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From the Editor:

We at Archives and History are excited and gratified to see the West Virginia History Bowl formalized and expanded to include participation by schools all across the state, just as the Social Studies Fair and other academic competitions are conducted. I have both professional and personal interest in encouraging the knowledge and love of history in students of this age, in hopes that these children will grow up to be passionate history teachers, society leaders, archivists and preservationists of the near future. I strongly encourage historical and genealogical societies, as well as individuals devoted to West Virginia's history, to contact Bryan Ward, assistant director, to inquire about ways in which they can support the schools and students who are participating in History Bowl 2011.

Archives and History Launches Online Sesquicentennial Project

By Mary Johnson

West Virginia Archives and History officially launched its online "Child of the Rebellion: An Archives and History Sesquicentennial Project" on January 1 with "Timeline of West Virginia: Civil War and Statehood." The timeline features events in the state's political and military history during the tumultuous years in which West Virginia became a state. Many of the events include links to articles, reports, and other primary source materials in the collections of the West Virginia State Archives. The timeline currently covers 1861 but eventually will extend through 1863.

Also part of "Child of the Rebellion," Archives and History is making available online digital images of correspondence from its West Virginia Union Militia Collection. The collection contains material from 45 counties (Grant, Lincoln, Mineral, Mingo, and Summers counties were not formed until after the war; other counties not represented are

Berkeley, Hampshire, Jefferson, Mercer, and Webster) and two boxes of miscellaneous material. At present, correspondence for approximately one-third of the

counties in the collection has been scanned.

In recognition of Black History Month in February, Archives and
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Dr. Lois Lucas to Present "African American Women's Activism in the Mountain State" on February 1

Dr. Lois Lucas will present "African American Women's Activism in the Mountain State" at the monthly Tuesday evening lecture in the Archives and History Library at 6:00 p.m. on February 1. Using as examples Memphis T. Garrison, Elizabeth S. Drewry, Lucile S. Meadows, and Mildred M. Batemen, Lucas will explore the role blacks played in the history of the state. These four women were agents of change, pioneers in their fields, according to Lucas. Their activism represents a long tradition that has been established among blacks in

West Virginia, while at the same time illustrating the complexity of race relations in the southern West Virginia coal fields and in the entire state.

Garrison was a strong civil rights advocate in the 1920s and 1930s and held a somewhat enigmatic position as an organizer and field secretary for the NAACP, speaking out against discrimination, while working as a social worker for a major coal company in southern West Virginia. Drewry was the first African American woman elected to the West

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Virginia state legislature. Elected in 1950, she did not shy away from controversy but tended to support and introduce legislation that favored wage workers, women, and health improvement rather than legislation that focused on racial equality. Meadows was a noted and effective educator who worked to bridge the gap between the races, beginning in the classroom. Although she held considerable political clout in the Democratic Party, she chose not to run for election to the legislature at the end of an appointive term in the 1990s. Unlike the other women, Bateman, who is still alive, is a medical doctor and was the first African American woman to serve as the head of a state department—the the Department of Mental Health. She was seemingly less vocal in the public sphere than the other three; yet, her style of activism yielded significant results nonetheless.

Lois Lucas is an associate professor of history at West Virginia State University in Institute, where she teaches American, African American, and world history courses. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from North Carolina Central University and her doctorate from the University of Kentucky. Lucas wrote her dissertation on "African American Women's Activism in West Virginia." She is the author of five published essays.

All Archives and History workshop and lecture sessions are free and the public is invited to attend. On February 1, the library will close at 5 p.m. and reopen at 5:45 p.m. for participants only. Advance registration is not required but is encouraged to help plan seating arrangements. To register in advance, contact Robert Taylor, library manager, bobby.l.taylor@wv.gov or (304) 558-0230, ext. 163. Participants interested in registering

Full House Enjoyed Archaeology Primer

The Archives and History Reading Room hosted a crowd to hear Dr. Robert Maslowski present "A Primer on West Virginia Archaeology" on January 4, as part of the Archives First Tuesday series. Dr. Maslowski introduced the highlights of prehistoric and historic West Virginia archaeology, and discussed several specific sites of interest. You may

view photographs of the evening on our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops/wkshp010411.html>.



