# West Virginia Archives and History

## Annual Report Fiscal 2009-2010

rchives and History maintains the Archives and History Library and the West Virginia State Archives; administers the highway marker program to designate historical sites; and provides support services and technical assistance to state, county, and historical organizations and institutions. The director of Archives and History serves as secretary to the citizen advisory Archives and History Commission and as staff to the Records Management and Preservation Board.

## Mission

The mission of Archives and History is to collect and preserve West Virginia's public records and historical materials, to make these records available to the public and

private sectors, and to disseminate historical information through publications and programs, so as to enrich the lives of past and present residents and future generations.

## **Highlights**

- new library guidelines to improve security and preservation of collections took effect
- 261,376 records added to the West Virginia Vital Research Records and other online databases
- recarving of names on the West Virginia Veterans Memorial completed
- 800 new books and pamphlets, 1,034 state documents and 1,444 pages printed from documents in electronic form, and 204 rolls of microfilm added to collections
- new online exhibits on John Brown and the 1960 presidential campaign premiered
- Records Management and Preservation Board grants totalling \$304,627 support projects in 28 counties
- 54 highway historical markers refurbished and 23 new/replacement markers erected, covering 30 counties
- total 34,352 patrons served

The 2009-2010 fiscal year was one in which Archives and History focused on outreach to both current stakeholders and prospective new constituencies. Through expanded Web offerings and library programming, as well as through increased interaction with various groups, Archives and History sought to heighten awareness of its offerings.

Exemplifying these efforts was the first annual Archives Showcase, held on December 7, 2009, in the Archives and History Library and Culture Center's Great Hall. Dozens of items were on display in the library, including rare books, posters, photographs, manuscripts, Civil War documents, and audiovisual materials. Archives and History Director Joe Geiger, Assistant Director Bryan Ward, and Library Manager Robert Taylor provided opening remarks in the Great Hall, as

did the commissioner of Culture and History and the department secretary for Education and the Arts. The director provided tours of the closed-stacks areas during the evening, and refreshments were available in the Great Hall. Advance press included a front-page article in the *Charleston Daily Mail* and a radio interview of the director on Tri State Talk with Bobby Nelson. More than 100 people attended the event.



## Library

As the fiscal year began, improvements to the library's physical space undertaken the previous year were complete, but the Archives and History Library operated

with a temporary entrance for patrons through a side hall door for a few weeks in July until work on the new museum shop was finished. That month, division lockers were installed in the hallway outside the entrances to the library and the shop for use by visitors (more lockers were added later in the year), and a month later the library obtained wireless Internet service for patrons. In March 2010, Division of Culture and History staff installed a new,



deeper, L-shaped counter space for microfilm reader/printers in the microfilm reading room that matches two counter space areas remodeled by division staff in 2008.

In late August/early September 2009, the Archives and History Library was one of 43 government archives that participated in the survey "Measuring the Economic Impact of Government Archives: A Nationwide Survey" by Archival Metrics, a joint project of the University of Michigan, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and the University of

Toronto. Between August 31 and September 12, 92 library patrons filled out survey forms. Some of the results indicate that 59 percent of respondents visited specifically to come to the Archives and History Library (versus 69 percent for the nationwide survey), and another 26 percent came both to visit the library and to engage in other activities. Patrons of the Archives and History Library were more likely to visit for genealogical/family history research than those at other libraries in the survey (79 percent versus 65 percent). About 59 percent of visitors lived in the local area, and 73 percent planned to be at the library for one day or less.

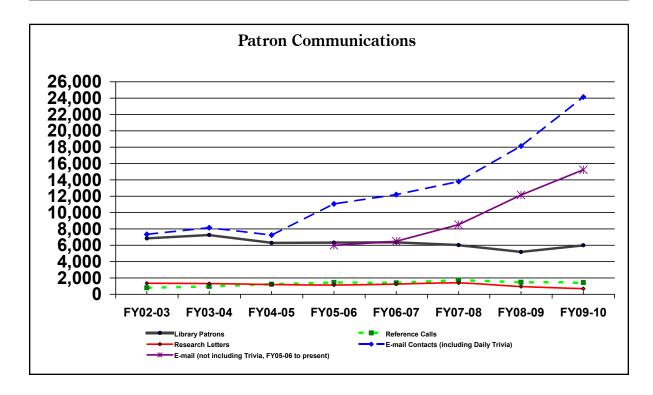
A primary goal of the survey was to demonstrate the contributions of government archives to the economy. Questions on economic impact reveal that 64 percent of the responding patrons of the Archives and History Library intended to spend between \$1 and \$99; 5 percent were planning to spend at least \$1,500, with the remaining respondents expecting to spend at levels between \$99 and \$1,500. More than one quarter planned to visit other sites during their visit, 35 percent to shop or use local services, and 58 percent to eat in area restaurants. Eighteen percent were staying at local hotels.

Several changes occurred in the Archives and History Library during the year. The library received new bookmarks, brochures, and rack cards. Two small display cases were

Archives and History Library Workshop/Lecture Series, 2009-2010				
Aug. 4	Beginning Genealogy	Susan Scouras		
Sept. 1	Scrapbooking Workshop	Lynn Barney		
Oct. 6	"His Soul Goes Marching On": The Life and Legacy of John Brown	Mary Johnson		
Nov. 3	Military Research and Records	Greg Carroll/Joe Geiger*		
Dec. 1	A Glimpse of Some Lesser Known Prominent West Virginians	Dr. Ken Bailey		
Jan. 5	Genealogy and the Law: An Introduction to Some Legal Issues in Genealogical Research	Scott Johnson		
Feb. 2	Digging into West Virginia's 18th Century, Groundhog Style	Doug Wood		
March 2	Going Back Before 1850: Genealogical Strategies for Early American Research	Jaime Simmons		
April 6	The Combat Scenario: Early West Virginia Coal Mining's Culture of Danger	Dr. Paul Rakes		
May 4	Battleground West Virginia: Electing the President in 1960	Joe Geiger/Bryan Ward/Bill Kelley		
June 1	West Virginia Statehood	Joe Geiger		
*filled in t	*filled in for scheduled speaker who was unable to attend			

added to showcase items from the collections. The microfilm collection of Virginia Legislative Petitions from the Library of Virginia, which the library had acquired in the previous fiscal year with the help of the Mining Your History Foundation, expanded with receipt of rolls for Monongalia County and several parent counties for present-day West Virginia counties. The library continued to increase its book collection, primarily through gifts, among which were two sizeable collections: Civil War books from the late Paul Casdorph and genealogy/ family history books from Wes Cochran.

In the face of a Division of Culture and History decision to reduce evening building hours, in August 2009, regular evening library hours were reduced to Thursdays only instead of four days a week. However, in addition, the library is open once a month on Tuesday evenings for special programs. The library introduced a weekly Tuesday



morning Genealogy Club in January and added a monthly Thursday evening club meeting in April.

Another important change was the revision of the Archives and History Library Services and Fee Guidelines, which took effect in January and primarily focused on strengthening security and protection of materials. Under the revised guidelines, patrons are more restricted in what they are allowed to bring into the library, with such items as purses, notebooks, backpacks, and other bags and cases, and mechanical pencils prohibited. Patrons are also required to complete a registration form upon their initial use of the library, with traditional visitor book registration required for subsequent visits. Some patrons have complained about having to tear pages from spiral notebooks in order to bring the pages into the library and maintaining the order of the loose pages, but others have understood the need for extra security where the main reading room also must be used for viewing archival collections. On June 10, the 1,000th person to register under this new policy visited the library.

Library use during the fiscal year rebounded from the decline of the previous year. Despite continued difficulties with parking at the capitol complex, daytime use rose 12 percent, while Saturday use increased 13 percent. Unfortunately, 75 percent of the library's evening hours were eliminated at the beginning of August 2009. As a result, patron use of the library after 5 o'clock declined sharply; however, programming of a regularly scheduled after-hours workshop/lecture series and other evening activities more than compensated for that decline. The number of microfilm users and research letters continued to decline, but reference calls held steady, and e-mail inquiries (not including the Daily Trivia) rose sharply (25 percent), continuing an upward trend in which e-mail reference inquiries have nearly tripled since the 2005-2006 year.

## **Web Site**

Fiscal 2009-2010 was a busy year for the Archives and History Web site. At the start of the year, staff were in the process of adding the "Archives Newsroom" page to provide

information on Archives and History. Initial items covered the end of the previous fiscal year, with additions since July 1, 2009, including news on acquisitions of a new 1913 image of Mother Jones and a letter from the Wright Cycle Company of Dayton, Ohio, motorcyclists who are helping identify highway historical markers in need of refurbishment, beginning of the Tuesday morning Genealogy Club, West Virginia Union Civil War medal claimants receiving medals, and completion of the West Virginia Veterans Memorial name re-carving project. Eventually, this page along with pages on Archives and History's Lecture/Workshop series and Genealogy Club were brought under an umbrella page called "What's Happening at West Virginia Archives and History."

To make the Web site more user friendly, near the top of the Archives and History main page, links were added to provide information to the public on select topics: "Visitors," "Volunteers," "Contact Us," and "Finding Information." Links for "Research Requests" and "What's Happening at West Virginia Archives and History" were moved to this area as well. In addition, subject pages under the History Center were reorganized, breaking up the lengthy list of links by subcategories, in hopes of making it easier for users to find information.

For the sesquicentennial of John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry in 1859, a new Archives and History online exhibit, "His Soul Goes Marching On: The Life and Legacy of John Brown," premiered in



October 2009. This exhibit draws largely from materials in the Boyd B. Stutler Collection and covers John Brown from his childhood through his execution in 1859 and beyond. Lesson plans are included with the exhibit. On October 6, Gov. Joe Manchin announced the new exhibit in the Archives and History Library. Members of the press were present from West Virginia Metro News, WCHS-TV, WOWK-TV, the *Charleston Gazette*, and the *Charleston Daily Mail*. Staff also sent notification to the Smithsonian Institution's "Library and Archival Exhibitions on the Web," the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom, H-Net, and History News Network. This online exhibit is available on the Web site at http://www.wvculture.org/history/jbexhibit/jbintroduction.html.

Another new online exhibit, "Battleground West Virginia: Electing the President in 1960," premiered in May 2010 in connection with the fiftieth anniversary of West Virginia's

history-making presidential primary battle between John F. Kennedy and Hubert Humphrey. This exhibit contains articles from more than 500 issues of newspapers from around the state, approximately 3 dozen audio-visual clips, 3 dozen advertisements and cartoons, more than 80 photographs, and more than 130 documents. Also included are speeches and interviews provided courtesy of the JFK Library, a summary of the campaign, and a page for reminiscences. The exhibit is available at http://www.wvculture.org/history/1960presidentialcampaign/1960presidentialcampaign.html.

