The most recent bindery order has been returned. The newly hardbound books have been cataloged and/or labeled and placed on the library shelves. While a few of the books we send to the bindery are hardbound books that need new bindings, most are paperbacks, spiral or comb-bound material, or unbound manuscripts that need a library binding to preserve them and to help them stand up to normal use in the Archives and History Reading Room over time. As a matter of fact, if you or your organization intend to donate a newly published book to the Archives Library that will be distributed in a spiral or comb-binding, we always appreciate receiving an unbound copy of the manuscript, preferably before the holes are punched in the paper, so we can put it in a library binding and extend its life on our shelves.

Beginning Genealogy Feature of August “First Tuesday” at the Archives

On August 3, 2010, Susan Scouras will be the speaker at the monthly Tuesday evening lecture in the library. She will be presenting a program on genealogy especially suitable for beginners 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. Door prizes, including how-to genealogy books, family tree chart, highway marker books, and Homer Laughlin collectible mugs, will be given out during the program.

Scouras has been the librarian at the West Virginia Archives and History Library for more than a decade and regularly assists patrons in compiling their family history. She is also editor of the monthly newsletter, West Virginia Archives and History News. All Archives and History workshop and lecture sessions are free and the public is invited to attend. On August 3, the library will close at 5 p.m. and reopen at 5:45 p.m. for participants only.

Scrapbooking Workshop Enjoyed by Participants

Lynn Barney presented a third scrapbooking workshop for Archives and History on July 6, entitled “Put Your Family’s Memories in a Scrapbook.” Participants placed their own family photographs and memorabilia on scrapbook pages and decorated the pages using the color and printed papers, trims, lettering and stamps provided. See more photos of this and other workshops and lectures through links on the Archives and History “What’s Happening” Web page, http://www.wvculture.org/history/whats happening.html, as well as catch up on activities reported in the Archives Newsroom.
Archives and History Pays Tribute to Robert C. Byrd

West Virginia Archives and History has created a new exhibit in the Reading Room display cases commemorating the life of the late Senator Robert C. Byrd, who died on June 28, 2010. Byrd was the longest serving member of the United States Congress in its history. The display cases feature materials from the Archives and History collections, including letters, photographs and printed matter. In addition, audiovisual footage of Senator Byrd is available for viewing on the library’s television. Additional photographs that are on temporary display in the state capitol rotunda will be hung in the Archives and History photo gallery off the Great Hall in the Culture Center once they have been returned.

You may also view an online exhibit, “Robert C. Byrd, 1917-2010, A Photographic Tribute,” featuring photographs from the collections of Archives and History: http://www.wvculture.org/history/byrdphotodisplay/byrdphotos.html. Collections from which the photographs were taken are cited.

Byrd Speech Online


Genealogy Club

Archives and History Library

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

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

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

Evening Workshops and Lecture Schedule

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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.

Ward to Speak to August 12 Thursday Evening Genealogy Club

Bryan Ward, Assistant Director of Archives and History, will speak to the Thursday Evening Genealogy Club on August 12 on “Going Local: Genealogy and Researching Local History.” Ward says that when many people begin to climb their family tree they neglect to look at the history of the local area where their ancestors lived. He will teach attendees how to “go local” to find out more about the lives of their ancestors, explaining local history research methods and showing how to use photographs, tax records, maps, newspapers and other local history resources. The Genealogy Club is free and open to everyone. Advance registration is not required, but is preferred so we can be sure to have enough seats and materials for participants. To register in advance, contact Robert Taylor, library manager, by e-mail at cathy.s.miller@wv.gov, (304) 558-0230.
The Archives and History Library has been fortunate to receive donations of entire personal libraries from time to time. Most recently we accepted a large collection of history books belonging to the late Dr. Paul D. Casdorph of Charleston. Wes Cochran of Parkersburg has been downsizing his personal collection and has donated many family histories, local histories, census and cemetery books, for border areas in Pennsylvania and Ohio as well as for West Virginia counties. Because we are cataloging such a large volume of titles right now, not all of them will be listed in the “New Titles” column of Archives and History News. If you would like to see if we have any new books and pamphlets on subjects of interest to you, you can search our online catalog at http://archives.lib.wv.us:71/ or by clicking the Voyager® Online Catalog link on our home page at http://www.wvculture.org/history.

Honor and Violence in the Old South: Bertram Wyatt-Brown, 1986.
North with Lee and Jackson: James A. Kegel, 1996.
One Hundred Years of Pike County, Ohio Marriages: Margaret Hiles Scott and Medrith Mollenkamp, 1991.
War Between the States: Autographs and Biographical Sketches: Jim Hayes, 1989.
The Log (Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia): The Senior Class, 1939. [Many West Virginia African Americans attended this college.]
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**“UPSHUR COUNTY CHILDREN OF SO VERY LONG AGO,” SUMMER 2010 EXHIBIT,**
Through September 26: Sunday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Upshur County Historical Society, History Center Museum, Buckhannon. For more information, visit http://upshurcountyhistoricalsociety.com or e-mail info@upshurcountyhistoricalsociety.com.

**HACKER’S CREEK PIONEER DESCENDANTS 29TH ANNUAL GATHERING,**

**FRENCH CREEK PIONEER GATHERING,**
August 21–22: Descendants of French Creek Pioneers, French Creek. For more information, contact Amy W. Tenney, (304) 472-5174, buckhannon@hotmail.com, or Mary Albaugh, (304) 473-0738, IWABYF@gmail.com.

**“AMERICAN BISQUE COMPANY OF WILLIAMSTOWN,”**

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

**BERKELEY FALL TOUR OF HOMES,**

**“THE MAKING OF THE PRESIDENT 1860,”**

**“EARLY BERKELEY COUNTY HOMES AND RESEARCHING HISTORIC PROPERTIES,”**

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

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


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

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

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

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


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

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

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

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

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

*Only the Archives Library will be staffed—all other Archives offices will be closed.*

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