



WEST VIRGINIA
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From the Editor:

A new series of Archives workshops and lectures will be presented on the first Tuesday of every month. Some, such as “His Soul Goes Marching On”: *The Life and Legacy of John Brown*, by Mary Johnson, in this sesquicentennial year of John Brown’s Harpers Ferry raid, will be timely. Others, such as both the Brown lecture and *Bastard Battalion: A History of the 83rd Chemical Mortar Battalion in World War II*, a presentation by Terry Lowry based on his new book of the same title, will showcase the knowledge and expertise of Archives staff members. We will also call upon West Virginia historians like Dr. Kenneth Bailey, whose December talk, *A Glimpse at Some Lesser Known Prominent West Virginians*, is about various Mountaineers who were well-known in their day, many of whom he encountered during research in the State Archives. Your suggestions for topics and speakers are welcome.

Reading Room Atlas Stand Resources

The resources available on the atlas stand in the Archives and History Library Reading Room are many and varied, but even the most modern are helpful in historical and genealogical research. While searching in vain for a replacement for the outdated large atlas of the United States (they don’t publish oversize atlases any more) that has lain on top of the atlas stand for many years, we purchased a few new resources and took the opportunity to replace old ones with more recent editions. In the following list, new additions are indicated by an asterisk (*).

DeLorme Atlas & Gazetteer in the most recent edition for the following states:

- **West Virginia**, 2007*
- **Pennsylvania**, 2007*
- **Kentucky**, 2005*
- **Ohio**, 2007*
- **Virginia**, 2005*

In addition to having the features of highway maps, DeLorme atlases consist of detailed color topographic

maps showing back roads, trails and GPS grids. These are great aids to researchers trying to understand both migration routes and local travel patterns that were greatly affected in our region by the lay of the land and the flow of waterways. Creeks too small to identify on other types of maps are named, as are many

Archives and History Library Hours Changing

Beginning August 3, 2009, the Archives and History Library evening hours will be one day only, Thursday evenings until 8:00 p.m. All other days the Library will be open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and will continue to be open on Saturdays and closed on Sundays. Archives and History will offer a workshop or lecture after hours on the first Tuesday of each month, with the Library open for event participants only, not for research. The Library will continue to be open on selected state holidays.

mountains, ridges and hollows. All of these features are tremendously helpful in finding a remote location not associated with a modern community name or highway, but where a physical description or topographical feature is cited.

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Archives Main Door Re-opened

For a few weeks the Archives and History Library used a temporary rear entrance to the Reading Room area down the side hall of the Culture Center while a gift shop, locker room and cloak room were constructed in the former gallery space across from the usual Library entrance door. The Library’s regular entrance door in the hallway off the Great Hall is now open. Library patrons are encouraged to use the free lockers for their personal belongings rather than bringing them into the Library’s Reading Room. Across the Reading Room entrance, the West Virginia

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Cemetery hunters should find them especially useful.

Census Atlas of the United States: Census 2000 Special Reports: Bureau of the Census, 2006.* Statistical maps for the following topics:

- Population distribution
- Race and Hispanic origin
- Age and sex
- Living arrangements
- Place of birth and U.S. citizenship
- Migration
- Language
- Ancestry
- Education
- Work
- Military Service
- Income and Poverty
- Housing

Additional reference maps include largest cities and metropolitan areas, major roads, and county (or equivalent designation) maps for all states.

The Road Atlas: United States, Canada, Mexico: Rand McNally, 2010.* In addition to aiding our patrons who are traveling elsewhere after leaving us, comparing an older map of an area of interest with this new map may be helpful. If a highway

or state road now runs through the middle of an older town, or a lake covers the old home place, the Dept. of Highways may be a good resource to check for earlier historical research on the area, as well as records of moved buildings and reburial sites for vacated cemeteries.

The West Point Atlas of American Wars: United States Military Academy, 1959.* Volume 1 covers 1689-1900 and Volume 2 covers 1900-1953.

Quick Reference United States Atlas: Rand McNally, 2003. Convenient letter-size maps.

West Virginia County Maps: Thomas Publications, [no date]. Clear, oversize black and white maps of each county are accompanied by a brief history of the county and an inset map showing that county's location within the state. The maps show all county roads, including those described as trails, primitive or impassable, as well as creek fords. Good option for anyone who has difficulty using more cluttered maps or who is planning to travel to a remote area off the paved roadways.

Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia Maps: H. H. Hardesty, most dated

1883. Assorted maps copied by Archives Library staff from various volumes of Hardesty's county volumes for 24 West Virginia counties and two Ohio counties.

New Descriptive Atlas of West Virginia: Clarksburg Publishing Company, 1933. This atlas includes a West Virginia state map and separate black and white maps of each county with magisterial district boundary lines shown. A brief description of the formation and history of the county with then current information about products, population and magisterial districts, gives a good overview of each county for that time period.

Atlas of County Boundary Changes in Virginia, 1634-1895: Michael F. Doran, Iberian Publishing Company, 1987. Basic outline maps of the colony/state with counties as they evolved in ten-year periods form a time line of political boundary changes. Accompanying each map is an explanation of changes occurring in the relevant decade, and a chart listing new counties formed, date of formation, and parent counties. Although only Virginia is included in the title, the atlas includes the formation of West Virginia and changes in West Virginia counties up through 1895 as well.

General Highway County Maps: West Virginia: WV Dept. of Transportation, 1998. These detailed black and white maps of each county include all roads, including trail, primitive, unimproved, etc., and roads not in the state system, such as private roads and U.S. Forest Service roads. Some of the many items identified on the maps as listed in the map legends: conservation and recreation sites, railroads, airports, navigation points, dwellings and

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**West Virginia Archives and History Library
 New Hours of Operation**

Beginning August 3

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Closed</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</i>

*First Tuesday every month, lecture or workshop 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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other buildings, public service facilities, business and industry, schools, plus churches and cemeteries.

Historical Atlas of the Congresses of the Confederate States of America: 1861-1865. Kenneth C. Martis, 1994. Chapter titles include: Provisional Confederate Congress, Confederate Congressional Districts, Confederate Congressional Elections, and more, including elected Confederate congressmen and voting patterns.

Atlas of Kentucky. University Press of Kentucky, 1998.

Official Military Atlas of the Civil War. Arno Press, 1978. Reprint of the 1891 edition of the atlas to accompany the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies.

Historical Atlas of the United States with Original Maps. Derek Hayes, 2007.* Combines text with contemporary maps for a wide variety of American history topics, including early exploration, initial settlement, Native Americans, railroads, bird's-eye-views and more.

Atlas of Early American History: The Revolutionary Era 1760-1790. Princeton University Press, 1976.

West Virginia Genealogical and Economic Survey 7.5 Topographic Maps. 6 volumes organized by region.

Legislative Petition Collection Grows

In March 2009 we announced that in conjunction with the Mining Your History Foundation, the West Virginia Archives and History Library had acquired Virginia Legislative Petitions on microfilm from the Library of Virginia for the counties which formed West Virginia, with a few exceptions. We have now acquired the rolls for Monongalia County, as well as those for "parent" counties of Augusta, Giles, Montgomery and Tazewell, portions of which formed counties that later became West Virginia counties. (See the county formation map in our brochure, or on our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/wvcounties.html>.) Beginning in 1774, Virginia citizens petitioned the legislature for private, public and political concerns that could not be addressed by or were not properly

tended by local authorities. The petitioner did not have to be a voter—women, slaves and free blacks could not vote, but they could petition. Since few people could attend legislative sessions in Richmond and since transportation and communication were both slow and difficult, legislators made themselves available, usually at their county courthouses, to hear from constituents before proceeding to the General Assembly. People could present their concerns orally to individual legislators, or in the form of written petitions addressed to the whole General Assembly. For more information about Virginia Legislative Petitions, see the March 2009 issue of *West Virginia Archives and History News*, available online at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/ahnews/ahnews.html>.

Vital Research Records Update

The West Virginia Vital Research Records (VRR) searchable database of selected West Virginia state death certificates and county birth, death and marriage records is nearing completion and should be housed on new servers by fall. Only three record groups remain. Marion County death records are in the process of being loaded onto the servers. Work is in progress on Kanawha County and Marion County marriages. VRR is free and available on our Web site at http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx.

