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Over the holidays consider asking your family members to update a family history in progress or to help compile a new one. Consult a genealogy how-to book or Web site for tips on how to frame your questions to get the most accurate answers, and how to encourage reluctant participants to share their knowledge. Update your gift ideas for family history researchers from the genealogy books and file folders of years past to Web site subscriptions and zip drives. Older histories need updating, too, with information on the current generations with citations of where to find records. "Real ID" driver's licenses and some medical programs call for documentation that not all family members will have or know where to find. Everyone in the family needs a documented trail of his or her name from birth to the current day for the living, and to the grave for those who have passed, with copies or citations for all legal name changes, marriages and divorces.

West Virginia Government Publications as a Resource

The items in the collection generally referred to as "government documents" are actually government *publications*, as opposed to working papers, reports, correspondence, etc., produced by government agencies for internal use. While some government documents are also published for distribution, such as annual reports and budgets, most documents are not published. On the other hand, an impressive array of subjects is covered in state publications. Most are specific to West Virginia in some way, but many are not.

You may be familiar with tourism brochures, state highway maps and periodicals such as *Wonderful West Virginia*, but have you read *Wild West Virginia A to Z*? You may have a copy of guides to birds, wildlife

or fish in West Virginia, but how about *Scales, Skinks, Scutes and Newts: An Introduction to West Virginia's Amphibians and Reptiles*? The Cooperative Extension Service publishes many useful, informative and instructive brochures about

pruning trees, canning fruits and vegetables, germs, recycling discarded objects into useful and even profitable items, raising baby chicks, home gardening or commercial agriculture, choosing meats, home

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Post-Civil War Legal Issues to be Focus of November 13 Library Program

On November 13, 2012, Dr. Kenneth R. Bailey will present "'Scratch 'em and Sue 'em': Post Civil War Legal Issues" at the Tuesday evening lecture in the Archives and History Library in the Culture Center in Charleston. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Civil War legal issues consumed much of West Virginia's court system for several years following the

war. Using a PowerPoint program, Bailey will discuss legal cases at the Supreme Court dealing with Reconstruction Era issues of voting, false arrest, belligerent rights, acts of Confederate county officers, the value of Confederate money, etc., from the end of the war until rights were restored to former rebels. Former Confederates were "scratched" from the voting rolls

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 management and decoration, flower arranging, clothing, nutrition, childcare, birds and wildlife, every aspect of farming, and dozens of more topics, many very specific and detailed on a subject. The "Government Documents" database of the West Virginia Memory Project lists 543 titles when "cooperative extension" is searched.

Newsletters and magazines; promotional brochures, posters and programs for events and sites; publications of state colleges and universities; and published versions of agency and legislative documents are all part of the State Documents collection. Paper copies of this newsletter are preserved as publications of the Division of Culture and History. The switch from paper to digital has complicated the storage and preservation of state documents to an extent, but the collection now includes CD-ROMs and online-only documents. Eventually these digital documents for which printed copies will not be available will be converted to microfilm and made accessible to the public.

The Archives State Documents collection is cataloged and managed by Cathy Miller, state document clerk and library assistant, using a special government documents cataloging system she has refined from the original system used in the Archives to organize publications by agency. She compiles and publishes the *West Virginia State Publications Checklist*, which is a government publication itself. Miller also created and maintains the State Documents database of the West Virginia Memory Project.

Miller always recommends using the West Virginia Memory Project database to search the State Documents collection. You can start with the link on our home page,
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 and sued for alleged wrongs on civilians during the war. Pictures of individuals and documents will be used to illustrate topics covered.

