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As you watch the new season of family history shows on television, please realize that the research can be easier or can be much harder than presented in the limited time and drama-oriented nature of a television broadcast. Letters and photographs of “ordinary” people found in libraries or archives unknown to the family are rare, while the original documents shown in faraway places may be easily accessible in digital form on the Internet and won’t require a plane ticket to view. The Archives and History staff is ready and waiting to assist you in researching your family’s records and to provide you with resources to develop your genealogy skills. Don’t forget that Ancestry Library Edition is free to patrons present in the Archives and History Library in the Culture Center in Charleston. You may use our public computers or log on through our public access wireless Internet with your own wireless device.

Farewell to Bryan Ward

Bryan Ward, assistant director of West Virginia Archives and History and former education and planning coordinator with the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office, decided to move away from West Virginia to pursue new opportunities. He was with Archives and History from 2008 to summer 2013, a relatively short period in which he accumulated many accomplishments, perhaps most notably overseeing the History Bowl competition from its inception in 2010 with limited participation through the 2013 State Championship Tournament of what is now a West Virginia 8th grade highlight for schools comparable to the Golden Horseshoe Award for individual students. Ward helped with programming for the evening lecture series by contacting, promoting, setting up and introducing speakers during a time of tremendous growth in the series’ popularity with both those who wished to speak and those

who wanted to attend. He increased Archives and History involvement with education, working with history and social studies teachers, college

professors and students, as well as writing lesson plans for the “Teachers Resources” page on our Web site. He
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Sports in West Virginia is Topic For September 10 Lecture

On September 10, 2013, Dr. Bob Barnett will present material from his recent book *Hillside Fields: A History of Sports in West Virginia* at the Tuesday evening lecture in the Archives and History Library in the Culture Center in Charleston. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Barnett will present information about three events in West Virginia sports that were either historic firsts or among the first in the United States: the nation’s first golf course at Oakhurst Links built in the 1880s in Greenbrier County; the first girls state high school basketball championship tournament played in

Spencer in 1919; and the first state basketball tournament for black high schools held at West Virginia State College in 1925. In addition, he will discuss some highlights of sports in the state, including minor league baseball in Charleston, in particular the Charleston Charlies era, and the golden age of college basketball in West Virginia, when George King led the nation in scoring for Morris Harvey College, West Virginia State won two national black college championships and toured California, and Jerry West led East Bank High School and WVU to championship seasons.

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Bob Barnett grew up in Newell, West Virginia, a tiny, unincorporated town at the tip of West Virginia's northern panhandle. He graduated from Marshall University and completed a Ph.D. in sport history at Ohio State University. Barnett taught for 35 years at Marshall. The author of over 300 articles, book reviews, research abstracts, and encyclopedia entries, Barnett's work has appeared in academic journals like the *Journal of Sport History* and *Quest*, and popular publications as varied as the *Washington Post*, *Sports Heritage*, the *Saturday Evening Post*, *Cincinnati Magazine*, *Goldenseal*, and the *Dallas Cowboy Weekly*. In addition, Barnett is the author of two books: *Growing Up in the Last Small Town: A West Virginia Memoir* (2010) and *Hillside Fields: A History of Sports in West Virginia* (2013). Bob Barnett and his wife, Liz, live in Huntington, West Virginia, and Sarasota, Florida.

On September 10, the library will close at 5 p.m. and reopen at 5:45 p.m. for participants only. For planning purposes, participants are encouraged to register for the


West Virginia River Transportation Discussed on August 6

Gerald W. Sutphin presented "West Virginia Rivers, Steamboats and River Improvements" as the August Tuesday evening lecture in the Archives and History Library. Additional photos may be viewed at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/>

lecture, but advance registration is not required to attend. To register in advance, contact Robert Taylor, library manager, by e-mail at Bobby.L.Taylor@wv.gov or at (304) 558-0230, ext. 163. Participants

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[workshops/wkshp080613.html](http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops/wkshp080613.html). This talk is also now available on Archives and History's YouTube channel.

interested in registering by e-mail should send their name, telephone number and the name and date of the session. For additional information, contact the Archives and History Library at (304) 558-0230.



