From the Editor:

The carpeting in the libraries and offices housed in The Cultural Center in Charleston soon will be replaced over a several-month period, September 2005 through January 2006. We anticipate closing the Archives and History Library sometime in January for an as yet undetermined number of days. Please check our Web site at http://www.wvculture.org/history or call (304) 558-0230 before visiting to verify which facilities and offices will be open on a given date. While the staff will have to vacate their usual offices, most will be working elsewhere in the building during the installation. Throughout the process we will be available by telephone and e-mail. We appreciate your patience during this necessary disruption.

New Titles

Most are gifts of the author and/or the society named:


West Virginia County Records Management and Preservation Grants Program Accepting Applications for 2006-2007 Projects

The County Records Management and Preservation Grants Program, administered by the Records Management and Preservation Board (RMPB), will be accepting applications from county government offices through their county commissions for projects to implement records management programs. The grants are offered in support of the program’s dual purpose of preserving the county records of West Virginia and of maintaining the accessibility of those records to the public. Grant guidelines and application forms will be mailed to County Commission offices on September 1, 2005, and are available on line at http://www.wvculture.org/history/rmpb/rmpb.html. All applications must be completed and mailed with a postmark on or before November 1, or hand-delivered by this date to the RMPB, c/o Fredrick Armstrong, Archives and History, Division of Culture and History. Applications for the RMPB program are restricted to county commissions only.

Funds may be applied for projects to:

• Remove non-records and accumulations of records having reached or exceeded required retention periods from storage areas, particularly attics and basements, and the removal of justice of the peace books, personal property books and duplicate land books.
• Conduct complete records inventory and condition assessment, and develop a master records management plan for the county.
• Provide for the proper and improved storage and access to permanent records or records with required retention periods in excess of twenty-five years, such as

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Gifts of the Wayne County Genealogical Society:

Wayne County, West Virginia Cemetery Listings: 4 volumes, Wayne County Genealogical Society, [no date].
1860 Wayne County Census: Annotated: Wayne County Genealogical Society, [no date].
1870 Wayne County Census: Annotated: Wayne County Genealogical Society, [no date].
1880 Wayne County Census: Annotated: Wayne County Genealogical Society, [no date].
1920 Wayne County Census: Annotated: Wayne County Genealogical Society, [no date].
The Court and Its Judges, 1863-1972: Frank C. Haymond, [no date].
2001 Pictorial Calendar [Wayne County]: Wayne County Genealogical Society,
2004 Pictorial Calendar [Wayne County]: Wayne County Genealogical Society.

Clarification Regarding the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Archives and the West Virginia Catholic Heritage Center

Ms. Tracey Rasmer, archivist for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Archives, contacted us to clarify information in last month’s article entitled West Virginia Catholic Heritage Center. The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Archives is administered under the office of the Chancellor, located in a building called the Chancery, while the Archives itself is physically located in a separate building called the West Virginia Catholic Heritage Center (just as the Archives and History Library is administered by the Archives and History section of the Division of Culture and History and is located in a building called The Cultural Center). Records available to the public include vital statistics from all Catholic parishes from 1828 to 1931 on microfilm, selected records of priests and bishops, information on deceased priests since the late 1890’s, business records, property records and estate leases. The physical and mailing addresses for the Archives are the same: Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Archives, West Virginia Catholic Heritage Center, Suite 201, 2000 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Other days and times are available by appointment. Visit their Web site at http://www.dwc.org/chancery/archives.shtml. Ms. Rasmer may be reached at trasmer@dwc.org, or (304) 230-2079.
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.

**LABOR DAY, September 5**: Archives Library will be closed.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION ROAD SHOW, September 20**: WV State Historic Preservation Staff, Pocahontas County Opera House, Marlinton.

**ROANE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY GENEALOGICAL FAIR, September 24**: Spencer.

**JENKINS PLANTATION 170TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, September 24**: Lesage.


**ARCHIVES AND HISTORY COMMISSION MEETING, October 7**: Organ Cave Community Center, Ronceverte.

**FAMILY HISTORY FAIR, October 8**: The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, Sissonville.

**COLUMBUS DAY, October 10**: Archives Library will be open.*


**CIVIL WAR LECTURE, October 18**: Dr. Robert Browning, speaker, The State Theater in The Cultural Center, Charleston.

**MINING YOUR HISTORY FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING AND WORKSHOP, November 5**: The Cultural Center, Charleston.

**VETERANS DAY, November 11**: Archives Library will be open.*

*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.

We hope you will join us in welcoming Ms. Ferguson to Archives and History. [See the previous article for contact information.]
We would love to hear from you.
Let us know what you find helpful in the newsletter, and what new topics you would like covered.

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