This issue completes ten full volumes of West Virginia Archives and History News. We hope you have found many articles that were informative and helpful, and more than a few that were entertaining or thought-provoking. As always, we are open to your comments and to specific suggestions of topics. We are beginning Volume XI with a new service, an e-mail notice that the most recent issue of Archives and History News has been posted to our Web site at http://www.wvculture.org/history/ahnews/ahnews.html. If you would like to be on our e-mail list to receive this and other notices of West Virginia Archives and History news and activities, please send an e-mail to joe.n.geiger@wv.gov requesting addition to the list, giving us your full name. No other information is needed to register, and your e-mail address will not be shared.

History Day at the Legislature is February 18

History Day at the Legislature 2010 is Thursday, February 18, with events taking place in The Culture Center and the State Capitol in Charleston. We urge everyone to attend to learn more about the history of West Virginia people and places, as displayed by historical, genealogical and preservation societies, as well as various museums, state agencies and others dedicated to the preservation and dissemination of West Virginia’s history and culture. History Heroes will be honored in the Norman L. Fagan State Theater in the Culture Center in the morning. Display tables representing history-related organizations will be placed throughout the upper level of the Capitol and will be manned from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. History Day’s events are free and open to the public. No registration is necessary to attend. Homeschoolers are warmly welcomed and are encouraged to interact with the re-enactors of historical figures who will be present. For more information, call West Virginia Archives and History, (304) 558-0230.

Doug Wood Talk on February 2 to Feature Groundhogs

Living history presenter Doug Wood will offer a talk entitled “Digging Into West Virginia’s 18th Century, Groundhog Style,” in honor of Groundhog Day on February 2, 2010, from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the Archives and History Library in the Culture Center as part of the Library’s First Tuesday Lecture and Workshop Series. Wood will explore West/Western Virginia’s history in the 18th and 19th centuries using Marmota monax (aka the groundhog) as the theme. Wood says, “American Indian groundhog connections, musical woodchuckles and whistlepig wonderment will be revealed from the resources available at the Archives and History Library.” Participants are invited to bring their own groundhog stories to share during this entertaining and educational evening.

Doug Wood is a longtime library patron who portrays Ostenaco, a Cherokee leader, both in independent activities and in association with the West Virginia Humanities Council History Alive program. Wood also provides historical and nature education through workshops and interpretive walks, including lifeways demonstrations and cultural interactions of American Indians and Europeans. As an instructor with Trails, Inc., he has presented educational programming at a number of state parks, national historic sites, and other venues.

For a list of upcoming First Tuesday events, offered the first...
Tuesday of every month, visit http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops.html. All Archives and History workshop and lecture sessions are free and the public is invited to attend. As usual on event evenings, the Library will close at 5:00 p.m. and reopen at 5:45 p.m. on February 2 for participants only. To register in advance or for more information, contact Robert Taylor, library manager, bobby.l.taylor@wv.gov, (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.

Genealogy Club Now Meeting Weekly

The Tuesday Morning Genealogy Club and Workshop, a weekly gathering sponsored by the West Virginia Archives and History Library, held its first meeting in the Library Reading Room in The Culture Center on Tuesday, January 19. Thirteen people with widely varying research experience signed up as regular members. Photographs of the initial meeting are posted on the Archives and History Web site at http://www.wvculture.org/history/archivesnewroom.html. Packets of introductory materials relating to genealogy in general and the Archives and History Library in particular were distributed, and representatives of several local genealogical societies with research libraries talked a little about what their groups have to offer as well. The more experienced researchers attended in hopes of meeting new genealogists working on common family lines, and were eager to assist the Library staff in working with the beginners.

The purpose of the free club is to provide personalized help to people wishing to learn genealogy research techniques and use of the Archives Library resources in order to better record their family history. Archives and History staff will be on hand to get people started and to help them navigate their way through the process. Anyone interested in learning more about the West Virginia Archives and History Library or joining the Genealogy Club may contact Bobby Taylor at bobby.l.taylor@wv.gov or call (304) 558-0230. Prior registration is helpful but not required. If you are in the Charleston area on a Tuesday morning, feel free to drop in and join us. Representatives of genealogy societies are requested to contact Mr. Taylor if they would like to speak to the Club during a meeting.

Cemetery Books

Books with transcriptions of cemetery records and/or lists of tombstone readings for cemeteries are a valued staple of genealogical research. Although names and dates literally “engraved in stone” are not always accurate, grave markers and burial records can help fill in the blanks when paper records are unavailable, missing or questionable. Some authors annotate the listings, including notes of census records, marriages, parentage, etc., relevant to the people listed. We have noticed a growing trend in recent cemetery books and manuscripts donated to the West Virginia Archives and History Library that makes these even greater sources of information.

