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From the Editor:

As fall approaches the number of historical/genealogical societies and other organizations who have announced lectures, workshops and other events is growing. Please support your local groups by attending a regular meeting featuring a speaker or a special public event. We all benefit from learning new information and meeting new people. Even if we are unable to commit to an actual membership in an organization, we can still provide support to a society and gain a benefit for ourselves at the same time by taking advantage of these one-time opportunities. Maybe I'll run into you at the West Virginia Book Festival or the McCreight Lecture in the Humanities this October.

Peyton to Present *Charleston: Then & Now* on Sept. 7

Dr. Billy Joe Peyton will speak on *Charleston: Then & Now* at the monthly Tuesday evening lecture in the Archives and History Library on September 7, 2010. With the permanent movement of the state capital to Charleston in the 1880s and the growth of industry and commerce, people flocked to the city for work, shopping, and entertainment in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Although the city has changed considerably over the years, the past still matters. Peyton will show views of past and present Charleston and discuss the history the changing landscape reveals.

Billy Joe Peyton holds a Ph.D. in history from West Virginia University. His public history career has included working for the university, West Virginia Division of Culture and History, National Park Service, and PBS Television. He currently is associate professor and chair of the History Department at West Virginia State University. A resident of Charleston's historic East

End, he also is active in local history and preservation efforts. Peyton is the author of *Charleston*, published in 2010 as part of Arcadia's Then & Now series.

All Archives and History workshop and lecture sessions are free and the public is invited to attend. On September 7, the library will close at 5 p.m. and reopen at 5:45 p.m. for participants only. Advance registration for the workshop is not required, but is encouraged to

help plan seating arrangements and supplies for the session. To register in advance, contact Robert Taylor, library manager, by e-mail at bobby.l.taylor@wv.gov or at (304) 558-0230, ext. 163. Participants interested in registering by e-mail should send their name, telephone number and the name and date of the session. For additional information, contact the Archives and History Library at (304) 558-0230.

Labor History Celebrated in September

The week of the Labor Day holiday has been designated by the West Virginia Legislature in House Concurrent Resolution No. 58 as Labor History Week in order to "increase the awareness and understanding of labor history and the contributions of workers to the state, nation and world." The resolution also states that "Some of the most significant labor events in the history of the United States

happened in West Virginia and our state has a rich labor history." [Full text of the resolution may be found online at http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Bill_Text_HTML/2010_SESSIONS/rs/BILLS/hcr58%20intr.htm.]

West Virginia Archives and History is a rich resource for researchers in West Virginia labor history, particularly the West

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Virginia Labor History Association Collection, Ms 2006-001. A finding aid for this manuscript collection is posted on our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/ms2006-001.html>. The collection includes files for companies and individuals involved in labor issues, Labor Hall of Honor recipients, activities in which the Labor History Association was involved, as well as documents and publications for numerous labor unions and organizations. Three boxes of photographs are also available in Ph 2006-001 of the Archives Photograph Collection.

The Archives and History online Voyager catalog can be searched for various labor related topics and names. A keyword search using the terms "West Virginia Labor" brings up 70 titles in the Archives and History collection. The Advanced Search feature can be used to build more specific topic searches, using combinations of such terms as "coal," "union," "transportation," "steel," etc. Our sister state library, the West Virginia Library Commission (WVLC) Library, also has many labor-related resources in its collections of books, periodicals, films, and

Research Resources in Archives and History News

Previous issues of *West Virginia Archives and History News* have many articles discussing research resources available through the West Virginia Archives and History Library, as well as information and tips on the research process itself. You can locate them using the Subject and Title indexes posted on the Archives and History News page of our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/ahnews/ahnews.html>. If you do not find what you are interested in using the Subject index, try searching the Title index using a keyword in the "Find on this Page"

| Evening Workshops and Lecture Schedule | | |
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| Date | Conducted by: | Subject |
| September 7 Tuesday | Billy Joe Peyton | <i>Charleston Then & Now</i> |
| October 5 Tuesday | Pam Makricosta | <i>Yiayia's Bundle: A Greek Experience in West Virginia</i> |
| November 9 Tuesday | Terry Lowry | <i>Researching Military History</i> |
| December 7 Tuesday | Jaime Simmons | <i>Digging into the Draper Collection: Researching the Settlement of Western Virginia</i> |

