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From the Editor:

Ongoing construction for the complete renovation of the West Virginia State Museum will continue to cause periodic inconveniences in the Archives and History Library specifically and in The Cultural Center in general. In October the front entrance to The Cultural Center was closed three times for at least part of a day to accommodate the installation of escalators, requiring visitors to enter and exit the building from the rear loading dock. Noise and dust are a re-occurring nuisance. We try to minimize effects on the public as much as possible, including issuing press releases and posting notices on <http://www.wvculture.org/history/whatsnew.html> when we know of changes in routine in advance. If you are visiting us from out of town, we suggest you call us before traveling for updates on building accessibility. In the rare event that the building must be closed, we will try to give two weeks notice. Please be patient—the new State Museum will be well worth these temporary inconveniences!

Additional West Virginia County Records on Microfilm Now Available in Archives and History Library

The West Virginia Archives and History Library has received microfilm copies of Fayette, Hampshire, Mason, Monroe and Wood County records that are held in the West Virginia and Regional History Collection, rather than at the respective county courthouses. These county records were microfilmed at West Virginia University by the Genealogical Society of Utah. Mining Your History Foundation (MYHF), our “Friends of the Archives” group, has purchased selected rolls and donated them to the Archives and History Library. Also, MYHF has continued to purchase replacement rolls for damaged or poor copies currently in our county microfilm collection. Any of you who have visited the Library in person and dropped a donation in MYHF’s cube have contributed to these purchases.

We are very grateful to MYHF for being so attentive to the research needs of our patrons and for filling in gaps in the Archives and History collection using funds raised through

various means. We also appreciate those of you who have donated directly to this effort. Thank you all.

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Health Concerns for Flu Season

With the shortage of flu vaccine this year, public health officials are advising those who become ill to be extra cautious about the possibility of infecting others. West Virginia state government employees have received a directive to *stay home* if they are ill whether they have been diagnosed with flu or not. Archives and History Library staff members are all too aware of the dangers of influenza, particularly when secondary infection occurs, because they have read the death toll from both

regular flu seasons and historic influenza epidemics far too many times in the county death registers. When a researcher sees “influenza” and “influenza with pneumonia” listed line after line, page after page, as cause of death, the significance really hits home.

We are asking two things of our patrons this winter. One, if we are short-staffed, please be patient, since we will be keeping our coughs and

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The following rolls of microfilm are of records held at the West Virginia and Regional History Collection at West Virginia University.

County	Record Type	Roll Content
Fayette	Index to Court Records	Alphabetical A-Z
	Index to Court Records	Chronological n.d.-1873
	Index to Court Records	Chronological 1874-1923
	Index to Court Records	Subject Chancery-Notes
	Index to Court Records	Subject Poor-Wills
	Loose Court Records	n.d., 1787, 1824, 1841, 1851-1869
	Loose Court Records	1870-1874
	Loose Court Records	1874-1875
Hampshire	Court Records	1736-1785
	Court Records	1782-1797
	Court Records	1793-1816
	Index to Court Records	Alphabetical A-L
	Index to Court Records	Alphabetical M-Z
	Index to Court Records	Chronological 1749-1854
	Index to Court Records	Chronological 1855- 1868; Subject by actions
Mason	Court Records	1786-1806
	Court Records	1806-1808
	Court Records	1809-1811
Monroe	School Records	1818-1843
	Court Records	1799-1808
	Court Records	1801-1831
	Court Records	1775-1785
	Court Records	1772-1805
Wood	Court Records	V. 1 1799-1818
	Court Records	V. 2 1811-1820
	Court Records	V. 3-4 1820-1829
	Court Records	V. 5 1830-1831
	Court Records	V. 6 1832-1835

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sneezes away from the workplace both for your protection and for our co-workers' health. Two, if you even suspect you are becoming ill, *please stay home*. If you are too ill to go to your own employment or school, you are too ill to come to the Library. College students, please start work on your research papers early so that you will not feel forced to visit the Library while ill, as happens so often at the end of each semester. We are very concerned for our patrons, many of whom are elderly and/or have compromised immunity due to chronic conditions. We will be happy to answer your brief reference or procedural questions over the telephone, and to fulfill your research and document requests needs by mail!