Dr. Bailey is a graduate of West Virginia Institute of Technology (now WVU Tech), Marshall University, and The Ohio State University, from which he received a Ph.D. in 1976. He is retired Dean of the College of Business, Humanities and Sciences and Emeritus Professor of History and Geography at WVU Tech. Bailey is the author of *Kanawha County Public Library: A History* (2004), *Alleged Evil Genius: The Life and Times of Judge James H. Ferguson* (2006), *Raising the Bar: A History of the West Virginia Bar Association* (2007), and *Mountaineers are Free: A History of the West Virginia National Guard* (1979, revised and expanded

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Archives and History Annual Showcase

The annual West Virginia Archives and History Showcase is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Archives and History Library and the Great Hall in the Culture Center, Charleston. The theme for 2012 is "Duty & Honor," and will feature archival materials representing West Virginia's long and proud history of military service. Please join us to view and discuss pieces of West Virginia's heritage preserved by the State Archives and made accessible

to the public through the Archives and History Library. Visit our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/>

2008).

Due to the closure of the Archives and History Library on Tuesday, November 6, for the general election, the program is being held on the second Tuesday of the month.

On November 13, the library will close at 5 p.m. and reopen at 5:45 p.m. for participants only. For planning purposes, participants are encouraged to register for the lecture, but advance registration is not required to attend. 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.

[history/annualshowcase.html](http://www.wvculture.org/history/annualshowcase.html) for photos of past Showcase evenings.

For planning purposes, participants are encouraged to register for the event, but advance registration is not required to attend. 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

event, Archives Showcase. For more, contact Archives and History at (304) 558-0230.



WVU's 1942 Basketball Team and World War II to be Explored on November 8

On November 8, 2012, Patricia Richards McClure will present "The 1942 WVU NIT-Championship Basketball Team: A Tale for Veterans Day" at the Thursday evening lecture in the Archives and History Library in the Culture Center in Charleston. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

While researching material for biographies of veterans whose names are inscribed on the West Virginia Veterans Memorial, Pat McClure

Scholar in Japan Appreciates the WV Archives

Aika Moko has been corresponding with Susan Scouras, Archives librarian, by e-mail, originally through a librarian at Hitotsubashi University. Ms. Moko made two separate requests in the past few months for copies of materials from Archives' Special Collections. After fulfilling the requests, Scouras wrote to her personally, inquiring about her choice of research topics, how she found the collections of the West Virginia Archives, and asking permission to tell the readers of *West Virginia Archives and History News* about her. Moko responded that she would be happy to be included in the newsletter, and sent the following reply with information about herself and her research.

Dear Ms. Scouras:

Thank you for your email of September 25. I am a Ph.D. student of Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan. I'm also a part-time lecturer at Yokohama National University and currently teaching a course on Global Sociology.

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discovered a number of relationships and coincidences among a small group of World War II veterans—all with connections to the 1942 WVU basketball team. Not just a good sports story, this presentation will focus on the unprecedented commitment of all the members of that team—including the coach and managers—to leave the basketball arena and enter the global conflict.

Patricia Richards McClure is a former associate professor of English at West Virginia State University. She holds a bachelor's degree from Baldwin Wallace University and a master's from Ohio University. As a

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volunteer at West Virginia Archives and History, she researches and writes profiles of West Virginia veterans, specializing in World War II. She is the author of an article in the Fall 2012 issue of the West Virginia Historical Society publication.

Advance registration for the program is not required but is encouraged to help plan seating arrangements. To register in advance, contact Robert Taylor, library manager, 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.

Evening Workshops and Lecture Schedule

Date	Conducted by:	Subject
January 8, 2013 Tuesday	Dr. Fred Barkey	<i>Working Class Radicals: The Socialist Party in West Virginia, 1898-1920</i>
February 5, Tuesday	John Lilly	<i>Goldenseal</i>
March 5, Tuesday	Dr. Billy Joe Peyton	<i>"The History of Charleston"</i>
April 2, Tuesday	Dr. Charles Ledbetter	<i>"The West Virginia State College Aviation Program: Tuskegee Airmen Connection in 'The Experiment?'"</i>
May 7, Tuesday	Russ Barbour	<i>"Reconstructing Bill: The Story of Governor William C. Marland"</i>
June 4, Tuesday	Dr. Karen L. Cox	<i>United Daughters of the Confederacy</i>
July 2, Tuesday	Joseph A. Comm	<i>Rock Spring Park</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.