All the images and indexed records for the West Virginia Vital Research Records Project were uploaded to the server by the end of October 2009, with the exception of a few microfilm rolls that were missed in the initial project, either for images, indexing, or both. The birth, death, and marriage databases contain a total of 1,858,412 images from 1,701 rolls of microfilm and 5,737,422 index records: 1,894,296 births, 2,372,274 deaths, and 1,470,852 marriages. The information was migrated to the new server in September 2009, which eliminated most of the more than 400 e-mails about timeouts and slowness. Work continues on making corrections as identified by public and staff for transcribing errors and identifying other small groups of images that may not have been indexed. Work also continues to identify other record groups that could be added to the project, such as wills, naturalization records, and military enlistments and discharges.

Web site hits for the entire division went from 30,292,365 in July 2009 to 37,959,784 in June 2010, with the busiest month being March 2010 at 50,840,631. That month, the most popular page on the division's site was Archives and History's Quick Quizzes. Pages from the popular Vital Research Records database were the top ten most accessed pages nearly every month, with other Archives pages occasionally taking one of those ten spots. Responses to the Daily Trivia question grew 48 percent over the previous year, and student participation during the school year was noticeably higher than in previous years.

Several technology issues that had plagued the Archives and History Web site in 2008-2009 were resolved in 2009-2010. The slowness and timing out problems that users of the Vital Research Records and Memory Project databases experienced, the result of an aging server and delays in its replacement associated with the takeover of division technology-related issues by the Office of Technology, were finally resolved when new servers were installed in the fall of 2009. Problems with the automated reply to the Daily Trivia that resulted from OT changes in May 2009 were resolved in September, although subsequent OT activities in May 2010 again disrupted the automated reply system for more than a week. The latter disruption underscored the continuing lack of adequate communications and understanding about the implications of technology changes.

## **Collections**

Staff processed several collections of papers of state legislators and officials, including Mike Greer, C. N. Harmon, Judith Herndon, Robert K. Holliday, Ted Stacy,

and Roger Tompkins. The State Archives acquired two Civil War-era diaries—one from a

civilian in the Kanawha Valley, which includes a sketch of a map for the battle of Scary Creek, and the other from a private in the 23rd Ohio while in western Virginia.

Other collections include the writings and photographs of *Daily Mail* sportswriter and author Bill Smith, spanning a 40-year career; Court of Claims case files for Silver Bridge claimants versus Department of Highways and additional photos of pre-collapse,

wreckage, and recovery efforts; and the J. J. Young Jr. Collection of negatives of the B&O and related railroads, primarily of the northern panhandle and Kanawha Valley, 1895–2001, mostly 1940s–1950s. In addition, the Archives received Mount de Chantal Visitation Academy materials (1948–2009) of the now-closed school operated by Sisters of the Visitation in Wheeling, two large collections of photographs of road construction and roadside parks, information and photographs collected about Ruby Bradley for a research project, a large genealogical collection of materials compiled by James Richardson, and 147 yearbooks. (See the accession list at the end of the report for a complete list of additions to the West Virginia State Archives collections in 2009-2010.)

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Collect	cions	continu	ied, as	did	the p	roject

Archives ar	nd History Statis	stics
Archives Patron S	<u>Services</u>	Total
Library Patrons		5,998
Library Microfilm U	Jsers	1,177
Library Reference (	Calls	1,443
Electronic inquiries	/responses	24,133
Library Tour Group	S	8
Research Letters A	nswered	690
Photo research requ	uests	96
Patron prints	5x7	5
	8 x 10	14
	11x14	15
	16 x 20	0
Patron digital prints	/files	287
Retouched prints/di	gital images	548
News station movin	ng images requests	51
Microfilm duplicate	d for other libraries	120
Civil War Medal Inc	juiries (e-mail) etc.	77
Medal applications	received	39
Medals mailed		33
Donor contacts		33
Highway markers o	rdered	23

to scan Historic Preservation slides. Images that previously were scanned for inclusion in The Quilt Index hosted by Michigan State University were burned to CD and sent as part of the West Virginia Heritage Quilt Search, Inc.

In the fall of 2009, installation of a fire suppression system in the Culture Center reached the collections areas in Archives, and staff arranged their schedules to be present in the areas in which contractors were working. On the fourth floor, the pipes were installed above the ceiling. However, the ceiling on the third floor is the concrete floor of the fourth floor, and the pipes for the new system were installed hanging down from the ceiling. This led to a loss of collection storage space, which was already at a premium. The system installed in the storage areas is a dry system intended to protect the collections from accidental water releases.

## Audiovisual Archives

The West Virginia State Archives transferred the motion picture collection of the Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center from film to video. Some of the highlights include the rare 1951 film West Virginia and Its Natural Resources, which shows many industries throughout the state as they appeared in 1951. Another noteworthy film is Assignment Accomplished, which documents artillery shell production in 1945 and shows many women war workers. After longtime Library Commission employee Steve Fesenmaier retired in December, he gave a collection of moving images of West Virginia and Appalachian filmmakers whom he had encouraged over the years. A list of his donation, including many rare videos, has been prepared.

Archives and History continued to add moving images to the Web site. Highlights of the clips added during 2009-2010 include Nitro native Lew Burdette pitching in the 1957 World Series, Public TV Public Service Announcements on the 55-mph speed limit that were done by A. James Manchin and Huntington native Soupy Sales, various campaign ads and newsfilm showing the 1960 West Virginia Primary (used as part of the online exhibit), and the Philippi Covered Bridge fire of 1989. Associated Press reporter P. I. Dickerscheid wrote a story in July 2009 about the moving images that are on Archives and History's Web site.

Student James Balch completed duplicating and labeling microfilm of the West Virginia Department of Mines inspection reports that had been filmed by Archives staff over

Collections Catalogin			
Scanned photos (other) Film processed	3,141 340		
Photos copied		450	
Contact Sheets	348		
Archives Prints/Electro	mic images	149	
	770		
Microfilm rolls	Donations (books, other misc.)		
16mm		$10\frac{1}{2}$	
number of images, 16mm		24,122	
rolls, 35mm	133		
·	106,026		
Microfilm rolls duplicat	number of images, 35mm Microfilm rolls duplicated		
16mm	324		
35mm		241	
Microfilm rolls received	1	204	
State Documents Recei		1,034	
pages of electr		1,444	
Books Cataloged		800	
Web Site Daily Trivia responses*	:	8.896	
Database records added		261.376	
Digitized images added		1,422	
*also included in patror	response numb	ers	
Records Managemen	t Board		
Phone calls/electronic i	697		
Site visits	8		
County records auth. for	844		
Grant reports processe	100		
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Inter-agency Suppor	<u>t</u>	0.00	
Library photocopies	263		
Records phone calls/elected Records site visits	17		
State records auth. for	1 1,133		
Intra-agency Suppor	t Photos		
Exhibits	Digital prints	99	
Eximitis	Digital files	71	
Historic Preservation	Digital files	25	
Goldenseal	8x10	169	
Goldensear	Digital prints	4	
	Digital files	3	
Museum	8x10	6	
11x14		$\frac{0}{2}$	
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Total intra-agency images		601	

a period of years. The reports cover the years 1933 to 1978. The original materials were part of Ar1790, 1820, 1872, and 1884 prior to reformatting. Near the end of the fiscal year, Balch began a new project to copy newspaper microfilm that is deteriorating due to vinegar syndrome.

Over the course of the year, the moving images archivist assisted several filmmakers. He worked with West Virginia Public Broadcasting producer/director Russ Barbour to provide moving images of the New River Gorge for his upcoming video of the gorge. The archivist also worked with filmmaker Bob Wilkinson on an independent film about the Harry Powers murder case of the 1930s.

The audiovisual archives continued to benefit from the assistance of two volunteers during the year. Jim Wilburn completed photocopying the content sheets for the WCHS video tape collection, and, in preparation for the sesquicentennial, Bill Kelley worked to identify film from the WSAZ collection showing activities of the 1962-1963 centennial celebration.

## Veterans Memorial Archives

The West Virginia Veterans Memorial re-carving project was completed during the fiscal year. Cold Spring Granite, which had provided the original granite for the memorial and the replacement panel for the one damaged by a motorist in March 2007, and also was









responsible for the original carving using a proprietary lettering font, sent the stencils in August. Clamp Memorials of Georgia completed the cleaning and recarving in October 2009. The memorial was rededicated in a ceremony on November 10 that included the governor, Medal of Honor recipient Herschel "Woody" Williams, and other dignitaries. The memorial now has 11,427 names, an increase of 1,094 names. The cost for the erasure and re-carving was \$313,685.

With completion of that project, focus shifted to creation of online biographies for those whose names are on the memorial. Whenever possible, these pieces are developed with family assistance in the form of information and photographs. At the end of June 2010, there were 105 biographies online, 18 for World War I, 56 for World War II, 15 for Korea, and 16 for Vietnam.

## Records Management

In the fall of 2009, staff began contacting counties to complete the statewide preservation

project survey forms. This was the first step in implementing a statewide preservation project to preserve permanent county government records. In January 2010, the archwriter purchased for the project arrived and the vendor, HOV Services, held three days of training for several staff. This equipment was placed in Archives Processing, with a shift of staff and a microfilm camera made to accommodate it. In February, Brian Wood, Putnam County Clerk, provided digital images of index books for staff to use in creating microfilm. This was the pilot project for the statewide preservation project, which proved a success the following month when staff were able to get the images on a CD and create preservation microfilm.

In January 2010, Brian Skinner of the Attorney General's Office issued an informal opinion regarding 100CSR3 (County Records Disaster Response and Recovery Fund). The opinion states that the RMPB does not have authority to establish a disaster and emergency fund and that any emergency relief money must be distributed as an RMPB reimbursable grant. As a result of this opinion, the proposed legislative rule was withdrawn from consideration.

HB3317, the same legislation that was before the legislature last year but was not passed before the end of the session, was introduced again in 2010. The bill

#### Records Management and Preservation Grants 2009-2010

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<u>County</u> Barbour	Granted
	\$2,488.00
Boone Brooke	\$7,894.00
Dioone	\$5,206.00
Cabell	\$25,000.00
Fayette	\$10,000.00
Gilmer	\$8,600.00
Hancock	\$8,000.00
Hardy	\$8,440.00
Harrison	\$8,920.00
Jackson	\$1,500.00
Lewis	\$5,276.00
Marion	\$5,200.00
Marshall	\$3,600.00
Mason	\$16,888.00
Mercer	\$7,300.00
Mineral	\$13,455.00
Mingo	\$13,000.00
Morgan	\$10,000.00
Nicholas	\$20,000.00
Ohio	\$17,910.00
Pendleton	\$18,708.00
Preston	\$14,795.00
Randolph	\$19,500.00
Ritchie	\$13,000.00
Summers	\$8,946.00
Tucker	\$10,000.00
Wetzel	\$11,500.00
Wood	\$9,500.00
Total	\$304,627.00
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involved a wording change on the percentage of the fund awarded for grants. The bill passed the House Government Organization and Senate Judiciary committees, but, for the second year in a row, died in the Finance Committee.

