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If your spring and summer plans include cleaning out attics. basements, closets and other storage spaces, be sure to think twice about anything you want to toss out, put in a yard sale or donate for resale. You may have items we can add to the Archives collections. Items do not have to be very old to be of interest to us-some of these materials may be important to future historians documenting the past *then* that is our present now. Possible donations include books and pamphlets, West Virginia magazines and newspapers, city directories and telephone books, maps, postcards, letters, photographs, etc. Fiction books by West Virginia authors or with West Virginia as a predominant theme will be considered. However, please do not send us items without checking with us first by e-mail, mail or telephone. My contact info and our mailing address appear on the last page of every issue.

13th Annual Hoot Owl Night a Success

The West Virginia Archives and History Library held its 13th annual Hoot Owl night of research in the Archives library on March 30-31, 2012. Thirty-five people attended the all-night event, which ran from 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 30, through 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. March 31. Attendees were given behindthe-scenes tours of the Archives and were able to consult with experienced



and knowledgeable West Virginia researchers. Hoot Owl is co-sponsored by the Mining Your **History Foundation** and Archives and History as a fundraiser for the Archives library.



The Building of the N&W Railroad To Be **Discussed on Mav 1**

On May 1, 2012, Jack and Kay Dickinson will present "Every Blood-Stained Mile: The Building of the Norfolk and Western in West Virginia" at the Tuesday evening lecture in the Archives and History Library. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Almost as soon as the Norfolk & Western Railroad edged its way across the Virginia state line into Bluefield. N&W President Fred Kimball began to look for a midwestern outlet to expand his markets. He decided to extend his railroad to the Ohio River near Ceredo, where he could link up with another railroad from which Cincinnati and Columbus could be reached. The Ohio Extension, as the additional N&W road was called,

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ran from Elkhorn (near Bluefield) to the Ohio, cutting through part of McDowell County, north into Logan County (the part that is now Mingo County) and through Wayne County to the river.

This was rugged territory, and law enforcement was almost non-existent. When the railroad began construction, different ethnic groups often clashed resulting in several deaths. By September 1892 when the track was opened, the Ohio Extension had cost \$8 million, almost bankrupting the N&W. But the railroad brought a new era to that part of western West Virginia. Towns sprang up, centered around the railroad station, and towns like Williamson, Kenova, Welch, and Naugatuck took hold and still exist. After Kimball realized he had made a mistake in choosing the original path along Twelvepole Creek, the N&W built the Big Sandy Line, which follows the western border of West Virginia along the Big Sandy River. Today this is the route of Norfolk Southern through West Virginia.

Web Site of Interest

Ancestry.com is offering a RootsWeb listserv for K-12 teachers to share ideas and experiences in teaching genealogy and/or using original documents in the classroom: http:// lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com/index/ other/Genealogical Materials/ GENEALOGY-IN-SCHOOLS.html. The list is non-commercial with no advertising except once quarterly announcements of available services and publications, as is typical of many listservs. Ancestry.com membership is not necessary to join or browse the list. Please note that the list and its posts are not of benefit or suitable for personal genealogical research, nor as a resource for student research on genealogy or history projects.

Jack and Kay Dickinson will present the difficulties and problems encountered in building these two lines of the N&W as well as how the towns sprang up along the tracks. They also will point out some of the little-known sources they utilized in a decade-long writing effort that has produced a four-volume set of books that cover the construction of the railroad, the growth of the area, the group of men who were the special agents (railroad detectives) to provide security for the railroad and its passengers, the stories of the bizarre train wrecks along the line, and some of the amazing survivor stories. The books will be available for purchase following the session.

Husband and wife authors Jack and Kay Dickinson have spent more than forty years researching

the history and genealogy of the people and places of southern West Virginia. For a decade, they did research as certified genealogists. Iack Dickinson also is the author of a dozen books on the Civil War in West Virginia, for which Kay Dickinson served as research assistant and editor. They grew up in Mingo and Wayne counties and have an avid interest in the history of that area. The couple is nearing completion of the fifth and final book in the series on southern West Virginia and the N&W. They also recently authored and published a biography of Gen. Albert Gallatin Jenkins, CSA, which includes the history of his Greenbottom plantation.