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

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.

state and federal documents. The WVLC Library has also compiled a bibliography of online resources intended primarily for classroom teachers, but of interest to all who would like to learn more, posted on their Web site at <http://wvlguides.org/content.php?pid=130497>. Listings include DVD, 16mm film and VHS format audio-visual recordings, with annotations provided for

teachers to use in deciding whether to use them in their classrooms, as well as an entire labor history curriculum.

Those who have a continuing interest in West Virginia's labor history may want to contact the historical society founded for that purpose:

West Virginia Labor History Association
 P. O. Box 5156
 Charleston, WV 25361

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

elsewhere on our Web site) that you may find interesting and helpful:

- Not-So-Buried Treasures series
- Part I: Manuscripts and Special Collections, March 2007
- Part II: Governor's Papers, April 2007
- Part III: Archival/State Government Records

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Collections, May 2007

- Part IV: Images Other Than Photographs, June 2007
 - Part V: Microfilm Collection
 - Vital Records in West Virginia series
 - Births, October 2007 [See also updated “Quick Guide to Births” at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/quickguidetobirth.pdf>.]
 - Deaths, November 2007 [See also updated “Quick Guide to Deaths” at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/quickguidetodeath.pdf>.]
 - Marriages, December 2007 [See also updated “Quick Guide to Marriages” at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/quickguidetomarrriage.pdf>.]
 - Early Marriage Laws in Virginia/West Virginia, June 2004
 - West Virginia Vital Research Records [The most up-to-date version is found at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/vitalrecordsarticle.pdf>.]
 - Virginia Legislative Petitions for West Virginia Counties, March 2009
 - Personal Property Tax Lists, September 2002
 - Personal Property Tax Lists Holdings, An Update, July 2003
- A variety of articles deal with West Virginia county records and related topics:
- West Virginia’s 55 Counties, August 2000
 - Missing West Virginia County Records, February 2001
 - Additions and Corrections (to the preceding article), August 2001
 - Microfilmed West Virginia County Records, May 2003
 - West Virginia County Records Research Tips, June 2003
 - Courthouse Disasters & Myths, May 2004
 - Border Confusion, October 2004
 - Additional West Virginia County

Records on Microfilm Now Available in Archives and History Library, November 2004

- More on Courthouses, County Records and County Seats, December 2004

Most of the resources discussed in these articles will only be available to visitors in the Archives and History Library, but a limited amount of research in some collections may be available by mail request with a fee. If you are considering such a request or have questions about a resource, contact us by telephone at (304) 558-0230, Ext. 168, or e-mail Robert L. Taylor, library manager, bobby.l.taylor@wv.gov, or if you think a specific staff member may be more knowledgeable about a certain area, call that staff member at the same number, or locate an e-mail address at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/contactus.html>.

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 for preservation efforts through the National Park Service Fund. 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, 2012.

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 needs of eligible projects in other categories have been addressed. All grant monies must be administered in accordance with federal and state requirements. The deadline for applications is October 31, 2010. Program descriptions, a grants manual and application packets, including funding priorities and selection criteria are available by contacting Pamela Brooks, SHPO grants coordinator, (304) 558-0240, ext. 720, or by writing: SHPO, WV Division of Culture and History, The Culture Center, 1900 Kanawha Blvd. E, Charleston, WV 25305-0300, or at <http://www.wvculture.org/shpo/forms.html>. The announcement of grants is planned for February 2011, contingent upon receipt of an allocation by the National Park Service.

[Division of Culture and History press release, July 27, 2010.]

