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Spring cleaning season is upon us, both indoors and outdoors, and the sections of the Division of Culture and History are here to help. While emptying out the attic, if you find printed materials of any type relevant to West Virginia in any way, please contact West Virginia Archives and History before tossing them. We are always interested in directories, yearbooks, issues of old newspapers not currently preserved on microfilm, etc. If you find interesting objects with West Virginia ties as you remove the clutter in the old homeplace, contact the State Museum. If you plan to clean up or survey a cemetery, please visit the Web site of the State Historic Preservation Office for articles on cemetery rehabilitation, and to obtain forms to include a specific cemetery in the West Virginia Cemetery Survey. For contact information, visit <http://www.wvculture.org/agency/stafflist2.html>, or call (304) 558-0220.

Poignant Comment in *National Cemetery Record of Graves*

The Archives has a photocopy of a handwritten ledger entitled *National Cemetery Record of Graves, Grafton, Taylor County, West Virginia*, compiled by the superintendents of the cemetery and photocopied in 1998 by the Taylor County Historical Society. We also have an onionskin copy of an alphabetized transcript of interments and reinterments recorded in the ledger. A photocopy of the transcript/index has been made on acid-free paper and will be bound for placement in the Reading Room with other West Virginia cemetery books. Most of the reinterments were in 1867 and 1868 when the cemetery was opened. Information includes name, rank and company, date of death, reinternment date, grave number, plus a column for remarks that provides information about the original burial site or place of death.

The vast majority of the burials recorded in this ledger are for West Virginians, and almost all are for men who died during the Civil War and were originally buried near

their place of death. Presumably local residents were relied upon to report burials on their property or in local graveyards, and to provide
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WV State's Aviation Program To Be Explored on April 2, 2013

On April 2, 2013, Dr. Charles T. Ledbetter will present "The West Virginia State College Aviation Program—The Tuskegee Airmen Connection in the Experiment" at the Tuesday evening lecture in the Archives and History Library of the Culture Center in Charleston. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Drawing on a wide range of resources and historical documents, Ledbetter will discuss West Virginia State College's (now University) 1938-42 Aviation Program, with a

focus on the connection between that program and the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II. Most historians, journalists, authors, and at least two movies credit the heroic deeds of the Tuskegee Airmen with playing a major role in ending African Americans' long struggle for "the right to fight" for their country and the segregation of the military. However, few have publicly told the story of the struggle for "the right to teach African Americans to fly planes" under a massive 1930s
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whatever identifying information they could. Particularly regarding the unidentified men, the remarks may include cause of death, age or other information that in some way may have helped identify the person at a later date.

For one unknown soldier, from the 1st N.Y., grave number 855, reburied June 13, 1868, the following was recorded: *Same as foregoing record. [Removed from Presbyterian church grounds, on high knoll, ½ mile from New Creek station, Mineral Co., 50 yds. from New Creek, head northwest.] Supposed to be from N. Lawrence Co., N.Y. His white dog has remained in the vicinity and laid on his grave every night since.*

“The History of Charleston” as Told by Dr. Peyton

A large audience listened as Dr. Billy Joe Peyton shared his knowledge of the history of Charleston as the West Virginia Archives and History “First Tuesday” lecture on March 5.



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federal government aviation training program.

Ledbetter will explain how West Virginia State College (WVSC) got the “first” aviation program awarded to an all-black college. He will describe why and how three administrators, each of whom played a critical role in obtaining, shaping and strengthening the aviation program that influenced the success of the Tuskegee Airmen, were key to that award. Among the topics he will explore are: (1) what it was like for Americans in general and African Americans in particular to live in the 1930s relative to the field of aviation; (2) the fascinating leaders involved with the program; (3) the strategy used in the application process; (4) the competition among the all-black colleges; (5) the challenges to the success of the program; (6) the role of women in the program; (7) the impact of Charleston’s airport on getting and losing the program; (8) the Tuskegee Airmen connection to the program; and (9) the program WVSC was the first all-black college to receive when the aviation program closed.

Born in Muskogee, Oklahoma, Charles T. Ledbetter holds an undergraduate degree from Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri; a master’s from

[This article originally was prepared by Mary Johnson for the Archives and History Web site based on information provided by Charles Ledbetter.]

