

West Virginia Archives and History

Annual Report Fiscal 2016-2017

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 2016-2017 fiscal year, Archives and History focused on completing several important projects, continued its efforts to increase educational opportunities, and initiated a concentrated effort to encourage the transfer of historical records from county officials.

Highlights

- Records Management and Preservation Board awarded grants totalling \$322,145 to support projects in 32 counties
- 5,288 state documents and 29,075 pages printed from documents in electronic form, and 1,203 books and pamphlets added to collections
- more than 2,400 linear feet of manuscripts and state government records, and more than 9,200 photographs and negatives added to collections
- 51 new, replacement, and refurbished highway historical markers erected in 38 counties
- statewide county records preservation project digitized 449 record books and 12 rolls of microfilm for 4 counties
- 286 research letters, 1,954 reference calls, and 24,289 e-mails handled

Significant progress was made on the sesquicentennial marker project, with nearly 30 of those installed before the end of the fiscal year. Staff completed a listing of all chancery case files from Monongalia County beginning in 1832 and intensified processing of the Jennings Randolph Collection, with an expected completion date of 2018. History Bowl continued to grow, and more efforts were made to make primary sources readily accessible to students. Discussions with a number of county officials will result in an expansion of our collections through the harvesting of significant historical records from county and circuit clerks.

Library

During the 2016-2017 year, the Archives and History Library handled nearly 2,000 reference calls and answered nearly 300 research letters, a number of them requiring more than minimal research. There was a significant increase both in the number of inquiries about Civil War medals and in medal applications received.

The library hosted fewer evening lecture programs (see box below) in 2016-2017 than it had in the previous year, as the effects of the elimination of Tuesday programs in 2015-2016 were realized for an entire year. Programs are now offered only on Thursday evening, when the library is also open to patrons. One third of the programs presented during the year were the Block Series, a summertime series of programs on African American life that has been put together by the West Virginia Center for African American Art and Culture. Although

Archives and History Library Lecture Series, 2016-2017		
July 28	<i>Block Series: African American Life</i>	Gary Mays
Aug. 18	<i>Block Series: African American Life</i>	Rosa Lena Pickel
Sept. 15	<i>Reconstruction in West Virginia, 1865-1875: A Failure that Led to Future Mistakes</i>	Greg Carroll
Oct. 13	<i>The Wizard Clip: The History and Memory of West Virginia's Earliest Ghost Story</i>	Jon-Erik Gilot
Oct. 20	<i>Capturing Memories: How to Record Oral Histories</i>	Eric Douglas
March 16	<i>The Breaking Point Killing and Other True Cases of Murder and Malice</i>	W. Joseph Wyatt
April 20	<i>Early Native Americans in West Virginia: The Fort Ancient Culture</i>	Darla Spencer
May 25	<i>Block Series: African American Life</i>	Mary Lawson Booker
June 15	<i>Cultural Crossroads: Establishing the 17th Century Fur Trade in the Trans-Allegheny Region</i>	Doug Wood
June 22	<i>Memories of the Valley 2016</i>	Eric Douglas
June 29	<i>Block Series: African American Life</i>	Ella Jean Martin

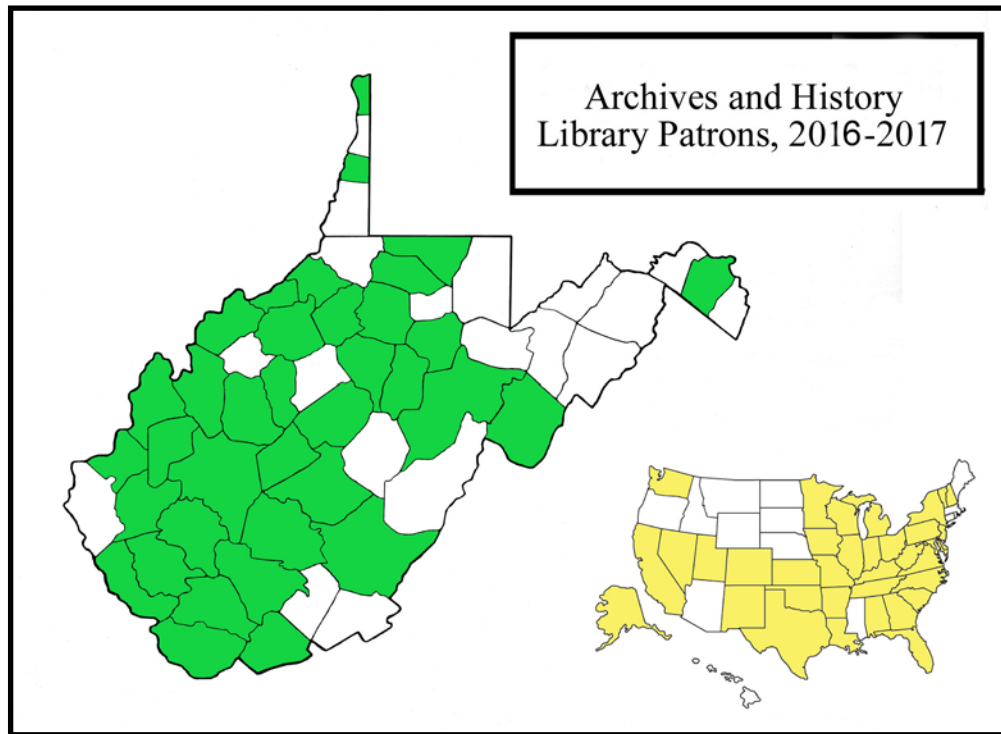
these programs draw some attendees at other library programs, the series, now in its fourth year, continues to introduce a number of new people to the Archives and History Library.

