Think you have finished your family history, or that you know all there is to know about your West Virginia hometown or county? Think again! The West Virginia Archives and History Library holds many resources that are not available on the Internet, and if they ever are made available online, it will be years from now. A few examples: our Manuscript, Photograph and Special Collections; Virginia Legislative Petitions on microfilm; unpublished family histories; statewide marriage index (1921-1991); and newspapers for all 55 counties as far back as could be found and up to the present day (newspapers for only six towns are listed for NewspaperArchive, for example, many dating only from the 1950s forward). The most important assets of the Library are our experienced staff members who are dedicated to both preserving resources for you and making them accessible to you. Call us, write us, come see us!

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http://www.wvculture.org/history/ahnews/ahnews.html

Archives and History Annual Showcase

The annual West Virginia Archives and History Showcase is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Archives and History Library and the Great Hall in the Culture Center, Charleston. The theme for 2012 is “Duty & Honor,” and will feature archival materials representing West Virginia’s long and proud history of military service. Please join us to view and discuss pieces of West Virginia’s heritage preserved by the State Archives and made accessible to the public through the Archives and History Library. Visit our Web site at http://www.wvculture.org/history/annualshowcase.html for photos of past Showcase evenings.

For planning purposes, participants are encouraged to register for the event, 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 event, Archives Showcase. For more, contact Archives and History at (304) 558-0230.

Time to Prepare for History Day 2013

By Mary Johnson

Come celebrate the Seventeenth Annual West Virginia History Day on Thursday, February 21, 2013. The event will be held at the West Virginia State Capitol Complex during the 1st session of the 81st West Virginia Legislature. West Virginia History Day is officially designated by the West Virginia Archives and History Commission as a special day to recognize the state’s rich and varied history. Other co-sponsors of the event are Friends of Culture and History, Mining Your History Foundation, Preservation Alliance of West Virginia, Inc., West Virginia Association of Museums, West Virginia Historical Society, West Virginia Humanities Council, and West Virginia Division of Culture and History.

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Please make note of these important History Day activity dates:

December 31, 2012: Deadline for submission of the History Hero Nomination Form. Must be postmarked or hand-delivered to Archives and History by that date. A list of History Hero recipients from previous years is available at http://www.wvculture.org/history/historyheroalpha.html.

January 28, 2013: Deadline for submission of the Display Space Reservation Form.

Interactive PDF’s of these forms are available on the Archives and History Web site:
- **History Hero Nomination Form**: http://www.wvculture.org/history/historyday/historyheroapplication2013.pdf
- **Display Space Reservation Form**: http://www.wvculture.org/history/historyday/historydaydisplayflier2013.pdf

You may submit the completed PDF of the Display Space Reservation Form electronically by e-mail. We suggest that you save the completed form to your computer first and then e-mail it as an attachment. The online History Hero Nomination Form cannot be submitted electronically and must be printed out, signed, and delivered by hand or by regular mail via the Post Office or other postal carrier. In completing the Display Space Reservation Form, remember to mark if you need electricity or WiFi. The availability of these resources is limited to certain areas of the capitol rotunda, and assignments are made on a first come, first served basis. We encourage participants to consider displays that do not require access to one of the few outlets in the display areas.

Also regarding the Display Space Reservation Form, in addition to your organization name, we must have the name, complete mailing address, and phone number for your organization’s

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**McBrides Presented Entertaining and Informative Talk on Frontier Forts**

Drs. Kim and Stephen McBride gave a talk entitled “Frontier Forts” on Thursday, October 25, 2012, one of two lectures hosted by Archives and History in recognition of October as Archaeology Month. They were enthusiastically received by an audience that included historians and period re-enactors in addition to regular participants eager to learn more about life in the time period. The McBrides not only described the physical features and artifacts of fort site explorations and excavations, but demonstrated their considerable professional expertise by providing the historical background studies and records that aided their searches and assisted in interpreting the significance of their findings.

