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ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY March 14



West Virginia State Building, World's Columbian Exposition of 1893

On March 14, 1891, the Legislature passed an act establishing a commission to organize the West Virginia exhibit at the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893.

CSO: SS.8.22, ELA.8.1, ELA.8.21

Investigate the Document: (Aretas Brooks Fleming Papers, 1890-1893, Agricultural Exposition, 1892, AR-1729, 27A; Boyd B. Stutler Collection, John Brown Souvenir, World's Columbian Exhibition, 1893, Ms78-1; MacCorkle Collection, Sc91-70)

Document 1

- 1. Where did the Board of Agriculture meet with the World's Fair Commission? What was the purpose of their meeting?
- 2. Who was the author of this letter to Governor A. B. Fleming?

Document 2

- 3. Why is John Brown referred to as the "Liberator of Kansas and the Martyr of Virginia?"
- 4. What was John Brown's goal in raiding Harpers Ferry?
- 5. Explain the significance of John Brown's Raid at Harpers Ferry and explain why this event would be a worthy addition to an exhibit of West Virginia at the 1893 World's Fair.

Think Critically: (Essay 200-250 words) Select three individuals and/or events that YOU would want to be displayed in an exhibit at the World's Fair if it were held today. Explain their significance and the purpose of including them in your exhibit.

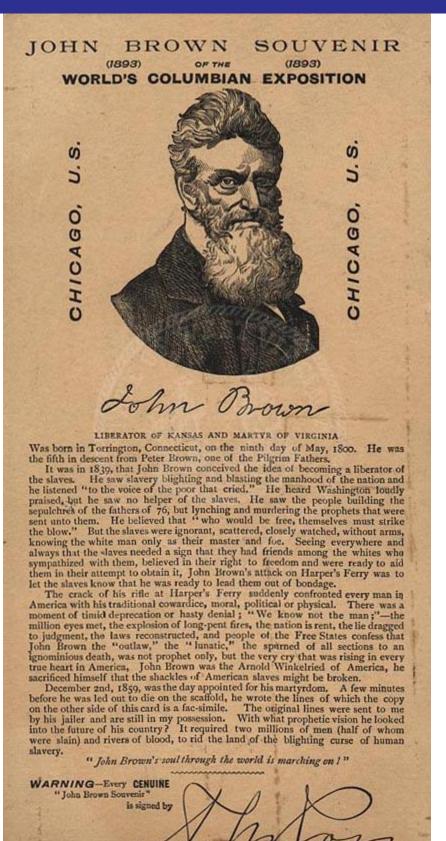


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The West Virginia 🦛 🌫 State Board of Agriculture. T. C. ATKESON, PRESIDENT, Buffalo, Putnam County. B. F. FISHER, Flat Woods, Braxton County. C. R. SPEROW, Martinsburg, Berkeley County. J. M. ROWAN, Union, Monroe County. H. M. TURNER, SECRETARY, Shepherdstown, Jefferson County, office of Buffalo, W. Va. June 1 (0 tr 1892 THE PRESIDENT. Gov. A. B. Hleming; Charlisten Wa. Star Sir - The State Brand of Agriculture will meet with The World's Fire Commension of Partursbury July 26th 92 to arrange for The agricultural Exhibit-at Chicago negt-gran If you have not already made the appointme to fill vacancy on Board Agr. from the first Destrict, our mumbers would be pleased if you would do so a time to have him prosent and mate tus neguaintance at Particistury. Of course Then is no great necessily- for hung and I any desire to call going ultertion to The matter. Holing for may secure The bust passible man for the place Simily and Richdfill Jour J. C. alkesin West Virginia State Archives

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Governor Mac Porkle

respectfully invites you to attend the

Opening of the State Museum,

containing the

West Wirginia Exhibit from the World's Fair,

and the collection of the

West Wirginia Historical and Untiquarian Society,

at the Papitol,

Charleston', West Wa.,

Tuesday, April 3rd, 1894, 7 to 10 P. M.