West Virginia Historical, Genealogical and Preservation Societies

A list of West Virginia historical, genealogical and preservation societies is now available on the Archives and History Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/histsocs.html>. This list is the same as the one compiled periodically for publication in *West Virginia History*, for distribution of paper copies in the Archives and History Library, and for the *West Virginia Archives and History News* mailing list. Please review the information posted for your organization, and provide any corrections or updates to Archives and History, (304) 558-0230, or e-mail joe.geiger@wvculture.org. This list is in addition to the organizations and repositories listed by county at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/guide2.html>. Both sites are linked from the State Archives section of <http://www.wvculture.org/history/>.

Web Sites of Interest

Literary Map of West Virginia,
 West Virginia Folk Life Center:

[http://www.fscwv.edu/wvfolklife/
 literary_map/index.shtml](http://www.fscwv.edu/wvfolklife/literary_map/index.shtml)

or see Featured Links on our Web site.

Notablekin.org, New England
 Historic Genealogical Society:

<http://www.notablekin.org>.

Wisconsin Name Index, Wisconsin
 Historical Society:

www.wisconsinhistory.org/wni.

Proposed Archives and History Library Services and Fee Guidelines Posted for Public Comment Period

Proposed revisions to the West Virginia Archives and History Library Services and Fee Guidelines have been submitted to the Secretary of State and have been posted for public comment. Comments received in writing during this 30-day period will be acknowledged and considered for subsequent modification to the proposed draft in the final filing of the rule after the 30-day comment period. (Proposed rules may change during the comment period, and the subsequent modified rules would be available only in paper format.)

Articles About West Virginia Counties Added to Web Site

“How County Records Were Preserved Through War and Court House Fires,” by A.W. Hamilton, as printed in *The Fayette Tribune*, January 25, 1933, is the latest article to be added to the Counties portion of the Archives and History Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/counties.html>. Previously mentioned articles, such as “The Courthouse Wars,” by Eva Margaret Carnes, and relevant selections from “Time Trail, West Virginia” are now linked from this page also.

Mr. Hamilton interviewed the person he deems responsible for preserving Fayette County records throughout the Civil War, and gave firsthand accounts of fires and courthouse moves. Interestingly, the gaps in extant Fayette County records are not explained by this article.

Written public comment will be accepted by the Secretary of State until 5:00 p.m. on November 29, 2004.

We have provided easy links from the Archives and History Web

site on the “What’s New” page at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/whatsnew.html> to view the proposed rules and regulations on the Secretary of State’s Web site.

