pocahontas**
*Flag Raising—Preston**
*Winfield/Battle of Winfield—Putnam**
Beckley Mill—Raleigh
*Rosser's Raid/Mt. Iser Cemetery—Randolph**
*Harrisville/Thomas Maley Harris—Ritchie**
Farley's Fort/Thomas Farley—Summers
*Mercer Salt Works—Summers**
*Grafton Military Hospital—Taylor**
Blackwater Canyon Grade—Tucker
*Capture of St. George/Imboden's Expedition—Tucker**
*Polley Freedom Case/William Ratliff (Ratcliff)—Wayne**

*sesquicentennial marker

Records Management

The statewide county records preservation project staff continued to travel back and forth to county courthouses

to collect and return deed books. Over the course of the year, staff digitized 577 record books in Pleasants, Raleigh, and Summers counties; converted an additional 46 greyscale deed books to black and white images for Logan County, and improved images for another 30 books that had been previously converted to black and white for Raleigh. In the case of Summers County, staff also scanned three maps and 13 individual pages from deed books.

As part of continuing efforts to transfer historically significant county records to the State Archives, staff picked up the earliest records from the county clerk's offices in Doddridge and Lewis counties and chancery and law case files from the circuit clerks in McDowell, Mercer, and Pleasants counties.

In the fifteenth round of Records Management and Preservation Board (RMPB) grants, 36 counties were awarded grants totaling \$411,014 for projects scheduled to begin on July 1, 2018. Monongalia County received the largest award, \$25,000, for roller shelving, while Barbour

Records Management and Preservation Grants 2017-2018

<u>County</u>	<u>Granted</u>
Barbour	\$9,691.00
Berkeley	\$16,942.00
Boone	\$5,000.00
Braxton	\$12,725.00
Cabell	\$7,297.00
Calhoun	\$15,172.00
Fayette	\$17,722.00
Gilmer	\$9,415.00
Grant	\$8,763.00
Hampshire	\$7,704.00
Hardy	\$12,410.00
Harrison	\$10,000.00
Jefferson	\$6,500.00
Kanawha	\$10,781.00
Lewis	\$10,000.00
Lincoln	\$9,386.00
McDowell	\$4,955.00
Mercer	\$9,452.00
Mingo	\$18,000.00
Monroe	\$9,500.00
Morgan	\$6,455.00
Nicholas	\$4,864.00
Ohio	\$10,000.00
Pendleton	\$4,909.00
Pocahontas	\$11,197.00
Putnam	\$9,682.00
Summers	\$4,500.00
Tucker	\$11,891.00
Upshur	\$10,000.00
Wayne	\$9,723.00
Webster	\$20,000.00
Wyoming	\$7,409.00
Total	\$322,145.00

County was awarded \$4,000 to digitize oil and gas and deed books and to purchase a color document scanner for the county clerk's office.

Grants underway during the 2017-2018 year averaged just over \$10,000. The largest three grants, to Webster, Mingo, and Fayette, were awarded for the purchase of moveable track shelving. The smallest four grants, awarded to Summers, Nicholas, Pendleton, and McDowell counties, involved restoration and encapsulation of maps or books in county clerk's offices. Several grants related to digitization projects.

Inter-Agency Support

Staff provided assistance to several state agencies regarding their records and retention schedules and also responded to requests for information on various topics. Staff continued to assist the Department of Education with preparation of the Golden Horseshoe test, serve as judges at the Social Studies Fair, and read names of Golden Horseshoe recipients at the ceremony in May.

Culture and History Internal Support

Archives and History continued to play a substantial role in the division's West Virginia History Bowl, which tests eighth-grade students on their knowledge of history, art, preservation, and cultural topics. Regional competitions were held in February and March, with a play-in competition in March. There were 119 teams representing 72 schools in 38 counties. The winning and runner-up teams from each regional were eligible to participate in the state competition, which brought 24 teams to the Culture Center on April 24. In the championship round of the double-elimination tournament, one of two teams from Cameron High School (Marshall) defeated one of the two South Middle School (Monongalia) teams. A team from Madison Middle (Boone) placed third, while a team from Keyser (Mineral) placed fourth. The Archives and History Library served as one of the competition venues for the statewide tournament.