Fiscal 2009-2010 covered the sixth round of grants, totaling \$304,627, awarded to twenty-eight counties. More than one-half of the grant projects included preservation microfilming with digital imaging conversion for enhanced assess. In the seventh round of grants announced in January 2010, twenty-eight counties were awarded grants totaling \$252,779. The grants range in size from \$1,863 to Clay County for the purchase of preservation map sleeves in the assessor's office to \$30,000 to Morgan County for improved records storage and shelving in both county and circuit clerks' offices. A number of county officials and legislators attended the grant ceremony held in the governor's reception room in May. The projects are scheduled to begin on July 1, 2010.

Staff presented workshops at the annual circuit clerks conference in Chester, the annual sheriffs conference at Showshoe, and the annual meeting of the West Virginia Association of Counties in Charleston. The director authorized disposal of 844 cubic feet of county records, 624 in non-grant recipient counties, reflecting Mingo County sheriff tax records and Kanawha County probation case files.

## **Highway Markers**

On August 11, 2009, Gov. Joe Manchin III presented Archives and History with an \$80,000 grant to restore, refurbish, repaint and/or replace damaged or missing

highway historical markers. The grant was funded through the Transportation Enhancement Program of the Federal Highways Administration and is administered by the West Virginia Division of Highways. The award covers 50 replacement markers and is the third phase of a project to replace and repair approximately 350 highway historical markers.

During the year, 54 markers were refurbished, and 23 were replacement or new markers. These markers were distributed across 30 counties in the state.

Following is a list of markers refurbished in the 2009-2010 fiscal year:

Doddridge County/Harrison County—Doddridge/Harrison Harrison County/Taylor County—Harrison/Taylor Jackson County/Kanawha County—Jackson/Kanawha Kanawha County/Putnam County—Kanawha/Putnam Lincoln County/Putnam County—Lincoln/Putnam Marion County/Monongalia County—Marion/Monongalia Preston County/Taylor County—Preston/Taylor Raleigh County/Wyoming County—Raleigh/Wyoming Ida Reed—Barbour County James River Company—Cabell County Woody Williams Bridge—Cabell County

First County Court—Calhoun County

Grantsville—Calhoun County

Center Point Covered Bridge—Doddridge County

Camp Reynolds—Fayette County

Contentment—Fayette County

Duck Run Cable Suspension Bridge—Gilmer County

Alderson Baptist Academy and Junior College—Greenbrier County

Center Branch Church—Harrison County

Coalburg—Kanawha County

First Gas Well—Kanawha County

Fort Lee—Kanawha County

Fort Tackett—Kanawha County

Indian Mound—Kanawha County

Ruffner Well—Kanawha County

Hatfield Cemetery—Logan County

The Colonel George S. "Spanky" Roberts, USAF Memorial Bridge—Marion County

Farmington Disaster—Marion County

General McCausland—Mason County

Dunkard Sands—Monongalia County

Fort Martin—Monongalia County

Fort Pierpont—Monongalia County

West Virginia University—Monongalia County

Tuscarora (Clinton) Sand—Pendleton County

*Edray*—Pocahontas County

Lee's Headquarters—Pocahontas County

Maxon Sand—Pocahontas County

"Arthurdale"—Preston County

Cow Run Sand—Preston County

*Dr. Loomis' Grave*—Preston County

Gantz Sand—Preston County

Old Stone Tavern—Preston County

Preston County/State of Maryland—Preston County

Terra Alta—Preston County

Indian Village/Excavations—Putnam County

Red House—Putnam County

Lee's Headquarters—Randolph County

Valley Head—Randolph County

Federal Dam—Taylor County

Grafton—Taylor County

Salt Sands—Tucker County

Kentucky/West Virginia—Wayne County

Elizabeth—Wirt County

John Cooke—Wyoming County

Following is a list of new and replacement markers ordered in the fiscal year:

Historic Campbell School—Barbour County

Tuscarora Church—Berkeley County

Duck Run Cable Suspension Bridge—Gilmer County

Berea Sand—Greenbrier County

Big Lime—Greenbrier County

Sam Black Church—Greenbrier County

Big Elm (private sponsor)—Harrison County

Randolph Mason—Harrison County

Washington's Land—Jackson County

Bull Moose Special (private sponsor)—Kanawha County

West Virginia State University—Kanawha County

"Mark Twain" Family—Mason County

May Moore Mound—Mason County

Camp Jones—Mercer County

Blockhouse on Indian Creek/Home of Isaac Estill—Monroe County

Cook's Fort—Monroe County

Rehoboth Church—Monroe County

Rider Gap—Pocahontas County

Aurora—Preston County

Andrew and Charles Lewis March—Putnam County

Salt Sands—Tucker County

Revolutionary War Soldier's Grave (Hezekiah Adkins) (private sponsor)—Wayne County

Morgan's Raiders—Wood County

## Archives and History Commission

Created in 1977 to replace the West Virginia Antiquities Commission, the Archives and History Commission is the citizen advisory group for the Archives and History, Historic Preservation, and Museums sections of the Division of

Culture and History. It consists of 21 members. Of that number, 13 are voting members from around the state who are appointed by the governor and, under the *Code*, must include representation from the professions of archaeologist, architectural historian, archivist, historian, historical architect, librarian, and museum specialist. Also voting members (ex officio) are the presidents of the West Virginia Historical Society and the West Virginia Historical Association. Ex officio non-voting members consist of the director of the West Virginia Geological and Economic Survey, the president of Preservation Alliance of West Virginia, Inc., the state historic preservation officer (the commissioner of Culture and History), and the directors of Archives and History, Historic Preservation, and Museums. The Archives and History director, who serves as secretary to the commission, keeps minutes of commission meetings and handles notifications and mailings for those meetings.

The Archives and History Commission holds three meetings a year. The October 2, 2009, meeting was held at Chief Logan State Park. The commission met at the Culture Center in Charleston on January 29, 2010, and at Wheeling Independence Hall on June 4.

With the exception of Dr. Charles Hulse, all the appointed commission members whose terms had expired on or before the end of June 2009 received notice of their re-appointment. In addition to Dr. Hulse's expired-term status, there was a vacancy on the commission that

remained unfilled. Shortly before the end of the fiscal 2009-2010 year, Amy Haden resigned her seat and the terms of Harold Forbes and Noel Tenney expired at the end of June. As it had in previous years, the commission sought clarification on Dr. Hulse's seat but the issue remained unresolved at the end of the year.

At its October 2 meeting, the commission discussed at length its role in the highway historical marker program, agreeing to serve in an advisory capacity provided the marker guidelines were changed to reflect that the commission serves in an advisory capacity. Further discussion took place at the January meeting, with the commission passing a resolution that the Archives and History Commission make a request that the administration review the process of initiating rule making on the marker program with the suggestion that it be done in conjunction with the Attorney General's Office.

## Culture and History Internal Support

Archives and History played a substantial role in the division's new West Virginia History Bowl, a one-day event held at the Culture Center on April 27, 2010, that tested eighth-grade students on their knowledge of history, art,

preservation, and cultural topics. In addition to planning activities handled by the assistant director, Archives and History staff assembled more than 600 questions and divided them into ten sets according to difficulty, geographical and topical balance, and other criteria. Several staff also served as judges, and the library served as one of the competition venues in the early rounds. Eighteen teams vied to become champions of the bowl, with Shady Spring Middle School taking the championship in a victory over Moorefield Middle School. St. Francis Central Catholic School finished in third, and Wayne Middle School's Red Team placed fourth.

Archives and History continued to provide support to other sections within the Division of Culture and History. Although opening of the museum at the end of fiscal 2008-2009 virtually



Exhibit of photographs on the 1960 presidential election campaign in West Virginia.

eliminated requests from the Museums section, the darkroom photographer developed 176 photographic or digital prints and scanned images for *Goldenseal* magazine, published through the Communications unit, and 25 scanned images for the Historic Preservation section. Through arrangements made by the division, Archives and History also provided 222 gratis images to individuals in other state offices. The darkroom photographer also developed 170 digital prints and scanned images for exhibits.

A number of the exhibit images were

created for a rotating photo gallery display located in the north wing off the Great Hall, between the library and the entrance to the hallway leading to the Archives and History offices. This display area was established at the end of the 2008-2009 year with images that came primarily from Archives and History's *Picturing West Virginia*. Pictures on John Brown replaced them in late September, followed by school photos and then photographs related to the 1960 Democratic presidential primary. The photographs were framed by exhibits staff, with label text written by Archives and History staff. During the year, banners were added to identify the photographs as coming from the collections of the West Virginia State Archives.

As was the case the previous year, staff were requested to devote a portion of their Memorial Day weekend to the division's annual Vandalia Gathering, and one staff member also continued to work with the annual Appalachian String Band Music Festival at Camp Washington-Carver.

## **Inter-Agency Support**

Staff provided assistance to several state agencies regarding their records and retention schedules and met on several occasions with staff of the Department of Administration

and the Governor's Office regarding state records. Staff also responded to requests for information on various topics from state agencies. At the end of the fiscal year, photographs of Senator Robert C. Byrd, who died on June 28, 2010, were provided to the Governor's Office and also to the commissioner of Culture and History for use in connection with a memorial to the late senator.

As part of the Division of Personnel's update of the classification and compensation plan for state government, staff were required to complete paper versions of a Job Content Questionnaire by mid March. It was understood that staff soon would receive instructions regarding entry of this information into an online system, but no further action was required before the end of June.

## Outreach

Archives and History staff were involved in various outreach activities during the year. The Archives Showcase, the monthly evening lecture series, and the weekly morning

and monthly evening genealogy clubs were all held in the Archives and History Library. In addition to division press releases and advertisement on the Archives Web site, staff began sending e-mail notifications to constituents about upcoming library events. In July and August, the director provided several workshops and presentations to teacher groups, which focused on use of Archives and History resources in the classroom and in preparing for the annual Golden Horseshoe exam. Later in the year, he gave a number of presentations on Archives and History to librarians and historical and genealogical societies around the state. Staff spoke on genealogy topics on several occasions, including the West Virginia Library Association's Spring Fling Conference. They also provided historical research assistance and information on Archives projects to members of the media.

Archives and History was featured in several media pieces. In July 2009, the audiovisual archives was the focus of an Associated Press story that appeared in newspapers in Charleston,



William Henry Edwards Collection, Ms79-2

Huntington, and Morgantown, West Virginia, and Cumberland and Hagerstown, Maryland. A month later, the Clarksburg Exponent-Telegram published a story on the work of the Adventure Riders motorcyclists in documenting highway historical marker conditions. In the fall of 2009, Archives and History drew media attention for a 1904 letter recently added to the collections that was written to the West Virginia Spruce Company by Wilbur Wright seeking spruce for "constructing flying machines." Research proved that the Wright Cycle Company did purchase spruce from West Virginia. Archives and History's Vital Research Records Database, the John Brown and 1960 presidential election campaign online exhibits, the Veterans Memorial recarving project and online biographies, and the William Henry Edwards Collection were among other items that received press coverage during the year.

Staff continued to host meetings of the Mining Your History Foundation and the West Virginia Historical Society and also encouraged other historical groups to use library facilities for

meetings. By year's end, the Daniel Boone Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution was holding meetings in the library.

