West Virginia
Archives and History
Annual Report
Fiscal 2007-2008

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. The director of Archives and History serves as secretary to the citizen advisory Archives and History Commission and as staff to the Records Management and Preservation Board.

Mission

The mission of Archives and History is to collect and preserve West Virginia’s public records and historical materials, to make these records available to the public and private sectors, and to disseminate historical information through publications and programs, so as to enrich the lives of past and present residents and future generations.

Fiscal 2007-2008 was a year of change and uncertainty for Archives and History. On November 1, 2007, the employment of longtime director Fredrick H. Armstrong was terminated. Shortly after his firing, the issue of the future of the Archives and History Library came to the forefront. The acting director attended several meetings regarding Division of Culture and History/Department of Education and the Arts plans for relocation of the Archives and History Library. Both the House and Senate Government Organization committees became involved in the matter, and bills were introduced in both houses that would have prohibited merging the Archives and History Library with the West Virginia Library Commission Library. On January 29, 2008, members of the House Government Organization committee toured the library and closed
Library use experienced a 5 percent decline during the 2007-2008 year after having held steady for three years. Most of the decline came during evening hours, with the number of patrons entering the library after 5 p.m. falling by nearly 50 percent to 364, in large part likely due to the fact that only two evening workshops were held during the year. However, statistics from the April–June 2008 period reveal that total usage of the library after 5 p.m. was much greater. Counting earlier arrivals who remained into the evening hours, between April and June the library served 300 patrons during that three-hour period, not the 122 documented as post-five o’clock arrivals. Also declining during the fiscal year was Saturday patronage, but daytime weekday use rose slightly. At the same time, staff handled a significantly higher number of reference calls, letters, and e-mail inquiries than in past years.

The Archives and History Library, in conjunction with the West Virginia Library Commission (WVLC) Library, switched to a new Integrated Library System (ILS), Endeavor® Voyager®. WVLC and the Archives and History Library hosted a “Launch Party” on January 18, 2008, announcing the arrival of Endeavor® Voyager® with speakers and a light lunch reception. Although the WVLC Web site was online in December 2007, the Archives and History site did not go live until early February 2008.

The old VTLS® Online Public Access Catalog remained online and accessible to the public for searching until the new Voyager® system was operational; however, the other modules of
that ILS were closed down in July 2007. Cataloging of new entries and correction of existing ones were suspended from July 2007 until February 2008, when cataloging resumed in Voyager©. With the new system came the ability to import catalog entries from OCLC Connexion, greatly decreasing the amount of cataloging time spent per record for titles found there. With the assistance of a temporary employee, and by concentrating on titles that could be imported from Connexion, as many volumes were cataloged in five months as had been cataloged per year in the past. Reducing the backlog of titles requiring original cataloging will take more time. Refinement of both appearance and content of the Archives and History Library portal is continuing.

Only two evening workshops were held during the year, both conducted by Pam Gibson, an employee of Charleston Newspapers, who led sessions on scanning photographs. Both sessions were well attended.

**Web Site**

Archives and History’s Web site grew at a modest pace with staff members who perform the bulk of the work either focused primarily on the backlog of archival collections in need of processing or carrying out the duties of acting director. The Daily Trivia remained a popular item on the Web site, with an average of more than 439 responses being received each month during the year. Staff also added numerous questions to the Quick Quizzes and continued to incorporate questions associated with the Golden Horseshoe test. Finding aids for several collections and the 2008 History Hero biographies and photographs were among other additions.

In the online West Virginia Memory Project databases, remaining images from the Wheeling Photo Collection were added to the Photo database, as were images from the Chester Webb Collection. With the addition of these collections, the number of searchable images in the online Photo Database rose to more than 5,600. In addition, the State Documents, Periodicals, Golden Horseshoe, and Veterans Memorial databases were updated throughout the year.

