ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY
January 17

WEST VIRGINIA
STATE ARCHIVES

On January 17, 1885, James Arthur Jackson, who served as West Virginia Supreme Court librarian from 1925 to 1965, was born in Coal Valley.

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Investigate the Document: **(Arthur Jackson to Ruth Norman, May 1929, Norman Family Collection)**

1. What form of communication was used to create the contents of this document? What modern form of communication is it comparable to in your opinion?

2. When was this document created? What would occur five months after the date listed on the document that led to a catastrophic economic downturn around the world?

3. What "job" does Arthur Jackson state would eclipse any position that Mrs. Norman had ever held in public life?

Think Critically: How has our ability to communicate changed since the 1920s? Does this document leave out pertinent information about its sender? What would you ask the sender or receiver about the contents of this message? What resources could you use to learn more about former West Virginia Supreme Court librarian James Arthur Jackson?

MOTHER'S DAY GREETING

WESTERN UNION

RECEIVER'S NO.	TIME FILED	CHECK
TELEGRAM	DAY LETTER	NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
FULL RATE CABLEGRAM	DEFERRED CABLEGRAM	CABLE LETTER	WEEK END CABLE LETTER

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

May 12, 19 29.

To   Mrs. John C. Norman,

St. Francis Hospital, City.

Any position which your career has given you heretofore in
public life is wholly eclipsed by that which you now occupy.
No greater contribution can woman make to civilization than
the giving to it of a life. I wish for you a future of happy
Motherhood and for your boy a life replete with good fortune.

ARTHUR JACKSON.

Sender's address
for reference

Sender's telephone
number