A Few Examples of 1930 City Ordinances

These examples are from *Ordinances and By-Laws of the Town of Beverly, Randolph County, West Virginia*, codified in 1930, but there were similar ordinances in most towns of that era. Editor’s comments are in brackets.

- It shall be unlawful for any person to ride any bicycle or tricycle, roll any wheelbarrow or handcart; or

Golden Gate University in San Francisco; and a Ph.D. from Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. Retiring as a lieutenant colonel after a 20-year career in the U.S. Army, he spent almost 30 years at West Virginia State University where he retired as Professor Emeritus in Education. Ledbetter is the author of three books and a number of published articles including his award winning two-volume book-set, *Alliance Against the Odds: The Manual Training High School Story*. He recently completed his fourth book, a biography, which he plans to publish by this summer. Ledbetter is currently vice chair of the Archives and History Commission for the State of West Virginia.

On April 2, 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.

slide or pull any sled on any sidewalk of the town. [Tricycles and little red wagons and toddlers in the streets?]

- It shall be unlawful for any person to hitch or tie any horse, mule or other animals to any lamppost or upon or across any sidewalk of the town.
- It shall be unlawful for any person

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Slavery in VA Topic of April 11 Program

On April 11, 2013, Greg Carroll will present "Slavery in Virginia, 1619-1860" 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.

Carroll will discuss the development and spread of slavery from Virginia's early years to the Civil War. He also will discuss how slavery as a system in Virginia differed from the types of slavery seen in South Carolina, the Caribbean, South

America, and even the serfdom of Russia. What were the main aspects of this system in economic and social terms? Carroll will explain the contradictions that this system fostered, especially in Virginia, and how the reliance on a slave economy in the southern states split the United States in 1860 and brought on the Civil War.

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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.

14th Annual

Hoot Owl Night



for all "Night Owls" willing to
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at
**West Virginia Archives
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6:00 p.m. April 5, 2013
 to
8:00 a.m. April 6, 2013

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Evening Workshops and Lecture Schedule		
Date	Conducted by:	Subject
May 7, Tuesday	Russ Barbour	<i>"Reconstructing Bill: The Story of Governor William C. Marland"</i>
June 4, Tuesday	Dr. Karen L. Cox	<i>"Dixie's Daughters: United Daughters of the Confederacy"</i>
July 2, Tuesday	Joseph A. Comm	<i>Rock Spring Park</i>
August 6, Tuesday	Jerry Sutphin	<i>The Great Kanawha River and River Transportation in West Virginia</i>
September 10, Tuesday	Dr. Bob Barnett	<i>"Hillside Fields: A History of Sports in West Virginia"</i>
October 1, Tuesday	TBA	<i>West Virginia Archaeology and the Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex</i>
November 5, Tuesday	Terry Lowry	<i>"The Battle of Charleston and the Kanawha Valley Campaign"</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.

New Titles

Colonial Families of the Northern Neck of Virginia: Volume 2: Holly G. Wright and F. Edward Wright, 2006.

Fauquier County, Virginia Deeds, [Volume 2], 1778-1785: John K. Gott, 1993.

Parkersburg/Wood County, WV 2012 Polk City Directory: R. L. Polk, 2012.

Moundsville/Marshall County, WV 2012 Polk City Directory: R. L. Polk, 2012.

Greater Fairmont, WV 2012 Polk City Directory: R. L. Polk, 2012.

Martinsburg, WV 2012 Polk City Directory: R. L. Polk, 2012.

Lewisburg, WV 2012 Polk City Directory: R. L. Polk, 2012.

Ancestors and Descendants of Friedrich Carl and Anna Catharina Christlieb: Ned Bennett Crislip, 2013.

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Cornstalk's Campaign Presented by Doug Wood

Doug Wood educated an attentive audience about Chief Cornstalk and the events surrounding his lifetime on March 14 in the Archives and History Library. 2013 is the 250th



anniversary of Cornstalk's Campaign. Wood outlined the activities of the various Native American tribes that had a presence in what is now West Virginia, and explained how their

"A Message on Underwear" from O. J. Morrison, West Virginia Retailer

O. J. Morrison Department Store Company once had stores all over West Virginia. Okey J. Morrison wrote about his stores, staff, philosophy of business and his merchandise in several publications, including *Morrison's Magazine*, a single issue published in 1928. In addition to brief articles on laundering, fibers, and hosiery, he also advised on the proper wearing and care of women's underwear.

