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We will be taking a few months to make the transition to a quarterly e-newsletter, so while we are publishing our final monthly issues now through Volume XV, Number 12, February 2015, we are already researching and writing articles to be published in Volume XVI, Number 1, April 2015. We welcome suggestions from our readers regarding topics you would like to see covered. Are you curious about a specific manuscript collection? Would you like to know what guidelines are used to classify a book or pamphlet as rare? Maybe you would like to learn about a day or a week in the life of an Archives historian, library staff member or someone who digitized county records for preservation. Please call, write, e-mail, or ask for me when you visit the Archives and History Library in the Culture Center. My contact information appears on the last page of the newsletter.

“Look What I Found in This Book!” Part II

By Susan Scouras

In the October 2014 issue of *West Virginia Archives and History News* I wrote about finding an autograph and a signed note by Zane Gray in an Archives and History Library copy of *Betty Zane*. The second find I want to share with you will be most meaningful to Civil War historians. The Archives and History Library has a copy of *Itinerary of the Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, 1861-1864*, a regimental history edited and compiled by Lawrence Wilson, First Sergeant Company D, published in 1907.

The book has a bookplate indicating it was originally in the personal library of Roy Bird Cook, a well-known West Virginia pharmacist and historian. (His wife, Eleanor Jones Poling Cook, was West Virginia's State Archivist 1946-1953.) On the title page is the following inscription: “To Major John M. Gould. Compliments of Lawrence Wilson, Seventh Ohio Inf., April 30, 1910.”

Glued to the inside of the front cover is an interesting printed form upon

which a personal note has been written. The form is headed “Medical Division, Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D.C.,” with a blank for the month and day followed by “190_” for recording the year. Other blank lines to be filled in have the following headings: “No. Claim,” “Claimant,” “Soldier,” “Co.,” “Rec'd,” “Respectfully returned to,” followed by blanks taking more than half

the page, and a blank for the signature of “Medical Examiner.” Below that blank is one headed “Approved,” with a blank for the signature of “Medical Referee.” What I assume to be form numbers are “3-182.” printed at the top of the slip, and “I-4” at the bottom. Thus, we have a federal government form intended to accompany an application for a military
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Two Veteran Archives Library Employees Retire

The West Virginia Archives and History section of the Division of Culture and History said goodbye to two veteran staff members, Robert L. Taylor, library manager, and Cathy S. Miller, library assistant responsible for the state documents collection. Both retired in October 2014. Since Taylor and Miller served in the Archives and

History Library providing reference assistance in person and by telephone since 1978 and 1987 respectively, chances are most library patrons have been helped by one or both of them over the years. Their dedication and hard work are much appreciated and their retirements well-deserved. Bob and Cathy, we'll miss you!



Donations to Archives and History



Justin Dawson of Sissonville, accompanied by daughter Delilah Grace, donated a framed copy of the front page of *The Sentinel*, a Richmond newspaper, from December 28, 1863.

On October 28, 2014, Judge Stephen Lewis donated a photograph of the men who participated in the 1872 West Virginia constitutional convention, as shown here. He also presented 1964 campaign material of Robert C. Byrd to the West Virginia State Archives.



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New Titles

Official Journal and Yearbook of the West Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church: Judith M. Kenaston, editor, 2014. **Editor's Note:** The West Virginia Archives and History Library has a complete collection of these dating from 1838.

***Windows of Heaven, Nos. 1 and 2 Combined:** J. B. Vaughan, 1902.

***Hosannas to the King:** E. D. Edmiaston, Dr. J. B. Herbert, and Samuel W. Beazley, [1914?].

***Tribute of Praise: for Sunday School, Church Singing Classes, and Conventions:** compiled by Samuel W. Beazley, James H. Ruebush, and Will H. Ruebush, 1918.

***Hallelujahs: for Sunday-Schools, Singing-Schools, Revivals and Conventions and General Use in Christian Work and Worship:** James D. Vaughan, and others, 1922.

