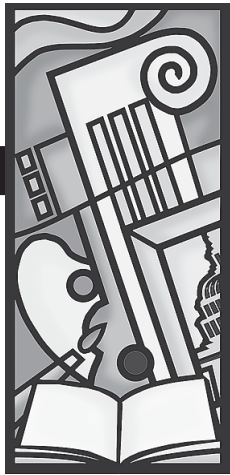


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From the Editor:

The carpeting in the libraries and offices housed in The Cultural Center in Charleston soon will be replaced over a several-month period, September 2005 through January 2006. We anticipate closing the Archives and History Library sometime in January for an as yet undetermined number of days. Please check our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history> or call (304) 558-0230 before visiting to verify which facilities and offices will be open on a given date. While the staff will have to vacate their usual offices, most will be working elsewhere in the building during the installation. Throughout the process we will be available by telephone and e-mail. We appreciate your patience during this necessary disruption.

West Virginia County Records Management and Preservation Grants Program Accepting Applications for 2006-2007 Projects

The County Records Management and Preservation Grants Program, administered by the Records Management and Preservation Board (RMPB), will be accepting applications from county government offices through their county commissions for projects to implement records management programs. The grants are offered in support of the program's dual purpose of preserving the county records of West Virginia and of maintaining the accessibility of those records to the public. Grant guidelines and application forms will be mailed to County Commission offices on September 1, 2005, and are available on line at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/rmpb/rmpb.html>. All applications must be completed and mailed with a postmark on or before November 1, or hand-delivered by this date to the RMPB, c/o Fredrick Armstrong, Archives and History, Division of Culture and History. **Applications**

for the RMPB program are restricted to county commissions only.

Funds may be applied for projects to:

- Remove non-records and accumulations of records having reached or exceeded required retention periods from storage areas, particularly attics and basements, and the removal of justice of the peace books, personal property

books and duplicate land books.

- Conduct complete records inventory and condition assessment, and develop a master records management plan for the county.
- Provide for the proper and improved storage and access to permanent records or records with required retention periods in excess of twenty-five years, such as

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New Titles

Most are gifts of the author and/or the society named:

Governing: State and Local Source Book: *Congressional Quarterly*, 2005.

Kanawha County Births, 1872-1878: Pamela Thomas, 2005.

West Virginia Cemeteries, Book II: West Virginia Genealogical Society, 2004.

1920 Kanawha County Census: Union District: West Virginia Genealogical Society, 2004.

Wood County, WV, 1900 Census: City of Parkersburg: Wes Cochran, 2004.

Wood County WV Deaths, 1931-1938, A-L: Wes Cochran, 2004.

Barbour County WV Deaths, 1920-28: Wes Cochran, 2004.

Barbour County WV Deaths, 1949-59: Wes Cochran, 2004.

Barbour County WV Deaths, 1960-69: Wes Cochran, 2004.

Virginia Genealogies and Family Histories: A Bibliography of Books About Virginia Families: Donald O. Virdin, 1989.

Cabell County Virginia/West Virginia Marriage Records, 1809-1853: KYOWVA Genealogical Society, 2005.

1840 Federal Census and 1840 Personal Property Tax List of Cabell Co., VA/WV: KYOWVA Genealogical Society, 2005.

Should Preacher's Play God?: Claude A. Frazier, 1973.

West Virginia USA: Jerry Wayne Ash and Stratton L. Douthat, 1976.

Wright Family Birth Records, 1853 to 1896, and Marriage Records, 1782 to 1900, Campbell County, Virginia: Robert N. Grant, 2004.

Wright Family Census Records, Campbell County, Virginia, 1810-1900: Robert N. Grant, 2005.

Rural Cemeteries of Mineral and Grant Counties, West Virginia, Volume 1: Mineral County Genealogical Society, 2004.

Richard Bailey of Chesterfield and Tazewell Counties, Virginia, and his Descendants, Volume 2: Mary Ellen Howe, 2003.

A Census of Cemeteries, Troy District, Gilmer County, West Virginia: Doris M. Radabaugh and Mary E. Radabaugh, 2005.

Gifts of the Wayne County Genealogical Society:

Wayne County, West Virginia Cemetery Listings: 4 volumes, Wayne County Genealogical Society, [no date].

1860 Wayne County Census: Annotated: Wayne County Genealogical Society, [no date].

1870 Wayne County Census: Annotated: Wayne County Genealogical Society, [no date].

1880 Wayne County Census: Annotated: Wayne County Genealogical Society, [no date].

1920 Wayne County Census: Annotated: Wayne County Genealogical Society, [no date].

The Court and Its Judges, 1863-1972: Frank C. Haymond, [no date].

Hardesty's History of Wayne County, West Virginia: Wayne County Genealogical Society, 2004.

2001 Pictorial Calendar [Wayne County]: Wayne County Genealogical Society.

2004 Pictorial Calendar [Wayne County]: Wayne County Genealogical Society.

Clarification Regarding the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Archives and the West Virginia Catholic Heritage Center

Ms. Tracey Rasmer, archivist for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Archives, contacted us to clarify information in last month's article entitled *West Virginia Catholic Heritage Center*. The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Archives is administered under the office of the Chancellor, located in a building called the Chancery, while the Archives itself is physically located in a separate building called the West Virginia Catholic Heritage Center (just as the Archives and History Library is administered by the

Archives and History section of the Division of Culture and History and is located in a building called The Cultural Center). Records available to the public include vital statistics from all Catholic parishes from 1828 to 1931 on microfilm, selected records of priests and bishops, information on deceased priests since the late 1890's, business records, property records and estate leases. The physical and mailing addresses for the Archives are the same: Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Archives, West Virginia

Gifts of the Greenbrier Historical Society

Minutes of the Greenbrier Agricultural Society, March 28, 1853-September 1, 1860: transcribed by Larry Heffner, 2004.

