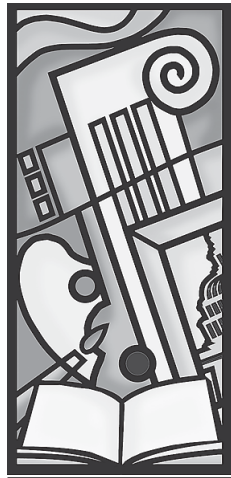


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## From the Editor:

*Pat Pleska was my co-worker and my friend.* We shared genealogy research tips and resources, stories of travel and of motherhood, a love of flowers and of really good candy, never enough laughter and too many tears. Pat showed a dedication above and beyond the call of duty in her position as West Virginia Veterans Memorial Archives manager, taking advantage of her personal travels to extend her trips to include grave sites and memorials for West Virginia veterans both in the United States and overseas. The photographs and information Pat obtained went into the individual veterans' files for their surviving families and for future generations to study. She will be long remembered.

## ***In Memoriam:*** **Patricia Pleska, 1943–2006**

The staff of West Virginia Archives and History deeply mourns the loss of our friend and colleague, Patricia Pleska, on February 28, 2006, after a long illness. Pat was an avid genealogist, a volunteer at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Family History Center in Sissonville, and an employee of the West Virginia Archives and History Library. A founding member of the Mining Your History Foundation, she organized and led the popular annual "Hoot Owl" overnight workshop in the Archives and History Library from 2000 to 2005. Since 1999, Pat was the manager of the West Virginia Veterans Memorial Archives within the Archives and History section. In recognition of her excellent service to West Virginia veterans and their families Pat was designated a Distinguished West Virginian by Governor Joe Manchin in 2005.

Patricia Kathleen Raredon Pleska is survived by her husband, P. Michael Pleska, of Charleston; daughters Christine, Denise,

Theresa, and Victoria Pleska; and son Michael Pleska. An obituary was published on March 3, 2006, in the *Charleston Gazette* at <http://www.wvgazette.com/section/Obituaries/>, and the *Charleston Daily Mail* at <http://www.dailymail.com/static/obituaries>. We thank those of you who have already offered your

condolences to the family, and we appreciate those who expressed their sympathy to our staff as well. We realize that Pat was known around the state. Anyone who wishes may send an e-mail to the Pleska family via Barlow-Bonsall Funeral Home, <http://www.barlowbonsall.com/condolences.htm>.

## Archives Library Free Workshops

### *Newspapers in Genealogical and Historical Research*

Conducted by Susan Scouras, Archives Librarian  
Thursday, April 6, 2006, and Tuesday, April 11, 2006  
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, contact  
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(304) 558-0230, Ext. 742, or [susan.scouras@wvculture.org](mailto:susan.scouras@wvculture.org)

*No charge, no registration, attend one or both sessions.*

Workshops are held in the  
West Virginia Archives and History Library,  
The Cultural Center, Charleston, West Virginia

## Loose Nicholas County Marriage Records Now on Microfilm

The West Virginia State Archives collaborated with the Nicholas County clerk to film loose marriage documents that had been stored away for safekeeping in the courthouse. The individual sheets, consisting of sections for the marriage license, the clerk's certificate and the minister's return of marriage, were tri-folded and had to be opened and flattened before filming. (The Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints had not filmed these loose documents for this reason.) Once filmed, the originals were returned to Nicholas County. Because the documents were filed by year, then alphabetically by groom, and were filmed as arranged by the clerk's office in the order received, they may not be in exact order. The documents are on three rolls (1884–1888, 1889–1895 and 1896–1903) and are available for use in the Archives and History Library. No index has been prepared to date. Would anyone like to volunteer? If so, contact Fredrick Armstrong, (304)558-0230, fhamstrong @ wvculture.org.