New Titles

- Welfare Reform in West Virginia:** Robert Jay Dilger, et al, 2004.
- Hollows, Peepers, and Highlanders: An Appalachian Mountain Ecology:** 2nd ed., George Constantz, 2004.
- The Ancestors and Descendants of Alexander Campbell of Highland County, Virginia:** Sandra Ellis Anderson, 2002.
- Patriots, Pioneers and Quakers: Morelands of Hampshire County, Virginia:** Sharon Moreland Myers, 2004.
- Patriots, Pioneers and Quakers: Loys of Hampshire County, Virginia:** Sharon Moreland Myers, 2004.
- Patriots, Pioneers and Quakers: McCools of Old Frederick County, Virginia:** Sharon Moreland Myers, 2004.
- Patriots, Pioneers and Quakers: Hietts of Old Frederick and Hampshire County, Virginia:** Sharon Moreland Myers, 2004.
- Patriots, Pioneers and Quakers: Youngbloods of Morgan Co., Virginia:** Sharon Moreland Myers, 2004.
- Patriots, Pioneers and Quakers: Largents of Frederick and Hampshire Co., Virginia:** Sharon Moreland Myers, 2004.
- The Van Hoose Family:** Charles Parsons, 1964.
- Blanche Lazzell: The Life and Work of an American Modernist:** Robert Bridges, et al, editors, 2004.
- Benjamin and Vladka Meed Registry of Jewish Holocaust Survivors 2000:** 4 volumes, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in cooperation with the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, 2000.
- Richard Kidwell Miller:** John A. Cuthbert, 2004.
- The World War II Memorial: A Grateful Nation Remembers:** Douglas Brinkley, editor, 2004.
- The Eagle:** yearbook, Lumberport High School, 1939.
- Ohio County (WV) Index: Volume 12: Card Index to all Ohio County Courts’ Case Files and Loose Papers, Part 5, 1852-1856:** Kenneth Fischer Craft, 2004.
- Ohio County (WV) Index: Master Index to All Volumes:** Kenneth Fischer Craft, 2004.
- The Braxton County Monster: The Cover-up of the Flatwoods Monster Revealed:** Frank C. Feschino, Jr., 2004.
- Coal Towns of West Virginia, Volume 2:** Mary Stevenson, 2003.
- Tenting Tonight: The Soldier’s Life:** [Time-Life, The Civil War series]: James I. Robertson, Jr., 1985
- Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources:** 3rd ed., Alice Eichholz, 2004.
- Finding Answers in U.S. Census Records:** Loretto Dennis Szucs and Matthew Wright, 2002.

**Don't Forget History Day,
 March 17, 2005**

Donations

The **United States Holocaust Memorial Museum** has donated a four volume set of the most recent edition of the *Benjamin and Vladka Meed Registry of Jewish Holocaust Survivors 2000*, published by the Museum in cooperation with the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors in 2000. Included are the names of survivors who registered with them through March 2000. A survivor is defined as "anyone displaced by the racial, ethnic, and political policies of the Nazis and their Allies," including "pre-war refugees from Nazi Germany, those who spent the war living in hiding or under a false identity, partisans and of course those who were deported to ghettos and concentration camps."* Names of known survivors not found in this registry may be submitted for inclusion. Contact with anyone listed

*Letter of Megan Lewis, Program Assistant, Registry of Holocaust Survivors, September 27, 2004.

Electronic Newsletter Available from Allen County Public Library Genealogy Department

The Allen County Public Library's Historical Genealogy Department in Fort Wayne, Indiana, is one of the foremost collections in the country for family history research. They are also the home of PERSI, the Periodical Source Index, the largest subject index to historical and genealogical articles in the world. (While available for free searching in the Allen County Library itself, online searching of PERSI is available through HeritageQuest on site only in the Archives and History Library, or on the Internet through Ancestry.com with a subscription.)

The Genealogy Department is now offering a free monthly elec-

tronic newsletter, *Genealogy Gems*. In addition to information about the library collection and construction updates on their new building, the newsletter contains research tips that will be of interest to all researchers. You can subscribe by visiting the Friends of Allen County Web site at <http://www.friendsofallencounty.org> and typing your e-mail address into the box provided, or by sending an e-mail to genealogygems-subscrib@friendsofallencounty.org. A confirmation notice requiring a reply will be sent to the e-mail address submitted.

in the Registry is facilitated by passing on correspondence. **Harold Newman**, Archives and History staff member, has donated the new 3rd edition of the popular genealogy resource, the *Red Book*, which lists the type of resources to be found in each state and locality, and where those resources are kept. Harold also donated *Finding Answers in U.S. Census Records*, by Loretto Dennis Szucs and Matthew Wright. **Kenneth Fischer Craft** continues to donate his ongoing *Ohio County (WV) Index* series, now up to Volume 12, with the added bonus of a *Master Index to All Volumes*. **Donny Jones**, a terrific teenager (and Civil War reenactor) who volunteered with us this past summer, returned for a visit and brought us *Tenting Tonight*, one of the volumes we were missing from our set of Time-Life's series, *The Civil War*.

