Spring cleaning season is upon us, both indoors and outdoors, and the sections of the Division of Culture and History are here to help. While emptying out the attic, if you find printed materials of any type relevant to West Virginia in any way, please contact West Virginia Archives and History before tossing them. We are always interested in directories, yearbooks, issues of old newspapers not currently preserved on microfilm, etc. If you find interesting objects with West Virginia ties as you remove the clutter in the old homeplace, contact the State Museum. If you plan to clean up or survey a cemetery, please visit the Web site of the State Historic Preservation Office for articles on cemetery rehabilitation, and to obtain forms to include a specific cemetery in the West Virginia Cemetery Survey. For contact information, visit http://www.wvculture.org/agency/stafflist2.html, or call (304) 558-0220.

Poignant Comment in National Cemetery Record of Graves

The Archives has a photocopy of a handwritten ledger entitled National Cemetery Record of Graves, Grafton, Taylor County, West Virginia, compiled by the superintendents of the cemetery and photocopied in 1998 by the Taylor County Historical Society. We also have an onionskin copy of an alphabetized transcript of interments and reinterments recorded in the ledger. A photocopy of the transcript/index has been made on acid-free paper and will be bound for placement in the Reading Room with other West Virginia cemetery books. Most of the reinterments were in 1867 and 1868 when the cemetery was opened. Information includes name, rank and company, date of death, reinternment date, grave number, plus a column for remarks that provides information about the original burial site or place of death.

The vast majority of the burials recorded in this ledger are for West Virginians, and almost all are for men who died during the Civil War and were originally buried near their place of death. Presumably local residents were relied upon to report burials on their property or in local graveyards, and to provide

WV State’s Aviation Program To Be Explored on April 2, 2013

On April 2, 2013, Dr. Charles T. Ledbetter will present “The West Virginia State College Aviation Program—The Tuskegee Airmen Connection in the Experiment” at the Tuesday evening lecture in the Archives and History Library of the Culture Center in Charleston. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Drawing on a wide range of resources and historical documents, Ledbetter will discuss West Virginia State College’s (now University) 1938-42 Aviation Program, with a focus on the connection between that program and the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II. Most historians, journalists, authors, and at least two movies credit the heroic deeds of the Tuskegee Airmen with playing a major role in ending African Americans’ long struggle for “the right to fight” for their country and the segregation of the military. However, few have publicly told the story of the struggle for “the right to teach African Americans to fly planes” under a massive 1930s

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federal government aviation training program.

Ledbetter will explain how West Virginia State College (WVSC) got the “first” aviation program awarded to an all-black college. He will describe why and how three administrators, each of whom played a critical role in obtaining, shaping and strengthening the aviation program that influenced the success of the Tuskegee Airmen, were key to that award. Among the topics he will explore are: (1) what it was like for Americans in general and African Americans in particular to live in the 1930s relative to the field of aviation; (2) the fascinating leaders involved with the program; (3) the strategy used in the application process; (4) the competition among the all-black colleges; (5) the challenges to the success of the program; (6) the role of women in the program; (7) the impact of Charleston’s airport on getting and losing the program; (8) the Tuskegee Airmen connection to the program; and (9) the program WVSC was the first all-black college to receive when the aviation program closed.

Born in Muskogee, Oklahoma, Charles T. Ledbetter holds an undergraduate degree from Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri; a master’s from Golden Gate University in San Francisco; and a Ph.D. from Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. Retiring as a lieutenant colonel after a 20-year career in the U.S. Army, he spent almost 30 years at West Virginia State University where he retired as Professor Emeritus in Education. Ledbetter is the author of three books and a number of published articles including his award winning two-volume book-set, Alliance Against the Odds: The Manual Training High School Story. He recently completed his fourth book, a biography, which he plans to publish by this summer. Ledbetter is currently vice chair of the Archives and History Commission for the State of West Virginia.

On April 2, 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.

A Few Examples of 1930 City Ordinances

These examples are from Ordinances and By-Laws of the Town of Beverly, Randolph County, West Virginia, codified in 1930, but there were similar ordinances in most towns of that era. Editor’s comments are in brackets.

• It shall be unlawful for any person to ride any bicycle or tricycle, roll any wheelbarrow or handcart; or slide or pull any sled on any sidewalk of the town. [Tricycles and little red wagons and toddlers in the streets?]
  • It shall be unlawful for any person to hitch or tie any horse, mule or other animals to any lamppost or upon or across any sidewalk of the town.

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Slavery in VA Topic of April 11 Program

On April 11, 2013, Greg Carroll will present “Slavery in Virginia, 1619-1860” 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.