Many newer authors are going far beyond the usual annotations, including pages of narrative family history, family trees or group sheets, and many photographs for people listed as buried in the cemetery. Even though these books contain large amounts of family history, they have been titled as cemetery books and all of the genealogical information listed pertains to persons buried in that cemetery.

We have cataloged these titles as cemetery books under the Dewey number of 929.5 and shelved them in our cemetery book section by county of location, rather then under the Dewey number of 929.2, shelved by surname. We have been careful, however, to include the predominant surnames as subject listings in the catalog entry. We have always urged researchers to use the library catalog to be sure they find all the resources available for a specific surname. The example of these cemetery books underlines the necessity of doing so now more than ever. Our Voyager online catalog may be accessed through links from the Archives and History Web site, or directly at http:/archives.lib.wv.us:71/. Enter the surname followed by the word “family” to find all titles with that subject heading. If you have problems using Voyager, try “Help and How to” link at the bottom of the Voyager search page, or call us at (304) 558-0230 for assistance. You may also send e-mail questions or comments regarding Voyager via the “Contact us” links on Voyager pages, or directly to chvoyager@wv.gov.
In Memoriam
Charles Stuart McGehee

Dr. Stuart McGehee of Bluefield, West Virginia, died January 12, 2010. At the time of his death he was a professor of history at West Virginia State University, and was archivist of the Eastern Regional Coal Archives housed in Craft Memorial Library, Bluefield. Dr. McGehee was a past professor of history at Bluefield College, and former Chair of the West Virginia Archives and History Commission for five years. As a celebrated teacher of college students, as the author of five books and over fifty articles, essays and reviews in periodicals, and as an expert commentator appearing in numerous films and documentaries, Dr. McGehee’s contributions and influence in West Virginia history are significant and long-lasting.

January Lecture Photos Online

The First Tuesday Lecture/Workshop for January 2010 featured Genealogy and Law: An Introduction to Some Legal Issues in Genealogical Research, presented by attorney Scott E. Johnson. Johnson primarily discussed the use and mechanics of the Freedom of Information Act in genealogical research to an interested audience before running out of time. We hope to have him back soon to address additional topics regarding genealogy and law. Meanwhile, you may view photographs taken January 5 via the Lectures and Workshop link under the “What’s Happening?” section of our Web site: http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops/sjohnson010510.html.

1940 U.S. Census

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is set to release the 1940 U.S. census to the public, in digital format online only, on April 2, 2012, according to their Web site at http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/census/1940/. As veteran census researchers know, creating a name index will take months following the release (Ancestry had a 1930 index available in nine months). As far as we can determine at this time, the 1940 census will not be released on microfilm, although many repository libraries, including at least one NARA branch, have requested microfilm copies be made and distributed. There are no Soundex indexes for 1940 or later censuses. While many questions regarding the census release, format and ability to browse remain unanswered, the West Virginia Archives and History Library is doing what it can to assist researchers in using the census from the first day of availability. As we did for the 1930 census, we are ordering the rolls of microfilm with maps and descriptions of the 1940 enumeration districts (E.D.) in West Virginia. We also will print out the E.D. descriptions from the microfilm and place the printed pages in a notebook to facilitate usage by our patrons. City directories and telephone books are available for larger towns and cities and will help researchers determine addresses, and therefore the most likely E.D. to search for an individual household.

We anticipate that the Archives and History Library will still have its subscription to Ancestry Library Edition in 2012 and will be able to provide free access to the 1940 census index and accompanying images to our in-house patrons.

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

The new e-mail addresses for Division of Culture and History employees are now posted on the Culture and History Web site at http://www.wvculture.org/agency/stafflist2. html. Our job descriptions/titles have been updated as well. When you are not sure who you need to contact in Archives and History, you can call us at (304) 558-0230. You may also e-mail Joe Geiger, joe.n.geiger@wv.gov, or for library-related matters, e-mail Bobby Taylor, bobby.l.taylor@wv.gov.

Archives and History News is available on the Archives and History Web site http://www.wvculture.org/history/ahnews/ahnews.html

Darby’s Universal Gazetteer

The full title of this reference book by William Darby is Darby’s Universal Gazetteer, or, A New Geographical Dictionary: containing a description of the empires, kingdoms, states, provinces, cities, towns, forts, seas, harbours, rivers, lakes, mountains, capes, &c. in the Known World; with the Government, Customs, and Manners, of the inhabitants; the extent, boundaries, and natural productions of each country; and the trade, manufactures, and curiosities of the cities and towns. The West Virginia Archives’ copy is “The second edition, with ample additions and improvements,” published in Philadelphia by Bennett & Walton in 1827. Following are a few sample entries for features now in West Virginia, with spelling and punctuation unchanged:

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Hoot Owl Night on March 26

The Mining Your History Foundation and West Virginia Archives and History will be sponsoring the 11th Annual Hoot Owl Night in the Archives and History Library on Friday, March 26, until the morning of Saturday, March 27. The Archives and History Library will close to the public at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, and reopen to only Hoot Owl participants at 6:00 p.m. Participants can perform genealogical research all night until 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning. Experts in West Virginia genealogy from around the state will be available to assist researchers with both beginning and advanced family history strategies and problem-solving. Behind the scenes tours of the West Virginia State Archives collections will be conducted. Participation is limited to 50 people. Registration is $25.00 per person and due by March 12. (Late registration, if space is available, will be $35.00.) A confirmation of registration with additional information will be sent, by e-mail when provided. Free snacks and beverages will be provided in the Archives conference room, and the traditional midnight pizza order will be placed for those who choose to contribute a few dollars. For more information or to print a registration form, visit http://www.wvculture.org/news.aspx?Agency=Archives&Id=1245, or contact Joe Geiger, (304) 558-0230, ext. 165, or Wes Cochran, (304) 422-1774, wesecochran@juno.com. To learn more about Mining Your History Foundation or to become a member, contact Wes Cochran. You may also call Archives and History, (304) 558-0230, and request a Hoot Owl brochure be mailed to you.

New Titles

Women and Industrial Conflict: Strategies of Dispute Resolution in Rural West Virginia Coal Communities: Karaleah Sabina Reichart, 1998.
In the Hollow: One Mile From Here: Richard L. James, 2009.
Mountain Miles: John Friel, 2008.
Basse/Bass and Brecht/Bright Family History: Marjorie Bright, 2009.
Shawnees and the War for America: Colin Calloway, 2008.
Ordered & Resolved, or Board of Directors’ Minutes During the Construction of the Asylum at Weston (1858-1881): Joy Gilchrist Stalnaker, 2009.
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Triumph of Will: Printer’s Boy to Publisher: The Story of German Immigrant Henry Finner; Stuart Gorman, 2009.
[Editor’s note: Includes family information for Flanigan, Mahoney and Patterson families.]


White Oak West Virginia Alias Volcano: Linwood H. Lowden, [2008].


The Growth Story of Seven Central West Virginia Counties: Franck Bayard, 1983.


Every Name Index, Fort Ligonier and Its Times: Jody R. Speece, 1983.

O Mountaineers!: Don West, 1974.

Old South, New South or Down South?: Florida and the Modern Civil Rights Movement: Irvin D. S. Winsboro, editor, 2009.


Direct Routes and Trails of the Clark Family History: Deanna Clark, 2009.

State Archives Seeks Materials from the 1960 Presidential Campaigns in West Virginia

The year 2010 marks the 50th anniversary of the 1960 presidential election in which West Virginia played a prominent role. In honor of this election, West Virginia Archives and History is creating a permanent online exhibit, as well as a temporary exhibit in the Archives Gallery in the West Virginia Culture Center. The Archives is seeking original photographs, letters, diaries, campaign materials, audio-visual items, and reminiscences of West Virginians about the campaigns.

In May 1960, all eyes focused on West Virginia’s Democratic primary, which pitted Massachusetts Senator John F. Kennedy against Minnesota Senator Hubert Humphrey. Political pundits, the press and both campaigns wondered if Kennedy, who was Catholic, could win. For the Kennedy campaign West Virginia became the battleground where victory would distance him from Humphrey, end the hopes of political rivals who were running silent campaigns for the presidential nomination, and silence the growing concerns about his Catholic faith. When the votes were counted West Virginia Democrats gave Kennedy a commanding victory that led to the Democratic presidential nomination in July.

Following the Democratic convention, Republicans met in Chicago to officially nominate Vice President Richard Nixon as their

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Giles and Tazewell, SE., and by Kent. or big Sandy river SW., length 50 ms., mean width 35; area 1750 sqms. It is a mountainous, hilly, and rocky region with much fertile soil, well watered and wooded. Pop. in 1820, 479. Ctl. lat. 38° N. and 5° W. WC, intersect near the centre of this cty.


Caphon Springs, psv. Frederick cty. Virg.


Gauley, river of Virg., rises in Randolph and flowing nearly W. separates Greenbrier from Kenhawa cities., and enters the right side of Kenhawa at the Great Falls.

German Settlement, psto. Preston cty. Virg., 170 ms. a little N. of W. from WC.

Gloydsburgh, village Hampshire cty. Virg.

Green-brier, cty. of Virg., bounded by Nicholas, E., Monroe SE., Kenhawa river or Giles SW., Kenhawa NW., and Randolph NE., length 50 ms., mean width 24; area 1200sqms. Surface hilly and mountainous generally, with a soil mostly rocky or stony and barren. Chief town, Lewisburg. Pop. 1820, 7040. N. lat. 38° and lon. from W. C. 1½° W. intersect in this city.

Green-brier, C. H. See Lewisburg.

