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CEMETERY PRESERVATION

From the Editor:

Because cleaning cemeteries and decorating graves is a traditional springtime, pre-Memorial Day activity, we are offering advice and sources of information regarding ways to clear burial grounds and clean grave markers in a manner that will not damage them. If you know of a cemetery in need of preservation and are unable to perform the work yourself, we suggest you contact your local historical/genealogical society or other organizations, such as Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, who conduct public service projects.

SPRING IS CEMETERY CLEAN-UP TIME FOR MANY FAMILIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

For information and advice on cleaning cemeteries in general and grave markers in particular, refer to the September 2000 issue of *West Virginia Archives and History News*. All issues of our newsletter are accessible on our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/ahnews.html>. The West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), also a section of the Division of Culture and History, featured West Virginia cemeteries on their 2004 calendar. Included with the photographs and calendar pages are several excellent articles:

- *West Virginia's Cemeteries and the National Register of Historic Places*
- *A Labor of Love: Protection and Preservation of Historic Cemeteries*

- *Tombstone Iconography*
- List of References and Resources

Unfortunately, all of the 2004 calendars have been distributed; however, most West Virginia libraries and genealogical/historical societies received copies. If you can not find anyone in your area who has a publicly available copy, you may request copies of the articles from:

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While you are working in the cemetery, why not complete a West Virginia Cemetery Survey form? SHPO is responsible for the West Virginia Cemetery Survey, which was initiated in 1995 to gather and preserve information about cemeteries, including the headstones and markers themselves. The two-page survey form can be filled out by an individual or an organization. Data requested includes: location (with topographic quadrangle citation), ownership, access, condition, descriptions of headstones, predominant surnames, etc. A complete listing of the names of those buried is not required for the purposes of the survey, but we in Archives and History would prefer that you also provide copies of cemetery records and/or a listing of information compiled from the grave markers. Forms are accepted for any burial place in West Virginia, whether it is a

large city cemetery or a very small family plot. You may obtain a Survey form from Lora Lamarre (contact information cited above). If you have already compiled a cemetery inventory for one or more cemeteries, you also are encouraged to provide a copy to the Library.

The Association for Gravestone Studies, an international organization for furthering the study and preservation of gravestones, has an **i n f o r m a t i v e** Web site, <http://www.gravestonestudies.org/>, including full articles with topics ranging from gravestone symbolism to a review of brand name materials for cleaning gravestones. In addition to grave markers, many graves also have flag holders. To identify the organization represented by the flag holder, try the Web site for "Commemorative Flagholders and Plaques" found at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~srgp/flaghold/flaghold.htm>.

WV HUMANITIES COUNCIL SPONSORS LECTURE ON BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION

The West Virginia Humanities Council is sponsoring a lecture on Brown v. Board of Education by Kurt L. Schmoke, Dean of Howard University School of Law. The lecture will be presented at the McDowell County Courthouse in Welch on April 30 at 3:00 p.m. Dean Schmoke is a Rhodes scholar and graduate of Yale and Harvard, and also served as mayor of Baltimore for twelve years.

MUSEUM IN THE PARK HOSTS COAL LIFE EXHIBIT

"The Mining Life: Coal in Our History and Culture" will be on display in the Museum in the Park, Logan, WV, until mid-summer. The exhibit features historical items and photographs related to early mining methods and tools, coal operators, safety, company towns, the mine wars and unionization. The exhibit was first unveiled at the

Cultural Center in September 1981. It has since traveled around the state and to the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville. This showing marks the first time the exhibit has been seen in its entirety in more than thirteen years.

SMALL CHANGE IN WV ARCHIVES AND HISTORY LIBRARY HOURS

Effective Friday, April 1, 2004, the West Virginia Archives and History Library will begin closing at 5:00 p.m. rather than 6:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The change will solve some knotty scheduling problems for our staff without significantly decreasing our service to the public. No other changes are proposed at this time. Our new hours are:

Monday through Thursday	9:00 a.m.--8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday	9:00 a.m.-- 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

NEW TITLES

Mosby's Rangers: Jeffrey D. Wert, 1990.
Gettysburg Regimental Leadership and Command: Civil War Regiments: A Journal of the American Civil War, Vol. 6, No. 3, 1999.
Peter Baker of Springhill: Gordon C. Baker, 1998.
We Band of Angels: Elizabeth M. Norman, 1999.
The Nurse's Guide and Family Assistant: Robert Wallace Johnson, M.D., 1819.
History of Weirton, West Virginia: David T. Javersak, 1999.
Photographer of the Hills and Prairielands: Myrtle R. Reul, 1999, c1997.
Pinnick Kinnick Hill: An American Story: G. W. Gonzalez, 2003.
The Bennett Home and the Branch Bank in Weston: Otis L. Reed and Karen M. Brown, 2002.
Obituaries of West Virginia Newspapers, 1856-1880, Vol. 4: Gerald S. Ratliff, 2000.
Cooney Ricketts: A Child of the Regiment: Jack L. Dickinson, 2001.

