We often hear from people who have been trying to contact the Archives and History staff that their e-mails were returned. We always find that the e-mails had been addressed to our former wvculture.org addresses. Almost all West Virginia state government e-mail addresses were changed in the past couple of years to the “wv.gov” domain. Also, employee addresses are now made up from the employee’s first name, middle initial and surname, with a few exceptions for a few known by nicknames, middle names or with no middle name. For instance, Ernest Richard Fauss, known to all as “Dick,” can be reached via richard.e.fauss, and Robert L. Taylor at bobby.l.taylor. Finding contact information for Archives and History staff is easy. Go to the Archives and History Web page at http://www.wvculture.org/archives, and click on “Contact us” to see a listing of staff, including titles, specialties, and telephone extension numbers. Click on a name and an e-mail form will pop up. Have a question or comment? Pick a staff member and send us a message or call. We’d love to hear from you.

Hampshire County Births and Deaths on Microfilm

One of the consequences of digitizing county birth, death and marriage records for the West Virginia Vital Research Records database has been discovery of errors in the original microfilming of the records. One such problem was found on the reel of Hampshire County Births and Deaths, 1889-1903, recorded on GSU Reel #815360. The two-page records of the actual ledger were loose from the spine, replaced in the volume with the right and left hand pages mismatched, then filmed in that incorrect order. Archives staff members printed the relevant pages from the microfilm, placed them in proper order, and had the pages bound in book form. The book, titled *Hampshire County Vital Records on Microfilm: Loose Pages Placed in Correct Order*, has been cataloged and placed on top of the microfilm cabinet as a handy reference for microfilm users. Informative labels have been placed on the microfilm box for that reel directing the user to the book.

Pierson to Discuss West Virginia Artists on August 7

On August 7, 2012, Jeff Pierson will present “They’re from here? Artists from the Mountain State” at the Tuesday 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.

Pierson will provide a broad look at the history of significant artists from West Virginia. Among the artists he plans to include are Blanche Lazzell and Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. The lecture will be a multimedia journey through the contributions the state has made to the arts, both on a national and international level.

Jeff Pierson is a native of Charleston, West Virginia, and a graduate of Columbus College of Art and Design in Columbus, Ohio. He serves as the Director of Arts of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History and West Virginia Commission on the Arts. He also is a freelance illustrator. Pierson currently resides in Charleston with his wife, daughter, and dog, Cosmo.

On August 7, the library will close at 5 p.m. and reopen at 5:45 p.m. for participants only. For planning purposes, participants...
Archives and History Staff Served as Speakers

Randy Marcum presented the July Tuesday Lecture in the Archives and History Library on July 10. A full house listened as the Archives and History staff member spoke about lesser known events and personal relationships involved with the Hatfield family that played a part in the infamous Hatfield-McCoy Feud. If you were not able to attend, or attended but would like to hear the talk again (Randy included a lot of names and historical details), check our YouTube channel for the recorded version. An interesting note: Marcum was a Library patron and Archives and History volunteer working with military records several years ago before becoming part of the staff.

Archives and History assistant director Bryan Ward spoke about the state capitol during the West Virginia Day celebration at The Culture Center, Charleston, on June 20, 2012.

On July 14 in The Culture Center, Archives and History director Joe Geiger spoke about the online resources for West Virginia history on the Archives and History Web site as part of the celebration of the 35th anniversary of the Division of Culture and History.

The Encyclopaedia of Geography

The Encyclopaedia of Geography: comprising a complete description of the earth, physical, statistical, civil, and political; exhibiting its relation to the heavenly bodies, its physical structure, the natural history of each country, and the industry, commerce, political institutions, and civil and social state of all nations, by Hugh Murray, F.R.S.E. All of that published in just three volumes! The first edition was published by Carey, Lea and Blanchard, Philadelphia, in 1837. The Archives and History Library’s copy is an edition that was revised, with additions, by Thomas G. Bradford, published by Lea and Blanchard (successors to Carey & Co.), Philadelphia, for George W. Gorton in 1840. Following are excerpts from the section on the Commonwealth of Virginia, focusing on the western portion of the state that in 1863 became the Commonwealth of West Virginia, as found in Volume III, pages 518-528.

