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From the Editor:

It's never too early to start preparations for History Day at the Legislature. Be sure to get your table registration and History Hero nomination in on time. For your History Day display in the Capitol, choose something eye-catching that will bring visitors to your table where you can talk to them about your organization. If your society sponsors an event, be sure you have complete information for those who consider attending, since they will be more likely to participate if you can tell them what, why, where, and when while you have their attention. Contact the delegates and senators from the districts your organization covers and invite them to come by your table, or make appointments to visit with them and tell them about your organization's contribution to historical preservation and education.

Terry Lowry to Present "Researching Military History" on November 9

The First Tuesday evening lecture in the Archives and History Library will move temporarily to the second Tuesday of the month in November due to Election Day on November 2. On November 9, 2010, in recognition of Veterans Day, historian Terry Lowry will speak about "Researching Military History." Lowry will discuss researching military records in all periods of United States history but will give greater attention to the Civil War and World War II. He also will cover the methods he used in researching his books. Attendees will have the opportunity to view military artifacts from Lowry's personal collection that he rarely displays in public. He owns items dating from the Civil War to Vietnam, in particular from the Civil War and World War II periods. Lowry will discuss how artifacts can be used in research.

A historian at West Virginia Archives and History, Terry Lowry is a well known military author. His Civil War titles include: *The*

Battle of Scary Creek (1982, rev. ed. 1998), *September Blood: The Battle of Carnifex Ferry* (1985), *Twenty-second Virginia Infantry* (1988), *Twenty-sixth Battalion Virginia Infantry* (1991), *Last Sleep: The Battle of Droop Mountain, November 6, 1863* (1996), and (co-author) *Images of the Civil War in West Virginia* (2000). In his most recent publication, Lowry researched his father's World War II unit to produce *Bastard Battalion: A History of the 83rd Chemical Mortar Battalion in World War II* (2009). Lowry is the official historian for the 83rd Chemical Mortar Battalion.

He is also the author of numerous magazine and newspaper articles.

All Archives and History workshop and lecture sessions are free and the public is invited to attend. On November 9, the library will close at 5 p.m. and reopen at 5:45 p.m. for participants only. Advance registration for the workshop is not required, but is encouraged to help plan seating arrangements and supplies for the session. To register in advance, contact Robert Taylor, library manager, by e-mail at bobby.l.taylor@wv.gov or at (304)

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Audience Enjoyed "Yiayia's Bundle" in October Presentation

On October 5, 2010, Pamela Makricosta of Weirton was the featured speaker for Archives and History's First Tuesday event. Makricosta gave a presentation entitled "Yiayia's Bundle: A Greek Experience in West Virginia," using the actual bundle of items her yiayia

(Greek for grandmother) carried with her as she fled Asia Minor, and then brought to West Virginia where she came to marry her fiancé and begin a new life. The bundle included clothing, needlework, slippers, linens, a Bible, an icon, a tapestry,

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558-0230, ext. 163. Participants interested in registering by e-mail should send name, telephone number and the name and date of the session. For more information, contact the Archives and History Library at (304) 558-0230.

This article was taken from the Archives and History Web site.

Mark Your Calendars!
 15th Annual History Day,
 February 24, 2011

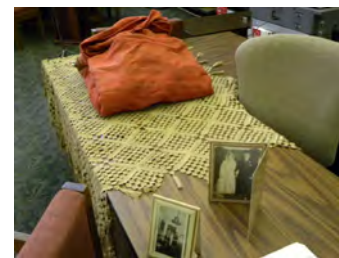
Thanksgiving is Good Time to Interview Your Relatives

Thanksgiving is a good time to interview your relatives regarding family history. People usually think of their families around the holidays, remembering both good times and not so good times and sharing their stories with other family members. Even if you won't be seeing them in person, you'll probably be exchanging phone calls or e-mails expressing holiday wishes, and you can use that contact to start a conversation using your own recollections of the family. Your recounting of an event or comment on a relative's personality will give you an opportunity to ask questions and perhaps learn something new that will fill in blanks or open a new research path for you. Family gatherings are also a good time to collect information on life events that have occurred since your last contact: births, marriages, divorces and deaths, as well as military service and new postal and e-mail addresses. If you have a scanner, invite family members to bring photographs and documents to share. Make photocopies of photographs you already have and ask for help in identifying people,

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and more. Makricosta stepped into the character of her grandmother, Panagiota Diamantidis Koukoulis, to



tell her grandmother's story and to answer questions about Panagiota's experiences. Photographs from the evening may be viewed on

the Archives and History Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops/wkshp100510.html>.

