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## From the Editor:

*Many organizations set their agenda for the year ahead in a late summer or early fall meeting.* Please remember that History Day is February 22, 2007, and include planning and preparations for a display and/or representation at the Capitol in Charleston by your membership, as well as consideration in your fall and winter meetings of nominees for 2007 History Heroes. The deadline for History Hero nominations is December 31, 2006, and changes in criteria for nomination are expected this year. Those changes as well as display registration deadlines will be announced when the committee of sponsors meets this fall. Please take advantage of this once a year opportunity to spend time with your colleagues from across the state, and to demonstrate to your legislators your support for the preservation and dissemination of West Virginia culture and history.

## *The Old Dominion: Two States, One Heritage,* November 3 and 4 in Lewisburg

West Virginia Archives and History is very pleased to co-sponsor *The Old Dominion: Two States, One Heritage*, the Virginia Genealogy Society (VGS) Fall Conference this year, with VGS, the Mining Your History Foundation and the Greenbrier Historical Society on November 3 and 4, 2006, in Lewisburg, West Virginia. The common heritage and research resources of both Virginia and West Virginia will be addressed by several notable speakers in the field. Topics and speakers include *How West Virginia was Formed*, by David R. Perkins, Ed.D.; *History of the Greenbrier Resort*, by Robert S. Conte, Ph.D.; *In the Beginning, Augusta was Everything*; by Dorothy Boyd-Brag, Ph.D.; *The French and Indian War in Virginia: Its Effect on Settlement and Migration*, by Barbara Vines Little, CGK; and *Virginia/West Virginia Resources*, by Fredrick H. Armstrong. Conley L. Edwards III was originally listed as co-presenter with Mr. Armstrong (and that

information will appear in brochures that have been distributed already); however, he will not be able to participate. Marty Hiatt, CG, a full time genealogist, editor and publisher of *Northern Virginia Genealogy*, chairman of the Virginia Institute of Genealogical Research, and an experienced researcher at the Library of Virginia, will speak in Mr. Edwards's place.

Vendors of books, software and other items of interest to researchers will be available all day Friday and Saturday, including a freebie table and

door prizes. Friday's activities will take place at New River Community and Technical College and the nearby North House Museum. All of Saturday's program will be held in Carnegie Hall.

The conference brochure with brief biographical sketches of the speakers, information about the sponsors, a list of recommended lodging and a registration form is available online on the Virginia Genealogical Society Web site at <http://www.vgs.org/fall06>

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## *An Introduction to West Virginia Ethnic Communities*

The opening page of the *Goldenseal* Web site [<http://www.wvculture.org/goldenseal>] offers the following description of the magazine: *Goldenseal, the magazine of West Virginia traditional life, is produced by the Division of Culture and History and takes its stories from the recollections*

*of West Virginians living throughout the state. Many of the West Virginians whose stories have been told through Goldenseal articles were immigrants or descendants of immigrants who came to West Virginia seeking work in coal, lumber, glass and other*

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brochure.doc, or by a link to this site from the Archives and History homepage, <http://www.wvculture.org/history>. Registration for the conference with lunch (vegetarian meal may be requested) will be \$40 if paid by October 16, 2006, or \$45 thereafter. Those who plan to attend the Friday evening reception in the North House Museum must indicate so on the form. Registration is through VGS by mail only.

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**Evening Workshops in the Archives and History Library**

Our July Evening Workshops were great successes. If you were unable to attend, let us know if you would be interested in a repeat of any workshop topic. Watch your local newspaper, *Archives and History News* newsletter, and our Web site, [www.wvculture.org/history](http://www.wvculture.org/history), for announcements of future Evening Workshops to be held in the Archives and History Library.

**Ancestry Census Records and Indexes Now Complete**

Patrons visiting the West Virginia Archives and History Library may now search digitized images of all available U.S. Census records from 1790 through 1930 by entering any name, not just the name of the head of household, using the Library's

**Jenkins Plantation Homestead Gathering in September**

On Saturday, September 16, the Jenkins Plantation Museum, operated by the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, will host its annual Homestead Gathering in celebration of the 171st anniversary of the Jenkins Plantation. While the home itself was built by Captain William Jenkins in 1835, the Homestead Gathering always has a Civil War theme in recognition of its most well-known owner, Confederate Brigadier General Albert Gallatin

Jenkins. Civil War re-enactors are featured, along with demonstrations by blacksmiths and munitions experts. The public is invited to enjoy free refreshments while mingling among participants in period costume. For directions and more information, visit <http://www.wvculture.org/sites/jenkins.html>, send an e-mail to [jenkinsplantation@wvculture.org](mailto:jenkinsplantation@wvculture.org) or call (304) 762-1059.