Thursday Evening Genealogy Club Learns About DNA

John McClure spoke to a group of 34 people on January 13 at the monthly Thursday Evening Genealogy Club in the Archives and History Library.



He discussed DNA testing for genealogy purposes, focusing on the McClure DNA Project in which he is participating. McClure noted that the test results have brought him back

to the library for additional document research and suggested possible links to McClure families in areas he had not considered previously.

Pictures of the evening meeting are available at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops/2011januarygenclub.html>.



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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.

[This article originally was prepared by Mary Johnson for the Archives and History Web site based upon information provided by Dr. Lucas.]

Evening Workshops and Lecture Schedule

Date	Conducted by:	Subject
February 1 Tuesday	Dr. Lois Lucas	<i>African American Women's Activism in the Mountain State</i>
March 1 Tuesday	Dr. Michael Workman	<i>The Forgotten Battles of the Mine Wars: The Fairmont Field</i>
April 5 Tuesday	Lloyd Lewis	<i>An Introduction to the Railroad History of West Virginia</i>
May 3 Tuesday	Bobby Taylor	<i>West Virginia's Heritage Music</i>
June 7 Tuesday	Dick Fauss	<i>Archives and History Movie Night: Footage from the Collection</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.*

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

Bryan Richards Named Virgil A. Lewis Fellow

By Bryan Ward Jr.

The Archives and History section is proud to welcome Bryan Richards as the Division of Culture and History's Virgil A. Lewis fellow for the spring 2011 semester. Richards hails from Weirton and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Public History at West Virginia University. His coursework has focused on American Colonial history during the French and Indian War, the American Revolution, industrial history, and local history. At Archives and History, he will be providing research and content for "A Child of the Rebellion," Archives and History's online sesquicentennial project. Richards will also be working with the State Historic Preservation Office to provide research, support and content for "Historic West Virginia," a resource on West Virginia's National Register of Historic Places listings.

The Virgil A. Lewis (Archives and History) fellowship is one of

four fellowships created in 2009 as a joint project between the Division of Culture and History and West Virginia University's Public History Program. The fellowships provide worthy candidates with an opportunity to gain real world knowledge by working with the professional staff at the Culture Center in Charleston.

The fellowship is named for Virgil Anson Lewis, the first director of the West Virginia State Department of Archives and History. Born on July 6, 1828, in Mason County, Lewis lived a life dedicated to the study, research and teaching of West Virginia history. He was named as the director for the newly created State Department of Archives and History by Governor William M.O. Dawson in 1905 and was responsible for creating the West Virginia State Archives. Lewis remained the director and the state historian and archivist until his death in 1912.

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History has added a list of African American soldiers who served in the 45th Regiment, United States Colored Troops, during the Civil War and were credited to West Virginia. For each soldier, the list includes his name and date of enlistment. There also are remarks, such as the state or county of birth, for many soldiers. Another recent addition is a list of recruiting officers. An online exhibit of images currently on display in the Archives and History rotating photo gallery located in the north wing off the Great Hall is also available through the Web site.

The sesquicentennial project also includes a weekly trivia question that draws upon information in the timeline but may also require a little extra knowledge. You may participate by submitting an e-mail response as provided with the question, which will be available at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/sesquicentennial/timelinetrivia.html>. Old questions and answers will be available as well. Join in and test your knowledge!

"Child of the Rebellion" is an ongoing project to which other materials will be added over the course of the multi-year sesquicentennial commemoration. Among items to be added are a Civil War bibliography and additional image exhibits, as well as timelines for 1862 and 1863.

