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CD-ROM COLLECTION

From the Editor:

We are experiencing our usual influx of summer visitors in the Archives and History Library. We enjoy working with transplanted West Virginians and their descendants, many of whom come to us from California, Texas and Florida, as well as from Ohio and other places closer to home. We have especially enjoyed the opportunity to meet some of the researchers who normally work with us by mail most of the year, but who have been able to visit the Library in person during the summer months. Both new and repeat patrons have found the recently extended library hours convenient. As soon as additional staff are added to help us handle those new hours, we will introduce them to you through the *Archives and History News*.

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY LIBRARY CD-ROM COLLECTION

The Archives and History Library now has a collection of indexes and original material available in CD-ROM format. The operating programs required to use the CD-ROM information have been installed on a computer in the Library for use by the public. Some of the titles offer new information for the Library collection, while others provide information in existence elsewhere in the collection, but now available in a

searchable format. We think the census records indexes will be particularly useful in this regard. Those of you who are unable to visit the Archives and History Library, but who work with us through research letters, may request information from a CD-ROM title using the standard research request guidelines of up to two specific requests per letter. (The \$10.00 out-of-state research fee will apply.)

Fayette Tribune Index, 1909-1940: Robert Y. Spence.

Raleigh Register Index, 1907-1927: Robert Y. Spence.

The Mountain Herald Index, 1874-1884: Robert Y. Spence.

Freedman's Bank Records: Family Search.

Passenger and Immigration Lists: Irish Immigrants to North America, 1803-1871: Family Tree Maker.

Passenger and Immigration Lists: Germans to America, 1850-1874: Family Tree Maker.

Passenger and Immigration Lists: Germans to America, 1875-1888: Family Tree Maker.

Vital Records: Social Security Death Index, 1937-1998, A-K and L-Z: Family Tree Maker.

German Genealogy Research Guide: Family Tree Maker.

Family History: Virginia Genealogies #2, 1600s-1800s and Family History: Virginia Genealogies #3, 1600s-1800s: Genealogical Publishing Co./Family Tree Maker.

Family History Collection: 217 Genealogy Books: Family Tree Maker.

The Genealogist's All-in-One Address Book:
Family Tree Maker.

The Hall Family: Dr. Doug Rankin, 1996.

Land Records: AL, AR, FL, LA, MI, MN, OH, WI: Family Tree Maker.

1880 United States Census and National Index:
Family Search.

1840 Census of Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services: Census View.

1997 Census of Agriculture: Vol. 1, Geographic Area Series: USDA.

The Census Book: William Dollarhide, 1999.

Birth Records: United States/Europe 900-1800:
Family Tree Maker.

Selected U.S./International Marriage Records, 1340-1980: Family Tree Maker.

Local and Family Histories: New England, 1600s-1900s: Family Tree Maker.

Military Records: U.S. Soldiers 1784-1811:
Family Tree Maker.

Family History: Mid-Atlantic Genealogies, 1340-1940: Family Tree Maker.

Census Index: Mid-Atlantic States, 1900:
Family Tree Maker.

Census Index: Colonial America 1607-1789:
Family Tree Maker.

Mortality Index: United States 1850-1880:
Family Tree Maker.

Marriage Records: MD, VA and NC:
Automated Archives, Inc.

1870 U.S. Census Index: VA, WV, NC, and KY:
Automated Archives, Inc.

U.S. Census Index-1860: VA, WV, MD, NC and DC: Automated Archives, Inc.

1810 [Virginia Census]: Shenandoah, Southampton, Spotsylvania, Stafford & Surry Cos., VA: Census View.

1850 [Census] Raleigh Co., VA: Census View.

1850 [Census] Randolph Co., VA: Census View.

1810 [Census] Sussex, Warwick, Washington, Westmoreland, & Wood Cos., VA: Census View.

Census Microfilm Records: Virginia, 1850:
Family Tree Maker.

1800 North Carolina [Census]: Mecklenburg, Montgomery, New Hanover, Richmond,

Rowan, Rutherford and Wilkes Counties:
Census View.

1810 [Census]: Bladen, Columbus, Mecklenburg, Northampton, Rutherford, Sampson, Warren Cos., NC: Census View.

Family History: Southern Biographies and Genealogies 1500s to 1940s: Family Tree Maker.

SAR Revolutionary War Graves Register: 2000 Edition: Progeny Publishing.

Gauley Mountain: A History in Verse, Volumes I and II: Poems by Louise McNeill.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE COUNTY RECORDS AS LISTED IN

Archives and History News, Volume I, No. 12, February 2001

Braxton: Courthouse fire in 1861, but many records still exist from 1836 on.

Jefferson: Fire in 1803, but records still exist from 1801 on.

Kanawha: Marriages for 1844-49 are *not* missing. The ledger is mislabeled. These years are recorded in correct chronological sequence in the ledger.

Lewis: Fire in 1886 destroyed courthouse, but records were saved.

Logan: Fire sometime during Civil War. Not all records lost.

Mingo: No fire, but flooded in 1977, heavily damaging records. Mingo was not created until 1895, so Church of the Latter Day Saints (LDS) was not interested in filming Mingo's records during the 1960's-70's when they filmed other counties because LDS was concentrating on pre-1900 records at the time. By the time Mingo records were scheduled for filming, privacy laws had been enacted which prevented copying many records. Births for 1900-24, Deaths for 1894-1925,

Marriages for 1895-1926 and Wills for 1895-1926 were filmed.

Pendleton: Fire in 1924, but no records lost.