West Virginia Veterans Memorial Update

The West Virginia Veterans Memorial database update was completed last year, adding 1,545 new names and correcting 335 others. The West Virginia Veterans Memorial is dedicated to those who served and died in 20th century conflicts: World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Beirut (1983), Panama (1989), Gulf War (1991), Iraq PKM (Peace Keeping Mission, 1994) and Saudi Arabia (1996). The original 10,333 names carved on the granite walls of the Memorial itself were erased by a special "scrubbing" process. Now the granite will be buffed to restore the polished surface and the names will be carved, beginning in August. The stencils for the names have been cut. The buffing and carving are weather-dependent processes, so a date for the reopening of the interior

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of the Memorial to the public is not set. All of the additions and corrections already have been entered in the West Virginia Veterans Memorial Archive database on our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/wvmemory/wvvetmem.html>. The database is searchable by first and/or last name, county, war and keyword.

Biographies of 45 veterans whose names appear on the Memorial are posted on our Web site, and submission of biographies, documents and photos regarding any veteran by family, friends, historical societies or veterans groups is welcome. For more information about the Memorial itself, visit <http://www.wvculture.org/history/wvets.html>. For more information about the database or biographies, contact Terry Lowry, (304) 558-0230, terry.lowry@wvculture.org.

Scrapbooking Workshop Returns on September 1

“Beginning Family History Scrapbooking,” first presented by Lynn Barney in May, was highly popular and drew requests for another session both from those unable to attend this spring and those attendees who wanted to learn more. Archives and History is pleased to present a second hands-on workshop, “Put Your Family’s Memories in a Scrapbook,” on Tuesday, September 1, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. in the West Virginia Archives and History Library, The Culture Center, Charleston, Ms. Barney has been conducting various craft programs in the Kanawha Valley area, including the Kanawha County Public Library. Bring your photographs and other two-dimensional memorabilia and

Genealogy Workshop for Beginners

Susan Scouras, librarian, West Virginia Archives and History Library, will be offering a Genealogy Workshop for Beginners for those who want to compile their family history, but don’t know how to start. Family historians who have begun their research using Internet genealogy Web sites, but would like to learn how to locate and use non-Internet resources are also invited

to attend. Topics will include basic genealogical research skills, introduction to family history resources, and proper documentation of records and information collected. Use of primary resource materials found in the Archives and History Library will be emphasized. Registration is requested but not required. To register, contact Bob Taylor, bobby.taylor@wvculture.org, (304) 558-0230.

Evening Workshops and Lecture Schedule

Date	Conducted by:	Subject
August 4 Tuesday	Susan Scouras	<i>Genealogy for Beginners</i>
September 1 Tuesday	Lynn Barney	<i>Put Your Family’s Memories in a Scrapbook</i>
October 6 Tuesday	Mary Johnson	<i>“His Soul Goes Marching On”: The Life and Legacy of John Brown</i>
November 3 Tuesday	Terry Lowry	<i>Bastard Battalion: A History of the 83rd Chemical Mortar Battalion in World War II</i>
December 1 Tuesday	Dr. Kenneth R. Bailey	<i>A Glimpse at Some Lesser-Known Prominent West Virginians</i>

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

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.

learn how to properly organize and preserve them in a scrapbook format. Scrapbook materials will be provided. The workshop is free of charge and no reservations are necessary; however, we would appreciate hearing from you if you plan to attend in order to be sure we have enough supplies for all. Call Bob Taylor at (304) 558-0230, or e-mail bobby.taylor@wvculture.org. Visit our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops.html> to view photographs of the May session.

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State Museum Shop, featuring Tamarack: The Best of West Virginia, is now open as well. For more information about the Museum Shop, call (304) 205-7911 or visit the Tamarack Web site at <http://www.tamarackwv.com>.

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Everettville Historical Association Fundraisers

The Everettville Historical Association (EHA) has begun a series of fundraising events in cooperation with the Bob Evans

New Titles

Behold! The Land of Canaan: Tucker County Highlands History and Education Project, 2009.

War of 1812 Veteran Burials at St. John's Episcopal Church Graveyard, Richmond, VA: Myron Lyman, 2009.

Encounters with the British in Virginia During the War of 1812: Myron Lyman, 2009.

The Teaford Families in America: Nellie Teaford Wood, 2004.

