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West Virginia Day 2013, the 150th anniversary of statehood, is being celebrated in many places and in many ways on June 20 and throughout the year. We hope you will participate in local activities in your hometown, and visit sesquicentennial events around the state. Many opportunities will be available to increase your own knowledge, and to educate youngsters and newcomers in the Mountain State's history and culture. The creation of West Virginia from Virginia was a unique circumstance among American states founded before and after 1863, truly "A Child of the Rebellion." Visit our Web site to learn more: <http://www.wvculture.org/history/sesquicentennial.html>. Maybe I'll see you at the Sesquicentennial Parade during FestivALL in Charleston on June 22!

A Few Words about Original Certificates

The Archives and History Library is frequently asked for copies of marriage certificates, naturalization certificates and pre-1917 birth and death certificates. Unfortunately, with the exception of a few marriage records from ledger books with attractively printed certificate-like pages, and scattered 20th-century county records that used certificates before the state instituted recordkeeping with them, such certificates do not exist. If a certificate was issued for a line item-type vital record, the parties to the certificate would have received it at that time. A copy of the certificate itself was not kept in county records. The lines entered in the ledger book are the official legal record. In response to a request for a copy of a record, the county or the state may provide a computer generated certificate filled in with the information from the actual record, but such a document is not a copy of the original.

Similarly, naturalization

certificates for several decades consisted of a book of certificates pre-printed with numbers. The certificate was separated from a stub with a matching number by a perforation. When a certificate was issued it was torn away from the stub and both parts were filled in by the court clerk. The certificate

was given to the new citizen, and the stub remained bound into the book and became the official record. Photocopies can be made of an approved Petition for Naturalization, which were retained for the record, but not of the naturalization certificate itself.

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William C. Marland To Be Focus of May 7, 2013, Program

On May 7, 2013, television producer Russ Barbour will present "Reconstructing Bill: The Story of Governor William C. Marland" 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.

Barbour will tell the journey of piecing together the story of William C. Marland, West Virginia governor 1953-1957, who is the feature of the West Virginia Public Broadcasting documentary *Reconstructing Bill*.

Together with Archivist Richard Fauss of the West Virginia State Archives, Barbour will discuss discoveries made along the way and share excerpts from rarely seen archival film unearthed during the production of the documentary, which was 20 years in the making. Barbour and Fauss will also field questions from the audience.

Named Filmmaker of the Year at the 2009 West Virginia Filmmakers Festival, Russ Barbour is a graduate of Southern West Virginia

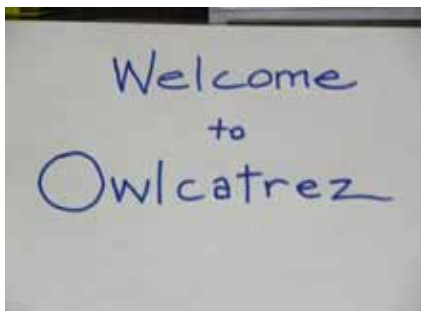
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If you are lucky enough to have original certificates among your family documents, we suggest you scan them for an electronic copy to preserve, and also print out photocopies (color if possible) to distribute among other family members for safekeeping. Consider them the same as the family Bible with notes about significant events—both are one of a kind and truly irreplaceable.

The "Hoot Owl" Makes Its Annual Visit

The Mining Your History Foundation and the West Virginia Archives



and History Library co-hosted around forty guest researchers for the 14th annual "Hoot Owl at the Archives" overnight event from 6:00 p.m. April 5 to 8:00 a.m. April 6 in the Library. Photographs are posted at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops/2013hootowl.html>. "Owlcatrez"? Well, we do call it a lock-in!

