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. Until 2006, Archives and History also published *West Virginia History*, the journal of state history, biography, genealogy, and bibliography. 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.

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.

### Mission

The fiscal year brought to conclusion the Division of Culture and History’s observance of Archives and History’s centennial year. Following upon Culture and History’s publication of *Picturing West Virginia: A Century of Collecting by the West Virginia State Archives 1905-2005* in April of the previous fiscal year, the division brought historian Henry Louis Gates Jr. to the Cultural Center on October 14, 2005. Appearing in the building’s theater, Dr. Gates spoke to a packed house about W. E. B. Du Bois and events leading to publication of the encyclopedia *Africana* and its digital counterpart. During a reception that followed, Dr. Gates signed copies of books from the Archives and History Library collection that he had authored or edited. Also in October, archives staff were recognized at a reception in the Governor’s Mansion.

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In January 2006, Archives and History experienced several weeks of disruptions in its office and public areas as part of the division’s re-carpeting of the building. The library was closed to the public for one week while new carpeting was installed there, and first-floor staff offices were affected over a period of several weeks. The much-needed library carpeting brightened the reading room, while both fresh paint and new carpet enhanced the main office area. While the process of packing up and removing the contents of offices created much chaos, it also led to a general cleanup and weeding out of files, drawers and bookshelves.

Library use held steady in the 2005-2006 fiscal year, despite the week-long closure of the library when the carpeting was being replaced. More than 6,300 patrons visited the library over the course of the year, while more than 2,500 contacted the library via telephone or research letter. Staff also received a large number of e-mail contacts.

The addition of Ancestry Library Edition subscription database to the subscription to HeritageQuest online database in September 2005 greatly increased and enhanced the information the Archives and History Library makes available to reading room patrons free of charge. No other library in the Charleston area subscribes to these databases at this time, and similar services are available to individuals only on a fee basis, so the archives library is providing a valuable public service with this offering. The availability of U.S. census information in a searchable and printable online format has also decreased the staff time required to assist patrons with census records and Soundex indices on microfilm, as well as the time required to perform direct research for patrons’ fee-based written research requests. Training sessions for library staff were held via live Web seminars with Ancestry representatives.

In hopes of fostering greater use of the library by the public, Archives and History began a series of evening workshops in the library in March 2006. A staff historian conducted two sessions on the process for applying for one of the remaining unclaimed West Virginia Civil War medals in the possession of the West Virginia State Archives, which the state legislature authorized in 1866 as “tokens of respect” for Union veterans of West Virginia military units. The following workshops were offered during the fiscal year:

- War on the Homefront: Posters Depicting the Role of Family, the Red Cross and Industry during WWI
- How to Apply for a West Virginia Civil War Medal
- Newspapers in Genealogical and Historical Research

By the end of June additional workshops on a variety of topics were scheduled for the summer and fall. Early promotional efforts were not as successful as would have been liked, and staff concluded that press releases were needed for future sessions.

In conjunction with the workshop on using newspapers in research, bibliographies of newspaper subject indices were prepared, as were indices to church newspapers and books.
of newspaper obituaries, death notices, and marriage announcement abstracts and indices in the library collection. These lists were published in the April 2006 issue of Archives and History News, the newsletter of the Archives and History section. Additional related articles appeared in the May and June issues.

Twice during the fiscal year, several dozen less frequently used books were removed from the reading room into the closed stack area to make room for additional books about more popular topics or for expansion in Dewey areas assigned to the reading room shelves. All of the ready reference, reference and reading room materials are chosen specifically for those locations due to their high level of use both by patrons and by staff, which made the decisions difficult. Recommendations from patrons and staff were sought and considered in the process.

One shelving/cataloging problem was solved by creation of an artificial collection of cemetery surveys under the title “West Virginia Cemetery Listings,” Ms2006-052. A folder was made for each county and placed in an archival manuscript file box. Dozens of individual cemetery inventories gathered from various uncataloged files were labeled and filed by county, with a finding aid listing placed in the manuscript box and posted online. The newly created file was publicized in the May and June issues of the newsletter, which resulted in donations of additional cemetery lists.

In April 2006, computers were placed at the reference and copy/security desks in the library reading room for staff use. With the immediate availability of Archives and History’s Web site, library catalog, and other online resources, staff can answer more telephone reference questions and can provide direct assistance to callers seeking guidance on use of the Web site. These computers also allow staff to work on other computer tasks while on duty in the library.

Archives and History’s librarian/cataloguer continued to represent the division and the Archives and History Library on the West Virginia Library Commission (WVLC) Catalog Migration Committee. The purpose of the committee is to determine the library catalog and administrative needs of the libraries and to specify the services required from a new integrated library system (ILS), including the online public access catalog portion of the ILS. (On
Archives and History’s Web page, this is the “West Virginia Union Catalog” link to the WVLC online catalog system, which also hosts Archives and History’s catalog. It is the searchable database through which archives library patrons and off-site users may search for books and pamphlets in the library’s collection.) During the fiscal year, the librarian attended and reviewed ILS vendor demonstrations, wrote a cataloging policy for the Archives and History Library, cleaned up archives records in the current VTLS online catalog, and served as liaison between the WVLC staff and Archives and History staff.