SSDI Improved

The popular Social Security Death Index (SSDI) database has recently improved its search capabilities to allow advanced searches on any or all fields in the database, according to an article in RootsWeb Review, October 13, 2010, Vol. 13, No. 3 (you can subscribe or read online at <http://rwr.rootsweb.ancestry.com/2010.html>). SSDI is available through RootsWeb, free at <http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/ssdi.cgi>, free in libraries with Ancestry Library Edition, or as part of Ancestry.com's subscription databases.

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 Archives and History Web site
<http://www.wvculture.org/history/ahnews/ahnews.html>



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Vital Research Records Database Still Draws a Crowd

Although the West Virginia Vital Research Records (VRR) searchable database has been online for several years now, and was completed (with a few exceptions) about a year ago, both new and experienced researchers are discovering it for the first time, or still want explanations of what records are included and how to search them. A good crowd turned out in the Archives and History Library for the Thursday Evening Genealogy Club

on October 14, 2010, to hear Debra Basham, Archives and History



archivist and manager of VRR, discuss how the database was created, the records it contains, and tips for searching the three sections (births, deaths and marriages) of records. Photographs of the evening are posted at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops/2010octobergenclub.html>. If you would like to learn more about the weekly Tuesday Morning Genealogy Club or the monthly Thursday Evening Genealogy Club, visit our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/genealogyclub.html>, or contact library manager Robert Taylor at (304) 558-0230, or bobby.l.taylor@wv.org.

Evening Workshops and Lecture Schedule

| Date | Conducted by: | Subject |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---|
| November 9 Tuesday | Terry Lowry | <i>Researching Military History</i> |
| December 7 Tuesday | Jaime Simmons | <i>Digging into the Draper Collection: Researching the Settlement of Western Virginia</i> |
| January 5 Tuesday | Dr. Bob Maslowski | <i>A Primer on West Virginia Archaeology</i> |
| February 1 Tuesday | Dr. Lois Lucas | <i>The African American Experience in West Virginia</i> |
| March 1 Tuesday | Dr. Michael Workman | <i>The Forgotten Battles of the Mine Wars: The Fairmont Field</i> |
| April 5 Tuesday | Lloyd Lewis | <i>An Introduction to the Railroad History of West Virginia</i> |
| May 3 Tuesday | Bobby Taylor | <i>West Virginia's Heritage Music</i> |
| June 7 Tuesday | Dick Fauss | <i>Archives and History Movie Night: Footage from the Collection</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.

2011 History Hero Nomination Time Near

History Hero nomination forms and registration forms for History Day 2011 will be going out around the first of November. If your organization has not received a packet by November 15, be sure to contact Mary Johnson, Archives and History, (304) 558-0230, mary.e.johnson2@wv.gov. If your organization has changed its mailing address or was newly formed after History Day 2010, contact her to be added to the mailing list for this year. This mailing list is also used for West Virginia Archives and History News, so if your group has been receiving the newsletter at your correct mailing address, you are already on the list.

As always, the deadline for postmarked deliveries is December 31, 2010. Hand-delivered entries can be accepted up through the end of the state government work day on Thursday, December 30, 2010. (Friday, December 31, is the state holiday for New Year's Day,

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 which falls on a Saturday in 2011, so state offices will be closed both days.) History Day 2011 will be on Thursday, February 24, at the State Capitol and the Culture Center in

Charleston.

Registration forms will be mailed

around November 1 as well and are due February 3, 2011.

New Titles

Neue Englische Sprachlehre (New English Grammar): J. Milton, 1823 [1998].

A Strike Like No Other Strike: Law and Resistance During the Pittston Coal Strike of 1989-1990: Richard A. Brisbin, Jr., 2010, c2002.

From Then to Now and Evermore: Family Charts and Names: Lines Leading to and Including the Family of Wallace Crispin and Linnie (Ferrell) Hager: Richard Eugene Hager, 1999.

Roll Out the Carpet: 101 Seasons of West Virginia University Basketball: John Antonik, 2010.

The Whitlocks of Greasy Creek in Green County, KY: Patricia Finn Hunter, 2008.

Booker T. Washington and Education: John F. Wukovits, 2008 [Juvenile].

Ward, W. Va. 32nd Annual Reunion: 2010: Pam Smith, 2010.

Golden Memories: Pleasants-Ritchie-Wood County West Virginia: R. Daniel Simmons, 2010.

The Haunted History of the Ohio State Reformatory: Sherri Brake, 2010. [WV author.]

Haunted Stark County: A Ghoulish History: Sherri Brake, 2010.

Official Journal and Yearbook of the West Virginia Annual Conference The United Methodist Church: The Conference, 2010.

History of Greene County, PA.: Rev. William Hanna, 1883, [1882].

Genealogy of the Jacob and Mary (Connoly) Feather Family of Preston County West Virginia: Edna (Davis) Rogers, 1980.