Obituaries of Boone and Surrounding Counties, Volumes 1-8: Lenore Ferrell and Mary Whitmore, 2003-2008.

The Effects of the French and Indian War on Civilian Life in the Frontier Counties of Virginia, 1754-1763: Chester Young, 2009.

Women, Work and Family in Antebellum Mountain South: Wilma Dunaway, 2007.

The McClures of Alkol, WV: Ruth Cornell, 2007.

Washington County Ohio Marriages 1918-1924: Wes Cochran, 2009.

The Union Mission Handbook: Union Mission [Charleston], 1931.

Cemeteries of Boone County West Virginia, Volumes 1-11: Lenore Ferrell, et al, 1990-2009.

Ancestors of Lois Jean Nekoranec Thomas: Lois Jean Thomas, 2006.

Descendants of John Blizzard: Lois Jean Thomas, 2006.

Rockland Cemetery, Belpre, Ohio (Annotated): Wes Cochran, 2009.

Ceredo: an Experiment in Colonization: Elizabeth Knight McClintic, 1937 [photocopy].

Illustrated Story of Beautiful Kanawha Valley: Edward McGhee, 1923 [photocopy].

Something's Rising: Appalachians Fighting Mountaintop Removal: Silas House, 2009.

Reluctant Confederates: Upper South Unionists in the Secession Crisis: Daniel Crofts, 1989.

Bastard Battalion: a History of the 83rd Chemical Mortar Battalion in World War II: Terry Lowry, 2009.

The Westlake Family, Volume IV: Patricia Davis, 2009.

The Harpole/Harpold Family: Michael Harpold, [2009?].

The John Varner Family of Salem (Harrison County) West Virginia: Jean Marks, 2008.

The Forgotten Portugese: Manuel Mira, 1998.

Letter to a New President: Commonsense Lessons for our Next Leader: Robert C. Byrd, 2008.

Far Appalachia: Noah Adams, 2002.

Governor William E. Glasscock: Gary Tucker, 2008.

The Scotch-Irish: James Leyburn, 1962.

The Appalachians: Mari-Lynn Evans, 2004.

Super Marine!: Ken Hechler, 2007.

The Western Maryland Railway: Alan Clarke, 2006.

Appalachian Conquest: The C&O, N&W, Virginia and Clinchfield Cross the Mountains: Eugene Huddleston, 2002.

restaurant in Westover, W. Va. Billed as "Bob Evans Community Fun Night" and held on the first Friday of each month, 15% of dine in or carry out sales from noon to 10:00 p.m. will be donated to the EHA when patrons present a copy of the EHA flyer at checkout. The Everettville Historical Association, www.wveha.org, is dedicated to preserving history and promoting historical education. Their major project is raising funds for a Miners Memorial monument and park in memory of the coal miners who died in the Federal No. 3 Mine disaster in Everettville in 1927.

Editor's Note: Congratulations to EHA for coming up with a different type of fundraiser for a history-related not-for-profit organization. In the Charleston-Huntington corridor, other restaurants that have made their facilities available for fundraisers for various groups are Applebee's (pancake breakfasts), Shoney's (percentage of sales and/or volunteer servers who donate their tips), and various pizza chains (set amount per pizza sold). Consider approaching the local franchises and non-chain restaurants in your area about similar fundraising possibilities.

Recent Donations

The Archives and History Library has received donations of books from the Boone County Genealogical Society, Mining Your History Foundation, Wetzel County Genealogical Society, Tucker County Highlands History and Education Project, and from many individual donors. We appreciate their generosity and their commitment to sharing and preserving historical and genealogical research.

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.

NEW ARCHIVES LIBRARY HOURS BEGIN,

August 3: For more information, see the article in this issue of the newsletter.

HACKERS CREEK PIONEER DESCENDANTS 28TH ANNUAL GATHERING,

August 6–9: Horner. For more information, visit http://www.hackerscreek.com/2009gather/2009_gathering_brochure.htm.

BATTLE OF DRY CREEK OR ROCKY GAP RE-ENACTMENT,

August 21–23: Greenbrier State Forest, White Sulphur Springs. For more information, visit <http://www.thebattleofdrycreek.com>.

LABOR DAY, September 7: Archives Library will be *closed*.