**Web Sites of Interest for Cemeteries**

From *RootsWeb Review*, May 31, 2006, Vol. 9, No. 22:

- Cemetery mailing lists: <http://lists.rootsweb.com/index/other/Cemeteries/> [or go directly to the West Virginia cemeteries list, administered by Linda Cunningham Fluharty, at: <http://lists.rootsweb.com/index/other/Cemeteries/WV-CEMETERIES.html>]
- Message Boards for cemeteries: <http://boards.ancestry.com/mboxexec?htx=board&r=rw&p=topics.cemetery>
- RootsWeb user contributed databases, including cemetery listings: <http://userdb.rootsweb.com/contributors.html#cemetery%20records>
- Cemetery listings in the USGenWeb volunteer Tombstone Project Database, housed at RootsWeb: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~cemetery/registry.html>
- Foreign cemeteries (non-U.S.): <http://www.rootsweb.com/~cemetery/foreign.html>

<b>Evening Workshops Summer/Fall 2006 Schedule</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Conducted by:</b>	<b>Subject</b>
August 22 Tuesday	Constance Baston	<i>World War I: West Virginians on the Front and on the Home Front</i>
September 14 Thursday	Debra Basham	<i>Care of Your Photographs and Documents</i>
September 26 Tuesday	Debra Basham	<i>Care of Your Photographs and Documents</i>
<i>No charge, no registration.</i>		
Workshops are held 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the West Virginia Archives and History Library, The Cultural Center, Charleston, West Virginia		

subscription to Ancestry Library Edition. Although remote access from patrons' homes is not available, patrons may search free of charge using the Library's computers, and

may print copies from the Web site for \$.25 per page. The Archives and History Library also provides free access to the databases of HeritageQuest Online to library patrons.

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industries, or who built businesses that served those industries and their employees. *An Introduction to West Virginia Ethnic Communities* includes information regarding the various ethnic groups residing in West Virginia and is a unique resource for both the history of these groups and current contacts for their representatives today. First produced in 1999 by the Augusta Heritage Center of Davis and Elkins College, Elkins, WV, for the Division of Culture and History, the document was revised and reissued in print by the *Goldenseal* staff in 2005. The full text of the document is available online [<http://www.wvculture.org/arts/ethnic/index.html>], and is updated online periodically, most recently in January 2006. Each of the eight regions of the state is included, with a general discussion of the region as a whole, followed by more specific information on the predominant ethnic groups found in that region. Some of the groups included are Middle Eastern, Greek, Italian, Irish, Japanese, German, Carpatho-Russian and Hungarian. Three sizeable statewide ethnic communities are covered in special reports: African-American, Native American and Jewish. Comments, suggestions, additions, and corrections regarding *An Introduction to West Virginia Ethnic Communities* may be addressed to:

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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.

### **ARCHIVES AND HISTORY LIBRARY EVENING WORKSHOPS:** See schedule on preceding page.

### **“PRODUCE FOR VICTORY: POSTERS ON THE AMERICAN HOME FRONT, 1941–1945,” August 4–**

**September 15:** Smithsonian Institution Exhibit, Parkersburg Art Center, Parkersburg.

**(September 22–November 3:** West Virginia Catholic Heritage Center, Wheeling, and **November 10–December 31:** Randolph County Community Arts Center, Elkins.)

### **AUNT JENNIE WILSON EXHIBIT,**

**September 2–November 5:** Museum in the Community, Logan State Park, Logan.

### **ARCHIVES AND HISTORY COMMISSION MEETING,**

**September 29:** The Cultural Center, Charleston.

**COLUMBUS DAY, October 9:** Archives Library will be open.\*

### **WEST VIRGINIA BOOK FESTIVAL,**

**October 21–22:** Charleston Civic Center, Charleston.

### **“THE OLD DOMINION: TWO STATES, ONE HERITAGE,” November 3–4:** Conference co-sponsored by

Virginia Genealogical Society, Greenbrier Historical Society, Mining Your History Foundation and West Virginia Archives and History, Lewisburg.

### **FRONTIER DAYS, November 4–5:**

Museum in the Community, Logan State Park, Logan.

### **“COVERED BRIDGES: SPANNING THE AMERICAN LANDSCAPE,” November 4, 2006–January 7, 2007:**

Smithsonian Institution Exhibit, Museum in the Community, Logan State Park, Logan [Only West Virginia appearance].

**ELECTION DAY, November 7:** Archives Library will be open.\*

**VETERANS DAY, November 10:** Archives Library will be open.\*

**HISTORY DAY, February 22, 2007:** 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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Let us know what you find helpful in the newsletter, and what new topics you would like covered.

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