West Virginia State Gazetteer on Microfilm

Copies of the *West Virginia State Gazetteer and Business Directory* and related directories dated from 1875 through 1924 were once shelved in the Reading Room and heavily used by researchers for a variety of reasons. Most directories of the time period were compiled only for the largest cities, but the statewide gazetteers included the names of people living

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Community and Technical College and Marshall University, where he studied television production, broadcast journalism, religion, and history. He has worked for West Virginia Public Broadcasting for more than 30 years, where he has served as videographer, editor, researcher, writer, director and producer on numerous instructional programs, historical documentaries, and news and public affairs presentations. Barbour has frequently collaborated with audiovisual archivist Richard Fauss and other West Virginia Archives and History staff. He lives with his wife and two children in Huntington.

Barbour's credits include *West Virginians in War* (with the West Virginia State Archives' Richard Fauss, 1994), *Breece D'J Pancake: An Appalachian Voice* (Best Biographical Documentary, 2003 West Virginia Filmmakers Festival), *Ken Hechler: In Pursuit of Justice* (WV Film's 2008 Film of the Year), *West Virginians*

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Carroll Returns for "Slavery in Virginia, 1619-1860"

Greg Carroll, retired West Virginia Archives and History historian, returned to the Archives and History Library to present an informative and explanatory lecture on the development and spread of slavery, emphasizing Virginia's system and

Remember World War II (Nostalgia Program, 2008 Ohio Valley Regional Emmy Award), *Reconstructing Bill: The Story of Governor William C. Marland* (Best Documentary Feature, 2009 West Virginia Filmmakers Festival), *Upheaval: The Story of the New River Gorge* (2010), and *The Winding Gulf: Stories from West Virginia's Coalfields* (2012).

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

how it differed from slave systems in other areas and time periods. Additional photographs from the evening are posted on our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops/2013aprilgenclub.html>.



printed on highly acidic paper and began to disintegrate. We knew how

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West Virginia Penitentiary and Its Haunted History To Be Explored on May 9

On May 9, 2013, author and columnist Sherri Brake will present “The Haunted History of the West Virginia Penitentiary” 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.

Built in 1866 by inmate labor, the penitentiary in Moundsville was home to thousands of inmates who unfortunately helped secure the institution’s rank as one of the most violent prisons in America. Many prisoners believed that if a person died in prison his soul stayed in prison. It was called “Hell on Earth” by the *Cincinnati Enquirer* as early as 1886 and with good cause. Early reports of torture devices led to eventual reform but not without costing many prisoners their lives. Living in deteriorating conditions and subjected to the occasional outbreak of deadly diseases, death was always nearby. The 998 murders and suicides committed onsite, 86 hangings, and 9 electrocutions provided a recipe for possible ghostly activity, according to Brake.

Much has changed at the West Virginia Penitentiary over the years. The doors officially closed in 1995 but day tours and overnight ghost hunts continue to bring in visitors and funds. Sherri Brake will share with you glimpses from behind the stones walls. Her presentation will use both historical and current photographs sprinkled with spooky paranormal images captured by paranormal investigators.

Owner of Haunted Heartland Tours, based in Summersville, Brake is the author of four books on haunted history, including *The Haunted History of the West Virginia Penitentiary: Afterlife with*

No Parole (2011). She also is a monthly columnist for *Two-Lane Livin’ Magazine* and a member of the West Virginia Writers group. Active in preservation efforts, she is a member of several historical and heritage societies and is a Civil War re-enactor. Popular paranormal television shows have called on Brake for her research abilities. Among the shows on which she has appeared are the Travel Channel’s *Most Terrifying Places in America* and the Discovery Channel’s *Ghost*

Lab. Brake also instructs classes on the paranormal at New River Community and Technical College.

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

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Evening Workshops and Lecture Schedule

| Date | Conducted by: | Subject |
|--------------------------|------------------|---|
| 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.

Check out Archives and History’s YouTube and Facebook Pages

<http://www.youtube.com/user/wvarchivesandhistory>
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/West-Virginia-Archives-and-History/168933289812323>

Dr. Ledbetter Presents History of WV State's Aviation Program

Dr. Charles T. Ledbetter taught the April First Tuesday audience about "The West Virginia State College Aviation Program—The

Tuskegee Airmen Connection in the Experiment" on April 2 in the West Virginia Archives and History Library. More photographs are posted on our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops/wkshp040213.html>.



