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As I write this editorial, eighth grade students from all 55 counties of West Virginia are being dubbed knights and ladies of the Golden Horseshoe in the Norman L. Fagan West Virginia State Theater, having achieved high scores on the annual Golden Horseshoe West Virginia history examination. The 2013 West Virginia History Bowl champions, having survived a 24-team double elimination quiz tournament, are still celebrating at Shady Spring Middle School in Raleigh County. Not only did the school's Team 1 win first place, their Team 2 placed seventh. The West Virginia state contest of the National History Day competition and the West Virginia State Social Studies Fair, for which some of our staff members served as judges, included many outstanding projects presented by students in third grade through high school. May their strong work ethic, enthusiasm for learning, and love of their state remain with these youngsters for life!

Online Listings of Archives Civil War Holdings Now Available

Terry Lowry, Archives and History historian, has compiled an annotated bibliography of Civil War manuscripts, special collections and archival holdings in the West Virginia Archives and History Library. While books and pamphlets on the subject can be found by searching the appropriate subject headings in the Voyager online catalog, non-book materials, particularly those that are not primarily about Civil War subjects, can be more problematic to locate. The introduction reads as follows:

"The West Virginia Archives and History Library is the repository for an extensive collection of manuscripts, special collections, and archival holdings related to the American Civil War. Included are such items as letters, diaries, broadsides, regimental record books, muster rolls, scrapbooks, memorials,

pensions, reunion material, clothing books, political matter, and others, covering nearly every aspect of the war. Each item or collection is described with as much detail as

possible to facilitate a search, while some also have finding aids, such as the Boyd Stutler Collection, the West Virginia Adjutant Generals'

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United Daughters of the Confederacy To Be Discussed at June 4, 2013, Program

On June 4, 2013, Karen L. Cox will present "Dixie's Daughters: The United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Preservation of Confederate Culture" 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.

Cox will discuss the founding generation of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and its efforts to honor the Confederate generation and to preserve a pro-southern

memory of the Civil War. Formed in 1894, the UDC helped shape the social and political culture of the South in the early twentieth century.

Karen L. Cox is Professor of History at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte where she teaches courses in American history with a focus on southern history and culture. She is the author of several books and articles on the subject. Her first book, *Dixie's Daughters: The United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Preservation*

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Papers 1861-1865, and the Civil War Artificial Collection. Where collections embody various non-Civil War material as well as Civil War, only the Civil War material in the collection is noted. Newspapers and books are not included in this listing. This list is by no means definitive or complete, as new material is continually added, but it does present a detailed representation of the current holdings.”

Lowry has added explanatory notes to many of the entries, as well as adding lists of names or subjects of letters and documents to aid researchers in understanding what a collection or manuscript entails. The McCulloch Family Collection contains nine original letters written by James B. Cobb, written while the Confederate soldier from Georgia, who was captured at Martinsburg in 1863, was held as a prisoner of war at Camp Chase in Ohio and at Fort Delaware. Perhaps some of the most valuable information Lowry has provided is a description of the contents of four boxes of material from the Boyd B. Stutler Collection that was unprocessed until now. Within these documents he found a folder of Civil War letters written by David Hunter Strother (“Porte Crayon”) that up until then had been listed as missing from the Stutler Collection. Even within processed and cataloged collections, he found a few surprises, such as a rare letter written by General Turner Ashby, Jr., that had been mislabeled. In the Sterrett Family Collection, Lowry found a book that appeared to be a collection of handwritten recipes and discovered that it was a memo book that had been used as a journal by a Confederate family member. In the journal were remarks on the retreat of the Federal army from the Kanawha Valley.

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of Confederate Culture, won the 2004 Julia Cherry Spruill Prize from the Southern Association for Women Historians for the Best Book in Southern Women’s History. Her second book, *Dreaming of Dixie: How the South Was Created in American Popular Culture*, was published in 2011. She also is the editor of *Destination Dixie: Tourism and Southern History* (2012) and authors the blog *Pop South: Reflections on the South in Popular Culture*. She has appeared on C-SPAN, Canadian Public Radio, and has written op-eds for the *New York Times*.

