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If you attend Library Day at the West Virginia Legislature on March 7, stop by the West Virginia Archives and History Library table in the State Capitol. The library serves as the interface between the collections of the West Virginia State Archives and the public we serve. While the Archives portion of the agency is responsible for collecting and preserving documents, records and other resources relating to the state both past and present, the Library portion is responsible for making those collections accessible to state officials, academic researchers and the general public. Upon request, our staff also provides guidance and information to other libraries around the state regarding West Virginia history and genealogy.

2013 History Day at the Legislature Well Attended

The 17th Annual West Virginia History Day at the Legislature on Thursday, February 21, 2013, was a busy day. Between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., more than five dozen organizations had displays in the hallways and rotunda area of the capitol between the House of Delegates and Senate chambers. Several people commented that more people visited the display tables than in previous years.

In the morning, 48 History Heroes were recognized during a

ceremony in the Norman L. Fagan State Theater in the Culture Center. Forty-one of the Heroes were present to accept their certificates, which

were presented by West Virginia First Lady Joanne Tomblin, and to go to the House Gallery for recognition by the House of Delegates.

Charleston's History To Be Discussed on March 5, 2013

On March 5, 2013, Dr. Billy Joe Peyton will present "The History of Charleston" at the Tuesday evening lecture in the Archives and History Library in the Culture Center in Charleston. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Charleston has a rich history that spans 225 years, starting with the founding of Fort Lee at the mouth of Elk River in 1788. Named for George Clendenin's father, Charles, the little settlement grew slowly to about 100 residents by 1810. The presence of abundant natural

resources like salt, timber, and coal helped Charleston grow into a busy river town of more than 1,000 by 1860. During the Civil War, Charleston was occupied alternately by Union, Confederate and then Union forces. After becoming the permanent state capital in 1885, Charleston entered into a period of rapid growth and development. By 1920, it had evolved into a mid-sized city of 40,000 people and was a hub of government, industry, and commerce. The population reached 85,000 by 1960, and downtown

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streets bustled with activity.

Much has changed in Charleston over the years, but the city retains a great deal of its history. Through words and images, Billy Joe Peyton will share glimpses of historic Charleston. He will recount some of the extraordinary moments in the city's past, such as the Civil War and capitol fire of 1921, and share details about some little known historical secrets of the capital city.

Billy Joe Peyton received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in History from West Virginia University. He has worked as a public historian at WSWP-TV in Beckley and for the

National Park Service in Mississippi and West Virginia. He also served as associate director of the Institute for the History of Technology & Industrial Archaeology at WVU, worked for an historic architectural firm, and taught high school history. In 2002, Peyton joined the full-time faculty at West Virginia State University, where he is associate professor of history and chair of the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Active in local preservation efforts, he has worked as a writer and historian on several documentary films, including *Ghosts of Green Bottom*, winner of a 2005 Bronze Telly Award. He also may be seen in *The 50 States* series that airs on the History Channel. Three years ago Peyton authored a local history book

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Hoot Owl Night

Hoot Owl Night at the West Virginia State Archives will be held on April 5-6, 2013. A printable registration form is available online at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/hootowl2013brochure.pdf>. Call Archives and History at (304) 558-0230 or e-mail director Joe Geiger, joe.n.geiger@wv.gov, to have a brochure mailed to you. Other contacts for information are Gerald Ratliff, ratliffgsfm@hotmail.com, and Esther B. Warner, ebw104@juno.com.

Music, music, music!

John Lilly entertained and informed a full house for the February First Tuesday lecture on February 5, 2013, speaking about *Goldenseal* magazine and the history of West Virginia's country music and musicians, as covered by the magazine's editors and freelance writers. Lilly, the magazine's editor since 1997,

titled *Charleston Then and Now*, and he has just completed the manuscript for a second book on the history of Charleston.

On March 5, the library will close at 5 p.m. and reopen at 5:45 p.m. for participants only. For planning purposes, participants are encouraged to register for the lecture, but advance registration is not required to attend. To register in advance, contact Robert Taylor, library manager, by e-mail at Bobby.L.Taylor@wv.gov or at (304) 558-0230, ext. 163. Participants interested in registering by e-mail should send their name, telephone number and the name and date of the session. For additional information, contact the Archives and History Library at (304) 558-0230.

explained the mission of *Goldenseal*, a West Virginia Division of Culture and History publication, and the



quarterly magazine's contributor guidelines, encouraging writers to submit articles for consideration.