Archives and History’s Web site continued to grow during the 2005-2006 fiscal year, reaching nearly 55,000 files by year’s end. Web pages on the state legislature were created and offer an alphabetical and county listing of all legislators serving since 1863 as well as images of house speakers and senate presidents. Most work on “Photographs of Schools in West Virginia,” which showcases more than 1,100 images from Archives and History’s collections depicting schools around the state, was completed. Finding aids for more than fifty collections, an alphabetical listing for the vertical files, and the 2006 History Hero biographies and photographs were added.

The “On this day in West Virginia history . . .” feature, which began in January 2005 as part of Archives and History’s centennial year activities, continued through December 2005. For each day, an event that occurred on that day in the state’s history was selected and documents related to that event were placed online. These events have been featured again in 2006, with some additions made as time has permitted. Previously featured events are also available by a link from the main page (http://www.wvculture.org/history).
The Daily Trivia remained a popular item on the Web site, with an average of more than 400 responses being received each month during the year. This feature has proven increasingly popular with 8th-grade West Virginia studies students during the months leading up to the Golden Horseshoe test. Staff also added numerous questions to the Quick Quizzes and incorporated questions associated with the Golden Horseshoe test, greatly expanding that feature and making it more useful to students studying for the annual exam.

In one of the Web highlights of the year, on June 19, 2006, “A State of Convenience: The Creation of West Virginia,” a new online exhibit, was unveiled by Governor Joe Manchin III and First Lady Gayle Manchin. Archives and History’s director and assistant director provided a demonstration of the new Web page, which focuses on events leading to the creation of West Virginia in 1863. Divided into chapters, the online exhibit begins with the decades-long divisions between the eastern counties of Virginia and their sister counties to the west. Subsequent chapters trace the road to statehood from the formation of a loyal Virginia government by western counties after the state government in Richmond seceded from the Union, through the meetings of various conventions, to the inauguration of Arthur Boreman as West Virginia’s first governor. The chapter divisions and brief explanatory text provide the structure for the exhibit’s most important feature—primary documents on the statehood period from the West Virginia State Archives collections. “A State of Convenience” is an educational tool that offers historians, students, and others interested in West Virginia statehood the opportunity to read the actual words of the participants themselves.

As the fiscal year began, staff continued to work out kinks associated with movement of the online West Virginia Memory Project databases from NetAnswer to the new system designed by a consulting firm that had been contracted by the Division of Culture and History to upgrade its Web site in the previous fiscal year. One benefit of this new system is that changes to existing data records take effect online immediately. Introduction of this new system required staff who work on one or more of the databases to learn new software, however, as the former programs used for data input were incompatible with the new system. With attention still focused on changes in the database format, input of new records was slow during the first part of the fiscal year. Nevertheless, the Golden Horseshoe winners database was completed through 2006, and records were added to the Periodicals and State Documents databases on archives holdings in those two collections. By the end of the fiscal year, the West Virginia Memory Project databases contained nearly 100,000 individual records and links to approximately 29,000 images.

In August 2005, the West Virginia Vital Research Records Project went online (http://wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx). This project is a collaborative venture between Archives and History and the FamilySearch Archive (Genealogical Society of Utah) that has created a searchable database of state death records and county births, deaths, and marriages. In the first installment, containing more than one million index entries with associated images, this database allowed online searching of statewide death records up to 1955 and birth, death, and marriage records for Calhoun, Gilmer, Hardy, Harrison, Mineral, and Pendleton counties. Birth records are available for the years 1853–1930, death records from 1853 to
the late 1960s, and marriages from the founding of the county to the late 1960s. The remaining 49 counties will be added as the scanning and indexing are completed until all the counties are represented. For these counties, only records of births occurring at least one hundred years prior to their uploading will be made available online.

The Vital Research Records database has attracted users from around the world. *Family Tree Magazine* (August 2005) lauded the database in “Sites Unseen,” an article by David A. Fryxell, and included the Archives and History Web site in its list of “101 Best Undiscovered Web Sites.” With the help of the public, a number of transcription errors and bad links have been identified and corrected. Although staff continue to work with the contractor to address glitches in the database, it has proved popular with the public, which have sent many inquiries regarding the schedule for the addition of records for other counties. The addition of the Vital Research Records brought a dramatic increase in use of the division’s Web site, with nearly six times as many Web pages being accessed in June 2006 as had been accessed in June 2005. The Vital Research Records and the Daily Trivia were the most frequently accessed pages.

### Collections

During fiscal 2005-2006, Archives and History received a number of additions to the West Virginia State Archives collections (see the accession list at the end of the

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| Photos Exhibits 5x7              | 8         |
| 8x10                             | 29        |
| 11x14                            | 15        |
| Retouched                        | 40        |
| **Historic Preservation**        |
| 5x7                              | 216       |
| Retouched                        | 23        |

