



## From the Editor:

*Isn't it amazing how quickly a cell phone has become one of life's essentials for the majority of us? As with any new invention, the etiquette of its use lags behind the need to develop self-restraint and common sense regarding that use. We all raise our voices when speaking on cell phones and ring tones are always disruptive, no matter how clever, and at any volume level. With a means of communication right in our hot little hands, we are forever impatient to make and receive calls immediately, not waiting the short time it takes to move to a more acceptable location. No one wants to hear anyone else's personal—or business—conversation, but we seldom apply that sentiment to our own. We need to stop thinking of the phone as a person sitting beside us with whom we can freely converse while driving, dining, attending events—or researching in a library.*

## West Virginia Vital Research Records Project

### Online Searchable Database and Digital Images of Selected Birth, Death and Marriage Records

The West Virginia Vital Research Records Project (WVRR) is a collaborative venture between the West Virginia State Archives and the Genealogical Society of Utah (GSU) to place online via the West Virginia Archives and History Web site selected West Virginia county birth, death and marriage records, and selected statewide death records in a viewable, downloadable and searchable format accessible at <http://www.wvculture.org/vrr>. While the majority of the eligible records are now in the database, the project is on-going, with more records being added when possible and the system undergoing refinement as needed. In Virginia/West Virginia, births and deaths were first reported to the counties in 1853, while marriages were recorded in the counties from the inception of each county (see West Virginia Counties chart in our brochure or online at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/>

[wvcounties.html](http://www.wvculture.org/history/wvcounties.html) for formation dates). All three types of records are still reported to county clerks today. In 1917, the West Virginia Dept. of Health Vital Registration office began collecting the county reports of births and deaths and issuing official state birth and death certificates from that year through the present, as well as creating "delayed" birth records by affidavit. Additionally, the state issues copies of marriage applications from 1964

to the present, available through the Vital Registration office. Please note that divorce records are available only from the appropriate circuit court clerk, and are not available from county court clerks, the Vital Registration office or the West Virginia Archives and History Library.

The death records made available online in the Vital Research Records database come from two

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## History Day and History Hero Deadlines

History Day at the West Virginia Legislature is scheduled for February 18, 2010 at the State Capitol Complex in Charleston. On that day an awards ceremony will be held in the Norman L. Fagan West Virginia State Theater to honor the latest History Hero award recipients. Registration forms for History Day tables in the Capitol and nomination

forms for 2010 History Heroes will be mailed in early November to historical or genealogical societies, preservation and landmark commissions, and patriotic or other similar groups already on our list. If your history-related group is already receiving our monthly newsletter, *West Virginia Archives and History*

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sources: county records as recorded on microfilm by the GSU largely from 1967 to 1970, and statewide death certificates as selected for release by the West Virginia Dept. of Health Vital Registration office. Currently the state death records are withheld 50 years from date of issuance. State death certificates for individuals from all 55 counties dating from 1917 through 1958 are available online through this project. Additional state death certificates will be added in a batch once a year (usually January 1) as all the certificates for a given year pass the 50-year mark of issuance. For example in 2010, the state death certificates for 1959 will be added to the database.

Six counties were included in the initial database for birth, death and marriage records: Calhoun, Gilmer, Hardy, Harrison, Mineral and Pendleton. For these six counties, as for all the other 49, marriage and death records are included up to the last record microfilmed for that county by GSU: Calhoun, Gilmer, and Mineral through 1969; Hardy, Harrison and Pendleton through 1970. For these six counties birth records are included up through 1930, with records 75 years or older at the time of selection posted online. Due to a change in the selection parameters since the records of the initial six counties were posted, subsequent counties added include only births recorded in those counties more than 100 years ago, meaning in 2009 only births for 1853 through 1908 are available, with additional births in one year batches to be added sometime after all the records for that year pass the 100-year mark, usually the number of the year recorded plus 101 years. For example, 1909 birth records will be available in 2010. The addition of state birth certificates and of state delayed birth

certificates to the database is not anticipated, although some delayed birth records may show up in the regular county birth records.