On May 1, the library will close at 5:00 p.m. and reopen at *Continued on page 4*

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Evening Workshops and Lecture Schedule		
Date	Conducted by:	Subject
June 5 Tuesday	Larry Rowe	Malden and the Salt Industry
June 14 Thursday	Gilbert Casto	History of the Kanawha Valley, Focusing on Fort Lee
July 10 Tuesday	Andrea Frantz	Native American Identity

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.

Check out Archives and History's YouTube and Facebook Pages

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

http://www.facebook.com/pages/West-Virginia-Archivesand-History/168933289812323

African Americans and the C&O Railroad To Be May 17 Program Topic

On May 17, 2012, Dr. Cicero M. Fain will present "Into the Crucible: The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad and the Black Industrial Worker in Southern West Virginia, 1870-1900" 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.

Fain will discuss the construction of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad. which brought rail transportation to south-central West Virginia in the post-Civil War era. The C&O, which Fain considers "the second most important development in the history of the state," led to the founding of Huntington as the railroad's western terminus in 1870 and brought development of southern coalfields. The topics he will cover include the contribution of black labor to its construction, the rise of Huntington as an urbanindustrial center, and the linkage of the New River Valley and the city to the regional and national economy.

Cicero M. Fain III is a thirdgeneration black Huntingtonian. He is a recipient of the Carter G. Woodson Fellowship from Marshall University and a graduate of The Ohio State University, where he received his PhD in History, with an emphasis in African American, American, and modern-African history. His dissertation, titled, "Race, River and the Railroad: Black Huntington, West Virginia, 1871-1929," focuses on the transition of southern rural and semi-rural black migrants to life in the embryonic urban-industrial city of Huntington, West Virginia, between 1871 and 1929. Fain is assistant professor of history at the College of Southern Maryland. He is the author of articles in the Journal of Appalachian Studies, Ohio Valley History, and West Virginia History: A Journal of Regional Studies.

Advance registration for the program is not required but is encouraged to help plan seating arrangements. 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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New Titles

Mason County, West Virginia Marriages, 1806 to 1915: Julie Chapin Hesson, 1997.

Whispers from Wildwood: A Personal Diary of Maria Elizabeth Beckley, Daughter of Beckley, West Virginia's Founder, 1882-1883: Fran Duran Klaus, 1999.

Gilligan, Maynard & Me: Bob Denver, 1993.

Fossils of West Virginia: Volume One: Hassan Majad, M.D., 2006.

Dragonflies of West Virginia: Hassan Majad, M.D., 2005.

Folk Medicine of Appalachia: A Vanishing Tradition: Hassan Majad, M.D., [2005?].

Out of the Mud: Hiram Carpenter and the Ohio River Valley, 1880-1950: James H. O'Donnell, 2009.

Life Aboard the Monkey Bus: James E. Martin, 2006.

Life & Thymes of an Appalachian Herbalist: Hassan Majad, M.D., [2005?]. The CCC and Me: Raymond Daugherty, 2003.

Purpose and Passion: Bobby Pruett & the Marshall Years: Bill Chastain, 2005. **Lessons for Leaders:** Tod Faller, 2006.

Coal Camp Kids: Growing Up in a Coal Camp: Margie J. Pittman, 2011. **An Adventure in Writing:** Martin and Delia Wach, 2007.

A Soldier's Odyssey: A High School Dropout Combat Soldier Becomes a Renowned Rocket Engineer: Cecil L. Cline, 2008.

From the Shenandoah to the Kanawha: The Story of Colonel John Smith, His Descendants and Their Ancestors: Chris Smith, 2008.

Appalachian Case Study: UFO: Sightings, Alien Encounters and Unexplained Phenomena: Volumes 1 and 2: Kyle Lovern, 2008 and 2009.

The Hidden Years of Stonewall Jackson: Holmes Alexander, 1981.

It's More Than Just Winning!: Chris Smith, 2005.

They Called Me Shep!: Charles E. Sutton, 2011.

Master of War: The Life of General George H. Thomas: Benson Bobrick, 2009.

Indian Mounds of the Middle Ohio Valley: Susan L. Woodward and Jerry N. McDonald, 2001.

Arms Wide Open: A Midwife's Journey: Patricia Harman, 2011.

The Practical Mountaineer Handbook: Dean Six, 2011.

The Spine of the Virginias: Journeys Along the Border Between Virginia and West Virginia: Michael Abraham, 2010.

