We hope everyone who participated or visited the Capitol on West Virginia History Day at the Legislature had a pleasant and successful day. We also hope you took home exciting ideas for new projects and/or a determination to revive or complete old ones. The Archives and History staff is always pleased to have the opportunity to talk with people from around West Virginia who are as dedicated to preserving and disseminating the culture and history of our commonwealth as we are. We especially appreciate feedback on our efforts, including support for the State Archives and its mission, as well as suggestions for change. If you did not attend History Day, or would like to further elaborate on your oral comments, please phone us at (304) 558-0230, or e-mail us. A staff list with e-mail addresses can be found online at http://www.wvculture.org/history/contactus.html.

1940 Census Release on April 2, 2012

The release of the 1940 U.S. census on April 2, 2012, is imminent. If you would like to familiarize yourself with the form used, the questions asked, and symbols and explanatory notes for the forms, visit the NARA Web site at http://www.archives.gov/research/census/1940. (This is the same Web address for accessing the 1940 census itself on the release date.) Some new questions will provide more information than before regarding employment and income for all persons 14 years or older, while parents’ birthplaces are provided for only two random persons per page, as part of supplementary questions asked for whoever was recorded on lines 14 and 29.

Links are posted for several main topics:
• How to start your 1940 census research
• Indexes and other finding aids
• Informative articles and online data
• 1940 census FAQs

Under the index link you will find links for locating enumeration district (ED) maps, geographic descriptions of 1940 census EDs, and links to Stephen P. Morse’s 1940 census search engines. (You can go directly to Morse’s Web page at http://stevemorse.org/. Click on the U.S. Census tab in the gray box in the upper lefthand corner, or scroll down to the section titled “US Census and Soundex.”)

Until name indexes are compiled, knowing an address, preferably a street address for urban areas, will be necessary to locate an individual with a minimal amount of searching. If you have an address, you can locate the enumeration district and will

West Virginia Civil War Sites Will Be Discussed March 6

On March 6, 2012, Carolyn M. Kender and Bethany Canfield of the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will present “West Virginia’s Civil War Historic Sites” at the Tuesday evening lecture in the Archives and History Library. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Kender and Canfield will present information about the sites featured in SHPO’s 2011 calendar “The Civil War in West Virginia.” They will cover how the sites were selected, interesting stories/facts about the resources, and additional photographs not included in the calendar.

Carolyn Kender is currently a Section 106 Review and Compliance archaeologist for SHPO. She joined the staff in 2003, after completing her B.A. from Purdue University with a
double major in anthropology and history, and her M.A. in anthropology specialized in historical archaeology from Louisiana State University. Bethany Canfield is currently a National Register and Architectural Survey historian for SHPO. Prior to joining the staff in 2009, she completed her B.A. in history with a concentration in public history from Mercyhurst College, and her M.A. in applied history from Shippensburg University. Kender and Canfield researched and wrote the text for the Civil War calendar.

On March 6, the library will close at 5:00 p.m. and reopen at 5:45 p.m. for participants only. 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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### Evening Workshops and Lecture Schedule

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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.

Recordings of programs normally are available on the Archives and History YouTube page at http://www.youtube.com/user/wvarchivesandhistory within a couple of weeks of program dates.

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need to search only that one district. ED maps are available online on the National Archives Web site, but the viewing pane is small and the image may require a lot of resizing and moving back and forth to locate the street or area you want. Geographic descriptions of EDs can narrow down a search by providing cross streets, etc. Morse has a search engine to plug in an ED number from the 1930 census and find that area’s ED number in the 1940 census, so having located your person in 1930 will facilitate finding them again in 1940, if he or she has not moved.

The West Virginia Archives and History Library has city directories for larger towns that will aid in finding street addresses. We have a printout of the 1930 ED geographic descriptions, and 1930 ED maps on microfilm. Birth and death records may also supply street addresses for towns and community names for rural areas. (Don’t forget that you can use West Virginia Vital Research Records free on our Web site at http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx.)

The 1940 U.S. census is belatedly being made available on microfilm; however, West Virginia Archives and History has chosen not to purchase the microfilm, priced at $6,000 for the entire state, since the census will be available free online. If you do not have a computer with access to high speed internet service at home, visit your local public library. The Archives and History Library also has both public computers and access to wireless internet for personal laptops available free. (Depending upon demand, public computer use may be limited to 30 minutes per session.) Printing from our public computers is $.25 per page, but printing services are not available from wireless connections.

### Old Recipes in the Archives

The Archives and History Library has dozens of cook books produced by West Virginia authors, women’s clubs, civic organizations, churches and other groups, that were printed over the past 100 years or more. If you have been looking for an older recipe or “receipt,” whether it was an American favorite of the day (fried bologna cups filled with peas, Jello salads, or tuna casserole with potato Continued on the next page
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chips) or a West Virginia regional classic (pepperoni rolls, apple stack cake, ramps or baked steak) you may be able to find it in one of these cook books. Search Voyager, our online catalog, using the words “cooking West Virginia” as the subject to see most of these titles. Browsing our more than a century’s worth of local newspapers on microfilm is another great way to find recipes and menus contemporary to a certain time period and locale. World War II era recipes that were developed to accommodate rationing and food shortages are particularly interesting. Liver loaf, anyone?

“Making Sense of the American Civil War” Series

“Making Sense of the American Civil War” is the title of a reading and discussion series in libraries presented by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association. Additional local support has been provided by the West Virginia Humanities Council and the West Virginia Center for the Book. The books being read and discussed are: March, by Geraldine Brooks; Crossroads of Freedom: Antietam, by James McPherson; and America’s War: Talking About the Civil War and Emancipation on Their 150th Anniversaries, edited by Edward L. Ayers.