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<http://www.wvculture.org/history>, or go straight to <http://www.wvculture.org/history/wvmemory/index.html>. Read "How to Use the Databases" for navigation rules and search tips. Enter an agency name in brief form (education, highways, governor AND office, culture AND history, etc.), or subjects (dance, statute, interstate, libraries, wildlife, etc.), or a name (Marland, Underwood, or Wise, for example).

A search using the word "press" brings up 37 records, with results ranging from "Journals of the House of Burgesses of the Virginia Colony" to "Facts about Permanent Press." Other results include press releases from various state offices and on varying subjects, WVU Press newsletter and catalogs, a press kit for the West Virginia Veterans Memorial Plaza and a press packet for the Grand Opening of I-64.

Although the Archives is mandated in the *West Virginia Code* to collect and preserve "all public records, state papers, documents and reports of all three branches of state government," state agencies do not always comply and submit their documents and publications to the collection. To view the official State Checklist of publications received by the State Archives, compiled on an annual or semi-annual basis from 1997 through June 2012, visit our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/statedocs.html>, or click State Archives on the home page, then State Publications in the Guides to Collections.

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I have been working on the history of interwar [1918-1941] America. I have read "The Americanization of West Virginia," written by Professor John C. Hennen. I knew the West Virginia Archives from his book. In the acknowledgments, he says that the West Virginia Archives is especially helpful and the Archives has great staff. I think that's exactly right.

I also visited your website as well. Your database is not only useful, but also valuable to understand history in a deeper way. It has been a mine of historical information for me.

Now, I am researching the Gold Star Pilgrimages. I'm particular interested in women's experiences of pilgrimage. I would greatly appreciate it if you could send me the materials relating to this topic.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

*Sincerely,
Aika Moko
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Graduate School of Social Sciences
Hitotsubashi University
Japan*

Please read "Viola Robson and Gold Star Pilgrimages," also in this issue, to learn more about Moko's topic and how you may be able to assist her research and contribute to the West Virginia Archives' collection on the subject.

Viola Robson and Gold Star Pilgrimages

Japanese researcher Aika Moko's current topic, Gold Star Pilgrimages, deals with the expense-paid trips provided by the United States government in 1930-33 for mothers and widows of deceased American military personnel buried in Europe after WWI. The women were transported from their homes to seaports where they boarded ocean liners to Europe. There they stayed in fine hotels and were escorted to the burial places of their sons and husbands. The trip included a week in either France or England where the women were honored and entertained by local and national officials of the country visited, as well as American military officers and personnel.

Viola Robson was the mother of James Parks Robson of Charleston, an army private who was killed in action in France in 1918. He was listed as missing in action until his remains were found in 1922 and reburied in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery the same year. His mother traveled to France as part of a Gold Star Pilgrimage in 1933 and kept a diary for the days of the trip. Her diary and other papers and mementos of her trip were donated to the West Virginia Archives in 2009. The photograph taken of Mrs. Robson at her son's grave was used on the cover of the program for the dedication of the West Virginia Veterans Memorial. PFC Robson's name is carved on the Memorial and his information can be found in the Veterans Memorial database on the Archives and History Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/wvmemory/vet.aspx>.

Do you have a Gold Star mother or widow in your family who participated in a Pilgrimage?

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Check out Archives and History's YouTube and Facebook Pages

<http://www.youtube.com/user/wvarchivesandhistory>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/West-Virginia-Archives-and-History/168933289812323>

Ms. Moko is particularly interested in anything the traveler said or wrote during or about her journey—diary, letters, newspaper interviews, memoirs, etc. The Archives will consider anything you may have about the deceased service person and the family for inclusion in the West Virginia Veterans Memorial database. Compilation of an online biography for the Veterans Archive is encouraged. If you would like to share information and photographs with Ms. Moko and/or the Archives, contact Susan Scouras, West Virginia Archives and History, (304) 558-0230, or susan.c.scouras@wv.gov.

