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I hope your New Year's resolutions or goals for the year 2014 include continuing education for yourself, particularly learning more about your family and about the times and places in which they lived. The West Virginia Archives and History Library and the Archives and History Web site (<http://www.wvculture.org/history>) provide many resources to help you achieve that goal. You can learn all about West Virginia Statehood, featuring the online exhibit of text and photos, "A State of Convenience." Enjoy browsing through numerous historic photographs online, including Archives exhibits and collections. Visit the Archives Library and read local newspapers on microfilm or browse the contents of a Manuscript or Special Collection relevant to your interests. We guarantee you will not only learn something new but be thoroughly entertained in the process.

West Virginia Vital Research Records Database Adds Records and Corrections

As of January 1, 2014, the West Virginia Vital Research Records (WVRR) database includes county birth records through 1913, and both county and state death records through 1963. The county birth records will continue to roll up each January as the records become 100 years old, up through the last records microfilmed, 1967 to 1970 for the majority of counties. The county death records will add one year as the records become 50 years old, also up through 1967 to 1970. Marriage records will still include the last records available at the time of microfilming, varying by county, from 1967 to 1970. None of the county record categories will be adding any years after the last year microfilmed.

State death certificates will continue to add one year as the records become 50 years old, and

will end with 1973, the last year the Archives has microfilm of the certificates. We realize patrons' frustration over the 50-year wait on the death records, but we can find no easy (and inexpensive) way to redact the Social Security numbers and thereby remove the cause for concern in releasing the records to the public via the Internet.

From January through November 2013, 2,912 records were corrected using information submitted by either staff members or database users. These corrections are to database entries that were incorrect due to transcriber error, usually either handwriting misinterpretation or typographical error. Archives and

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Positive Images of the State from the 1930s and 1940s to be Focus of January 7 Lecture

On January 7, 2014, Betty Rivard will present "The 'Other' West Virginia: Positive Images of the State from the 30s and 40s" at the Tuesday evening lecture in the Archives and History Library in the Culture Center in Charleston. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Rivard will present a sample of

the photographs from her book *New Deal Photographs of West Virginia, 1934-1943* (2012). The mission of the book is to show the predominately positive images that were produced by ten professional photographers who visited the state as part of the Farm Security Administration Project. Rivard, editor of the book,

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 will talk about how and why the photographs were made. She also will discuss the importance of these images and other initiatives that focus on the “other” West Virginia, as fine art and as a way to help improve the state’s image, both inside and beyond our borders.

Betty Rivard has a bachelor of arts in political science and a fifth year in education from the University of California at Berkeley and both a master of arts in education and a masters in social work from West Virginia University. In 1999 she retired from a 25-year career as a social worker and planner for DHHR. Since then her award-winning fine art landscape photographs have been widely exhibited. In 2004 she was given the Fellowship in Photography by the West Virginia Division of Culture and History and the West Virginia Commission on the Arts. Her photographs of historic school buildings were featured in the 2005 Historic Preservation Calendar, and her work has been published

in *Goldenseal* and *Wonderful West Virginia* magazines. She has worked as per diem staff for the West Virginia Legislature and is in her seventh year of producing the art fairs for FestivALL Charleston. She currently is doing research for a new book of wartime photographs of the Bethlehem-Fairfields Shipyard in Baltimore; the draft title is *When We All Worked Together*.

On January 7, the library will close at 5 p.m. and reopen at 5:45 p.m. for participants only. For planning purposes, participants are encouraged to register for the lecture, but advance registration is not required to attend. To register in advance, contact Robert Taylor, library manager, by e-mail at Bobby.L.Taylor@wv.gov or at (304) 558-0230, ext. 163. Participants interested in registering by e-mail should send their name, telephone number and the name and date of the session. For additional information, contact the Archives and History Library at (304) 558-0230.

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For Your Reference

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

West Virginia Blue Books

A full set of the eponymous *West Virginia Blue Book* is a staple of the Archives and History Library Reference Collection. First produced in 1916 in a blue cover, the comprehensive manual of West Virginia government was properly titled *West Virginia Legislative Hand Book and Manual and Official Register* until 1933 when the manual was officially given what had been its unofficial name for years, *West Virginia Blue Book*. Print volumes were published mostly annually up through Volume 90 in 2008. It was not published in 1932, 1988, 1990, 2009 and 2010. Volume 91 was published 2011. Two editions were issued the first year, the initial one in April 1916 and the other, a revised edition containing results of June 1916 elections, in October 1916. The most current *Blue Book* now appears as an online resource on the State Legislature Web site with Volume 92, 2012, as a PDF download of the entire volume on the West Virginia Legislature Web site, www.legis.state.wv.us, or of individual chapters on the Senate Clerk’s Web site, <http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Senate1/clerk.cfm>.