BEGINNERS GENEALOGY WORKSHOP, September 19:

Lincoln County Genealogical Society, 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Hamlin Library, Hamlin.

CEMETERY PRESERVATION AND CEMETERY LANDSCAPES WORKSHOP,

September 21–23: The Culture Center, Charleston. Sponsored by the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office with the National Preservation Institute.

WEST VIRGINIA ARCHIVES AND HISTORY COMMISSION MEETING,

October 2: Chief Logan State Park, Logan.

GENEALOGY FAIR, October 3: Berkeley County Historical Society, Christ Reformed Church, Martinsburg. For more information, visit <http://www.bchs.org>.

COLUMBUS DAY, October 12: Archives Library will be open*.

“JOHN BROWN REMEMBERED,” October 14–17: An educational symposium, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, Harpers Ferry. For more information, visit <http://www.harpersferryhistory.org/johnbrown/index.htm>.

JOHN BROWN COMMUNITY FORUM, October 21: Jefferson County Black History Society, focusing on Dangerfield Newby and Lewis Leary, 7:00 p.m., Wainwright Baptist Church, Charles Town.

FRONTIER DAYS HISTORICAL ENCAMPMENT, November 7–8:

Shawnee Trail Associates and other groups, Museum in the Park, Chief Logan State Park, Logan. For more information, visit <http://www.wvculture.org/eventdetail.aspx?Id=866>.

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

THANKSGIVING DAY, November 26: Archives Library will be *closed*.

THANKSGIVING FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, November 27–28: Archives Library will be *closed*.

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The West Virginia Library Commission Library in the Culture Center is closed weekends and all holidays.

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CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24: Archives Library will be *closing at noon*.

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

NEW YEAR'S EVE, December 31: Archives Library will be *closing at noon*.

NEW YEAR'S DAY, January 1, 2010: Archives Library will be *closed*.

HISTORY DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE, February 18, 2010:
 The West Virginia State Capitol and The Culture Center, Charleston.

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Wood County Historical Landmarks Commission and Wood County Sheriff Cooperate in Cemetery Survey

The Wood County Historical Landmarks Commission and the Office of the Sheriff of Wood County are conducting a voluntary survey of Wood County landowners in a joint effort to locate, document and mark burial sites in the county. A card was mailed with Wood County property tax notices that asks landowners to respond to the following questions:

1. Is there a cemetery or burial site on your property?
2. If Yes, is there a name associated with the cemetery?
3. Is the cemetery maintained, and if yes, who maintains it?

4. Approximately how many stones are visible?

Respondents are asked for name, phone number and magisterial district.

Editor's Note: We commend the Commission and the Sheriff on innovative thinking and outstanding cooperation in this effort to record

rural cemeteries and burial sites. Don't forget that the West Virginia Archives and History Library will accept burial location of even a single grave for its West Virginia Cemeteries manuscript collection (<http://www.wvculture.org/history/ms2006-052.html>). Contact Susan Scouras, susan.scouras@wvculture.org, (304) 558-0230.

SHPO Cemetery Preservation 3-Day Workshop

The West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), in cooperation with the National Preservation Institute, is presenting

a three day workshop on "Cemetery Preservation and Cemetery Landscapes" on September 21-23, 2009. The first two days will focus on "Cemetery Preservation," while the third day will feature "Cemetery Landscapes: A Practical Guide to Care and Maintenance." Participation is limited and registration is required. Scholarships are available. The workshop brochure and registration form are posted on SHPO's Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/shpo/hpcemeteryworkshop.pdf>. For further information contact Carolyn Kender, SHPO, (304) 558-0240, carolyn.kender@wvculture.org.

SHPO Announces 2010 Annual Work Program

The 2009-2010 proposed Annual Work Program of the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is now available for public review and comment. The work program describes SHPO activities and programs planned to assist communities and residents in physical preservation of West Virginia's history. Copies are available in one or more public libraries in each

county, in the SHPO at the Culture Center in Charleston, and on the SHPO Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/shpo>. Deadline for public comment is August 14. Comment forms are available at the public libraries or from SHPO. For more information, contact Pamela Brooks, grants coordinator, (304) 558-0240, ext. 720.

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We would love to hear from you.

Let us know what you find helpful in the newsletter, and what new topics you would like covered.

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