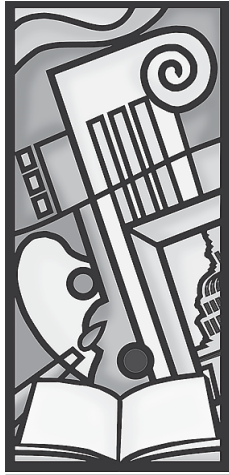


# West Virginia Archives & History NEWS

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## From the Editor:

*Although Archives and History now has searchable images of selected county and state records in the West Virginia Vital Research Records database, as well as images and/or text of many documents, journal articles, etc., on our Web site, the vast majority of government records, newspapers, photographs and non-published resources for local history and genealogy will not be online in the foreseeable future, therefore requiring visits to libraries, state archives, county courthouses and other brick and mortar sites. Even if all information is digitized and available the world over, the original hard copy must be preserved somewhere. The West Virginia Archives and History Library has served the public for over 101 years with its tangible resources, and although we are continuing that proud tradition by continually expanding our electronic resources, the need to collect and to make accessible resources on paper and film has not decreased.*

## Two New Evening Workshops Added for Fall

The West Virginia Archives and History Library is continuing the Evening Workshops series with two new programs. On September 19, Terry Lowry will present *Researching Your World War II Soldier: Finding Your Father's War*. The presentation will focus on the military records available in the Archives and History Library, and on Lowry's own experience in researching his father's wartime service. On October 3, Greg Carroll and Terry Lowry will team up to discuss *Guerilla Warfare in West Virginia During the Civil War*. Both staff members are historians well-versed in Civil War and West Virginia history, and will provide an introduction to the subject of guerilla warfare and to Library resources for learning more.

Debra Basham, staff archivist for images and special collections, offers two chances to learn about *Care of Your Photographs and Documents*, on Thursday, September 14, and again

on Tuesday, September 26. All Evening Workshops are free and 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. Advance registration would be helpful to us, but is not required. For more information or for free registration, call

(304) 558-0230. You may also register by e-mail by sending your name, telephone number and the name of the workshop you plan to attend to [bobby.taylor@wvculture.org](mailto:bobby.taylor@wvculture.org). Please join us for one workshop or for all of them, and spend an informative and interesting evening in the Archives and History Library.

## Historic Preservation Survey and Planning Grants

Applications are now being accepted from Certified Local Governments (CLG) for historic preservation survey and planning grants through the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History. Approximately \$60,000 is earmarked for this grant program, which is funded with money appropriated by the U.S. Congress through the National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund. Only landmark commissions with CLG status are

eligible for the Survey and Planning Grant program, and are required to have matching funds. Eligible projects include architectural and archaeological surveys, preparation of nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, heritage education programs relating to preservation activities, pre-development activities, and comprehensive planning documents and development projects. Funded projects must be completed by June 30, 2008. Pro-

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## **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. The conference brochure with brief biographical sketches of the speakers (note that Marty Hiatt is replacing Conley Edwards), infor-

mation 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/fall106> 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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gram descriptions, a grants manual and application packet, including funding priorities and selection criteria are available by contacting Pam Brooks, grants coordinator for the SHPO, at (304) 558-0240, ext. 720, or by writing: SHPO, West Virginia Division of Culture and History, The Cultural Center, 1900 Kanawha Blvd. E, Charleston, WV 25305-0300, or on the SHPO Web site at [www.wvculture.org/shpo/forms.html](http://www.wvculture.org/shpo/forms.html). For information regarding the certification process for becoming a CLG, contact Chris Knorr, assistant director for the SHPO, at (304) 558-0240, ext. 156.

## **Society Newsletter List Correction**

The correct address for the Fayette and Raleigh County Genealogical and Historical Society, publisher of the newsletter *News Notes*, is P.O. Box 68, Oak Hill, WV 25901-0068. Their address was given incorrectly in the Society Newsletters list published in our July 2006 issue. We apologize for the error. Their address is correctly listed on the *Historical, Genealogical and Preservation Societies in West Virginia* list maintained on our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/histsocs.html>.

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## **Web Sites of Interest**

**1718 Migration of Ulster Scots to America:** [http://1718migration.org.uk/s\\_home.asp](http://1718migration.org.uk/s_home.asp)

**The Influenza Pandemic of 1918**, by Mollie Billings, Stanford University: <http://virus.stanford.edu/uda/>

### **Finding U.S. Newspapers**

- **Cyndi's List:** <http://www.cyndislist.com/newspapr.htm> for links to newspaper and newspaper-related Web sites.
- **Ancestry.com**, subscription database: <http://www.ancestry.com> in the Learning Center list at the bottom of the page, click on "Newspapers and Periodicals" for their Historical Newspaper Collection, which is both searchable and browseable. (Only a very limited amount of this collection is available through Ancestry Library Edition, a service free to patrons in the Archives and History Library.)