Archives and History staff continued to provide support to other sections within the Division of Culture and History. Library staff assisted staff in other sections with various research topics. The photo archivist provided 153 digital images for *Goldenseal* magazine, published through the Communications unit, 7 for Historic Preservation, and 317 prints and digital images for exhibits and the museum. Through arrangements made by the division, Archives and History staff also dedicated much time in searching for and printing 36 gratis images for individuals in other state and legislative offices.

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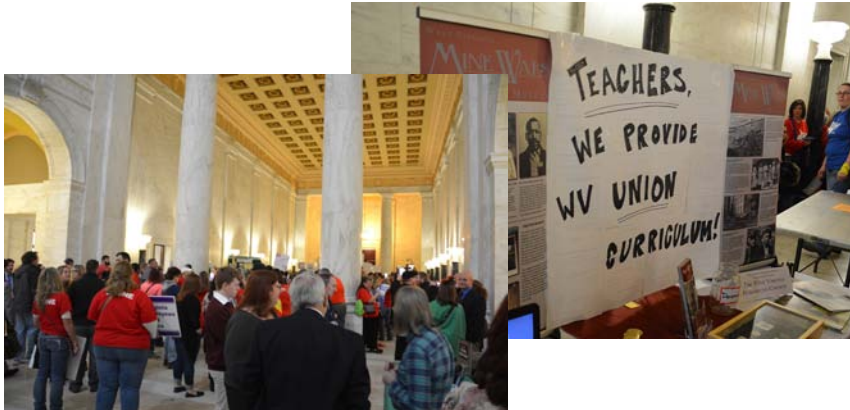
During the fiscal year, one new Archives and History exhibit went on display in the photo gallery located in the north wing off the Great Hall, between the library and the entrance to the hallway leading to the Archives and History offices. In August, a new Archives and History display on road construction replaced an exhibit on World War One, and it remained in place until June.

As was the case the previous year, staff were requested to devote a portion of their Memorial Day weekend to the division's annual Vandalia Gathering. Staff provided assistance to other sections, as well as to the division.

Outreach

Archives and History staff were involved in various outreach activities during the year. The monthly evening lectures were held in the Archives and History Library. Through division press releases and e-blasts, constituents were notified about upcoming library events.

Archives and History continued to reach out via YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter as well. Staff uploaded 39 videos to Archives and History's main YouTube channel and published 254 tweets during fiscal 2017-2018.



The twenty-second annual History Day at the Legislature was held on February 22, 2018, which happened to be the first day that striking teachers descended on the capitol en masse. Approximately 50 groups were able to get into the capitol and set up displays,

but because of the extreme noise and crushing crowds, many were not able to stay long. Some groups, including Archives and History, were able to establish contacts with striking teachers that may bear fruit in the future, however. Groups around the state nominated 38 History Heroes, 30 of whom accepted their awards in person. Jon Parrish Peede, chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, spoke at the reception before the ceremony in the Culture Center.

Peede also spoke at the winter Archives and History Commission meeting, which was held the same day in the Culture Center. United States Senator Shelley Moore Capito and Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden stopped by to greet members prior to the meeting.

The nineteenth annual Hoot Owl was held in the Archives and History Library on April 6-7, 2018. The all-night event, co-sponsored by Archives and History and the Mining Your History Foundation, was attended by 26 people. Staff and MYHF volunteers assisted researchers in locating materials. Proceeds from the annual event are dedicated to purchase and support the collections of the Archives library.

Archives and History served as the venue for the FestivALL Oral History Project of Eric Douglas in both May and June 2018. In May a pre-FestivALL event was held during Vandalia to capture interviews of people connected to that event. In June, the project focused on Charleston baseball. Staff also worked with the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts on a October 13-14, 2017, workshop at the Culture Center designed to provide information about collections' policies and risk assessment.