The Last Forest: Tales of the Allegheny Woods: Douglas McNeill, 2009, c1940.

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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.

Genealogy Club

Archives and History Library

Every Thursday Evening 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Once a month. on the second Thursday, there will be a special program with a speaker. 6:00-7:30 p.m.

2012 History Bowl

Visit our Web site at http://www. wvculture.org/history/historybowl. html to learn the 2012 History Bowl champion, as well as to find complete championship tournament results. A video of the April 24 championship match is streamed from the site, and photographs of the teams and events are posted. You may also read about the history and rules of the tournament, and view photographs of 2012 regional winners and participants. We are very proud of West Virginia middle schools and the eighth graders who compete so enthusiastically to demonstrate their knowledge of their state's history

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New Titles

Release Your Inner Bitch (Women Empowering Women): Rose Stadler, MSW, 2004.

An American Phoenix: A History of Storer College from Slavery to Desegregation, 1865-1955: Dawne Raines Burke, [2006?].

Orange County, Virginia Deed Books 1 and 2: John Frederick Dorman, 1961. Orange County, Virginia Deed Books 3 and 4: John Frederick Dorman, 1966. Abstracts of Virginia's Northern Neck Warrants and Surveys: Orange and Augusta Counties: Volume One: Peggy Shomo Joyner, 1985.

Play of a Fiddle: Traditional Music, Dance, and Folklore in West Virginia: Gerald Milnes, 2009, c1999.

The Scummers: Lee Maynard, 2012.

Always Faithful, Always Free: Thurman I. Miller, 2008.

Ne-Mebbering!: Growing Up in Small Town West Virginia: Norm Haddad, [n.d.].

"So That's Why You're Like That!": Conflict Resolution: Tod Faller, 2005. Stickyman Movements: Restona McQuade, 2007.

We Fought Back: How a Grassroots Group Defeated Annexation and Eminent Domain: Rosalie M. Ash, 2010.

Appalachian Magic: The Life and Lessons of a Fortune Teller: A Memoir: Janet Rice, 2011.

Return to Appalachian Magic: "Straight Talk, Mystery and Magic in the Hills": A Memoir: Janet Rice, 2011.

Blood on the Moon: The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln: Edward Steers, Jr., 2005, c2001.

Half Broke Horses: Jeannette Walls, 2011, c2010.

Wild Mustard: Flavorful Characters, Opinions, and Recipes from Spurlock Creek: Justine Felix Rutherford, 2005.

Learned Leadership: Greg Kozera, 2007.

Raft Tide and Railroad: How We Lived and How We Died: Edwina Pendarvis, 2008.

Rosin for the Bow: Memoirs of Fiddlin' John Johnson: John F. Johnson, 2005. The Chaparral Murders: Dollar Store Justice: M. M. Stoddard, 2008.

A Country Preacher's Tale: Arthur Queen, 2006.

Saved by Sago: A Pastor's Perspective: Rev. Andrew Kranyc, 2006. The Dog Diet: A Memoir: Patti Lawson, 2006.

A Voice in the Wilderness: Josephine Johnson Elgin: Maxine J. Bersch. 2003. What Parents of Special Children Should Know: The Story of Sarah Reem: Z. Shamma-Othman, M.D., 2008.

Up on Location: The Story of a West Virginia Mountain Farm, a Road and the People Who Lived There: Bill and Mary Wiles, 2009.

Be a Hero!: The Quest for Authentic Leadership: Matthew Stanley, 2005.

Great Unexpectations: Lessons from the Hearts of College Athletes: Carolyn Peluso Atkins, 2009, c2008.

Family Comforts: Of Quilts and Porches: Tales from a Mountain Ridge: Jo Ann Danks Dadisman, 2004.

Estate Planning in West Virginia: Real Answers to Real Questions: Bruce L. Stout, 2009.

In Their Own Words: Native-American Voices from the American Revolution: Alan Fitzpatrick, 2009.

Wilderness War on the Ohio: 2nd ed., Alan Fitzpatrick, 2005.

Volcano, West Virginia: Michael L. Naylor, 2006.

Hospital on Wheels: World War II MASH: A True Story: Leo E. Ours, Jr., 2007.

New Titles

My Name is Maysel: Johnny McCarty, 2009.