| **Collections Cataloging/Processing** |
| Scanned photos (other)            | 198       |
| Film processed                    | 35        |
| Photos copied                     | 525       |
| Contact Sheets                    | 351       |
| Archives Prints                   | 2         |
| Donations (books, other misc.)    | 262       |
| Microfilm rolls                   |           |
| 16mm number of images, 16mm rolls, 35mm | 237,219   |
| 91 % number of images, 35mm       | 83,745    |
| Microfilm rolls duplicated        |           |
| 16mm                              | 26        |
| 35mm                              | 180       |
| Microfilm rolls received          | 236       |
| State Documents Received          | 1,220     |
| Books Cataloged                   | 654       |
report), which grew to approximately 15,800 linear feet. The single largest addition was the Jennings Randolph Collection (more than 1,400 linear feet), which was transferred to Archives and History by Salem International University shortly before the end of the 2004-2005 fiscal year. After treatment at the Virginia Records Center to eliminate any insect problems, some 950 boxes of Randolph papers were delivered to the archives in September 2005. Processing of the photograph portion of the collection has begun, but processing of the entire collection will take several years. Still, the limited progress on the collection proved helpful in June 2006 when the archives received an inquiry from NBC, which was looking for a picture of Robert C. Byrd for a planned Meet the Press piece on his becoming the longest-serving senator in U.S. history. The Randolph Collection contains a photograph of Byrd and Randolph taking the oath of office from Richard Nixon, who, when Byrd took his seat in the Senate in 1959, was vice president of the United States and president of the Senate.

After his death in 2004, railroad enthusiast and photographer J. J. Young’s sizeable collection of negatives came to the West Virginia State Archives. The collection consists of more than 2,000 images, most of the B&O Railroad in northern West Virginia, principally the Wheeling area. This collection was processed during the year and contact prints were made. Young’s negatives came without image-level identification, but a group of B&O experts have identified some of the images and plan a return visit for further examination and identification.

In response to criticisms in the legislative performance audit of 2002, Archives and History has devoted much time to collections’ areas and processing in the last four years. During fiscal 2005-2006, work on processing the Walter Martens/Hassel Hicks collection of loose and tubed architectural drawings was completed, with boxed materials remaining to be addressed. This collection contains drawings from several parts of the state but is particularly rich in its documentation of buildings in Kanawha and McDowell counties. Processing of the
post-Civil War portion of the Adjutant General’s Papers, which contains papers concerning
the West Virginia National Guard, was completed and a finding aid placed online.

More than 200 boxes of papers of Governor Bob Wise, which had been transferred to the
West Virginia State Archives at the end of his term in January 2005, were processed. Other
collections processed during the year include the papers of the Farnsworth family, former
legislator Si Galperin, the Goff family, the Kanawha Coal Operators Association, Wetzel
County businessman and legislator L. E. Lantz, the Logan Coal Operators Association, Milton
physician L. C. Morrison, New River Coal Company, U.S. Senator Chapman Revercomb,
the Salisbury family, longtime state superintendent of schools W. W. Trent, and the West
Virginia Labor History Association. The slide portion of a large collection of images on
roads and road construction, transferred from the Division of Highways, has been processed,
while work on negatives and prints is in the early stages.

The donation of an extensive collection of West Virginia school yearbooks by Woodrow Clay
Hamilton Jr. in the 2004-2005 fiscal year led to some changes in collections management.
Staff collaborated to integrate all yearbooks in the collection into the new special collection
of yearbooks based on his collection. Yearbooks of state colleges and universities were pulled
from the state documents collection, and all yearbooks in the cataloged book collection were
removed from the library catalog and interfiled with the larger collection. With volunteer
help, easily read labels were inserted into the books to make finding a specific yearbook
simpler. All yearbooks acquired by the library are now integrated into this single collection,
with a complete listing of the schools and years included available online.

In April 2006, new shelving purchased to accommodate the Randolph Collection was erected
in the collections’ storage area. Staff spent the next few months shifting photograph,
manuscript, state government archives, and special collections to organize them numerically
and to provide for easier access. The reorganization of collections was completed at the end
of the fiscal year, leaving only movement of the Randolph Collection, which was temporarily
housed in the vacant museum space, yet to be done. With installment of the additional units,
nearly all of the available floor space in the collections’ storage areas is now occupied by
shelving units or map and vertical file storage cabinets. A small work area has been retained
for use by staff processing collections, but there is minimal room left for future shelving
expansion.

Audiovisual Archives During the 2005-2006 year, the moving images archivist
continued to work with a volunteer to view and identify
WCHS film; work on this station’s footage neared completion
in June 2006. Acquisition of several pieces of equipment improved audiovisual capabilities
and included hardware and software to make it possible to capture digital audio from analog
and to burn it to CD. Microfilming of newspapers continued throughout the fiscal year,
reducing the backlog of papers occupying valuable space in the collections’ storage areas. In
January, another space-saving project, microfilming of WSAZ newsfilm scripts, began, with
In July 2005, the archives received a partial shipment of a large number of 3/4" video tapes containing news, sports and documentaries from WOWK-TV. They had been stored in the TV station garage and had accumulated light to heavy dust, which required light to intensive exterior cleaning. Over a period of several months, the cleaning phase was completed, and work shifted to labeling and organizing the tapes.

Through the efforts of Terry Lively of the Division of Highways, the West Virginia State Archives was able to obtain a copy of rare 16mm footage of the 1928 dedication of the Silver Bridge. This film was loaned for duplication by the Reverend Dr. Walter Van Zandt Windsor and was sent for cleaning, making a negative from the print, and making new positive prints from the negatives in November 2005. Archives and History paid for one 16mm duplicate negative and one 16mm positive print, as well as one Beta SP film transfer of the film that will be used for viewing and making other video copies. The duplicated film has been placed into The Rev. Dr. Walter Van Zandt Windsor and Sons Collection, West Virginia State Archives.