On September 27, 2016, the Friendship Force Civil War Exchange group stopped at the Archives and History Library to hear a program on West Virginia Statehood and the Kanawha Valley Campaign provided by Archives and History Director Joe Geiger and staff historian and Civil War author Terry Lowry. On October 22, the Mining Your History Foundation held its annual meeting and conference in the Archives and History Library, with sessions on beginning genealogy and the use of DNA in establishing family connections.

In December, two View Scan III digital microfilm

systems were received and set up with computers, monitors, keyboards and mice. A non-functioning microfilm reader and a microfilm reader/printer no longer capable of printing were surplus. In February, special “Deep Freeze” software was ordered for the computers attached to the View Scan III systems to prevent disabling of the computers by viruses, malware, etc., which will allow patrons to bring their own USB drives for downloading images from the View Scan III. Patrons are charged 25 cents per image downloaded.

Over the course of the year, users of the library computers conducted 46,101 searches in the Ancestry, HeritageQuest, Fold3, and NewspaperArchive databases.



“Thank you for making our genealogy class visit to the Archives Library such an enjoyable (and informative) experience. You and all the staff made us feel welcome, and were very helpful. All the students shared positive comments about the Library and were excited about all the documents they were able to find.” - October 2016

“My research experience is the richer for meeting each of you. I look forward to returning to hunt for more dead people and to enjoy your town and people. Thank you so very much.” - June 2017

“Thank you for your wonderful service. West Virginia has the best online research site I have ever used. I have made many interesting discoveries about my family. I feel lucky to have been born there!” - December 2016

Web Site

The Archives and History Web site remains an important area of outreach. In fiscal 2016-2017, staff added 1,089 image files, 336 html/PDF text files, and 933 database records. Among the items added were Quick Quizzes (4 quizzes, 40 questions), finding aids for approximately five dozen collections, and new records in the Golden Horseshoe Winners, State Government Documents, and Periodicals databases. More than 800 maps were made accessible. 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 State Parks and Norman Family exhibits. Staff continued to update the online newspaper microfilm listing to more accurately reflect holdings; the listing of holdings for an additional 15 counties had been updated by the end of June, bringing the total number of updated counties to 33.

In addition, 44 biographies of individuals included on the West Virginia Veterans Memorial were added to the Web site. The Archives and History’s Veterans Memorial volunteer continued to work with an Advanced Placement U.S. History class from George Washington High School, assisting them in writing biographies. This year, the volunteer had students work on biographies of men killed at Pearl Harbor. In addition, a few other individuals have taken an interest in the Veterans Memorial Biography project and have submitted biographies.

In light of the expected redesign of Culture and History’s Web site, staff continued the time consuming process of reorganizing Web pages, with particular attention to moving files into subfolders, a process that entails making modifications not only to the files being moved but also to hundreds of other files that contain links to the moved files. However, work had to be halted when the Web site search feature stopped working because of a server coding problem. A functioning search feature is essential in order to identify files containing links to the file being moved. Because links within the Quick Quizzes cannot be located via the search feature, in July 2016, the 2,000 Quick Quiz questions were reviewed for out-of-state links, a review which will have to be done again as additional files are moved.

During the year, nearly 16,000 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.

In social media activity, Archives and History continued reaching out via YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter. On October 25, 2016, West Virginia Archives and History launched a second

YouTube channel, the West Virginia State Archives Music Channel. The channel presents music selections from the audio-visual collections. The first group of uploaded files consisted of 59 musical performances of the Vandalia Gathering that were compiled for played during the a retrospective 2016 Vandalia Gathering. Between the two YouTube channels, staff uploaded 71 videos during fiscal 2016-2017, with the total number available on Archives and History's main YouTube channel as of June 30, 2017, rising to 339. The available videos include nearly all of the Archives and History evening programs, so that people who do not live nearby can still take advantage of these learning opportunities.



The music YouTube channel had 21,940 views during its first year, while the main channel had 222,005 views during the 2016-2017 fiscal year, a 31 percent increase over the previous year. As has been true for several years, the Ellis Dungan documentary *Tiger Shikar in India*, uploaded in 2012, remained the most viewed item, while another Dungan film about India, *Inside India: Village Life in Southern India*, was second. Dungan's *High Speed Steel*, a 1969 film on Weirton Steel Company's Basic Oxygen Furnace operations, was third. The attraction of Dungan's films about India kept that country second only to the United States in the number of viewers of Archives and History's YouTube channel. While only 43 percent of the main channel's viewership are in the United States, 87 percent of music channel viewers are in this country, with Canada and the United Kingdom having less than 4 percent each.

Nearly 30 percent of the main Archives and History's YouTube channel viewers are between the ages of 25 and 34; for the music channel, the largest group (30 percent) is age 65 and older. The overwhelming majority of viewers of both the main and music channels are men, with 83 percent and 76 percent respectively. With Facebook, on the other hand, 59 percent of the people reached by Archives and History's page are women; an even larger percentage of "fans," 70 percent, are women. Compared to the main YouTube channel, the Facebook page reaches an older, predominantly United States, especially West Virginia, demographic.