Archives and History also reached out to the college community. As a class project, students from West Virginia University's Public History program worked on highway historical marker inscriptions. About 15 students visited Archives and History in October. Students of West Virginia State University also visited in October to research census records and slavery in the Kanawha Valley. Students from both universities worked on Archives and History projects related to the 1960 presidential primary election in West Virginia and the approaching Civil War and statehood sesquicentennials.

The fourteenth annual History Day at the Legislature was held on February 18, 2010. Despite weather conditions that left some parts of the state with more than a foot of snow, 55 of the more than 70 groups that had registered to have display tables at the capitol came. Of the 44 History Heroes honored during a ceremony at the Culture Center, 28 were able to attend in person. One glitch in preparations for History Day was parking. In previous years, although public parking around the Culture Center has not been available during the legislative session, participants have been able to use the visitor parking lot at Laidley Field.

This year, however, staff were informed by the Parking Division that the Laidley Field lot was under the control of the Senate when the legislature was in session and not available for visitor parking. Staff were able to obtain 30 temporary parking passes for History Heroes but had to inform displayers that they were on their own to find a place to park. The Archives

and History Library also participated in Library Day at the Legislature.

The eleventh annual Hoot Owl was held in the Archives and History Library on March 26–27. Fifty-four people from as far away as Michigan and Florida attended the all-night event, cosponsored by Archives and History and the Mining Your History Foundation. Staff and MYHF volunteers assisted researchers in locating materials. Proceeds from the annual event are dedicated to purchase and support the collections of the Archives library.



Hoot Owl in the Archives and History Library, March 26-27, 2010

In February 2010, West Virginia Archives and History News completed its tenth year of publication. The newsletter is distributed in the Archives and History Library; mailed to 125 West Virginia historical, genealogical, and preservation societies and related organizations; and provided to 49 state archives in the United States, 12 state repository libraries and the Library of Congress. An electronic version also is posted on the Archives and History Web site (http://www.wvculture.org/history/ahnews/ahnews.html).

#### **Archives and History Staff (2009-2010)**

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Bryan Ward assistant director

**Archives:** 

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Dr. Joan Walker, Hedgesville

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Charles Morris (director, Museums), Elkview

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Susan Pierce (director, Historic Preservation), Charleston

Randall Reid-Smith (commissioner, Culture and History), Charleston

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Ottie Adkins, assessor, Huntington

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Kyle Schafer (director, Office of Technology), Charleston

designee Helen Wilson (C.I.O., Office of Technology)

#### **2009-2010 Accessions**

#### **State Government Records**

Archives and History. Letter from Mrs. Roy Bird Cook to house clerk Oshel Parsons, 1949 July 18. 1 item. Transfer from clippings. Ar1988

Auditor, List of tracts of delinquent land, Jackson County, 1865–70. 1 item. Unknown donor, Ar1991

Board of Registration for Sanitarians. Minutes, correspondence and other records, 1958–2001. 3 boxes. David P. Thornton, Board of Registration for Sanitarians, Charleston. Ar1980

Capitol construction. Notes on cornerstone laying and contents for Main Building, 1930. 2 pp. Transfer from clippings. Ar1812acc

Court of Claims. Silver Bridge claimants vs. Department of Highways, 1973–75. 1 box. West Virginia Court of Claims. Ar1974

Greenbrier County. Percentage of attendance in county schools, 1941. 1 item. Unknown donor. Ar1992

Hardy County. Tax assessment book, including county and parish levy as well as livestock, 1800–1806. 1 volume. Bob Beanblossom, Division of Natural Resources, Ar1984

Highways. Bridge section non-current and replaced structures, 1960s–2010. District 3, Division of Highways. Ar1895acc

Highways. Files from communications office, ca. 1962–90s. 2 boxes. Terry Lively, Department of Transportation. Ar1993

Jefferson County. Papers of Commonwealth of Virginia vs. John Brown . . . , 1859–60. 1 roll microfilm. Jefferson County Circuit Clerk, Charles Town. Ar1994

Kanawha County. Chancery and law orders, executions, Superior Court minutes and executions, 1809–69. 22 volumes. Cathy Gatson, Kanawha County Circuit Clerk, Charleston. Ar1978

Kanawha County draft cards. Information on drafted county residents, 1918. 2 boxes. Unknown donor. Ar1982

Library Commission. Information on state libraries, building projects and other library-related materials, 1956–83. 11 boxes and oversized. Library Commission. Ar1975

Mason County Infirmary, Record of patients, 1887–1949. 1 volume. Patty Dillon, Charleston. Ar1979

Military commission, Pratt. State of West Virginia vs. "Mother" Jones et al's speech of Hon. M. E. Matheny of Charleston for defendants, 1913 March 7. 1 item. Transfer from clippings. Ar1989

Natural Resources. History of Administrative Development by Charles W. Lewis, 1973 December. 1 volume. Marge Butcher, Division of Natural Resources. Ar1985

Naturalization records. Summers County, 1904–56. 7 volumes and 8 items. Summers County Circuit Clerk, Hinton. Ar1878acc

Nicholas County. Overseer of the Poor records; deceased voter registration cards; 1819–33, 1852–89, 2002–2007. 2 volumes and 1 box. Nicholas County Clerk, Summersville. Ar1983

Ohio County. Primary election returns, 1914; land tax books 1908, 1914; personal property tax books 1865, 1876–77, 1877, 1908, 1914, 1915. 9 items. Unknown donor. Ar1977

Rehabilitation Services. General correspondence and committees, director's office, 2001–2004. 1 box. Rehabilitation Services. Ar1943acc

Secretary of State. Application for amendment of charter of the Strouds Creek and Muddlety Railroad Company, 1944. 1 volume. Robert Craigo. Ar1931acc

State Road Commission. Construction manual, 1942. 1 volume. Unknown donor. Ar1986

Upshur County, Bond books, 1877–1915. 3 volumes. Upshur County Clerk's Office, Buckhannon. Ar1976

Virginia legislature. Bills, most dealing with roads, turnpikes, and banks, 1858. 32 items. Purchase. Ar1981

West Virginia Commission for the Celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of George Washington. Letter to Governor Herman G. Kump submitting report, 1934 July 19. 1 item. Unknown donor. Ar1987

Work Projects Administration. Letter accompanying Inventory of County Archives of West Virginia, Gilmer County, n.d. 1 item. Transfer from library. Ar1990

#### Audiovisual

DVD. *Right Beside the River* documentary by WQED about Ohio River from Moundsville to Pittsburgh signed by crew, 2009. 1 item. Transfer from Grave Creek. Av2009-167

Snowshoe Institute. Tapes, CDs and other materials of performers at artistic event series at Snowshoe Mountain Resort, 2000–2005. 1 box. Sally Love, Charleston. Av2009-141

#### **Manuscripts**

Account book. Barbour County business, 1852-56. 1 volume. Unknown donor. Ms2009-137

Account book. Invoice book of B. H. French, 1847–53. 1 volume. Unknown donor. Ms2009-136

Address to Rosie the Riveters. Remarks of Assistant Defense Attaché Lt. Col. Martine Dierckx of the Belgian Embassy at Shepherd University, 2009 November 7. 1 item. Embassy of Belgium, Washington, DC. Ms2009-149

Arthurdale. Telegram from J. O. Walker to Lois Ford about opening of town and Eleanor Roosevelt attending, 1938 April 22. 1 item. Transfer from clippings. Ms2010-064

Bahlmann, Captain William F. Correspondence between Ronald Moser and Larry Legge re: Bahlmann, his Southern Cross of Honor and research materials, 2003 July. 1 item. Larry Legge, Barboursville. Ms2009-061

Bradley, Ruby Collection. Articles, service record and other information on highly decorated Army nurse from Spencer, most photocopied from National Archives, 1940s–95. 1 box. Stan Bumgardner, Charleston. Ms2009-104

Brooke County. Deed between Andrew and Jane Smith to Nathaniel Hunter Jr., 1854 May 13. 1 item. Sara E. Staton Kelly, Colorado Springs, CO. Ms2010-061

Brown, J. Slidell. Pocket diary and letters of Kingwood resident, 1901–1906. 3 items. Joe Geiger, Huntington. Ms2010-060

Cass, Pocahontas Supply Company. Documents regarding town and company donated to Cass Scenic Railroad State Park by Westvaco, 1900–42. 15 items. Dave Caplinger, Cass Scenic Railroad State Park, Cass. Ms2009-140

Civil War. Diary of James W. Carlin, 17th Ohio Volunteer Infantry (3 months), (copy via email), 1861. 1 item. Martin Stewart, Troy, OH. Ms79-18.1:81

Civil War. Diary of Kanawha Valley merchant, farm manager and/or surveyor, including North Charleston to Institute and hand-drawn map of Battle of Scary Creek, 1861–62. 1 volume. Purchase. Ms79-18.1:82

Civil War. Diary of Private Harvey Moore, Company F, 23rd Ohio, 1862. 1 item. Purchase. Ms79-18.1:80

Civil War. Letter from unknown female southern sympathizer which mentions Battle of Seven Pines, General Stonewall Jackson, ca. 1862. 1 item. Unknown donor. Ms79-18.1:78

Civil War. Letter written from Weston appearing to recall action, 1865. 1 item. Steve Cunningham, Charleston. Ms79-18.1:79

Civil War. Pension files of Joshua York, private, 167th West Virginia Militia (photocopies), 1866. 1 item. Unknown donor. Ms79-18-2.13

Compton and Sergent families. Letters and other notes removed from inside cover of music book, ca. 1848–1929. 6 items. Transfer from library. Ms2010-067

Comstock, Jim. Letter to subscribers of *West Virginia Hillbilly* signed by Comstock, 1971 September 2. 1 item. Transfer from library. Ms2009-062

Copeland, Luella Conner. Family history of Copeland, mostly Monroe, Greenbrier and Kanawha counties including Conner, Ellis, Hanger, Reader, Rader families (photocopies), n.d. 1 item. Purchase. Ms2009-065

Cork, Jacob Collection. Legal books, clippings, documents, 1880s. 1 box. Unknown donor. Ms2009-135

Corley family. Descendants of Richard and Efferilla Corley, n.d. 2 volumes. Edith Harris, Jamestown, NY. Ms2010-030

Costa, Jim Collection. Correspondence, E. Rooke and Company, Kanawha Salines, to J. W. Jones and W. W. Jones; letter from Pvt. Carl Gwinn, Co. B, 108th to M. N. Gwinn from Luxembourg (photocopies), 1873–80, 1919. 1 folder. Jim Costa, Talcott. Ms2009-080

Cross family. History of family of Lucius Cross Sr. and Thirza Stanley Cross, ca. 1802–1992. 1 box and 1 volume. Dorothy Staats Kerns, Ripley. Ms2009-142

Daybook, W. H. Steward, Sistersville, 1896–97. 1 volume. Joe Geiger, Huntington. Ms2009-083