WVRR Corrections Ongoing

Debra Basham, archivist, is continuously making corrections to the West Virginia Vital Research Records (WVRR) database on our Web site at http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx. Both public users and our staff report transcription errors and errors in the actual records to Basham on a daily basis. While she cannot correct the record itself, Basham can cross-reference a different name, spelling or date, and make a note on the Details page for an entry if appropriate. Depending on the volume of corrections submitted at any given time, researchers may have to wait a few days or a few weeks for the corrections to appear online, but the corrected record will be available immediately upon correction.

Once in a while a county name is entered incorrectly when a new record is transcribed or an old one updated, and a mysterious "new" county will turn up in the county drop-down box and in the list of counties to the right of each search page. (In early April, a "Bonne County," in addition to Boone County, was incorrectly listed for 1867 marriages.) Basham corrects this type of error as soon as it is discovered, but the correction will not be immediately apparent, becoming visible in the online version after the database updates itself every weekend. Similarly, new records that are uploaded will not be reflected in the county lists until the following Monday. This includes the additional year of state death certificates and county birth records that are added every January 1.

New Titles

- Wiles Hill: "A Nice Place to Live":** Wiles Hill Neighborhood Association, 1980.
- The Wiles Hill Neighborhood Association News: Volume 1, No. 3, October 10, 1980:** The association, 1980.
- A Different Dark and Other Poems:** Shirley Young Campbell, 1975.
- Directory: Elmore Memorial Advent Christian Church:** 1927.
- Morrison's Magazine:** O.J. Morrison Department Store Company, 1928.
- Poems:** H. M. Calhoun, Sr., 1992.
- A Collection of Poetry and Short Essays:** Abigail Milligan, 1972.
- Shenandoah Poets:** Jefferson County Arts Council, c1978.
- Quotations from Addresses, Messages and Statements About the New Deal by New Dealers and Democrats:** Republican National Party, 1936.
- In the Briar Patch: A West Virginia Anthology:** Michael C. Gallagher, editor, 1983.
- Reserve Pension Program of the West Virginia Conference of the Methodist Church:** 1946.
- Baas on the Bus:** Helen Groves Hedrick, 2000.
- West Virginia State Folk Festival [program]:** 2012.
- The Castos and Their Kin:** Carrie Ferrill, 1965.
- The Castos and Their Kin: Addendum:** Lura Given, 1988.
- New Salem: A Memorial to Abraham Lincoln:** State of Illinois, 1934.
- The True and the Traitors:** Colonel W. H. Stewart, [no date].
- Letter of Hon. Joseph Segar to Judge Alexander Rives:** Joseph Segar, 1877, c1876.
- A Century of Basketball Memories: 1914-2013:** West Virginia Secondary Schools Athletic Association, 2013.
- Alexander Scott Withers: A Sketch:** Roy Bird Cook, 1921.
- The Fallacy of Rooseveltism:** Duncan McRa, 1913.
- The Caves and Karst of West Virginia:** George R. Dasher, 2012.
- Wheeling Highschool Handbook:** National Honor Society, Wheeling High School, 1953.
- Settlers of Maryland [4 volumes, 1679-1765]:** Peter Wilson Coldham, 1995-96.
- Pierce's Register: Register of the Certificates Issued by John Pierce, Esquire, Paymaster General . . . to Officers and Soldiers of the Continental Army Under Act of July 4, 1783:** NSDAR, 1973.
- Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Indiana (1949) with Supplement (1954):** Margaret R. Waters, 1970.
- Fairfax County Road Orders 1749-1800:** Beth Mitchell, 2003.
- Index to Tennessee Wills & Administrations 1779-1861:** Byron and Barbara Sistler, 1990.
- Virginia Postmasters and Post Offices: 1789-1832:** Edith F. Axelson, 1991.
- The Fanny Hume Diary of 1862: A Year in Wartime Orange, Virginia:** J. Randolph Grymes, Jr., editor, 1994.