The West Virginia Vital Research Records Project (WVVRR) added Braxton, Cabell, Clay, Grant, Greenbrier, Hampshire (except births), Jefferson, Lewis, Logan, Marshall, Mingo, Pocahontas, Randolph, and Wood counties to the database, bringing the total number of counties available at present for searching to twenty. The database now includes records of more than 600,000 births, 1,400,000 deaths, and 400,000 marriages, with accompanying images. At the end of the fiscal year, verification of data received for an additional eight counties was underway.
In addition, Archives and History received nearly all images for the remaining thirty-five counties, although the searchable records are not yet available. Staff continued to receive numerous e-mails about the database, responding to nearly 1,100, and they corrected 8,198 records.

**Collections**

During fiscal 2007-2008, Archives and History received several additions to the West Virginia State Archives collections (see the accession list at the end of the report). One important collection acquired was that of John M. Slack Jr. from Kanawha County, who served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1959 until his death in 1980. While little of Slack’s correspondence is extant, the collection contains speeches, reports, photographs, scrapbooks, and other materials from Slack’s congressional years. Also acquired was the Taylor Family Collection, a two-box collection of letters from the World War II period written by members of a Huntington family.

Processing of collections remained a major focus of staff activity during the year. The John M. Slack Jr. Collection, consisting of twelve boxes of manuscript materials, twenty-five scrapbooks, two boxes of photographs, and some oversized materials, was processed. Another noteworthy collection that was processed was the A. Spates Brady Collection. Brady was a Randolph County resident with a number of business interests, including coal and timber, and a civic leader active at both the state and local level. This collection contains sixty-two boxes of personal and business papers, forty-two volumes of business records, and a box of oversized materials. Work began on portions of the Cecil H. Underwood Collection that had not been...
processed heretofore, including both materials the governor gave to the Archives in 1979 and additional boxes received in 2002. Work also continued on the Jennings Randolph Collection.

Microfilming also was a major focus of staff activity. Filming of newspapers continued, with a number of papers from the 2003-2007 period filmed during the year and a few extending back to 2001. With continued microfilming of the backlog, additional space in the collections area was created. Also filmed during the year were inactive voter registration cards for Marshall and Cabell counties, a project completed in May.

Electronic dissemination of state government documents that formerly were distributed in print remained a problem for Archives and History, which does not have either the resources or the technological support to ensure the preservation of electronic records. Staff continued to print copies of state government documents so that paper copies can be preserved in the collections. In fiscal 2007-2008, staff time and resources were expended in making paper copies of more than three thousand pages of electronic material generated by other state agencies.

In July 2007, the entire Archives Processing area was adversely impacted when an electrical failure caused by a blown transformer cut power to two-thirds of the ceiling lighting and several outlets. Maintenance staff wired some new lights, but for several weeks Archives staff had to resort to use of heavy-duty extension cords to power necessary equipment. When a second transformer had to be pulled, Processing suffered additional electrical losses that affected audio-video, photograph duplication services, and microfilming.
The audiovisual archives continued to benefit from the assistance of two volunteers during the year. Bill Kelley identified film of Gov. Cecil Underwood campaigning in 1956 and also found extensive film of the Holden 22 Mine Disaster of 1960. One of his major discoveries was that the WSAZ film that was thought not to start until 1959 actually dates back to late 1957. Jim Wilburn photocopied shot sheets from a large collection of WOWK television news tapes, re-boxed and labeled original negative microfilm, and re-canned WSAZ film.

In other audiovisual activities, Archives and History continued to add moving images to the Web site. Among segments edited were the Woolworth fire in Charleston in 1949, Eleanor Roosevelt campaigning for John Kennedy in 1960, the 1963 funeral of a man born on June 20, 1863, and visits by political figures Hubert Humphrey and Spiro Agnew. Staff also continued to capture WCHS video onto an editing format from which still images can be extracted and made into JPEG CD and DVD access copies. The State Museum continued to require the time of the moving images archivist to provide footage.

The moving images archivist reformatted to audio cassette tape twelve reel-to-reel tapes of oral interviews conducted by Dr. Ken Bailey with prominent members of the Montgomery community about historical events in the area. Added to the collections were two years of video from WOWK, bringing the collection up to 2002, and a year from WSAZ’s Charleston bureau, also to 2002. The home recordings of West Virginia fiddler George Phillips were received for evaluation.