Dowd family. Account of "Prison Life in the War" by John B. Dowd (photocopy); autograph book of Cora Dowd; correspondence from U.S. Military History Institute re: donation of Dowd papers; ca. 1877, 1886, 1980s. 3 items. Oma L. Rose, Reno, NV. Ms2009-066

Ely-Thomas Lumber Co. History and lists of some workers at Werth, Nicholas County, n.d. 1 item. Unknown donor. Ms2009-069

Family histories. Printout of "Joel Hager's Southern West Virginia Research" including Cooke, Griffith, Bailey, Walker, Bragg, Tolliver, Brown, Browning, Brooks and Stewart families, n.d. 1 item. Olaf Walker, Charleston. Ms2009-073

Fayetteville cemetery. Research on Fleshman cemetery, Confederate graves, 2004–2005. 1 volume. Agnes Casto, Fayetteville. Ms2009-116

Fesenmaier, Steve Collection. Materials about Ken Hechler, West Virginia films and authors, 1933–2009. 1 box and 1 oversized folder. Steve Fesenmaier, Charleston. Ms2009-153

First United Methodist Church, Huntington. Biographies of ministers by Rev. J. A. Earl, 1970. 1 item. Transfer from clippings. Ms2010-058

Flynn, Franklin Collection. Correspondence and forms, many of Z. D. Ramsdell, 5th Virginia Infantry, 1861–64. 6 items. Franklin Flynn, Fairmont. Ms2009-096

Foster, Dr. Charles H. Correspondence between Foster and Boyd B. Stutler on George Luther Stearns, John Brown and other common research interests, 1960. 8 items. David A. Foster, Minneapolis, MN. Ms2009-064

Goff family. Digital scans of documents and photos, 2005. 2 CDs. Philip Goff, Ms2005-042acc

Gray, Earl. Family history of Earl "Catfish" Gray, 2009. 1 item and 1 CD. Jessica McManus, Corsicana, TX. Ms2009-154

Greer, Mike Collection. Correspondence, reports and other materials of member of House of Delegates, Salem College faculty and Public Service Commission, 1964–89. 12 boxes. Mike Greer, Clarksburg. Ms2009-133

Hall family history. Notes on Hall family sent by Granville D. Hall to Virgil A. Lewis, 1907. 1 item. Transfer from library. Ms2009-077

Harmon, Senator C. N. Collection. Correspondence and other materials, 1987–90. 2 boxes. Unknown donor, Ms2009-095

Henderson, Edna and Harry. Correspondence, other papers of maker of First Lady dolls, 1897–1996. 1 box. Steven Fox, St. Albans. Ms2010-001

Herndon, Judith A. Collection. Papers of Mount de Chantal graduate, legislator and Reagan state campaign manager in 1976 and 1980, 1941–96. 18 boxes and 3 oversized folders. Gregory J. Herndon, Wheeling. Ms2009-150

Higginbotham, Wilma Collection. Correspondence, family papers, tax receipts, 1907–77. 1 box. Kaye Reynolds, Midway, TX. Ms2009-094

Hill family. Ledger book of Bruno Caleb Hill; paper on families of Island Creek area, Lincoln County, by Ruford Burton Hill, 1901–14, 1980. 2 items. Clara M. Hill, Albuquerque, NM. Ms2009-081

Hinkle family. English essays of Eloise Hinkle; Christmas cards sent to Ote and Edna Hinkle of Webster Springs, 1943, 1948. 1 volume and 17 items. Unknown donor. Ms2010-070

Holcomb, Thomas S. Jr. Transcript of diary of WWII sailor aboard *USS Barton* (DD722), 1943–46. 1 item. Tom Holcomb, Charleston. Ms2010-105

Holliday, Senator Robert K. Collection. Papers of state senator, 1924–2008. 12 boxes and 2 oversized. Robert K. Holliday, Fayetteville. Ms2009-092

Holsberry, John L. Jr. Collection. Materials re: athletic directors association, Rainelle, Braxton County High, clippings; 1937–79. 1 box. John Holsberry Jr., Royal Palm Beach, FL. Ms2009-088

Holt, Rush. Article run against Holt during 1944 campaign for governor linking him to Nazis, ca. 1944. 1 item. Unknown donor. Ms2010-068

International Women's Year Collection. Materials relating to the West Virginia celebration, tax studies, 1970–85. 7 boxes. Unknown donor. Ms2009-151

Jones-Imboden Raid. Talk by Ken Corvell to Monongalia Historical Society on Morgantown raid, 2001 March 23. 1 item. Unknown donor. Ms2009-070

Kanawha County. Deed between Frank Woodman and John W. Wilson, 1880 December 2. 1 item. Lawrence W. Shivertaker, Orange Park, FL. Ms2009-160

Kanawha County. Deed between Frank Woodman and John W. Wilson (photocopies), 1882 December 2. 1 item. Ruby F. Shivertaker, Orange Park, FL. Ms2009-098

Kennedy, John F. Letter on Kennedy for President letterhead to John E. Faulconer, *Hinton Daily News*, 1960 May 31. 1 item. Bob Beanblossom, Charleston. Ms2009-143

Land grant. Cabell County, Silas Cooper by Governor Tazewell, 1834 July 10. 1 item. Betty Gregory, Hamlin, Ms80-284acc

Land grant. Definitions and article about history of Virginia Land Office (photocopies), n.d. 1 item. Auditor's Office. Ms2009-063

Land grant. Pendleton County, Noah Hammond by Governor Tazewell (photocopy), 1835 January 8. 1 item. Koren Rawlings, Franklin. Ms80-284acc

Lawson, Robert W. Collection. Diaries, telegrams and other materials, 1936–61. 2 boxes. Steven Fox, St. Albans. Ms2010-028

Letter. Lillian Cox accepting instructor of music position at West Liberty, 1871 October 2.1 item. Unknown donor. Ms2010-065

Lewisburg Elementary School. Remarks, minutes, photos and other materials regarding replacing school, 2000–2006. 1 volume. Unknown donor. Ms2010-032

Literary manuscript. *The Battle of Droop Mountain November 6, 1863*, by Captain E. R. Howery, ca. 1930s. 1 item. Mayford Jackson, Clendenin. Ms2009-079

Literary manuscript. "Development of Church Pioneering in the Upper Ohio Valley," by Samuel Charles Jones, Marshall County Historical Society, n.d. 1 item. Transfer from library. Ms2009-102

Literary manuscript. "John Brown Photo Chronology 1846–1859," by Jean Libby, 2003. 1 item. Jean Libby via Fred Armstrong. Ms2009-115

Literary manuscript. "A Memoir of the Book Lovers Club," by Mrs. Ruth Stephenson Norman, and "The Book Lovers of Charleston," by Mrs. Edmonia Grider, 1933, 1994. 2 items. Ancella Bickley, Florida. Ms2009-072

Literary manuscript. Notes on James Rumsey and Robert Fulton written on House of Delegates letterhead, n.d. 1 item. Unknown donor. Ms2009-103

Literary manuscript. "Notes on West Virginia History," by Virginia Duffield, 1942. 1 item. Transfer from library. Ms2009-074

Literary manuscript. Script of play *Mother Angel* about Mother Jones by G. Musinsky, n.d. 1 item. Phyl Charnes, Clarksburg. Ms2009-113

Literary manuscript. "Some Experiences of a Country Attorney During More Than Fifty Years," by Daniel James French Strother (photocopy), ca. 1930s. 1 item. Unknown donor. Ms2009-082

Literary manuscript. "The Story of Lost River State Park," by Ellen Anderson, and supporting information about Lee Cabin, ca. 1960–2010. 1 volume. James W. Rogers, Davidsonville, MD. Ms2010-059

Literary manuscript. "Timothy Lawrence Barber" by Dr. James David Barber, ca. 1994; talk about Timothy Barber given by D. N. Barber to Charleston Anvil Club, 1946. 2 items. Dr. James David Barber, Durham, NC; transfer from clippings. Ms2010-056

Literary manuscript. "The Way We Were - West Virginia State College in the 1960s," by Dr. Edwin D. Hoffman, and "The Blacks in One White Man's Life," by Dr. Hoffman, n.d. 2 items. Unknown donor. Ms2009-071

Loving, John and Marvine. Biographical information, n.d. 1 item. John Loving, Cross Lanes. Ms2010-057

Methodist History, history of Halleck School (Monongalia County); letter from Boyd Stutler to Major Thornton Perry; 1892–1957. 4 items. Bookworm and Silverfish, Wytheville, VA. Ms2009-101

Mine disaster. Oglebay-Norton's Burton Mine, Richwood Sewell Coal Company, Nicholas County information, 1958 October 28. 1 volume. Millie Hammonds Stinnett, Richwood. Ms2010-063

Nettles family. Information on Abraham Nettles, Revolutionary War soldier, n.d. 1 item. Dalta D. Pauley, Nitro. Ms2009-112

Norman family. Information on Mrs. John Norman and her work on WKAZ radio; curriculum vitae and bibliography of her son, Dr. John C. Norman; 1938–2008. 2 items and 2 CDs. Dr. John C. Norman, Concord, MA. Ms2009-155

Nutter, T. Receipt to W. J. Christopher for purchase of "Thomas WV History Progress and Development" by Nutter on Thomas Graded and High Schools letterhead, 1906 October 20. 1 item. Bettijane Burger, Charleston. Ms2009-076

Nyers, Amelia. Correspondence and other research material of poet and dancer born in Benwood (photocopies), 1941–81. 1 folder. Amelia Nyers, South Bend, IN. Ms2009-075

Odd Fellows. Incorporation papers, Acts of Legislature and history of Odd Fellows home, Elkins, 1907–80. 1 folder. John B. Bennett, Winfield. Ms2010-011

Patent. Benjamin R. Murphy of Parkersburg improvements in loom for weaving blinds (photocopy), 1872. 1 folder. Thomas E. Gendreau Sr., Shakopee, MN. Ms2010-062

Poem. "Rafting on the Guyandotte," by Thomas Dunn English, published in *Appleton's Journal* (photocopy), 1872 January 6. 1 item. Transfer from library. Ms2010-033

Poffenbarger family. Correspondence and addresses of Livia Simpson Poffenbarger and Judge George Poffenbarger, much of it regarding his possible 1921 appointment to 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, 1907–35. 3 folders. Unknown donor, Ms2009-084

Richardson, James Collection. Genealogical materials re: Lilly, Farley, Harvey, Basham, Meadows/Meador and other families, n.d. 27 boxes. Estate of James Richardson c/o Ellen Richardson Pritchard. Ms2009-134

Robson, Viola Collection. Materials relating to World War I Gold Star mother, 1917–43. 1 box. Pauline Viola Robson Wilkerson, Dunbar. Ms2009-152

Rucker family. Notes and information compiled for Civil War medal claim for Henry Rucker, member of 45th Infantry (Colored) (photocopies), n.d. 1 item. Scarlett Lynn Rucker, Dallas, TX. Ms2009-099

