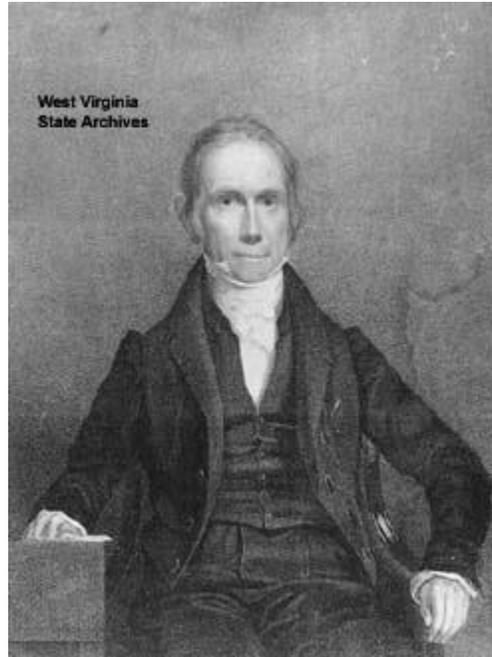


### ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY AUGUST 30



Henry Clay, circa 1832 lithograph by Endicott and Swett, from a picture by W. J. Hubbard

Citizens of Lewisburg and Greenbrier County held a public dinner in honor of United States Secretary of State Henry Clay on August 30, 1826.

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**Investigate the Document:** (*Western Virginian and Kanawha County Gazette*, September 13, 1826)

1. Which president and eventual president are mentioned in this article?
2. In addition to Lewisburg, what other prominent Western Virginia community does the article state that Henry Clay passed through?
3. Henry Clay served in the Senate and House of Representatives as well as Secretary of State; which two branches of government does this encompass and what are their roles in government?

**Think Critically:** Henry Clay was part of the “War Hawk” faction that favored confronting Britain for impressing American sailors as well as demanding a repeal of the Orders in Council in what early 19<sup>th</sup> century conflict? What are the responsibilities of a secretary of state?

**MR. CLAY AT LEWISBURG.**

We have already stated, that on the 30th ult. the Hon. HENRY CLAY partook of a Public Dinner, given him by the citizens of Lewisburg and Greenbrier county. We would gladly publish the whole proceedings at this Dinner, but our limits will not permit us to insert any thing more than the Toast drank to him, and his own admirable Speech which followed. It will be perceived that he entered into a general defence of his course, and repelled the most prominent charges which have been brought against him, and which every *whipster* of an *opponent* has now got by rote. By the way, we believe that the Administration is every where gaining ground.— With us, it certainly is; and if the issue is between Adams and Jackson, the former must certainly triumph. Most of those—and they are numerous and powerful—who were firmly attached to the cause of Crawford, while he was a candidate, are now the warm and unyielding supporters of the Administration.— Mr. Clay recently passed through Charleston, on his way to the seat of government, and had his stay afforded an opportunity to our citizens, he would have received the same public manifestations of confidence and regard, here, that were shewn him at Lewisburg.