Archives and History assisted Russ Barbour with film footage of former West Virginia Congressman and Secretary of State Ken Hechler for the documentary *Ken Hechler: In Pursuit of Justice*, which premiered at Marshall University in April and will air on public television. The moving images archivist also worked with WNET Channel 13 New York to provide footage of historic mining and disasters for “Sustained Outrage,” an episode in the PBS documentary series *Expose: America’s Investigative Reports*, which featured *Charleston Gazette* reporter Ken Ward’s coverage of the Sago Mine disaster.
Collections Cataloging/Processing

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Veterans Memorial

Archives and History continued the staff newspaper reading project begun in 2006 into the late fall months of 2007, while research on names was still in progress at the end of the fiscal year. At the end of June 2008, 1,831 names were tentatively slated for re-carving on the memorial for World War I, 7,024 for World War II, 1,381 for Korea, and 1,183 for Vietnam. Of records originally included in the database, 637 will be removed once the project is completed, 316 because of spelling errors that will be corrected in the new carving and 321 for men and women who should not have been included on the memorial in the first place. Many of the latter were individuals who served in World War I but did not die until after the recognized period of conflict. Despite these deletions, the number of names on the memorial will increase due to the addition of hundreds of new names identified by staff research.

In October 2007, Clamp Memorials of Georgia performed an on-site demonstration of their unique technology for grinding down and re-etching the names on the memorial. They used the panel broken earlier in the year to perform the test, which resulted in them receiving a sole-source contract for the work. By the end of the fiscal year, all names had been removed from the wall with the exception of World War II. A new granite panel from Cold Springs Granite was installed in the spring of 2008 to replace the one damaged in March 2007 when a motorist drove his car through the memorial and cracked the panel. Because
of the addition of several hundred names to Korea, the headers for both that conflict and Vietnam, which face each other on the memorial, will be shifted upward in the new carving.

Staff had several conversations with legislative staffers regarding the history of the memorial and legislative desire to honor Iraq/Afghanistan casualties. During the regular legislative session, both the House and the Senate considered measures to make combat casualties of Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq eligible to have their names included on the Veterans Memorial. In June, Archives and History staff appeared before a joint interim committee to discuss the Veterans Memorial project and the possibility of adding 21st-century names. No decision was made at that time as to how to honor those serving in later conflicts.

The termination of the Archives and History director was most keenly felt in the area of the Record Management and Preservation Board (RMPB) activities. In the first quarter of the fiscal year, the director participated in meetings on disaster preparedness and digital archives programs, provided county records workshops at the circuit clerks’ annual meeting, and visited counties that had yet to apply for the county records grant to discuss the program and potential projects, which resulted in applications from six new counties, five of which received awards. From November through the end of the fiscal year, the acting director and other RMPB staff continued to administer the grant program, review authorization to destroy forms, and provide technical assistance to counties.

Fiscal 2007-2008 covered the fourth round of grants, totaling $292,457, awarded to twenty-two counties, five of them first-time recipients. As with the previous round, the RMPB criteria for the fourth round were: (1) remove nonrecords and accumulations of records having reached or exceeded required retention periods; (2) provide proper and improved storage of permanent or longterm records; and (3) conduct a total records inventory and condition assessment, and develop a master records management plan for county records. In this round, the board also considered funding projects for reformatting (converting) records scheduled as permanent, which require a high rate of access and for which an eye-readable

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*not yet completed
format exists or will be created (microfilm) and maintained as a security backup in proper environmental conditions. At the end of the fiscal year, five grants were outstanding.

In the fifth round of grants announced in January, thirty counties were awarded grants ranging from $3,477 to $26,000 and totaling $317,858. Nine of the counties were first-time applicants. At a reception on April 3, the governor presented grant award letters and records grant certificates to representatives from 26 of the 30 counties. These grant projects are slated for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

During the 2008 regular session of the West Virginia Legislature, SB 512 was passed to correct the West Virginia Code §5A-8-15 with regard to the RMPB. The wording was changed to state in subsection (d) that the RMPB is composed of eleven members instead of nine. Subsequent text in the existing Code had stated that the board has three ex officio members and eight members appointed by the governor, reflecting the change in membership made several years ago, but the lead-in statement was not amended at that time. The current revision makes the law accurately reflect the total board membership.