Ruffner Memorial Park. Deeds, court cases and other documents pertaining to Charleston park (transcripts, photocopies), 1831–1950. 1 folder. Unknown donor. Ms2009-067

Smith, Bill Collection. Correspondence, articles and other research materials of *Charleston Daily Mail* sportswriter and author, 1970–2010. 3 boxes. Mary Lou Smith, Charleston. Ms2010-035

Smith, Carolyn Thompson Collection. Meadow River Lumber worker account books, Greenbrier County banks, autographed piece about Senator Robert C. Byrd; 1925–71. 1 box. Carolyn Thompson Smith, Charleston. Ms2009-089

Snowshoe Institute. Operating files of group that sponsored cultural and artistic event series at Snowshoe Mountain Resort, 2000–2005. 3 boxes. Sally Love, Charleston. Ms2009-141

Spainhour, David L. AFL materials and timebook for Libbey Owens machinist, 1903–1906. 1 folder. James G. Spainhour, Charleston. Ms2009-078

Spanish-American War. Discharge of William B. Petitt, Company B, 2nd Regiment, West Virginia Volunteers, 1899 April 10. 1 item. Richard Petitt, Waynesville, MO. Ms2010-017

Spanish-American War. Notes and lists of members of First West Virginia Regiment, 1898–99. 1 volume. Transfer from library. Ms2010-031

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Spotswood, George. Letters from Spotswood of Charleston to James Madison (transcripts), 1831, 1834. 2 items. Robert Krause, James Madison's Montpelier, Orange, VA. Ms2009-060

Stacy, Ted Collection. Papers of Raleigh County legislator, 1944–86. 2 boxes and oversized. Dwayne Sellerds, Beckley. Ms2010-071

Stanton family history. Notes and other materials compiled by Michael Traubert, ca. 2000. 1 folder. Michael Traubert, Wellsburg. Ms2009-068

Summers County. Receipts and documents regarding Campbell, Flanagan and Murrell families (photocopies), 1884–1909. 5 items. Becky Gill, Hinton. Ms2009-158

Summers County, proclamation. Letter from James Sims to Senator Stephen B. Elkins about Hinton postmaster appointment; proclamation of Governor Cornwell calling special session of February 1920; letter from state senator Cecil Highland about funding capitol building; 1897–1927. 3 items. Emily Warden, Charleston. Ms2009-156

Taylor, Mary Ann "Polly" Price. Notes by Carrie Carte trying to prove Cherokee ancestry of Taylor, n.d. 1 item. Transfer from library. Ms2009-114

Thorn Lumber Company, Martinsburg. Correspondence and company history, n.d. 2 items. Joe Geiger, Huntington. Ms2010-034

Tompkins Family collection. Correspondence, financial records and papers of Cedar Grove businessman Roger Tompkins Sr.; Kanawha County teacher Pauline Tompkins and son Roger Tompkins Jr., WVU student body president, Rhodes scholar, Delegate and Attorney General, 1838–1983. 10 boxes and 1 oversized folder. Patty Vandergrift Tompkins, Charleston. Ms2009-126

Vickers, Simeon Edward and Bertha Smoot. Vickers family correspondence, Lincoln County materials, 1861–1957. 2 boxes and 1 oversized folder. Anna L. Bailey, Elkview. Ms2009-091

West Virginia Conservation Education Council. Minutes, 1958–61. 1 folder. Unknown donor. Ms2010-066

West Virginia Historical Society. Annual meeting information, membership lists and other materials, 1926–73. 3 folders. Transfer from library. Ms2009-148

Williams, Larry. Reminiscences of his life and ancestors, 2003. 1 item. Larry G. Williams Sr., Munroe Falls, OH. Ms2009-159

Williams, Robert Collection. Materials relating to Charleston High students and band members, ca. 1935–77. 2 boxes. Robert Williams, Malcomb, IL. Ms2009-138

Wireman, Claude Eugene. Information on 47th Infantry including unit newsletters (photocopies), 1943–44, 1980s. 1 folder. Mirl K. Wireman, Looneyville. Ms2009-157

Woman's Club of Charles Town. Minute books, 1921–32. 2 volumes. General Federation of Women's Clubs, Washington, DC. Ms2009-100

World War II casualty information including prisoners and wounded, ca. 1944. 1 folder. Unknown donor. Ms2010-069

Wright, Harriette. Papers of first African American female professor at Concord, Bluefield resident and member of local groups including NAACP, 1924–2007. 2 boxes. Pat Konarski, Gainesville, GA. Ms2009-139

#### Microforms

Highways. Microfilm showing road construction and documentation, 1970s–80s. 11 boxes. Division of Highways. Mi2009-093

#### **Photographs**

B&O freight depot, Wheeling. B&W and negatives, 1974. 23 items. Transfer from Historic Preservation Unit. Ph2010-101

Band, B&W of IOOF Home Band, Elkins, ca. 1930s, 1 item. John B. Bennett, Winfield, Ph2010-011

Barber family. B&W copy prints, ca. 1880–1905. 3 items. Dr. James David Barber, Durham, NC. Ph2010-056

Beury-Nichol family. B&W of members of families including Daisy Beury, Thomas Nichol and Thomas (Tom) Nichol Jr., ca. 1910–25. 8 items. Dr. Robert E. Stevenson, Madison, CT. Ph2010-012

Bollinger Collection. Copy prints of Charleston-area scenes by W. E. Bollinger, 1920s–40s. 111 items. Kramer Bollinger, Charleston. Ph2009-132

Bowyer, John Collection. Copy negatives of Kanawha Valley area, ca. 1900–10. 9 items. John F. Bowyer, Cross Lanes. Ph2010-081

Boy Scouts. B&W of Troop 4, Charleston, outside Calvary Baptist Church by Bollinger, ca. 1925. 1 item. Nancy Warner Austin, Hurricane. Ph2010-093

Bradley, Ruby. Digital scan of Thomas Bradley and family (Ruby's uncle), 1940s. 1 item. Janice Remley, Uhrichsville, OH. Ph2009-104

Bradley, Ruby. Digital scans of Katie Cox and Ruby Bradley, 2000–2002. 9 items. Christine Cox, Spencer. Ph2009-104

Bradley, Ruby, Digital scans of Ruby Bradley, 1954–2000. 17 items. Patsy E. McKown, Spencer. Ph2009-104

Bradley, Ruby. Digital scans of Ruby Bradley crowning queen of first Black Walnut Festival, 1954. 4 items. Cheryl Congleton, Marietta, OH. Ph2009-104

Bradley, Ruby. Digital scans of Ruby Bradley including meeting with President Bill Clinton, ca. 1950–85. 43 items. Charles Bradley, Prestonsburg, KY. Ph2009-104

Bradley, Ruby. Digital scans of Ruby Bradley with cousin Ivan Bradley, 1960s–2000. 2 items. Patricia Bradley, Covington, VA. Ph2009-104

Bradley, Ruby. Digital scans of Ruby Bradley, Spencer High *Rubicola* pages, 1926–63. 9 items. Roane County Public Library, Spencer. Ph2009-104

Cabin Creek flood, Dawes. Copy prints, 1916. 15 items. James R. Troy via George Arthur, Eleanor. Ph2010-083

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Carbide, Kanawha County. B&W showing plant at Blaine Island, workers, Sal Palagreco and bride, Turner daughters, miscellaneous scenes, ca. 1930s. 20 items. Nancy M. Rohr, Huntsville, AL. Ph2009-087

Carpenter Glassplate Collection. Copy prints from collection of negatives taken by William E. Carpenter, 1880s–1900. 307 items. Hackers Creek Pioneer Descendants, Horner. Ph2009-131

Carpenter, Warren Collection. B&W and copy prints of Monroe County family and farm, ca. 1920s–90. 32 items. Carolyn Whitaker Crowley, Fort Worth, TX. Ph2010-022

Charleston. B&W of teachers, possibly Union District, 1905. 1 item. David J. Savage, Wyoming, OH. Ph2009-147

Clevenger family, Layne/Comer store. Copy negatives of Role Patrick Clevenger and family at Fairview, Webster County home; interior of Comer store at Owens, Kanawha County; n.d., 1918. 2 items. Gregory R. Burton, Ellenboro. Ph2010-079

Coal miners. Print of scan of 5 McDowell County miners—Delbert P. Bailey, Aaron H. Lambert, Harvey Bailey, George W. Sadler and Joseph C. Lambert, ca. 1898. 1 item. Robert D. Sadler, Anawalt, via Stan Bumgardner. Ph2010-008

Construction. B&W of road construction, unidentified location, ca. 1940s. 5 items. Unknown donor. Ph2009-085

Davis and Elkins. May Day crowning of queen Beth George, 1946 May 11. 1 item. Unknown donor. Ph2010-010

DuPont High. B&W of band with director Howard Carson, ca. early 1950s. 1 item. Tom Stamper via Gerald Ratliff. Charleston. Ph2010-102

Estep family. Copy negatives of Enoch and Pauline Workman Estep, Ruben and Eliza Estep; n.d. 2 items. Novella Estep-Green, White Sulphur Springs. Ph2010-080

Flood, group. Aerials of 1937 flood in Huntington; Friends of Walter Holder group at Ward; 1937, n.d. 3 items. Nancy V. Waggoner, Malden. Ph2010-092

Golden Horseshoe. Color prints of Golden Horseshoe activities, 1996. 290 items. Department of Education. Ph2010-015

Greenbrier. B&W and postcard of plaque commemorating "The Old White," 1940. 2 items. Transfer from clippings. Ph2010-038

Greenbrier. Copy print of daguerreotype of resort, ca. 1860s—may not be reproduced. 1 item. University of Virginia, Charlottesville. Ph2010-014

Harmon, Senator C. N. Collection. B&W photographs, 1970s–80s. 1 folder oversized. Unknown donor. Ph2009-095

Harpers Ferry. B&W prints and 4x5 copy negatives, 1860s–80s. 12 items. Delaware Public Archives, Dover, DE. Ph2010-089

Herndon, Judith A. Collection. Prints and negatives of Mount de Chantal graduate, legislator and Reagan state campaign manager in 1976 and 1980, 1948–93. 1 box Gregory J. Herndon, Wheeling. Ph2009-150

Higginbotham, Wilma Collection. Postcards, Marshall vs. Ohio University, Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Service, 1935–71. 1 box. Kaye Reynolds, Midway, TX. Ph2009-094

Highways. B&W and color and negatives of highway projects, logos, 1970s–90s. 31 items. Transfer from Division of Highways. Ph2010-013

Hinkle family. B&W, ca. 1940s-50s. 9 items. Unknown donor. Ph2010-070

Holmes, Gladys and Henry Collection. B&W and carte de visites, most by Wheeling photographers including LaBelle workers, members of Glass and Woodward families, 1860s–1900. 33 items. Boca Raton Historical Society, Boca Raton, FL. Ph2010-086

Holsberry, Beattie, Rainelle. B&W and copy prints of Rainelle Home Guard, Meadow River Lumber employees, and family members, 1940s–2000. 5 items. John Holsberry, Royal Palm Beach, FL. Ph2010-009