For Your Reference

A monthly column discussing the Reference Collection of the West Virginia Archives and History Library

The Genealogy Reference Shelf is an actual shelf full of selected books on general methodology and on use of specific categories of resources in family history research. Any title cataloged in the Voyager® online library catalog as a Reference book with the call number beginning with "R" for Reference and ending in "Gen Ref" will be found on the Genealogy Reference Shelf. The books themselves have an extra red-print label on the spine that reads "Gen Ref" as well. Whether a true beginner or an experienced researcher, you will find valuable resources here for locating all types of information and will profit from expert advice for handling the most difficult research questions. Titles in this special section include:

- *The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy*
- *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Genealogy*
- *The Sleuth Book for Genealogists*
- *Unpuzzling Your Past*
- *My Family Tree Workbook*

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Check out Archives and History's YouTube and Facebook Pages

<http://www.youtube.com/user/wvarchivesandhistory>
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/West-Virginia-Archives-and-History/168933289812323>

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gave many Archives tours to students of all ages. Ward worked on the Historic Highway Marker Program, ordering 50 replacement markers in his last few months. He dutifully worked his Saturdays in the rotation of staff for the Archives Library weekend hours, and willingly filled in at the desk on short-staffed days.

Few areas in the Archives and History section were without his



touch. Ward wrote an article on the 1960 primary for an online exhibit and gave talks as needed

as a representative of the Archives. He guided through the paperwork required to purchase equipment for the Records Management and Preservation Board statewide records copying project. Ward took great delight and satisfaction in performing the research necessary to prove that a 1904 letter (donated to the Archives in a collection of materials by the Division of Natural Resources) to West Virginia Spruce Lumber Company, signed by Orville Wright on behalf of Wright Bicycle Company inquiring about availability of “the finest possible spruce for use in constructing flying machines,” was

Family History, the SAR, and Re-enacting Focus of September 12 Lecture

On September 12, 2013, Steve Hart will present “Family History, the SAR, and Re-enacting” at the Thursday evening lecture in the Archives and History Library in the Culture Center in Charleston. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Hart will discuss the requirements for admission into the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), how he proved his own genealogy, and participation in re-enacting. He became interested in family history and the frontier/

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Evening Workshops and Lecture Schedule

Date	Conducted by:	Subject
October 1, Tuesday	Dr. David E. Rotenizer	“An Introduction to the Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex”
October 10, Thursday	Jeanne Eppley	“Finding Hidden Ancestors” (Native American)
November 5, Tuesday	Terry Lowry	“The Battle of Charleston and the Kanawha Valley Campaign”
November 14, Thursday	Dr. Billy Joe Peyton	“The History of Charleston: The Modern Era”

Registration for these free workshops is helpful but not required. Call our office at (304) 558-0230, or e-mail bobby.l.taylor@wv.gov.

Workshops are held 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the West Virginia Archives and History Library, The Culture Center, Charleston, West Virginia.

authentic. The letter actually resulted in the sale of lumber from Cass, West Virginia, to the Wright Brothers at the time they were working on their second plane.

The staff of the Division of Culture and History, most



especially his co-workers in the Archives and History section, greatly

enjoyed working with Bryan Ward, and will miss his work and his friendship. We wish him and his family all the best as they set out on a new path in life.



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- *Climbing Your Family Tree*
- *Missing Pieces: How to Find Birth Parents and Adopted Children*
- *The Researchers Guide to American Genealogy*
- *Concise Genealogical Dictionary*
- *Genealogist's Guide to Documentation and Citing Sources*
- *Finding Answers in U.S. Census Records*
- *Hidden Sources: Family History in Unlikely Places*
- *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Immigrant and Ethnic Ancestors*
- *Guide to Naturalization Records of the United States*
- *They Became Americans*
- *U.S. Military Records*
- *Finding Your Father's War*
- *How to Locate Anyone Who Has Been in the Military*
- *Land and Property Research*
- *Locating Your Roots: Discover Your Ancestors Using Land Records*
- *Interpreting Land Records*
- *Photographing Your Heritage*
- *House Histories*
- *Discovering the History of Your House*
- *A Source Book for Women's Genealogy*
- *A Genealogical Guide to Discovering Your Female Ancestors*
- *You Ought to Write All That Down*

Not all titles have been listed here, and some have been left in regular Dewey Decimal order in the Reference section. For instance, *Finding a Place Called Home: A Guide to African-American Genealogy and Historical Identity* is shelved with African-American history and genealogy books in Reference, and *Black's Law Dictionary* is in Ready Reference. New acquisitions may be added from time to time, so be sure to check the Genealogy Reference Shelf when you visit the West Virginia Archives and History Library.