To view these sesquicentennial projects and to find links to other Civil War and statehood resources on Archives and History's Web pages, visit <http://www.wvculture.org/history/sesquicentennial.html>. For more information on "Child of the Rebellion: An Archives and History Sesquicentennial Project," contact Joe Geiger, director of Archives and History, at joe.n.geiger@wv.gov or (304) 558-0230.

12th Annual Hoot Owl on April 1

Mining Your History Foundation (MYHF) again presents the very popular Hoot Owl night for an all-night research session in the West Virginia Archives and History Library. This year's event begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 1, and concludes at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 2. In addition to the opportunity to use Archives and History Library resources, well-known genealogists from around the state will be available to discuss your research with you. Behind-the-scenes tours of the non-public areas of the Archives will be conducted. Refreshments will be available in the Archives conference

West Virginia History Bowl Competition Expanded in 2011

The West Virginia History Bowl began last year with its first competition with eighteen teams of eighth graders from around the state whose schools applied to participate in the one-day tournament at The Culture Center in Charleston. (See photos of the 2010 event at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops/historybowl2010.html>.) Riding upon the success of the initial year, the competition has been restructured to include regional tournaments in the eight West Virginia Education Service Agency (RESA) districts, with the winner and runner-up in each regional tournament advancing to the statewide tournament.

Archives and History staff have written more than 600 questions for use in the regional and state tournaments, with some help from the West Virginia Division of Tourism. The questions are about the state's history, culture, heritage, tourism and people. Several features of the Archives and History Web site are excellent tools for preparing for

room. If you don't think you can stay awake all night, bring a pillow and a sleeping bag to catch a nap in a vacant corner. Participation is limited to 50. Registration is \$25 by check or money order payable to MYHF and must be postmarked by March 18.

History Day Display Reservation Deadline Fast Approaching

By Mary Johnson

Time is running out! If your group hasn't submitted a reservation form for display space at this year's History Day, the deadline is February 3. Forms were mailed in November to all societies on our list of historical, preservation, and museum societies in West Virginia as well as to other

Late registration, if space is available, is \$35. Mail to MYHF, P. O. Box 6923, Charleston, WV, 25362-0923. For more information contact Joe Geiger, (304) 558-0230, joe.n.geiger@wv.gov, or Wes Cochran, (304) 422-1774, wescochran@juno.com.

groups that have participated in past History Day observances. If you didn't get a mailing from us, or have misplaced the information, the form is available on the Archives and History's Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/historyday/historyday2011announcement.html>. To receive one through the mail, call (304) 558-0230. The completed form should be mailed to: History Day, Attn. Mary Johnson, Archives and History, The Culture Center, 1900 Kanawha Blvd. East, Charleston, WV 25305-0300.

Mark Your Calendars!
15th Annual History Day,
February 24, 2011

the competition:
Daily Trivia: <http://www.wvculture.org/history/trivia/trivia.aspx>
Quick Quizzes: <http://www.wvculture.org/history/trivia/quizindex.aspx>
On This Day in West Virginia: <http://www.wvculture.org/history/thisdayinwvhistory/thisday.html>
Golden Horseshoe Preparation Page: Quick reference to links for the three resources above, <http://www.wvculture.org/history/goldenhorseshoeprep.html>

We hope readers of Archives

and History News will support the local school and home school program teams in their areas. RESA tournament sites and dates are as follows:

RESA 1	Shady Spring Middle School	February 5
RESA 2	Wayne Middle School	February 19
RESA 3	Charleston Catholic High School	March 26
RESA 4	Summersville Middle School	March 19
RESA 5	Jackson Middle School	February 12
RESA 6	Sherrard Middle School	March 12
RESA 7	St. Francis Central Catholic School	February 26
RESA 8	Moorefield Middle School	March 4

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General information about the History Bowl, along with registration forms and information can be found at <http://www.wvculture.org/Historybowl/historybowl.html> or by contacting Bryan Ward, assistant director of Archives and History, at (304) 558-0230 or Bryan.E.Ward@wv.gov. [Some information in this article taken from WVDCH press release, January 3, 2011.]