14th Annual

**Hoot Owl
Night**



for all "Night Owls" willing to
"Burn The Midnight Oil"

at
**West Virginia Archives
and History**

**6:00 p.m. April 5, 2013
to
8:00 a.m. April 6, 2013**

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The 250th Anniversary of Cornstalk's Campaign Topic of March 14 Program

On March 14, 2013, Douglas McClure Wood will present "The Roots of Uncivil War: The 250th Anniversary of Cornstalk's Campaign," at the Thursday evening lecture in the Archives and History Library in the Culture Center in Charleston. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Shawnee Warrior Cornstalk was relatively unknown to European Americans in 1763, when he burst onto the stage of history as leader of one of the most effective campaigns against the British colonies during "Pontiac's War." A hero to the Shawnee, a fearsome foe to the Virginians, Cornstalk was perhaps the most brilliant military strategist ever to spring from the Shawnee nation. Cornstalk's coalition-building efforts, strategic planning, campaign coordination, and battle tactics were mirrored nearly 50 years later by another Shawnee military leader, Tecumseh. However, it was Cornstalk's generation of Shawnee warriors who first melded American Indian tactics with European tactics to forge a powerful military alliance that nearly defeated the greatest military presence on North American soil in 1763. The Virginia frontiersmen's response to Cornstalk's Campaign was to become more like the enemy in order to "fight fire with fire." Honing his skills at frontier warfare, the western Virginia militiaman eventually could stand toe to toe with his native enemy fighting in the "Indian manner." Frontier fighting skills became very useful to western Virginians in subsequent 18th- and 19th-century wars, including the Civil War, when small units of "home guards" and "bushwhackers" used those skills to thwart the efforts of invading enemy armies.

In his presentation, Wood will focus on Cornstalk's 1763 campaign in the context of the larger Pontiac's War. He will discuss the influence of the campaign on subsequent Shawnee-Virginian relations and on the evolution of Virginian fighting forces.

Doug Wood earned a B.S. degree in Wildlife Management from WVU in 1977. He worked as an aquatic biologist and ecologist for 33 years before retiring from the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection in October of 2011. Since college, he has researched 18th-century middle Appalachian cultures, with a particular focus on American Indian cultures of the Ohio Valley region. Wood says he has found a particularly rich resource collection in the West Virginia State Archives, and visits often to gain new insight into historic people, places, and events.

Wood has also educated thousands through living history events since 1987. Currently, he portrays Man Killer Ostenaco, a

Cherokee military leader who fought for three years against the French during the French and Indian War, for the Humanities Council's History Alive! Program. Wood's current living history project highlights Cornstalk's exploits and 18th-century Shawnee culture in a series of five events scattered along the campaign route from Point Pleasant to Neola. During this 250th anniversary year of Cornstalk's Campaign, programs will be held Kanawha State Forest in May, Tu-Endie-Wei State Park and Lake Sherwood Recreation Area in June, Sandstone Visitor Center in July, and Hawks Nest State Park in September.

For planning purposes, participants are encouraged to register for the program, but advance registration is not required to attend. To register in advance, contact Robert Taylor, library manager, at Bobby.L.Taylor@wv.gov or at (304) 558-0230, ext. 163. Participants interested in registering by e-mail should send their name, telephone number and the name and date of the session. For additional information, contact the Archives and History Library at (304) 558-0230.

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New Titles

The Haunted History of the West Virginia Penitentiary: Sherri Brake, 2012.
Showdown in Coal: The Struggle for Rank-and-File Unionism: Linda and Paul Nyden, 1978.

"...but God disposes...": Evert Myers, 1966.

Snapshots: Memories of Growing Up on Hopewell Hill: Brian L. Dowler, 2002.
Greenwood Cemetery Interments, 1895-1984: Zanesville, Ohio: Volumes 1 and 2: Muskingum County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, 1997.