Hoover, Bryce Collection. Negatives of Widen area, including strike, 1950s. 502 items. Jerry Stover, Clay. Ph2009-130

Kanawha Textbook Controversy. Copy negatives of Alice Moore and family, board, 1969–78. 8 items. Alice Moore, Michie, TN. Ph2009-145

Kennedy, John F. B&W portrait sent to John E. Faulconer, *Hinton Daily News*, signed "Thanks, Jack", 1960. 1 item. Bob Beanblossom, Charleston. Ph2009-143

Kennedy, John F. Digital scans of color slides of rally at capitol, 1960 April 11. 5 items. David Todd Carden, St. Albans. Ph2010-078

Koglegard family. Copy negatives of Weston family, ca. 1900–10. 28 items. Joy Stalnaker for Koblegard family, Horner. Ph2010-077

Kresse, William Collection. B&W prints and copy negatives of unidentified people, n.d. 7 prints and 10 negatives. William Anderson Kresse, Buffalo, NY. Ph2009-123

Legislative reception. Color negatives, ca. 1969–73. 136 items. Unknown donor. Ph2010-090

Lincoln County. B&W of Lower Island Creek School, ca. 1918; funeral of Ardell Turley, May 1921. 2 items. Clara M. Hill, Albuquerque, NM. Ph2009-081

Locks, Charleston, B&W of Marmet locks, house on Kanawha Boulevard, 1940s. 8 items. Kanawha Valley Genealogical Society. Ph2010-006

Logan County. B&W and color of Logan County scenes, 1950s–70s. 1 box (125 items). David R. Stillwell, West Logan. Ph2009-144

Logan County. Copy negatives of coal photos, 1945–56. 10 items. Jarrel Perry, Verdunville. Ph2009-106

Marion County, Copy negative of William H. Pickett, n.d. 1 item. Elizabeth Freeman, Fairmont. Ph2010-082

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Marion County. Copy negatives, 1870–1986. 146 items. Marion County Historical Society, Fairmont. Ph2010-082

Marion County. Copy negatives, 1894-1916. 6 items. Edith Shaver, Fairmont. Ph2010-082

Marion County. Copy negatives of James Samuel Northwest, Mannington flood, n.d. 2 items. Dora Grubb, Fairmont. Ph2010-082

Marion County. Copy negatives of telephone system, ca. 1950s–61. 2 items. Martha Cox, Fairmont Telephone Museum, Fairmont. Ph2010-082

Maybach, Rupert George Collection. B&W prints and negatives, most Oak Hill, Minden tipple, strike against local Kroger, 1937–38. 36 items. Jennie Sievers Weckelman, Naples, FL. Ph2010-085

Moore, L. Owen Jr. Collection. B&W of South Charleston High football team, swimming on Coal River, scout camp, Swann etchings, ca. 1923–68. 16 items. L. Owen Moore Jr., Lemoyne, PA. Ph2010-026

Musicians. B&W and color of Bill and George Phillips and other assorted musicians, including dedication at Coonskin Park, 1950, 1970s–2000s. 27 items. Georgia Dobbins, Exeter, NH. Ph2010-005

Phillips, George Collection. Color prints of fiddler and other musicians, 1960s–90s. 33 items. Georgia DeBlois, Exeter, NH. Ph2010-084

Postcard, Airplane view of Wheeling, 1943. 1 item. Nelson Hooker, Moundsville. Ph2009-121

Postcard. Battleground about ten miles from Dunlevie-Winterburn, Civil War, ca. 1890s. 1 item. Joe Geiger, Huntington. Ph2010-072

Postcard. Blue Creek Oil Field tank fire, n.d. 1 item. Joe Geiger, Huntington. Ph2010-003

Postcard. Doddridge County courthouse, ca. 1907. 1 item. Joe Geiger, Huntington. Ph2010-074

Postcard. Historic Bramwell, City-County Building Wheeling, New River valley, autumn, ca. 1890, 1990s–2000s. 4 items. Unknown donor. Ph2010-073

Postcard. Historic Wheeling scene, 2000s. 1 item. Transfer from library. Ph2010-075

Postcard. Mountain Scenes, Midland Trail and State Route 21, 1930s. 1 item. Alhambra Historical Society, Inc., Alhambra, CA. Ph2009-146

Postcard. Wheeling showing Bridgeport and island, 1907. 1 item. Elizabeth Grogan Ewing, Tiffin, OH. Ph2009-120

Postcard. WWI soldier with girls, message on back from Emory Melton, Camp Greenleaf to Bill England, Gassaway, 1918 March. 1 item. Unknown donor. Ph2010-004

Postcards. Biggs Armory, Huntington; Greetings from Barboursville; ca. 1920s–30s. 2 items. Joe Geiger, Huntington. Ph2009-119

Postcards. Steel bridge, Wheeling; rhododendron; Greenbrier casino walk; 1940s. 3 items. Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan, Alpena, MI. Ph2009-118

Postcards. Various West Virginia scenes, n.d. 69 items. Catharine and Johnson Knowles, Forney, TX. Ph2009-117

Postcards. Various West Virginia scenes, 1940s-90s. 13 items. Marcia Daoust, Huntington. Ph2009-008acc

Postcards, prints. Postcards of Hanging Rock near Romney, Hotel Hart, White Sulphur Springs; B&W of women on trip across West Virginia including statue of Madonna of the Trail; n.d., 1942. 5 items. San Diego Historical Society, San Diego, CA. Ph2009-122

Preston County. B&W of Herbert Spindler, Circuit Clerk from 1935–44 in office, ca. 1944. 2 items. Preston County Circuit Clerk's Office, Kingwood. Ph2009-124

Road construction. B&W of road construction as well as scrapbook of projects, 1918–34, 1960s–70s. 4 volumes and 1 envelope (estimated 2,600 images). Department of Transportation, Office of Communications. Ph2010-029

Road construction, roadside parks. B&W prints, 1930s-40s, 3 volumes, Julian Ware, Princeton, Ph2009-127

Shields, Zaddock. Documentation of Taylor County cabinet maker's work, n.d. 4 items. Marshel Roy Cunningham, Montevalio, AL. Ph2009-086

Silver Bridge. B&W, bridge before collapse, wreckage and recovery efforts, 1967. 28 items. Ottie Adkins, Huntington. Ph2010-027

Slides. Buffalo Creek disaster and recovery, 1972. 405 items. Library Commission. Ph2009-129

Slides. C&P Telephone Company, various slide shows, ca. 1970s–80s. 594 slides. C&P Telephone, Charleston, Ph2009-128

Slides. It's West Virginia by Dr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Pritchard, 1963. 75 items. Unknown donor. Ph2010-091

Slides. West Virginia Covered Bridges slide show and script, ca. 2000. 81 items. Transfer from Historic Preservation. Ph2010-007

Smith, Bill Collection. B&W and color photos of *Charleston Daily Mail* sportswriter and various sports figures, 1963–2010. 1 box. Mary Lou Smith, Charleston. Ph2010-035

Spanish-American War, Color scan of Cecil C. Monroe, 1898, 1 item, Tom Rung, Union, NI, Ph2010-094

Stacy, Ted Collection. B&W including legislative and military service, 1944–80s. 1 box and oversized. Dwayne Sellerds, Beckley. Ph2010-071

Stevenson, Robert Collection. Prints of Beury and Nichol family members, n.d. 10 items. Robert Stevenson. Ph2009-097

Stone House Inn. B&W of inn near Romney, n.d. 1 item. Transfer from clippings. Ph2010-087

Summersville lake, dam. Color views, n.d. 3 items. Transfer from clippings. Ph2010-076

Taylor Family, B&W of Harvey Taylor family, 1923. 1 item. Nancy Taylor, Huntington. Ph2008-026

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Tompkins Family collection. B&W of Cedar Grove family, n.d. 1 oversized folder. Patty Vandergrift Tompkins, Charleston. Ph2009-126

Weston State Hospital. B&W of staff and patients inside, 1900. 1 item. Richard Bowyer, Fairmont. Ph2010-082

Williams, Robert Collection. B&W relating to Charleston High students and band members, n.d. 1 folder. Robert Williams, Malcomb, IL. Ph2009-138

Wood, James Lee Jr. Collection. B&W, postcard and copy prints of mostly Raleigh County and southern West Virginia, 1903–60. 15 items. James Lee Wood Jr., Beckley. Ph2010-021

World War II. U.S. Navy War photographs, ca. 1946. 1 volume. Transfer from library. Ph2010-104

Worthington Defense Area. B&W of honor roll board dedication, 1943 September 19. 21 items. Joe Geiger, Huntington. Ph2010-103

Wright, Harriette. Photos of first African American female professor at Concord, Bluefield and family, n.d. 1 box. Pat Konarski, Gainesville, GA. Ph2009-139

Yeager, Charles. B&W prints autographed to West Virginia State Archives, ca. 2009. 2 items. Culture and History. Ph2010-088

Yerkey family. B&W of Edward and Edwin Yerkey "The Tucson Twins" from various radio shows, ca. 1930s. 2 items. Edward B. Yerkey. Ph2009-125

Young, John J. Jr. Collection. Negatives and contact prints of B&O and related railroads, primarily northern panhandle and Kanawha Valley, 1895–2001. 6,325 items. Estate of John J. Young Jr., Elizabeth Davis Young, Executrix, Charleston. Ph2010-023

#### **Special Collections**

Alvarez, Arsenio Albert Collection. Articles and brochures about international horse trainer, 1938–2009. 8 items. Manuell A. Alvarez, Kearneysville. Sc2009-162

Arbogast, Josie K. Collection. Scrapbooks, certificates of Elkins City Hospital nursing graduate; bylaws, minutes and scrapbooks of West Virginia State Nurses Association, 1942–97. 7 volumes, 1 folder and 1 oversized folder. Marvin and Luretta Rinehart, Elkins. Sc2010-025

Bethany Woman's Club. Yearbooks, programs and articles, 1927–2009. 28 items. Helen Moren, Bethany. Sc2009-165

Bible. Myers family, 1823. 1 volume. Roderick W. Wilson, Montgomery. Sc2010-054

Bible. Roycroft family with genealogy, 1840–2009. 1 volume. William R. Roycroft, Charleston. Sc2010-037

Blotter. Gray-Da Casting Company of Wheeling, n.d. 1 item. Pauline Rieger, Shadyside, OH. Sc2010-108

Blueprints. Huntington Galleries proposed theater and office addition, 1981 August 18. 2 items. Unknown donor. Sc2009-171

Blueprints. Wheeling Civic Center location site plans, 1974. 4 items. Unknown donor. Sc2010-106

Broadside. Inauguration of the New State, 1863 June 11. 1 item. Unknown donor. Sc2009-109

Broadside. Sightseeing Flights of New River Gorge Bridge from Fayette Airport, n.d. 1 item. Transfer from library. Sc2009-110

Broadside, card. Specifications and prices for cross ties for Norfolk and Western Railway, 1921–23. 2 items. Paul Solar, Huntington. Sc2010-020

