As fall approaches the number of historical/genealogical societies and other organizations who have announced lectures, workshops and other events is growing. Please support your local groups by attending a regular meeting featuring a speaker or a special public event. We all benefit from learning new information and meeting new people. Even if we are unable to commit to an actual membership in an organization, we can still provide support to a society and gain a benefit for ourselves at the same time by taking advantage of these one-time opportunities. Maybe I'll run into you at the West Virginia Book Festival or the McCreight Lecture in the Humanities this October.

**Peyton to Present Charleston: Then & Now on Sept. 7**

Dr. Billy Joe Peyton will speak on *Charleston: Then & Now* at the monthly Tuesday evening lecture in the Archives and History Library on September 7, 2010. With the permanent movement of the state capital to Charleston in the 1880s and the growth of industry and commerce, people flocked to the city for work, shopping, and entertainment in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Although the city has changed considerably over the years, the past still matters. Peyton will show views of past and present Charleston and discuss the history the changing landscape reveals.

Billy Joe Peyton holds a Ph.D. in history from West Virginia University. His public history career has included working for the university, West Virginia Division of Culture and History, National Park Service, and PBS Television. He currently is associate professor and chair of the History Department at West Virginia State University. A resident of Charleston’s historic East End, he also is active in local history and preservation efforts. Peyton is the author of *Charleston*, published in 2010 as part of Arcadia’s Then & Now series.

All Archives and History workshop and lecture sessions are free and the public is invited to attend. On September 7, the library will close at 5 p.m. and reopen at 5:45 p.m. for participants only. Advance registration for the workshop is not required, but is encouraged to help plan seating arrangements and supplies for the session. 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.

**Labor History Celebrated in September**

The week of the Labor Day holiday has been designated by the West Virginia Legislature in House Concurrent Resolution No. 58 as Labor History Week in order to “increase the awareness and understanding of labor history and the contributions of workers to the state, nation and world.” The resolution also states that “Some of the most significant labor events happened in West Virginia and our state has a rich labor history.” [Full text of the resolution may be found online at http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Bill_Text_HTML/2010_SESSIONS/rs/BILLS/hcr58%20intr.htm.]

West Virginia Archives and History is a rich resource for researchers in West Virginia labor history, particularly the West
Virginia Labor History Association Collection, Ms 2006-001. A finding aid for this manuscript collection is posted on our Web site at http://www.wvculture.org/history/ms2006-001.html. The collection includes files for companies and individuals involved in labor issues, Labor Hall of Honor recipients, activities in which the Labor History Association was involved, as well as documents and publications for numerous labor unions and organizations. Three boxes of photographs are also available in Ph 2006-001 of the Archives Photograph Collection.

The Archives and History online Voyager catalog can be searched for various labor related topics and names. A keyword search using the terms “West Virginia Labor” brings up 70 titles in the Archives and History collection. The Advanced Search feature can be used to build more specific topic searches, using combinations of such terms as “coal,” “union,” “transportation,” “steel,” etc. Our sister state library, the West Virginia Library Commission (WVLC) Library, also has many labor-related resources in its collections of books, periodicals, films, and state and federal documents. The WVLC Library has also compiled a bibliography of online resources intended primarily for classroom teachers, but of interest to all who would like to learn more, posted on their Web site at http://wvlcguides.org/content.php?pid=130497. Listings include DVD, 16mm film and VHS format audio-visual recordings, with annotations provided for teachers to use in deciding whether to use them in their classrooms, as well as an entire labor history curriculum.

Those who have a continuing interest in West Virginia’s labor history may want to contact the historical society founded for that purpose: West Virginia Labor History Association P. O. Box 5156 Charleston, WV 25361

### Research Resources in Archives and History News

Previous issues of *West Virginia Archives and History News* have many articles discussing research resources available through the West Virginia Archives and History Library, as well as information and tips on the research process itself. You can locate them using the Subject and Title indexes posted on the Archives and History News page of our Web site at http://www.wvculture.org/history/ahnews/ahnews.html. If you do not find what you are interested in using the Subject index, try searching the Title index using a keyword in the “Find on this Page” feature found in the “Edit” dropdown box of your Internet browser. If you do not have access to the Internet at home or through your local public library, you will find paper copies of the newsletter available at several larger public libraries and university/college libraries around the state, or through your local historical and genealogical societies. When reading an article, keep in mind the date the article was written and check with the Archives Library for any updates or changes in the subject or resource discussed. Following are articles (or their updated versions posted elsewhere on our Web site) that you may find interesting and helpful:

- **Not-So-Buried Treasures series**
  - Part I: Manuscripts and Special Collections, March 2007
  - Part II: Governor’s Papers, April 2007
  - Part III: Archival/State Government Records

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Collections, May 2007
• Part IV: Images Other Than Photographs, June 2007
• Part V: Microfilm Collection
• Vital Records in West Virginia series
• Births, October 2007 [See also updated “Quick Guide to Births” at http://www.wvculture.org/history/quickguidetobirth.pdf.]
• Deaths, November 2007 [See also updated “Quick Guide to Deaths” at http://www.wvculture.org/history/quickguidetodeath.pdf.]
• Marriages, December 2007 [See also updated “Quick Guide to Marriages” at http://www.wvculture.org/history/quickguidetomarriage.pdf.]
• Early Marriage Laws in Virginia/West Virginia, June 2004
• West Virginia Vital Research Records [The most up-to-date version is found at http://www.wvculture.org/history/vitalrecordsarticle.pdf.]
• Virginia Legislative Petitions for West Virginia Counties, March 2009
• Personal Property Tax Lists, September 2002
• Personal Property Tax Lists Holdings, An Update, July 2003

A variety of articles deal with West Virginia county records and related topics:
• West Virginia’s 55 Counties, August 2000
• Missing West Virginia County Records, February 2001
• Additions and Corrections (to the preceding article), August 2001
• Microfilmed West Virginia County Records, May 2003
• West Virginia County Records Research Tips, June 2003
• Courthouse Disasters & Myths, May 2004
• Border Confusion, October 2004
• Additional West Virginia County Records on Microfilm Now Available in Archives and History Library, November 2004
• More on Courthouses, County Records and County Seats, December 2004

Most of the resources discussed in these articles will only be available to visitors in the Archives and History Library, but a limited amount of research in some collections may be available by mail request with a fee. If you are considering such a request or have questions about a resource, contact us by telephone at (304) 558-0230, Ext. 168, or e-mail Robert L. Taylor, library manager, bobby.l.taylor@wv.gov, or if you think a specific staff member may be more knowledgeable about a certain area, call that staff member at the same number, or locate an e-mail address at http://www.wvculture.org/history/contactus.html.

**Historic Preservation Survey and Planning Grants Available**

Applications are now being accepted for historic preservation survey and planning grants through the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History. Approximately $80,000 is earmarked for this grant program, which is funded with money appropriated by the U.S. Congress for preservation efforts through the National Park Service Fund. State or local government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, for-profit organizations or firms, and educational institutions are eligible to apply. Eligible projects include architectural and archaeological surveys, preparation of nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, heritage education programs relating to preservation activities, pre-development activities, and comprehensive planning documents and development projects. Funded projects must be completed by June 30, 2012.

Grant funds are awarded on a matching basis. A competitive process is used to determine the recipients, with the final decision being made by the West Virginia Archives and History Commission. The Commission selects projects that best meet the established priorities and criteria. Development projects will be considered only when all of the justifiable needs of eligible projects in other categories have been addressed. All grant monies must be administered in accordance with federal and state requirements. The deadline for applications is October 31, 2010. Program descriptions, a grants manual and application packets, including funding priorities and selection criteria are available by contacting Pamela Brooks, SHPO grants coordinator, (304) 558-0240, ext. 720, or by writing: SHPO, WV Division of Culture and History, The Culture Center, 1900 Kanawha Blvd. E, Charleston, WV 25305-0300, or at http://www.wvculture.org/shpo/forms.html. The announcement of grants is planned for February 2011, contingent upon receipt of an allocation by the National Park Service.