Another Example of Why Researchers Get Headaches

Elaine Gates, Archives and History Library Assistant, is compiling information on West Virginia war veterans. She recently encountered a Civil War veteran named William Stine, whose history is bedeviling her attempts to add accurate biographical data to his file. His obituary identified him as a native of Marshall County, VA/WV, while his death record gave his birthplace as Washington County, PA, and a county history stated that he came from Germany. His obituary credited him with seven wives, four of whom Elaine has identified so far. This Editor is afraid to ask if he had any children.

Supporting Local Societies

by Jane Grezlik

From *RootsWeb Review*, Vol. 7, No. 42, October 20, 2004: I would like to address an issue that many genealogical and historical societies are experiencing in this day and age of busy schedules and Internet access—the loss of membership. Internet researchers should be aware that much of the information available on the many research sites is there because genealogical societies all over the world have done a wonderful job of abstracting and publishing that information. However, without members this work and these wonderful small libraries can not survive long. Both financial support and volunteers are needed. Larger libraries are having difficulties, too. These are special libraries, run by the local societies, and are not part of the public library system and therefore not funded by them.

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I want to encourage every researcher to support her or his local society and/or the society that is in the area they do most of their research. Many of these societies have a nominal annual fee that most anyone should be able to afford. It goes a long way in helping to cover

operating costs of the library and the publishing costs of larger books. While sales of their books do offset costs, it is the membership that is most important.

Join and support genealogical and historical societies. Help to ensure the continued flow of information and research availability at the local level.

Editor's Note: Visit the Archives and History Website to locate societies and resources for specific West Virginia counties at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/guide2.html>. Most of the statewide societies are based in Charleston and are listed under Kanawha County.

The Archives Needs Volunteers

Whether you have a few hours a week, one day a month, or just one vacation day per year that you would like to spend with us in the West Virginia State Archives, give us a call. We have all kinds of projects just waiting for YOU!

Share Your Heritage Workshop Partnership Applications Due by November 19

The West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has announced that there is still time to become a cosponsor in the Share Your Heritage Workshop program, which is designed to bring together community representatives to address key cultural heritage tourism challenges. The workshops are a partnership effort between the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Heritage Tourism Program and a local cosponsor. Completed applications for local workshop hosts must be postmarked by Friday, November 19.

Non-profit organizations or governmental agencies are eligible to apply as the lead cosponsor in the project. A steering committee including the lead cosponsor and four other broad-based organizations is recommended to provide diverse perspectives. Partners should include at least one arts organization.

The workshop is ideal for communities that have recently inventoried cultural resources and are developing a cultural heritage tourism plan or launching a cultural heritage tourism effort. The workshop goals include developing a better understanding of cultural

heritage tourism; providing cross-discipline training; encouraging innovative solutions through problem solving exercises; providing networking and partnership building opportunities; fostering stronger leadership and a team approach; and providing cultural heritage tourism development tools to key leaders.

Local cosponsors must provide at least \$15,000 in in-kind or cash investment toward the workshop and associated costs. Share Your Heritage assistance will provide two national speakers for the workshop, including transportation to the airport nearest the workshop site; honorarium costs; developing training materials and preparing a master copy for duplication; completing federal reporting requirements; and compiling a brief action plan in written and electronic format.

The Share Your Heritage initiative is looking for local cosponsors that represent diverse geographic areas and programmatic issues for cultural heritage tourism. Preference will be given to applications from rural areas, projects with a strong arts component and projects that benefit communities.

Four workshops will receive national support in 2005, and announcement of the winners is expected in January 2005. Funding for the program is provided by the National Endowment for the Arts and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Office of Community Development. For more information, call (303) 413-1986, or send an e-mail to amy_webb@nthp.org. Applications can be downloaded at <http://www.nationaltrust.org>. [Press release by West Virginia SHPO, Division of Culture and History, (304) 558-0240.]

Editor's Comment: While I realize that few, if any, of the organizations in our readership could pull together the application and the funding for the Share Your Heritage Workshop program quickly enough to meet a November 19 deadline, I have included the full text of SHPO's press release in hope that the ideas presented will stimulate conversation and co-operation at the local level in areas where cultural heritage tourism is a viable possibility. With the guidelines set forth in the current application requirements in mind, start thinking and planning now for next year's opportunity.