“The largest and most central State in the Union, perhaps the most varied in her productions, and the richest in natural resources, blessed with a most happy climate, abundantly supplied with the noble channels of communication, exhibiting over her spacious bosom a pleasant interchange of the wildest and the most lovely scenes, Virginia seems to possess within herself the

Check out Archives and History’s YouTube and Facebook Pages

http://www.youtube.com/user/wvarchivesandhistory
http://www.facebook.com/pages/West-Virginia-Archives-and-History/168933289812323

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Archives and History Online Resources to be Featured at August 9 Library Program

On August 9, 2012, Joe Geiger will present “Archives and History Online Resources” 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.

Geiger will provide an overview of what is on the West Virginia Archives and History Web site that would be useful to researchers, both genealogists and historians.

Geiger has worked for West Virginia Archives and History since 1998, serving as historian, webmaster, assistant director, and acting director before being named director in 2009. He holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration and a master’s degree in history from Marshall University. For the past 15 years, he has taught West Virginia History as an adjunct professor at Marshall. Geiger is the author of several scholarly articles and two books: Civil War in Cabell County, West Virginia, 1861-1865 (1991) and Holding the Line: The Battle of Allegheny Mountain and Confederate Defense of the Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike 1861-62 (forthcoming, 2012).

Advance registration for the program is not required but is encouraged to help plan seating arrangements. 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.

Note: Susan Scouras, previously scheduled as the August speaker, has been rescheduled to present “West Virginia Cookbooks” on Thursday, September 13, 2012.

[This article originally was prepared by Mary Johnson for the Archives and History Web site based on information provided by Joe Geiger.]

FamilySearch.org and 1940 Census Topics of July Genealogy Club Lecture

Mary Glass presented “Getting the Most out of FamilySearch.org and Searching the 1940 Census” at the Thursday Evening Genealogy lecture on July 12, 2012. For more photos go to http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops/2012julygenclub.html. This program and others are available for viewing on our YouTube channel, http://www.youtube.com/user/wvarchivesandhistory.
Ellis R. Dungan, Filmmaker

Can you think of things West Virginia and India have in common? How about filmmaker Ellis R. Dungan? Dungan, who lived in Wheeling, West Virginia, studied cinematography and motion picture production at the University of Southern California, then traveled to India in 1935 at the invitation of a classmate. His film career took off there, and Dungan worked many years in India with prominent directors and actors before returning to the United States. He settled in Wheeling in 1958 and made documentary films for another three decades. Dungan’s autobiography, A Guide to Adventure: An Autobiography, written with Barbara Smik, was published by Dorrance Publishing in 2001, the year of his death. You can view 15 minutes of Dungan’s home movie film of movie-making in India circa 1935 from the Ellis R. Dungan Collection in the West Virginia State Archives on our YouTube channel, http://www.youtube.com/user/wvarchivesandhistory.

New Titles

My Emrick or Emerick Kin, 1802-1978: Elsie Emerick Simms, [1978?].
1900 Census of Logan County, West Virginia: Connie Baisden and Louise Baisden, 1981.
The Devil’s Son: Cap Hatfield and the End of the Hatfield and McCoy Feud: [historical fiction], Anne Black Gray, 2012.
Pennsylvania German Church Records of Births, Baptisms, Marriages, Burials, etc.: 3 volumes, Pennsylvania German Society, 2001, c1983.
Some of the Descendants of John D. Vest: [Unknown], [n.d.].
Bangor Cemetery: John Lancaster, [1992].
Laws and Ordinances for the Government of the City of Wheeling, West Virginia: 1891.
John Hanes (d. Tyler Co., VA., 1815) and Some of His Descendants: Edith Foster, 1963.
Quiz Book of Facts on the History of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company: C&O Railway Company, [1946?].
Evolution of Social Attitudes in Arthurdale, West Virginia: Harry Carlson, [1937?].
Webster Co. WV Cemeteries: Michael Henline, [n.d.].
“Lil Ruby” Memoirs: Ruby Steffen, [2009?].
New Titles


History and Families of Robertsburgh, West Virginia: Thomas J. McGinnis, Jr., [1985].


