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From the Editor:

We enjoyed seeing many of you from around the state on West Virginia History Day at the Capitol on February 16. Many organizations were represented by attractive table displays, costumed re-enactors, glossy brochures and prodigious publications. Just as important were the groups who had less of a material display, but showed eagerness to share their love and knowledge of the special history and features of their neck of the woods. As always, the new History Heroes were inspiring and their accomplishments impressive. The camaraderie of like-minded people is good for the soul and is a great source for networking and problem-solving. If you or your group were unable to attend History Day this year, start planning now to make the trip to Charleston next year on February 22, 2007.

Evening Workshops at the Archives Library

The West Virginia Archives and History Library will be offering several genealogy and history related workshops on selected Tuesday and Thursday evenings in upcoming months. Initial offerings are *How to Apply for a West Virginia Civil War Medal* and *Newspapers in Genealogical and Historical Research*. Additional speakers and topics are still in the planning stages, but will focus on spotlighting specialized resources available in the Archives Library and how to use them. Participants will be encouraged to ask questions freely and will be offered hands-on instruction with the materials and research issues involved.

Genealogical and historical societies are invited to hold either a regular meeting or a field trip for their members in conjunction with a workshop. You may plan around one of the presentations already scheduled, or you may work with us to develop a special program tailored to your needs. Please tell us what topics are of sufficient interest to

your membership to bring your group to the Archives Library for an evening. To arrange for a group visit,

please contact Robert Taylor, Library Manager, (304) 558-0230, Ext. 163, or bobby.taylor@wvculture.org.

Archives Library Free Workshops

How to Apply for a West Virginia Civil War Medal

Conducted by Greg Carroll, Archives Historian
Thursday, March 9, 2006, and Monday, March 13, 2006
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Greg Carroll,
(304) 558-0230, Ext. 700, or greg.carroll@wvculture.org

Newspapers in Genealogical and Historical Research

Conducted by Susan Scouras, Archives Librarian
Thursday, April 6, 2006, and Tuesday, April 11, 2006
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Susan Scouras,
(304) 558-0230, Ext. 742, or susan.scouras@wvculture.org

No charge, no registration, attend one or both sessions of each workshop.

Workshops are held in the
West Virginia Archives and History Library,
The Cultural Center, Charleston, West Virginia

Congratulations, 2006 History Heroes!

During the past ten years, groups and organizations working on behalf of the preservation and dissemination of West Virginia's history and historical resources have recognized the dedication and labor of their most significant contributors through the annual History Day "History Heroes" awards. 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 all History Heroes have been recognized during History Day programs from 1997 through 2006, 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.

History Hero award winners for 2006 are listed at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/hisher06.html> with descriptions of their accomplishments and the nominating organizations. (Links to History Hero lists of previous years are included. A list of West Virginia historical, genealogical and preservation societies is found at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/histsocs.html>.)

www.wvculture.org/history/histsocs.html.) Their awards were presented on History Day, February 16, 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. Photographs of those present to accept their certificates are also accessible on the Web site. Please join the Archives and History staff in expressing appreciation to the history lovers of West Virginia who make things happen.