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

“Reconstructing Bill”

Russ Barbour and Richard Fauss presented “Reconstructing Bill: The Story of Governor William C. Marland” as the May First Tuesday lecture in the West Virginia Archives and History Library on May 7, 2013. Archival film footage supplied by Fauss, Archives and History’s audio-visual archivist, and incorporated into Barbour’s award-winning West Virginia Public Broadcasting documentary, *Reconstructing Bill*, was part of the presentation. Barbour

On June 4, 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.

discussed what he discovered about Marland in the 20 years it took to



produce the documentary. Missed the lecture? Watch it on YouTube!

WV Penitentiary History Presented by Brake

Author and columnist Sherri Brake made an artful and interesting presentation on “The Haunted History of the West Virginia Penitentiary” as the Thursday Evening Lecture on May 9 in the Archives and History Library. Brake skillfully blended well-researched facts and photographs of the penitentiary and those who worked or were

imprisoned there with reports of paranormal events reported by paranormal investigators. We thank Brake for donating a portion of the evening’s sales of her book, *The*



Haunted History of the West Virginia Penitentiary: Afterlife with No Parole, to the Archives and History Library after the lecture.

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You will find “West Virginia State Archives Civil War Manuscripts, Special Collections, and Archival Holdings” in the Child of the Rebellion section of the Archives and History Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/sesquicentennial/archivescwholdings.html>, as well as Lowry’s bibliography of Civil War books and pamphlets in the Archives and History Library. “West Virginia and the Civil War: An Annotated Bibliography,” <http://www.wvculture.org/history/sesquicentennial/bibliography.html>, is divided into the following categories:

- General Works
- Biographies
- Civil War Battles and Campaigns
- Regimental Histories
- Letters and Personal Reminiscences
- Spies and Guerilla Warfare
- Counties
- Reunions and Veterans Organizations

Both bibliographies simplify the process of identifying the many treasures to be found in the Archives and History Library, especially the many unique primary source materials available in the State Archives of the only state created out of the Civil War. As we celebrate the sesquicentennial of the Civil War and of West Virginia statehood, we congratulate Terry Lowry for his hard work in compiling the bibliographies, and Mary Johnson, Archives and History historian, for putting the information on the Archives and History Web site.

Reading Room Re-organization in Progress

We are re-organizing the Reading Room collection of the Archives and History Library. The librarian is withdrawing books from the Ready Reference and Reference collections that are outdated and of no historical value (we keep many “outdated” sources such as city directories because of their value in historical research and genealogy). Other books that are not used as often as they once were, mostly bibliographies and other resources that are less directly connected to West Virginia, are being moved to the Closed Stack collection and are still available upon request. Some Revolutionary War and Civil War

Reference books have been switched to shelves with the same subject areas elsewhere in the room.

Eventually all of the books in the room will be shifted around the shelves to make more room for expanding subject areas and to leave some space for collection growth. We are also shifting furniture to create exhibit space for a planned sesquicentennial exhibit in June, and to make easier accommodation for seating for our speakers’ series. If you don’t find something where you are used to seeing it, skim the nearby shelves, check the Voyager online catalog, or ask the staff for assistance.

Evening Workshops and Lecture Schedule

Date	Conducted by:	Subject
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.

Appalachian Regional Interest Collection

The Annie Merner Pfeiffer Library at West Virginia Wesleyan College has created a permanent circulating collection of resources about Appalachia and/or by Appalachian authors. The collection includes films

as well as books. Programs related to the collection are also planned. For more information visit the Library’s Web site, <http://amplibrary.wvwc.edu/libraryhome>, or contact Beth Rogers, coordinator of reference,

instruction and outreach, (304) 473-8013, rogers_e@wvwc.edu. The Library’s Special Collections page includes a list of Appalachia-related Web site links that would be helpful to both library users and those unable to visit the library.