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revolutionary era when he set out to prove that his family was descended from John Hart of New Jersey, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and will talk about how he established the connection. Hart also plans to bring his re-enactor's kit, those items he would have needed for a week's journey on the frontier—blanket, cooking and eating utensils, powder horn supplies, and other accoutrements.

A native of Elkins, Steve Hart is a retired stone cutter who worked on government and commercial structures in places such as Washington, Baltimore, and New York. The U.S. Capitol, the Smithsonian, Washington Cathedral, Ellis Island, and the inner harbor at Baltimore are examples of the structures on which he has worked. He is president of the Daniel Boone

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Chapter, SAR, first vice president of the WVSAR, and a member of the board for Fort Randolph at Point Pleasant. Active with the Boy Scouts, he works with a troop in Belle and also participates in camps with multiple troops. Among other skills, he teaches the scouts the traditional method of starting a fire with flint and steel.

For planning purposes, participants are encouraged to register for the program, but advance registration is not required to attend. To register in advance, contact Robert Taylor, library manager, at Bobby.L.Taylor@wv.gov or at (304) 558-0230, ext. 163. Participants interested in registering by e-mail should send their name, telephone number and the name and date of the session. For additional information, contact the Archives and History Library at (304) 558-0230.

New Titles

- Clay's Quilt:** Silas House, 2002.
Strange as This Weather Has Been: Ann Pancake, 2007.
Feast of the Seven Fishes: The Collected Comic Strip & Italian Holiday Cookbook: Robert Tinnell, 2005.
Abstracts from Loudoun County, Virginia Guardian Accounts, Books A-H, 1759-1904: Patricia B. Duncan, 2000.
The County of Loudoun: An Illustrated History: Nan Donnelly-Shay and Griffin Shay, 1988.
The Descendants of William White, of Haverhill, Mass.: Daniel Appleton White, 1993, c1889.
The Gale Family Records: George Gale, 1987, c1866.
Louisa County, Virginia, 1743-1814: Where Have All the Children Gone?: Rosalie Edith Davis, 1989.
Abstracts of the Inventories and Accounts of the Prerogative Court of Maryland: Libers 29, 30, 31, 32A, 32B: 1708-1711: V. L. Skinner, Jr., 1994.
Abstracts of the Inventories and Accounts of the Prerogative Court of Maryland: 1685-1701: (Libers 9, 10, 10lc, 11A, 11B): V. L. Skinner, Jr., 1992.
Supplement to the Abstracts of the Inventories and Accounts of the Prerogative Court of Maryland: 1691-1706: V. L. Skinner, Jr., 1994.
Flags of Our Fathers: James Bradley, 2000.
Lake Chaweva Chefs: Recipes: Lake Chaweva Club, Inc., 2008.
Ill-Advised: Presidential Health and Public Trust: Robert H. Ferrell, 1992.
In Memoriam: Mary E. Stearns: Unknown compiler, [1901?].
Monroe County Soldiers in the Civil War: Shirley Greene Ulaki, 2012.

“Wild West” Atmosphere in Southern West Virginia Coal Camps

On August 8, 2013, Dr. Paul Rakes talked about violence in the southern West Virginia coal fields in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. “Don’t Cuss Me’: Saloons, Liquor, and Gunplay in West Virginia’s Early Coal Camps” compared the resemblance of coal camps in Fayette, McDowell

and Cabin Creek District of Kanawha County to rambunctiousness of the American 19th century “Wild West.” More photos are posted at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops/2013augustgenclub.html>. This lecture, as most of the events in the Archives and History Library,

may be viewed on video at Archives and History’s YouTube channel.