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Archives and History Staff (2017-2018)

Joe Geiger Jr.	director
Debra Basham	assistant director/records archivist

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Constance Baston	project specialist
Matt Dailey	state documents specialist
Dick Fauss	audio/film archivist
Mary Johnson	historian/archivist
Randy Marcum	historian
Matt McGrew	education coordinator
Chuck Ocheltree	historian
Aaron Parsons	photo archivist

Library:

Susan Scouras	library manager
Elaine Gates	research specialist
Harold Newman	research specialist
Michael Shock	librarian
Jaime Simmons	research specialist

Records Management and Preservation Board:

Denise Ferguson	county records archivist
Kyle Campbell	county records specialist

Support:

Tina Reed	secretary
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Archives and History Commission (2017-2018)

Voting members:

Tommy Bailey, St. Albans
Dr. Melissa Bingmann, Morgantown
Dr. Robert S. Conte, White Sulphur Springs
Nat DeBruin, Huntington
Harold Forbes, Morgantown
Becky Frye, Martinsburg
Victor Greco, Wheeling
Darlene Hassler, Harpers Ferry
Dr. Charles Ledbetter, Scott Depot
Audy Perry, Huntington
Nathan J. Randolph, Huntington
Dr. David Trowbridge, Huntington
Dr. Joan Walker, Hedgesville

Ex officio voting members:

Fredrick H. Armstrong (president, West Virginia Historical Society), Charleston
Dr. William S. Arnett (president, West Virginia Historical Association), Morgantown

Ex officio nonvoting members:

Joseph N. Geiger Jr. (director, Archives and History, and secretary to the commission), Huntington
Dr. Michael Ed. Hohn (director, West Virginia Geological and Economic Survey), Morgantown
Charles Morris (director, Museums), Charleston
J. Logan Smith (president, Preservation Alliance of West Virginia, Inc.), Elkins
Susan Pierce (director, Historic Preservation), Charleston
Randall Reid-Smith (commissioner, Culture and History), Charleston

Records Management and Preservation Board (2017-2018)

John Bennett, prosecuting attorney, Logan
Betsy Castle, circuit clerk, Kingwood
Diana Cromley, county clerk, Point Pleasant
Betty Harmison, genealogical/historical society representative, Berkeley Springs
Mark Musick, assessor, Morgantown
Jack David Woodrum, county commissioner, Hinton
Chuck Zerkle, sheriff, Huntington
Vacant, attorney

Ex officio members:

Randall Reid-Smith (commissioner, Culture and History), Charleston
Barbara Allen (interim director, Administrative Office of the Courts), Charleston
designee Matt Arrowood (deputy director, Division of Court Services)
John Dunlap (director, Office of Technology), Charleston
designee Justin McAllister (chief financial officer, Office of Technology)

2017-2018 Accessions

State Government Records

Capitol costs. Information from state Audit of the Finances re: capitol construction costs (photocopies), 1921-33. 1 folder. Transfer from State Documents. Ar1812acc

Division of Highways. Cemetery Relocations, 1990-2001. 2 boxes. Transfer from Historic Preservation. Ar2084

Doddridge County. Records of county clerk including marriages, wills, deeds, claims, filings, oaths, bonds, roads, elections and other records, 1783-1949. 27 boxes. Doddridge County Clerk's Office, West Union. Ar2086

Lewis County. Deeds, marriages, wills and other records, 1816-1928. 16 boxes. Lewis County Clerk, Weston. Ar2085

Pleasants County. Chancery and law orders, indictments, bonds and other documents, 1846-1979. Pleasants County Circuit Clerk, St. Marys. 96 boxes. Ar2087

Manuscripts

Ayre, Richard H. Collection. Papers of WWII telecommunications officer and Sunrise Mansion board member, 1920-46. 1 box. Transfer from Museum. Ms2018-004