The records in the database are not fully transcribed and are searchable only by the information requested in the search boxes for each type of record. The "Detail" pages were set up to transcribe most of the record, but once the tasks of indexing and transcription were underway, GSU found full transcription to be far too complicated and time-consuming, so while earlier entries in the database include more details, most of the subsequent records have basic information with explanatory notes where applicable. The county record images are double-paged, as they were microfilmed, so if the record you want is not visible on the first page shown on the screen, scroll right or left to the adjacent page to find your record. Some of the certificate-like marriage records were recorded two to a page and filmed two pages at a time, so scrolling up and down, left and right, may be necessary to locate a record.

Regarding West Virginia state death certificates, a group of 1920 death certificates, #4501 through #5000, are not available. Sometime after the deaths for 1920 were indexed, but before the record books themselves were microfilmed and transferred to the State Archives,

## Wireless Internet Now Available in Archives and History Library

Wireless Internet service is now available for patrons in the West Virginia Archives and History Library Reading Room. Patrons using their own laptops are able to use the Library's subscription services, Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest Online, as well.

that certificate book was lost. The following information appears in the Vital Registration index: name, date of death, county of death, and original certificate number. Although the Dept. of Health and the State Archives do not have copies of these particular death certificates, the relevant county courthouses should be able to provide county death records for them, and the county records are included in WVRR. The Archives and History Library has the county records on microfilm for the use of its patrons, and also can provide copies by mail in response to mailed research requests that enclose the required \$5.00 fee for in-state requests, or the \$15.00 fee for out-of-state requests. (Please note that only the county that issued the certificate can provide a certified copy for legal purposes.)

You may notice some dates earlier than 1853 for county births and deaths. These are either delayed  
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**is available on the**  
**Archives and History Web site**  
<http://www.wvculture.org/history/ahnews/ahnews.html>

## KVGS Bids Farewell

The Kanawha Valley Genealogical Society (KVGS) has disbanded due to lack of new membership. The contents of its library in Nitro were either sold or given away, with the West Virginia Genealogical Society, the KYOWVA Genealogical Society and the West Virginia Archives and History Library all receiving some of the resources. KVGS members as a society and as individuals have produced many publications over the years that will continue to benefit genealogy researchers and historians of the Kanawha Valley and its people for many years to come.

records accepted by the clerks, errors by an original clerk or by a transcriber, or due to an exceptional circumstance as noted on the Details page and/or in the record itself. You may also disagree with the spelling of a name as entered or as transcribed. We have been correcting transcription errors of all types as we find them; however, we can not correct errors in the original records, only errors made in the transcription and indexing process. To correct errors in the original information recorded by a county clerk or by the Dept. of Health, researchers must contact the relevant agency. To report transcription errors, indexing errors or broken links, send an e-mail identifying the problem to [wvrr@wvculture.org](mailto:wvrr@wvculture.org). Due to staff time limitations, please do not telephone Archives and History with questions about Vital Research Records, and please do not make research requests to the WVRR e-mail address. For instance, if a researcher does not find a record as expected, and would like the staff of the Archives to conduct further research to locate that records, or a substitute source such as a census record or an obituary, a written research request letter is required. Research requests must be sent in writing by regular mail, with the proper fee enclosed, to the West Virginia Archives and History Library (address and details posted at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/services.html>). The West Virginia State Archives can not provide certified copies of any of these records. For certified copies of records, most often needed for legal purposes, contact the issuing agency, either the county clerk or the West Virginia Dept. of Health Vital Registration Office, (304) 558-9100, online at <http://www.wvdhhr.org/bph/oehp/hsc/vr/birtcert.htm>.