Volunteer Indexers Wanted for New West Virginia Wills Project

West Virginia Archives and History has digitized the West Virginia county will records from microfilm to add to the West Virginia Vital Research Records database. Volunteer assistance is needed to complete the indexing of the records for the searchable database. Volunteers will work from their home computers via the Internet. Only a computer with Internet access is required—no specific program or special software is needed. Indexers will be given a link to an indexing Web site where they can download material and index it. If you would like to participate in this volunteer effort, please send an e-mail to vr@wv.gov with the word “Indexing” in the subject line.

Ancestry.Com Offers School Lesson Plans

ProQuest has announced that Ancestry.com has added free lesson plans, most one page, designed for middle and high school students. The plans were developed by a certified K-12 teacher and cover relevant National Standards, including Common Core requirements. Topics available:

- 1940 Census
- African American Congressman
- Autobiography
- Biography
- Census and Constitution
- Census and Depression
- Civil War
- Civil War Military
- Haunted House
- Historical Crime
- How Life Influences Art
- Immigration
- Irish American
- Records in Your Community

- Revolutionary War
- Trail of Tears
- War of 1812
- Women Suffrage Movement
- World War One Mobilization for War
- World War Two

A reminder to all teachers at all levels, from Pre-K to Graduate School, including home-schoolers: Archives and History staff are always available to assist you with information for social studies, government and history classes in particular, but will do our best with any subject in which you want West Virginia-

related material. Visit our “Teacher Resources” section on our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/teacherresources.html>. For more information contact Bryan Ward, assistant director, bryan.e.ward@wv.gov, (304) 558-0230, ext. 723.

Another reminder to those within traveling distance to Charleston: The Archives and History Library offers free access to AncestryLibraryEdition (ALE) to patrons in the Library’s Reading Room. Those with their own laptops or other Internet-enabled

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New Titles

Legendary Locals of McDowell County West Virginia: William R. “Bill” Archer, 2013.

The Free Negro in Virginia: 1619-1865: John H. Russell, 1969, c1913.

Evolution of the West Virginia State Police Uniform Since 1919: Merle T. Cole and Donald R. Davis, 2013.

Jackson County West Virginia Past and Present: Volume II: Jackson County Historical Society, 2012.

A Kerns Family History: Terry Kerns, 2013.

The Glovers of Glover’s Gap West Virginia: Terry Kerns, 2013.

Monitor Road: Carla Haslam Herkner, 2012.

Hillside Fields: A History of Sports in West Virginia: Bob Barnett, 2013.

Gifts of Mining Your History Foundation

Indian Wars Along the Upper Ohio: A History of the Indian Wars and Related Events Along the Upper Ohio and Its Tributaries: William M. Garbarino, Jr., c2001.

Along the Monongahela: A History of the Early Events Along the Monongahela and its Tributaries: William M. Garbarino, Jr., c2000.

The Westsylvania Pioneers, 1774-1776: Harold Frederic and William C. Frederick III, 2011, c1991.

Keeping House: Women’s Lives in Western Pennsylvania, 1790-1850: Virginia K. Bartlett, 1994.

The Life and Times of the Pennsboro B&O Depot: Ritchie County Historical Society, c2006.

Free Blacks and Mulattoes in Augusta County, Virginia, 1796-1860: Augusta County Genealogical Society, 2012.

Set Free: Augusta County Emancipations and Manumissions: Augusta County Genealogical Society, 2011.

Gangrene and Glory: Medical Care during the American Civil War: Frank R. Freemon, 2001, c1998.

A Photographic History of Ritchie County, West Virginia: Ritchie County Historical Society, 2003, c1989.

America’s Women in the Revolutionary Era: A History through Bibliography: 3 volumes, Eric Grundset, 2011.

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devices can use our free wireless Internet to connect to both ALE and HeritageQuest Online and download

information directly to their own electronic files. Computer printouts from the Library's public access computers are \$.25 per page.

Sesquicentennial Display in the Archives and History Library

The sesquicentennial of West Virginia statehood will be celebrated in the Archives with a display of items relating to statehood and West Virginia history, including state documents, rare books, photographs and other images, documents from Special Collections and the

Manuscript collection, Civil War documents, and more. The display will be available for viewing during regular library hours from May 20 through West Virginia Day, June 20 (the Library will be open), and perhaps beyond.