## Preservation to Feature Arthurdale

The March/April 2006 issue of *Preservation*, the magazine of the National Historic Trust, features Arthurdale, West Virginia, as its cover story, "Brave New Town," by Michael Byers. The community, located in Preston County, was constructed in 1933 through the Subsistence Homestead program, part of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places as an historic district in 1989, Arthurdale was the proto-

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## Newspaper Indexes

West Virginia Archives and History Library  
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NEWSPAPER SUBJECT INDEXES  
 (Includes both news events and personal events)  
 Shelled in the Microfilm Room

- Index of the *Miners Herald*, 1913–1914 [Montgomery, Fayette County]
- Index of the *Raleigh Register*, 1907–1927 [Beckley, Raleigh County]
- Index of the *Mountain Herald*, 1873–1884 [Hinton, Summers County]
- Index of the *Independent Herald*, 1891–1896 [Hinton, Summers County]
- An Index for the *Martinsburg Gazette*, 1810–1855 [Berkeley County]
- Index to the *Logan Democrat* (1907–1919) and the *Logan County News* (1941–1945) [Logan, Logan County]
- Index of the *Logan News*, 1946–1976 [Logan, Logan County]
- Logan County* Major Developments, 1935–1964 (Events, including deaths, illnesses, political and business news, are listed chronologically, but no subject/name index. Taken from *Logan Banner*?) [Logan, Logan County]
- The *Logan County Banner Index*, 1889–1939 [Logan, Logan County]
- Wheeling Intelligencer Index*, 1852–1863 [Ohio County]
- Glennville Democrat* Subject Index, 1935–1950 and 1964–1974 [Gilmer County]
- Index of the *Fayette Journal*, 1900–1908 [Oak Hill, Fayette County]
- Index of the *Fayette Sun*, 1911–1914 [Fayetteville, Fayette County]
- Charleston Newspaper Index, 1963–1988 (includes both the *Charleston Daily Mail* and the *Charleston Gazette*) [Kanawha County]
- Index to the Press of the Kanawha Valley, 1855–1865
  - *Charleston Daily Bulletin* [Charleston, Kanawha County]
  - *Guerrilla* [Charleston, Kanawha County]
  - *Kanawha Republican* [Charleston, Kanawha County]
  - *Kanawha Valley Star* [Charleston, Kanawha County]
  - *Star of the Kanawha Valley* [Buffalo, Putnam County]
  - *Weekly Register* [Point Pleasant, Mason County]
  - *West Virginia Journal* [Charleston, Kanawha County]
- Virginia Gazette* Index, 1736–1780 [Williamsburg, Virginia]
- Index to Obituaries in the *Parkersburg News*, 1930–1969. [Wood County] [duplicate set]

OBITUARY, ETC., ABSTRACTS AND INDEXES  
 Shelled in the Reading Room under 929.3, by State/County

- Martinsburg Gazette* Death Notices: Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan Counties, January 3, 1828 through March 7, 1855 [Berkeley County]
- An Index to Deaths, Marriages, and Some Miscellany in the *Martinsburg Statesman*, *Statesman-Democrat*, and *Valley Star*, 1870–1913 [Includes some events] [Berkeley County]
- Braxton County WV 1900–1910 and 1911–1920: *Braxton County Democrat* Newspaper [Braxton County]
- Obituaries: *Glennville Democrat*, 1935–2000 [Gilmer County]
- The Jackson Herald* Obituaries from the Years 1947, 1948, 1949 [Jackson County]

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type for 99 other resettlement communities across the United States, including Eleanor in Putnam County and the Tygart Valley Homesteads in Randolph County, West Virginia. An excerpt of the story may be seen at Preservation Online, <http://www.nationaltrust.org/Magazine/current/cover.htm>.

Arthur Dale Heritage, Inc. (AHI), a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of historic Arthur Dale, hosts a New Deal Festival every July. In conjunction with the West Virginia Humanities Council and Museum on Main Street, AHI will host the traveling Smithsonian Institution exhibit, *Produce for Victory: Posters on the American Home Front, 1941–1945*, in the New Deal Homestead Museum June 16–July 28, 2006.

## Cleaning a Cemetery? Researching Burials? Read This First!

*Following are suggested resources for locating cemeteries, researching burials, identifying grave markers and decorations, cleaning cemeteries, and more, both generally and more specifically to West Virginia.*

The West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has posted a section entitled “Cemetery Information” on its Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/shpo/cemeteries.html>. The following articles are included:

- *Cemeteries 101: An Overview of Tools and Techniques for Basic Cemetery Rehabilitation*, by Joanna Wilson
- *West Virginia’s Cemeteries and the National Register of Historic Places*, by Lora Lamarre
- *Pushing Up Yucca...And Other Traditional Cemetery Plants*, by Rachel Black
- *West Virginia Cemetery Codes* (excerpts of sections of WV State

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## OBITUARY, ETC., ABSTRACTS AND INDEXES (con’t)

**Carter County Kentucky** Newspaper Extractions, 1893–1930: Births, Marriages and Licenses, Deaths, Anniversaries, Reunions, Birthdays and More [Kentucky] [929.376928 P489]

