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Kathy Stuck Responds to Call for Old Telephone Directories

Kathy Stuck of Charleston responded to our request in the September issue of Archives and History News for donation of old telephone directories with some real doozies. Stuck brought in three issues of the Official Directory of the Central District Printing and Telegraph Co. of Pittsburgh, which included subscribers in certain counties in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, for July 1896, May 1897 and May 1899. West Virginia counties with subscribers in the listings are: Barbour, Brooke, Doddridge, Hancock, Harrison, Marion, Marshall, Monongalia, Ohio, Pleasants, Preston, Ritchie, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Wetzel, and Wyoming.

Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex To Be Discussed at October 1 Lecture

On October 1, 2013, David E. Rotenizer will present “An Introduction to the Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex: A West Virginia Historic Site, Museum and Research Center” 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.

The Grave Creek Mound in Moundsville is one of the largest earthen burial mounds constructed by the Adena cultural tradition between 250 and 150 B.C. The seven-acre tract has been owned by the State of West Virginia since 1909 and hosts the Delf Norona Museum and the West Virginia Archaeological Research and Collections Management facility. The presentation will provide an overview of the facility and its operations.

Rotenizer has been the site manager for the Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex since 2009. He serves as West Virginia editor of the Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology Newsletter and serves on the advisory committee of the Cockayne Farmstead, a project of the Marshall County Historical Society.

Rotenizer has been involved in archaeology and historic preservation since 1979 with participation in more than 250 professional projects in nine states with supervisory experience in laboratory, archival and field settings. Past experiences include the successful launching of two tourism programs and an environmental education program in Virginia. He served 15 months with AmeriCorps*VISTA in Carroll County, Virginia, helping to develop community economic capacity. Rotenizer also participated in a long-term ethnographic field study in eastern Kentucky that included Continued on page 3
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oral history and architectural documentation. From 1985 to 1987 he directed a site survey recording program in southwest Virginia that resulted in the documentation of more than 500 previously unrecorded archaeological site locations. He also coordinated Virginia Archaeology Month activities in southwest Virginia, 1997-2003. He is a long-time member of the Archeological Society of Virginia, organized the New River Valley and Blue Ridge Plateau chapters, currently serves on the board of directors, and is coordinator of the recently established Social Media Subcommittee and maintains a Facebook page for the organization.

Rotenizer completed coursework at the University of Kentucky in anthropology and Appalachian Studies, and holds a Bachelor of General Studies from Radford University with a concentration in Appalachian Heritage Resources. He is a member of Lambda Alpha, national anthropology honors society. He was recognized for his preservation efforts with a statewide award by the Preservation Alliance of Virginia in 2002. He has an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army Reserve for 18 years of service. His hometown is Blacksburg, Virginia.

On October 1, 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.

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

Bindery Order for Archives Library in Progress

If you use the Archives and History Library’s online catalog, you may see some holdings marked “At bindery.” You may be browsing the shelves for an item you have used in the past and find a gap in the row of books where it resides. In addition to these copies temporarily removed from the library shelves, we have also sent dozens of newly received unbound or softbound titles to the bindery to receive hardback library bindings. If the title you need is marked “At bindery,” check with the staff to see if there is an alternative copy for you to use. Be sure to check “New Title” listings in upcoming newsletters, which will include titles of freshly bound books going on our shelves for the first time.

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

“Six Voices” Speak about West Virginia Glass

Millie Coty, Dave Bush, Dane “Woody” Moore, Dottie Daugherty, Tim Felt and Dean Six raised six experienced voices to describe their varying connections to and experience with West Virginia glass manufacturing and collecting in the program entitled “Six Voices: Six Short Stories about West Virginia Glass.” Each speaker shared one object that symbolized his or her personal story. If you missed their entertaining talks on August 22, we strongly urge you to watch them on the Archives and History YouTube channel. The audience in the Archives and History Library found the well-organized presentation very touching and informative in a much different way from most.
Finding Hidden Native American Ancestors
Focus of October 10 Lecture

On October 10, 2013, Jeanne Eppley will present “Finding Hidden Ancestors” 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.