Lineage Societies to be Topic of February 10th Genealogy Club

Bob Fish of Parkersburg will discuss lineage societies at the Thursday evening Genealogy Club meeting on February 10, 2011. The club meeting will be held from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the West Virginia Archives and History Library in the Culture Center in Charleston. Meetings of the Genealogy Club are free and the public is invited to attend.

Widely regarded as an expert genealogist, Fish is past president of the West Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and a member of the SAR's national genealogy committee. He will discuss the role of societies such as the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution in honoring our country's history and heroes and in preserving each family's individual lineage history.

The program also will address how to get started on your family research, how to record your work, and how to make sure your results are correct. "With computer aided ancestry searching and the Internet, a lot more information is easily available but it's not all correct," according to Fish. "This makes ancestry searching today more exciting but also more challenging."

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New Titles

- History of the United States:** Egbert Guernsey, 1849.
Colonial Records of the Upper Potomac, Volume 1: William Rice, 2010.
Conquest: A Story About Peter Dillon: Henry Dillon, 2008.
Snippets From the Past: Eva Dowler, 2005.
The Senior Class of Salt Lick District High School, 1934–35: David L. Parmer, [2010].
The Senior Class of Burnsville High School, 1939: David L. Parmer, [2010].
The Senior Class of Burnsville High School, 1959: Supplement: David L. Parmer, [2010].
Wilderness War: Allan W. Eckert, 2001.
Out of the Dark 2: Mining Folk: Northern Cambria High School [Pennsylvania], 1977.
Bloody Valverde: John Taylor, 1995.
Wright Family Personal Property Tax Lists, 1782–1850, Rockbridge County, Virginia: Robert N. Grant, 2010.
Wright Family Birth Records. . . in Rockbridge County, Virginia: Robert N. Grant, 2010.
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Annual Report, 1998: The church [Charleston, WV], 1998.
Official Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of West Virginia: 1881–83, 1888–97: Knights Templar of West Virginia.
Seven Friends: "Ol' Bill," West Virginia Forestry Association, 2003.
West Virginia's Resource Conservation and Development Areas: USDA, 1999.
Regards Croisés: Phillip Bootz, ed., 2010.
Agnes Campbell, Lady Roseburn: John A. Fairley, 1925.
The Twenty-Fifth: A Memorial to Uncle Tom: Rena Johnson, 1923.
The Jamestown Ter-Centennial Exposition Program: 1907.
Catholic West Virginia: Ryan Rutkowski, 2010.
Border Forays & Adventures: From the Manuscripts of Lyman Copeland Draper and the Wisconsin Historical Society: Robert Barton Puryear III, 2007.

Calendars Added to *What's Happening at West Virginia Archives and History?*

A handy feature of the West Virginia Archives and History Web site is *What's Happening at West Virginia Archives and History?* On this page you will find links to: Archives Newsroom, Lectures and Workshops, Genealogy Club and Annual Showcase. Archives Newsroom includes reports of all kinds of events related to the Archives and History section, while the others are self-descriptive. Newly added Quick Calendars for the current and following months include both Archives and History

events and holiday closings. If you would like to learn about upcoming

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First Tuesday Lecture Flyer Online

A color flyer for Archives and History First Tuesday lectures for January through June 2011 is available on our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops/WinterSpring2011wkspflier.jpg>. Feel free to make copies of this flyer for distribution.

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events, read current news about the State Archives and the Archives and History Library, or view photos of past events, hit the *What's Happening at West Virginia Archives and History?* link on the home page, or go directly to <http://www.wvculture.org/history/whats happening.html>.

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At the end of the meeting, volunteer genealogists from the SAR and DAR will be available to meet with anyone who is interested in discussing his or her own lineage research with a goal of becoming a member of the SAR or DAR.