Collections

Archives and History received a large transfer of materials from the Monongalia Circuit Clerk's Office, which consisted of 457 boxes of chancery and law case files dating from 1832 to 1952. Staff spent months typing each case file name, which enables searching on the Web page. Included are cases relating to coal mine strikes and evictions, the Everettville Mine Disaster, and one involving WVU student and future governor Matthew Neely.

Archives and History also received the Harry B. and Dora Morgan Heflin Collection. Dr. Heflin

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	3,761	Scanned photos (other)	0
Library Reference Calls	1,954	Film processed	0
Electronic inquiries/responses	24,289	Photos copied	105
Library Tour Groups	28	Contact Sheets	18
Research Letters Answered	286	Archives Prints/Electronic images	223
Photo research requests	144	Archives collections accessioned (li. ft.)	2,419.5
Patron photos print/digital	502	Photographs/negatives accessioned	9,283
Retouched prints/digital images	447	Donation letters (books, other misc.)	43
News station moving images requests	27	Microfilm rolls	
Civil War Medal Inquiries (e-mail) etc.	219	rolls, 35mm	127
Medal applications received	38	number of images, 35mm	99,325
Medals mailed	21	Microfilm rolls duplicated	
Donor contacts	10	16mm	0
New Highway markers ordered	45	35mm	107
		Microfilm rolls received	0
		State Documents Received	5,288
		pages of electronic files	29,075
		Books, etc. Cataloged	1,203
		 <u><i>Web Site</i></u>	
		Daily Trivia responses	15,995
		Database records added	923
		Digitized images added	1,089
		HTML/PDF files added	336
		 <u><i>Records Management Board</i></u>	
		Phone calls/electronic inquiries	859
		Site visits	6
		County records auth. for disposal (cu. ft.)	1,202
		Grant reports processed	363
		 <u><i>Inter-agency Support</i></u>	
		Library photocopies	1,985
		State records auth. for disposal (cu. ft.)	25,257
		 <u><i>Intra-agency Support - Photos</i></u>	
		Exhibits Print/digital	109
		Historic Preservation	5
		Goldenseal Digital files	123
		Museum	44
		Gratis prints/digital	182
		 Total intra-agency images	 363

was the former president of Glenville State and West Virginia University. In addition, the papers of Governor Earl Ray Tomblin and First Lady Joanne Jaeger Tomblin were received and processed in 2017.

Other interesting materials received in 2016-2017 include a church register for the Fayetteville Circuit Methodist Episcopal Church, South, dated 1858-1893, photographs and documents relating to the Buffalo Creek disaster, a scrapbook with images and documents from the Greenbrier College for Women in Lewisburg, and the Robert Lee Beanblossom Collection, which documents work of the Conservation Commission and Division of Natural Resources beginning in 1920s. A few of the other collections received were the Woman’s Kanawha Literary Club, the Warren Woomer Collection of Union Carbide materials, and the Shannondale and Beyond Collection, which documents activities in Jefferson County. United States Senator Shelley Moore Capito donated a large number of photographs from the congressional office of her father, former governor Arch Moore, and Archives and History also received a sizeable

collection of materials relating to the family of Jamie Barton, a West Virginia native who was killed in a helicopter accident during the Vietnam War. (See the accession list at the end of the report for a complete list of additions to the West Virginia State Archives collections in 2016-2017.)

Archives and History staff spent extensive time processing the nearly 1,000-box Jennings Randolph Collection. By the end of June, more than 600 boxes had been processed.

An important collection trend to note is the fact that, in order to preserve state government documents longterm and make them accessible in the State Archives, staff have been printing an increasing number of pages of electronic documents found on the Web pages of state agencies. Currently, some agencies only keep reports for a set number of years on their sites, taking down older ones as more recent reports are added. In 2016-2017, more than 29,000 pages were printed, a number that is 14 percent higher than the previous year and more than eight times the number of pages printed in the 2007-2008 fiscal year, the first year Archives and History began tracking the statistic.

The longterm goal would be to preserve electronic State Documents and make them available electronically to library patrons in order to reduce the paper footprint; however, the Electronic Records Archives is not equipped at present to undertake that responsibility. The Electronic Records Archives is still in its infancy, having only formally begun in June 2016. During the fiscal year, staff generated initial checksums, extracted metadata, and created additional copies of electronic records that came as part of the Governor Joe Manchin Collection and worked through the bulk of the electronic records for Governor Earl Ray Tomblin and First Lady Joanne Jaeger Tomblin. The Electronic Records Archives does not have a dedicated server for preservation storage of electronic records, so both original and backup copies are stored on external devices, a situation that limits capacity. Managed storage is not financially realistic at present, either.

Audiovisual Archives

The moving images archivist assisted Russ Barbour of West Virginia Public Broadcasting on several projects, including West Virginia Independence Hall, Camp Washington Carver, and the Vietnam War. In December and January, footage of several former governors was assembled for use during the inauguration ceremonies for Jim Justice.

During the fiscal year, 112 rolls of microfilm were produced in filming 57 newspapers—32 weeklies and 25 dailies—for the period from 1976 to 2017. A group of issues of the *Glenville Pathfinder* for 1976-1977 was filmed, but other newspapers dated to the twenty-first century, primarily 2016. Filming slowed for a two-month period early in 2017 while staff awaited approval to order film from a new vendor. The new contract, which covers 35mm microfilm stock, deep tank processing and Metheline Blue testing as well as Diazo duplication, was awarded to Data Management Internationale.