[Division of Culture and History press release, July 27, 2010.]
Beginning Genealogy Drew Crowd for August First Tuesday

A full house attended the Beginning Genealogy First Tuesday presentation in the Archives and History Library on August 3. Archives librarian Susan Scouras addressed a group of 71 people interested in learning more about researching family history. Her focus was on the basics of researching, verifying and recording genealogy information, and on the resources available through the West Virginia Archives and History Library. For photographs of the evening, visit the Archives and History Web site at http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops/wkshp080310.html. To learn about both past and upcoming presentations, visit http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops.html.

All who were unable to attend the August lecture but would like to begin their own genealogy are encouraged to visit the Archives and History Library and talk to our staff, and to attend Archives Genealogy Club meetings. The Tuesday Morning Genealogy Club meets every Tuesday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Archives Library in The Culture Center. The Thursday Evening Genealogy Club meets once a month on the second Thursday of every month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Some meetings feature a speaker or special topic, but the main purpose of the clubs is for researchers to share information and research tips, as well as to discuss any problems they are having in finding records. Staff members are always available to answer questions and to assist researchers in determining appropriate records to search for particular types of information. For more information about the genealogy clubs, contact Robert L. Taylor, Archives Library manager, (304) 558-0230, or bobby.l.taylor@wv.gov.

Survey Taken of Beginning Genealogists

On August 3, 2010, Archives and History’s First Tuesday lecture was on Beginning Genealogy. Of the 67 persons who attended, 46 (69%) filled out a brief survey. Their responses were as follows:

1. Have you already started genealogy research? Yes: 37, No: 9
3. Have you used Internet resources for genealogy? Yes: 33, No: 13.
5. Are you working toward joining a lineage society? Yes: 15, No: 21, Maybe: 10.
6. Are you interested in additional genealogy classes or lectures here? Yes: 44, No:1, Maybe: 1.

A survey using these same six questions was conducted following Evening Genealogy Club regarding “Going Local: Genealogy and Researching Local History” on August 12. Ward discussed using locally oriented resources such as yearbooks, newspapers, county histories, city directories and more to develop a more complete picture of the lives of people, as well as to pick up clues for family history research. View photographs of the evening at http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops/2010augustgenclub.html.

Thursday Evening Genealogy Club Learns About “Going Local”

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Mark Your Calendars!
15th Annual History Day, February 24, 2011
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.

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New Titles

Derelicts: An Account of Ships Lost at Sea in General Commerce and a Brief History of Blockade Runners Stranded Along the North Carolina Coast, 1861-1865: James Sprunt, 2006, c1920.
Greenbrier County Cemeteries: White Sulphur District: Greenbrier Historical Society, [no date].

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We know many societies, particularly lineage societies, are struggling just to maintain their groups, let alone grow. The survey results are a beacon of hope that interest in society memberships is returning. Societies need to make an extra effort to publicize themselves by getting media coverage of meetings and events, as well as announcing willingness to accept new members and to assist researchers in completing their family trees with adequate proofs for admission. Societies who would like to hold a general or special meeting at the Archives in the Culture Center in Charleston, or who would like to bring researchers on a field trip to the Archives and History Library to conduct research are most welcome. Just contact library manager Robert L. Taylor, (304) 558-0230, bobby.l.taylor@wv.gov, and make arrangements.
**Genealogy Surname Exchange**

The West Virginia State Archives offers the Genealogy Surname Exchange as a service to researchers through Genealogy Corner on our Web site at http://www.wvculture.org/history/surintro.html. Over 4,000 surnames are listed, with a corresponding list of almost 3,300 researchers. Surnames are listed alphabetically with numbers corresponding to names and addresses in the researcher lists. If you would like to be listed as a researcher for up to five surnames, you can submit an online registration form posted at http://www.wvculture.org/history/surnform2.html, or fill out a paper form in the Archives and History Library.

To keep the Genealogy Surname Exchange as accurate as possible, listed researchers are asked to please notify us of any changes of address, phone number and/or e-mail address. If you are a user of the Exchange and have tried to contact a researcher only to have mail or e-mail returned as undeliverable, or have discovered an incorrect phone number, please notify us as well.

**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.

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WEST VIRGINIA BOOK FESTIVAL, October 15–16: Civic Center, Charleston. Featuring Civil War author and historian Dr. James Robertson. For more information, visit http://wvbookfestival.org/ or contact Pam May, Kanawha County Public Library, pam.may@kanawha.lib.wv.us.


“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.