Barton Family Collection. Correspondence, certificates and other materials of family including William A. Barton and his son Robert Jameson Barton who was killed in Vietnam, 1936-93. 1 box. Halcyon Moses, Huntington. Ms2018-007

Billheimer, Gordon E. Collection. Diary entries, Feb-April 2015, April 2016-May 2017. 5 folders. Gordon E. Billheimer, Montgomery. Ms2008-101acc

Buffalo Creek. Report on Failure of Dam no. 3 on the Middle Fork of Buffalo Creek; overhead projector presentation; After Aberfan-Buffalo Creek by Roger K. Seals; articles and clippings, 1972-73. 1 box. Roger K. Seals, Baton Rouge, LA. Ms2018-008

Civilian Conservation Corps. Booklet about Camp Rhododendron (Coopers Rock) by Kenneth L. Carvell, 1996. 1 item. Transfer from library. Ms85-17acc

Hall, Bernard Collection. Correspondence and other documents of WWII soldier and later medical claims with VA and Social Security, 1921-78. 5 folders. Wendy Beaver, Sumerco. Ms2018-013

Holly River Company. Correspondence and stock certificates for company purchased by Edgar C. Kincaid, 1893-1901. 1 folder. Katherine K. Newman, Sacramento, CA. Ms2018-015

Keely Family Collection. Correspondence of family, mostly George and Louisa Keely, who moved from Maine to Kanawha County, also 13th Maine Infantry, 1848-1956. 2 boxes. Steven Meadows, St. Albans. Ms2017-038

League of Women Voters of West Virginia. Correspondence, other files, 1943-2017. 7 boxes. League of Women Voters of West Virginia, Nancy Novak, Secretary, Vienna. Ms2018-002

Literary manuscript. "Faith Builders" by Maggie Powers about St. Anthony's Parish (formerly St. Ladislaus) in Charleston, 2015. 1 folder. Maggie Powers, Charleston. Ms2018-014

Literary manuscript. "In the Service of Their Country" by Benjamin Woodard re: WWI Cabell County casualties, 2018. 1 folder. Benjamin Woodard, Huntington. Ms2018-016

Livisay, Tanner J. Collection. Papers of Home Demonstration Agent and Extension Service Agent, 1927-91. 12 boxes. Marilyn Livisay Stewart, Detroit, MI. Ms2018-001

Naylor Family Collection. Correspondence of the family of Walter L. Naylor, mostly his wife Elfa and children Merle, Carl, and Rex, 1869-1997. 6 boxes. Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. Ms2017-039

Peterson, Roland H. Collection. Correspondence, greeting cards, school materials and other miscellaneous records, 1929-2006. 1 box. Marcia Peterson Daoust. Ms2009-008acc

Robinson, William Burton Collection. Correspondence of Korean War soldier and family and friends, 1951-57. 1 box. Jo Ann L. Robinson, Renick. Ms2018-006

Taylor, J. Alfred Collection. Papers of Fayette County newspaper publisher and politician who served in West Virginia House, U.S. House, Fayette County School Board, 1897-2007. 1 box. Linda Myers, Fayetteville. Ms2018-005

WV Society, US Daughters of 1812. Minutes of Lord Calvert Chapter, 1958-65, 1968-2008. 3 volumes. Jean Eads, Culloden. Ms86-93acc

Photographs

Barton Family Collection. B&W and slides of family including Robert Jameson Barton who was killed in Vietnam, ca. 1925-88. 1 box (58 prints, 713 slides). Halcyon Moses, Huntington. Ph2018-007

Buffalo Creek. Slides taken during inspection trip as member of National Academy of Engineering inspection team, 1972-73. 70 items. Roger K. Seals, Baton Rouge, LA. Ph2018-008

Photo album. Charles Robert "Flip" Crouch Collection, *USS Idaho* BB-42, 1943-45. 1 volume (83 items). Yvonne Pearson via Kelly Fields, U.S. Navy Poster Museum of Point Pleasant, Point Pleasant. Ph2018-017