We are aware that the images are over-sized and that a user must scroll up and down, left and right, to view the entire record. Also, many of the two-page record images do not print in a legible size. Before notifying the Archives of any problem encountered in downloading and printing, please fully explore your options on your own computer first. Unfortunately, identification of the ledger in which a record was found was not included in the transcription, so those needing a specific citation of the county ledger volume in which a record appears will have to refer to the microfilm itself, or contact the county of record or the Archives. We have been unable to determine any way to improve these situations.

The Vital Research Records database has been one of the most well-received projects we have undertaken, and is probably the most

used portion of our Web site. We ask for your patience if the system times out on you by reporting "Records found," but listing none. Try making your search more specific, or try again at a less busy time. The recent upgrade of the image server and the database server have significantly improved service, so system time-outs should be rare now. While there are limitations and restrictions pertaining to both the contents and the use of the Vital Research Records Project database, we are offering these records online as a public service to family history researchers. We think the ability of researchers to view digitized photographic images of the actual records rather than typed transcriptions is very important and contributes to increased accuracy in family history research. Please continue to send us your comments, suggestions and

## **MYHF Annual Meeting and Program on November 14**

The Mining Your History Foundation (MYHF) will hold its Annual Meeting with accompanying program on November 14 in the Green Room of The Culture Center in Charleston. The programs are free and the public is invited to sit in on the MYHF meeting. Speakers include Hal Cole on "How Do I Surf the Web for Family History?" and Patty Cooper as "Eleanor Roosevelt in the Great Depression Era," a History Alive! portrayal. The schedule is as follows:

- 9:00-9:30 Registration (Free)
- 9:30-10:45 Hal Cole, "How Do I Surf the Web for Family History?"
- 10:45-11:00 Break
- 11:00-12:15 Patty Cooper, "Eleanor Roosevelt in the Great Depression Era"
- 12:15-1:00 Lunch (\$5.00 Donation)
- 1:00-2:00 Annual Meeting
- 2:00-3:00 Tour Archives or State Museum

Please register to attend by November 5. A copy of the brochure with more information and a registration form is available online at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/myhfmeeting2009.pdf>, or brochures may be picked up in the West Virginia Archives and History Library. For more information, contact Esther Warner at [ebw104@suddenlink.net](mailto:ebw104@suddenlink.net), Virginia Gillespie at [vgillespie@aol.com](mailto:vgillespie@aol.com), or West Virginia Archives and History at (304) 558-0230.

corrections for the database to our special e-mail address for the site, [wvrr@wvculture.org](mailto:wvrr@wvculture.org). If you do not have access to e-mail, call Debra Basham, (304) 558-0230.

For greater understanding of West Virginia's vital records, we refer you to articles in our monthly newsletter and Quick Guides derived from those articles. While the newsletter articles remain as written at the time of publication, the Quick Guides were updated in September 2009.

- **Vital Records in West Virginia: Births**, *West Virginia Archives and History News*, October 2007: <http://www.wvculture.org/history/ahnews/1007news.pdf>
- **Vital Records in West Virginia: Deaths**, *West Virginia Archives and History News*, September 2007: <http://www.wvculture.org/history/ahnews/0907news.pdf>
- **Vital Records in West Virginia: Marriages**, *West Virginia Archives and History News*, November 2007: <http://www.wvculture.org/history/ahnews/1107news.pdf>
- **Quick Guide to West Virginia Birth Records**: <http://www.wvculture.org/history/quickguidetobirth.pdf>
- **Quick Guide to West Virginia Death Records**: <http://www.wvculture.org/history/quickguidetodeath.pdf>
- **Quick Guide to West Virginia Marriage Records**: <http://www.wvculture.org/history/quickguidetomarriage.pdf>

Organizations, societies and teachers are free to copy the Vital Records articles, the Quick Guides, and this WVRR article for use as handouts or for reprint in other publications, as long as each Guide is printed in full with the statement of origin that appears at the bottom of the page, and as long as the reprint is not used for commercial purposes.