Each *Blue Book* includes all local, county, state and federal office holders, employees and appointees, as well as statewide institutions and organizations. Other helpful information includes the state and federal constitutions, postal directories (and place names that are not post offices), county and municipal information, election results, statistics, historical data, census figures, broadcasting

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Evening Workshops and Lecture Schedule

Date	Conducted by:	Subject
February 4, Tuesday	Patti Hamilton	“ <i>West Virginia Courthouses</i> ”
February 20, Thursday	Terry Lively	“ <i>Covered Bridges of West Virginia</i> ”
March 4, Tuesday	Steve Cunningham	“ <i>Loyalty They Always Had: The 7th WV Cavalry in the U.S. Civil War</i> ”
March 20, Thursday	Dianne Anestis	“ <i>Women’s Role in Native American Society</i> ”

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

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

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 and print journalism directories, and much more. The official state bird, flower, tree, etc., are identified, beginning with the state flower, the *rhododendron maxima*, or Big Laurel, in Volume 1. Historical sketches of various aspects of the state are scattered throughout the set. One can find photographs of office holders and biographies of the executive, judicial and legislative branches of West Virginia state government, plus the United States president, members of the U.S. Congress representing West Virginia, and federal judges in odd-numbered years. While not all categories are covered in every edition, each volume is a font of knowledge about West Virginia that was current in its time but has become historical as time has passed.

Two other manuals are shelved with the *Blue Books*, but are not part of the series. One is the *Manual of the State of West Virginia for the Years 1907-1908*, issued by the Secretary of State, C. W. Swisher, in

1907. The format and information included is much the same as in the legislative manuals that followed almost a decade later. The other is a *1915 Hand-Book of West Virginia*, edited by George Byrne, “compiled and published under the direction of the West Virginia Panama-Pacific Exposition Commission” in 1915. The *Hand-Book* is not as comprehensive concerning the political offices and government within the state, but as its subtitles declare, it describes “The State’s Wonderful Development, Its Natural Resources and Industrial Advantages,” and “Biographies of Prominent Citizens and Stories of

Leading Business Institutions.” Even earlier versions of a legislative manual were included as part of legislative journals published after each session of the legislature, but not as separate books.

Blue Books have always been treasured by West Virginians and their descendants, both as snapshots of the state in a particular year, a guide to most things West Virginia, and as a resource for personal information on government officeholders and employees, even for simple listings of themselves or relatives in the staff directory portion of more modern editions.

Parkersburg in the Civil War to be Discussed at January 23 Lecture

On January 23, 2014, Dr. Michael Workman will present “Parkersburg: Guardian of the Union” at the Thursday evening lecture in the Archives and History Library in the Culture Center in Charleston. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Workman will discuss the Civil War history of Parkersburg and Little Kanawha region. He will explain the key role that the town and its political leadership played in the statehood movement and then focus on guerrilla warfare in the Little Kanawha Valley. The B&O Railroad’s Parkersburg Branch formed the approximate border line between North and South in northwestern Virginia, so sentiment was divided in the Little Kanawha Valley. Rather than being a colorful sideshow, as it is often portrayed, this border war between Union forces and Confederate guerrillas was the war itself for most western Virginians.

Michael Workman earned a bachelor of arts degree in political

science and his masters and Ph.D in history from West Virginia University. A historian for the Institute for the History of Technology & Industrial Archaeology at WVU for a number of years, he has been an assistant professor at West Virginia State University since 2010. Workman has written and published on labor, industrial, and West Virginia history. His latest manuscript is a study of the Civil War as it impacted Parkersburg and the Mid-Ohio Valley.

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

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History staff can not correct the original records, but sometimes can enter cross-indexing of incorrect names with correct ones verified by family members and/or other records.

Some records unintentionally omitted (or possibly dropped for a period of time) from the database have been entered. A total of 2,276 marriages were added for Greenbrier, Nicholas, Boone and Pendleton counties. Where an error had resulted in indexing under wrong names, 100 additional state death certificates were entered under the correct names.