Beautiful Melodies: Mountain Dulcimer: Dave Haas, 2007.

Appalachia to Africa: A Tale of Awareness and Assimilation: Samuel Wesley Lynch, 2011.

Saving the Opry: Joan Randolph, 2010.

"What did you do THAT for?": A Lesson Plan for Understanding What Lies Behind Every Behavior: Tod Faller, 2005.

West Virginia Cold Case Homicides: George Bragg, 2007.

So Sang the River: Songs of Bill Staines, Vol. 1: 2nd ed., arranged for the mountain dulcimer by Heidi Muller, c2002, 2005.

Apex Thinking: A Guide to Long-term Leadership for the Rising CEO: Charles H. Polk and William M. White, 2007.

Highway to History: A Midland Trail Scrapbook: James E. Casto, 2011. Hill'n Holler Expressions: A Dictionary of West Virginia Hillbilly Talk: S. Dean Six, c2010, c1984.

Ugly to Start With: John Michael Cummings, 2011.

Behold! The Land of Canaan: Chronicle of the History of Its People, Places and Pursuits: Volume Two: Tucker County Highlands History and Education Project, 2011.

Kids Guide to West Virginia: East Chapmanville Elementary 4th Grade Students, 2011.

George Washington's America: A Biography Through His Maps: Barnet Schecter, 2010.

West Virginia Politics and Government: 2nd ed., Richard A. Brisbin, Jr., 2008. The Great Ohio River Flood of 1937: James E. Casto, 2009.

Governor William E. Glasscock: Gary Jackson Tucker, 2008.

The Peopling of British North America: Bernard Bailyn, 1986.

South Charleston: Judy Bowen Romano, 2011.

Lewis County: Joy Gilchrist-Stalnaker and Bradley R. Oldaker, 2010.

Moonfixer: The Basketball Journey of Earl Lloyd: Earl Lloyd and Sean Kirst, 2010.

A Man Called Shirley: Mannix Porterfield, 2009.

Intimate Strategies of the Civil War: Military Commanders and Their Wives: Carol K. Bleser and Lesley J. Gordon, editors, 2007, c2001.

A Salute to the Richwood News Leader: The First 20 Years: 1946-1966: Luther D. Baker, 2010.

A Welcome Walk into the Dark: Ben E. Campbell, 2011.

West Virginia Waterfalls: The New River Gorge: Ed Rehbein and Randall Sanger, 2011.

Decoration Day in the Mountains: Traditions of Cemetery Decoration in the Southern Appalachians: Alan Jabbour and Karen Singer Jabbour, 2010. **The Old Man: John Brown at Harper's Ferry:** Truman Nelson, 2009, c1973. **How We Talked and Common Folks:** Verna Mae Slone, 2009. [Two works, first published in 1982 and 1979 respectively.]



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Evening Genealogy Club Addressed by Dr. Ledbetter

www.wvculture.org/history/trivia/

trivia.aspx.

On April 12, 2012, Dr. Charles T. Ledbetter presented "Lessons Learned by a Lay Person about the Joys and Frustrations of Genealogical/Historical Research" to the Thursday Evening Genealogy Club of the West Virginia Archives



and History Library. Dr. Ledbetter, retired professor emeritus in education, West Virginia State University, is the author of three books and a number of published articles, including his award winning two volume Alliance Against the Odds: The Manual Training High School Story (2008), From Segregation to Desegregation: A Major Flaw in Implementing the Brown Decision (2005), and Tuskegee Airmen and the West Virginia State College Aviation Program Connection (2002).

New Titles

Reconstructing Appalachia: The Civil War's Aftermath: Andrew L. Slap, editor, 2010.

H.E. Howard series titles donated by the late Echols A. Hansbarger, Jr., M.D.

The Petersburg Campaign:

The Battle of Old Men and Young Boys: June 9, 1864: William G. Robertson, 1989.

The Destruction of the Weldon Railroad: Deep Bottom, Globe Tavern, and Reams Station: August 14-25, 1864: John Horn, 1991.

Wasted Valor: June 15-18, 1864: Thomas J. Howe, 1988.

The Battle of the Crater: "The Horrid Pit:" Michael A. Cavanaugh and William Marvel, 1989.

Abraham Lincoln at City Point: March 20-April 9, 1865: Donald C. Pfanz, 1989.