New Titles

They Behaved Like Soldiers: Captain John Chilton and the Third Virginia Regiment, 1775-1778: Michael Cecere, 2004.

Frederick County, Virginia: Wills & Administrations, 1795-1816: Compiled by M.N. Kangas and D.E. Payne, 2006, c1983.

Tidewater Virginia Families: A Social History: Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis, 1989.

Acknowledgment of Donations and an Explanation of How the Archives Receives Them

Thank you to **Pauline Haga** for providing fresh copies of several of her publications that we either did not have in our collection, or only had one copy. The librarian happened to answer a library reference call from Ms. Haga and mentioned that the Library had received donation of one volume of "A Tribute to the Coal Miner," but that we did not have the rest of the series. Ms. Haga generously and promptly shipped a box containing the following:

Tribute to the Police Officer: 1993.
A Tribute to the Coal Miner, Volumes 1, 3 and 5: various dates.

Historical Footprints: 1997.

Salute to the Veteran: 1993.

Raleigh County's School Days of Yesteryear: 1991.

Tribute to the Railroader: 1992.

The Archives is very lucky to be remembered and appreciated by many West Virginia authors. They realize that the Archives and History Library both brings their work to the attention of current researchers and preserves it for future generations.

Thank you to **LTC Gary D. Coffey**, JFHQ Chaplain for the West

Virginia National Guard for donating a copy of *Song and Service Book for Ship and Field*, 1941. Although compilation of a service book with the musical score of hymns to replace a word-only hymn book was approved by the National Convention of the Chaplains of the Army and the Navy in May 1940, the actual publication was made "during a great national emergency" that "necessitated haste" in 1941. The 192-page book contains services for Protestants, Jews and Catholics, including prayers and hymns, plus a section of additional hymns and songs. The Archives and Museum staff of the Division of Culture and History has assisted National Guard headquarters staff over the past few years as they organize and improve their own archive.

Frequent donors Shirley Parsons, Greg Carroll, the Mining Your History Foundation, Fairmont State University Library, WVU Press, and Fairfax County (Virginia) Library have contributed titles recently. We have several friends of the Archives like Ms. Parsons and Mr. Carroll who scout out yard sales

and thrift stores for West Virginia books and yearbooks for donation. Academic and public libraries weed their collections periodically and also receive donated books that do not fit their collection policies. Some titles will be saved for their local book sales, but many are offered to other libraries that can use them. We check their lists of available books and select the ones that fit our collection needs. The Fairfax County Library is currently the source for most of our Virginia county record books. Fairmont has filled in gaps in our state documents and mining collections with their discards. The Archives and History Library does not subscribe to the very expensive annual Polk directories for West Virginia cities, but the West Virginia Library Commission Library does. As the Library Commission receives new editions, the old ones are transferred to the Archives Library. Some copies of new books are received from the publishers as part of their agreements with the State Archives for use of Archives images in the publications. The Mining Your History Foundation continually proves its status as "Friends of the Archives" by purchasing books for the Archives.

Large personal library collections of West Virginia genealogy and history and of Civil War history have been donated as West Virginia researchers and readers downsize homes or pass away. Our most recent donation was the William Wintz Collection, the personal library of historian and author William Wintz of Putnam County, given by his daughters Cheryl Wintz Withrow and Judy Wintz Kiff. The Wintz family also donated papers, photographs and other materials.

As we have mentioned before, virtually all of the autobiographies, family histories, reminiscences and

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memoirs we receive are donated by the authors or their family members. All are greatly appreciated and will be maintained in the Archives collections for the generations to come. If you or someone you know has written about life in West Virginia or compiled a family history, please consider donating a copy of the book or manuscript to the West Virginia Archives and History Library. Family

history and local history books usually receive a hardback library binding and are shelved in the Reading Room. A donated book will be acknowledged with a thank you letter and will receive a gift plate naming the donor. Donors may specify "In memory of" or "In honor of" someone on the gift plate if they wish. For more information contact Susan Scouras, Archives librarian, (304) 558-0230, susan.c.scouras@wv.gov.