If you have not used WVRR for awhile, we suggest you search again for records you could not find previously. If you have not used the database before, please take the time to read the explanatory guide posted at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/vitalrecordsarticle.pdf> on the Archives and History Web site. You will find links to this article from the main WVRR page and under Research Guides in the State Archives section (<http://www.wvculture.org/history/wvsamenu.html>). If you are not familiar with

West Virginia vital records, or would like to learn more, read the *Archives and History News* articles on Births (October 2007), Deaths (September 2007) and Marriages (November 2007), available at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/ahnews/ahnews.html>. Links to updated versions of the *Quick Guide to Births*, the *Quick Guide to Deaths* and the *Quick Guide to Marriages* charts included in the original articles are available under Research Guides also (<http://www.wvculture.org/history/wvsamenu.html>).

History Day at the West Virginia Legislature is February 13, 2014

Please join West Virginians from all over the Mountain State as they gather to celebrate and share the history and culture of the state with the West Virginia Legislature and the public on February 13, 2014, at the State Capitol Complex. The 2014 History Heroes will be honored in the Norman L. Fagan State Theater in the Culture Center in the morning, while historical and genealogical societies,

preservation groups, historical house and museum supporters and others have displays in the State Capitol from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and costumed re-enactors roam the halls. View photos of History Day 2013 online at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/archivesindex.aspx>. Information on past History Heroes is posted at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/hisher2013.html>.

15th Annual

Hoot Owl Night



for all "Night Owls" willing to
"Burn The Midnight Oil"

at
**West Virginia Archives
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6:00 p.m. March 28, 2014
 to
8:00 a.m. March 29, 2014

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New Titles

- The Lost Village of Barboursville:** Jeanette M. Rowsey, 2013.
- Roadkill Cookbook: Wild Game Recipes Collected from the Annual Roadkill Cook-offs in Marlinton, Pocahontas County, WV: 2001-2009:** Pocahontas County Chamber of Commerce, 2010.
- Climbing Kilimanjaro at 70:** Richard A. Wolfe, Ph.D., 2010.
- Reflections of a Native Son:** Edgell S. Turley, 2006.
- Rose:** Anna Bernstein, 2007.
- City of Princeton, W. Va.: A Partial Photographic Listing of Motor Vehicle Complaints:** Bill J. Buzzo, Jr., 2005.
- The Story of Woodbine Farm:** W. D. Zinn, 1931.
- Finding Fathers: Lost. Found. Remembered:** Clyde Davis, 2011.
- Respect: Forgotten Heroes:** Bob L. VandeLinde, 2008.
- Folk-Songs of the South:** John Harrington Cox, 2013, c1925.
- Over the Alleghenies: Early Canals and Railroads of Pennsylvania:** Robert J. Kapsch, 2013.
- Out of Peel Tree:** Laura Long, 2014.
- Hippie Homesteaders: Arts, Crafts, Music, and Living on the Land in West Virginia:** Carter Taylor Seaton, 2014.
- Stroope/Stroop Family History: Volume 2, Parts 1 and 2: The Sojourners:** Connie Stroope Brooks and Kathy Stroope Veasey, 1990.

The Birds of Pendleton County West Virginia: J. Lawrence Smith, 1970.
Kanawha Valley Ornithology & Handlan Chapter History: J. Lawrence Smith, 2002.

Did You Tell Them Who You Are?: A Hoskins Family Story: Rebecca Hoskins Goodwin, 2013.

Gifts of William D. Wintz Family

Founders' Day Weekend: Historic Saint Albans, West Virginia: St. Albans Historical Society, 2006.

Eyewitness to the Civil War: The Complete History from Secession to Reconstruction: Neil Kagan, editor, 2006.

Tales of a Thunderbird in World War II: Kenneth D. Williamson, 1994.

Encyclopedia of the Second World War: Elizabeth-Anne Wheal and others, 1989.

Pearl Harbor and the USS Arizona Memorial: A Pictorial History: Richard A. Wisniewski, 1986.

Campaigns of World War II Day by Day: Chris Bishop and Chris McNab, 2006.

Our Vanishing Landscape: Eric Sloane, 1974, c1955.

Fifty Six Hours: A True Story: J. W. Miller, 2004.