Archives and History Reorganizes and Renames Evening Programs

West Virginia Archives and History has been presenting lectures since 2006 on the first Tuesday of each month for the general public, and often programs on the second Thursday of the month for our informal Thursday Evening Genealogy Club that are also open to the public. We usually referred to these events as “workshops and lectures.” As the program series has evolved over time, we found that we had more speakers available than we could fit into the Tuesday night schedule, fewer speakers with genealogy topics, and no true workshop presenters at all. Weeks when the First Tuesday event had to be moved to the second Tuesday due to a holiday or other event, placing two lectures in the same week, have proven difficult for both staff and patrons to manage. As a result we are making some changes.

Beginning with the 2014 series, we are renaming our programs the “West Virginia Archives and History Lecture Series,” with lectures on the First Tuesday and Third Thursday (in place of the second Thursday of the month) monthly in the Archives and History Library Reading Room. A few exceptions to the schedule will be made to accommodate holidays and special events falling on those days, as we have done in the past. We will continue to place videos of lectures on our YouTube channel,

<http://www.youtube.com/user/wvarchivesandhistory>.

You can find the Lecture Series schedule and information on speakers and topics several ways:

- Read the *West Virginia Archives and History News* newsletter, <http://www.wvculture.org/history/ahnews/ahnews.html>. Each issue describes the current month’s speakers and topics, and gives brief overviews, usually with photos (and a link to more photos on our Web site) of the speakers from the previous month.
- Visit the Archives and History events Web page, “What’s Happening at West Virginia Archives and History,” <http://www.wvculture.org/history/whathappening.html>.
- Sign up for regular e-mail notices from Archives and History that would include links to the newsletter when it is posted each month and announcements of upcoming speakers and other events in the Archives, <http://www.wvculture.org/agency/index.html>.
- Notices and articles in your local newspaper.
- “Friend” West Virginia Archives and History on Facebook.
- Pick up handouts in The Culture Center hallway across from the Gift Shop, or in the Archives and History Library.

- Call us at (304) 558-0230, or e-mail bobby.l.taylor@wv.gov.

We ask that you let us know if you plan to attend a lecture. We request, but do not require, registration for individual lectures in order to be able to accommodate our audience with adequate seating (and enough handouts, when applicable). The information needed is your name, number attending, the particular lecture you plan to attend, and a phone number and/or e-mail address where we can reach you if necessary. In addition, if we have your phone number and/or e-mail, we can try to let you know if a lecture has been cancelled or postponed due to bad weather or other unexpected reasons.

If you would like to register to attend a lecture, or to be considered as a speaker for the 2014 season of First Tuesday and Third Thursday lectures, please contact Robert L. Taylor, library manager, at (304) 558-0230, ext. 163, or bobby.l.taylor@wv.gov.

Telephone Directories in the Archives

A new category of “Telephone Directories” has been added to the list of *Guides to Collections* linked from the State Archives page. *Telephone Directories in the West Virginia State Archives* is a list of all telephone book holdings arranged by community

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and/or county name by Cathy Miller, state government documents clerk and library assistant. The most recent directories are shelved in the Reference section of the Archives and History Library Reading Room, while the remainder are shelved in Closed Stacks and are available upon request. The list is posted on our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/telephonedirectories.html>.

If you have new telephone directories you do not need, or old directories you no longer use that are not on the list, please call or e-mail us to see if we would like them to add to the collection, and if so, donate them to the Archives and History Library. Along with the city directories collection, telephone directories are valuable resources for genealogy and history researchers in many ways. In past years when West Virginia had many small local telephone directories, and in recent years, as phone companies have bought, sold, consolidated or changed territories, we were unable to keep up with them. Some small town companies were unwilling to give copies away, others simply had no extra copies to give, while a few charged fees for their books that we couldn't afford to pay. Your help in expanding the collection would be appreciated. If you have questions, please contact Susan Scouras, (304) 558-0230, ext. 743, susan.c.scouras@wv.gov.

Web Sites of Interest

Sign up to receive e-news in **Black Genealogist** and **Black Newspaper Notes**. Tim Pinnick, noted researcher of African American history, coal miner history and genealogy, as well as African American newspapers, offers the two free e-zines: http://www.blackcoalminerheritage.net/e_zine_sign_up.html.

Festival Programs Wanted

The Archives and History Library has collections of various annual state festival programs that are incomplete. If you have copies of the following programs in good condition, please considering donating them to the Archives. We hope the organizers of the state's festivals will take note and automatically send us new programs every year.