Greenbrier County Cemeteries Index: Greenbrier Historical Society, [no date].

Historic Lewisburg's Sixty-Four Original Lots, 1782-2001: James E. Talbert, 2001.

Greenbrier Co., (W)Va Records: (personal property tax and deed books) Larry Shuck, [n.d.].

Gifts of Goldenseal Magazine

The Man Who Owned Adaland: Barbara Smith, 2004.

Brooke Cemetery: Bobbie Britt Elliott and Gwendolyn Mackey Hubbard, 2004.

Capasheea's Leadmine: A Novel: Foster Mullenax, 1989.

Creeker: A Woman's Journey: Linda Scott DeRosier, 1999.

Songs of Life and Grace: Linda Scott DeRosier, 2003.

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Catholic Heritage Center, Suite 201, 2000 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Other days and times are available by appointment. Visit their Web site at <http://www.dwc.org/chancery/archives.shtml>. Ms. Rasmer may be reached at trasmer@dwc.org, or (304) 230-2079.

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mobile shelving systems or microfilm.

In this third round of grants, requests also will be considered for re-formatting (converting) records scheduled as permanent, which require a high rate of access and for which an eye readable format exists or will be created (microfilm) and maintained as a security backup in proper environmental conditions.

For more information about the RMPB annual grant program, visit the RMPB section of the West Virginia Archives and History Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/rmpb/rmpb.html>. You may also contact Fredrick Armstrong, Director of Archives and History, by phone at (304) 558-0230, Ext. 164, or by e-mail at fharmstrong@wvculture.org, or Denise Ferguson, County Records Archivist, Archives and History, at (304) 558-0230, Ext. 150, or denise.ferguson@wvculture.org. You may write to: Records Management and Preservation Board, WVDCH, The Cultural Center, 1900 Kanawha Blvd., East, Charleston, WV 25305-0300.

Meet Our Staff: Denise Ferguson

Denise Ferguson joined the staff of Archives and History on July 1, 2005, in the new position of County Records Archivist. Ms. Ferguson will work with the Records Management and Preservation Board and with county officials, particularly with RMPB grants. Her responsibilities include:

- Providing information and technical assistance to county officials in development of grant applications.
- Reviewing and making recommendations on grant applications.
- Monitoring and conducting site visits in behalf of grant-funded projects, to ensure compliance with grant contract, laws, regulations,

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.

LABOR DAY, September 5: Archives Library will be *closed*.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ROAD SHOW, September 20: WV State Historic Preservation Staff, Pocahontas County Opera House, Marlinton.

ROANE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY GENEALOGICAL FAIR, September 24: Spencer.

JENKINS PLANTATION 170TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, September 24: Lesage.

CIVIL WAR LECTURE "DR. JONATHAN LETTERMAN: THE FATHER OF AMERICAN BATTLEFIELD MEDICINE," September 28: Gordon C. Dammann, D.D.S., speaker, West Virginia Independence Hall, Wheeling.

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY COMMISSION MEETING, October 7: Organ Cave Community Center, Ronceverte.

FAMILY HISTORY FAIR, October 8: The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, Sissonville.

COLUMBUS DAY, October 10: Archives Library will be open.*

HENRY LOUIS GATES JR., October 14: Speaker, "The Importance of History," with reception and book signing, The State Theater in The Cultural Center, Charleston.

CIVIL WAR LECTURE, October 18: Dr. Robert Browning, speaker, The State Theater in The Cultural Center, Charleston.

MINING YOUR HISTORY FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING AND WORKSHOP, November 5: The Cultural Center, Charleston.

VETERANS DAY, November 11: Archives Library will be open.*

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

rules and program.

- Preparing and/or assisting in development of records retention and disposal schedules within state and federal laws, regulations, rules

and program.

We hope you will join us in welcoming Ms. Ferguson to Archives and History. [See the previous article for contact information.]

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We would love to hear from you.

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

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Constance Baston	Researcher (Veterans Memorial Archives)
Greg Carroll	Historian (Civil War, Native American history)
Dick Fauss	Archivist (microfilm and moving images collection)
Denise Ferguson	County Records Archivist
Allen Fowler	Special projects
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Joe Geiger	Assistant Director (Historian, Web page)
Ed Hicks	Photographer (archival photography, darkroom)
Mary Johnson	Historian (<i>West Virginia History</i>)
Terry Lowry	Library Assistant (Civil War)
Cathy Miller	Library Assistant (WV State documents, periodicals)
Sharon Newhouse	Secretary
Harold Newman	Library Assistant (microfilming, Revolutionary War)
Pat Pleska	Manager of the Veterans Memorial Archives
Susan Scouras	Librarian (cataloging, Kentucky, library collection, newsletter editor)
Jaime Simmons	Library Assistant (records of the 1700's and early 1800's, Pennsylvania)
Bobby Taylor	Library Manager
Nancy Waggoner	Secretary
Volunteers	Carolyn Conner, Bill Kelley, Angela Tolbert, Shari Haywood, Bob and Lucile Foster, John McClure, Carol de la Riva, Lorene Mullins, and Kellis and Virginia Gillespie

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