Evening Workshops and Lecture Schedule		
Date	Conducted by:	Subject
November 3 Tuesday	Terry Lowry	<i>Bastard Battalion: A History of the 83rd Chemical Mortar Battalion in World War II</i>
December 1 Tuesday	Dr. Kenneth R. Bailey	<i>A Glimpse at Some Lesser-Known Prominent West Virginians</i>
January 5 Tuesday	Scott Johnson	<i>Genealogy and Law: An Introduction to Some Legal Issues in Genealogical Research</i>
February 2 Tuesday	Doug Wood	<i>Digging into West Virginia's 18th Century, Groundhog Style</i>

*Registration for these free workshops is helpful but not required.*  
 Call our office at (304) 558-0230, or e-mail [bobby.taylor@wvculture.org](mailto:bobby.taylor@wvculture.org).

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.

## Kanawha Valley Heritage Fair

The Kanawha Valley History Center, located in the Rand Community Center in Rand, will again host the annual Kanawha Valley Heritage Fair on March 6, 2010. Displays, information and research resources for both genealogy and history will be available. Children's activities and a Civil War demonstration are planned. Both organizations and individuals are invited to reserve free space to share information or

materials to give away, or to register for sales display space for a fee. A limited number of tables are available on a first come, first served basis for those who do not have their own. For more information visit their Web site at <http://kvhc.tripod.com>, or contact: Linda Hoskins, Director, Kanawha Valley History Center, Rand Community Center, 5701 Church Drive, Rand, WV 25306-6001; (304) 925-2438 or [kvhc06@yahoo.com](mailto:kvhc06@yahoo.com).



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## Darby's Universal Gazetteer

**Blannerhassett's Island**, a remarkably beautiful and fertile island of about 300 acres, in the Ohio river, opposite Belpre. It is so named from a Mr. Blannerhassett, an Irish gentleman of large fortune, who having, with his family, left Ireland in 1801, purchased and removed to

this island, where he reared a costly and splendid edifice for his dwelling house. A considerable part of the island was laid out in gardens after the most approved models of European taste, and the whole scenery combined, seemed like the

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*News*, by mail, then you are included on our mailing list. If your group would like to be added to the list, call Archives and History at (304) 558-0230.

History Hero nominations must be postmarked by December 31, or hand-delivered to the Archives and History Library at The Culture Center by the Library's holiday noon closing time on that day. History Day registrations are due by January 28, 2010. For more information about History Day, or to request nomination or display space reservation forms, contact Archives and History at (304) 558-0230.

## Archives and History Newsroom

Have you visited the Archives and History Newsroom on our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/archivesnewsroom.html>? The "What's Happening?" link on the main Archives and History page will also take you there. Check often for news and photos of recent events relevant to the Archives and History section, as well as featured items from Archives collections. Current postings include:

- Archives Assistant Director Confirms That West Virginia Spruce was Used in Wright Brothers' Planes
- Archives and History Partners with WVU Public History Class to Propose New Highway Historical Markers
- Employee Recognition Ceremony
- Archives and History Section Receives Grant for Highway Historical Marker Program
- Motorcyclists Help West Virginia's Highway Historical Marker Program
- New Image of Mother Jones
- Archives and History Announces On-Line Photograph Exhibit on West Virginia Schools and Search for Additional School Photographs

## Archives and History Library Workshop and Lecture Series Continues on November 3

*By Terry Lowry and Mary E. Johnson*

Terry Lowry, noted military author and historian at the West Virginia Archives and History, will present a program on November 3 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the Archives and History Library in the Culture Center. Lowry's presentation will focus on researching military records from the Civil War to the present in addition to a discussion of his recently released World War II book on the 83rd Chemical Mortar Battalion, *Bastard Battalion: A History of the 83rd Chemical Mortar Battalion in World War II*. He also will have a display of many artifacts and documents from his personal collection.