Genealogy Club

Archives and History Library

**Every Tuesday Morning
10:00-11:00 a.m.**

**Once-a-Month Second
Thursday, 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

Beginning Genealogy Drew Crowd for August First Tuesday

A full house attended the *Beginning Genealogy* First Tuesday presentation in the Archives and History Library in the Archives and History Library on August 3. Archives librarian Susan Scouras addressed a group of 71 people interested in learning more about researching family history. Her focus was on the basics of researching, verifying and recording genealogy information, and on the resources available through the West Virginia Archives and History Library. For photographs of the evening, visit the Archives and History Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops/wkshp080310.html>. To learn about both past and upcoming presentations, visit <http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops.html>.

All who were unable to attend the August lecture but would like to begin their own genealogy are encouraged to visit the Archives and History Library and talk to our staff, and to attend Archives Genealogy Club meetings. The Tuesday Morning Genealogy Club meets every Tuesday morning

from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Archives Library in The Culture Center. The Thursday Evening Genealogy Club meets once a month on the second Thursday of every month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Some meetings feature a speaker or special topic, but the main purpose of the clubs is for researchers to share information and research tips, as well as to discuss any problems they are having in finding records. Staff members are always available to answer questions and to assist researchers in determining



appropriate records to search for particular types of information. For more information about the genealogy clubs, contact Robert L. Taylor, Archives Library manager, (304) 558-0230, or bobby.l.taylor@wv.gov.

Survey Taken of Beginning Genealogists

On August 3, 2010, Archives and History's First Tuesday lecture was on Beginning Genealogy. Of the 67 persons who attended, 46 (69%) filled out a brief survey. Their responses were as follows:

1. Have you already started genealogy research? Yes: 37, No: 9

2. Have you visited the West Virginia Archives Library before today? Yes: 33, No: 13.
3. Have you used Internet resources for genealogy? Yes: 33, No: 13.
4. Are you comfortable using computers and the Internet? Yes: 38, No: 7, Yes/No: 1.
5. Are you working toward joining a lineage society? Yes: 15, No: 21, Maybe: 10.
6. Are you interested in additional genealogy classes or lectures here? Yes: 44, No: 1, Maybe: 1.

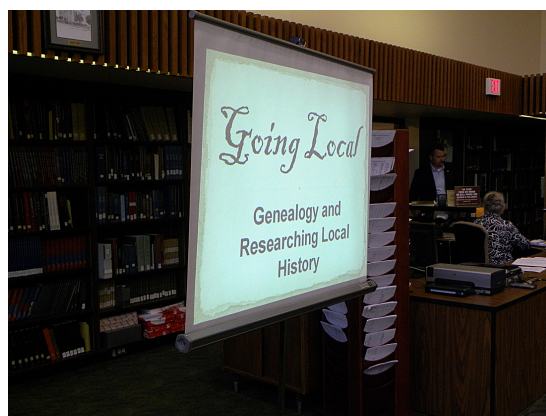
A survey using these same six questions was conducted following

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Thursday Evening Genealogy Club Learns About "Going Local"

Archives assistant director Bryan Ward addressed the Thursday

Evening Genealogy Club regarding "Going Local: Genealogy and Researching Local History" on August 12. Ward discussed using locally oriented resources such as yearbooks, newspapers, county histories, city directories and more to develop a more complete picture of the lives of people, as well as to pick up clues for family history research. View photographs of the



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15th Annual History Day,
February 24, 2011

evening at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops/2010august/genclub.html>.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

At this time, we are searching for volunteers to help us enter the contents of all of our surname files into a database that will be made available to the public. If you are interested in helping us with this project, please contact Cathy Miller, cathy.s.miller@wv.gov, (304) 558-0230.

a similar Beginning Genealogy presentation in 2009, with 41 attending and 36 (88%) responding. The percentage of yes and no answers to questions 1, 3, 4 and 6 were pretty much the same. There was a difference in response to question 2: in 2009, 47% had never been to the Archives before, while in 2010, 28% were first time visitors. Although a lower response rate makes the 2010 figure a little less reliable as an indicator, we hope this means we are being more successful in encouraging newcomers to visit the Archives and History Library. The really major difference was in response to question 5 regarding lineage societies. In 2009 no one surveyed was working toward membership, while in 2010, 32% were working toward membership and another 22% expressed possible future interest. Of the remaining 46% who were not working toward membership, several wrote notes saying they were already society members, so the actual number of people disinterested in a lineage society was even lower.

