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## Kathy Stuck Responds to Call for Old Telephone Directories

Kathy Stuck of Charleston responded to our request in the September issue of *Archives and History News* for donation of old telephone directories with some real doozies. Stuck brought in three issues of the Official Directory of the Central District Printing and Telegraph Co. of Pittsburgh, which included subscribers in certain counties in Pennsylvania, Ohio and

## Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex To Be Discussed at October 1 Lecture

On October 1, 2013, David E. Rotenizer will present "An Introduction to the Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex: A West Virginia Historic Site, Museum and Research Center" at the Tuesday 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.

The Grave Creek Mound in Moundsville is one of the largest earthen burial mounds constructed by the Adena cultural tradition between 250 and 150 B.C. The seven-acre tract has been owned

by the State of West Virginia since 1909 and hosts the Delf Norona Museum and the West Virginia Archaeological Research and Collections Management facility. The presentation will provide an overview of the facility and its operations.

Rotenizer has been the site manager for the Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex since 2009. He serves as West Virginia editor of the *Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology Newsletter* and serves on the advisory committee of the Cockayne Farmstead, a project of the Marshall County Historical Society.

Rotenizer has been involved in

West Virginia, for July 1896, May 1897 and May 1899. West Virginia counties with subscribers in the listings are: Barbour, Brooke, Doddridge, Hancock, Harrison, Marion, Marshall, Monongalia, Ohio, Pleasants, Preston, Ritchie, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Wetzel, Continued on page 3

archaeology and historic preservation since 1979 with participation in more than 250 professional projects in nine states with supervisory experience in laboratory, archival and field settings. Past experiences include the successful launching of two tourism programs and an environmental education program in Virginia. He served 15 months with AmeriCorps\*VISTA in Carroll County, Virginia, helping to develop community economic capacity. Rotenizer also participated in a long-term ethnographic field study in eastern Kentucky that included

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oral history and architectural documentation. From 1985 to 1987 he directed a site survey recording program in southwest Virginia that resulted in the documentation of more than 500 previously unrecorded archaeological site locations. He also coordinated Virginia Archaeology Month activities in southwest Virginia, 1997-2003. He is a long-time member of the Archeological Society of Virginia, organized the New River Valley and Blue Ridge Plateau chapters, currently serves on the board of directors, and is coordinator of the recently established Social Media Subcommittee and maintains a Facebook page for the organization.

Rotenizer completed coursework at the University of Kentucky in anthropology and Appalachian Studies, and holds a Bachelor of General Studies from Radford University with a concentration in Appalachian Heritage Resources. He is a member of Lambda Alpha, national anthropology honors society. He was recognized for his preservation efforts with a statewide award by the Preservation Alliance of Virginia in 2002. He has an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army Reserve for 18

years of service. His hometown is Blacksburg, Virginia.

On October 1, 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.

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http://archives.lib.wv.us/.

## 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

## "Six Voices" Speak about West Virginia Glass

Millie Coty, Dave Bush, Dane "Woody" Moore, Dottie Daugherty, Tim Felt and Dean Six raised six experienced voices to describe their varying connections to and experience with West Virginia glass manufacturing and collecting in the program entitled "Six Voices: Six Short Stories about West Virginia Glass." Each speaker shared one object that symbolized his or her personal story. If you missed their entertaining talks on August 22, we strongly urge you to watch them on the Archives and History YouTube

#### Bindery Order for Archives Library in Progress

If you use the Archives and History Library's online catalog, you may see some holdings marked "At bindery." You may be browsing the shelves for an item you have used in the past and find a gap in the row of books where it resides. In addition to these copies temporarily removed from the library shelves, we have also sent dozens of newly received unbound or softbound titles to the bindery to receive hardback library bindings. If the title you need is marked "At bindery," check with the staff to see if there is an alternative copy for you to use. Be sure to check "New Title" listings in upcoming newsletters, which will include titles of freshly bound books going on our shelves for the first time.



channel. The audience in the Archives and History Library found the well-organized presentation very touching and informative in a much different way from most.