Carroll will discuss the development and spread of slavery from Virginia’s early years to the Civil War. He also will discuss how slavery as a system in Virginia differed from the types of slavery seen in South Carolina, the Caribbean, South America, and even the serfdom of Russia. What were the main aspects of this system in economic and social terms? Carroll will explain the contradictions that this system fostered, especially in Virginia, and how the reliance on a slave economy in the southern states split the United States in 1860 and brought on the Civil War.

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.

### 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.

### New Titles

Congestalk’s Campaign
Presented by Doug Wood

Doug Wood educated an attentive audience about Chief Congestalk and the events surrounding his lifetime on March 14 in the Archives and History Library. 2013 is the 250th anniversary of Congestalk’s Campaign. Wood outlined the activities of the various Native American tribes that had a presence in what is now West Virginia, and explained how their methods of warfare in particular shaped the behavior of the white frontiersmen from the Revolutionary War up through the Civil War.

New Titles


The Plumbline, Volume 4, No. 6, February 1931: Plumbline Club [Cabell County Masons], 1931.


Ordinances and By-laws of the Town of Beverly, Randolph County, West Virginia: Town of Beverly, 1930.

When Coal was King: Mining Pennsylvania’s Anthracite: Early Coal Mining in Picture and Story in the Land of the Mollie Maguires: Louis Poliniak, 1970.


“A Tribute to the Coal Miner,” Volume 4: Pauline Haga, [1992?]


The Clinton Tapes: Wrestling History with the President: Taylor Branch, 2009.


Winnoned Songs for Sunday Schools: Ira D. Sankey, 1890.


Upshur County Fair Premium List [2nd annual fair]: Upshur County Fair and Agricultural Association, 1906.

The Neo-Pseudo-Suffix ‘-eroo’: Harold Wentworth, 1942.


“A Message on Underwear” from O. J. Morrison, West Virginia Retailer

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Check out Archives and History’s YouTube and Facebook Pages

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to play ball, play marbles, pitch quoits, or engage in any game or sport, utter loud cries, quarrel, riot, hunt, fish, or sell goods, wares, merchandise or intoxicating drinks, or engage in any common labor or secular business on the Sabbath day, other than work of necessity or charity, except such persons as conscientiously observe Saturday as the Sabbath. [Riot? Rather odd in this context!]

- It shall be unlawful for any person to ride or drive on any bridge faster than a walk.
- It shall be unlawful for any person to bathe in any portion of the Tygart’s Valley River or Files’ Creek within the corporate limits of said town or in sight of any dwelling within said town, from sunrise until one hour after sunset. [I assume this means to wash, not to swim.]
- The list of unlawful weapons included “slung-shots.”
- It shall be unlawful for any persons to fly a kite, play at football, baseball, bandy [bat or toss an object to and fro] or shiny [play stick hockey], or engage in any play, sport or exercise which might produce any bodily injury to any one, or endanger the life or property of any person, on any street, sidewalk, alley, bridge or public place.
- It shall be unlawful for any person, on any bridge, sidewalk, street or alleys to conduct himself in a manner annoying to persons passing by, or to occupants or residents of adjoining building, or to ring any door bell, or rap on any door or window to annoy or deceive the inmates of any house, office, store or shop.
- The tax on each male dog was $1.00 [$13.59 in 2012 dollars] and on each female dog $3.00 [$40.76 in 2012 dollars]. If the dog was a stray or the owner could not pay the tax, the dog was to be put down.
- It was also unlawful to set off firecrackers and similar explosives, blow whistles except in an emergency, spit, jump on or off moving railroad cars unless a railroad employee, gamble in any conceivable way, play billiards or bowl if under age 16, or for pool halls and bowling alleys to be open between midnight and 6:00 a.m. [It must have been awfully hard to be an active, entertained, well-behaved child—particularly, say, a twelve-year-old boy, and especially onerous on Sundays!]

**Correction for March 2013**

**Archives and History News Article**

The name of Lewis Maxwell was incorrectly written as “Maxwell Lewis” in the article and headline: “Remarks of Maxwell Lewis Regarding Native Americans.” Lewis Maxwell lived from 1790 to 1862 and served in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1821 to 1824 and as U.S. Representative for 1827 to 1833. Lewis was a lawyer and land speculator in Lewis County. To view a drawing of Lewis by Joseph Diss Debar visit the Archives and History Web site at http://www.wvculture.org/history/dissdebar/dd34.jpg.