1810 Census of Mason County, Virginia and 1820 Census of Mason County, Virginia: Mrs. Owen Crickard, 1968.


Sago: Dennis Michael Burke, 2010.


Hardesty’s History of Lincoln County, West Virginia: Howard Osburn, 2010.


Monuments: Vicksburg National Military Park: [no date].


Echols A. Hansbarger, Jr., M.D. Donation


Fort Sumter National Monument, South Carolina: Frank Barnes, 1961, c1952.


Orange Court House, 1861-1865: Orange County Civil War Centennial Commission, 1979, c1965.

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wvmemory/clip.aspx. Clipping File and Surname File folders may be viewed in the Library, or copies purchased via a research request letter, http://www.wvculture.org/history/services.html#research.

Mark Your Calendars!
17th Annual History Day,
February 21, 2013

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elements of an empire. Nor to the American heart are the historical associations connected with the Old Dominion, as she is fondly called by her children, of less interest: the first English colony planted in America, she gave birth to the Father of his Country, and his bones lie in her soil.” (p. 518)

In describing the area of the state, the northern panhandle is called “the long tongue between Pennsylvania and Ohio.” “It is the only State, excepting Pennsylvania, that extends quite across the great Appalachian chains, and it is traversed from north to south by five or six well-defined mountain ranges and seven detached ridges. Our account of the different chains is not as yet so precise as we could wish, but the geological survey now going on will throw full light upon this important geographical feature of the country. The State is often described as divided by the Blue Ridge into two great sections, Eastern Virginia and Western Virginia; but the constitution recognized the division into four sections: the Tide-water Section, below the lower falls of the rivers, the Middle Section between those falls and the Blue Ridge, the Great Valley between the Blue Ridge and the Alleghany, and the

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Rebels and Yankees in Rowan County: George Raynor, 1991.

Civil War Action in Rockingham County, Virginia: Rockingham-Harrisonburg Civil War Centennial Commission, [n.d.].


Assorted brochures from National Park Service and various states’ historical sites with Civil War history significance, findable by searching the Voyager® catalog by the name of the site or battle fought there as a subject or keyword, such as “Fort McHenry” or “Gettysburg, battle of.”

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**Calendar of Events**

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**“NOT ALWAYS STANDING STILL & SMILING: UPSHUR COUNTY HISTORY, ITS PEOPLE AND EVENTS AS DEPICTED BY PHOTOGRAPHERS, ARTISTS, AND WRITERS,” SUMMER 2012 EXHIBIT, Sundays through September 30:** History Center Museum, Buckhannon. For more information, see http://www.upshurcountyhistoricalsociety.com.

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**“THE 54TH MASSACHUSETTS COLORED REGIMENT,” August 11:** Wilkes Kinney, speaker, followed by film “Glory,” West Virginia Independence Hall, Wheeling.

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**MARTIN R. DELANY 200TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT, August 13:** Presentation of meeting of John Brown and Martin Delany in Canada in 1858, Fishermen Hall, Charles Town.

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**FESTIVAL OF NATIONS, August 18:** Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center, Weirton.

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**DESCENDANTS OF THE FRENCH CREEK PIONEERS BIENNIAL MEETING,**

August 18–19: French Creek Presbyterian Church, French Creek. For more information, contact Mary Albaugh, evenings, (304) 473-0738, iwabyf@gmail.com, or Amy Tenney, (304) 472-5174, buckhannon@hotmail.com, or the association’s Facebook page.

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**LABOR DAY, September 3:** Archives Library will be closed.

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Trans-Alleghanian Section west of the mountain ranges.” (p. 518-19)

Look for additional excerpts from the *Encyclopaedia of Geography* in future issues of *Archives and History News.*

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**News Indexes Updated**

The entire collection of *West Virginia Archives and History News,* from Volume I, No. 1 in March 1999 to the current issue, is available on our Web site at http://www.wvculture.org/history/ahnews/ahnews.html. The earliest issues have been reformatted to be compatible with newer technology. Indexes by Subject and Title are available on the Web site, as well as a categorized index to books, videos, magazine articles, etc., reviewed in the newsletter over the years. The indexes were recently brought up to date through the July 2012 issue.
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*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.