Highway Markers

During the year, 5 markers were refurbished, 1 was 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 2017, 80 of the eventual 160 new sesquicentennial markers had been ordered, with Archives and History staff prepared to order the next 40 by the end of August. Nearly 20 of the markers have been installed. 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.

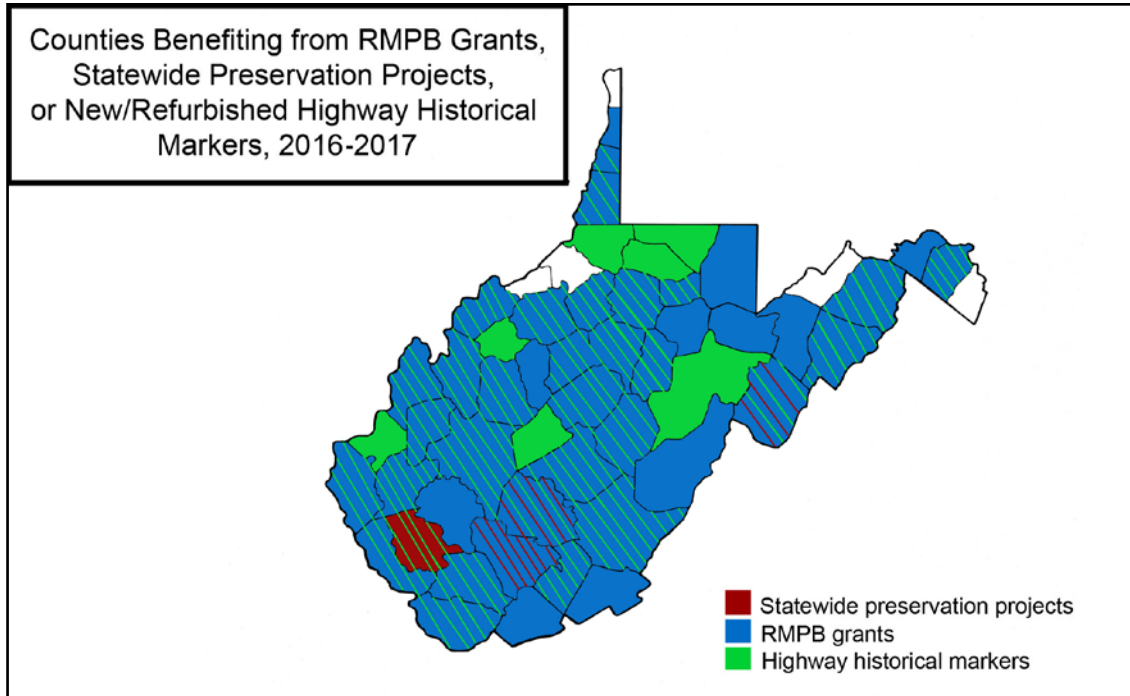
Markers were distributed across 38 counties in the state. Following is a list of markers refurbished/replaced in the 2016-2017 fiscal year:

Battle of Barboursville—Cabell County
John Hunt Oley—Cabell County
Dick Pointer—Greenbrier County
Shinnston Tornado—Harrison County
Foreman Massacre—Marshall County
Old Custon House—Ohio County

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

Battle of Hoke's Run—Berkeley County*
Skirmish at Salt Lick Bridge—Braxton County*
Raid on Guyandotte/Burning of Guyandotte—Cabell County*
Benjamin L. Stephenson—Clay County*
Central Station Bridge—Doddridge County
Battle of Fayetteville (1862)/Battle of Fayetteville (1863)—Fayette County*
Christopher Q. Tompkins/Gauley Mount—Fayette County*
Sewell Mountain Campaign—Fayette County*
Raid on Troy—Gilmer County*
Battle of Tuckwiller's Hill—Greenbrier County*
The Hanging of David Creigh—Greenbrier County*
Fort Mill Ridge Trenches—Hampshire County*
Battle of Moorefield—Hardy County*
Haywood Junction State Police Camp—Harrison County
Nathan Goff/Waldomore—Harrison County*
Battle of Buffington Island—Jackson County*
Battle of Charleston—Kanawha County*
Seizure of Weston Bank Funds—Lewis County*
Skirmish at the Curry Farm—Lincoln County*
Battle of Kanawha Gap—Logan County*





- Bushwhackers in McDowell*—McDowell County*
- Battle of Fairmont*—Marion County*
- Uriah Alley*—Marshall County*
- Kellian V. Whaley*—Mason County*
- Battle of Beech Creek*—Mingo County*
- Joseph Snider*—Monongalia County*
- Fight at Ramsey’s Fort*—Nicholas County*
- Sarah Lucy Bagby*—Ohio County*
- Destruction of Saltpeter Works*—Pendleton County*
- Battle of Atkeson’s Gate*—Putnam County*
- Laura Jackson Arnold*—Randolph County*
- Romeo H. Freer*—Ritchie County*
- Capture of Spencer*—Roane County*
- Pack’s Ferry*—Summers County*
- Ann Reeves Jarvis*—Taylor County*
- Battle of Middle Fork Bridge*—Upshur County*
- Milton J. Ferguson*—Wayne County*
- N&W Twelvepole Line*—Wayne County
- Revolutionary War Soldier’s Grave*—Wayne County
- Moccasin Rangers*—Webster County*
- Leonard Stout Hall*—Wetzel County*
- Destruction of Oil Works*—Wirt County*
- Parkersburg High School*—Wood County
- William L. “Mudwall” Jackson*—Wood County*
- William Walker*—Wyoming County*

*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 449 record books and 12 rolls of microfilm for the following counties: Fayette, Logan, Pendleton, and Raleigh. The 12 rolls of Logan County film had to be digitized because of vinegar syndrome.