Raleigh County, West Virginia Death Records, 1896-1914: Pauline Haga, 1990.
Deaths of Mercer County, West Virginia: 1853-1890: Henrietta Price White, 1989.

Monroe County, Ohio: Wayne Township Cemetery Inscriptions and Gleanings: Karen Romick, 2002.

Death Records Transcribed for the Bellaire Health Department, Bellaire, Belmont County, Ohio: Volume #1 (1904-1935): Cumberland Trail Genealogical Society, 2000.

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Hatfield and McCoy Images from the WV Archives Featured in New Book

A new book of photographs, drawings and illustrations regarding the Hatfield and McCoy families has been published. *Bloodlines: Deadly Conflict Between the Hatfields and McCoys: A Never-Seen-Before Collection of Photos*, was published by Christopher Marsden, Whitman Publishing, LLC, 2012. Over 42 percent of the images in the book were obtained from the West Virginia State Archives.

143 People Come to Native American Research Program

Greg Carroll, retired Archives and History historian, presented "Native American Research" to the Thursday



Evening Genealogy Club on February 21 in the Archives and History Library. Carroll discussed various Native



American groups in the area, discussed on the next page

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Death Records Transcribed for the Bellaire Health Department, Bellaire, Belmont County, Ohio: Volume #2 (1936-1975): Cumberland Trail Genealogical Society, 2000.

1820 Federal Census: Belmont County, Ohio: Cumberland Trail Genealogical Society, 1998.

1830 Federal Census: Belmont County, Ohio: Cumberland Trail Genealogical Society, 1998.

Wills of Washington County, Maryland: An Index: 1776-1890: Dale Walton Morrow and Deborah Sue Jensen, 1977.

Old Fields in Peace and War: Rebecca Van Meter's Diary: 1855-1865: Sidney Williams Gooding, George M. Williams, PhD, and Kelly Sloan Williams, editors, 2012.

Combs Family 1658-1930: Clara Jo "Rebecca" Wright, 2013.

Wright Family: Walter and Susannah Wright: Nine Generations and Allied Families for One Line of Descent: Clara Jo "Rebecca" Wright, 2008.

West Virginia Libraries Present Their Kitchen Favorites: West Virginia Library Association, 2012.

American Traveler's Guide to Negro History: 3rd ed., American Oil Company, [1964?].

When We Got Electric: Tales from the Good Old Days in Northwest West Virginia: Todd Blair and Karen Garvey, 2012.

Bloodlines: Deadly Conflict Between the Hatfields and McCoys: Christopher Marsden, 2013.

A Collection of Poor Valley Memories, Volumes 1 and 2: Benita Smith, c2011, 2010.

Bluecoats, Boats & Light Bread: The 1862-1864 Diaries of Ann Bartlett of Little Hocking, Ohio: Shelby Miller Ruch, editor, 1986.

Korea: Traces of a Forgotten War: James N. Butcher, 2013.

Fireside Folklore of West Virginia, Volume 1: Sherri Brake, 2012.

The Journey: Appalachia to Paradise to Purgatory: Col. Vaughan Witten, PhD, 2011.

Annual Reunion of the Regimental Association of the "Bucktails:" First Rifle Regiment, P. R.V.C., 1895, 1896, 1904, 1905.

Pebbles Only: S. C. Musgrave, [1940?]

Fragments of Verse: Clifton E. Gurd, 1916.

The Touch of Love: Mona V. Coffman, 1975.

By-Laws: The West Virginia State Conference: Revised February, 1916: Daughters of the American Revolution: [1916?]

Just Rhymes: Nancy Stout Beckwith, 1971.

The Story of the Number Twelve: William J. Curry, 1969.

The Good Fairies Story: William J. Curry, 1969.

Older Pamphlets Recently Cataloged

Speech of Mr. C. F. Mercer on the Subject of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal: C.F. Mercer, 1823.

Removal of Indians: U.S. House of Representatives Report no. 227, 1830.

On the Internal Improvement of Virginia; with Mr. Moore's Report to the Board of Public Works, on the Improvement of the Navigation of Appomattox River, and on the Subject of Connecting Appomattox and Staunton Rivers: Together with Robert Fulton's Letter to the Secretary of the Treasury and Extracts from Rees' Cyclopaedia: Thomas Moore, 1822.

