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Missing 1820 Census Pages for Randolph and Monongalia Counties Now Available in Archives Library

From the Editor:

Just a reminder to those of you who may be planning a visit to the West Virginia Archives and History Library over the holiday season: Please check our Web site and/or call us to be sure we will be open on the day and time you hope to come in. The **holiday schedule for the 2003-2004 season** for the Archives and History Library is as follows:

Dec. 24 (Wed.)	Closing at 1:00 p.m.
Dec. 25 (Thurs.)	Closed.
Dec. 26 (Fri.)	Closed.
Dec. 27 (Sat.)	Open 9:00–6:00.
Dec. 31 (Wed.)	Closing at 1:00 p.m.
Jan. 01 (Thurs.)	Closed.
Jan. 02 (Fri.)	Open 9:00–6:00.
Jan. 03 (Sat.)	Open 9:00–6:00.

Please drive safely, and plan to include a few hours of research in the Library in your itinerary for West Virginia.

SKIPPED PAGES NOW AVAILABLE

Did you know that when the 1820 Census of the United States was originally microfilmed, eight pages of the Virginia census were missed, including two pages in counties now in West

Virginia? Roy Lockhart, of Parkersburg, WV, was researching Randolph and Monongalia County 1820 Census records and noticed something peculiar—there were *no* surnames beginning with D through F and very few beginning with G recorded in Randolph, and only a few beginning with G or H listed in Monongalia County. The names he expected to find fell in these gaps.

Always a thorough researcher, Lockhart contacted the National Archives and Records Administration and found that a page in each county had been skipped during microfilming, that the pages (or copies of the pages) were still in existence, and that copies could be purchased from the National Archives. He obtained a microfilm copy of the missing Monongalia County page and a photocopy of the Randolph County page. He has generously donated the copies to the West Virginia State Archives.

Dick Fauss, our Film Archivist, has microfilmed the print copy, and made a more legible copy of the microfilm image. For the convenience of our researchers, he will be splicing each microfilmed image into the appropriate sequence on the original reels of census microfilm in our collection. In the meantime, following are lists of the missing names.

**Missed Heads of Household from the 1820
Census of Monongalia County
(Page 51a, Western Division)**

In order of appearance:

Glascoock, Charles
Garlow, John
Gilbert, Stephen
Garlow, Andrew
Gidley, John
Garlow, Daniel
Gooden, Elizabeth
Grayham, Richard
Gutridge, Robert
Gutridge, Elizabeth
Goodnight, Christian
Gray, Caleb
Gottard, Francis
Garrison, John
Glover, Nehemiah
Swearengan, Van
Pitcher, Jonathan J.
Hayhurst, James
Hays, Isaac
Hess, Peter
Heck, Adam
Hess, John,
Hannen, Nathan
Hayhurst, John
Hoult, Calder
Hoult, Joseph
Hayhurst, David
Hawkens, William
Hawkens, John
Haught, Jacob

**Missed Heads of Household from the 1820
Census of Randolph County
(Page 266a)**

In order of appearance:

Coffman, George
Cross, Joseph
Carpenter, Solomon
Coontz, John
Chinoweth, _____
Degarmo, Samuel

Daniels, William
Demoss, William
Datts, John
Day, Gidion
Everett, Nathan
Earl, Archibald
Evans, David
England, James
England, Henry
England, James Junior
Flanagan, Ebenezer
Furgeson, Robert
Flinn, John
Fansler, Henry
Fleming, John
Graham Mark
Graham, John
Gainer, Brian
Goff, John
Goff, Shelburn
Gainer, Benjamin Junior
Gainer, George
Gainer, John
Goff, George

NEW TITLES

Inside the White House in War Times: Memoirs and Reports of Lincoln's Secretary: William O. Stoddard, 2000, c1890.

Civil War America: Making a Nation, 1848-1877: Robert Cook, 2003.

The Smokeless Coal Fields of West Virginia: A Brief History: W. P. Tams, Jr., with introduction by Ronald D. Eller, 2001, c1963.

Lee's Aide-de-Camp: Charles Marshall, 2000. [Note: Originally published as *An Aide-de-Camp of Lee*, c1927.]

Coal and Unionism: A History of the American Coal Miners' Unions: David J. McDonald and Edward A. Lynch, 1939.

Randolph County [West] Virginia deeds and will abstracts, Early Marriages and Sims Land Grant Index: Larry Shuck, 2003.

The West Virginia Adventure: Elisabeth Evans Wray, 2003. [West Virginia history textbook]

White Family Records: Descendants of Peregrine White, Son of William White and Susanna (Fuller) White, 1620 to 1971: Arden J. White, Revised Edition, 1971.