Postcards. Science and Culture Center exterior, Great Hall, theater, ca. 1976. 3 items. Unknown donor. Ph2017-034

Postcards. Various West Virginia scenes, 1910s-20s. 9 items. Greenfield Historical Society, Greenfield, OH. Ph2017-036

Postcards. Various West Virginia scenes, 1910s-60s. 18 items. Florida Memory Project, State Archives of Florida, Tallahassee, FL. Ph2017-035

Postcards. Various West Virginia scenes, 1910s-90s. 107 items. Mrs. R. McCann, Aiken, SC. Ph2017-037

Reader, Peyton and Eight Mile Schools. B&W of students, staff at schools where Ruby Charlene Morgan Smith taught, 1920s-30s. 15 items. Pat Griffin. Ph2018-011

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Scenic views. B&W prints of views along Rt. 50, Rt. 52, coal mine and other views, 1932 June. 15 items. Michaele Haynes, San Antonio, TX. Ph2018-009

Taylor, J. Alfred Collection. B&W of Fayette County politician, publisher, member of Moose and family and friends, ca. 1900-54. 83 items. Linda Myers, Fayetteville. Ph2018-005

Winfield Dam #1 construction. B&W taken by engineer F. J. "Spike" Lloyd Jr., 1935-37. 198 items. Mrs. A. A. Lloyd. Ph2018-012

World War I. B&W of train carrying men off to training with banner Wheeling to Berlin, 1917-18. 1 item. Rhea Mihalisin. Ph2018-010

Young, John J. Jr. Collection. Negatives and slides of railroad scenes, equipment, ca. 1950-70. 2 boxes (1,302 negatives, 235 slides). Estate of John J. Young Jr., Elizabeth Davis Young, Executrix, Charleston. Ph2010-023acc

Special Collections

Business card. G. Eason Eige, Chief Curator, Huntington Galleries, ca. 1985. 1 item. Transfer from Library. Sc2018-020

Certificate. Society of the Army of West Virginia issued to W. L. Drake, 1887. 1 item. Malcolm McQueen, Horseshoe Bay, TX. Sc2018-019

Drawings. New River Gorge Bridge plans by Michael Baker Jr. consulting engineers, 1973 April. 164 pp. Transfer from Museum. Sc2017-033

Greeting cards, campaign invitation. Christmas cards sent by Governor and later Senator John D. Rockefeller and family; 1980 campaign invitation; 1990 campaign invitation; 1979-90. 15 items. Peggy Koury, South Charleston. Sc2018-018

Program. American Education Week program at Jefferson Junior High, 1985 Nov. 21. 1 item. Unknown donor. Sc2005-003acc

Program. Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner, 1985 Aug. 3. 1 item. Unknown donor. Sc2018-022

Program, baccalaureate service, Charleston High graduating class 1938; commencement invitation Stonewall Jackson High 1943. 2 items. Gary Monday via Bill Kelley, Charleston. Sc2005-003acc

Publication. *Classic Trains Magazine* with article about Centennial Train by Alan Byer, 2017. 3 items. Kalmbach Publishing Company, Waukesha, WI. Sc2018-023

Receipt. Post office box rent at Pine Grove, Wetzel County, received by postmaster Luther A. Benedum, 1898. 1 item. Unknown donor. Sc2018-021

Rubber Fabricators. Additional materials re: Grantsville and Richwood industries, 1968-76. 1 folder. Herm Hoops, Jensen, UT. Sc2012-045acc

Scrapbooks. Pineville Homemakers, 1983-84, 1996. 2 volumes. Shirley Phillips, Saulsville. Sc2018-003

Scrapbooks. WV NOW, 2015 May - 2017 June. 9 volumes. Bettijane Burger, Charleston. Sc97-27acc