The Kanawha County Public Library in Charleston, WV, is hosting discussions on the fourth Monday of the month, now through June 25, 2012. The discussion leader is Greg Carroll, West Virginia Archives and History historian. For more information regarding the Kanawha County presentations, call (304) Continued on the next page

New Titles

Appalachian Ghost Stories and Other Tales: James Gay Jones, 2005, c1975.
We Are Not Afraid: Homer Hickam, 2002.
The Darkslayer: Volume One: Craig Halloran, 2010.
Chick Flicks: Barbara Smith, 2008.
The Buffalo Creek Disaster: Gerald M. Stern, 2008.
Music of Coal: Mining Songs from the Appalachian Coalfields: Lonesome Records and Publishing, 2007. (Includes two CDs, removed to music collection.)
West Virginia Birds: An Introduction to Familiar Species: James Kavanaugh, 2002.
The Indians in Oklahoma: Rennard Strickland, 1980.
Tender Loving Care: Stories of a West Virginia Doctor, Volume Two: Stories of Harold Almond, MD, as told to Greenbrier Almond, MD, 2006.
Every Home a Fort, Every Man a Warrior: Michael Edward Nogay, 2009.
New Titles

Oil and Natural Gas: Society of Petroleum Engineers, 2008.
George Crook: From the Redwoods to Appomattox: Paul Magid, 2011.
Armadillo Recon Unit and other Tall Tales: Bil Lepp, 2004.
Soldier of the Union: Private George Hechler’s Civil War Service: Ken Hechler, 2011.
The Monster Stick & Other Appalachian Tall Tales: Paul and Bil Lepp, 1999.
Morgantown Glass: From Depression Glass Through the 1960s: Jeffrey B. Snyder, 1998.

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Historic Preservation Development Grants

Applications are being accepted through March 31, 2012, for historic preservation development grants through the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History. 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
Newspaper Archive Encore Presentation on March 8

On March 8, 2012, Susan Hayden, adult services consultant for the West Virginia Library Commission, will provide an encore presentation of the Newspaper Archive database 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.

Newspaper Archive, available to all state residents through WVInfoDepot, is the world’s best resource for newspaper articles. There are billions of articles from historical newspapers around the United States and the world. Fascinating news—including obituaries, birth announcements, comics, and other information to help you fill in the life stories you are interested in—can be found in archived newspapers dating back more than two centuries. WVInfoDepot is a program of the West Virginia Library Commission provided with funds from the state legislature and the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and is available at http://www.wvinfodepot.org.

For planning purposes, participants are encouraged to register for the program, but advance registration is not required to attend. To register in advance, contact Robert Taylor, library manager, 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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The Ambassador’s Son: Homer Hickam, 2005.


The Keeper’s Son: Homer Hickam, 2004.


The Devil’s Tea Tables: West Virginia Ghost Stories and Other Tales: Mack Samples, 2005.


The Telltale Lilac Bush and Other West Virginia Ghost Tales: Ruth Ann Musick, 1976, c1965.


West Virginia Railroads: [V1], Railroading in the Mountain State: Thomas W. Dixon, Jr., 2009.
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.

“The Way We Worked,” Smithsonian Institution Exhibition Tour, through March 17: Carnegie Hall, Lewisburg.

Conserving Our Textiles Exhibit, through April 30: North House Museum, Lewisburg.

Fourth Annual Kanawha Valley Heritage Fair, March 3:
Rand Community Center, Rand. Sponsored by Kanawha Valley History Center.

“Violence in the Coal Fields,” March 5: Dr. Paul Rakes, speaker, Erma Byrd Higher Education Center, Beckley.

“West Virginia: Birth of a State,” March 14: Dr. Billy Joe Peyton, speaker, Clay Center, Charleston.


“Making Sense of the American Civil War” Reading and Discussion Series, March 26: Greg Carroll, leader, Kanawha County Public Library, Charleston.
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“STUBBORN ADVOCATES: HOW SHEPHERDSTOWN CAME TO CARRY A TORCH FOR JAMES RUMSEY,” March 29: Nick Blanton, speaker, Shepherdstown.

“LATE ARCHAIC SHELLFISH USE IN THE EAST STEUBENVILLE SITE,” March 29: Lisa Dugas, speaker, Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex, Moundsville.

13TH ANNUAL HOOT OWL NIGHT IN THE ARCHIVES, March 30-31: West Virginia Archives and History Library, Charleston. Co-sponsored by Mining Your History Foundation. For more information call (304) 558-0230.

“COAL MINE HEALTH AND SAFETY,” April 2: Ken Hechler, speaker, Erma Byrd Higher Education Center, Beckley.

“WEIRTON’S TITANIC CONNECTION,” April 21: Janet White, speaker, Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center, Weirton.

“BETTER HOMES FOR LESS MONEY: KIT HOMES OF CHARLESTON,” April 22: Dr. Billy Joe Peyton, speaker, McFarland-Hubbard House, Charleston.

“MAKING SENSE OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR” READING AND DISCUSSION SERIES, April 23: Greg Carroll, leader, Kanawha County Public Library, Charleston.


“TELLING A BIG STORY: PRESERVATION AND PUBLIC PRESENTATION OF THE MEADOWCROFT ROCKSHELTER,” April 26: David Scofield, speaker, Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex, Moundsville.

“TOWN RUN: ECONOMIC HEARTBEAT OF EARLY SHEPHERDSTOWN,” May 2: Dr. Keith Alexander, speaker, Shepherdstown.

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY, May 8: Archives Library will be closed.


“BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION AND INTEGRATION IN SHEPHERDSTOWN,” May 24: Hannah Geffert and others, panel discussion, Shepherdstown.

MEMORIAL DAY, May 28: 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.
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