**Cataloger Requests Information Regarding Salute to the Coal Industry**

If anyone has information about who compiled a pictorial history titled *Salute to the Coal Industry: Early Development of the Coal Industry in Raleigh-Fayette Counties*, please contact Susan Scouras, librarian and cataloger for the Archives and History Library, susan.c.scouras@wv.gov, (304) 558-0230, ext. 742. There is no information in the booklet itself for the compiler, origin of the photographs, publisher or printer, or date of publication. We have received two donated copies. One copy was apparently a re-print of the first, with the logo for the American Revolution Bicentennial, 1776-1976, superimposed on the original cover. A printed or stamped notice on the back cover, which had a sticker covering it that was later partially removed (and removed a couple of words as well), states: “We wish to thank Frances Hawley for permitting the reproduction of this book. Also Central Printing C… Beckley, W. Va. for p… reproduction.” The photographs appear to have been reproduced from an earlier work with their original captions. Identification of the source of the photographs would be a welcome bonus. A search of major cataloging databases and the Internet in general has not been successful in locating another copy anywhere, nor in finding the publishing information. We would like to give credit where it is due in the catalog entry.
New Titles

Older Pamphlets Recently Cataloged
Speech of Mr. Ferguson, Delivered in the House of Delegates the 16th of January, 1849, In reply to Messrs. Scott of Fauquier and Smith of Alexandria, upon the Subject of the Wilmot Proviso; James H. Ferguson, 1849.
Speech of Mr. Pendleton of Rappahannock; on the Election of a United States Senator: John S. Pendleton, 1839.
The True Churchman: Rt. Rev. William Meade, 1851.
Substance of the Remarks Made by John Minor Botts, . . . Address to His Constituents: John Minor Botts, [1848?].
The Van Buren Platform or Facts for the Present Supporters of Martin Van Buren: [anti-Van Buren campaign literature by the Whig Party, 1848?].
Letters of Chas. F. M. Garnett, on the Railroad Connection between the Chesapeake Bay and the Ohio River: Charles F. M. Garnett, 1852.
Speech of Hon. Frank Hereford, of West Virginia, in the Senate of the United States, June 2, 1880: River and Harbor Bill: Frank Hereford, 1880.
Speech of Mr. John S. Carlile, of Virginia in the House of Representatives, June 21, 1856: The Cincinnati Platform: John S. Carlile, 1856.
The Issue Fairly Presented: The Senate Bill for the Admission of Kansas as a State: Democracy, Law Order and the Will of the Majority of the Whole People of the Territory, Against Black Republicanism, Usurpation, Revolution, Anarchy, and the Will of a Meagre Minority: Published by order of the Democratic National Committee, 1856.
How the State of Virginia May Be Kept in the Union by Her Own People: [signed “H.”], [1861].

New CD-ROM Titles

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.
TIMBER INDUSTRY EXHIBIT, May 3-June 10: Greenbrier Historical Society, Lewisburg.
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FIFTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF NATIONS, April 13: Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center.

“CIVIL WAR IN THE KANAWHA VALLEY,” April 16: Billy Joe Peyton, speaker, Marshall University Foundation Hall, Huntington.


GENEALOGY AND THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR WORKSHOP, April 20: Joetta Kuhn and Patsy Adkins, presenters, Clendenin Public Library, Clendenin.

RECENT EXCAVATIONS AT THE ARMORY AT HARPERS FERRY NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK, April 25: Darlene Hassler Godwin and Justin Ebersole, speakers, Grave Creek Mound Archaeology Complex, Moundsville.

GENEALOGY AND THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR WORKSHOP, April 27: Joetta Kuhn and Patsy Adkins, presenters, St. Albans Branch Library, St. Albans.

WV HISTORY BOWL STATE TOURNAMENT, April 30: The Culture Center, Charleston.

MEMORIAL DAY, May 27: Archives Library will be closed.


LEMONADE & LAVENDER HISTORIC HOMES AND GARDEN TOUR, June 7-9: Greenbrier County. For more information contact Greenbrier Historical Society (304) 645-3398.

GENEALOGY AND THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR WORKSHOP, June 8: Joetta Kuhn and Patsy Adkins, presenters, Hamlin Public Library, Hamlin.

WEST VIRGINIA DAY, June 20: Archives Library open.*

INDEPENDENCE DAY, July 4: Archives Library will be closed.

“MORE THAN BOWS AND ARROWS,” July 25: Film, Grave Creek Mound Archaeology Complex, Moundsville.

“MYSTERIES OF THE ANCIENT ARCHITECTS,” August 29: Film, Grave Creek Mound Archaeology Complex, Moundsville.

FURTHER INSIGHTS AT A LATE WOODLAND OCCUPATION IN MARSHALL COUNTY, WV: SITE 46MR155, September 26: Jamie S. Meece, Stevan C. Pullins, and C. Michael Anslinger, speakers, Grave Creek Mound Archaeology Complex, Moundsville.

*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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