During the fiscal year, Archives and History finalized arrangements for the Division of Highways (DOH) Transportation Enhancement Program grant project for the refurbishment, repainting, and replacement of damaged or missing highway historical markers. A sole-source contract for the refurbishment project was awarded to Sewah Studies, Inc., of Marietta, Ohio, which has been associated with West Virginia’s historical marker program since 1962 and developed the pattern used in production of the state’s markers. Due to DOH’s decision in 2006 to discontinue providing the take-down and installation support for the marker program, marker placement for the project was uncertain until April 2008, when Archives and History and DOH finalized an agreement for installation of the first one hundred markers of the refurbishment project at a set per-marker fee. A list of markers was developed, and funds for the first Highways grant were expended in full by the end of the fiscal year.

Following is a list of new markers ordered in the 2007-2008 fiscal year:

- Bangor Cemetery – Kanawha County
- Benwood Mine Disaster – Marshall County
- Carnegie Hall – Greenbrier County
- Chesapeake and Ohio 2755 Steam Locomotive – Logan County
- David Morgan/Patriot, Defender – Marion County
- Don Redman – Mineral County
- Elk River Coal & Lumber No. 10 Steam Locomotive – Cabell County
- Guyandotte Baptist Church – Wyoming County
- Revolutionary War Soldier’s Grave (Micajah Frasher) – Wayne County
- Revolutionary War Soldier’s Grave (Samuel Hatton) – Wayne County
- Scotts Run/First Shack - Monongalia County
For a few weeks in September and October, the Archives and History Commission achieved a nearly complete roster of up-to-date appointments, all but one of the members having previously served under appointments that had expired.
between June 2004 and June 2006. The sole exception was Amy Haden Sorrells, appointed in June 2007. In September, the governor issued ten new appointments and reappointments to the Archives and History Commission, leaving only two non-current positions, that of Dr. Charles Hulse, whose term had expired in 2004, and a vacancy that had been unfilled for some time. In November, Margaret Brennan submitted a letter of resignation to the governor’s office, and her position remained vacant at the end of the fiscal year. Additionally, on June 30, 2008, the terms of Dr. Robert S. Conte, Dr. Joan Walker, Bill Richardson, and Becky Frye expired. At each of its meetings during the fiscal year, the Archives and History Commission raised the issue of Dr. Hulse’s expired term and commission vacancies, but the matter had not been addressed at higher levels at the end of the year.

**Culture and History**

Archives and History continued to provide support to other sections within the Division of Culture and History. The darkroom photographer developed 18 photographic prints of varying size and 47 digital prints and scanned images for exhibits, as well as 138 images for the Museums section. Another 138 photographic or digital prints and scanned images were developed for use in *Goldenseal* magazine, published through the Communications unit, as well as 24 prints for the Historic Preservation section. Through arrangements made by the division and its Museums Section, Archives and History also provided 104 gratis images to individuals in other state offices.

The state museum renovation project also continued to draw on the time of the Archives staff. As was the case the previous year, staff were requested to devote a portion of their Memorial Day weekend to the division’s annual Vandalia Gathering, and one staff member also continued to work with the annual Appalachian String Band Music Festival at Camp Washington-Carver.

**Outreach**

From a presentation on the coal resources at the State Archives to a group of public school teachers and a workshop program for Hacker’s Creek Pioneer Descendants annual gathering, to a tour of the capitol for a Cass Gilbert scholar and historical research assistance to members of the media, Archives and History staff were involved in a number of outreach activities. Staff also participated in meetings of the Religious Archivists of the Greater Kanawha Valley and 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.

Programs in Archives and History were featured in several media pieces. Among them were an interview on the Veterans Memorial for a WOWK-TV story in October, information on Civil War medals for soldiers in African American regiments for a *Charleston Gazette* article published in November, and an interview on the Records Management and Preservation Board county records grant program for a *State Journal* article that appeared in May. Staff also
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provided information on Archives and History Library services for Family Tree Magazine’s fifty-state research guides.