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methods of warfare in particular shaped the behavior of the white

frontiersmen from the Revolutionary War up through the Civil War.

New Titles

Loudoun County, Virginia Will Book Abstracts: Books 2A-3C, June 1841-December 1879: Superior Court Books A & B, 1810-1888: Patricia B. Duncan, 2001.

Loudoun County, Virginia Birth Register, 1853-1879: Patricia B. Duncan, 1998. **Maryland Soldiers Entitled to Lands West of Fort Cumberland:** Bettie Stirling Carothers, 1973.

Early Colonial Churches of Northern Virginia: Robert Morgan Moxham, 1974.

Frenchmen and French Ways in the Mississippi Valley: John Francis McDermott, editor, 1969.

Yesterday and Today: A Scrapbook by the People of Valley Grove, WV 26060: Sharon Mormanis, 2010.

The Plumblin, Volume 4, No. 6, February 1931: Plumblin Club [Cabell County Masons], 1931.

1800 to 1966: Descendants of William Farley and Virginia Jane Sawyers: Olivia Farley Anderson, 1966.

Official Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Temple, Pythian Sisters of West Virginia: 1927.

Ordinances and By-laws of the Town of Beverly, Randolph County, West Virginia: Town of Beverly, 1930.

When Coal was King: Mining Pennsylvania's Anthracite: Early Coal Mining in Picture and Story in the Land of the Mollie Maguires: Louis Poliniak, 1970.

Facsimiles of Famous American Documents & Letters: Edward C. Boykin, editor, 1934.

"A Tribute to the Coal Miner," Volume 4: Pauline Haga, [1992?]

Freedom's Witness: The Civil War Correspondence of Henry McNeal Turner: Jean Lee Cole, editor, 2013.

True Compass: A Memoir: Edward M. Kennedy, 2009.

The Clinton Tapes: Wrestling History with the President: Taylor Branch, 2009.

A Natural History of the Central Appalachians: Steven L. Stephenson, 2013.

West Virginia Strawberry Festival, 26th Annual, Souvenir Program: 1967.

Winnowed Songs for Sunday Schools: Ira D. Sankey, 1890.

Orchards of Gold: A Prospectus of the Great Appalachian Fruit Country, Its Profits and Possibilities: The Virginian Orchards, 1911.

Upshur County Fair Premium List [2nd annual fair]: Upshur County Fair and Agricultural Association, 1906.

The Neo-Pseudo-Suffix '-eroo': Harold Wentworth, 1942.

Condensed Annual Report, Eighty-eighth Annual Convention: West Virginia Woman's Christian Temperance Union, 1971.

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<http://www.youtube.com/user/wvarchivesandhistory>

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to play ball, play marbles, pitch quoits, or engage in any game or sport, utter loud cries, quarrel, riot, hunt, fish, or sell goods, wares, merchandise or intoxicating drinks, or engage in any common labor or secular business on the Sabbath day, other than work of necessity or charity, except such persons as conscientiously observe Saturday as the Sabbath. [*Riot?* Rather odd in this context!]

- It shall be unlawful for any person to ride or drive on any bridge faster than a walk.

- It shall be unlawful for any person to bathe in any portion of the Tygart's Valley River or Files' Creek within the corporate limits of said town or in sight of any dwelling within said town, from sunrise until one hour after sunset. [I assume this means *to wash*, not *to swim*.]

- The list of unlawful weapons included "slung-shots."

- It shall be unlawful for any persons to fly a kite, play at football, baseball, bandy [bat or toss an object to and fro] or shinny [play stick hockey], or engage in any play, sport or exercise which might produce any bodily injury to any one, or endanger the life or property of any person, on any street, sidewalk, alley, bridge or public place.

- It shall be unlawful for any person, on any bridge, sidewalk, street or alleys to conduct himself in a manner annoying to persons passing by, or to occupants or residents of adjoining building, or to ring any door bell, or rap on any door or window to annoy

or deceive the inmates of any house, office, store or shop.