In 2005, West Virginia State Archives received a grant from the National Film Preservation Foundation for restoration of Capt. Jesse P. Hughes’s 1936 film Trip to New Orleans. Part of the restoration process involved the re-plasticizing of the film base, which involved placing of the film above a mix of re-plasticizing chemicals in an airtight can. Once unwound from the reel by a trained and experienced technician, the film was printed onto new film stock. This process, which took several months, was completed in the spring of 2006.

Research on names included on or needing to be added to the Veterans Memorial continued throughout the year. In addition, project staff added to the Archives and History Web site a number of biographical sketches on men and women who died during one of the represented conflicts. The governor included supplemental funding of $350,000 to make additions and corrections to the memorial in a supplemental budget request to a special session of the legislature in June 2006.

In February 2006, Pat Pleska, manager of the Veterans Memorial Archives for several years, passed away after a long illness. In recognition of her work with the project, Pleska had been named a Distinguished West Virginian in 2005 by the governor. Another staff member with knowledge of 20th-century military conflicts has since filled in to oversee the Veterans Memorial project.

In response to two newspaper requests for numbers and names of dead from recent conflicts, a staff member created a list of West Virginia casualties in Iraq and Afghanistan from information provided by a Department of Defense Web site. This site is periodically checked for additional casualties. The list includes name, branch of the military and whether active duty, reserve, or National Guard, rank, date of death, and town and county of residence. In addition, an effort is being made to clip newspaper articles on West Virginia casualties, which are then placed in the archives clipping files. While these names are neither represented on the memorial on the Capitol Complex, which honors those who died in 20th-century conflicts,
nor in the associated database that is maintained by Archives and History, the newspaper inquiries pointed to the need to begin identifying deaths in 21st-century conflicts.

In July 2005, the director of Archives and History was joined by Denise Ferguson, county records archivist, as staff to the Records Management and Preservation Board (RMPB). Site visits were made to about two dozen counties over the course of the year. Hoping to make the grant process easier for applicants and grant recipients, staff revised the grant guidelines, application and reporting forms. They also revised the county records inventory form and identified records to be added to the retention schedule for sheriff, assessor, and prosecuting attorney offices. The issue of the disposal of records having reached their required retention period was explored during the fiscal year, with staff investigating shredders and identifying counties with active municipal solid waste landfills for records disposal and recycling capabilities.

Certified records management consultant Sharon Receveur prepared a “Report to the West Virginia State Archives” in August 2005. In the previous fiscal year, Receveur had assessed records procedures and conditions in Mineral, Morgan, Upshur, and Wayne counties and recommended changes as part of the planning grants awarded to those four counties. The August 2005 report provided RMPB staff with a plan that can be adapted for use in other counties. RMPB staff have found this manual a helpful resource.

Also in August 2005, the Archives and History director presented a program on records management and the grant program to county commissioners at the meeting of the County Commissioners’ Association of West Virginia. That same month, he presented programs to the annual meetings of the county clerks and of the circuit clerks. In other records-related activities, the archives director attended a state technology meeting to be informed on the status of state retention requirements for electronic records in July 2005. In May 2006, he conducted a workshop for municipal records management for the Auditor’s Office workshop program for municipalities.

Fiscal 2005-2006 covered the second round of grants, totaling $330,480, that were awarded to seventeen counties. The RMPB criteria for this round were: (1) remove non-records and accumulations of records having reached or exceeded required retention periods; (2) provide proper and improved storage of permanent or long-term records; and (3)

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conduct a total records inventory and condition assessment, and develop a master records management plan for county records. At the end of the fiscal year, four grants were outstanding, with an expected completion date of December 31, 2006.

Despite an optimistic beginning, the 2005-2006 year proved very difficult for the journal staff. A notable increase in the number of manuscript submissions toward the end of 2005 raised hopes that *West Virginia History* might resume a regular yearly publication schedule after several years of irregular publication. Work on Volume 60 progressed as 2006 began and was nearly ready for bid when staff were stunned by news in February that the secretary of Education and the Arts had signed a Memorandum of Understanding the previous month giving away the journal. Not only did this agreement signal the loss of an important vehicle by which Archives and History carried out its mandate to disseminate historical information, it also brought an end to a longstanding program whereby the Archives and History Library had received several history publications in exchange for *West Virginia History*.

Archives and History issued its final *West Virginia History* with publication of Volume 60 in June 2006. This issue carries articles on Thomas C. Townsend, the Federal Music Project in Huntington, a selection of Civil War letters from the Adjutant General’s Papers, and more than twenty book reviews, as well as a tribute to the late Otis K. Rice and an Archives and History report for the 2003–December 2005 period. Volume 60 also includes a centennial history of Archives and History, a fitting end for the journal that it had launched in 1939.

During the fiscal year, Archives and History expended the last of the funds appropriated under the Celebration 2000 initiative. In addition to erecting several new markers during the year, attention turned to the maintenance or replacement of markers. In 2006, the legislature appropriate $75,000 to be used in the 2006-2007 fiscal year toward this work, and Archives and History submitted a Federal Highway Enhancement T-21 grant application for $60,000 as well. As this fiscal year ended, this application was under consideration.