The Ancestries of a Furl Family and a Moe Family: Michael Furl, 2008.

Whitlatch Family: Anna Sutton, 1980.

Genealogy: Ober Families of Pennsylvania: Eleanor Wister Ober, 1992.

Everyday Philosophy: Phil Conley, 1944.

The Hills and Home: Marvin G. Miller, 1971.

The Ruby Cave Poems: Esther Davis Beadnell, 1973.

Bucktails [First Rifle Regiment, P.R.V.C. Pennsylvanvia]: 1908.

True Stories of Pioneer Times (Northwest Territory 1787-1812): Louise Zimmer, 1987.

Inklings: A Book for All Ages: The National League of American Pen Women [West Virginia Branches], 1974.

The Trellis Supplement: Margaret Anderson, et al, 1974.

Quotations from Addresses, Messages and Statements of Franklin D. Roosevelt: National Republican Committee, [193?].

"Quotations" from Franklin Delano Roosevelt: Republican National Committee, 1940.

Disaster on Buffalo Creek: A Citizens' Report on Criminal Negligence in a West Virginia Mining Community: Citizens Commission to Investigate the Buffalo Creek Disaster, [1972].

The Webster Springs Hotel and Historic Springs, WV: The Summer Resort Center: Mark Romano, 2007.

Andersonville Prison and Captain Henry Wirz Trial: U.D.C. Bulletin, 1921.

History of Sewell Mountain, Fayette County, W. Va.: W. T. Lawrence, [1989].

The History and Genealogy of the Cooke Family of Wyoming County, West Virginia: Paul R. Blankenship, 1999.

They Came to Destroy America: Stan Cohen and Don DeNeve, 2003.

Genealogy Club

**Archives and History
 Library**

**Every Tuesday Morning
 10:00-11:00 a.m.**

**Once-a-Month Second
 Thursday, 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

Archives 2010 Showcase Has Civil War Theme

Both the public and the Archives and History staff had such a wonderful time during our Archives and History Showcase in December 2009 that we decided to make it a yearly event. The second annual West Virginia Archives and History Showcase on Monday, December 6, is entitled "A Gathering Storm." The Showcase will feature books, images, documents and other items from the Archives collections that fit the theme of the impending rebellion and early Civil War era of 150 years ago from which the motivation for creation of the state of West Virginia fulminated. In addition, popular gems from the collections shown last year that are outside this year's theme will be displayed again. Photos of last year's initial showcase may be viewed on our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops/showcase2009.html>. If you are familiar with the Archives' various collections and would like to suggest antebellum or Civil War items for display, please contact

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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.

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

FRONTIER DAYS WEEKEND, November 5–7: Museum in the Park, Logan State Park, Logan.
For more information, visit <http://www.wvculture.org/eventdetail.aspx?Id=1303>, e-mail elizabeth.a.williams@wv.gov, or call (304) 792-7229. For more information about the park, visit <http://www.wvculture.org/museum/MIPTmod.html>.

“NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM,” November 6: Beverly Heritage Center, Beverly. \$30 donation, advance registration encouraged. For more information, visit <http://www.historicbeverly.org>, e-mail info@historicbeverly.org, or call (304) 637-7424.

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

“IMPACTS OF JOHN BROWN RAID ON HARPERS FERRY,” November 15:
Jim Addy, speaker, Shepherdstown Men’s Club and Jefferson County Historical Society, Shepherdstown.
For more information, visit <http://www.wvculture.org/eventdetail.aspx?Id=1171>.

CHRISTMAS OVER TIME EXHIBIT, November 15–January 15, 2011: Greenbrier Historical Society, North House Museum, Lewisburg. For more information, visit <http://www.greenbrierhistorical.org>.

“THE RESURGENCE OF ANIKITUHWA: LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL REVITALIZATION AMONG THE EASTERN BAND CHEROKEE,” November 18:
Travis Henline, speaker, Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex, Moundsville.
For more information, contact Andrea Keller, (304) 843-4123, andrea.k.keller@wv.gov.

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

THANKSGIVING FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, November 26–27: Archives Library will be *closed*.

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, 2011: 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 Culture Center is closed weekends and all holidays.

Bryan Ward, assistant director, (304) 558-0230, bryan.e.ward@wv.gov.

Please plan to join us at the Culture Center in Charleston on December 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. for a very special evening. All Archives and History events are free and the public is invited to attend. On

December 6, the library will close at 5 p.m. and reopen at 7:00 p.m. for the Showcase only. Advance registration is not required, but is encouraged to help plan seating arrangements and refreshments for the session. To register in advance, contact Robert Taylor, library manager, by e-mail at

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