Web Sites of Interest

- If you were a fan of the “**Wee Monster**” genealogy site, but haven’t been able to find it since it lost its domain in 2010, you will be pleased to know that its webmaster has relocated it to <http://www.germanroots.com>. While some sections specialize in sources for German genealogy in particular, most of the links are to general or broader interest sites, including online searchable military records, finding people and places, and finding passenger lists.
- Judy Russell, aka “**Ask Granny**,” has gathered the daily quotes she once placed on various family history Web sites and posted them at <http://askgrannyus.posterous.com/genealogical-quotations>. Quotations are applicable to genealogy research, families, patriotism, immigration, etc. If you have a genealogy blog, Facebook page, or are compiling a family history book, you may find some appropriate quotations to spice up your writing.
- Genealogical societies can request **free genealogical materials**

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New Titles

- Daniel and Hugh Paul: Scottish Brothers in Colonial Virginia:** Sharon Burt and Paul Solar, 2012.
- Daniel and Hugh Paul: CD: Paul Exhibits:** Sharon Burt and Paul Solar, 2012.
- Daniel and Hugh Paul: CD: Tax Records & Maps:** Sharon Burt and Paul Solar, 2012.
- Pennsylvania Dutch Cook Book:** c1936.
- Sweet Cider and Dead Mice, a Gorilla Chase, and Other Tales:** Roscoe R. Swaim, 1983, c1978.
- Program, 11th Triennial Convention:** West Virginia Association of the Deaf, 1947.
- Program, 12th Triennial Convention:** West Virginia Association of the Deaf, 1950.
- Program, 16th Triennial Convention:** West Virginia Association of the Deaf, 1963.
- A History of the West Virginia Capitol: The House of State:** Jim Wallace, 2012.
- Tracing Your War of 1812 Ancestors:** David A. Norris, 2012.
- Imagonna: Peace Corps Memories:** Julian Martin, 2012.
- Images and Memories of Maple Fork:** Donald R. Davis, 2012.
- Kin: From Revolution to Evolution in Reuniting the Peoples of America:** Zachary Comeaux, 2012.
- General Lee at Gettysburg:** Luis L. Tijerina, 2012.
- Landmarks: The Local Historic Sites of Mineral County:** Mineral County Landmarks Commission, 2012.
- John & Ursula Rigggenbach: Five Generations of Their Descendants:** Mary Lou Treece Clegg, 2012.
- History of the Hopewell Church of Christ:** Brian L. Dowler and Eva M. Dowler, 1995.
- Annual Report: Kanawha-Clay Chapter, American Red Cross:** The Chapter, 1946.
- Electrical Resistivity Survey of the West Virginia Turnpike:** C. L. Whited, 1958, c1956.
- Draft Report: Birch River Wild and Scenic River Study: West Virginia:** National Park Service, 1983.
- Internal Review of MSHA’s Actions at the Upper Big Branch Mine-South:** Mine Safety and Health Administration, 2012.
- An Analysis of the Impact of Federally Supported Student Financial Aid Programs in Institutions of Higher Education in the State of West Virginia:** Harold J. McGee, 1968.
- Historical Summary of Coal Mine Explosions in the United States, 1959-81:** J. K. Richmond, G. C. Price, M. M. Sapko and E. M. Kawenski, 1983.
- Kaleidoscope of West Virginia: Teacher’s Guide:** Dr. Christina Neal and Dr. Caroline Neal, 1984.
- Greenwood Cemetery Tour:** Friends of Wheeling, 2006.
- The Bluejacket’s Manual: United States Navy, 11th ed.:** United States Naval Institute, 1943.
- Coal: Its Composition, Analysis, Utilization and Valuation:** E. E. Somermeier, 1912.*
- Air Compression and Transmission:** H. J. Thorkelson, 1912.*
- *Bound together as one volume in the “Library of Coal Mining and Engineering” series.*
- If You Remember Metal Skates:** Nancy Williams, 2010.
- The Miracle of David:** Valerie Proffitt, 2005.
- A Very Famous Social Worker:** Greg Johnson, 2011.
- Feet: A Chronicle of Places My Feet Have Taken Me in Eighty Seven Years:** James E. Martin, 2009.

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for students and teachers for their local schools to be used through the classroom to collect family history, particularly from senior citizens, from <http://www.askgranny.us>.