- The tax on each male dog was \$1.00 [\$13.59 in 2012 dollars] and on each female dog \$3.00 [\$40.76 in 2012 dollars]. If the dog was a stray or the owner could not pay the tax, the dog was to be put down.

- It was also unlawful to set off fire-crackers and similar explosives, blow whistles except in an emergency,

spit, jump on or off moving railroad cars unless a railroad employee, gamble in any conceivable way, play billiards or bowl if under age 16, or for pool halls and bowling alleys to be open between midnight and 6:00 a.m. [It must have been awfully hard to be an active, entertained, well-behaved child—particularly, say, a twelve-year old boy, and especially onerous on Sundays!]

Correction for March 2013 *Archives and History News* Article

The name of Lewis Maxwell was incorrectly written as "Maxwell Lewis" in the article and headline: "Remarks of Maxwell Lewis Regarding Native Americans." Lewis Maxwell lived from 1790 to 1862 and served in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1821 to 1824 and

as U.S. Representative for 1827 to 1833. Lewis was a lawyer and land speculator in Lewis County. To view a drawing of Lewis by Joseph Diss Debar visit the Archives and History Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/dissdebar/dd34.jpg>.

Cataloger Requests Information Regarding Salute to the Coal Industry

If anyone has information about who compiled a pictorial history titled *Salute to the Coal Industry: Early Development of the Coal Industry in Raleigh-Fayette Counties*, please contact Susan Scouras, librarian and cataloger for the Archives and History Library, susan.c.scouras@wv.gov, (304) 558-0230, ext. 742. There is no information in the booklet itself for the compiler, origin of the photographs, publisher or printer, or date of publication. We have received two donated copies. One copy was apparently a re-print of the first, with the logo for the

American Revolution Bicentennial, 1776-1976, superimposed on the original cover. A printed or stamped notice on the back cover, which had a sticker covering it that was later partially removed (and removed a couple of words as well), states: "We wish to thank Frances Hawley for permitting the reproduction of this book. Also Central Printing C... Beckley, W. Va. for p... reproduction." The photographs appear to have been reproduced from an earlier work with their original captions. Identification of the source of the photographs would be a welcome bonus. A search of major cataloging databases and the Internet in general has not been successful in locating another copy anywhere, nor in finding the publishing information. We would like to give credit where it is due in the catalog entry.



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New Titles

Older Pamphlets Recently Cataloged

Speech of Mr. Ferguson, Delivered in the House of Delegates the 16th of January, 1849, In reply to Messrs. Scott of Fauquier and Smith of Alexandria, upon the Subject of the Wilmot Proviso: James H. Ferguson, 1849.
An Act for the Better Organization of the Militia of the Commonwealth: Virginia Militia, 1860.

Speech of Mr. Pendleton of Rappahannock; on the Election of a United States Senator: John S. Pendleton, 1839.

The True Churchman: Rt. Rev. William Meade, 1851.

Substance of the Remarks Made by John Minor Botts, . . . Address to His Constituents: John Minor Botts, [1848?].

The Van Buren Platform or Facts for the Present Supporters of Martin Van Buren: [anti-Van Buren campaign literature by the Whig Party, 1848?].

Letters of Chas. F. M. Garnett, on the Railroad Connection between the Chesapeake Bay and the Ohio River: Charles F. M. Garnett, 1852.

Speech of Hon. Frank Hereford, of West Virginia, in the Senate of the United States, June 2, 1880: River and Harbor Bill: Frank Hereford, 1880.

The Slavery Question: Speech of Hon. A. G. Jenkins, of Virginia, in the House of Representatives, April 26, 1860: Albert Gallatin Jenkins, 1860.

Speech of Mr. John S. Carlile, of Virginia in the House of Representatives, June 21, 1856: The Cincinnati Platform: John S. Carlile, 1856.

The Territorial Question: Speech of Hon. R. M. T. Hunter, of Virginia in the Senate of the United States, March 25, 1850: Robert M. T. Hunter, 1850.

The Issue Fairly Presented: The Senate Bill for the Admission of Kansas as a State: Democracy, Law Order and the Will of the Majority of the Whole People of the Territory, Against Black Republicanism, Usurpation, Revolution, Anarchy, and the Will of a Meagre Minority: Published by order of the Democratic National Committee, 1856.

How the State of Virginia May Be Kept in the Union by Her Own People: [signed "H."], [1861].