Roane: Both the courthouse built in 1856 and its replacement built in 1887 burned. Could not determine dates of fires. Not all records were destroyed. Many survived.

Wayne: Fire in 1921, but no records lost.

Wirt: Fire in 1910, but apparently not all records lost, as many records prior to 1910 still exist.

In addition to West Virginia Genealogy: Sources & Resources, by Carol McGinnis (1988), information was obtained from West Virginia Courthouses: A Pictorial History, by Mary Thrash (1984). If you know of any more recent sources describing West Virginia County records, please contact us.

JULY NEW TITLES

Some Known Descendants of Jeremiah and Rachel Walters Odell: Neva Jane Stout Bryant, 1999.

Location of Historical Materials Concerning the Railroads in the State of West Virginia: Thomas Townsend Taber III, 1993

Ohio County (WV) Index, Volume 7: Kenneth Fischer Craft, Jr., 2001.

A Dutch-English Odyssey: Stories of Brewer and Estey Families in North America 1636-1996: Floyd I. Brewer, 1997.

The Ancestry of Anthony Morris Johnson, Volume 10: Robert Leland Johnson, 2001.

Johann Michael Ernst Hoerner and His Harness Children: John L. Tevebaugh, 2001.

The Tevebaughs-Illinois Branch: The Descendants of George William Tevebaugh and Elizabeth Ann Neff: John L. Tevebaugh and Patricia Lou Thummel, 2000.

McDowell Recorder: Souvenir Edition: Jean Battlo, 2001.

Proceedings of a Convention of the Officers of the Ohio Volunteer Militia: 1858.

Hudson of Long Ago: Progress of Hudson During the Century, Personal Reminiscences of an Aged Pioneer, Written in 1897: Lora Case, 1963. (Associate of John Brown)

Dillon/Dillion & Allied Families: Mae Dillon Moore, 3 vol., no date.

A Social Contract for the Coal Fields: The Rise and Fall of the United Mine Workers of America Welfare and Retirement Fund: Richard P. Mulcahy, 2000.

Memphis Tennessee Garrison: The Remarkable Story of a Black Appalachian Woman: edited by Ancella R. Bickley and Lynda Ann Ewen, 2001.

Index to the Muster Rolls of the Pennsylvania Volunteers in the War of 1812-1814: Harrison Scott Baker II, 1995.

Family History of Arthur E. Edwards and Mary Susan Eleanor Board: Arline Roush Thorn, 2000.

The Family History of Dennis Asbury Roush and May Edwards Roush: Arline Roush Thorn, 2000.

THANK YOU TO SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS

Several times this spring and summer the staff of Archives and History needed volunteer assistance to complete projects. As all good West Virginians do, we called upon our own family to help us out. We appreciate the efforts of **Mrs. Mary Alice Johnson** (mother of Mary Johnson), **Ted Scouras** (son of Susan Scouras), **Andrew Neff** (son of Fred Armstrong), **Matthew Geiger** (son of Joe Geiger) and **Brandon Newhouse** (son of Sharon Newhouse). We used Ted's muscles to move books and install shelving, while everyone else worked hard to get several massive mailings out on time. Thank you!

If you or your organization can assist Archives and History with similar projects, please contact us. Volunteers are always needed.

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.

PRESERVING CULTURES, AUGUST 8. Archives and History Director **Fredrick Armstrong** will discuss the State Archives collection. Kanawha County Public Library, Charleston.

LABOR DAY, SEPTEMBER 3. Archives Library will be closed.

ROANE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY GENEALOGY FAIR, SEPTEMBER 29. Spencer.

COLUMBUS DAY, OCTOBER 8. Archives Library will be open.*

WEST VIRGINIA BOOK FESTIVAL, OCTOBER 12-13. Charleston.

VETERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 12. Archives Library will be open.*

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

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY LIBRARY HOURS ARE 9:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, 9:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AND CLOSED ON SUNDAY. HOLIDAY HOURS ARE AS POSTED.

THE MICROFILM STORAGE ROOM AND STAFF COPY SERVICE WILL CLOSE ONE-HALF HOUR BEFORE LIBRARY CLOSING TIME.

NOTE: ARCHIVES AND HISTORY OFFICE HOURS REMAIN 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. THE

OFFICE IS CLOSED ON ALL STATE HOLIDAYS. PLEASE MAKE VIEWING ARRANGEMENTS FOR MANUSCRIPT, PHOTOGRAPH, MOVING IMAGES AND OTHER SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS.

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY STAFF

Fredrick Armstrong: Director

Debra Basham: Archivist (photographs, special collections)

Constance Baston: Researcher (Veterans Memorial Archives)

Greg Carroll: Historian (Civil War, Native American history)

Dick Fauss: Archivist (microfilm and moving images)

Elaine Gates: Part-time Library Assistant (microfilming and microfilm repairs)

Joe Geiger: Historian (Web page)

Ed Hicks: Photographer (archival photography, darkroom)

Mary Johnson: Historian (*West Virginia History*)

Cathy Miller: Library Assistant (WV State documents, periodicals)

Sharon Newhouse: Secretary

Harold Newman: Library Assistant (microfilming, Revolutionary War)

Pat Pleska: Veterans Memorial Archives Manager

Susan Scouras: Librarian (cataloging, Kentucky, library collection, newsletter editor)

Jaime (Lynch) Simmons: Library Assistant (Records of the 1700's and early 1800's, Pennsylvania)

Bobby Taylor: Library Manager

Nancy Waggoner: Office Assistant

Employees on special projects: **Allen Fowler** and **Leah Stover**. Summer interns: **Ethan Byler** and **Roger Christianson**.