Mountain State Forest Festival
 1955, 1957, 1959, 1963, 1966, 1976, 1978, 1987, 1989, and 1991 to

present.

West Virginia Strawberry Festival

1936-62, 1956, 1968-70, 1972, 1977-78, 1980-2001, 2004 to present.

Buckwheat Festival

1938-1950, 1952-2011.

West Virginia Italian American Festival

2006 to present.

If you have questions, please contact Susan Scouras, (304) 558-0230, ext. 743, susan.c.scouras@wv.gov.

Genealogy and the Revolutionary War Workshop

led by

Joetta Kuhn and Patsy Adkins



Thursday

September 26, 2013

6:00 p.m.

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Look for more information on our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops.html>

Small Town Papers: <http://www.smalltownpapers.com/>. "Choose from over 250 small town papers you can read free every week." "Browse and search scanned newspaper archives from 1865 up to the current edition." (17 West Virginia weeklies are included.) Random titles checked by us are six weeks behind the current edition. Archived holdings vary widely. For example, scanned images of the *Hinton News* go back through 1979, while only the years 2004, 2003 and 1925 are available for the *Roane County Reporter*. Contact information for each newspaper is given.

Small Town News: <http://smalltownnews.com>. "Bringing

small town news into the big world." This sister site of *Small Town Papers* offers a continuous feed of news articles from small town American newspapers. Articles are grouped under subject headings such as Agriculture, Accomplishments, Local Government, Small Town Life, Sports, Editorial and Obituary. Read the listings for a category nationwide, or narrow to a single newspaper title. Note that not all papers included in the *Small Town Papers* site are "clipped" in the *Small Town News* site. (13 of the 17 West Virginia papers on the *Papers* site are included in the *News* site.)

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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.

“OPENING SMALL WINDOWS TO THE PAST: HISTORICAL VIGNETTES FEATURING PERSONALITIES, PLACES, AND EVENTS” EXHIBIT,
through September 29, 2013: The History Museum Center, Buckhannon.

“WV 150” SESQUICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT, through 2013: The Culture Center, Charleston.

LABOR DAY, September 2: Archives Library will be *closed*.

THE ROOTS OF UN-CIVIL WAR: THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF CORNSTALK’S CAMPAIGN, September 7: Ansted.

“REDISCOVERING HOLLIDAY’S COVE,” September 10: Premiere of documentary, Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center.

“THE LEGACY OF MARY INGLES: 18TH CENTURY LIVING HISTORY EDUCATION ENCAMPMENT,” September 13-15: Beech Fork State Park, Barboursville.

PRESERVATION ALLIANCE OF WEST VIRGINIA STATEWIDE MINI-CONFERENCE,
September 20-21: Morgantown.

FURTHER INSIGHTS AT A LATE WOODLAND OCCUPATION IN MARSHALL COUNTY, WV: SITE 46MR155, September 26: Jamie S. Meece, Stevan C. Pullins, and C. Michael Anslinger, speakers, Grave Creek Mound Archaeology Complex, Moundsville.

ROANE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY GENEALOGICAL FAIR, September 28: Spencer.

KYOWVA GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY LOCK-IN, September 28:
Pre-registration required. KYOWVA Library, Huntington.

“SPECIES OF LEGAL FICTION: THE WHEELING CONVENTIONS,” October 8:
Dr. David T. Javersak, speaker, Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center.

COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY, October 14: Archives Library will be *open*.*

“EMANCIPATING WEST VIRGINIA: ABE LINCOLN CREATES A STATE,” October 17:
Harold Holzer, speaker, 2013 McCreight Lecture in the Humanities, Culture Center, Charleston.

WV STATE CCC MUSEUM ASSOCIATION FALL JUBILEE, October 19: Quiet Dell.

**Only the Archives Library will be staffed—all other Archives offices will be closed.*

The West Virginia Library Commission Library in the Culture Center is closed weekends and all holidays.

County and Town Histories: <http://www.learnwebskills.com/patriot/countyhistories1.htm>. This section of *Learn Web Skills* provides links to online digitized history books

on various Web sites. Links are arranged by state and county.

Researching Your Patriot Ancestors: <http://www.learnwebskills.com/patriot/index.htm> provides a tutorial

that would be of special interest for anyone working toward membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution.

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