Eppley, also known as Snow Flower, will explain why there are hidden Native American people and show how they can be identified. She will discuss the physical characteristics and diseases that are common in Native American families, as Continued on page 4

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Registration for these free workshops is helpful but not required.

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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.

Scrip, Tokens and Company Stores

The West Virginia Archives and History Library Reference Collection includes books on company scrip, company tokens of various types, and company stores. These books are helpful in identifying any scrip or tokens one may have in hand, but are also useful for finding the names of coal and lumber companies, their areas of operation, and the time periods when they were in specific locations. About one half of these reference books covers the entire United States, and the other half covers only West Virginia.

Scrip was issued by a company as paper and coins with a defined value in dollars or cents to be used as a medium of exchange in place of a country’s actual currency. Scrip is both singular and plural, never has an “s” to indicate plural, and takes the singular form of a verb. An individual scrip is referred to as “a piece of scrip,” while several scrip are called “pieces of scrip.” One would say “Scrip is collectible,” but not “Scrip are collectible.” Particularly in remote locations, employees were paid in company scrip rather than cash. Scrip was usually redeemed for full face value at company-owned stores (although the store’s prices may have been inflated over non-company store prices), and at face value or at a discounted rate at non-company stores where the owners had agreements with the coal or lumber company to redeem their scrip for actual money. Independent stores may not have accepted scrip at all.

There are two types of tokens, usually metal coins but sometimes paper or cardboard, that were issued by companies. Scrip and Continued on the page 4
merchant tokens had monetary value and were exchangeable for goods and services for personal use. Other company tokens were used to identify employees (for example, each employee hung his personal token on a board at the mine entrance before entering a mine, and then removed it on his way out, so it was known which employees were inside) or to issue supplies necessary for work, especially explosives, which were only distributed to designated employees in specified types and amounts (for example, one stick of powder, five sticks of dynamite, three blasting caps, etc.).

- **Scrip**: Trade Tokens Issued by United States Coal Mining Companies and Company Stores: Stuart E. Brown, Jr., 1978.
- **20,000 Coal Company Stores in the United States, Mexico and Canada**: Gordon Dodrell, 1971.
- **West Virginia Merchant Tokens**: David E. Schenkenman, 2009.
- **Edkins’ Catalogue of United States Coal Company Store Scrip (Tokens)**: Donald O. Edkins, 1st edition, 1977. [You will note all editions are available on the Reference shelf because not all of the illustrations in each edition were reprinted in the subsequent editions.]
- **West Virginia Company Stores: A Collection of over 200 photographs of West Virginia Company Stores, Including information on the store and the Company that operated it**: Dale Payne, 2012.

Snow Flower is the author of *My Family Tells This Story* (1999) as well as a CD titled *Snow Flower’s Indian Genealogy Guide* (2011), which is an update to the book. She will have copies of both at the presentation.

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*New Titles*

**Blue Steel, Timber & Steam**: A Scrapbook of Tales from Boom-Era Allegheny: David Armstrong, 2010.

**An Anniversary Celebration Commemorating the 150th Year of the Founding of Lewis County, West Virginia: 1817-1967**: Lewis County Sesquicentennial, Inc., [1967].

**Virginia Country Cooking**: Audrey V. Mowson, 1980. [Many very old recipes included.]

**The Greenes of Rhode Island**: Louise Brownell Clarke, 1903.

**Lilly Reunion Official Program**: 2002 through 2012.
Hillside Fields in the Archives

On September 10, 2013, Dr. Bob Barnett presented material from his recent book, Hillside Fields: A History of Sports in West Virginia, as the Tuesday evening lecture in the Archives and History Library. Barnett informed the audience of several historic firsts in West Virginia sports, some of which were firsts for the United States as well.

Hillside Fields Can Be Hazardous!

We wish Archives Director Joe Geiger had spotted this little gem in a Sherman High School (Seth, Boone County, West Virginia) newspaper before Dr. Bob Barnett’s Hillside Fields presentation in the Archives Library. From The Sherman Tattler, October 11, 1929: “More touchdowns would have been scored by Sherman at Clendenin if the field had been better fitted for football. Woody, new end for Sherman, fell over a cliff at the end of the Clendenin field, dropped a pass, and thereby lost a touchdown.” Archives staffer Cathy Miller attended grade school on the same Clendenin grounds and confirmed that the field drops off sharply down to the river. Ouch!