- *East Kentucky Journal*
- *Carter County Herald*
- *The Progressive*
- *Carter County Courier*
- *Olive Hill Times*
- *Olive Hill Dispatch*
- *The Bugle-Herald*
- *Grayson Tribune*
- *Carter County Bugle*
- *The Democrat*

Obituaries, Births and Marriages from the **Weston Independent**—Lewis County, WV, 1942–1943 and 1948–1949 [Lewis County]

**Weston Democrat** Obituaries, 1999–2000 [Lewis County]

**Bluefield Daily Telegraph**: Abstracts of Obits [Mercer County]

Marriages and Death Notices in **Raleigh Register** and **North Carolina State Gazette, Daily Sentinel, Raleigh Observer, and News and Observer** [North Carolina] [929.3756 B875]

- **Raleigh Register** and **North Carolina State Gazette**, for 1799–1887
- **Daily Sentinel, Raleigh Observer, and News and Observer**, for 1867–1887

Marriage and Death Notices of **Wheeling, Western Virginia and the Tri-State Area**, 1818–1865 [Ohio County]

- **Virginia North Western Gazette**, 1818–1823
- **Wheeling Tri-Weekly Gazette**, 1835–1836, 1839
- **Wheeling Tri-Weekly Times and Advertiser**, 1838, 1839
- **Western Virginia Times**, 1840, 1841
- **Daily Wheeling Times**, 1849
- **Daily Wheeling Gazette**, 1849–1850
- **Wheeling Times and Gazette**, 1850
- **Wheeling Intelligencer**, 1852–1854

Abstracts and Extracts from **Athens County, Ohio Newspapers**, 1890 [Ohio] [929.377197 B787]

**York, South Carolina**, Newspapers: Marriage, and Death Notices, 1823–1865 [South Carolina] [929.375743 H725]

Index to Obituary Notices in the **Richmond Enquirer** from May 9, 1804, through 1828, and the **Richmond Whig** from January, 1824, through 1838 [Virginia] [929.3 V817i]

Marriages and Deaths from **Lynchburg, Virginia Newspapers**, 1794–1836 [Includes a few 1837 entries] [Virginia] [929.3 V817ma]

- **Union Gazette**
- **Lynchburg and Farmers Gazette**
- **Lynchburg Press**
- **Lynchburg Press and Public Advertiser**
- **Lynchburg Virginian**

**Wayne County News** Index to Births, Deaths, Marriages, Marriage Licenses, Birthdays, Anniversaries and Reunions, 1911–1930 [Wayne County]

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Code regarding cemeteries)

The West Virginia Cemetery Survey is described, with an introductory statement that “[t]he West Virginia Cemetery Survey is a program designed to help genealogists, archivists, and other interested persons to locate, record, and preserve information about cemeteries within the state.” The Survey form, form instructions and a brochure are available for printing from the Web site.

The West Virginia Cemetery Preservation Association, Inc., has cemetery listings and many useful links on their Web site, <http://members.citynet.net/WVCPA/>. The West Virginia Cemeteries message board on RootsWeb, administered by 2005 History Hero Linda Cunningham Fluharty, offers a forum for exchange of information regarding burial locations and cemeteries in West Virginia. You can read the message board at <http://boards.ancestry.com> (under the topic list, click on cemeteries, then United States, then West Virginia), and may sign up for the West Virginia Cemeteries mailing list at <http://lists.rootsweb.com/index.other/Cemeteries>. (In the “Others” topic box, click on cemeteries, then WV-CEMETERIES.)

The Association for Gravestone Studies, an international organization for furthering the study and preservation of gravestones, has an informative Web site, <http://www.gravestonestudies.org/>, including full articles with topics ranging from gravestone symbolism to a review of brand name materials for cleaning gravestones. In addition to grave markers, many graves have flag holders. To identify the organization represented by the flag holder, try the Web site for “Commemorative Flagholders and Plaques” found at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~srgp/flaghold/flaghold.htm>.

