

### ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY MARCH 8



**On March 8, 1888, David Hunter Strother, the artist and author known as "Porte Crayon," died in Charles Town.**

**CSO: SS.8.22, ELA.8.1, ELA.8.6**

**Investigate the Document:** (*Secretary of State's Office. Miscellaneous records, 1864-1920, AR-1748*)

1. What do the time and date tell you? What do you know about the time in which the document was written? How is this document connected to other events in history?
2. What was turned over to the State of West Virginia after it was taken at Lexington during the war?
3. Is there any bias in the letter? If so, cite a quote from the document to validate your response.

**Think Critically:** What can be learned about David Hunter Strother from this document? What is a generalization you can make about him? What is something that you would ask Strother about this letter?

Headquarters Dept. of West Virginia  
July 8<sup>th</sup> 1864.

To his Excellency A. J. Borman  
Governor of West Virginia.

Sir

I am directed by Major General Hunter to say to you that the Bronze Statue of George Washington taken at Lexington during the late Campaign & now in Wheeling, is hereby turned over to the State of West Virginia & shall remain the property of the State unless otherwise ordered by the United States Government. General Hunter further says that he is most happy to have it in his power to transfer this noble & historic work from the keeping of a Disloyal people to the Loyal state of West Virginia to which it properly belongs.

David H. Strother  
Col. and Chief of Staff.