Union of the Holy Ghost and the Church of the First Born: Salome Hughes, [no date].

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Remarks on a Pamphlet Concerning the Canon on Lay Discipline Passed at the Recent Convention of Virginia held in Alexandria, May, 1850: Episcopal Church, Diocese of Virginia, 1850.

The "Intelligencer" Contempt Case: [Author not identified, 1884?]

To the Electors of the Congressional District in Virginia, Composed of the Counties of Greenbrier, Monroe, Randolph, Nicholas, Wood, Mason, Kanawha, Cabbell [sic], Logan and Lewis: Lewis Maxwell, 1831.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Fourth Convention of Delegates from the Abolition Societies Established in Different Parts of the United States: 1797.

Proceedings of the Anti-Jackson Convention: 1828.

The Opinion of Chief Justice Taney, in the Wheeling Bridge Case: 1852.

What It Costs to be Governed: Whig Party, Virginia State Central Committee, [1859?]

puted the traditional belief that no natives lived in present-day West Virginia when whites moved into the area, and touched upon the challenge of research into Native American genealogy. Additional pictures from this event are available at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops/2013februarygenclub.html>.

Web Sites of Interest

The Newberry Library Foreign Language Press Survey: <http://flps.newberry.org>. A 1942 Federal Works Progress Administration project translated and classified select news articles in American foreign language press dating from 1855 to 1938. These articles in English translation are now available in a searchable database that includes 21 languages.

The History of Dunbar School, Weirton, WV: <http://weirtonmuseum.com/dunbarhistory.pdf>. Compiled by Dennis Jones for a 2013 Black History Month event at the Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center, the history and photographs of the African-American school are posted on the Museum's Web site.

Remarks of Maxwell Lewis Regarding Native Americans

Maxwell Lewis lived from 1790 to 1862 and served in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1821 to 1824 and as U.S. Representative from 1827 to 1833. He wrote a re-election campaign pamphlet entitled *To the Electors of the Congressional District in Virginia, Composed of the Counties of Greenbrier, Monroe, Randolph, Nicholas, Wood, Mason, Kanawha, Cabbell [sic], Logan and Lewis,*

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Evening Workshops and Lecture Schedule

Date	Conducted by:	Subject
April 2, Tuesday	Dr. Charles Ledbetter	<i>"The West Virginia State College Aviation Program: Tuskegee Airmen Connection in 'The Experiment?'"</i>
May 7, Tuesday	Russ Barbour	<i>"Reconstructing Bill: The Story of Governor William C. Marland"</i>
June 4, Tuesday	Dr. Karen L. Cox	<i>"Dixie's Daughters: United Daughters of the Confederacy"</i>
July 2, Tuesday	Joseph A. Comm	<i>Rock Spring Park</i>
August 6, Tuesday	Jerry Sutphin	<i>The Great Kanawha River and River Transportation in West Virginia</i>
September 10, Tuesday	Dr. Bob Barnett	<i>"Hillside Fields: A History of Sports in West Virginia"</i>
October 1, Tuesday	TBA	<i>West Virginia Archaeology and the Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex</i>
November 5, Tuesday	Terry Lowry	<i>"The Battle of Charleston and the Kanawha Valley Campaign"</i>

Registration for these free workshops is helpful but not required.
 Call our office at (304) 558-0230, or e-mail bobby.l.taylor@wv.gov.

Workshops are held 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the West Virginia Archives and History Library, The Culture Center, Charleston, West Virginia.



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dated March 3, 1831. Following is an excerpt from this circular regarding Native Americans:

“It would be in vain here to attempt an enumeration of the various acts which have been passed, during the 21st Congress, or to attempt to describe my votes upon the passage of them; the public journals exhibit the acts, and also my votes. But few acts of an interesting and general nature have been passed.

The most important bill which passed during the present Congress, was the bill making an appropriation of \$500,000, and authorizing the President to expend that amount, in removing various tribes of Indians west of the Mississippi River.

“The situation of the Indians in relation to the General Government, and some of the State Governments, does now, and for a time will, present perplexing difficulties, in the way of those who are intrusted with the administration of the Government.