**OBITUARY, ETC., ABSTRACTS AND INDEXES (con’t)**

**Wetzel County**, WV, Obituary Book, 1870–1940 [Unidentified newspapers] [Wetzel County]

Tri-County Obituary Collection: Obituaries from **Marshall, Tyler and Wetzel Cos.**, WV, 1888–1990

- **Weekly Dispatch**, New Martinsville [Wetzel County]
- **Tyler County Journal**, Middlebourne [Tyler County]
- **Wetzel Republican**, New Martinsville [Wetzel County]
- **Wetzel Democrat**, New Martinsville [Wetzel County]
- **Moundsville Echo**, Moundsville [Marshall County]

Index to Obituaries in the **Parkersburg News**, 1930–1969. [Wood County]

**Parkersburg Gazette** 1841–1857 Marriage and Death Records [Wood County]

**West Virginia** Obituaries 1995 [929.3 W521o] Unidentified newspapers from the following areas:

- Parkersburg [Wood County]
- Braxton County
- Gilmer County
- Webster County
- Ritchie County
- Huntington [Cabell County]
- Charleston [Kanawha County]
- New Martinsville [Tyler County]
- Doddridge County
- Clarksburg [Harrison County]
- Phoenix, Arizona

Obituaries of **West Virginia Newspapers**, 1822–1899 [Varying West Virginia newspapers in each volume] [929.3 W521r]

Obituaries from Newspapers of **Northern West Virginia**, principally from the Counties of Barbour, Braxton, Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Lewis, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, Ritchie, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Webster and parts of Marion, Wetzel and Wirt, 1931–1932 [Varying West Virginia newspapers] [929.3 W521t]

The Archives and History Library has over 200 volumes of cemetery surveys covering about 45 West Virginia counties and several border state counties. The authors/compilers range from individuals who have documented family plots, to historical/genealogical societies who have canvassed most of a county. Some books have complete indexes allowing a search of one or several cemeteries by the individual name of the deceased, while others are simply a listing of burials by cemetery. In our pamphlet file we have a few booklets with cemetery lists or a survey of a small cemetery. When using the Archives collection,

always search the online catalog by subject to be sure you see all our holdings. The books on the Reading Room shelves may not be our only sources on any given subject. We have a few books compiled from funeral home records cataloged under Dewey number 929.5 with the cemetery books.

To date there are no official state listings of burials or cemeteries available; however, West Virginia Dept. of Health Vital Statistics Death Certificates include a record of date and place of burial. (Very few 1853–1916 county death records include burial information.) The West

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**INDEXES TO CHURCH PAPERS  
 Shelved in the Reading Room**

Abstracts of the *Christian Observer*, later the Central Methodist, 1867–1875 [Methodist Church, with a few Baptist and Presbyterian notices included] [Kentucky, West Virginia] [929.3 W359w]  
 Index to Marriage Notices in the *Southern Churchman*, 1835–1941 [Protestant Episcopal Church] [929.3 V817hi]  
 Index to Obituary Notices in the *Religious Herald*, 1828–1938 [*Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia: Guide to the Manuscript Collections of the Virginia Baptist Historical Society*] [Baptist Church] [929.3 V817r No.1]  
 Index to Marriage Notices in the *Religious Herald*, 1828–1938 [*Inventory of Church Archives of Virginia: Guide to the Manuscript Collections of the Virginia Baptist Historical Society*] [Baptist Church] [929.3 V817r No. 2]

**New Titles**

**Missing Pieces: How to Find Birth Parents and Adopted Children: A Search and Reunion Guidebook:** Paul Drake and Beth Sherrill, 2004.  
**Parkersburg in Vintage Postcards:** Christy and Jeff Little, 2005.  
**Navigation Charts, Ohio River, Huntington District, Foster, Kentucky to New Martinsville, W. VA.:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1992.  
**General Lee Craddock: His Life & Legend:** Ruth Midkiff Craddock, 1983.  
**The Life and Work of Eleanor Roosevelt:** Sarah J. Purcell and L. Edward Purcell, 2002.  
**Coal Fields, Communities & Change: Status of Planning: Southern West Virginia:** National Park Service, 1991.  
**Huntington: An Illustrated History:** James E. Casto, 1997.  
**Excerpts from Mac Day, Crusader: A Story of the Fight for Americanism [Cover Title: Revenue Agent: Life and Death Exploits of a Prohibition Agent in West Virginia]:** William Grant Burleigh, 1994, c1925.  
**The Mouse Hunter: A West Virginia Memoir:** Gaynelle Straight Malesky, 1994.  
**Old Hiram. . . and Other Memories from the Hills of West Virginia:** Vivian Smith Boston, 1988.  
**Men, Mountains, and Rivers: An Illustrated History of the Huntington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1754-1974:** Leland R. Johnson, 1977.  
**Ohio Valley Memories:** Phyllis R. Saigal, 1999.  
**West Virginia Air Power: A Pictorial History of the 130th and 167th Tactical Airlift Groups:** Jack H. Smith, 1992.  
**Coal and Culture: Opera Houses in Appalachia:** William Faricy Condee, 2005.  
**Complete Idiot's Guide to the Legacy of Lincoln:** Pamela Oldham, et als, 2005.  
**My Life Before Ev: Memories of an Octogenarian, from Birth to Marriage:** Bill Hausman, 2005.  
**Monacans and Miners: Native American and Coal Mining Communities in Appalachia:** Samuel R. Cook, 2000.  
**Spring Wild Flowers of West Virginia:** Earl L. Core, 2005.  
**General William Averell's Salem Raid:** Darrell L. Collins, 1999.  
**Carmack's Guide to Copyright & Contracts: A Primer for Genealogists, Writers & Researchers:** Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, 2005.  
**The Shot from the Mountain: An Appalachian Odyssey:** Claude S. Phillips, 2004.  
**The Beheading of Casper Prisler, an Innocent Boy or Civil War spy?:** Gary G. Smith, 2004.