In the fourteenth round of Records Management and Preservation Board (RMPB) grants, 32 counties were awarded grants totaling \$322,145 for projects scheduled to begin on July 1, 2017. As with the previous year’s round of grants, the fourteenth round did not require reformatting projects to produce preservation microfilm.

Grants awarded to 42 counties in the 2016-2017 year averaged slightly more than \$9,100, while those awarded to ten fewer counties for the 2017-2018 year averaged just over \$10,000. Grants to Berkeley, Calhoun, Fayette, Mingo, and Webster counties each were in excess of \$15,000, with the largest, \$20,000 to Webster County, awarded for the purchase of moveable track shelving for case files in the circuit clerk’s office. More than two-thirds of the grants were for \$10,000 or less, with the smallest grant (\$4,500) awarded to Summers County to restore and encapsulate the earliest deed books in the county clerk’s office.

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 from state agencies. 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.

Records Management and Preservation Grants 2016-2017

<u>County</u>	<u>Granted</u>
Barbour	\$6,218.00
Berkeley	\$10,000.00
Boone	\$10,000.00
Braxton	\$13,182.00
Brooke	\$4,215.00
Calhoun	\$10,000.00
Doddridge	\$8,650.00
Fayette	\$10,305.00
Gilmer	\$12,347.00
Grant	\$9,245.00
Greenbrier	\$12,500.00
Hampshire	\$6,954.00
Hardy	\$9,455.00
Harrison	\$10,000.00
Jackson	\$14,859.00
Kanawha	\$19,091.00
Lewis	\$15,000.00
Lincoln	\$11,650.00
Marshall	\$2,727.00
Mason	\$12,500.00
McDowell	\$3,000.00
Mercer	\$11,703.00
Mingo	\$7,500.00
Monroe	\$7,847.00
Morgan	\$6,355.00
Nicholas	\$4,818.00
Ohio	\$10,000.00
Pendleton	\$4,636.00
Pocahontas	\$7,500.00
Preston	\$7,500.00
Putnam	\$9,500.00
Raleigh	\$4,963.00
Ritchie	\$13,991.00
Roane	\$4,523.00
Summers	\$5,146.00
Taylor	\$7,993.00
Tucker	\$11,136.00
Upshur	\$10,000.00
Wayne	\$17,109.00
Webster	\$7,500.00
Wood	\$7,500.00
Wyoming	<u>\$4,909.00</u>
Total	\$384,027.00

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, in its eighth year in 2016-2017. Staff taped an appearance on *West Virginia Legacy*, the division program on the West Virginia Library Commission Network, to discuss History Bowl; participated in an informational how-to video on the competition; and took History Bowl on the road to the Mountain State Arts and Crafts Fair. Regional competitions were held in February and March, with a play-in competition in March. There were 140 teams representing 86 schools in 41 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 25. In the championship round of the double-elimination tournament, Cameron High School (Marshall) defeated South Middle School (Monongalia). A second team from South Middle placed third, while Shady Spring (Raleigh) placed fourth. The library served as one of the competition venues for the statewide tournament.



For the division's celebration of the fortieth anniversary, the Archives and History director provided tours of the State Archives. In September, he helped with a table at the Civic Center to promote division events in October, and in October, he filled in for the commissioner by serving as historian at the Mountain State Forest Festival. In June, he provided presentations and tours to students in the West Virginia Ambassadors Camp.

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, including Irish and Scots-Irish in West Virginia. The photo archivist provided 123 digital images for *Goldenseal* magazine, published through the Communications unit, 5 for Historic Preservation, and 153 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 182 gratis images for individuals in other state and legislative offices.

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. For part of the year, the space was used for non-Archives and History purposes. A previously shown display was put up for Black History Month. In April, a new Archives and History display on World War I went

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up, and it remained in place at the end of the fiscal year.

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 also uses Twitter; in December 2016, actress Daryl Hannah sent Archives and History's name out to her 35,000 followers.

Archives and History participated in FestivALL by serving as a venue for the oral history project in October and June. Almost twenty individuals were recorded.

The twenty-first annual History Day at the Legislature was held on March 9, 2017. Groups around the state nominated 39 History Heroes and nearly 70 groups registered for display space at the capitol. All but two of the History Heroes accepted their awards in person and 65 groups had displays in the capitol. The division's Technical Services staff provided invaluable help to displayers and to Archives and History staff.



The eighteenth annual Hoot Owl was held in the Archives and History Library on April 7-8, 2017. The all-night event, co-sponsored by Archives and History and the Mining Your History Foundation, was attended by 45 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 Staff (2016-2017)

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

Archives:

Constance Baston	project specialist
Dick Fauss	audio/film archivist
Chuck Ocheltree	photo archivist
Mary Johnson	historian/archivist
Terry Lowry	historian
Randy Marcum	historian
Matt McGrew	education coordinator

Library:

Susan Scouras	library manager
Matt Dailey	state documents specialist
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 (2016-2017)

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
Dr. Charles Ledbetter, Scott Depot
Dr. Billy Joe Peyton, Institute
Nathan J. Randolph, Huntington
Alison Thornton, Elkins
Dr. Joan Walker, Hedgesville
Keven Walker, Martinsburg