Jackson's Valley Campaign:

The First Battle of Winchester: May 25, 1862: Brandon H. Beck and Charles S. Grunder, 1992.

The Battle of McDowell: March 11-May 18, 1862: Richard L. Armstrong, 1990.

The Battles of Cross Keys and Port Republic: Darrell L. Collins, 1993. The Battle of Kernstown: Lowell Reidenbaugh, 1996.

The North Anna Campaign: "Even to Hell Itself": May 21-26, 1864: J. Michael Miller, 1989.

Early's Valley Campaign: The Third Battle of Winchester: Roger U. Delauter and Brandon H. Beck, 1997.

"Presidential Whistle Stops" Lecture

On April 3, 2012, Bob Withers presented "Presidential Whistle Stops in West Virginia" as part of the Tuesday evening lecture series of the West Virginia Archives and History Library. The talk was based on Withers's book, *The President Travels by Train*, as well as his own experiences with presidential train travel. The accompanying photograph shows the author signing copies of the book for lecture patrons.



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.

MARTIN R. DELANY 200TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT, May 5: Forum discussion of Delany's early years and life in Charles Town, Fishermen Hall, Charles Town.

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY, May 8: Archives Library will be closed.

MARTIN R. DELANY 200TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT, May 18: Joe Bundy portrayal of Delany, Fishermen Hall, Charles Town.

"ROBERT E. LEE IN WEST VIRGINIA," May 20: Hunter Lesser, speaker, McFarland-Hubbard House, Charleston.

MARTIN R. DELANY 200TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT, May 21: Forum discussion of Delany's life between leaving Charles Town and the Civil War, Charles Town Library.

"BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION AND INTEGRATION IN SHEPHERDSTOWN," May 24: Hannah Geffert and others, panel discussion, Shepherdstown.

MEMORIAL DAY, May 28: Archives Library will be closed.

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"MAKING SENSE OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR" READING AND DISCUSSION SERIES, May 28: Greg Carroll, leader, Kanawha County Public Library, Charleston.

OPEN HOUSE, June 2: Kanawha Valley History Center, Rand.

"A COMPANY OF BOYS IN BLUE—THE CIVIL WAR THROUGH THE EYES OF A SOLDIER," June 12: Mark Paul, speaker, Ohio County Public Library Lunch with Books, Wheeling.

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

"STORMING HEAVEN AT 25: A RETROSPECTIVE," June 24: Denise Giardina, speaker, McFarland-Hubbard House, Charleston.

"MAKING SENSE OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR" READING AND DISCUSSION SERIES, June 25: Greg Carroll, leader, Kanawha County Public Library, Charleston.

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

"CYPRIANS AND COURTESANS, MURDER AND MAYHEM: PROSTITUTION IN MID-19TH CENTURY WHEELING," July10: Dr. Barbara Howe, speaker, Ohio County Public Library Lunch with Books, Wheeling.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL WITH THE "ROSIES," July 21: Anne Montague, speaker, with Thais Blatnik and other World War II Rosies, Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center, Weirton.

MARTIN R. DELANY 200TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT, August 13: Presentation of meeting of John Brown and Martin Delany in Canada in 1858, Fishermen Hall, Charles Town.

FESTIVAL OF NATIONS, August 18: Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center, Weirton.

LABOR DAY, September 3: Archives Library will be closed.

"MYTHS, ELUSIVE 'TRUE FACTS' AND SURPRISING TIDBITS OF SHEPHERDSTOWN HISTORY," September 5: Dr. Jerry Bruce Thomas, speaker, Shepherdstown.

"WEST VIRGINIA FORTS AND FRONTIER ARCHAEOLOGY," September 16: Drs. Stephen and Kim McBride, speakers, Pricketts Fort.

MARTIN R. DELANY 200TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT, September 17: Forum discussion of Delany's life during and after the Civil War, Star Lodge #1, Charles Town.

"HOLLIDAY'S COVE IN THE YEAR 1912," September 18: Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center, Weirton

*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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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. Contact West Virginia Archives and History News Editor Susan Scouras, (304) 558-0230, Ext. 742, or by e-mail: susan.c.scouras@wv.gov. www.wvculture.org/history West Virginia Division of Culture and History The Culture Center 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East Charleston, WV 25305-0300

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