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**“Scratch ‘em and Sue ‘em: Post Civil War Legal Issues” Discussed by Dr. Bailey**

On November 13, 2012, Dr. Kenneth R. Bailey discussed “Scratch ‘em and Sue ‘em: Post Civil War Legal Issues” at the monthly Archives and History First Tuesday lecture, moved to the second Tuesday in November due to Election Day. “Scratch ‘em” refers to removing, or scratching, the names of Civil War pension applicants from the list of those with proven Union service who were eligible to receive federal pensions. The denied applicants were then often sued for their actions against civilians and other alleged wrong-doings. Dr. Bailey outlined the legal issues that arose after the end of the Civil War, including a law suit to determine the official end date itself.

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contact person. We are required to provide this information to General Services before History Day.

We will send notification of receipt of these forms to the contact person. If you do not hear from us within two weeks of sending your form(s), contact us immediately! If you have questions, please contact Mary Johnson by e-mail at mary.e.johnson2@wv.gov, or at (304) 558-0230. We look forward to a great History Day in 2012.

**West Virginia History Journal Back Issues on Sale**

Selected issues of *West Virginia History* are on sale in celebration of the Sesquicentennial of West Virginia Statehood:

- Volume 43, no. 3 (Spring 1982)
- Volume 43, no. 4 (Summer 1982)
- Volume 44, no. 1 (Fall 1982)
- Volume 44, no. 2 (Winter 1983)

Learn more about five tri-state women during the Civil War, read letters written to a Fayette County resident, and learn about wartime Bulltown, John Morgan and gunboats at Buffington, and attitudes toward politics and the statehood movement. Copies are $3.00 each, or only $8.00 for all four! Volumes 49 to 56 are also on sale for $3.00. (Shipping and handling are not included for mailed orders.) Come into the Archives and History Library, or visit our Web site at http://www.wvculture.org/history/publications.html for more information or to purchase. Prices are subject to change without notice.

**WVU Basketball Team Followed Championship with Military Service**

Patricia Richards McClure, an Archives and History volunteer who writes veterans’ biographies for the West Virginia Veterans Memorial Archive, began to see connections between several veterans as she researched their background stories. She found that they had been players and staff for the West Virginia University basketball team that won the 1942 National Invitational Tournament championship, the pre-NCAA tournament that determined the national champion in its day. McClure discussed her findings and in “The 1942 WVU NIT-Championship Basketball Team: A Tale for Veterans’ Day” at the November 15, 2012, Genealogy Club presentation, explaining each man’s role on the team and his subsequent military service in World War II.

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**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.
Archives and History Historian Greg Carroll Retires

Greg Carroll, a historian who has worked at the Archives for 23 years, retired at the end of the day on October 31, 2012. He was responsible for Civil War, Native American and African American research inquiries, and the handling of the West Virginia Union Civil War Medal program that distributes unclaimed medals to qualified descendants of the original veterans. Carroll will continue to give presentations occasionally at the Archives and History evening lecture programs, and will no doubt turn up on the newsletter calendar as a speaker for non-Archives programs in West Virginia. Mary Johnson, also an Archives historian and unofficial

Western Virginia in The Encyclopaedia of Geography

In our August 2012 issue we published an excerpt from 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., published in three volumes. The first edition was published in 1837. The Archives and History Library’s copy is an edition that was revised, with additions, by Thomas G. Bradford, and published in 1840. Following are more excerpts from the section on the Commonwealth of Virginia, focusing on the western portion of the state that in 1863 became the State of West Virginia, as found in Volume III, pages 518-528.

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staff photographer, caught Greg on his last day as he finished packing up his office. We hope he keeps his phone charged—we’ll be calling for research advice and book purchase suggestions!

