

ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY JANUARY 23



On January 23, 1903, the West Virginia Legislature adopted a joint resolution declaring the rhododendron, also known as the big laurel, to be the state flower.

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Investigate the Document: (*West Virginia School Journal*, January 1903)

1. Use the table to answer the following:
 - What percentage of Jackson County students voted for the Rhododendron (Laurel) to be named the state flower? (Round to nearest hundredth.)
 - This county, whose county seat is Wellsburg, placed _____ votes for the Rhododendron (Laurel).
 - This county, named in honor of a famous frontiersman, placed ____ voted for the Rhododendron (Laurel).

Think Critically: Are there any anomalies to the data? Are there any repeating patterns or trends that emerge from this data? Why do you think the Rhododendron was adopted as the state flower?

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VOTE OF THE SCHOOLS OF WEST VIRGINIA, BY COUNTIES, FOR A STATE FLOWER, ON NOVEMBER 26, 1902.

COUNTIES.	Laurel.	Honeysuckle.	Wild Rose.	Goldenrod.	Apple Blossom.	Daisy.	Columbine.	Violet.	White Clover.	For all other flowers.
Barbour	250	102	68	21	34	22				
Berkeley	464	22	20	417	121	22				
Boone	31									
Braxton	326	73		2	3		3			
Brooke	88		142	170		1				
Cabell	1,642	65	283	164	114	12		123		
Calhoun	39	21	1	3						
Clay										
Doddridge	100	67	7	4	12			4		
Fayette	513	186	69	19	11	8	18			
Gilmer	165	26	49	8	52	15	15	3		
Grant	167	40		1	12	3	35			
Greenbrier	455	104	69	22	19	20	26			
Hampshire	32	35	32	13	21	11				
Hancock	173	17	8	121	2	154		1		
Hardy	10	8	1	1	2		41			
Harrison	433	201	195	281	36	75				
Jackson	137	43	49	69	22	17		73	1	
Jefferson	155	20	70	64	95	44				
Kanawha	1,719	272	49	359	122	15	37	6		
Lewis	53	11	69	11						
Lincoln										
Logan		7		23	3					
Marion	1,285	418	230	48	68	17	4	10		
Marshall	684	4	283	223	273	94	73	8		
Mason	566	53	72	25	54	40	6			
Mercer	742	48	88	49	40	27			15	
Mineral	589	72	115	110	162	32	40		63	
Mingo	16		3	28	1	1		4	3	
Monongalia	42	4	7		5	1		2	5	
Monroe	305	188	44	14	15	36	2		8	
Morgan	25	11	4	18	1	1				
McDowell	227	9	12	2	1	4			1	
Nicholas	56	22	3	1	5	3			5	
Ohio	84	8	606	60	166	37	6	46		
Pendleton	127	25	3	4	6	1	6		3	
Pleasants	42	48			5		3	21	4	
Pocahontas	40	2		1	1			1	5	
Preston	440	103	29	7	9		41			
Putnam	261	71	19	43	3	8				
Raleigh	478	39	27	1	20		22	5	1	
Randolph	319	123	86	4	6		4	8		
Ritchie	159	39				19		1		
Roane	358	171	48	8	7	6		24	1	
Summers	69	40	24	62		2	18			
Taylor	346	237	62	40	3	88		18		
Tucker	16	18	73	37		277	29			
Tyler	423	149	13	102	268			28	1	
Upshur	733	56	47	20	25	8	100	6	27	
Wayne	224	102	4	17		28				
Webster	136	13						2	4	
Wetzel	222	26	55	23	7	3			2	
Wirt		12								
Wood	1,425	232	148	117		1	1	21	1	
Wyoming	21							357		
Totals	19,331	3,663	3,387	3,162	1,924	1,210	553	757	181	1,696