Lincoln in the Telegraph Office: Recollections of the United States Military Telegraph Corps During the Civil War: David Homer Bates, 1907.

Second Indianhead Division Association: Roster: July 31, 1989: The Association, 1989.

History's Greatest War: A Pictorial Narrative: S. J. Duncan-Clark, 1919.

The Seasons of America Past: Eric Sloane, 1988, c1958.

The Normandy Campaign: June and July, 1944: Stephen A. Patrick, 1986.

Our Call To Arms: The Attack on Pearl Harbor: Robert Sullivan, editor, 2001.

Gifts of John Lilly, Goldenseal Magazine

Shepherd University: Dorothy E. Hively, 2013.

Have You Had Enough Darkness Yet?: Irene McKinney, 2013.

A West Virginia Sesquicentennial Celebration: A Photo Journey through West Virginia: Buckhannon Upshur Camera Club, 2013.

Gifts of Mining Your History Foundation

The Name IS the Game: Onomatology and the Genealogist: Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, 2013.

A Twentieth Century History of Trumbull County Ohio: A Narrative Account of its Historical Progress, Its People and Its Principal Interests: Volume I and Volume II (bound as one): Harriet Taylor Upton, 1909.

History of Summit County with an Outline Sketch of Ohio: William Henry Perrin, 1881.

Almost Heaven: Tales from the Good Old Days in Western West Virginia: (Hometown Memories series), compiled and edited by Todd Blair and Karen Garvey, 2013.

Archives and History Staff Changes

Congratulations to Debra Basham, Archives and History archivist, who now also serves as assistant director. Basham has been with the State Archives for 29 years. She will shepherd the 2014 West Virginia History Bowl competition this year as part of her duties.

Matthew McGrew was an Archives and History temporary employee before entering graduate school. In December we welcomed him as a cultural program coordinator. He will oversee the West Virginia Historical Highway marker program. McGrew will be assisting with the History Bowl in 2014, then assuming responsibility for it beginning with the 2015 event.

We are also happy to have Matthew Dailey, a volunteer for several months, as a new part-time employee. He will be scanning and microfilming documents.

Research Request Letters to the Archives Library

The West Virginia Archives and History Library accepts research requests by regular mail on a limited basis for a fee. A researcher may write a letter requesting two searches for specific records, obituaries, etc., for a non-refundable search fee of \$15.00 for out-of-state residents or \$5.00 for in-state residents, with each fee including the first \$2.50 in copy costs (\$.25 per photocopy and \$.50 per microfilm copy). Fees for any oversize copies or state certificates will be added. Requests submitted without the required fee will be returned. Requests that are beyond the scope of our staff's limited time will be returned also. Please allow four to six weeks for our reply, but feel free to check on

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 the status of your letter after two or three weeks. Emergency and rush services are available for additional fees. For complete information and instructions, visit our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/services.html>.

The Archives and History staff is very competent, insightful and well-experienced in performing genealogical research. We do our best work when provided with as many clues as possible for each record requested. Be sure to include telephone numbers and e-mail addresses where you can be reached during the day so staff members can make quick contact for questions to clarify the search or for permission to extend the research for an additional fee. Please provide the county or counties where you think the records may be found, and the date range to be searched. If you don't know the date, estimate the year of the event as best you can using the information you have. For instance, if a married couple had their first child in 1933 and both were single in the 1930 census, request a search of marriage records for 1930-33. If you don't know the date a man died, but know that he was recorded in the 1870 census, and that his wife is listed as a widow in the 1880 census, request a search for a death between 1870 and 1880.

If your task is too large or too complicated for our staff to tackle, you may want to consider hiring an outside researcher. You will find a list of researchers who have notified us that they are available for hire posted at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/researcherlist.html>. West Virginia Archives and History does not endorse any researchers, but does remove researchers from the list if there are complaints from users. We also ask that a researcher who is no longer accepting requests, temporarily or permanently, notify us to be removed from the list.