- Yearbook. Charleston High *Charlestonian*, 1925. 1 volume. Bill Wintz, St. Albans. Sc2005-003acc
- Yearbook. Clendenin High School Senior Pictorial, 1943, *Clenecho*, 1948. 2 items. Unknown donor. Sc2005-003acc
- Yearbook. Davis and Elkins *Senatus*, 1970. Marshall University Morrow Library, Huntington. Sc2005-003acc
- Yearbook. McKinley Junior High School 1st annual May Festival, 1964 May 16. 1 item. Unknown donor. Sc2005-003acc
- Yearbook. Poca High *Pocatalico*, 1956. 1 volume. Bonita Schreckengost, Spencer. Sc2005-003acc
- Yearbook. Salem College *Dirigo*, 1953. 1 volume. Clay Hamilton, Hightown, VA. Sc2005-003acc
- Yearbook. Weir High *Weirite*, 1940. 1 volume. J. Sherman, San Antonio, TX. Sc2005-003acc
- Yearbooks. Barboursville Junior High, 1971-73; Elkview Middle *Antler*, 2003-2004. 5 volumes. Unknown donor. Sc2005-003acc
- Yearbooks. Berkeley Springs High *Arrowhead*, 1984-89; W. Ralph Widmyer Elementary, 1980-83; North Berkeley Elementary, 1977-79. 13 volumes. Kelly Loughry, Charleston. Sc2005-003acc
- Yearbooks, Ceredo-Kenova *Heraldus*, 1928-29. 2 items. Charles and Lota Bryans, Townsend, GA. Sc2005-003acc
- Yearbooks. Charleston High *Charlestonian*, 1932-33. 2 volumes. Margaret Barbour for Martha Adams Meadows Maddy, Huntington. Sc2005-003acc
- Yearbooks. Charleston High *Charlestonian*, 1937; Magnolia High *Magnollian*, 1944. 2 items. Peggy Kourey, South Charleston. Sc2005-003acc
- Yearbooks. Cross Lanes Christian *Centurian*, 1985; Andrew Jackson Junior *Journal*, 1981; Nitro High *Nitronian*, 1984; Marshall *Chief Justice*, 1986-89. 7 volumes. Lisa Turley, Charleston. Sc2005-003acc
- Yearbooks. Dorothy Elementary, 1954; Morris Harvey *Harveyan*, 1952; East Bank High *Kanawhan*, 1989, 1992. 4 volumes. Karen Gray, Belle. Sc2005-003acc
- Yearbooks. Green District High, 1917; Magnolia High *Magnolia*, 1919-20, 1922; Reader High, *Reader* 1938; Tyler County High *Echo*, 1922; West Liberty *Trumpet*, 1933 and ephemera, 1917-38. 8 volumes and 5 items. Pat Griffin, New Bern, NC. Sc2005-003acc
- Yearbooks. Logan High *Guyana*, 1963-64. 2 items. John Baisden, Aurora, IL. Sc2005-003acc
- Yearbooks. Magnolia High *The Magnolian*, 1941-2013. 28 volumes. New Martinsville Public Library, New Martinsville. Sc2005-003acc
- Yearbooks. Stonewall Jackson High *Jacksonian*, 1941-43; reunion booklet for Class of 1943, 1978. 5 items. Betty Woomey, Charleston. Sc2005-003acc
- Yearbooks. Webster Springs *The Mountaineer*, 1921, 1925. 2 volumes. Jackie Krafft, Richwood. Sc2005-003acc

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Yearbooks. West Junior High, 1979-81; Beverly Hills Junior High, 1980-81; Vinson High, 1976, 1979; Huntington High, 1982-84; Huntington East, 1982-84; Wayne Junior High newsletter, 1974; 14 items. Jendonnae L. Houdyschell, Huntington. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Wheeling Park High School, 2014-16. 3 volumes. Wheeling Park High School, Wheeling. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbook, ephemera. Sissonville High *Sissonian*, 1970; *Redskin Reader* newspapers, song sheets for Sissonville High, newsletter of Benjamin Franklin Career and Technical Education Center, 1970-73. 10 items. Debbie Breedlove, South Charleston. Sc2005-003acc