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**Genealogical Humor**

Authors or originators of the following statements and definitions are unknown, but undoubtedly they know genealogists and the field of family history research very well.

- Genealogists don't die, they just lose their census.
- Friends come and go, but relatives tend to accumulate.
- Only a genealogist regards a step backwards as progress.
- Genealogists are time unravelers.
- Genealogists live in the past lane.
- Genealogy: A haystack full of needles. It's the threads I need.
- I'm always late—my ancestors arrived on the Juneflower.
- Genealogy is the marriage of a jigsaw puzzle to a Dungeons & Dragons game.
- Take nothing but ancestors, leave nothing but records.
- Genealogy: It's all relative in the end.
- Searching for lost relative? Win the lottery!
- I trace my family history so I will know who to blame.
- I'd rather look for dead people than have them look for me.

My personal favorite, an old genealogy classic, was not on the list: My family tree has root rot!

**How Much Do You Know About West Virginia?**

Test your knowledge online of all things West Virginia by answering the Daily Trivia Question of the Day at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/trivia/trivia.aspx>, or taking one of 118 Quick Quizzes on the Archives and History Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/trivia/quizindex.aspx>. The quizzes provide an excellent method of practicing for the Golden Horseshoe test, especially the County Seats Quiz. Learn even more about West Virginia

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**Miss America Kissed Caleb: Stories:** Billy C. Clark, 2005.  
**Greed and Other Stories:** Howard Hull, 2002.  
**Historical Gazetteer of the United States:** Paul T. Hellmann, 2005.  
**The Oakes Family in America:** Ellen Calvert, 1958.  
**The Drewrys, 1755–1978:** Richard K. Stafford, 1979.  
**Descendants of Bartholomew Stovall (1665–1722):** Donald E. Bishop, 1999.  
**Coal Facts 2005:** National Coal Association.  
**Information for Everyone: The Applied Materials Story:** Eric Nee, 2003.  
**City of Wheeling 2006 Calendar: Celebrating 200 Years of City Services:** City of Wheeling, 2006.  
**A Checklist of the Flora of Barbour County, West Virginia:** Elenor Bush.  
**History of Tyler County West Virginia, Volume 2, 2005:** Tyler County Heritage and Historical Society, 2005.  
**Index for the Frederick County Section of Scharf’s *History of Western Maryland:*** Helen R. Long, 1986.  
**Index for the Washington County Section of Scharf’s *History of Western Maryland:*** Helen R. Long, 1988.  
**Churches of the Past: 2004 Historical Calendar:** KYOWVA Genealogical Society, 2004.  
**The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings:** National Park Service, Preservation Services, 1990.  
**Register of Alumni, Graduates and Former Naval Cadets and Midshipmen: United States Naval Academy Alumni Association, Inc., 1845–1965:** The Association, 1965.  
**Excelsior Method for the Parlor Organ:** O. H. Michaelson, 1884.

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 people, places and events by visiting *On this day in West Virginia history...* on our homepage. This daily feature includes a photograph or other image, as well as links to suggested articles for further reading. Back files for previous dates are available as well.