Karl Dewey Myers, W. Va.'s First Poet Laureate

The Winter 2013 issue of *Goldenseal* magazine, edited by John Lilly and published by the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, contains an article entitled "Remembering Karl Dewey Myers, West Virginia's First Poet Laureate," by Cindy Karelis. The West Virginia Archives and History Library has copies of one of his two published books of poetry, *The Quick Years*, West Virginia Publishing Company, 1926. Several of the

poems reflect on war and the men who fought, especially those who

The Badge Paramount

*Now these who wear no silver shoulder-bar,
 Nor Croix de Guerre, nor silken ribbon, red,
 Who only followed on where duty led,
 Not spurring on the quest of sash and star,
 What have these left, who sleep so very far?
 Crosses of honor guarding each low bed,
 And stars of gold, whose gleam, sublimely shed,
 Shall fall consoling where life's shadows are?*

*Nay, more than these; wherever springtime skies
 Smile, and love's emblematic gardens flower;
 And children laugh through every golden hour,
 And women walk with quiet in their eyes,
 No more dishonored and no more afraid—
 There is their laurel and their accolade.*

Karl Dewey Myers

gave their lives for the cause, such as "The Badge Paramount."



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A Bit about Virgil A. Lewis, First State Historian and Archivist

Virgil Anson Lewis was the primary force behind the creation of the West Virginia Department of Archives and History in 1905, and was the first State Historian and State Archivist. Debra Basham, current assistant director/archivist, said of Lewis that the State Archives "was his life." Author of a number of books and articles about West Virginia government and history, he had begun writing a semi-centennial history of West Virginia to celebrate and record the state's first fifty years when he suffered heart problems in 1912. The following arti-

cle appeared in the *Huntington Herald-Dispatch* on September 5, 1912.

SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT Is Reported in Condition of Virgil A. Lewis, Who Has Been Very Ill For Some Time.

Mason City, W. Va., Sept. 4.—Physicians attending Prof. Virgil A. Lewis, state historian and archivist, who has been ill at his home here for the past two weeks or more, stated this morning that the condition of the patient is as favorable as can reasonably be expected and that he is

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.

NEW YEAR'S DAY, January 1, 2014: Archives Library will be *closed*.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY, January 20: Archives Library will be *closed*.

DEADLINE FOR HISTORY DAY DISPLAY SPACE REQUESTS, January 22:
Must be postmarked or hand-delivered to Archives and History by this date.

LIBRARY DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE, January 23: Capitol Complex, Charleston.

WINTER LECTURE SERIES: FRONTIER WOMEN, February 2: Debra Conner, presenter,
Blennerhassett Museum of Regional History, Parkersburg.

WINTER LECTURE SERIES: MARY DRAPER INGLES, February 9:
Karen Vuranch, presenter, Blennerhassett Museum of Regional History, Parkersburg.

HISTORY DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE, February 13: Capitol Complex, Charleston.

WINTER LECTURE SERIES: MATTHEW BRADY, February 16: Mark Holbrook, presenter,
Blennerhassett Museum of Regional History, Parkersburg.

PRESIDENTS DAY, February 17: Archives Library will be *closed*.

WINTER LECTURE SERIES: HISTORICAL MUSIC JOURNEY, February 23: Scott Cain,
presenter, Blennerhassett Museum of Regional History, Parkersburg.

6TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF NATIONS, March 15: Weirton Millsop Community Center, Weirton.

37TH ANNUAL APPALACHIAN STUDIES CONFERENCE, March 28-30: Huntington.

RITCHIE COUNTY GENEALOGY/HISTORY FAIR, March 29: Ellenboro.

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

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

on a fair way to recovery. He rested well last night and is still a very sick man, but it is assured that he will recover fully if there be no complications, and such are not feared at this time.

All of Prof. Lewis [sic] trouble is with the heart, but its action today is considerably better than it has been for several days, and a continuous rest, with complete divorce from worry over business or professional matters are all necessary to a continuance of his improvement in health. But he has resigned himself to the charges made

by the doctors and it is believed that he will follow instructions implicitly and within a few weeks will be permitted to return to the department at Charleston in which he takes so much pride.

Lewis was never able to return to work, and passed away on December 5, 1912. His occupation was listed as "State Historian, &c." A portrait of Lewis and a quotation from his writings about the Archives are found at the head of the West Virginia State Archives home page, <http://www.wvculture.org/history/wvsamenu.html>. A bibliography of books and articles by and about Lewis that are available in the Archives and History Library are posted under his name in "Notable Individuals in West Virginia History," <http://www.wvculture.org/history/notewv/lewis.html>. You may read the text of the Highway Historical Marker honoring him by entering "Virgil" and "Lewis" in the marker database at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/wvmemory/hm.aspx>.

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