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Archives and History Library Registers 2000th New Visitor Under New Rules

By Mary Johnson

On January 4, 2011, Charles H. Carder of Amma became the 2000th new visitor to register in the West Virginia Archives and History Library since the first of January 2010. Archives and History Director Joe Geiger presented Mr. Carder with a complimentary copy of *Marking Our Past: West Virginia's Historical Highway Markers*.

Revised library services and fee guidelines that became effective in January 2010 require patrons of the Archives and History Library not only to sign the guest register each day they visit the library but also to complete a registration form on their first visit. With registration, visitors

acknowledge that they have been made aware of the library rules and what they are and are not permitted to bring into the library, and they agree to abide by these rules. The rules and researcher guidelines are available on the Archives and History Web site at <http://wvculture.org/history/rules/libraryrules.html>. The Archives and History Library



Genealogy Club

Archives and History Library

Every Tuesday Morning
10:00-11:00 a.m.

Once-a-Month Second
Thursday, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Services and Fee Guidelines is available at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/rules/rulesmain.html>.

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

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.

A HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL GUARD IN WEST VIRGINIA EXHIBIT,
 through February 13: The Culture Center, Charleston.

INSPIRED: HISTORIC GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES ART EXHIBIT, through July 24: The Culture Center, Charleston.

THE GREENBRIER: WEST VIRGINIA'S GIFT TO THE WORLD DISPLAY,
 through April 24: Balcony Gallery, The Culture Center, Charleston.

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DEADLINE FOR HISTORY DAY DISPLAY SPACE REGISTRATION, February 3:
Hand-delivered to Archives and History, The Culture Center, Charleston, or postmark date.

WEST VIRGINIA ARCHIVES AND HISTORY COMMISSION MEETING,
February 4: White Sulphur Springs.

“THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD,” February 19:
Sheila Coleman-Castells and Dr. Connie Rice, West Virginia Independence Hall, Wheeling.
For more information, visit <http://www.wvculture.org/events.aspx?VenueId=5>, call (304) 238-1300,
or e-mail Travis.L.Henline@wv.gov.

“A DOUBLE STRIKE FOR FREEDOM: BLACK SOLDIERS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION,” February 19: Dr. M. Lois Lucas, lecturer, Daniel Boone Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, West Virginia Archives and History Library, The Culture Center, Charleston.
Chapter meeting with speaker, open to the public, 2:00 p.m.
The library will be open for researchers as usual during the meeting/lecture.

PRESIDENTS’ DAY, February 21: Archives Library will be *closed*.

HISTORY DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE, February 24:
The West Virginia State Capitol and The Culture Center, Charleston.

“TELLING A BIG STORY: PRESERVATION OF THE MEADOWCROFT ROCKSHELTER,” February 24: David Scofield, speaker,
Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex, Moundsville.
For more information, contact Andrea Keller, (304) 843-4128, andrea.k.keller@wv.gov.

GENEALOGY FAIR, March 5: Kanawha Valley History Center, Rand Community Center, Rand. For more information or to register for vendor space, contact Linda Hoskins, (304) 925-2438, kvhc06@yahoo.com.

HOOT OWL NIGHT, April 1–2: Archives and History Library, The Culture Center, Charleston. Co-sponsored by West Virginia Archives and History and Mining Your History Foundation.

THIRD ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF NATIONS, April 2: Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center, Weirton. For more information, visit www.weirtonmuseum.com, or call Dennis Jones, (304) 479-7266, or Dr. Juginder Luthra, (304) 794-6336.

“VIRGINIA SECEDES!—THE BEGINNING OF WEST VIRGINIA STATEHOOD,”
April 16: 150th Anniversary Program, West Virginia Independence Hall, Wheeling.

WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY BOWL STATE TOURNAMENT,
April 26: The Culture Center, Charleston.

**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.

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