Following is a list of markers that were manufactured during the fiscal year:

- Boone County Courthouse - Boone County
- *Buffalo Creek Disaster - Logan County*
- *Bulltown/Bulltown Battle (replacement) - Braxton County*
- Concord University (replacement) - Mercer County
- *Elizabeth Kee - Mercer County*
- *Elizabeth Simpson Drewry - Mercer County*
*Farmington Disaster - Marion County
First Nicholas County Court/Keslers Cross Lanes - Nicholas County
First Pioneer School - Nicholas County
Fort Decker (replacement) - Brooke County
Fort Evans (replacement) - Berkeley County
*Harriet B. Jones - Marshall County
Hughes Ferry Bridge - Nicholas County
*Lenna Lowe Yost - Marion County
*Livia S. Poffenbarger - Mason County
*Logan (replacement) - Logan County
*Peterstown (replacement) - Monroe County
Revolutionary War Soldier’s Grave (Samuel Ferguson marker) - Wayne County
*Seneca Rocks (replacement) - Pendleton County
*Silver Bridge Collapse - Mason County
Solomon Osborne - Clay County
Town of Burnsville - Braxton County
Young’s Monument - Nicholas County

*Celebration 2000 marker

Culture and History

Internal Support

Archives and History continued to provide support to other sections within the Division of Culture and History. The darkroom photographer developed 52 prints of varying size for exhibits and 216 prints for the Historic Preservation section. Another 166 prints were developed for use in Goldenseal magazine, published through the Communications unit. Although work on the new Cultural Center museum slowed during the fiscal year, a few archives staff were involved with issues concerning use of archives material in the museum’s planned exhibits. As was the case the previous year, all staff were requested to devote a portion of their Memorial Day weekend to the division’s annual Vandalia Gathering. One staff member also continued to work with the annual Appalachian String Band Music Festival at Camp Washington-Carver.

Outreach

From lectures on the West Virginia Adjutant General’s Papers at West Virginia Independence Hall and at a meeting of the Kanawha Valley Civil War Roundtable, to sessions on archives collections and genealogical research to the Tri-State Genealogy Society and the Raleigh County Public Library, staff were involved in a number of outreach activities. Staff also worked to expand contacts with the educational community, in particular through Archives and History’s working relationship with the Department of Education on preparation of the annual Golden Horseshoe test. Efforts have been made to promote use of the Web site by students and to make it a valuable tool for eighth graders studying for the exam.

Twelve monthly issues of West Virginia Archives and History News were published. The newsletter, which began its seventh year in March 2006, is distributed in the archives library;
mailed to approximately 140 West Virginia historical, genealogical, and preservation societies and related organizations; and provided to the 18 official state document depository libraries. It is also used by staff members as handouts at speaking engagements and an electronic version is posted on the Archives and History Web site (http://www.wvculture.org/history/ahnews/ahnews.html), where subject, title, and review indices are also available. Archives and History News regularly highlights features of the Web site, new publication titles received and catalogued, upcoming history- and genealogy-related events, additions and changes in the collections and services of the archives library, and division projects and publications. Articles on special topics of interest to history and genealogy researchers are provided, with an emphasis not only on introducing readers to Archives and History collections and services but also on aiding in the use of those resources.

Archives and History hosted the annual meeting and workshop of Mining Your History Foundation (MYHF) on November 5. Incorporated in 1995, MYHF supports the archives library through collection donations and volunteers. Representatives of the Ulster Historical Foundation of Belfast, Ireland, conducted the workshop on researching Scots-Irish ancestry and at its conclusion generously donated copies of 14 books and assorted fact sheets to the archives. Participants received an Archives and History brochure and bookmark, as well as a pencil, note pad, and label pin that were produced by the division to commemorate Archives and History’s centennial.

One highlight of the year was the tenth History Day at the Legislature on February 16, 2006. More than fifty organizations registered for display space, located outside the House or Senate doors at the capitol. History Hero awards were presented to thirty-eight individuals from around the state who were recognized for their grassroots contributions to the preservation or dissemination of history. Archives and History staff continued to perform much of the work associated with preparations for the annual event.

For the seventh year, Archives and History held its popular “Hoot Owl” research night. Forty-four researchers registered for the event, which lasted from 6:00 p.m. on March 31 to 8:00 a.m. on April 1. Individuals were able to research library and archival collections and were given tours of the closed stacks and processing areas. Staff and MYHF volunteers assisted researchers in locating materials. Proceeds from the annual event, co-sponsored by Archives and History and MYHF, are dedicated to purchase and support the collections of the archives library.
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Kyle Schafer (director, Governor’s Office of Technology), Charleston
2005-2006 Accessions

**Government Records Accessioned**

Arts and Humanities. Reports of arts councils and arts events, arranged by county (some counties missing), 1972–1985. 1 box. Transfer from Commission on the Arts. Ar1925acc


Board of Physical Therapy. Minutes, 2003 February 12–November 5. 1 folder. Board of Physical Therapy. Ar1933acc


Capitol Building. Articles about selecting site for new capitol, 1921. 1 folder. Transfer from Archives and History Library. Ar1812acc

Consolidated Public Retirement Board. Minutes, 2000. 1 box. Transfer from Treasurer’s Office. Ar1953


Highways. Bridge section non-current and replaced structures, 1914s–early 2000s. 30 boxes. Division of Highways. Ar1895acc