## **Currently Featured on the Archives and History Web Site:**

- **Recent Donations to the West Virginia State Archives:** <http://www.wvculture.org/history/recentdonations.html>
- **Photographs of Schools in West Virginia:** <http://www.wvculture.org/history/education/schoolphotos.html>
- **A State of Convenience: The Creation of West Virginia:** <http://www.wvculture.org/history/statehood/statehood.html>
- **Audio/Video Files From the West Virginia State Archives:** <http://www.wvculture.org/history/av.html>
- **Vital Research Records:** [http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va\\_select.aspx](http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx)

**Don't Forget History Day**

**February 22, 2007**  
**Capitol Complex**

## **West Virginia History Volume 60 Now Available**

Volume 60 of *West Virginia History* presents an eclectic look at the state's history that highlights events of the twentieth century. Thomas C. Townsend, a West Virginia lawyer who defended United Mine Workers of America participants in the Battle of Blair Mountain during the Mine Wars trials of the early 1920s, is the focus of the journal's lead article. Townsend also was state tax commissioner and the Republican Party's gubernatorial candidate in 1932, running on a pro-labor and pro-tax reform platform.

The little-known Federal Music Project, a New Deal program of the Works Progress Administration, is the subject of an article that looks at the project's Huntington orchestra. Established in 1936, the Huntington Federal Music Project Orchestra provided jobs for unemployed area musicians during the Great Depression and led to formation of the Huntington Symphony Orchestra.

West Virginia Archives and History, which celebrated its centennial in 2005, is the focus of an article that looks at the 100-year history of the state's official document repository, a major research facility for individuals and organizations seeking information on the state and its people. Archives and History also launched *West Virginia History* in 1939.

Archives and History houses a large collection of West Virginia Adjutant General's Papers, many acquired during the tenure of first state historian and archivist Virgil Lewis. Volume 60 features letters of Hardy County's Civil War Union Militia from that collection. More clearly than some other parts of the state, Union and Confederate

## **New Titles**

- America: History and Life: Annual Index, Volume 41:** Clio Press, 2004.  
**America: History and Life: Annual Index, Volume 42:** Clio Press, 2005.  
**Tall Tales, But True:** Raymond Daugherty, 2001.  
**Blunders and Blessings:** Raymond Daugherty, 2002.  
**Ashes of Glory: Richmond at War:** Ernest B. Furgurson, 1997.  
**Flanigan Footprints From Ireland to Princeton:** Richard D. Flanigan, 1996.  
**Abstracts of Washington County Pennsylvania Willbooks 1-5, 1776-1841:** Bob and Mary Closson, 1995.  
**Baptism Index of the German Church Records, Lutheran and Reformed, of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, 1772-1820:** Paul Miller Ruff, 1989.  
**Rosebuds: A Collection of Poems and Songs:** Rose Burton Isaacs, 2006.  
**The German Church Records of Western Pennsylvania, 4 volumes, 1771-1820:** Paul Miller Ruff, 1998, c1979.  
**Low-Flow Analysis and Selected Flow Statistics Representative of 1930-2002 for Streamflow-gaging Stations in or Near West Virginia:** Jeffrey B. Wiley, 2006.  
**Boyd County, Kentucky Marriages, 1860-1900:** Boyd County Public Library, 2005.  
**Charles William Hall: Ancestors up the Elk: Hall, McLaughlin, Booker, Moles:** David Miller, 2006.  
**Monongalia County WV Deaths, 1924-1970, Volume A, B, C:** Wes Cochran, 2005.  
**Wetzel County WV 1930 Census: Center, Church & Clay Districts:** Wetzel County Genealogical Society, 2004.  
**Wetzel County WV 1930 Census: Magnolia & Proctor Districts:** Wetzel County Genealogical Society, 2006.  
**Wetzel County WV 1930 Census: Grant & Green Districts:** Wetzel County Genealogical Society, 2005.  
**Wetzel County WV Marriages:** Wetzel County Genealogical Society, 2006.  
**Fayette County, West Virginia Marriages for 1903 Through 1931; and Personal Property Tax Records for 1821 and 1833:** Larry G. Shuck, 2006.  
**These Are Our Children:** Helen Ramsey, 1990.  
**Angel in My Foxhole:** Everett H. Kelly as told to Richard A. Kelly, 1973.  
**Cemeteries of Monroe County, West Virginia:** Haskell D. Shumate, et als, 2003, c1990.  
**Stowers Families of America, Volumes 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7:** 1973-2004.  
**Pryor Funeral Home, East Bank, WV: Deaths 1891-1995, Volume 2, H-P:** Kanawha Valley Genealogical Society, 1998.  
**Kanawha County, WV Annotated Cemeteries, Volume IV:** Rose W. Peterson, 1994.  
**1830-1840 U.S. Census Jefferson County Tennessee:** [no date].  
**Pulaski County, Kentucky Keeney's [sic]:** Fran Hofstetter, [no date].  
**Greenbrier County 1810 Personal Property Tax List:** [no date].  
**Nurse and Spy in the Union Army:** Sara Emma Evelyn Edmonds, 1866, c1864.

sympathies divided wartime Hardy County. The full table of contents and an order form are available on the Archives and History Web site at [http://www.wvculture.org/history/journal\\_wvh/wvh60.html](http://www.wvculture.org/history/journal_wvh/wvh60.html).