West Virginia Index 1850 Census: Wes Cochran, 2003.

The Dumont Family and Their Belgian Heritage: 1703 to 2003: Kellis and Virginia Gillespie, 2003.

Berkeley County WV 1850 Census: Wes Cochran, 2003.

Gilmer County WV 1910 Census: Wes Cochran, 2003.

Pleasants County, WV Marriages, 1900-1915: Wes Cochran, 1999.

Wirt County WV Deaths, 1905-1930: Wes Cochran, 2003.

Kentucky Genealogical Research: George K. Schweitzer, 1987.

Historical Southern Families, Volume 22: Mrs. John Bennett Boddie, 1995, c1978.

Kentucky Court and Other Records: (Volume 2 of *Kentucky Records*): Julia Spencer Ardery, 1972.

The Sourcebook of Local Court and County Record Retrievers: BRB Publications, 1999.

Centennial Diocese of Wheeling, 1850-1950: West Virginia Register, 1950.

1900 Kanawha County, West Virginia Census: Loudon District: West Virginia Genealogical Society, 2003.

A History of the Livesays: Volume 2: James J. Livesay, 2003.

Cobb, Hayes, Halm & King Ancestors: Dianne Marie Campbell Cobb, 2000.

Hollywood Cemetery: Her Forgotten Soldiers: Confederate Field Officers at Rest: Chris Ferguson, 2001.

NOW with Bill Moyers [videorecording], August 2, 2002: Thirteen/WNET New York, 2002. [Includes "NOW heads to West Virginia to look at Mountain Top Removal Mining."]*

*Videotapes in the cataloged collection may be viewed in the Reading Room of the Archives and History Library.

"Unusual Given Name Has Ancient History"

by Carl Hommel

I have noted on some mailing lists mention of the given name of Benoni. This is an unusual name, and some people think that it is an Italian family name and the child is named after his or her mother's family and then indicate that they have been unable to find a family with that surname. Actually Benoni is a Biblical Name that means "son of my sorrow." It was the original name given to the younger son [Benjamin—*Editor*] of the patriarch Jacob. Rachel, his mother, in her dying agony named the child Benoni. (Genesis 35:18)

This name was often given in American Colonial times to a child whose mother died in childbirth or whose father died before the child was born. In fact, this is an important clue. When one sees the name Benoni, look to see what sad event might have caused the child to be given that name. It might have been the death of a grandparent, a parent or a sibling.

[From *RootsWeb Review*, Vol. 6, No. 40, October 1, 2003.] **Editor's Note:** An Internet search brought up many verifications of the meaning of the name Benoni, but no citations or discussions of its usage as described above. A quick look at the available national census on *HeritageQuest* on-line showed 113 heads of household with the first name of Benoni in 1790, 203 in 1820, peaking at 250 in 1870, and declining to 203 in 1920, despite the huge growth in the country's population and the inclusion of all names in the later census indexes, indicating the less frequent usage of the name over time. The New England states of New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts consistently had far more people named Benoni than other states over the decades. If you have a "Benoni" in your family that can be connected with a death or other great sorrow, please share your information with us.

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WEST VIRGINIA'S CEMETERIES 2004 SHPO CALENDAR

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), West Virginia Division of Culture and History, produces an attractive calendar each year featuring a subject of historical preservation interest. The 2004 topic is cemeteries. In addition to striking photographs and informative text illustrating each month's calendar page, the following articles are included: "West Virginia's Cemeteries and the National Register of Historic Places," "A Labor of Love: Protection and Preservation of Historic Cemeteries," and "Tombstone Iconography." A list of references and resources offers guidance to those who would like to learn more about the history and preservation of cemeteries.

Calendars are free while supplies last. To obtain a copy, contact Lora Lamarre, SHPO, at the Division of Culture and History address given below; call (304) 558-0230, Ext. 711, or e-mail lora.lamarre@wvculture.org.

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24: *Closing at 1:00 p.m.*

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25: *Closed.*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26: *Closed.*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27: Open regular hours, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.*

NEW YEAR'S EVE, DECEMBER 31: *Closing at 1:00 p.m.*

NEW YEAR'S DAY, JANUARY 1, 2004: *Closed.*

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP: "CENSUS & COMPUTER BASIC INTRO 101," JANUARY 17: Blennerhassett Chapter D.A.R. and West Augusta Historical and Genealogical Society, Parkersburg.

HISTORY DAY, JANUARY 29, 2004: The Capitol and the Cultural Center, Charleston.

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

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