When the 83rd Chemical Mortar Battalion was deactivated on November 26, 1945, their record read: 3 Distinguished Service Crosses (all posthumously), 5 Legions of Merit (one posthumous), 9 Soldiers Medals, 39 Silver Stars, 97 Bronze Stars, 5 Croix de Guerre, and 876 Purple Hearts and 91 Oak Leaf Clusters, 3 Unit Citations, 508 days in combat, and an estimated

500,000 rounds fired. They fought on two continents and participated in six campaigns, including amphibious and glider assaults, and their firepower was felt in Sicily, Italy, France, Germany, and Austria. The battalion lost nearly half their number in the sinking of *LST 422*, one of the worst naval tragedies of World War II. And after all this they were classified as Service Forces not entitled to wear the combat badge they repeatedly earned.

West Virginia contributed more than thirty men to the battalion, including the author's father. Lowry spent nearly ten years researching his World War II book; he interviewed numerous veterans, spent countless hours at the National Archives reading official reports, attended reunions, and gathered thousands of photographs, as well as letters and personal correspondence of the many West Virginians and other members of the 83rd. Among the often quoted materials is the unpublished wartime memoir of Charleston resident Rupert Burford.

In addition to his recent history of the 83rd Chemical Mortar Battalion, Lowry is the author of six books on the Civil War in West Virginia, including studies of the battles at Scary Creek, Carnifex Ferry, Droop Mountain, Confederate regiments 22nd Virginia Infantry and 26th Battalion Virginia Infantry, and co-author of a book on West Virginia Civil War images.

All Archives and History workshop sessions are free and the public is invited to attend. On November 3, the library will close at 5 p.m. and reopen at 5:45 p.m. for workshop participants only. To register in advance, contact Robert Taylor, library manager, at [bobby.taylor@wvculture.org](mailto:bobby.taylor@wvculture.org) 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 about the workshop, contact the Archives and History Library at (304) 558-0230.

## New Titles

**Augusta County Virginia Earliest Will Index: 1745–Post 1900:** Elizabeth Sherman, 2008.  
**1920 Upshur County, West Virginia Census:** E. J. Childress, 2005.  
**Births 1907–1916 Upshur County, West Virginia:** Karon J. Lamley King and E. J. Childress, 2007.  
**Kentucky Soldiers and Their Regiments, Volume I, 1861:** Steven Wright, 2009.  
**One Hundred Years of Service to God & Man: Tallmansville Baptist Church, 1892–1992:** Noel W. Tenney, 1992.  
**Abstracts From *The Baptist Record* 1869–1871 and *The Baptist Banner* 1889–1893:** Sherri K. Pettit, 2009.  
**Wright Family Personal Property Tax Lists, 1809–1850, Nelson County, Virginia:** Robert N. Grant, 2009.  
**Wright Family Birth Records. . . in Nelson County, Virginia:** Robert N. Grant, 2009.  
**Wright Family Land Tax Records, 1809–1850, Nelson County, Virginia:** Robert N. Grant, 2009.  
**The Hamilton Family of Tyler County, West Virginia:** Elizabeth Estlack Mullett, 2009.

## VRR Now on New Servers

The West Virginia Vital Research Records database is now on its new servers and running quickly and smoothly. With the exception of some Kanawha County marriages, all eligible county and state records are online and searchable. If you haven't tried VRR lately, go to [http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va\\_select.aspx](http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx) and give it a whirl. Searching Smiths? The 26,857 death records for everyone named Smith pop up in a matter of seconds. Anyone for a rousing round of the "Hallelujah" chorus?

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fabled fields of Elysium. But the house was most unfortunately burnt down in Dec. 1810, and shortly afterwards, the garden was totally destroyed, and few, or no vestiges now remain of its transient splendour and magnificence.

**Blue Stone**, river, Virg., rises in Tazewell, and flows NE. into Kenhawa river, Giles cty. having an entire course of 40 ms.

**Blue Sulphur Springs**, psto. Monroe cty. Virg. These mineral waters are situated near the Kenhawa river, 40 ms. SW. from Lewisburg, and 237 W. from Richmond.