Shady Spring Team 1 History Bowl Champions for 2013

Shady Spring Middle School Team 1 (Raleigh County) bested Fairview



Middle School Team 1 (Marion County) in the

2013 West Virginia History Bowl Tournament for eighth graders, climbing to the top without losing a match in the double elimination contest. The championship rounds were held April 30, 2013, in the Culture Center in Charleston, following eight regional competitions and an added play-in round this year to accommodate



schools who were unable to participate in their regional competition due to bad weather. Much more information, including team member lists, regional results, the championship bracket and photographs, is available online at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/historybowl.html>.

Ohio County Public Library Offering Free Program

Ohio County Public Library has created "The People's University, a free program for adults who wish to continue their education in the liberal arts," according to the Library's Spring 2013 brochure. Currently they are offering "American History 2: the Civil War & W.V. Statehood," a series of classes taught by area historians and other experts. For more information call (304) 232-0244 or e-mail ocplweb@weirton.lib.wv.us.

New State Museum App

The West Virginia State Museum has introduced a new app that gives smartphone and tablet users the ability to get the latest information on programs and services at the state museum. The app is a free download available in the Apple and Google App stores. To download, search for WVSM or West Virginia Museum. The home page lists the following options:

- Discovery Room: videos of the 26 discovery rooms in the museum and a touring map of the museum
- Fact Finder: West Virginia History Quizzes
- News and Social: notes on programs and upcoming activities
- Get Me There: directs users to the museum and a selection of historic communities across West Virginia
- ScanMe: special option for museum visitors that provides extended information on selected artifacts using quick response codes
- Contact Us: provides several ways to communicate with the museum through mail, e-mail, Facebook and Twitter

For more information contact Rachel Moses, (304) 558-0220, ext. 127.

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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>

Women in Civil War West Virginia To Be Focus of June 13 Lecture

On June 13, 2013, Mary Johnson will discuss women in Civil War West Virginia 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.

Most people have heard of Nancy Hart and Belle Boyd, but few other women in wartime West Virginia are as widely known. Ironically, one contemporary observer noted that the Civil War was perhaps more “a woman’s war” than any previous conflict. Living in a border state, many parts of which were exposed to fighting at some point during the war, West Virginia women responded to the challenges in different ways, ranging from making clothing or food items for soldiers to concealing themselves as men in order to serve

as soldiers. Johnson will discuss the range of activities, using specific examples.

Johnson holds a master’s degree from West Virginia University and has been a historian at Archives and History since 2000. She has written for *West Virginia History* and *The West Virginia Encyclopedia* and currently is the editor of the semi-annual publication of the West Virginia Historical Society. She also serves as the society’s secretary and sits on the Commission on Archives

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and History, West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

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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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, 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.

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

“THE 35TH STAR: WEST VIRGINIA STATEHOOD,” June 15: Joe Geiger, speaker, Union.

“1863: THE CIVIL WAR AND JEFFERSON COUNTY,” June 17-18 and 27: Workshop, Charles Town, Shepherdstown, and Harpers Ferry. Sponsored by Historic Shepherdstown Commission and Jefferson County Historical Society. For more information, contact Donna Northouse at dnorthouse@gmail.com.

“THE MAKING OF THE WEST VIRGINIA CONSTITUTIONS, 1861-1872,” June 17: Robert Bastress, speaker, Wood County Public Library, Parkersburg.

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.

“SPECIES OF LEGAL FICTION: THE WHEELING CONVENTIONS,” June 21: David Javersak, speaker, Huntersville Presbyterian Church, Huntersville.

WV150 ART AND HISTORY PARADE, June 22: Charleston.

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

“ENEMIES OF THE STATE: METHODISTS, SECESSION, AND THE CIVIL WAR IN WESTERN VIRGINIA,” June 24: Matthew Foulds, speaker, Charleston.

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

“NEW DEAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF WEST VIRGINIA,” July 9: Betty Rivard, speaker, Ohio County Public Library Lunch with Books, Wheeling.

“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.

THE IRISH IN WHEELING, August 6: Margaret Brennan, speaker, Ohio County Public Library Lunch with Books, Wheeling.

**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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