Mining Your History Foundation Annual Meeting and Workshops

Mining Your History Foundation (MYHF), formed to help connect the many societies across the state, and to serve as a "Friends of the Library" group in support of the West Virginia Archives and History Library, will hold its Annual Meeting and Workshops on Saturday, November 13, 2004, in The Cultural Center. You need not be an MYHF member to participate. The Annual Meeting and Workshops registration fee is \$10.00 per person. The day consists of a morning and an afternoon workshop, the annual meeting of MYHF (open to all attendees) during lunch, plus a Question and Answer session on family history resources, problem-solving and research techniques. You may order a lunch of pizza, chips, cookies and soft drinks for an extra \$5.00 with your registration, or you may bring your own lunch. A registration form may be picked up in the Archives and History Library,

downloaded directly from the MYHF Web site at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~myhf/2004workshop.html>, or located via a link on the Archives and History Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/whatsnew.html>. Registration is by mail only, and payment should be enclosed with the form.

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Free Film Series at The Cultural Center

The West Virginia Division of Culture and History's free film series continues, including showings of *The Captives*, a 2004 film telling the story of Shawnee captive Mary Draper Ingles, by West Virginia film maker Jude Miller. *The Captives* will be shown at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 27, and again at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 28. *Archives and History News* will continue to note those films relating to West Virginia history and culture in our Calendar of Events. For other film titles, dates and show times, visit the Division's Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/museum/freefilms.html>.



The West Virginia Division of ^{all} Culture and History seeks to expand its African American and Native American resources.

Do you have West Virginia...

African American and Native American

- Photographs • Documents • Books
- Letters • Postcards for the West Virginia State Archives?

Contact Fredrick Armstrong at 304.558.0230, ext. 164, or farmstrong@wvculture.org

African American and Native American

- Artifacts for the West Virginia State Museum Collection?

Contact Stan Bumgardner at 304.558.0220, ext. 121, or stanley.bumgardner@wvculture.org

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- Writers and story ideas for GOLDENSEAL magazine?

Contact John Lilly at 304.558.0220, ext. 135, or john.lilly@wvculture.org

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- Historic sites or buildings for possible nomination to the National Register of Historic Places?

Contact Alan Rowe at 304.558.0240, ext. 712, or alan.rowe@wvculture.org

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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.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE MUSEUM CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS

The Cultural Center, Charleston.
Reopening date will be announced at a later time.

ELECTION DAY, November 2: Archives Library will be open.*

“AMERICAN INDIANS TODAY,” November 6:
Dr. Richard L. Allen, speaker, The Cultural Center, Charleston.

“APPALACHIAN FOLK MUSIC AND TUNES,” November 10:
Joe Dobbs, WVDCH Lecture Series (Music), The Cultural Center, Charleston.

VETERANS DAY, November 11: Archives Library will be open.*

MINING YOUR HISTORY FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING AND WORKSHOPS,
November 13, The Cultural Center, Charleston.

THANKSGIVING DAY, November 25: Archives Library will be *closed*.

FRIDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING, November 26: Archives Library will be open.*

SATURDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING, November 27: Archives Library will be open.*

“THE CAPTIVES,” November 27 and 28: Free Film Series, The Cultural Center, Charleston.

JENKINS PLANTATION MUSEUM HOLIDAY PARTY, December 4: Greenbottom.

“ANTIQUES AS CHRISTMAS PRESENTS,” December 8: Jim Mitchell, West Virginia
State Museum Curator, WVDCH Lecture Series (Museum), The Cultural Center, Charleston.

CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24: Archives Library will be *closed*.

CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25: Archives Library will be *closed*.

NEW YEAR’S EVE, December 31: Archives Library will be *closed*.

NEW YEAR’S DAY, January 1: Archives Library will be *closed*.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY, January 17: Archives Library will be open.*

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY COMMISSION MEETING, January 28: Morgantown.

**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.

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