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

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*West Virginia History*, Volume 60, is available for the subscription fee of \$15 in the United States and \$18 outside the United States. To receive a copy, send the order form with a check or money order payable to "West Virginia Archives and History" to: Archives and History Section, The Cultural Center, 1900 Kanawha Blvd., East, Charleston, WV 25305-0300. For additional information, check the Web site or call Archives and History at (304) 558-0230.

### West Virginia Archives and History Library Surname Files

In conjunction with our recent series of articles and lists regarding our collection of West Virginia newspapers, we would like to remind you that our Surname Files consist largely of newspaper clippings, with some brief essays on family histories and family tree charts, etc. You may want to check for Surname Files for your family names and see what the files contain before you start reading the microfilmed newspapers. Typical subjects: 50th or higher wedding

### 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 below.

**"PRODUCE FOR VICTORY: POSTERS ON THE AMERICAN HOME FRONT, 1941-1945,"**  
 August 4-September 15: Smithsonian Institution Exhibit, Parkersburg Art Center, Parkersburg.

**AUNT JENNIE WILSON EXHIBIT, September 2-November 5:** Museum in the Park, Logan State Park, Logan.

**LABOR DAY, September 4:** Archives Library will be *closed*.

anniversary announcements, local interest stories about specific people or families, genealogy columns about specific surnames, obituaries for people 100 years or older, and news articles about deaths that give biographical information beyond the usual obituary. Request Surname Files when visiting the Library by submitting a white call slip, with the family name as the "title" and "Surname File" as the call number, to the Reference Desk staff.

### Museum in the Park at Chief Logan State Park Changes Hours

The Museum in the Park at Chief Logan State Park, Logan, WV, is changing its hours for the fall season to 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, and 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sunday, beginning September 6. The museum is closed Monday and Tuesday.

Archives and History Library Evening Workshops Schedule			
Date	Conducted by:	Subject	
September 14	Thursday	Debra Basham	<i>Care of Your Photographs and Documents</i>
September 19	Tuesday	Terry Lowry	<i>Researching Your World War II Soldier: Finding Your Father's War</i>
September 26	Tuesday	Debra Basham	<i>Care of Your Photographs and Documents</i>
October 3	Tuesday	Greg Carroll and Terry Lowry	<i>Guerilla Warfare in West Virginia During the Civil War</i>

*Registration for this free workshop is helpful but not required.*  
 Call our office at (304) 558-0230, or e-mail [bobby.taylor@wvculture.org](mailto:bobby.taylor@wvculture.org).  
 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.

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**JENKINS PLANTATION HOMESTEAD GATHERING,**  
September 16: Jenkins Plantation Museum, Lesage.

**150TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY CORNERSTONE EVENT,**  
September 16: West Virginia Independence Hall, Wheeling.

**“PRODUCE FOR VICTORY: POSTERS ON THE AMERICAN HOME FRONT,  
1941-1945,”** September 22-November 3: West Virginia Catholic Heritage Center, Wheeling.

**WEST VIRGINIA ARCHIVES AND HISTORY COMMISSION MEETING,**  
September 29: The Cultural Center, Charleston.

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

**CIVIL WAR ERA MUSIC, October 12:** Michael Lasser, West Virginia Independence Hall, Wheeling.

**ARCHAEOLOGY WEEKEND AT GRAVE CREEK MOUND,**  
October 14-15: Grave Creek Mound Archaeology Complex, Moundsville.

**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.

**AMERICAN INDIAN LECTURE 2006: “THE GRAVE CREEK MOUND,”**  
November 4: Dr. Richard Allen, Grave Creek Mound Archaeology Complex, Moundsville.

**“COVERED BRIDGES: SPANNING THE AMERICAN LANDSCAPE,”**  
November 4, 2006-January 7, 2007: Smithsonian Institution Exhibit, Museum in the Park,  
Logan State Park, Logan. [Only West Virginia appearance. Visit <http://www.sites.si.edu/exhibitions/exhibits/bridges/main.htm> for a description of the exhibit.]

**FRONTIER DAYS, November 4-5:** Museum in the Park, Logan State Park, Logan.

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

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

**“PRODUCE FOR VICTORY: POSTERS ON THE AMERICAN HOME FRONT,  
1941-1945,”** November 10-December 31: Randolph County Community Arts Center, Elkins.

**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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