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
Sandra Scaffidi (president, Preservation Alliance of West Virginia, Inc.), Fairmont
Susan Pierce (director, Historic Preservation), Charleston
Randall Reid-Smith (commissioner, Culture and History), Charleston

Records Management and Preservation Board (2016-2017)

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
Stephen Shuman, attorney, Morgantown
Jack David Woodrum, county commissioner, Hinton
Vacant, sheriff

Ex officio members:

Randall Reid-Smith (commissioner, Culture and History), Charleston
Gary L. Johnson (director, Administrative Office of the Courts), Charleston
designee Matt Arrowood (deputy director, Division of Court Services)
John Dunlop (director, Office of Technology), Charleston
designee Justin McAllister (chief financial officer, Office of Technology)

2016-2017 Accessions**State Government Records**

Arts and Humanities Commission. Minutes, financial records, commissioning of composers and other records, 1966-92. 7 boxes. Arts and Humanities. Ar2070

Banking. Microfilm of bank exam reports, 1950s-60s. 2 boxes. Unknown donor. Ar2066

Beanblossom, Robert Lee Collection. Correspondence and other papers documenting work of Conservation Commission, Division of Natural Resources, and personal papers of Beanblossom, 1920s-2015. 14 boxes and oversized. Robert Lee Beanblossom, Pisgah Forest, NC. Ar2081

Cable Television Advisory Board. Minutes and recordings of board meetings, 1990-98. 3 boxes. Cable Television Advisory Board. Ar2076

Culture and History. Commissioner's files, 1976-91. 27 boxes. Culture and History. Ar2068

Department of Public Assistance. Reports, minutes, Civilian Conservation Corps and other materials of agency and its successor DHHR, 1936-59, 1982-95. 3 boxes. Vince Anderson, Huntington. Ar2080

Highways. Microfilm of travel along state roads, 1970s-80s. 11 boxes. Division of Highways. Ar2073

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Commission. Correspondence, financial records and other files, 1986-2007. 1 box. Culture and History. Ar2069

Mineral County Clerk. Deed books volumes 1-59, 1866-1940. 59 volumes. Mineral County Clerk's office. Keyser, Ar2067

Mines. Miners cards, mine listings and other records, 1930s-80s. 62 boxes. Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training. Ar2071

Monongalia County Circuit Clerk. Chancery and law case files, 1832-1952. 457 boxes. Monongalia County Circuit Clerk, Morgantown. Ar2079

Naturalization records. Pleasants County, 1900-27. 1 volume. Pleasants County Circuit Clerk, St. Marys. Ar1878acc

Secretary of State. Records of state-owned property, ca. 1960s-2000. 7 boxes. Secretary of State's office. Ar2074

Tomblin, First Lady Joanne Jaeger. Correspondence, cards, and other records, 2010-17. 22 boxes. Transfer from Office of the First Lady. Ar2083

Tomblin, Governor Earl Ray. Papers of the Tomblin administration, 2010-17. 101 boxes. Transfer from Governor's Office. Ar2082

Treasurer. Audio recordings of investment conversations/transactions used in Manchin impeachment case, 1986-87. 8 boxes, 12 racks and 3 padded bags. Treasurer's Office. Ar2075

Wayne County Circuit Clerk. Polley vs. Ratcliff slave case, 1839-2012. 1 box. Wayne County Circuit Clerk, Wayne. Ar2072

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Manuscripts

Account book. Timebook labelled Rail Mill Record, 1938 October 24-1940 April 30. 1 volume. Carolyn Harmon, Columbus, OH. Ms2017-003

Autograph book. Bethlehem Chapter DAR for baby of Turi Pond, 1935 August 13. 1 volume. Middlesex County Museum and Historical Society, Inc., Saluda, VA. Ms2017-005

Barbour County Poor Farm Women's Bureau. Notes, minutes and other publications, 1925-75. 1 box. Susan Skaggs Rickards, Fairmont. Ms2017-030

Carr, Early, Preston, Haden, Buster and Perkins families. Genealogy on African-American families, n.d. 1 box. Unknown donor. Ms2016-073

Casdorph, Paul Collection. Correspondence and articles of West Virginia State University history professor, ca. 1961-88. 2 boxes. Mrs. Paul Casdorph, Charleston. Ms2016-076

Church register. Fayetteville Circuit Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1858-93. 1 volume. Woodrow Clay Hamilton, Hightown, VA. Ms2017-004

Dudor Family Collection. Naturalization records, deeds, WWII papers of Stephen Kniska and other documents of Dudor and related families, 1892-1961. 1 box. Unknown donor. Ms2016-074

Gilmore, Elizabeth Collection. Articles, correspondence and other materials re: Elizabeth Harden Gilmore, and Harden and Harden Funeral Home, 1974-2003. 1 box. Trustee Board, Simpson Memorial United Methodist Church, Charleston. Ms2003-083acc

Golden Horseshoe Alumni Association Collection. Correspondence, forms, programs and other materials, 1929-2016. 1 box. Karen Lay, Glenville. Ms2017-021

Grove, George W. S. Jr. Collection. Correspondence and other documents of Romney native, WWII soldier and Charleston attorney, 1920s-50s. 2 boxes. Unknown donor. Ms2016-077

Harper, Eugene Collection. Notes, reports and other historic preservation materials, 1976-97. 1 box. R. Eugene Harper, Versailles, KY. Ms2004-083acc

Heflin, Harry B. and Dora Morgan Collection. Correspondence, invitations and other documents of Glenville State and West Virginia University president and first lady, 1917-2016. 4 boxes and 3 scrapbooks. Sharon Palmatory, Morgantown. Ms2017-018