Twelve monthly issues of West Virginia Archives and History News were published. The newsletter is distributed in the Archives library; mailed to 125 West Virginia historical, genealogical, and preservation societies and related organizations; and provided to 12 state repository libraries and the Library of Congress. An electronic version also is posted on the Archives and History Web site (http://www.wvculture.org/history/ahnews/ahnews.html). This year, a mailing to 49 state archives in the United States was added. Archives and History News regularly highlights upcoming history- and genealogy-related events, additions and changes in the collections and services of the archives library, and division projects and publications. Among more noteworthy articles, the newsletter ran a three-part series from September to November on West Virginia’s statewide and county vital records.

More than fifty groups had displays in the Capitol Rotunda for the twelfth annual History Day at the Legislature on February 21, 2008; Archives and History had two tables. In addition to various brochures and publications, the library table included a laptop computer that allowed staff to show the Archives and History Web site and the new Voyager® catalog. The second table featured video from the audiovisual archives collections, which is always popular with people touring the display areas. There were 40 History Heroes, more than one-half of whom attended the program in the Cultural Center theater. Nearly one dozen legislators also were present.

The Archives and History Library also participated in Library Day at the Legislature on January 17. The library’s display table offered literature about programs and services, particularly those of benefit to other librarians and libraries around the state. The next morning, Archives and History held an open house that featured a tour of the closed stacks areas as well as a tour of the Web site focusing on portions of most relevance to other libraries with patrons having genealogy and history research interests.

Archives and History held its popular “Hoot Owl” research night on April 4-5. Sixty researchers registered for the event, which lasted from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Individuals were able to research library and archival collections and were given tours of the closed stacks and processing areas. Staff and Mining Your History Foundation (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.
Archives and History Staff (2007-2008)

Joe Geiger Jr. acting director

Archives:
Debra Basham textual records/photograph archivist
Dick Fauss audio/film archivist
Allen Fowler special projects, part-time
Ed Hicks archival photographer
Mary Johnson historian/archivist

Library:
Robert Taylor library manager
Susan Scouras librarian
Greg Carroll historian/library assistant
Elaine Gates library assistant
Terry Lowry library assistant/historian
Cathy Miller library assistant
Harold Newman library assistant
Jaime Simmons library assistant

Records Management and Preservation Board:
Denise Ferguson county records archivist

Support:
Sharon Newhouse secretary
Nancy Waggoner secretary

Veterans Memorial Archives:
Constance Baston researcher
Archives and History Commission (2007-2008)

**Voting members:**
Dr. Robert S. Conte, White Sulphur Springs
Harold Forbes, Morgantown
Becky Frye, Martinsburg
Victor Greco, Wheeling
Dr. Charles A. Hulse, Shepherdstown
Dr. Helene Jacobs, Huntington
Dr. Charles Ledbetter, Nitro
Bill Richardson, Delbarton
Amy Haden Sorrells, Charleston
Noel Tenney, Buckhannon
Dr. Joan Walker, Hedgesville

**Ex officio voting members:**
Dr. William S. Arnett (president, West Virginia Historical Association), Morgantown
Michael Shock (president, West Virginia Historical Society), Hurricane

**Ex officio nonvoting members:**
Dr. Robert S. Conte (president, Preservation Alliance of West Virginia, Inc.), White Sulphur Springs
Joseph N. Geiger Jr. (acting director, Archives and History, and secretary to the commission), Huntington
Adam Hodges (director, Museums), Charleston
Dr. Michael Ed. Hohn (director, West Virginia Geological and Economic Survey), Morgantown
Susan Pierce (director, Historic Preservation), Charleston
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2007-2008 Accessions

State Government Records Accessioned


Morgan County Circuit Court. Naturalization records, Revolutionary War pension files, 1821–52. 1 box. Morgan County Circuit Clerk, Berkeley Springs. Ar1966acc

Rehabilitation Services. Director’s correspondence and files, 2001–03. 1 box. Division of Rehabilitation Services. Ar1943acc