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- America: History and Life Annual Index with List of Periodicals:** Clio Press, 2003.
- When Gauley Ran Blood: A Civil War Novel:** Rocky D. Foster, 1999.
- The Melungeons: The Resurrection of a Proud People:** N. Brent Kennedy, 1997.
- Guerilla, Unionists, and Violence on the Confederate Home Front:** Daniel E. Sutherland, Editor, 1999.
- Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia Illustrated [Braxton and Gilmer Counties]:** 1883.
- Vienna, Virginia 1794, Vienna, West Virginia 1994:** Vienna Historical Committee, 1994.
- Shepp's World's Fair Photographed:** James W. Shepp, 1893.
- The African-American Family in Slavery and Emancipation:** Wilma A. Dunaway, 2003.
- The First American Frontier: Transitions to Capitalism in Southern Appalachia 1700-1860:** Wilma A. Dunaway, 1996.
- Slavery in the American Mountain South:** Wilma A. Dunaway, 2003.
- How to Know Wild Fruits: A Guide to Plants When Not in Flower by Means of Fruit and Leaf:** Maude Peterson, 1973, c1905.
- Coffin Hollow:** Ruth Ann Musick, 1977.
- North of the New: Stories About the Fayette County Area North of the New River, the People and the Events:** Beverly Walkup, 1994.
- The Capitol: A Pictorial History of the Capitol and of the Congress:** 8th ed., 1981.
- Our Proud Mountain Roots and Heritage:** George R. Triplett, 2003.
- The American Labor Movement: A New Beginning:** Sam Dolgoff, 2nd rev. ed., 1990.
- Relatively Speaking:** William Boyer, 4th Ed., [no date].
- Illustrated Atlas of Native American History:** Glenn O. Myers, 1999.
- West Virginia and the Appalachians:** David A. Bice and Helen E. Jones, [juvenile textbook], 1985.
- History of Medicine in Harrison County, West Virginia:** Alice Jo Hess, 1978.
- Hands Across the Wall: The 50th and 75th Reunions of the Gettysburg Battle:** Stan Cohen, 1982.
- Colonial Williamsburg Official Guidebook:** Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, 7th ed., 1976.
- The Twig Cook Book:** The Twigs, Ohio Valley General Hospital, [no date].
- The Life History of the United States:** Henry F. Graff, Editor, [First six volumes of twelve volume set], 1963.
- The Indians:** [The Old West, Volume 12], Time-Life Books, 1976.
- The Great Chiefs:** [The Old West, Volume 10], Time-Life Books, 1975.
- The Pritchard Family History:** Emily Pritchard Cary, [manuscript of revised version], 2003.
- If the South Had Won the Civil War:** Mackinlay Kantor, 1961.
- The Young Generals:** James Norman, [juvenile literature], 1968.
- Directory of Marietta for the Year 1910:** [includes Williamstown, WV], Tribune Company, 1910.
- Polk's Marietta (Washington County, Ohio) City Directory:** [includes Williamstown, WV], R. L. Polk, 1959.
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- Crown of Life: History of Christ Church, New Bern, N.C., 1715-1940:** Gertrude S. Carraway, 1940.
- Alt/Ault Public Records in Grant and Pendleton Counties of West Virginia:** Clara Mae Alt Ross, 2003.
- 1930 Census of the United States: Grant County, West Virginia:** Clara Mae Alt Ross, 2004.
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Research Notes: Bennett and Allied Families: Ralph Bennett, 2003.

The Fancher Family Origins: Paul Buford Fancher, 2003.

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Substantial Foundations: A History of St. Francis Xavier Parish: Roger Nedeff, 2003.

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

BLUE AND GRAY DINNER, APRIL 20: Bing Spittler, speaker. West Virginia Independence Hall, Wheeling.

MID-OHIO VALLEY/WEST AUGUSTA GENEALOGY FAIR, APRIL 24: Parkersburg/Wood County Public Library, Parkersburg.

"A VISUAL HISTORY OF NAVIGATION ON THE GREAT KANAWHA," APRIL 25: Gerald Sutphin, speaker. West Virginia Humanities Council, Little Lecture Series, Charleston.

BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION LECTURE, APRIL 30: Kurt L. Schmoke, sponsored by West Virginia Humanities Council, McDowell County Courthouse, Welch.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEEK, MAY 8-15. *Check with local groups for scheduled observances.*

CIVIL WAR CAMP, MAY 8: Jenkins Plantation, Lesage.

ELECTION DAY, MAY 11: The Archives Library will be open.*

WEST VIRGINIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY GENEALOGICAL FAIR, MAY 22: WVGs Library, Blue Creek.

HARRISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SPRING WORKSHOP, MAY 22: Clarksburg.

VANDALIA GATHERING, MAY 28-30: The Cultural Center, Charleston.

MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 31: The Archives Library will be closed.

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY COMMISSION MEETING, JUNE 11: Jenkins Plantation, Lesage.

WEST VIRGINIA DAY, observed JUNE 21: The Archives Library will be open.*

INDEPENDENCE DAY, JULY 4: The 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 Cultural Center is closed weekends and all holidays.

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