Regional Jail and Correctional Authority. Blueprints for North Central Regional Jail, Western Regional Jail, Lakin Correctional Facility for Women, Regional Juvenile Center at Mount Hope, Central Potomac Highlands Regional Juvenile Detention Center, Western Regional Juvenile Center at Barboursville, Regional Juvenile Detention Center at Dunbar, 2002–2005. 8 items (891 pages). Regional Jail and Correctional Authority, Charleston. Ar1838acc

Rehabilitation Services. Director’s office general correspondence, committees, 1999–2000. 2 boxes. Rehabilitation Services, Institute. Ar1943acc


Supreme Court of Appeals. List of lawyers admitted to practice before court, 1863–1916. 2 items. Supreme Court of Appeals. Ar1957

Accessions
West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council. Minutes, 2005 December. 1 folder. Transfer from Governor's Office. Ar1955


**Manuscripts Accessioned**

Account books. E. W. Waggoner and Son, Freemansburg, Lewis County, also catalogue for Strecker Brothers of Marietta, 1889–1951. 7 volumes. Unknown donor. Ms2006-045

Account books. Stevens Coal, Cabin Creek Consolidated Coal, freight books for Steamer Liberty, 1871–1911. 12 volumes. Unknown donor. Ms2006-042

Adams, David Collection. Letters from William Proctor Smith re: coal lands, 1874; letter from B. B. Harding to J. D. Sweeney to secure recommendation for Harding from Senator J. N. Camden, 1888; annual report of Coal River Collieries, 1925. 6 items. David L. Adams, Springfield, MO. Ms2006-024

Boggess, Painter, Garnes families. Family history from Bible (photocopies), 1858–1928. 1 item. Linda Cruickshanks, Charleston. Ms2006-007

Cemetery listings. Artificial collection, n.d. 1 box. Transfer from clippings. Ms2006-052


Davis, J. Hornor II and III Collection. Legislative files and political materials of father/son legislators, ca. 1959–1966. 6 boxes. J. Hornor Davis IV, Charleston. Ms2006-003

DeVan, R. P. Collection. Correspondence to and from Charleston mayor, also police reports, forms, 1931–1934. 1 box. Unknown donor. Ms2006-090


Farnsworth family. Correspondence, account books, Bible of family, mostly in Upshur, Lewis and Gilmer counties, with Mose, James and Daniel D. T. Farnsworth as primary correspondents, 1818–1974. 5 boxes. Dr. Tom Covey, Morgantown. Ms2005-041

Galperin, Si Collection. Materials of former legislator including Charleston history, strip mining,

Geary Family. Letter written by John Geary about life and work in Kanawha Salines, 1835 January 18. 1 item. William D. Young Jr., Lake City, TX. Ms2006-089


Goff family. Documents, correspondence, Bibles, Civil War documents of Goff and related Beavers families, mostly Preston County, 1839–1980. 3 boxes. Patricia Ward Rettew, Placida, FL. Ms2005-042


Hennen, Azure, Stenger, Roberts families. Correspondence and papers of Morgantown area families, 1890–1986. 2 boxes, 1 volume and 10 oversized folders, Earl M. Hennen Sr., Jackson, MS. Ms91-34


Hopemont Hospital. Letter of regret from E. F. Morgan unable to attend dedication, 1929 September 25. 1 item. Purchase. Ms2006-027

Hughart family. Materials relating to Dr. James Hughart and Dr. John Ewing Hughart including register of births, Fayette County? 1889–1948. 2 folders. Josephine Hughart Graeff, Virginia Beach, VA. Ms2006-026

Hughes, Dr. Alfred. Letters, most written by Hughes while in prison at Camp Chase, OH, to wife in Wheeling (photocopies), 1862 June 7–November 12. 1 box. Unknown donor. Ms2006-073


Literary manuscript. “Indian Warpaths in Raleigh County” and “When the Spanish Influenza Hit Raleigh County,” both by Jim Wood, n.d. 2 items. James L. Wood Jr., Beckley. Ms2006-074

Literary manuscript. Listing of West Virginia architects compiled by Rodney Collins, n.d. 1 item. Transfer from Historic Preservation Unit. Ms2005-017


Literary manuscript. Script, programs and other materials related to “Belle,” musical performed by Berkeley County Civic Theatre as collected by producer and stage manager, ca. 1980. 1 box. Mabel and George Stover, Ruidoso, NM. Ms2006-053

McDowell family history. Transcriptions of letters between N. B. McDowell and various people including Lyda Jane Hunt, 1925–1957. 1 folder. L. Jean Bollar, Sidell, IL. Ms2005-005


Mountain State Railroad and Logging Historical Association. Letter from Creed Malone to Col. H. C. Nutt on Scotts Run Railway letterhead; letter of Robert H. England to H. P. Edwards on Kanawha and West Virginia Railroad letterhead and reply; tariff rates for Campbell's Creek Railroad, Kanawha Central Railway, Kelley's Creek and Northwestern Railroad, Kelly's Creek Railroad, Middle Creek Railroad and Muddlety Railroad; 1916–1962. 33 items. David L. Adams, Springfield, MO. Ms83-12acc


Raleigh County deeds. Deeds from H. A. Stansbury to H. H. Grant, 1942–1945. 5 items. Jerry Grant, Morrow, OH. Ms2005-008