New Titles

- The Swiss in the United States:** John Paul von Gruening, 1940.
Dating Old Photographs, 1840–1929: Family Chronicle, 2004.
West Virginia Logging Railroads: William E. Warden, 1993.
Locating Your Roots: Discover Your Ancestors Using Land Records: Patricia Law Hatcher, 2003.
A Red Carpet for Lafayette: Martha Standing Foster, 1961.
"Joy in the Morning": Poetry and Writings: Juliet Rhodes Lynch, 1990.
Battle Chronicles of the Civil War: Volume 1, 1861 through Volume 6, Leaders/Index: edited by James McPherson, 1989.
The Lucky Lady: Margaret Prescott Montague, 1933.
Our Dakan Family History, 1800–2002: Dorothy Dakan Sedosky, 2003.
57th Virginia Infantry: Charles W. Sublett, 1985.
60th Virginia Infantry: J. L. Scott, 1997.
Triumph & Defeat: The Vicksburg Campaign: Terrence J. Winschel, 2004.
The Imprisoned Guest: Samuel Howe and Laura Bridgman, the Original Blind-Deaf Girl: Elisabeth Gitter, 2001.
Growing Up in the Holler & Other Yarns: Annabelle Lee Riffe Rock, 2005.
The Land of Saddle-Bags: A Study of the Mountain People of Appalachia: James Watt Raine, 1997.
Life on the Ohio: James Coomer, 1997.
Heritage of the Hills: The Story of Ralph Hill and Camp of the Hills, Pigeon, West Virginia: Elizabeth C. Hill, 1995.
Cranberry Ridge Tales: Sharon Varney, 1986.
Yesterday's Preachers: Minnie Crowder, 1960.
Tales Along the Appalachian Plateau: Danny Fulks, 1995.
Tao-Billy: Kirk Judd, 1996.
Roses and Thorns: Beatrice Woods, 1991, c1982.
My Early Years, 1925-1946: Olive Smith Stone, 1996.
Hickory & Lady Slippers: Life and Legend of Clay County People, Volume 20: Clay County High School, 1996.
Appalachia: A History: John Alexander Williams, 2002.
A History of Appalachia: Richard B. Drake, 2001.
Black Days, Black Dust: The Memories of an African American Coal Miner: Robert Armstead, 2002.
No Lonesome Road: Selected Prose and Poems: Don West, 2004.
It Seems to Me: Selected Letters of Eleanor Roosevelt: edited by Leonard C. Schlup and Donald W. Whisenhunt, 2001.
Coal Hollow: Photographs and Oral Histories: Ken Light and Melanie Light, 2006.
State Houses: America's 50 State Capitol Buildings: Susan W. Thrane with photographs by Tom Patterson, 2005.

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“Cal Price and the Pocahontas Times”

On June 3, the Free Film Series sponsored by the West Virginia Division of Culture and History will feature one of the works of West Virginia film maker, B. J. Gudmundsson, about a West Virginia subject, “Cal Price and the *Pocahontas Times*.” For a description of this and other films by Gudmundsson, visit <http://www.patchworkfilms.com/cat/cat.htm>. The film will be shown at 1:00 p.m. and again at 4:00 p.m. in the Norman L. Fagan West Virginia State Theater, The Cultural Center, Charleston. For more information on the Free Film Series, go to <http://www.wvculture.org/museum/freefilms.html>. You also may call The Cultural Center Information Desk at (304) 558-0162.

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

West Virginia History Journal Special Offer

Volumes 49 (1990) through 56 (1997), regularly priced at \$12.00 per copy, are now on sale for \$3.00 each. Buy all eight featured volumes for only \$20.00 (\$2.50 per volume). You can purchase these back issues of *West Virginia History* in the Archives and History Library or order by mail. Shipping and handling is \$1.50 per volume. For more information on the eight issues included in the special offer and for a printable order form, visit http://www.wvculture.org/history/journal_wvh/supersale.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.

WEST VIRGINIA DIOCESAN TREASURE, January 18–April 7: Exhibit featuring documents, artifacts and photographs, West Virginia Catholic Heritage Center, Wheeling.

“WHEN MINERS MARCH: THE STORY OF COAL MINERS IN WEST VIRGINIA,” March 22:

William C. Blizzard, speaker,
 The Norman L. Fagan West Virginia State Theater,
 The Cultural Center, Charleston.

“HOW TO APPLY FOR A WEST VIRGINIA CIVIL WAR MEDAL,”

March 9 and March 13: Greg Carroll,
 Archives and History Library, The Cultural Center, Charleston.

“HOOT OWL” RESEARCH NIGHT, March 31–April 1:

All night research in the Archives and History Library,
 sponsored by Mining Your History Foundation and the Library,
 The Cultural Center, Charleston.

“NEWSPAPERS IN GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL RESEARCH,”

April 6 and April 11: Susan Scouras,
 Archives and History Library, The Cultural Center, Charleston.

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY, May 9:

Archives Library will be open.*

MEMORIAL DAY, May 29: Archives Library will be *closed*.

“CAL PRICE AND THE POCAHONTAS TIMES,” June 3:

WVDCH Free Films, West Virginia Film Makers Series,
 The Norman L. Fagan West Virginia State Theater,
 The Cultural Center, Charleston.

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

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

HISTORY DAY, February 22, 2007:

The Capitol Complex, Charleston.

**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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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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