Calendars. Wolf Creek Printery, 2008–2009. 2 items. Richard Fauss, Elkview. Sc87-41acc

Catalogue. McDonough Incentives, Parkersburg, products including shoes, Ames lawn tools, Gold Medal recreational products, 1980s. 1 item. Bookworm and Silverfish, Wytheville, VA. Sc2009-111

Catalogue. A Plan Book of Harris Homes, 1923. 1 volume. Wes Cochran, Parkersburg. Sc2010-018

Catalogues. Jeffrey mining equipment, n.d. 3 items. Unknown donor. Sc2010-046

Certificates. Commissions as corporal and sergeant for Homer Duff, Company E, 27th Infantry, 1899, 1901. 2 items. Lino DeMarchi, Charleston. Sc2010-039

Drawings, history. Documentation of Building 107 (Hanger 1), Yeager Airport Air National Guard Base, 2008 November. 1 volume, 1 CD and 43 sheets. Engineering-environmental Management, Inc., Englewood, CO. Sc2009-107

First Baptist Church, St. Albans. Report and pledge form for new building fund, n.d. 1 item. Unknown donor. Sc2010-096

Forms. International Working and Dues Book of the Bricklayers, Masons, and Plasterers International Union of America for W. W. Conaway, Union #4 of West Virginia, 1916–25. 1 item. Woody Moore, Weston. Sc2010-099

Greenbrier. Historical information and articles, ca. 1940–69. 1 folder. Transfer from clippings. Sc2010-038

Hudnall, Bill Collection. Clipping of letter to *Charleston Daily Mail* editor regarding Catholics taking over country, 1958 September 2. 1 item. Becky Hudnall, San Francisco, CA. Sc2010-044

Invitation. Dinner at Governor's Mansion and tour of museum, 2009 August 12. 1 item. Joe Geiger, Huntington. Sc2009-170

Invitation. Inaugural reception and ball of Governor John J. Cornwell, 1917 March 5. 1 item. University of South Florida-Tampa Campus, Tampa, FL. Sc2010-053

Invitation. Mercer County Historical Society dedication of Hall McKenzie Cemetery stone, 2009 August 21. 1 item. Joe Geiger, Huntington. Sc2009-168

Invitations, programs. Unveiling of Francis Pierpont statue in Statuary Hall, Washington, 1910 April 30. 8 items. Transfer from clippings. Sc2010-050

Labels. Mountain State Brand Tomatoes, packed by Nicolette Canning Company, Parkersburg, n.d. 2 items. Joe Geiger, Huntington. Sc2009-173

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Letterhead. E. I. DuPont de Nemours Company, Polychemicals Department, Belle, 1952 July 19. 1 item. Transfer from clippings. Sc2010-045

Letterhead, forms. Hotel Wells, Tyler County Bank, Sistersville, ca. 1904–16. 6 items. Joe Geiger, Huntington. Sc2010-047

Malden. Programs and walking tours about Malden, Booker T. Washington dedication, 2002–2009. 6 items. Larry L. Rowe, Charleston. Sc2009-161

McKinney, Rosa Collection. Publications of various sorts, 1907-86. 3 items. Rosa McKinney, Hurricane. Sc2010-019

Moore, L. Owen Jr. Collection. Assorted materials of Charleston High and WVU graduate, including birth, death and marriage records for Shearer and Moore families, 1882–1973. 1 box and 1 oversized folder. L. Owen Moore Jr., Lemoyne, PA. Sc2010-026

Mount de Chantal Visitation Academy. Newsletters, publications and poster of Wheeling school (1848–2009) operated by Sisters of the Visitation, 1948–2009. 1 box. Mount de Chantal Visitation Academy, Wheeling. Sc2010-036

Operation Tiger. Book and other materials about WWII event, 1988–2009. 7 items. James Reeves, Lancashire, England. Sc2009-169

Parkersburg Area Community Foundation. Annual report and calendar, 2008. 2 items. Transfer from Governor's Office. Sc2010-097

Pfister, Phil. First day cover and program honoring Charleston resident and World's Strongest Man 2006 (autographed), 2008 September 3. 2 items. Nancy Waggoner, Malden. Sc2010-109

Poster. *Right Beside the River* documentary by WQED about Ohio River from Moundsville to Pittsburgh signed by crew, 2009. 1 item. Transfer from Grave Creek. Sc2009-167

Program. Appalachian Festival, Morris Harvey College, autographed by Mary Lee Settle, Muriel Dressler, Davis Grubb, Clyde Ware and Barbara Kopple, 1979 March 22–23. 1 item. Purchase. Sc2009-108

Program. Champion Wheelers Souvenir Game Program and Scorebook, Charleston Wheelers, 1993. 1 item. Unknown donor. Sc2010-052

Program. Charleston Ballet 25th Anniversary season, 1981. 2 items. Unknown donor. Sc2009-164

Program. Inauguration of Governor Herman Guy Kump, 1933 March 4. Sc2009-090

Program. "It's a Long Lane" annual senior class play Sutton High (photocopy), 1938 May 19. 1 item. J. Robert Flint, Sutton. Sc2010-040

Programs. Special masses at Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral, Charleston, including inaugural masses for Governor Manchin, 2005–2009. 14 items. Richard Fauss, Elkview. Sc2008-054acc

Publication. Contract Employees League of Widen miners and Elk River Coal and Lumber Company (photocopy), 1955. 1 item. Ronald Cottrell, Summersville, via *Goldenseal*. Sc2010-100

Publication. *The Hatchet* published for returning troops on *USS George Washington*, 1919 April 28. 1 item. Wilma Smith, Barboursville. Sc2009-172

Publication. Morgan County courthouse fire reprinted from *Morgan Messenger*, 2006 August 8. 1 item. Transfer from clippings. Sc2010-042

Publication. Mountain State Art and Craft Fair, 1969 July 2-6. 1 item. Transfer from library. Sc2010-049

Publication. Presenting a Nice Place to Live Featuring St. Marys, ca. 1953. 1 item. Transfer from library. Sc2010-051

Publication. Searchlight, Lincoln Junior High, Charleston, 1933 May 31. 1 item. [unknown] Hitchman, Charleston. Sc2010-043

Publications. *Fayette Journal* with death notice of Colonel Joseph L. Beury and clipping of death of his assistant Charles E. Beman, 1903, 1927. 2 items. Robert Edwin Stevenson, Madison, CT. Sc2010-012

Publications. 4-H Leadership Conferences, 4-H camp Jackson's Mill, 1931, 1932. 3 items. Transfer from clippings. Sc2010-041

Publications. Law publications belonging to W. G. Caperton, 1894–1910. 1 box. Nat DeBruin, Marshall University, Huntington. Sc2010-002

Publications, Powhatan College and St. Hilda's Hall, Charlestown, 1902-27, 6 items, Purchase, Sc2010-095

Publications. Promotional flyer and booklet for *Temple of Democracy* documentary on capitol (later renamed *Moving Monument*), 2007. 3 items. Motion Masters, Charleston. Sc2009-163

Ration books. World War II belonging to Staley family, ca. 1942–45. 8 items. Orvel Jans, Williamsburg, VA. Sc2010-112

Scrapbook. Political materials, mostly Democratic, 1949–79. 1 volume. John D. Law, Charleston. Sc2010-055

Scrapbook. St. Francis School of Nursing Class of 1945, compiled by Violet Deck Nemky, 1945–85. 1 item. Marvin Cole, St. Albans. Sc2010-024

Scrapbook. World War II-era articles, most on Logan County servicemen (photocopies), 1940s. 1 volume. Jarrel Perry, Verdunville. Sc2009-106

Scrapbooks. Campaign and election materials, 1960s-80s. 2 volumes. Joe Geiger from Christina Hudnall, Huntington. Sc2010-016

Scrapbooks. West Virginia NOW, 2007–2009. 4 volumes. Bettijane Burger, Charleston. Sc97-27acc

Sheet music. Song of West Virginia by Ignatius Brennan and Fred Meister, 1911. 1 item. Purchase. Sc2009-105

Sheet music. West Virginia All-State High School Chorus music, 1938. 1 item. Carol Gallion, Miami. Sc2010-098

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Sheet music. Witnesses of the Light by Dana Dorsey, Summersville, 1940 August 5. 2 items. Carol Vandevender, Hurricane. Sc2010-048

Sprouse, James. Letter and announcement of decision to run for governor in 1968; letter abolishing "flower fund" as chairman of State Democratic Executive Committee, 1967. 3 items. Unknown donor. Sc2010-111

West Virginia Broadcasting Hall of Fame. Program for Third Annual Induction Ceremony, 2008 October 25. 1 item. Richard Fauss, Elkview. Sc2008-053acc

West Virginia Review. Form letter explaining combined issue, 1942 February. 1 item. Transfer from library. Sc2010-110

Wheeling Steel. Agreement between Wheeling Steel Corporation and United Steelworkers of America, 1945, 1947. 2 items. Unknown donor. Sc2010-107

Yearbook. Morris Harvey Harveyan, 1967. 1 volume. Carol Gallion, Miami. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbook. Newell High Rhododendron, 1923. 1 volume. Sue Waldman, Mill Valley, CA. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbook. Parkersburg High, 1956. 1 volume. Wes Cochran, Parkersburg. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbook. Shinnston High, 1958. 1 volume. Rex Wilson, San Antonio, TX. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbook. West Virginia State College Arch, 1995. 1 volume. Carol Gallion, Miami. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Assorted schools, 1908–89. 26 volumes. Kanawha Valley Genealogical Society, Nitro. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Assorted schools, 1935–85. 31 volumes. John Holsberry, Royal Palm Beach, FL. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Cedar Grove High *Trails*, Montgomery Prep *Spectator*, Montgomery High *Chien Gris*, 1914–64. 7 volumes. Patty Vandergrift Tompkins, Charleston. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Charleston Catholic High School, 1993; Sacred Heart Grade School (Charleston), 2009. 2 items. Greg Carroll, Hurricane. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Clendenin Elementary, 1980–89. 8 volumes. Cathy Miller, Elkview. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Horace Mann Junior High, 1978–79, 1981–89. 12 volumes. Patty Dillon, Charleston. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Mount de Chantal Visitation Academy, 1920–2006. 21 volumes. Mount de Chantal Visitation Academy, Wheeling. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Ripley High *Pioneer*, South Charleston *Loudspeaker*, 1925, 1928. 2 volumes. Kaye Reynolds, Midway, TX. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. West Virginia State College Arch, 1968, 1974, 1998. 3 volumes. Greg Carroll, Hurricane. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. West Virginia Wesleyan, West Virginia State College, Charleston High, 1935–83. 5 volumes. Unknown donor. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Woodrow Clay Hamilton Jr. Collection, 1922–91. 25 volumes and 1 photo. Woodrow Clay Hamilton Jr., Hightown, VA. Sc2005-003acc

Yerkey family. Notes on Edward and Edwin Yerkey "The Tucson Twins" from various radio shows, n.d. 1 item. Edward Yerkey. Sc2009-125