Salisbury, Summers families and Capitol City Supply Company. Documents, including Billy Sunday tract, Charleston, Clendenin and Sutton ticket, deeds (mostly Kanawha and Clay counties), 1850–1990s. 1 box. Unknown donor. Ms2006-014


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Vaughn, Dr. Florien Collection. Grade card from University of Minnesota School of Medicine, booklet of 23rd Psalm from Dr. Lue Rupert, 1901, 1915–1916. 2 items. Rev. Lawton W. Posey, Charleston. Ms88-122 acc

Wells family. School papers and other notes from Margaret Wells, Weston, ca. 1910–1920. 1 folder. Unknown donor. Ms2006-019

West Milford Baptist Church. Church minutes and membership rosters (original volumes and photocopies), 1832–1974. 5 volumes and 5 folders. West Milford Baptist Church, Lost Creek. Ms2005-015


Wheeling. Artificial collection including Chester and William Hubbard, statehood, Civil War, 1810–1914. 1 box. Unknown donor. Ms2006-044

### Photographs Accessioned

Appalachian Power. Construction projects at Cabin Creek, Charleston and Graham Station in Mason County, 1930s. 8 items. Northern Indiana Center for History, South Bend, IN. Ph2005-039


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Cannelton Coal Company. Copy negative of coal ferry on Kanawha River, ca. 1890s–1900s. 1 item. John Rennolds Jr., Tappahannock, VA. Ph2006-087


Charleston. Digital print of Everette Dawson’s tailor shop interior, 121 1/2 Summers Street, photographed by Gravely and Moore, ca. 1922. 1 item. Kara Dawson, Columbus, OH. Ph2005-029


Civil War. Copy print of 6th WV Cavalry mustering in at Northwestern Academy, Clarksburg, ca. 1861. 1 item. Steve Cunningham, Charleston. Ph2005-027


Coal, gas company. Panoramic and 1 print of Marsh Fork Blue Star coal facilities, Raleigh County; women on steps of Owens-Libbey Owens Gas offices, 1919, n.d. 5 items. Orval and Bessie Kenney, Ravenswood. Ph2006-088

Cockayne Farm. Color postcard and reference material on Glen Dale farm, 2002. 1 item. Cockayne Farm, Glen Dale. Ph2005-038


Commerce Collection. Negatives, slides and prints, 1960s–1980s. 5 boxes and 5 drawers, Division of Commerce. Ph88-49 acc

Dudley family. Carte de visites of Lysander Dudley, wife Mollie Florence Burdette Dudley, Mary Frances Foley Dudley by Graffon and Parkersburg photographers, ca. 1860s–1870s. 4 items. Clay Hamilton Jr., Hightown, VA. Ph2005-010


Farnsworth and related families. B&W prints, ca. 1880–1930. 2 boxes. Dr. Tom Covey, Morgantown. Ph2005-041


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Follansbee. Copy negatives, 1890s–1910s. 6 items. Albert Pierantozzi, Follansbee. Ph2006-083


Follansbee. Copy negatives of Sunday school classes at Church of Christ, Williams family, ca. 1915–1920. 8 items. Denny Williams, Follansbee. Ph2006-083


Goff, Beavers families. B&W, carte de visites and tintypes of Preston County families, ca. 1850–1920s. 2 boxes. Patricia Ward Rettew, Placida, FL. Ph2005-042


Hennen, Azure, Stenger, Roberts families. Prints, copy negs and postcards of Morgantown area families, Alaska, Europe, n.d. 3 boxes, 1 volume and 10 oversized folders, Earl M. Hennen Sr., Jackson, MS. Ph91-34
Hopemont Hospital. B&W and postcards, 1930s–1940s. 56 items. Purchase. Ph2006-027


Military, capitol construction. B&W of Lane S. Anderson, killed in WWI; John Shanklin III from Charleston High yearbook 1933 and in WWII uniform before being killed in 1945; construction of capitol; ca. 1918–1945. 4 items. Richard Andre, Charleston. Ph2005-034


Moundsville. Copy negative, ca. 1920s. 1 item. Ann V. Lewis, Glen Dale. Ph2006-084


Moundsville. Copy negative of Benwood roundhouse and locomotive, ca. 1921. 1 item. Samuel Caldwell, Moundsville. Ph2006-084


Moundsville. Copy negative of McNinch Hardware, n.d. 1 item. Kate McNinch, Moundsville. Ph2006-084


Moundsville. Copy negative of Terrill family, ca. 1930. 1 item. Frances Bonar, Moundsville. Ph2006-084


Moundsville. Copy negatives, ca. 1860s. 2 items. Evan Rogerson, Moundsville. Ph2006-084


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Moundsville. Copy negatives of McMechen, other Marshall County views, ca. 1890–1930s. 7 items. Marshall County Historical Society, Moundsville. Ph2006-084

Moundsville. Copy negatives of schools, prison, Civil War reunions, ca. 1908–1910s. 6 items. John Icard, Moundsville. Ph2006-084


Mountain State Railroad and Logging Historical Association. Calhoun Collection - B&W and postcards of logging crews, engines, mill, ca. 1900–1920. 13 items. MSRLHA on behalf of Elizabeth Gray Calhoun, Ann Arbor, MI. Ph83-12acc