Jenkinjones Reunion. Welcome packets, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016. 6 folders. Nancy Mitchem, Manassas, VA. Ms2017-025

Literary manuscript. "Good Old Boys: Bars in Beckley, West Virginia and Their Patrons" by Paul J. Nyden, 1979. 1 item. Paul Nyden, Charleston. Ms2017-007

Poem. Work by Goldie Honeycutt honoring veterans, 2013. 1 item. Transfer from Governor's Office. Ms2017-006

Randolph, Jennings Collection. Papers of congressman and U. S. Senator including speeches, clippings, constituent correspondence, legislation, projects, Congressional Record and other materials, 1929-87 (bulk 1959-84). 946 boxes. Salem International University, Salem. Ms2017-016

Smusz, Stanley Collection. Correspondence and documents of Joe and Stanley Smusz during WWII, 1916-45. 2 boxes. Unknown donor. Ms2016-075

Trigaux, George Collection. Materials re: Lincoln Junior High and Stonewall Jackson High, 1941-43. 1 box. Second Chance Humane Society, Ridgway, CO. Ms2016-081

United Mine Workers of America. Election Committee Manual, Election Committee Student Manual, 1980s. 2 volumes. Transfer from library. Ms2017-008

Ward, Edgar, Perry & Matthews families. Correspondence and other information on Wood County and Marietta, OH, families, 1839-1986. 1 box. Unknown donor. Ms2017-031

White family. Deeds, agreements and other documents of Lewis County family, 1818-1929. 2 folders. Mr. and Mrs. Jean Denning, Isle of Palms, SC. Ms2017-009

Woman's Kanawha Literary Club. Minutes, yearbooks, programs and scrapbooks, 1897-2013. 10 boxes and 1 oversized folder. Jo Ellen Diehl Yeary, South Charleston. Ms2017-019

Woomer, Warren Collection. Union Carbide materials, 1952-2006. 2 boxes and 1 oversized folder. Warren Woomer, Charleston. Ms2017-020

Photographs

Beanblossom, Robert Lee Collection. B&W and color prints and negatives of Natural Resources, Forestry and Parks employee, family conferences and related subjects, ca. 1900-2011. 1 box (84 prints, 3 postcards, 26 negs). Robert Lee Beanblossom, Pisgah Forest, NC. Ph2017-015

Casdorph, Paul Collection. B&W copy prints of Civil War era figures, n.d. 23 items (housed with Ms2016-076). Mrs. Paul Casdorph, Charleston. Ph2016-076

Commissioning West Virginia. Slides of artwork removed from Ar2070 Arts and Humanities Commission, 1971-72. 1 box (404 slides). Arts and Humanities. Ph2016-078

Edgar and Perry families, Marietta, OH. B&W and postcards, 1861-1963. 116 prints and 33 negatives. Unknown donor. Ph2017-031

Gilmore, Elizabeth Collection. B&W and color prints of Elizabeth Harden Gilmore, family members, and Harden and Harden Funeral Home, n.d. 14 items. Trustee Board, Simpson Memorial United Methodist Church, Charleston. Ph2003-083acc

Grove, George W. S. Jr. Collection. B&W and negatives of Romney native, WWII soldier and Charleston attorney, 1920s-60s. 1 box (449 prints, 30 negs). Unknown donor. Ph2016-077

Heflin, Harry B. and Dora Morgan Collection. Prints, negatives, postcards and slides of Glenville State and West Virginia University president and first lady, ca. 1860s-1990s. 3 boxes and 1 album (5 postcards, 875 prints, 221 negatives, 161 slides). Sharon Palmatory, Morgantown. Ph2017-018

Myers, Sylvia Collection. B&W prints of Lambert, Calhoun, Nelson families and Pendleton County, ca. 1909-40s. 1 box (48 prints, 2 postcards). Sylvia Myers, New Smyrna, FL. Ph2017-026

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New River Gorge Bridge. B&W prints of construction, 1973 August 16-1976 December 30. 4 folders (169 prints). Unknown donor. Ph2017-029

Photo album. B&W prints taken or acquired by sailor Denzil Whited, many European scenes during WWII, 1940s. 1 volume (150 prints). Madeline Hill, Alum Creek. Ph2017-002

Postcards. Assorted views around state, ca. 1930s-40s. 14 items. Margaret Brennan, Wheeling. Ph2017-001

Postcards. Greenbrier Resort, ca. 2010s. 35 items. Martha McKee, Charleston. Ph2012-013acc

Prichard, Karl C. Collection. B&W prints of WWI collected by Huntington resident, ca. 1917-19. 29 prints. Bill Wintz, St. Albans. Ph2017-027

Randolph, Jennings Collection. B&W prints and negatives of congressman and U. S. Senator, 1913-87. 24 boxes (est. 5,000 items). Salem International University, Salem and Senate Historical Office, Washington, DC. Ph2017-016

Smusz, Stanley Collection. Album and B&W of WWII sailor, ca. 1940s. 179 prints. Unknown donor. Ph2016-075

Topographical photos. B&W 1:20,000 scale photos of Lincoln, Mason and Wayne counties, 1950s. 3 boxes (est. 1,000 prints). Rob Pate, Beckley. Ph2016-079

Trigaux, George Collection. B&W of school athletics, military service, possibly Stonewall Jackson High, 1940s. 14 items. Second Chance Humane Society, Ridgway, CO. Ph2016-081