We know many societies, particularly lineage societies, are struggling just to maintain their groups, let alone grow. The survey results are a beacon of hope that interest in society memberships is returning. Societies need to make an extra effort to publicize themselves by getting media coverage of meetings and events,

New Titles

- Derelicts: An Account of Ships Lost at Sea in General Commerce and a Brief History of Blockade Runners Stranded Along the North Carolina Coast, 1861-1865:** James Sprunt, 2006, c1920.
- Audacity Personified: The Generalship of Robert E. Lee:** Peter S. Carmichael, ed., 2004.
- A Revolution Gone Backward: The Black Response to National Politics, 1876-1896:** Bess Beatty, 1987.
- The Republican Party: 1854-1964:** George H. Mayer, 1964.
- A History of the West Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs: Unity in Diversity:** Dollie A. Bassel, 1982.
- The Transportation Revolution: 1815-1860:** George Rogers Taylor, 1951.
- Quick Simple Food:** Susie Quick, 2003.
- Weekend Update:** Mark DeFoe, 2008.
- Growing Up in the Last Small Town in America: A West Virginia Memoir:** Bob Barnett, 2010.
- A Fighter from Way Back: The Mexican War Diary of Lt. Daniel Harvey Hill, 4th Artillery, USA:** Nathaniel Cheairs Hughes Jr. and Timothy D. Johnson, editors, 2002.
- The Civil War in Kanawha County, West Virginia 1860-1865:** Scott Alexander MacKenzie, 2007.
- Greenbrier County Cemeteries: White Sulphur District:** Greenbrier Historical Society, [no date].
- Cabell County West Virginia Births 1865-1888:** KYOWVA Genealogical and Historical Society, 2006.
- Cabell County West Virginia Marriages 1900-1911:** KYOWVA Genealogical and Historical Society, 2007.
- Look South: Chapters in the Story of an American Region:** Winfred B. Moore Jr. and Joseph F. Tripp, editors, 1989.
- The South: A History:** I. A. Newby, 1978.
- The South in the New Nation 1789-1819:** Thomas P. Abernethy, 1961.
- The South in the Revolution 1763-1789:** John Richard Alden, 1957.
- The History of Eskdale:** Marlene West Perry and Dale Payne, 2007.
- Window to the Past:** Melody Bragg, 1990.
- Historic Photos of West Virginia:** Gerald Swick, 2010.



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as well as announcing willingness to accept new members and to assist researchers in completing their family trees with adequate proofs for admission. Societies who would like to hold a general or special meeting at the Archives in the Culture Center in Charleston, or who

would like to bring researchers on a field trip to the Archives and History Library to conduct research are most welcome. Just contact library manager Robert L. Taylor, (304) 558-0230, bobby.l.taylor@wv.gov, and make arrangements.

Genealogy Surname Exchange

The West Virginia State Archives offers the Genealogy Surname Exchange as a service to researchers through Genealogy Corner on our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/surintro.html>. Over 4,000 surnames are listed, with a corresponding list of almost

3,300 researchers. Surnames are listed alphabetically with numbers corresponding to names and addresses in the researcher lists. If you would like to be listed as a researcher for up to five surnames, you can submit an online registration form posted at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/surnform2.html>, or fill out a paper form in the Archives and History Library.

To keep the Genealogy Surname Exchange as accurate as possible, listed researchers are asked to please notify us of any changes of address, phone number and/or e-mail address. If you are a user of the Exchange and have tried to contact a researcher only to have mail or e-mail returned as undeliverable, or have discovered an incorrect phone number, please notify us as well.

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.

“UPSHUR COUNTY CHILDREN OF SO VERY LONG AGO,” SUMMER 2010 EXHIBIT,
Through September 26: Sunday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Upshur County Historical Society, History Center Museum, Buckhannon. For more information, visit <http://upshurcountyhistoricalsociety.com> or e-mail info@upshurcountyhistoricalsociety.com.