**Bucklerstown**, village of Berkeley cty. Virg.\*

**\*Editor's Note:** Miss Mary Jenkins listed this community in her *Place Names in West Virginia* (<http://www.wvculture.org/history/wvplacenames.html>), as Buckle Town and as possibly formed in 1826; cited Buckellstown, James Town and John Town as other names used; and identified its current name as Darkesville.

## 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.

### **"DISCOVERING YOUR APPALACHIAN ANCESTORS," November 7:**

Akron-Summit County Public Library and Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, Akron.  
 For more information contact the Library's Special Collections Division, (330) 643-0930, [speccollections@akronlibrary.org](mailto:speccollections@akronlibrary.org), or visit <http://akronlibrary.org/main-sc.html>.

### **FRONTIER DAYS HISTORICAL ENCAMPMENT, November 7-8:**

Shawnee Trail Associates and other groups, Museum in the Park, Chief Logan State Park, Logan.  
 For more information, visit <http://www.wvculture.org/eventdetail.aspx?Id=866>.

### **"DEVELOPMENT OF WEB-BASED HISTORICAL DATABASE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY LAND RECORDS," November 9:**

Bill Theriault, speaker, Shepherdstown Men's Club and Jefferson County Historical Society, Shepherdstown. For more information, visit <http://jeffersonhistoricalwv.org/events.html> or call (304) 724-7008.

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The West Virginia Library Commission Library in the Culture Center is closed weekends and all holidays.

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

**MINING YOUR HISTORY FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING AND PROGRAM,**

**November 14:** Green Room, The Culture Center, Charleston.

For more information, call Archives and History at (304) 558-0230.

**THANKSGIVING DAY, November 26:** Archives Library will be *closed*.

**THANKSGIVING FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, November 27–28:** Archives Library will be *closed*.

**“ALL QUIET ALONG THE POTOMAC—THE IMPACTS OF THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES ON JEFFERSON COUNTY,” December 8:** Doug Perks, speaker,

Shepherdstown Men’s Club and Jefferson County Historical Society, Shepherdstown. For more information, visit <http://jeffersonhistoricalwv.org/events.html> or call (304) 724-7008.

**CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24:** Archives Library will be *closing at noon*.

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

**DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, December 26:** Archives Library will be open\*.

**NEW YEAR’S EVE, December 31:** Archives Library will be *closing at noon*.

**NEW YEAR’S DAY, January 1, 2010:** Archives Library will be *closed*.

**DAY AFTER NEW YEAR’S, January 2:** Archives Library will be open\*.

**“BLACK HISTORY OF JEFFERSON COUNTY,” February 8:** Jim Taylor, speaker, Shepherdstown Men’s Club and Jefferson County Historical Society, Shepherdstown. For more information, visit <http://jeffersonhistoricalwv.org/events.html> or call (304) 724-7008.

**HISTORY DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE, February 18:**

The West Virginia State Capitol and The Culture Center, Charleston.

**KANAWHA VALLEY HERITAGE FAIR, March 6:** Kanawha Valley History Center, Rand Community Center, Rand. For more information contact Linda Hoskins, (304) 925-2438, [kvhc06@yahoo.com](mailto:kvhc06@yahoo.com), or visit <http://kvhc.tripod.com>.

**“THE WASHINGTON FAMILY IN JEFFERSON COUNTY,” March 8:** Walter Washington and Betsy Wells, speakers, Shepherdstown Men’s Club and Jefferson County Historical Society, Shepherdstown. For more information, visit <http://jeffersonhistoricalwv.org/events.html> or call (304) 724-7008.

**“THE MINE WARS’ IMPACTS ON JEFFERSON COUNTY,” April 12:** Doug Estep, speaker, Shepherdstown Men’s Club and Jefferson County Historical Society, Shepherdstown. For more information, visit <http://jeffersonhistoricalwv.org/events.html> or call (304) 724-7008.

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