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much the volumes were browsed on any given day by the pile of paper chips below the shelves and the trails of paper crumbs to the library tables. The only solution was to microfilm the volumes before they lost actual text and became unusable, then store the paper copies for preservation.

Since the gazetteers are now on microfilm and no longer visible on a shelf, few researchers use them. We encourage you to take a look at them if you have not searched them before. The microfilm is in the microfilm cabinet in the Library Reading Room and readily accessible. The following editions are available:

- *West Virginia State Directory and Shippers Guide*: 1875
- *Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia Gazetteer and Business Directory*: 1884
- *West Virginia State Gazetteer and Business Directory*: 1877, 1882-83, 1891-92, 1895-96, 1898-99 through 1918-19, and 1923-24.

Deadline for Submission of Event Information to West Virginia Archives and History News

Any organization wishing to submit event news for consideration for an article or Calendar of Events listing in *Archives and History News* must have it on the desk or in the e-mail of editor Susan Scouras by no later than the first of the month **preceding** the month of the event. If an event occurs in the first half of a month, let us know **two months** ahead of time in order to be sure readers will learn about it in time to make plans. If you

would like the notice to appear in two issues, be sure to inform us by the first of the month before the monthly issue in which you would like to be included. For instance, for the July issue, contact us no later than June 1, but May 1 is better. As with most publications, a completed issue of *West Virginia Archives and History News* must go through an approval process before it is released to the public, which can take some time.

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.

THE ROOTS OF UN-CIVIL WAR: THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF CORNSTALK'S CAMPAIGN, May 4: Kanawha State Forest.

IMBODEN'S RAID ON BEVERLY RE-ENACTMENT, May 4-5: Beverly Heritage Center and Rich Mountain Battlefield Foundation, West Virginia Reenactors Association. For more information, contact BHC at (304) 637-7424, info@beverlyheritagecenter.org, or on Facebook.

"A FUTURE FOR THE PAST: PRESERVING THE PAST AS AN ASSET FOR THE FUTURE," May 9: Sir Neil Cossons, speaker, West Virginia Independence Hall, Wheeling.

"COUNTDOWN TO WEST VIRGINIA STATEHOOD," May 23: Bob O'Connor, speaker, West Virginia Independence Hall, Wheeling.

VANDALIA GATHERING, May 24-25: Concerts and music contests, Capitol Complex, Charleston.

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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.

**THE ROOTS OF UN-CIVIL WAR: THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF
CORNSTALK'S CAMPAIGN, June 1:** Point Pleasant.

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

"RALLY ROUND THE FLAG," June 8: 150th celebration with historical film festival and tours,
display of 35th-star flag, Waldomore and Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library, Clarksburg.

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

"THE CIVIL WAR IN CHARLESTON," June 12: Dr. Billy Joe Peyton, speaker,
The Clay Center, Charleston.

**"THE POLITICAL GENIUS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN: EMANCIPATION AND
WEST VIRGINIA STATEHOOD," June 13:** Forest Bowman, speaker,
West Virginia Independence Hall, Wheeling.

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

"150 YEARS: WEST VIRGINIA SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION," June 20:
West Virginia Independence Hall, Wheeling.

WV150 CELEBRATION, June 20-23: State Capitol, Charleston.

WV150 ART AND HISTORY PARADE, June 22: Charleston.

"MOST SOUTHERN OF THE NORTHERN," June 23:
John Alexander Williams, speaker, McFarland-Hubbard House, Charleston.

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

**"HISTORY OF BATHROOMS . . . FROM ANCIENT TIMES TO THE
21ST CENTURY," July 20:** Dr. Ray Swick, Blennerhassett Museum, Parkersburg.

"MORE THAN BOWS AND ARROWS," July 25:
Film, 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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