New Titles

Southampton County: Virginia Publick Claims: Janice L. Abercrombie, [1992?].
Tales of Chinkapin Creek: Jean Ayer, 2011.
Daniel Boone: Harriet G. Reiter, 1906 [Interesting little pamphlet in the “Instructor Literature Series” written for fourth graders.]
Brookover Descendants: Donald L. and Brenda K. Brookover, arranged by Elizabeth Estlack Mullett, 2012.
Gone to Missouri: From Whence They Came—To Where & When: Marilyn Moore, 1991.
The One Hundred and One Best Songs: The Cable Company, c1922.
Songs of the People: Compiled by Jacob Good, W.H. Ruebush and J.H. Ruebush, [1911?].
Michael Bowyer, Sr. & Descendants: Margueritte Flack Ratliff, [n.d.].
section all reach the Ohio. The Monongahela, one of the main constituents of the Ohio, is formed in Virginia, by the junction of the West Branch and Tygart’s Valley River, and beyond the Pennsylvania line it receives the Cheat River, which descends from Greenbrier Mountain; this stream is navigable by boats for some distance, but the other branches are broken by falls. Little Kanawha rises in the same district with the West Branch of the Monongahela, but the other branches are broken by falls. Little Kanawha rises in the same district with the West Branch of the Monongahela, but its navigation is obstructed by falls. The Great Kanawha, the principal river of western Virginia, rises in the Blue Ridge in North Carolina, and bears the name of the New River until it unites with Gauley River. The Greenbrier, above the latter, and Elk and Coal Rivers below it, are its chief tributaries; steam-boats go up to Charleston, 60 miles. The Guyandotte and Big Sandy enter the Ohio below the Kanawha.”

“The State is divided into 115 counties, comprising the two cities of Richmond and Wheeling, the borough of Norfolk, and the towns of Portsmouth, Williamsburg, Petersburg, Fredericksburg, Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Lexington, Fincastle, Urbanna, &c. Of the counties, 36 are in the Tidewater Section, 30 in the Middle, 17 in the Great Valley, and 32 in the Trans-Alleghany Section. It is to be observed, that the country drained by the New River, though physically belonging to the Valley, is politically connected with the Western Section, in the statements which follow in regard to population and divisions.”

[Charts with population per county given as “Total” and “Slaves” not included in these excerpts.]

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The following counties, later to be included in West Virginia, are in the “Great Valley Section” list: Berkeley [sic], Hampshire, Hardy and Jefferson (4 out of 17). These counties are in the “Western, or Trans-Alleghany Section” list: Brooke, Braxton, Cabell, Fayette, Floyd, Greenbrier, Harrison Jackson, Kanawha [sic], Lewis, Logan, Marshall, Mason, Monongalia, Monroe, Nicholas, Ohio, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, Tyler, and Wood (22 out of 32).


“The Great Valley Section consists of an elevated table-land between the Blue Ridge and the Alleghany chain, form 1200 to 1500 feet above the sea. It is, however, traverse by several mountain chains, forming numerous subordinate valleys, at once fertile and picturesque, and constituting a region of singular wildness and beauty. Its [sic] rare combination of great agricultural resources with extraordinary mineral riches, must one day render it the seat of a populous and wealthy community. At the lower end of the valley stands the town of Harper’s Ferry, celebrated for the majestice scenery in its vicinity, which has already been described. The town has a population of about 2000 inhabitants, and contains three churches, two academies, several large flour and saw-mills, an Arsenal of the United States, containing about 80,000 stands of arms, and an Armoury for the manufacture of firearms. . .To the north is the thriving and busy little village of Martinsburg, with 1600 inhabitants. It contains two flour-mills, a brass and iron-foundery,
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**THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY: WEST VIRGINIA'S GIFT TO THE WORLD,** EXHIBIT, through January 13, 2013: Culture Center, Charleston.

**ST. ALBANS CHRISTMAS HISTORIC HOMES TOUR,** December 1: St. Albans.

**VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR AND TEA,** December 1–2: Julia-Ann Square Historic District, Parkersburg.

**FOURTH ANNUAL SHOWCASE,** December 4: Archives Library and Great Hall, Culture Center, Charleston.

**BRAMWELL HOLIDAY TOUR OF HISTORIC HOMES,** December 8: Bramwell.

**HOLIDAYS AT THE HALL,** December 15: West Virginia Independence Hall, Wheeling.

**CHRISTMAS EVE,** December 24: Archives Library will be open _half day only_. Watch for possible updates.

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

**NEW YEAR'S EVE,** December 31: Archives Library will be open _half day only_. Watch for possible updates.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY,** January 1, 2013: 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.
We would love to hear from you.

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