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Wirt and Wood. Directions for using the telephone and placing calls were included, as well as the admonition to use numbers and not names when placing calls. "Specimens of the Different Kinds of Instruments" were illustrated inside the front cover of each directory, including a wooden phone booth. Subscribers with long distance lines were printed in bold type. We appreciate Stuck's donation and hope that others will follow her example. For more images, visit the Archives Newsroom at http://www.wvculture.org/history/ archivesnewsroom.html.

#### For Your Reference

A monthly column discussing the Reference Collection of the West Virginia Archives and History Library

#### Scrip, Tokens and Company Stores

The West Virginia Archives and History Library Reference Collection includes books on company scrip, company tokens of various types, and company stores. These books are helpful in identifying any scrip or tokens one may have in hand, but are also useful for finding the names of coal and lumber companies, their areas of operation, and the time periods when they were in specific locations. About one half of these reference books covers the entire United States, and the other half covers only West Virginia.

## Finding Hidden Native American Ancestors Focus of October 10 Lecture

On October 10, 2013, Jeanne Eppley will present "Finding Hidden Ancestors" 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.

Eppley, also known as Snow Flower, will explain why there are hidden Native American people and show how they can be identified. She will discuss the physical characteristics and diseases that are common in Native American families, as Continued on page 4

Evening	Worksh	lops and	Lecture	Schedule

Date	Conducted by:	Subject
November 5, Tuesday	Terry Lowry	"The Battle of Charleston and the Kanawha Valley Campaign"
November 14, Thursday	Dr. Billy Joe Peyton	"The History of Charleston: The Modern Era"
2014 January 7, Tuesday	Betty Rivard	"The 'Other' West Virginia: Positive Images of the State from the 30s and 40s"
January 23, Thursday	Dr. Michael Workman	"Parkersburg: Guarding of the Union during the Civil War"
February 4, Tuesday	Patty Hamilton	"West Virginia Courthouses"

Registration for these free workshops is helpful but not required. Call our office at (304) 558-0230, or e-mail bobby.l.taylor@wy.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.

Scrip was issued by a company as paper and coins with a defined value in dollars or cents to be used as a medium of exchange in place of a country's actual currency. Scrip is both singular and plural, never has an "s" to indicate plural, and takes the singular form of a verb. An individual scrip is referred to as "a piece of scrip," while several scrip are called "pieces of scrip." One would say "Scrip is collectible," but not "Scrip are collectible." Particularly in remote locations, employees were paid in company scrip rather than cash. Scrip was usually redeemed for full face value at company-owned stores (although the store's prices may have been inflated over non-company store prices), and at face value or at a discounted rate at non-company stores where the owners had agreements with the coal or lumber company to redeem their scrip for actual money. Independent stores may not have accepted scrip at all

There are two types of tokens, usually metal coins but sometimes paper or cardboard, that were issued by companies. Scrip and Continued on the page 4



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merchant tokens had monetary value and were exchangeable for goods and services for personal use. Other company tokens were used to identify employees (for example, each employee hung his personal token on a board at the mine entrance before entering a mine, and then removed it on his way out, so it was known which employees were inside) or to issue supplies necessary for work, especially explosives, which were only distributed to designated employees in specified types and amounts (for example, one stick of powder, five sticks of dynamite, three blasting caps, etc.).

- Scrip: Trade Tokens Issued by United States Coal Mining Companies and Company Stores: Stuart E. Brown, Jr., 1978.
- 20,000 Coal Company Stores in the United States, Mexico and Canada: Gordon Dodrill, 1971.
- West Virginia Merchant Tokens: David E. Schenkman, 2009.
- Edkins' Catalogue of United States Coal Company Store Scrip (Tokens):
  Donald O. Edkins, 1st edition, 1977. [You will note all editions are available on the Reference shelf because not all of the illustrations in each edition were reprinted in the subsequent editions.]
- Edkins' Catalogue of United States Coal Company Store Scrip: Volume I (Exclusive of West Virginia): [Donald O. Edkins, original compiler], Bill Williams and Steve Ratliff, 3rd edition, 1997.
- Edkins' Catalogue of United States Coal Company Store Scrip: Volume II (West Virginia): Donald O. Edkins, 2nd edition, 1984.
- Edkins' Catalogue of United States Coal Company Store Scrip: Volume II (West Virginia): Donald O. Edkins, 3rd edition, 2002.
- Catalogue of Lumber Company Store Tokens: a catalog of the

"Hidden" continued from page 3 well as stories about unusual things that can be found when native people in hiding are present.

