

### ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY NOVEMBER 1



**Renowned geologist Israel Charles White was born in Monongalia County on November 1, 1848.**

**CSO: SS.8.9, S.6-8.L.2, ELA.8.1**

**Investigate the Document: (I. C. White, State Geologist, letter to James S. Lakin, President, State Board of Control, 1916. Ar1720)**

1. The West Virginia Forestry map mentioned in the correspondence shows *what* as of December 1, 1910? Had any changes occurred in the six years that had passed, regarding the timber?
2. What was the purpose of rotating the geology meeting that I.C. White attended to different states?

**Think Critically:** Geologic mapping is a highly informational, scientific process that can produce a range of map products for many different uses. Can you determine any potential uses? What is geology? Can you think of any prominent West Virginia industries that would be familiar with using a geological map?



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MORGANTOWN, W. VA. Sept. 12, 1916.

Hon. Jas. S. Lakin,  
 President, State Board of Control,  
 Charleston, W. Va.

My dear Mr. Lakin:

Your two favors of September 11th have been duly received. Replying to same I would say that I am mailing you under separate cover two copies of our West Virginia Forestry Map showing the virgin and out-over timber as of December 1, 1910. Of course considerable of this timber has been cut since the map was issued.

The edition of our Railroad Map is exhausted and we have no money with which to get up another one, but we still have some copies of the Coal, Oil, and Gas Map, and as this shows the railways of the State, it will answer Mr. Owen's purpose and I am mailing him a copy of it, and in order to be entirely "neutral" I suppose I should mail one to Mr. Shaver, Chairman of the Democratic Committee.

I have just returned this morning from my trip to New York and Vermont with the other State Geologists of the country. We had a very pleasant and profitable excursion under the tutelage of the State Geologist of New York. Many thanks to you for giving me permission to attend the meeting. This Association meets every two years, first in one State and then in another, in order to give all the State Geologists a knowledge of the rocks in the several States.

Very truly yours,

*I. C. White*  
 State Geologist.