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

BERKELEY FALL TOUR OF HOMES, September 11–12: Berkeley County Historical Society. For more information, visit <http://www.bchs.org/>.

WEST VIRGINIA TEXTILES EXHIBIT, September 15–October 31: Greenbrier Historical Society, North House Museum, Lewisburg. For more information, visit <http://www.greenbrierhistorical.org>.

“THE MAKING OF THE PRESIDENT 1860,” September 19: Gary Kornblith, speaker, Wood County Historical and Preservation Society and West Virginia Humanities Council. For more information, visit <http://www.wvculture.org/eventdetail.aspx?Id=1174>.

“EARLY BERKELEY COUNTY HOMES AND RESEARCHING HISTORIC PROPERTIES,” September 20: Don Wood, speaker, Shepherdstown Men’s Club and Jefferson County Historical Society, Shepherdstown. For more information, visit <http://www.wvculture.org/eventdetail.aspx?Id=1169>.

ROANE COUNTY GENEALOGY FAIR, September 25: Spencer. For more information, visit <http://www.wvculture.org/eventdetail.aspx?Id=1069>.

“WOOD COUNTY POOR FARM,” September 27: Bob Enoch, speaker, Wood County Historical and Preservation Society, Parkersburg. For more information, visit <http://www.wvculture.org/eventdetail.aspx?Id=1200>.

“THE JACKPOT ROCKSHELTER MYSTERY,” September 30: David N. Fuerst, speaker, Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex, Moundsville. For more information, contact Andrea Keller, (304) 843-4123, andrea.k.keller@wv.gov.

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

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WEST VIRGINIA BOOK FESTIVAL, October 15–16: Civic Center, Charleston. Featuring Civil War author and historian Dr. James Robertson. For more information, visit <http://wvbookfestival.org/> or contact Pam May, Kanawha County Public Library, pam.may@kanawha.lib.wv.us.

“HISTORY OF RANSON,” October 18: Bob O’Connor, speaker, Shepherdstown Men’s Club and Jefferson County Historical Society, Shepherdstown. For more information, visit <http://www.wvculture.org/eventdetail.aspx?Id=1170>.

“FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS,” MCCREIGHT LECTURE IN THE HUMANITIES, October 21: James Bradley, author and speaker, story of the American marines (including Bradley’s father, who raised the American flag on Iwo Jima during World War II). Norman L. Fagan West Virginia State Theater, The Culture Center, Charleston. Sponsored by the West Virginia Humanities Council.

“THE EARLIEST AMERICANS: CURRENT PERSPECTIVES ON PALEOAMERICAN ORIGINS, ARRIVALS, AND LIFE WAYS,” October 28: Jerry N. McDonald, Ph. D., speaker, Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex, Moundsville. For more information, contact Andrea Keller, (304) 843-4123, andrea.k.keller@wv.gov.

“SHOW AND TELL” WITH THE UPPER VANDALIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, October 31: Putnam County Board of Education Office, Winfield.

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

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

“IMPACTS OF JOHN BROWN RAID ON HARPERS FERRY,” November 15: Jim Addy, speaker, Shepherdstown Men’s Club and Jefferson County Historical Society, Shepherdstown. For more information, visit <http://www.wvculture.org/eventdetail.aspx?Id=1171>.

CHRISTMAS OVER TIME EXHIBIT, November 15–January 15, 2011: Greenbrier Historical Society, North House Museum, Lewisburg. For more information, visit <http://www.greenbrierhistorical.org>.

“THE RESURGENCE OF ANIKITUHWA: LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL REVITALIZATION AMONG THE EASTERN BAND CHEROKEE,” November 18: Travis Henline, speaker, Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex, Moundsville. For more information, contact Andrea Keller, (304) 843-4123, andrea.k.keller@wv.gov.

THANKSGIVING DAY, November 25: Archives Library will be *closed*.

THANKSGIVING FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, November 26–27: Archives Library will be *closed*.

CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24: Archives Library will be *closed*.

CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25: 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.

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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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