Jeanne Eppley lives in Columbus, Ohio, with her husband, son, and a granddaughter. Knowing that one of her great great grandmothers was Native American, thirty years ago she began a search to identify her. This search developed into a passion for native genealogical research. Realizing that there was very little information to help anyone looking at Native ancestry, Eppley, or Snow Flower, began to collect information on ways to identify hidden natives. She continues to use this knowledge to assist others by speaking and giving seminars on how the research is done. Recently, she has taken a partner, Cheryl Eisel, who uses the name Blue Corn and will continue this work when Snow Flower is no longer able. Cheryl's family is from the Charleston area.

Snow Flower is the author of *My Family Tells This Story* (1999) as well as a CD titled *Snow Flower's Indian Genealogy Guide* (2011), which is an update to the book. She will have copies of both at the presentation.

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tokens, medals, scrip and paper money used by logging and lumber companies, naval store operations, paper companies and related wood product operations. A completely upgraded version of the 1978 first edition: Terry N. Trantow, with assistance of Bill Williams, 1998.

- West Virginia Company Stores: A Collection of over 200 photographs of West Virginia Company Stores, Including information on the store and the Company that operated it: Dale Payne, 2012.
- Explosive Control Tokens: David E. Schenkman, 1989.

#### **New Titles**

Blue Steel, Timber & Steam: A Scrapbook of Tales from Boom-Era Allegheny: David Armstrong, 2010.

An Anniversary Celebration Commemorating the 150th Year of the Founding of Lewis County, West Virginia: 1817-1967: Lewis County Sesquicentennial, Inc., [1967].

Virginia Country Cooking: Audrey V. Mowson, 1980. [Many very old recipes included.]

The Greenes of Rhode Island: Louise Brownell Clarke, 1903. Lilly Reunion Official Program: 2002 through 2012.



#### **New Titles**

The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II: Denise Kiernan, 2013.

April 1865: The Month That Saved America: Jay Winik, 2001.

Security Breach: The Murder of Tod McQuaid: Janet Bailey McQuaid, 2004. The Generalship of George H. Thomas: Luis Lazaro Tijerina, 2013.

**Sawdust on Leatherbark: The Mills at Cass, WV:** Gerald M. Futej and Max S. Robin. 2012.

Lewis and Mary at the Battle of Gettysburg: Frederick Easton Walter, 2009. Domestic Exploitation of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition World's Fair: St. Louis, 1904: Charles M. Reeves, 1903.

Golden Anniversary Dinner, February 24, 1940: In honor of William McClellan Ritter, Founder of W.M. Ritter Lumber Company: Landon C. Bell, editor, 1940.

The Complete Line of Akro Agate: Marbles, General Line, and Children's Dishes: Roger and Claudia Hardy, 1992.

The African-American Community of Carolina, Marion County, West Virginia: A History: Barbara Williams-Flewellyn, 2013.

The Sycamore's Seedlings: A Genealogy of Samuel Pringle: Jerry L. Pringle, 2009. The Washington and Lee University Alumni Directory: 1749-1949: Washington and Lee University Alumni, Inc., 1949.

The Black People of Pendleton County, West Virginia: A History: William D. Rexroad, 2013.

Genealogies of the Black People of Pendleton County, West Virginia: Books I & II: Harmon J. Moats, c2013, 2006. (CD accompanying *The Black People of Pendleton County* by William D. Rexroad. Printed and bound copy will also be available soon.)

A History of Churches of Christ in Kanawha County: Sandra Alderson, 2007. Hills of Fire: Bare-Knuckle Yarns of Appalachia: Frank Larnerd, editor, 2012. Korea: Why Were We There?: What Were We Fighting For?: Bob L. VandeLinde, 2012.

The Greene Family of Watauga: G. W. Greene, [no date, before 1899].