Manuscripts


Brady, A. Spates Collection. Correspondence, financial records, reports, publications, account books of Randolph County businessman, ca. 1899–1957. 61 boxes, 42 volumes, 3 oversized folders. Grace Sunderlin, Elkins. Ms2007-081


Florian, Dr. Robert Collection. Unfinished manuscript and research materials on Jennings Randolph, 1910s–2002. 2 boxes. Dr. Robert Florian, Huntington. Ms2008-087

French and Indian War, Washington’s lands, related topics, compiled by Clarence Griffin and wife (photocopies), n.d. 1 folder. Beverly Jordan, Beckley. Ms2008-005

Herscher family. Correspondence, much of it between John William Herscher and wife Lilian Paulsen Herscher, 1906–50s. 1 box. Estate of Betty Herscher, Charleston. Ms2008-086

Hudnall, Jesse Collection. Materials of Warner Coal employee, including Kanawha Valley Mining Institute programs, Knights of Pythias, family history, 1933–76. 1 box. William R. Hudnall, New Canton, VA. Ms2008-001

Hutchinson, John Quincy Collection. Papers of lawyer, state senator including Hutchinson genealogy, 1900–80. 2 boxes. Unknown donor. Ms2008-091


Keeney, Roscoe Collection. Materials on Keeney, Morris, Paxton and related families, n.d. 3 boxes. Estate of Roscoe Keeney, Charleston. Ms2007-080


Literary manuscript. Life of Ila M. Connard Hartley, originally from Ward, by Albert and Joan McGovern, 2007 March. 1 item. Albert and Joan McGovern, Cummings, GA. Ms2007-073


Payne family. Letter from Barrett Payne to Mattie Humphreys, Albemarle County, 1858 August 18. 1 item. James Jones, South Charleston. Ms2007-065

Perry, Thornton T. Letter and photo to Perry from British friend Elsie Barker, 1977. 2 items. Gift, Bookworm and Silverfish, Wytheville, VA. Ms2007-074


Taylor family collection. Correspondence of Huntington family, especially to two sons and one daughter in WWII describing life in Huntington and their military service, ca. 1930s–40s. 2 boxes. Nancy Taylor,
Huntington. Ms2008-026


WCTU, DAR. County histories of local WCTU chapters; list of DAR markers placed by Colonel Morgan Morgan chapter; 1900–49. 1 box. Ronald Duncil, Carolina. Ms2008-040

West Virginia Academy of Science. Papers and proceedings, 1944–2006. 2 boxes. Dr. Donald Gray, Morgantown. Ms2008-033


**Microforms**


**Photographs**


Funk, Rosalind Collection, B&W of governors Meadows, Patteson, 1956 Democratic Convention, 1940s–50s. 1 oversized folder. Purchase. Ph2007-076


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Music. Copy negatives and photocopies of musicians who performed on northern and north-central West Virginia radio stations, 1930s–50s. 30 items. Norman D. Munsey, South Charleston. Ph2008-027


Panoramics. Logging operations, Glade Creek area of New River upstream from Hawks Nest, ca. 1920s. 2 items. Charles R. Carder III, Roanoke, VA. Ph2008-017


Postcards. Gas wells at Copenhaver, Kanawha County; “U” curve on Laurel Mountain, US 50 west of McComber, ca. 1900–30s. 2 items. Joe Geiger, Huntington. Ph2008-022


Postcards. Wheeling, ca. 1908. 4 items. Mary Philo, Martins Ferry, OH. Ph2008-082

Sayre Studio Collection. Negatives, many 11x14, of mostly senior high school composite groups, 1925–88. 48 boxes (1353 + 177 items). Harrison County Public Library, Clarksburg. Ph2007-057

Sketches. Hand-tinted of execution of Cook and Coppoc at Charles Town; General Rosecrans commanding the Department of Western Virginia and his staff at their headquarters, Clarksburg; View of Grafton, Virginia on Monongahela River; headquarters of General George B. McClellan; 1859–62. 3 items. Purchase. Ph2008-019


Stonewall Jackson Class of 1942 reunions. Prints, unidentified photo album. 1 volume and 1 box. Unknown donor. Ph2007-060