***Best of All:** Samuel W. Beazley and James H. Ruebush, 1907.

***Joyful Songs:** compiled by Mr. and Mrs. John T. Benson, [1920?].

The Finest of the Wheat: Hymns New and Old, for Missionary and Revival Meetings, and Sabbath-Schools: edited by George D. Elderkin, c1890 [Two copies, 41st and 71st editions, actual printing dates unknown].

Index to the 1860 Federal Population Census of Ohio: Lida Flint Harshman, 1979.

***Shape-note Hymnals** [Editor's Note: The Archives and History Library holds other hymnals in its collection, including additional shape-note versions. Publishers sometimes offered both "round-note" and shape-note editions. The copies of *The Finest of the Wheat* listed here are regular notation editions, but the advertising pages list it available in both versions. These hymnals contain full scores, but many of the oldest hymnals in our collection do not include musical notation, only the words, to be sung to known tunes.]

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pension due to medical condition as that application is reviewed for approval or disapproval. The form is outdated in that it is preprinted with "190_" and the year at the time the note was written was 1910, which may be why it was used for a personal note.

The note written upon the form is to "Major" Gould from Lawrence Wilson and reads:

April 30, 1910

Dear Major Gould:

Your book came yesterday and I am sending you copy of mine today. Sorry to see you have mistaken my rank in 7th Ohio as I was at my highest only 1st Sergeant Co. "D"—having studied and graduated in Medicine since the war we were in. By this much at least I fear I have cheated you in this "swap," but you must recall that it has been made at your suggestion. I am more than glad to have your book and shall feast upon it abstemiously to make a long meal of it. Will write more anon, as I trust you will. Glad comrade Ayer and yourself reached home safely & regret I could not have seen more of you.

*Fraternally,
 Lawrence Wilson
 7th Ohio Inf.*

John M. Gould was co-author of *History of the First - Tenth - Twenty-ninth Maine Regiment: In Service of the United States from May 3, 1861, to June 21, 1866*, based on his personal diaries and published in 1871. Born in Maine in 1839, he enlisted in May 1861 at age 21. Apparently Gould addressed the copy of his own book sent to Wilson using a rank higher than sergeant, probably not knowing Wilson was not a doctor during the war. Gould served in three Maine Infantry regiments, quickly being promoted to Full Sergeant Major, then

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Full 2nd Lieutenant, followed by Full 1st Lieutenant. Gould served as a provost judge in occupied South Carolina, mustering out in 1866. He was married, raised a family, and worked as a bank clerk and cashier in Portland, Maine. He died January 1, 1930, and was buried in Riverside Cemetery in Portland.

Lawrence Wilson, born in Ohio in 1842, enlisted in Company D of the 7th Ohio Infantry in June 1861, was wounded several times, and mustered out as a First Sergeant in July 1864.

Wilson worked as a clerk in the U.S. Treasury Dept. from 1865 to 1870 while attending medical school at Georgetown College. He married, began a family, and moved his family to Kansas in 1877 where he was involved in cattle ranching, practicing medicine, and serving in various appointed and elected positions. Wilson returned to work in D.C. and made a home in Maryland in 1890, and in 1897 became a medical examiner in the U. S. Bureau of Pensions. (This explains his access to a blank Bureau of Pensions medical form.)

Wilson died in 1933 in the District of Columbia and was buried in Arlington Cemetery.

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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.

SATURDAY, December 6: Archives Library will be *closed*.

CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24: Archives Library will close at 12:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25: Archives Library will be *closed*.

DEADLINE FOR HISTORY HERO NOMINATIONS, December 31: Must be postmarked or hand delivered to Archives and History.

NEW YEAR'S EVE, December 31: Archives Library will close at 12:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY, January 1, 2015: Archives Library will be *closed*.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY, January 19: Archives Library will be *closed*.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF HISTORY DAY DISPLAY REQUESTS,
January 26:** Must be delivered to Archives and History.

PRESIDENTS DAY, February 16: Archives Library will be *closed*.

HISTORY DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE, February 19: Capitol rotunda and Culture Center.

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

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