It's Wheeling Steel: The Story of Wheeling's "Coast to Coast" Celebrated Radio Program: Lee Kelvington and Baird Kloss, Wheeling Big Band Society, Inc., 2012. History of Jane Lew High School, Jane Lew, West Virginia, 1912-1966: Randall E. and Betty Ann Nicholson, 2012.

One Hundred Years in Christ: August 27, 1911-August 27, 2011: Broad Street United Methodist Church: The Church, 2011.

Gear-Up Partnership: 2001: Fairmont State College, 2001.

**Education Unlimited:** West Virginia Association of College Registrars, 1950. **Emancipation Proclamation: "Forever Free":** Kevin McGruder and Velma Maia Thomas, 2013.

Letters from Lewisburg: Written to Mary Emeline Reynolds Lewis (1838-1911) of Lewisburg, West Virginia, and Osceola, Missouri: Caroline S. Miller, editor, 2013.

#### Gifts of William D. Wintz Family

Many of the books donated by the Wintz family have provided valuable backup copies to titles already in the collection. Titles listed here are new to the West Virginia Archives and History collection.

Presbyterians in the South: Volume One: 1607-1861: Ernest Trice Thompson, 1963.

140th Anniversary of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church [Hurricane, WV]: 1843-1983: The Church, 1983.

## Hillside Fields in the Archives

On September 10, 2013, Dr. Bob Barnett presented material from his recent book, *Hillside Fields: A History of Sports in West Virginia*, as the Tuesday evening lecture in the Archives and History Library. Barnett informed the audience of several historic firsts in West Virginia sports, some of which were firsts for the United States as well.



### Hillside Fields Can Be Hazardous!

We wish Archives Director Ioe Geiger had spotted this little gem in a Sherman High School (Seth, Boone County, West Virginia) newspaper before Dr. Bob Barnett's Hillside Fields presentation in the Archives Library. From The Sherman Tattler, October 11, 1929: "More touchdowns would have been scored by Sherman at Clendenin if the field had been better fitted for football. Woody, new end for Sherman, fell over a cliff at the end of the Clendenin field, dropped a pass, and thereby lost a touchdown." Archives staffer Cathy Miller attended grade school on the same Clendenin grounds and confirmed that the field drops off sharply down to the river. Ouch!

#### **Web Sites of Interest**

Learn Web Skills: http://www. learnwebskills.com. Debbie Duay, an experienced genealogist and Continued on page 6



Continued from the previous page teacher of genealogy research, has designed a comprehensive Web site, "Researching Your Family Tree," for learning to research family

history. "This self-paced tutorial is designed for beginning genealogists with basic computer and internet skills." Participants research their own ancestors as they progress through the lessons. Modules include Getting Started, Using Online Resources, Gathering Key Records, and Sharing Information.

#### **New Titles**

Roberta's Legacy: Poems from Room 11 and Beyond: Roberta E. Knox, 1998. Christopher Gist: Frontier Scout: Allan Powell, 1992.

The Siege of Atlanta, 1864: Samuel Carter III, 1973.

Twenty-five Chapters on the Shenandoah Valley: To Which is Appended a Concise History of the Civil War in the Valley: John W. Wayland, 2nd ed., 1976. To Those Who Wore the Gray: The Civil War Round Table of Wilmington, Delaware, 1976, c1960. [Pamphlet listing Confederate soldiers who died as POWs at Fort Delaware and were buried in Finns Point National Cemetery, NJ] Virginia in 1720: A Reconstructed Census: TLC Genealogy, 1998.

#### **Gifts of Mining Your History Foundation**

Civil War Legends of Rich Mountain and Beverly, West Virginia: Mary Genevieve Ward, 2004.

Memories of One-Room Schools: Pat Marsh True, 2004.

Jackson and the Preachers: John W. Schildt, 2004.

One of Lincoln's Best: General Joseph A.J. Lightburn: Robert E. Anderson, 2007.

Civil War Letters and Diary of Joshua Winters: A Private in the Union Army, Company G, First Western Virginia Volunteer Infantry: Elizabeth Davis Swiger, 1991.