Postcard. Folder showing homes and advertising lots on Fort Hill, Charleston, ca. 1927. 1 item. Transfer from library. Ph2005-013


Postcards. Folders for Clarksburg, West Virginia the State Beautiful, Mountain Scenes, Midland Trail and State Route 21; loose cards for Omar, Charleston, Huntington, Hawks Nest, roads; ca. 1920–1950. 13 items. Beverly A. Harber for Edna Trotter, Fort Thomas, KY. Ph2005-047


Postcards. Greetings from Bens Run and Middlebourne, view of lake at Rock Springs Park in Chester, ca. 1910s. 3 items. Transfer from Goldenseal. Ph2005-011


Sommerville, Yeager, Fowler families. Copy negatives, ca. 1880s–1913. 10 items. Dale McClain, Medina, OH. Ph2006-082

Stark Collection. B&W of Hubert Stark (oversized), ca. 1940s–1950s. 2 items. Evelyn Murray, Charleston. Ph85-16acc


Talbott Collection. B&W of Oriol Talbott in WWI uniform, Paul Talbott dressed up as Indian, Copley oil well in Gilmer County, ca. 1900–1920. 1 folder. Patty Nugent, Pratt. Ph2003-047 acc


USS West Virginia. Color photo of SSBN 736 sub surfacing, n.d. 1 item. Chief Petty Officer Eugene Deaton, Kings Bay, GA. Ph2006-051

USS West Virginia. View of ship in San Francisco, V. Richard Hale in uniform, 1940–1943. 2 items. V. Richard Hale, Decatur, GA. Ph89-51acc


West Virginia Labor History Association Collection. B&W and color prints and negatives of various labor organizations and meetings, ca. 1960s–1990s. 2 boxes and 5 volumes. West Virginia Labor History Association, Charleston. Ph2006-001

Wetzel County. Digital prints of local scenes, Gordy family, floods, 1900–1940s. 21 items. Sam McColloch, Austin, TX. Ph2005-014


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Special Collections Accessioned

Advertisement. Miller’s Gulf Station, Charleston, 1950s. 1 item. Unknown donor. Sc2006-062


Bible. German, no family names, n.d. 1 volume. Unknown donor. Sc2006-044


Brochures. Sons of Revolutionary Sires flyers, listing of deceased members, 1888–1889. 3 items. Transfer from library. Sc2006-060


Certificate. First Communion for Mary Immacualia Fitzpatrick, St. Patricks, Randolph County, 1925 May. 1 item. Steven Fox, St. Albans. Sc2002-060

Accessions


Envelope and stationary. Ruffner Hotel, Charleston, ca. 1930s. 2 items. Charlotte Muzichick via Bettijane Burger, Charleston. Sc2006-064

Funeral notice. Corneous E. White, Charleston, 1884 May 3. 1 item. Unknown donor. Sc2006-095


Hymnals. Methodist Episcopal hymnals exchanged between Marshall E. McDonald and Rachel Elizabeth Hyatt on their wedding day October 7, 1858. 2 volumes. Marsha C. Plybon, Parkersburg. Sc2005-045


Invitation. Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Morgan 25th anniversary, 1873 November 4. 1 item. Unknown donor. Sc2006-096

Invitation, envelopes, program cover, Christmas card. Governor Conley inauguration cover, Christmas and at home invitation and envelopes of Governor and Mrs. Cecil H. Underwood, 1929, 1957–1958. 4
items. Family of V. B. Bucky Harris, Charleston. Sc2006-059

Meadows family. Certificates, clippings on family, Standard Oil, Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1932–1949. 1 folder. Unknown donor. Sc2006-067

Neff Family Collection. Posters, calendars (oversized), 1910s–1960s. 1 folder. Emily Neff, Charleston. Sc2006-086


Poster. Football game between Center College and Hampden-Sidney at Laidley Field, 1921 or 1927? November 5. 1 item. Unknown donor. Sc2006-032


Program. Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1967 March 12. 1 item. Orval and Bessie Kenney, Ravenswood. Sc2006-088


Publication. Souvenir Record of the Soldiers’ Homecoming Wheeling, WV, 1919 June 11. 1 item. Dr. and Mrs. Louis Goldzer, Pittsburgh, PA. Sc2006-068

Publications. Cookbooks published by ladies groups in Charleston including one from Charleston Woman’s Club, 1892–1921. 3 volumes. Pat Williams, Belle. Sc2005-046

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Receipts, tax ticket. Receipts from List and Howell, Wholesale Grocers of Wheeling and Ohio County Court for witness; Marshall County tax ticket for Shoaf Mullins, 1856–1862. 3 items. Mary E. Philo, Martins Ferry, OH. Sc2006-022


Scrapbooks. Clippings, photos and other materials mostly on churches and cemeteries, possibly WPA?, ca. 1930s. 2 volumes. Unknown donor. Sc2006-055


USS West Virginia. Certificate for Mathias Wilson as Shellback crossing the equator (oversized), 1936 May 20. 1 item. Unknown donor. Sc89-51acc

USS West Virginia. Menus from Honolulu collected by crew member, ca. 1940. 3 items. V. Richard Hale, Decatur, GA. Sc89-51acc


Yearbook Collection. East Bank High Kanawhan, 1938, 1939. 2 items. Carl Staton, Powell, OH. Sc2005-003 acc


Accessions