- **Atlas of Historical County Boundaries**, a digital atlas, is available free on the Newberry Library Web site at <http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp/>. Includes interactive maps, chronologies, historical maps, every change and reaffirmation of county boundaries, from the creation of the first county through December 2000. Choose a date and view the county boundaries as they existed on that date. Download programs that allow overlaying historical boundaries over Google Earth maps, among other features.

"Ask Granny"

Quotations

I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.

Thomas Alva Edison, 1847-1931

The universe is made of stories, not of atoms.

Muriel Rukeyser, 1913-1980

There is no life that does not contribute to history.

Dorothy West, 1907-1998.

[From <http://askgrannyus.posterous.com/genealogical-quotations.>]



New Titles

The Autobiography of a Retired West Virginia State Policeman: Roy Earl Cool, 2009.

Back Then: 90 Years of Memory and Folk Tales: Robert Prichard, 2007.

Pure Orange Sunshine: A True Tale of Peace, Love and Misunderstanding: Bob Henry Baber, 2011.

Charleston History Shown through Postcards

Stan Bumgardner presented "Postcards of Charleston" on October 2, 2012, at the Archives and History First Tuesday lecture. Bumgardner used historic postcard images to highlight events in the history of Charleston and to show how Charleston's skyline and street scenes have changed over the years.



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Genealogy Club Learns about CW Medals

The Evening Genealogy Club learned about West Virginia Civil War medals and how to apply for them on October

11, 2012, from Archives and History historian Greg Carroll. Applicants must document their ancestry back to a soldier on the list of those who have unclaimed medals. Carroll is shown with three actual medals, one from each category: Honorably Discharged, Killed in Battle, and For Liberty (for those who died of disease or wounds). For more information about the medals, visit our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/medals.html>.



Dr. Ericksen Discusses Archaeological Dig at Thornhill

On October 18, 2012, "Archaeology at Thornhill," one of two lectures in the Archives and History Library's celebration of National Archaeology Month (October), was presented by Dr. Annette Ericksen. She described

the work of her Hocking College archaeology students and local volunteers in determining placement and use of buildings that once stood on the estate of W. C. Stiles in Volcano, W. Va.

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.

“THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY: WEST VIRGINIA’S GIFT TO THE WORLD,”
EXHIBIT, through January 13, 2013: Culture Center, Charleston.

GUYANDOTTE CIVIL WAR DAYS, November 2–4: Guyandotte.

KANAWHA VALLEY HISTORY CENTER 5TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION,
November 3: Rand Community Center, Rand. For more information contact Linda Hoskins, (304) 925-2438.

GENERAL ELECTION DAY, November 6: Archives Library will be *closed*.

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM, November 10: Beverly Heritage Center, Beverly. For information call (304) 637-7424, e-mail info@beverlyheritagecenter.org or visit <http://www.beverlyheritagecenter.org>.

VETERANS DAY, November 12: Archives Library will be open.*

MARTIN R. DELANY 200TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT, November 19:
Film on Delany’s life, Fishermen Hall, Charles Town.

THANKSGIVING DAY, November 22: Archives Library will be *closed*.

THANKSGIVING FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, November 23–24: Archives Library will be *closed*.

ANNUAL HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR, November 24: Fairmont.

“SHEPHERDSTOWN’S HISTORY IN REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CONTEXT,”
November 29: Dr. John Stealey III, speaker, Shepherdstown.

ST. ALBANS CHRISTMAS HISTORIC HOMES TOUR, December 1: St. Albans.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR AND TEA, December 1–2:
Julia-Ann Square Historic District, Parkersburg.

FOURTH ANNUAL SHOWCASE, December 4: Archives Library and Great Hall,
Culture Center, Charleston.

“HOLIDAYS AT THE HALL,” December 15: West Virginia Independence Hall, Wheeling.

CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24: Archives Library will be open *half day only*. Watch for possible updates.

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

NEW YEAR’S EVE, December 31: Archives Library will be open *half day only*. Watch for possible updates.

NEW YEAR’S DAY, January 1, 2013: 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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