Weirton-Staubenville Bridge. B&W of construction, 1983 December 12-1989 July 18. 141 prints. Transfer from Ar1895 bridge files. Ph2017-032

West Virginia Geological and Economic Survey. Glassplate negatives, n.d. 4 boxes (115 negs). WV Geological and Economic Survey, Morgantown. Ph2016-080

Widen. B&W prints of town, Buffalo Creek and Gauley Railroad, ca. 1960s. 59 prints. Unknown donor. Ph2017-028

Special Collections

Brochures. Greenbrier Resort, 2015 August. 1 folder. Susan Scouras, Hurricane. Sc2017-012

Blueprint. Plans for new tea room addition, Scott Brothers, Charleston by H. Rus Warne, 1917 April 30. 1 item. Robert Reishman, Charleston. Sc2016-072

Cards. Various cards belonging to Goldie V. Maynor, many Red Cross or C&P Telephone, 1941-47. 1 folder. Goldie Skaggs, Beverly Hills, FL. Sc2017-013

Catalogues. Blenko Glass, 1986-87. 2 items. Transfer from Exhibit files. Sc2008-073acc

Kennedy materials. Publication, clippings and other materials re: John F. Kennedy, Jacqueline Kennedy and Robert F. Kennedy, 1963-68. 1 volume. Unknown donor. Sc2017-022

Publication. *Trains* Magazine featuring West Virginia and Cass 50th anniversary, 2013 August. 3 items. Kalmbach Publishing, Waukesha, WI. Sc2017-011

Publications. Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral programs, 2005-15. 1 folder. Debra Basham, Elkview. Sc2008-054acc

Scrapbook. Barboursville High School basketball team AAA champs, 1974-75. 1 volume. Randall Reid-Smith, Charleston. Sc2017-023

Scrapbook. Greenbrier College for Women student Edna Jane Lindley (Repaire), 1920s. 1 volume. Anne K. Repaire, Oak Hill. Sc2017-010

Scrapbooks. Clippings about Pat Hamilton and Hamilton family, 1965-74. 3 volumes. Patti Hamilton, Charleston. Sc2017-017

Scrapbooks. Documents, forms, photos and other items documenting Sgt. Richard Bowry, Congressional Medal of Honor winner from Civil War and dedication of memorial bridge at Mineral Wells, ca. 1861-2013 June 18. 2 volumes. Transfer from museum. Sc2017-014

Seaton, Carter Taylor Collection. Transcripts, articles and other materials re: artisans, musicians, draft of "Cash Crop: Hippie Homesteaders in West Virginia," 1960s-2012. 2 boxes. Carter Taylor Seaton, Huntington. Sc2017-024

Yearbook. Charleston High *Charlestonian*, 1939. 1 volume. Beverly Sharp, Russell, KY. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbook. Concord College *Pine Tree*, 1935. 1 volume. David Parmer, Hinton. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbook. St. Albans High *Dragonian*, 1939. 1 volume. Unknown donor. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbook. St. Albans High *Dragonian*, 1976. 1 volume. John Morrison, Charleston. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbook. Spencer High *Rupicola*, 1930. 1 volume. Unknown donor. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Assorted high school and college titles, 1917-86. 53 volumes. Marshall University Library, Huntington. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Barboursville Junior High, 1969-71; Barboursville High *Treasure Chest*, 1972-74. 6 volumes. James K. Jeffrey, Denver, CO. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Beaver High, Charleston High, 1927-28, 1966-67. 4 volumes. Laura Painter Burns, Annapolis, MD. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Burnsville Junior and High, Orlando, Talcott, Glenville, Shepherd and West Virginia University, 1926-95. 15 volumes. David Parmer, Hinton. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Cabell Midland High *Excalibur*, 2011-12, 2014-16. 5 volumes. Cabell Midland High School via Commissioner Randall Reid-Smith. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Calhoun County High *Calhounian*, 1951, 1952. 2 volumes. Unknown donor. Sc2005-003acc

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Yearbooks. Calhoun County High *Calhounian*, 1983, 1984, 1989, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1996. 7 volumes. Unknown donor. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Charleston High *Charlestonian*, 1929-33. 5 volumes. Shirley LeMay, Blairsville, GA. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Charleston High *Charlestonian*, 1938; West Virginia University *Monticola*, 1941-42. 3 volumes. Nancy Burdette Dalesio, Ripley. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Charleston High *Charlestonian*, 1939, Stonewall Jackson High *Jacksonian*, 1943. 2 volumes. Halcyon Moses, Huntington. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. East Bank Middle School, 2013-14. 2 volumes. Unknown donor. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. George Washington High *Patriot*, 1966, 1967. 2 volumes. Pat Arnold, Charleston. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Hamlin High *Pied Piper*, reunion booklets, commencement program, 1937-81. 21 items. Woodrow Clay Hamilton, Hightown, VA. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Morris Harvey *Harveyan*, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1956. 5 volumes. Unknown donor. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Parkersburg High *Parhischan*, 1948, 1949 and info on class of 1949. 5 volumes and 1 folder. Unknown donor. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. South Charleston High *Memoirs*, 1950. 2 volumes. Lisa Turley, Charleston. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Stonewall Jackson High *Jacksonian*, 1957-59. 3 volumes. Maudie Bowman Ewing c/o Bonita Schreckengost, Looneyville. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. West Virginia University *Monticola*, 1924, 1929. 2 volumes. Jeff Smith, Charleston. Sc2005-003acc