Web Sites of Interest

Learn Web Skills: http://www.learnwebskills.com. Debbie Duay, an experienced genealogist and

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Steve Hart, a family history researcher who is active in Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and in re-enactment of the frontier and revolutionary era in West Virginia, brought dozens of handcrafted items that form his reenactor’s kit to illustrate his talk entitled “Family History, the SAR, and Re-enacting” on September 12, 2013, as the Archives and History Thursday evening lecture.

New Titles

Twenty-five Chapters on the Shenandoah Valley: To Which is Appended a Concise History of the Civil War in the Valley: John W. Wayland, 2nd ed., 1976.
To Those Who Wore the Gray: The Civil War Round Table of Wilmington, Delaware, 1976, c1960. [Pamphlet listing Confederate soldiers who died as POWs at Fort Delaware and were buried in Finns Point National Cemetery, NJ]

Gifts of Mining Your History Foundation

The History of Walkersville Community, Lewis County, WV: Clark Sprigg, [1990?, c1927].
The History of New Milton Community, Doddridge County, W. Va.: Roy F. Randolph, [1990?], c1926.
History of Sinking Creek Community: (Gilmer County, W. Va.): Mrs. W. Farley Bush, [1990?], c1925.
History of Locust Valley Community (Wood County, W. Va.): Mrs. Lena Sams and Mrs. Estella Marshall, [1990?], c1930.

Re-enacting Center of Hart’s Lecture

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Family Tree magazine Free Genealogy Forms: http://www.familytreemagazine.com/freeforms. Free printable charts and forms for the usual family history research needs, plus some you may never have considered, such as a list of family heirlooms and who in the family has them, and a form for identifying and explaining your family’s traditions. Topics: Basic Charts and Worksheets, Census Forms, Immigration Forms, Record Worksheets, Oral History and Heirlooms, Create Your Own City Guide (for personal research in a specific town).

SHPO Survey and Planning Grants

The West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is accepting applications for historic preservation survey and planning grants. Deadline for receipt of applications is October 31, 2013. Approximately $80,000 will be awarded from funding appropriated by the U.S. Congress for preservation efforts through the National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund. State and local government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, for-profit organizations and firms, and educational institutions are qualified to apply. Eligible projects may include architectural and archaeological surveys; preparation of National Register of Historic Places nominations; heritage education programs relating to preservation activities; pre-development activities; comprehensive planning documents; and development projects.

A complete grant package,
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.


EDUCATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG AT COLLETT HOUSE, October 12: Beverly. Sponsored by Beverly Heritage Center and the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office. For information, contact the Center at 304-637-7424, www.beverlyheritagecenter.org, or their Facebook page.

COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY, October 14: Archives Library will be open.*


WEST VIRGINIA STATE CCC MUSEUM ASSOCIATION FALL JUBILEE, October 19: Quiet Dell.

GUYANDOTTE CIVIL WAR DAYS, November 1-3: Huntington.

MINING YOUR HISTORY ANNUAL MEETING, November 2: The Culture Center, Charleston.

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

THANKSGIVING DAY, November 28: Archives Library will be closed.

THANKSGIVING FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, November 29-30: Archives Library will be closed.


ANNUAL VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR AND TEA, December 7-8: Julia-Ann Square Historic District, Parkersburg.

CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24: Archives Library will be closed one-half day.

CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25: Archives Library will be closed.

NEW YEAR’S EVE, December 31: Archives Library will be closed one-half day.

NEW YEAR’S DAY, January 1, 2014: 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.

including a grants manual and application packet with program descriptions, funding priorities and selection criteria is available by contacting Pamela Brooks, grants coordinator for the SHPO, at (304) 558-0240, ext. 720, by e-mailing her at pam.a.brooks@wv.gov, by writing: SHPO, West Virginia Division of Culture and History, The Culture Center, Charleston, WV, 25305-0300, or at the Division’s website at www.wvculture.org/shpo. [From Division of Culture and History press release, September 3, 2013.]
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