Stoneground Favorites from Jackson's Mill: Revised Edition: Joy Gilchrist and Erseline Rumbach, 1998.

**Jackson's Mill Stoneground Favorites Number 2:** Jackson's Mill Heritage Foundation, 2007.

The History of Walkersville Community, Lewis County, WV: Clark Sprigg, [1990?, c192?].

The History of New Milton Community, Doddridge County, W. Va.: Roy F. Randolph, [1990?], c1926.

History of Sinking Creek Community: (Gilmer County, W. Va.): Mrs. W. Farley Bush, [1990?], c1925.

**History of Locust Valley Community (Wood County, W. Va.):** Mrs. Lena Sams and Mrs. Estella Marshall, [1990?], c1930.

#### Re-enacting Center of Hart's Lecture

Steve Hart, a family history researcher who is active in Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and in re-enactment of the frontier and revolutionary era in West Virginia, brought dozens of handcrafted items that form his reenactor's kit to illustrate his talk entitled "Family History, the SAR, and Re-enacting" on September 12, 2013, as the



Archives and History Thursday evening lecture.

Family Tree magazine Free Genealogy Forms: http://www. familytreemagazine.com/freeforms. Free printable charts and forms for the usual family history research needs, plus some vou may never have considered, such as a list of family heirlooms and who in the family has them, and a form for identifying and explaining your family's traditions. Topics: Basic Charts and Worksheets, Census Forms, Immigration Forms, Record Worksheets, Oral History and Heirlooms, Create Your Own City Guide (for personal research in a specific town).

## SHPO Survey and Planning Grants

The West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is accepting applications for historic preservation survey and planning grants. Deadline for receipt of applications is October 31, 2013. Approximately \$80,000 will be awarded from funding appropriated by the U.S. Congress for preservation efforts through the National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund. State and local government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, forprofit organizations and firms, and educational institutions are qualified to apply. Eligible projects may include architectural and archaeological surveys; preparation of National Register of Historic Places nominations; heritage education programs relating to preservation activities; pre-development activities; comprehensive planning documents; and development projects.

> A complete grant package, Continued on the next page



#### **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.

"SPECIES OF LEGAL FICTION: THE WHEELING CONVENTIONS," October 8: Dr. David T. Javersak, speaker, Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center.

**EDUCATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG AT COLLETT HOUSE, October 12:** Beverly. Sponsored by Beverly Heritage Center and the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office. For information, contact the Center at 304-637-7424, www.beverlyheritagecenter.org, or their Facebook page.

COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY, October 14: Archives Library will be open.\*

"EMANCIPATING WEST VIRGINIA: ABE LINCOLN CREATES A STATE," October 17: Harold Holzer, speaker, 2013 McCreight Lecture in the Humanities, The Culture Center, Charleston.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE CCC MUSEUM ASSOCIATION FALL JUBILEE, October 19: Quiet Dell.

GUYANDOTTE CIVIL WAR DAYS, November 1-3: Huntington.

MINING YOUR HISTORY ANNUAL MEETING, November 2: The Culture Center, Charleston.

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

THANKSGIVING DAY, November 28: Archives Library will be closed.

THANKSGIVING FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, November 29-30: Archives Library will be closed.

CHRISTMAS ON THE FRONTIER, December 7: Fort Randolph, Pt. Pleasant.

ANNUAL VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR AND TEA, December 7-8: Julia-Ann Square Historic District, Parkersburg.

CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24: Archives Library will be closed one-half day.

CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25: Archives Library will be closed.

NEW YEAR'S EVE, December 31: Archives Library will be closed one-half day.

NEW YEAR'S DAY, January 1, 2014: Archives Library will be closed.

\*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.

including a grants manual and application packet with program descriptions, funding priorities and selection criteria is available by contacting Pamela Brooks, grants coordinator for the SHPO, at (304) 558-0240, ext. 720, by e-mailing her at pam.a.brooks@wv.gov, by writing: SHPO, West Virginia Division of Culture and History, The Culture

Center, Charleston, WV, 25305-0300, or at the Division's website at www. wvculture.org/shpo. [From Division of Culture and History press release, September 3, 2013.]

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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.

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