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 Archives and History Web site  
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 Virginia Vital Research Records searchable database on our Web site at [http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va\\_select.aspx](http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx) has images of state death certificates 1917–1955, with plans to add the subsequent years as they pass the 50 year mark. Currently, the Archives Library can provide uncertified copies of death certificates from 1917 through 1973. No cemetery recorded, or no death record found? If you have an exact date of death, you can use the Library’s extensive collection of newspapers to search for obituaries that almost always state place of burial. Another potential source of records would be a funeral home identified on the certificate and/or in an obituary.

We are adding cemetery books to the Archives and History Library collection all the time. If we do not have a book for the county in which you are interested now, check again every few months. We would like to receive a copy of any record you or your organization may have that we do not have in the Library at present. If you would like to learn about our holdings, search the online catalog at <http://129.71.148.242/vt1s40/frame/>, or contact Susan Scouras, [susan.scouras@wvculture.org](mailto:susan.scouras@wvculture.org), or (304) 558-0230.

## Free Access to Ancestry and HeritageQuest for Archives and History Library Patrons

The West Virginia Archives and History Library offers two subscription databases to the public free of charge via the Library’s computers with Internet access. (Remote access from outside the Library is not available.) Ancestry Library Edition is the institutional version of Ancestry.com, offering complete U.S. Census records, a birth/death/marriage database, international records, surname databases, and much more. HeritageQuest Online offers most U.S. Census records, a large collection of genealogy and history books, Freedman’s Bank records, and PERSI, a well-known periodical index. Using these databases patrons can search their family history both nationally and internationally. Trace

your family’s path to West Virginia, follow the trail of those who left West Virginia, and look up your non-West Virginia relatives as well. The Archives and History Library is open 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, including most state holidays.

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## Calendar of Events

Please check our web site (<http://www.wvculture.org/history>) for genealogical and historical society meeting announcements, and for more complete information on activities listed below.

**“HOOT OWL” RESEARCH NIGHT, March 31–April 1:** All night research in the Archives and History Library, sponsored by Mining Your History Foundation and the Library, The Cultural Center, Charleston.

**WEST VIRGINIA DIOCESAN TREASURE, January 18–April 7:** Exhibit featuring documents, artifacts and photographs, West Virginia Catholic Heritage Center, Wheeling.

**“REMEMBERING BUFFALO CREEK,” Now through May 31:**  
Exhibit recalling the February 26, 1972, tragedy, Chief Logan State Park, Logan.

**CHILDREN’S CIVIL WAR BOOT CAMP, April 1:** Free Family Fun Day with the Shriver Grays Civil War Re-enactors, West Virginia Independence Hall, Wheeling.

**“NEWSPAPERS IN GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL RESEARCH,”**  
**April 6 and April 11:** Susan Scouras, Archives and History Library, The Cultural Center, Charleston.

**BLUE AND GRAY DINNER, April 19:** Speakers: Al Stone portraying General Robert E. Lee and Arla Ralston portraying Mary Todd Lincoln.  
For reservations call (304) 238-1300. West Virginia Independence Hall, Wheeling.

**FEDERAL #3 MINE MINERS MEMORIAL SERVICE,**  
**April 30:** Everettville Historical Association, Old Everettville School, Everettville.

**“FAMILY REUNION: STORYTELLING FOR SPRINGTIME,” May 6:**  
Free Family Fun Day with Susanna Holstein as “Granny Sue,” West Virginia Independence Hall, Wheeling.

**CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT, May 20:** Jenkins Plantation Museum, Lesage.

**PRIMARY ELECTION DAY, May 9:** Archives Library will be open.\*

**MEMORIAL DAY, May 29:** Archives Library will be *closed*.

**“CAL PRICE AND THE POCAHONTAS TIMES,” June 3:** WVDCH Free Films, West Virginia Film Makers Series, The Norman L. Fagan West Virginia State Theater, The Cultural Center, Charleston.

**“PRODUCE FOR VICTORY: POSTERS ON THE AMERICAN HOME FRONT, 1941–1945,” June 16–July 28:** Smithsonian Institution Exhibit, New Deal Homestead Museum, Arthurdale.

**WEST VIRGINIA DAY, June 20:** Archives Library will be open.\*

**INDEPENDENCE DAY, July 4:** Archives Library will be *closed*.

**HISTORY DAY, February 22, 2007:** The Capitol Complex, Charleston.

*\*Only the Archives Library will be staffed—all other Archives offices will be closed.*  
The West Virginia Library Commission Library in the Cultural Center is closed weekends and all holidays.

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**We would love to hear from you.**

Let us know what you find helpful in the newsletter, and what new topics you would like covered.

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