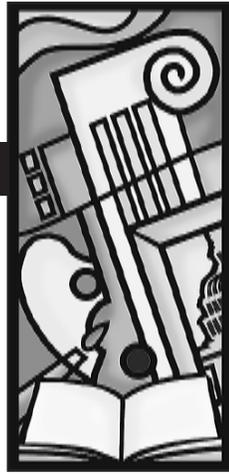


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From the Editor:

Construction has begun for the new West Virginia State Museum in the lower level of The Cultural Center, including the space beneath the West Virginia Archives and History Library. Please excuse the noise, dust, odors and construction vehicles as the State Museum takes shape over the next year. Sprinklers are being installed in the building in the near future, also. The Archives and History Library is still in its longtime location on the north side of The Cultural Center and is operating normally; however, please call to confirm our status and hours for specific dates if you are planning a long trip to visit us, since the effects of construction may cause temporary inconveniences.

Congratulations, 2008 History Heroes!

The 13th Annual History Hero Awards were presented on History Day, February 21, 2008, in the Norman L. Fagan West Virginia State Theater, The Cultural Center, Charleston, by Robert Conte, Chairman of the West Virginia Archives and History Commission, and Kay Goodwin, Secretary of Education and the Arts. History Heroes are individuals who go beyond the call of duty to ensure the success of local history, genealogy, preservation and museum organizations. The contributions of History Heroes have been recognized during History Day programs from 1997 through 2008, with most honorees present to receive their awards. Their combined work makes a statement most deserving of this statewide public recognition. These recipients have been recognized for their grassroots efforts, years of dedicated behind-the-scenes services, or for a significant contribution such as preserving a site or collection, or publishing a work of family or local history. Recipients were nominated by groups and organizations working on behalf of the preservation and dis-

semination of West Virginia's history and historical resources in recognition of their dedication and labor. (A list of West Virginia historical, genealogical and preservation societies is found at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/histsocs.html>.)

History Hero award winners for 2008 are listed at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/histhero.html>, with descriptions of their accomplishments and the nominating organizations. Photographs of those present to accept their certificates are also accessible on the Web site. Links to History Hero lists of previous years

are available, as well as an alphabetical list of winners with their winning years. Please join the Archives and History staff in expressing appreciation to the history lovers of West Virginia who make things happen.

**THE
ARCHIVES AND HISTORY
LIBRARY**
will be **closed** on
**Primary Election Day,
Tuesday, May 13, 2008.**

Cataloging of Books Resumes

With our new Voyager® integrated library system now operational, cataloging of books, pamphlets and selected other materials has resumed. All newly cataloged titles will appear in the Voyager® catalog only. No new entries will appear in the old West Virginia Union Catalog. If you would like to see if your donated books or if a title, author or subject of interest are currently available in the Archives

and History Library, you may search the online catalog at <http://www.archives.lib.wv.us:71/>. For more information about Voyager®, see the February 2008 issue of *Archives and History News*, online at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/ahnews/ahnews.html>, or contact Susan Scouras, librarian, (304) 558-0230 or susan.scouras@wvculture.org/history.

West Virginia Genealogical Society Library

The West Virginia Genealogical Society (WVGS) has a research library open to the public on Mondays and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The library has information on all West Virginia counties, primarily for those counties for which printed transcriptions of records are available; some out-of-state materials, mostly Virginia and Ohio; and family histories. Society members staff the library and assist patrons in using the library's resources and in solving research problems. WVGS holds its regular

meetings and an annual genealogy fair in the library building. The library may be reached by phone at (304) 965-1179, and although an answering machine is available, long-distance calls can not be returned. The physical address of the library is 5153 North Elk River Road in Blue Creek, WV (on Route 119, just above the four-way stop in Elkview). Letters requesting research help are accepted, by regular mail sent to WVGS, P.O. Box 249, Elkview, WV 25071, or by e-mail to ebw104@juno.com. The only fees requested are \$.15 per photocopied page and/

or postage (unless a self-addressed, stamped envelope is included).

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Planning a Cemetery Cleanup?

April and May are the traditional pre-Memorial Day cleanup period for cemeteries. If you are planning a trip to a family, church or community burial ground, keep in mind that care should be taken to preserve stones and other grave markers. While you are there, consider taking the following extra steps to preserve the memory of those buried in the cemetery, and to help relatives find the burial places of their ancestors:

- Create or update a cemetery listing.
- Write down driving directions and contact information.
- Print off a copy of the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office Cemetery Survey form (<http://www.wvculture.org/shpo/cemeteries.html>), fill it in and send it to SHPO for inclusion in their file.
- Mail or e-mail a copy of the cemetery listing or the Survey form to Susan Scouras, Archives and History Library, for the Library's

Is your West Virginia historical or genealogical organization offering programs or classes about family history or local history?