Excellence in Steel Making: A Brief History of Weirton Steel Corporation: Charles R. Cronin, 1996.

Indian Echoes: 1914-1968: Alderson High School Class of 1965 Alumni, 1985.

New CD-ROM Titles

Sturms of Barbour County, West Virginia: With Allied Families: Alan Sturm, 2011.

The Complete National Geographic, 1888-1998: National Geographic Society, c1888-1998.

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A Message on Underwear:

How to care for dainty Silk Fabrics to make them wear!

There is nothing so beautiful in knit goods as silk underwear. Nothing feels so soft, so delightful and luxurious as silk. Silk can be rinsed out in lukewarm water requiring no rubbing, boiling or bluing. It dries quickly and does not need to be ironed. For this reason most women prefer to wash it out themselves. This is especially advantageous in traveling. A high-grade silk garment which is frequently and carefully washed outlasts many cotton garments. Care must be taken, however, not to pin holes into it or to buy a size that is too small. One firm uses the word: "packability" to remind or inform people of the small amount of space which a silk garment takes up. This fact makes silk especially desirable for those who must travel. Knit underwear should outwear muslin and does if the proper care is given it. However, there are two points to remember. First, buy the proper size. Second, never pin other garments to them. For instance, many people pin down their brassieres to the corset and pin right through the vest or union suit. Naturally, when the body moves the garment is not able to give because of the pin, so the thread which is pinned is very likely to break and a runner starts. If the runner is caught as soon as it starts it is not difficult to darn.

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.

"WV 150" SESQUICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT, through 2013: The Culture Center, Charleston.

TIMBER INDUSTRY EXHIBIT, May 3-June 10: Greenbrier Historical Society, Lewisburg.

"HOLDING THE LINE: THE BATTLE OF ALLEGHENY MOUNTAIN," April 2:
Joe Geiger, speaker, Ohio County Public Library Lunch With Books, Wheeling.

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FIFTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF NATIONS, April 13: Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center.

“CIVIL WAR IN THE KANAWHA VALLEY,” April 16: Billy Joe Peyton, speaker,
Marshall University Foundation Hall, Huntington.

“A NEW STAR IN THE UNION: ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND WEST VIRGINIA STATEHOOD,” April 20: Fritz Klein, living history program, West Virginia Independence Hall, Wheeling.

GENEALOGY AND THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR WORKSHOP, April 20:
Joetta Kuhn and Patsy Adkins, presenters, Clendenin Public Library, Clendenin.

RECENT EXCAVATIONS AT THE ARMORY AT HARPERS FERRY NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK, April 25: Darlene Hassler Godwin and Justin Ebersole, speakers,
Grave Creek Mound Archaeology Complex, Moundsville.

GENEALOGY AND THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR WORKSHOP, April 27:
Joetta Kuhn and Patsy Adkins, presenters, St. Albans Branch Library, St. Albans.

WV HISTORY BOWL STATE TOURNAMENT, April 30: The Culture Center, Charleston.

MEMORIAL DAY, May 27: Archives Library will be *closed*.

EARLY AMERICAN PREHISTORY IN THE MIDDLE ATLANTIC AREA, May 30:
William Jack Hranicky, speaker, Grave Creek Mound Archaeology Complex, Moundsville.

LEMONADE & LAVENDER HISTORIC HOMES AND GARDEN TOUR, June 7-9:
Greenbrier County. For more information contact Greenbrier Historical Society (304) 645-3398.

GENEALOGY AND THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR WORKSHOP, June 8:
Joetta Kuhn and Patsy Adkins, presenters, Hamlin Public Library, Hamlin.

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

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

“MORE THAN BOWS AND ARROWS,” July 25:
Film, Grave Creek Mound Archaeology Complex, Moundsville.

“MYSTERIES OF THE ANCIENT ARCHITECTS,” August 29:
Film, Grave Creek Mound Archaeology Complex, Moundsville.

FURTHER INSIGHTS AT A LATE WOODLAND OCCUPATION IN MARSHALL COUNTY, WV: SITE 46MR155, September 26: Jamie S. Meece, Stevan C. Pullins, and C. Michael Anslinger, speakers, Grave Creek Mound Archaeology Complex, Moundsville.

**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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