Widen. B&W of company store and other town structures, 1923. 5 items. Dennis Griffith, Chamblee, GA. Ph2008-008

Woodman, Sterrett, Quarrier families. Photo albums, View-Master slides, World War I review and travels, 1860s–1920s. 1 box. Mrs. Norman Fitzhugh, Charleston. Ph2008-036

Special Collections


Broadside. Excursion train to New York and Philadelphia on Norfolk and Western Railway including McDowell County stations, 1930 April. 1 item. Purchase. Sc2008-018

Brochure. Franklin the Magician ad for Point Pleasant magician Ben Franklin IV, n.d. 1 item. Transfer from Goldenseal. Sc2008-015


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Bumper stickers. Keep West Virginia Clean!, ca. 1950s–60s. 3 items. Unknown donor. Sc2008-076


Cartoon. Sketch of Nitro and various public officials, 1919 May 1. 1 item. Unknown donor. Sc2008-021


Catalogues. Product information for Eagle Cans, Wellsburg; Sylvania Lighting, Wheeling; Penn Metal Lath and Plastering, Parkersburg; and McNicol China, Clarksburg, ca. 1951–63. 1 folder. Unknown donor. Sc2008-057


Charter. West Virginia Mine Workers Local 32 at Leewood, 1931 July 6. 1 item. Kathleen Hope Curry, Ashland, KY. Sc2008-034


Envelopes. West Virginia Historical Society, Room E-400, ca. 1960s. 4 items. West Virginia Historical Society, Charleston. Sc2008-046

Forms. Absent Military Service Voters Primary Ballot Box seal, 1918. 15 items. Unknown donor. Sc2007-075

Goff, Beavers, Bowman families. Bible of Adam H. Bowman and Hannah Beavers Bowman; marriage certificate of David R. Beavers and Ruhama A. Martin; partial newspaper The Press, Kingwood, July 1, 1892; 1842–1922, 3 items, Gayle R. King, Gansevoort, NY. Sc2005-042acc

Letterhead. Webster Springs Hotel and Baths (photocopy), ca. 1910s. 1 item. Transfer from Library. Sc2008-048

Meadow River Lumber Company Collection. Rainelle Junior Women’s Club Yearbook, photocopies of Rainelle clippings, Meadow River Post newspaper; annual report; 1922–79. 1 box. Elda Montgomery, Livermore, CA. Sc83-12acc


Poster. Ad for Eastern flavor apples from Appalachian area, ca. 1950. 1 item. Unknown donor. Sc2008-035


Program. Dedication of plaque honoring Virginia Bondurant Johnson at West Virginia State Archives by NSDAR, 2006 October 14. 1 item. Transfer from Library. Sc2008-043


Program. River City Youth Ballet Ensemble production of *The Snow Queen*, 2007 November 30-December 15. 1 item. Transfer from Library. Sc2008-047

Program. Swiss Reunion and dedication of Helvetia Community Hall honoring Hon. Marc Peter, Minister Plenipotentiary of Switzerland, 1939 May 13. 1 item. Unknown donor. Sc2008-059


Program, postal cover, autograph. Randy Moss cover, Cultural Center, 2008 March 21. 3 items. Culture and History and Billy Smith (autograph). Sc2008-050


Publications. Books presented to Governor Homer Holt as boy by grandparents - *Columbian Speaker for Boys and Girls* and the *Sunnyside Story Book*, 1903, 1905. 2 items. Isabel Holt Dannenberg, Metairie, LA. Sc2003-292acc


Scrapbook. Album of materials regarding veterans, 1940s–2006. 1 volume and 1 oversized folder. Mike Angiulli, Clarksburg via Governor’s Office. Sc2008-038


Scrapbooks. Rosalind Funk, secretary to governors Meadows, Patteson and Marland, much pertaining to Patteson’s life, 1929–70. 3 volumes and 2 boxes. Purchase. Sc2007-076


Yearbook. CD-ROM of Mountain State Hospital and Training School for Nurses, annual, 1926. 1 item. J. K. Bora, Troy, MI. Sc2005-003acc


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