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HISTORY DAY 2004

From the Editor:

History Day, an annual event during the regular session of the Legislature at the West Virginia State Capitol is Thursday, January 29, this year. Anyone interested in West Virginia history and genealogy will enjoy the company of like-minded people who have much knowledge and many resources to share. Spend a day on the Capitol Complex meeting interesting people from all over West Virginia, being entertained by a variety of performers, viewing displays, and adding to your knowledge of West Virginia's people, places and events. The Archives and History Library will be open normal hours, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., for anyone who would like to take advantage of the opportunity to research history and genealogy. Staff members representing the Library, the Archives, and *West Virginia History* journal will also be greeting visitors and answering questions at display tables in the Capitol.

EIGHTH HISTORY DAY EVENT TO BE HELD AT THE STATE CAPITOL

West Virginia History Day, authorized by the Legislature and the West Virginia Archives and History Commission, celebrates local groups' efforts to preserve, protect and promote the study of the Mountain State's past. The day-long event will take place on January 29, 2004, in the Cultural

Center and the State Capitol in Charleston, during the regular session of the West Virginia Legislature. Historians, genealogists, educators, preservationists, veterans, fraternal organizations, librarians, ethnic groups, family associations and others with an interest in West Virginia's history are invited to participate. Attractions in the halls of the Capitol will include historical exhibits, reenactments of events in the state's history, music and storytelling.

In addition, a ceremony will be held at the Cultural Center to honor "History Heroes"—citizens from across the state who have made grassroots contributions to the preservation of local, regional or state history. Visit our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/histhero.html> to learn about previous History Heroes and their many great accomplishments.

The West Virginia Division of Culture and History joins the Archives and History Commission, Friends of West Virginia Culture and History, West Virginia Historical Society, West Virginia Historical Association, Preservation Alliance of West Virginia, Inc., West Virginia Humanities Council, West Virginia Association of Museums and the Mining Your History Foundation as sponsors of this year's events. All activities are free and open to the public. For further information, contact Joy Stalnaker by phone at (304) 269-7091, or by e-mail at wvhistoryday@hackerscreek.com.

**WEST VIRGINIA STATE MUSEUM
TO CLOSE JANUARY 16, 2004
FOR RENOVATIONS**

The West Virginia State Museum in the Cultural Center on the State Capitol Complex will close Friday, January 16, 2004, for renovations. Over the next several months, the displays in the 27-year-old museum will be dismantled and new exhibits will be installed. When it reopens, the newly renovated 23,000-square foot museum will incorporate the state's regional diversity and ethnic heritage into a variety of entertaining, hands-on displays that cover a wide span of the state's history from early settlement to today. According to state officials, more than 125,000 people visit the West Virginia State Museum each year, and that number is expected to increase dramatically when the new museum opens.

"This will be an attraction that will appeal to visitors of all ages and interests," said Nancy P. Herholdt, Commissioner of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, which operates the museum. "We have designed an experience that will allow visitors to explore what it means to be a West Virginian by immersing themselves in stories about our land, people and culture. We are extremely excited to have arrived at this point in the project and look forward to being able to share the new museum with our visitors."

On a related note, the Museum in the Park, Chief Logan State Park, Logan, will close January 5 through February 4, 2004, for installation of exhibits. The Museum in the Park will resume normal operations on February 5.

For more information about the project to renovate the West Virginia State Museum, or about the Museum in the Park, call Ginny Painter, Director of Public Information for the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, at (304) 558-0220, Ext. 120.

MAILING LIST WOES

As you may or may not know, *Archives and History News* is distributed in print form through the West Virginia Archives and History Library where visitors may pick up copies, and by mail through a list limited by economic necessity to West Virginia genealogical and historical societies. Everyone else reads the newsletters as they are posted monthly on our Web site. For a variety of reasons, a significant number of newsletters have been returned to us by the U.S. Postal Service in the past few months. While we have been able to update our mailing list to reflect most of the changes, we still have several societies for which we can not confirm a correct address.

If your society usually receives the newsletter by mail and did not receive the December 2003 issue, please let us know. You can e-mail Susan Scouras, newsletter editor, at susan.scouras@wvculture.org or call (304) 558-0230, Ext. 742. If your group does not have an office address or post office box in the organization's name, please provide the name and address of a member who is willing to accept mail on behalf of the group.

If your group is missing any hard copies of the newsletter for your library, you can print them off our Web site, or request a replacement by mail from Susan Scouras. Joe Geiger, Archives and History Webmaster, has recently converted the entire file of newsletters posted on the Web site into PDF, readable through Adobe Acrobat, that print in approximately the same format as the paper copies previously distributed.

**CONFEDERATE VETERAN
VOLUME XXXI
1923**

Volume XXXI, 1923, of *Confederate Veteran* magazine is now available. We have purchased a replacement volume for the one missing from the set donated to the Archives and History Library some time ago. The magazine, published from 1893 through 1932, was devoted to reminiscences,

poetry, biographical sketches, obituaries of veterans, personal accounts of battles and other war time experiences, as well as reports from various reunion and lineage organizations active in the years covered. The 40 volumes of bound reprints of this valuable historical and genealogical source, along with a cumulative index, are shelved in the Reading Room with our Civil War titles.