Oak Flat, psto. Pendleton cty. Virg.

Oldaker’s Mills, psto. Hardy cty. Virg., 103 ms. W. from WC.

Richwoods, psv. Morgan cty. Virg., by pstrd. 98 ms. NW. from WC.


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SHPO Grants Available

The West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is now accepting applications for historic preservation development grants. Approximately $500,000 will be available for grant awards, contingent upon appropriation of funds from the West Virginia Legislature or the United States Congress. Eligible projects include the restoration, rehabilitation or archaeological development of historic sites listed in the national Register of Historic Places. Properties owned by church organizations or used exclusively for religious purposes are not eligible for funding. Privately owned properties are eligible only in instances where there is evidence of public support or public benefit. In addition, governmental properties that are not accessible to the public are not eligible. For more information about the historic preservation development grants or a complete program description, including funding priorities and selection criteria, visit the Division’s Web site at http://www.wvculture.org/shpo/forms.html, or contact Pamela Brooks, grants coordinator, at (304) 558-0240, ext. 720. Deadline for receipt of applications is March 31, 2010.

2010 Writers Toolkit Workshops Include Historical Writing

The Division of Culture and History, in collaboration with the West Virginia Library Commission, will be conducting Writers Toolkit workshops on February 13 in The Culture Center in Charleston. Workshop offerings this year include the following morning sessions:

• “Demystifying the Poetic Process,” with Frank X. Walker.
• “In Short,” brief creative non-fiction pieces, with Irene McKinney.
• “Creating Three-Dimensional Characters Through Unreliable Narrators,” with Anthony Viola.
• “Historical Writing,” with Rob Whetsell, will focus on interpretive writing techniques, developing research skills, types of historical resources available to writers and how they can be applied.

The afternoon sessions are:

• “Memoir: Recovering the Self,” with Irene McKinney.
• “Embracing Brevity by Writing a Story in 120 Words,” with Anthony Viola.
• “Historical Writing,” continuing with Rob Whetsell, visits the West Virginia Archives and History Library to learn basic techniques of historical research and the use of archival resources, plus a brief tour of the West Virginia State Museum to analyze interpretive writing and the different techniques and formats used to engage the public.
• Poetry Workshop with Kaite Hillenbrand.

For more information, contact Pat Cowdery, Culture and History, (304) 558-0220, Ext. 130, or pat.m.cowdery@wv.gov.
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.

LIBRARY DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE, February 4:
The West Virginia State Capitol, Charleston.

“BLACK HISTORY OF JEFFERSON COUNTY,” February 8: Jim Taylor, speaker, Shepherdstown Men’s Club and Jefferson County Historical Society, Shepherdstown. For more information, visit http://jeffersonhistoricalwv.org/events.html or call (304) 724-7008.


WRITERS TOOLKIT WORKSHOPS, February 13: The Division of Culture and History and the West Virginia Library Commission, The Culture Center, Charleston.

PRESIDENTS DAY, February 15: Archives Library will be closed.

HISTORY DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE, February 18:
The West Virginia State Capitol and The Culture Center, Charleston.

KANAWHA VALLEY HERITAGE FAIR, March 6: Kanawha Valley History Center, Rand Community Center, Rand. For more information contact Linda Hoskins, (304) 925-2438, kvhc06@yahoo.com, or visit http://kvhc.tripod.com.

“THE WASHINGTON FAMILY IN JEFFERSON COUNTY,” March 8: Walter Washington and Betsy Wells, speakers, Shepherdstown Men’s Club and Jefferson County Historical Society, Shepherdstown. For more information, visit http://jeffersonhistoricalwv.org/events.html or call (304) 724-7008.

11TH ANNUAL HOOT OWL NIGHT AT THE ARCHIVES, March 26: Mining Your History Foundation and West Virginia Archives and History Library, The Culture Center, Charleston. For more information, call (304) 558-0230.

“THE MINE WARS’ IMPACTS ON JEFFERSON COUNTY,” April 12: Doug Estep, speaker, Shepherdstown Men’s Club and Jefferson County Historical Society, Shepherdstown. For more information, visit http://jeffersonhistoricalwv.org/events.html or call (304) 724-7008.

*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.

published “At Home in West Virginia,” a 13-month calendar highlighting residential architecture in the Mountain State listed or considered eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Funded in part by the National Park Service, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, the calendar is free and available to the public while supplies last. To request a copy of the calendar, write to West Virginia Division of Culture and History, 2010 Calendar, The Culture Center, 1900 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, W. Va. 25305, or contact Conni McMorris, (304) 558-0240 or conni.l.mcmorris@wv.gov. The calendars will not be available in the West Virginia Archives and History Library as in past years. Visitors to The Culture Center may pick up copies in the SHPO on the 2nd floor, north side.
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Let us know what you find helpful in the newsletter, and what new topics you would like covered.

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