Does your society have a reference library that is open to the public?

Does your local public library have a sizeable genealogy and local history collection?

West Virginia Archives and History News Wants to Know!

Send information on your activities and services (particularly research services) regarding history and genealogy to:

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Archives and History Library, The Cultural Center, 1900 Kanawha Blvd., East, Charleston, WV 25305-0300

Please include contact information.

250th Anniversary of the French and Indian War Marked by State Parks Events

West Virginia State Parks and Forests is sponsoring educational events in three state parks in 2008 to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the French and Indian War. Activities will include historical re-enactors, living history demonstrations, warrior hikes, and more, focusing on the raids led by Cherokee Commanders

Ostenaco and Oconostota along the Ohio River in 1758. Events are scheduled for Tu-Endie-Wei State Park on March 29, at Blennerhassett Island State Park on June 29, and for Tomlinson Run State Park on August 30. For more information, visit http://www.wvstateparks.com/French_Indian_War.html.

**Archives and History News
 is available on the
 Archives and History Web site
<http://www.wvculture.org/history/ah-news/ahnews.html>**

Calendar of Events

Please check our web site (<http://www.wvculture.org/history>) for genealogical and historical society meeting announcements, and for more complete information on activities listed below.

BEGINNING YOUR GENEALOGY RESEARCH, March 27:
 Kanawha Valley History Center, Rand Community Center, Rand.

“EDUCATING THROUGH MUSEUMS,” WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS 2008 ANNUAL CONFERENCE, March 27-29: Huntington.
 For more information, go to www.museumsofww.org, or call James Mitchell, (304) 558-0220, Ext. 727.

WARRIORS CAMP LIVING HISTORY DEMONSTRATIONS,
March 29: Tu-Endie-Wei State Park, Point Pleasant.

9TH ANNUAL “HOOT OWL” RESEARCH IN THE ARCHIVES, April 4-5: Sponsored by Mining Your History Foundation, West Virginia Archives and History Library, The Cultural Center, Charleston.

RELIGIOUS ARCHIVISTS OF THE GREATER KANAWHA VALLEY,
April 5: St. Marks United Methodist Church, Charleston.

BLUE AND GRAY RECONCILIATION DINNER, April 19: West Virginia Independence Hall, Wheeling. For more information, call (304) 238-1300 or visit <http://www.wvculture.org/sites/wvih.html>.

“ABRAHAM LINCOLN,” April 20: Lincoln portrayer Jim Rubin will read Lincoln’s April 20, 1863, proclamation of West Virginia statehood effective June 20, 1863. West Virginia Independence Hall, Wheeling.
 For more information call (304) 238-1300.

WVGS GENEALOGY FAIR, May 10: West Virginia Genealogical Society Library, Elkview (Blue Creek). For more information call (304) 965-1179.

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY, May 13: Archives Library will be *closed*.

WV ARCHIVES AND HISTORY COMMISSION MEETING, May 16: Shepherdstown.

SPRING CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT, May 17: Jenkins Plantation Museum, Lesage.
 For more information call (304) 762-1059 or visit <http://www.wvculture.org/sites/jenkins.html>.

VANDALIA GATHERING, May 23-25: Capitol Complex, Charleston.

MEMORIAL DAY, May 26: Archives Library will be *closed*.

**Only the Archives Library will be staffed—all other Archives offices will be closed.*

The West Virginia Library Commission Library in the Cultural Center is closed weekends and all holidays.

West Virginia Cemetery Listings collection (<http://www.wvculture.org/history/ms2006-052.html>).

- Share the information you compile with local historical and genealogical societies.

Previous articles in *West Virginia Archives and History News* will be

helpful to you, and can be found on our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/ahnews/ahnews.html>. For more information about cemetery cleanup and preservation, see the September 2000, April 2004, April 2005, and April 2006 issues. For a description of Ms2006-052, *West*

Virginia Cemetery Listings, see the May 2006 and June 2006 issues. If you have any questions, call Susan Scouras at (304) 558-0230, or e-mail susan.scouras@wvculture.org.

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We would love to hear from you.

Let us know what you find helpful in the newsletter, and what new topics you would like covered.

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