WEST VIRGINIA'S CEMETERIES 2004 SHPO CALENDAR

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), West Virginia Division of Culture and History, produces an attractive calendar each year featuring a subject of historical preservation interest. The 2004 topic is cemeteries. In addition to striking photographs and informative text illustrating each month's calendar page, the following articles are included: "West Virginia's Cemeteries and the National Register of Historic Places," "A Labor of Love: Protection and Preservation of Historic Cemeteries," and "Tombstone Iconography." A list of references and resources offers guidance to those who would like to learn more about the history and preservation of cemeteries. Calendars are free while supplies last. To obtain a copy, contact Lora Lamarre, SHPO, at the Division of Culture and History address given below; call (304) 558-0220, Ext. 711, or e-mail lora.lamarre@wvculture.org.

NEW TITLES

A Record of the Bryson and Related Families: George W. Bryson, 1978.
The Digman Family of West Virginia: A Personal Glimpse: Newton Lyon Poling, 1997.
Sometimes a Hillbilly, Always a Mountaineer: Sherman R. Williams, 2000.
A History of the West Virginia Academy of Science, 1924-1963: Nelle Ammons, 1963.
Comparison of Storm Response of Streams in Small, Unmined and Valley-filled Watersheds, 1999-2001, Ballard Fork, West Virginia: Terence Messinger, 2003.

A Census of Cemeteries, Glenville District, Gilmer County, West Virginia: Doris M. Radabaugh, 2003.

Booth Family Scrapbook: 1607-1952: Kenneth Fischer Craft, Jr., 2003.

Ohio County (WV) Index, Volume 11: Kenneth Fischer Craft, Jr., 2003.

The Four Goff Brothers of Western Virginia: A New Perspective on Their Lives: Phillip G. Goff and Roy L. Lockhart, 2003.

The Descendants of Jacob Borrer II and Magdalene Strader Borrer: Dick Shover, 2003.

Pocahontas Mine Story: Reprinted from the September, 1955 issue of *Norfolk and Western Magazine*. [Photocopy of the original.]

Final Environmental Impact Statement: National Coal Heritage Area Management Action Plan: National Park Service, 2002.

Forestry Fact Sheets: West Virginia Forestry Association, 2003.

History of Cedar Grove: Mary Lou Buckley, 1973.

Reflections on Growing up Poor in West Virginia: Dorothy Longenette Brown, 2003. [Note: Also includes "Pictorial History of Johnstown, Then and Now."]

The Simmerings: St. Albans High School, 1935.

Directory: Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church: The Church, 1917.

I Am a Soldier Too: The Jessica Lynch Story: Rick Bragg, 2003.

Constitutional Government Overthrown in West Virginia: John W. Brown, [1913?].

Virginus Island: Self Guiding History-Nature Trail: Harpers Ferry National Monument, [no date].

Historic Harpers Ferry in Jefferson County, West Virginia: Gateway of the Shenandoah: Charlotte Judd Fairbairn, 1956.

[Third] Constitutional Convention Proceedings: West Virginia Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, 1961.
Wood County, West Virginia: Betty Leavengood, 2002.

Spring Flowers in the Arboretum, West Virginia University: Elizabeth Ann Bartholomew, 1960.

Lessons in Appalachian Forestry: H. D. Bennett, 1950.

The African Americans: Charles Collins, editor, 1993.

Economic Aspects of National Regulation of the Bituminous Coal Industry, 1933-1943: Virginia B. Johnson, 1950. [Thesis]

The Church of the Good Shepherd: Hansford, West Virginia: Our Story: Wayne E. Williams, 1994.

A History of Montgomery, Fayette County, West Virginia: Bertha Janney Balsler, 1941. [Thesis]

I Served My Time: Reflections of My Military and Public Service: Harry E. Duncan, 1999.

Under Mother Columbia's Wing: Reflections of my Employment at Columbia Gas: Harry E. Duncan, 1999.

The Presidency in the World: Lincoln and the Political Question: The Creation of the State of West Virginia: Michael P. Riccards, 1997.

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.

MUSEUM IN THE PARK CLOSED FOR EXHIBIT INSTALLATION, JANUARY 5 THROUGH FEBRUARY 4. Chief Logan State Park, Logan.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE MUSEUM CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS, JANUARY 16: Reopening date will be announced at a later time. The Cultural Center, Charleston.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP: "CENSUS & COMPUTER BASIC INTRO 101," JANUARY 17: Blennerhassett Chapter D.A.R. and West Augusta Historical and Genealogical Society, Parkersburg.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY, JANUARY 19: The Library will be open.*

HISTORY DAY, JANUARY 29, 2004: The Capitol and the Cultural Center, Charleston.

MUSEUM IN THE PARK REOPENS, FEBRUARY 5: Chief Logan State Park, Logan.

"HOOT OWL" NIGHT, MARCH 26-27: Mining Your History Foundation, Archives Library, Charleston.

**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.

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