The Indians are an unfortunate race, that are gradually sinking into insignificance, and rapidly disappearing; their existence as a race of people, must, at no very distant period of time become extinct; every effort, heretofore made to save them, seems by a kind of fatality to have operated to hasten their destruction.

“Let us leave this melancholy subject, and touch topics more pleasing.”

Editor’s Note: The forced relocation of Native Americans called the “Trail of Tears” began seven years later. Some Native American families and individuals who assimilated into the dominant culture remained, but few self-identified as Native Americans to authorities such as census takers and county clerks who recorded race.

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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/West-Virginia-Archives-and-History/168933289812323>

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.

“WV 150” SESQUICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT, through 2013: The Culture Center, Charleston.

KANAWHA VALLEY HERITAGE FAIR, March 2: Hosted by Kanawha Valley History Center, Salines Presbyterian Church, Malden.

**LIBRARY DAY AT THE WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE,
March 7:** Capitol Complex, Charleston.

FINAL DAYS OF WEIRTON STEEL, March 9:
Tom Zielinsky, speaker, Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center.

“THE STORY OF WOMEN AND THEIR QUILTS,” March 9: Roberta Farmer, speaker, Clay Center, Charleston. For more information, visit <http://www.theclaycenter.org/events/2013/January.aspx>.

“RED, GREEN AND BEYOND: EVOLVING QUILTS 1850-1940,” March 13:
Kathryn Johnson, speaker, Clay Center, Charleston. For more information, visit <http://www.theclaycenter.org/events/2013/January.aspx>.

GENEALOGY AND THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR WORKSHOP, March 16:
Joetta Kuhn and Patsy Adkins, presenters, Riverside Public Library, Belle.

CONNECT WITH YOUR PAST: TRACING YOUR IRISH AND SCOTS-IRISH ANCESTORS, March 26: Brian Trainor and Fintan Mullan, presenters, Dunbar Branch Library, Dunbar. For more information, contact Dana Smook, (304) 744-7161.

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PALEOETHNOBOTANY: THE SECRET OF SEEDS, March 28:

Amanda L. Valco, speaker, Grave Creek Mound Archaeology Complex, Moundsville.

GENEALOGY AND THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR WORKSHOP, March 30:

Joetta Kuhn and Patsy Adkins, presenters, Kanawha County Public Library, Charleston.

80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CCC,

March 31: West Virginia State CCC Museum, Quiet Dell.

“HOLDING THE LINE: THE BATTLE OF ALLEGHENY MOUNTAIN,” April 2:

Joe Geiger, speaker, Ohio County Public Library Lunch With Books, Wheeling.

FIFTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF NATIONS, April 13: Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center.

“CIVIL WAR IN THE KANAWHA VALLEY,” April 16: Billy Joe Peyton, speaker,

Marshall University Foundation Hall, Huntington.

“A NEW STAR IN THE UNION: ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND WEST VIRGINIA STATEHOOD,” April 20: Fritz Klein, living history program, West Virginia Independence Hall, Wheeling.

GENEALOGY AND THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR WORKSHOP, April 20:

Joetta Kuhn and Patsy Adkins, presenters, Clendenin Public Library, Clendenin.

RECENT EXCAVATIONS AT THE ARMORY AT HARPERS FERRY NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK, April 25: Darlene Hassler Godwin and Justin Ebersole, speakers,

Grave Creek Mound Archaeology Complex, Moundsville.

GENEALOGY AND THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR WORKSHOP, April 27:

Joetta Kuhn and Patsy Adkins, presenters, St. Albans Branch Library, St. Albans.

WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY BOWL STATE TOURNAMENT, April 30:

The Culture Center, Charleston.

MEMORIAL DAY, May 27: Archives Library will be *closed*.

EARLY AMERICAN PREHISTORY IN THE MIDDLE ATLANTIC AREA, May 30:

William Jack Hranicky, speaker, Grave Creek Mound Archaeology Complex, Moundsville.

WEST VIRGINIA DAY, June 20: Archives Library open.*

INDEPENDENCE DAY, July 4: Archives Library will be *closed*.

“MORE THAN BOWS AND ARROWS,” July 25:

Film, Grave Creek Mound Archaeology Complex, Moundsville.

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

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

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