Archives and History maintains the Archives and History Library and the West Virginia State Archives; administers the highway marker program to designate historical sites; and provides support services and technical assistance to state, county, and historical organizations and institutions. The director of Archives and History serves as secretary to the citizen advisory Archives and History Commission and as staff to the Records Management and Preservation Board.

The mission of Archives and History is to collect and preserve West Virginia’s public records and historical materials, to make these records available to the public and private sectors, and to disseminate historical information through publications and programs, so as to enrich the lives of past and present residents and future generations.

On October 24, 2006, Archives and History held “A Celebration of Archives: Your State Archives Working for You” in observance of American Archives Month. This special session in the Archives workshop series focused on how individuals have used the West Virginia Archives and History collections in their work. Retired professors Kenneth R. Bailey and Fred Barkey, documentary film maker Russ Barbou, family historian and yearbook collector Woodrow Clay Hamilton Jr., Department of Transportation creative services manager Terry Lively, and Deborah J. Sonis, managing editor of The West Virginia Encyclopedia for the West Virginia Humanities Council, were speakers at the event. Archives and History’s moving images archivist videotaped the event, and video clips from the event are on the Web site at West Virginia Archives and History Annual Report Fiscal 2006-2007

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http://www.wvculture.org/history/av.html. After program participants finished their remarks, those in attendance gathered in the Cultural Center’s Great Hall for a reception prepared by members of the Archives and History staff. Letters had been sent to individuals who had donated materials to the Archives in the previous year inviting them to the event.

Archives and History staffed the library for the public 306 days during the 2006-2007 fiscal year, collected and processed several collections, added materials to the Web site, monitored county records grants, and oversaw the Veterans Memorial Archives and highway historic marker program. Archives and History also engaged in numerous outreach activities, provided support to the Division of Culture and History, and assisted other state agencies.

**Library**

Library use held steady for the second year in a row, despite a continued decline in the number of patrons visiting the library during weekday daytime hours. Offsetting that decline was usage of the library after 5 p.m., which increased by more than 79 percent over the previous fiscal year, in large part the result of attendance at the series of evening workshops held during the year, and usage on Saturdays, which rose by a more modest 5.5 percent. The number of reference calls declined slightly, while the number of people contacting staff via research letter or e-mail rose. An increasing number of patrons contacted the Archives and History Library regarding searches for documents required to prove identity and other personal information needed for passport applications, citizenship applications, or for determination of eligibility for financial benefits (primarily senior citizens).

Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest online databases, which are only available to Archives and History’s patrons at the three public access computers in the library reading room, remained popular. For Ancestry, patrons and staff used that online resource alone for
an average of more than forty hours a month in the eight months for which statistics are available. Also available to patrons at these computers are Archives and History’s Web site, including the West Virginia Vital Research Records database, and other Internet resources.

Archives and History continued the series of evening workshops begun in the 2005-2006 fiscal year. Workshops on more than a dozen topics were offered one or more times during the year, with the following presented by staff:

- Care and Conservation of Books
- Care of Your Photographs and Documents
- Cemetery Research in West Virginia
- Exploring the West Virginia Archives and History Web Site
- Guerilla Warfare in West Virginia During the Civil War
- Home Movies and Video Preservation
- How to Apply for a West Virginia Civil War Medal
- Native American History in West Virginia
- Newspapers in Genealogical and Historical Research
- Preserving Cherished Memories
- Researching Your World War II Soldier: Finding Your Father’s War
- Slavery in the Kanawha Valley
- West Virginia Statehood
- World War I: West Virginians on the Front and on the Homefront

In addition, guest speaker Doug Wood, a living history presenter who portrays Cherokee leader Ostenaco, presented Researching 18th-Century American Indian History in April. Attendance varied, although the workshops drew nearly 300 attendees altogether.

Archives and History’s librarian/cataloguer continued to represent the division and the Archives and History Library on the West Virginia Library Commission (WVLC) Catalog Migration Committee. The purpose of the committee is to determine the library catalog and administrative needs of the libraries and to specify the services required from a new integrated library system (ILS), including the online public access catalog portion of the ILS. In the Spring of 2007, the WVLC awarded the contract to Endeavor Information Systems, Inc. (now part of the Ex Libris™ Group), for its Voyager® ILS, and planning began for the transition from the current system to the new one, including timetables, promotion and staff training. As a result of the switch, cataloguing was suspended for several months while the Library Commission transferred data from the old system to the new one.
Archives and History’s Web site continued to grow, although at a more modest pace during the 2006-2007 fiscal year as staff attention shifted toward addressing the backlog of archival collections in need of processing. The Daily Trivia remained a popular item on the Web site, with an average of more than 475 responses being received each month during the year. Staff also added numerous questions to the Quick Quizzes and continued to incorporate questions associated with the Golden Horseshoe test. Work on “Photographs of Schools in West Virginia,” which showcases more than 1,100 images from Archives and History’s collections depicting schools around the state, was completed. The site is organized by county and there are more images for some counties than for others, reflecting the scope of the photograph collection. Another important addition to the Web site was the finding aid for photographs in the Jennings Randolph Collection. Finding aids for several other collections and the 2007 History Hero biographies and photographs were among other additions.

In the online West Virginia Memory Project databases, entry for older items in the State Documents database was completed, and both that database and the one for Periodicals are current with holdings in those two collections. More than 1,000 records from the Wheeling Photo Collection were added to the Photo database, and work progressed on remaining images from that collection. One setback to the future of the West Virginia Memory Project came in November when staff learned that, under the Division of Culture and History upgrade to its Web site and the associated switch of Archives and History’s Memory Project databases to a new system, no provision was made for Archives staff to add new databases as had been requested and as had been possible with the old system. As a result, the creation of new online database will require the services of the contracting firm that developed the Web site.
and reportedly will carry a $1,000 fee per database. That unexpected arrangement will govern decisions about future online databases and already has eliminated several smaller projects from consideration.

The West Virginia Vital Research Records Project (WVVRR) entered its second phase in 2006-2007. This phase focused on records for Braxton, Cabell, Grant, Greenbrier, Jefferson, Lewis, Logan, Marshall, Mingo, and Wood. The Archives received the first group of records for this phase from the FamilySearch Archive (Genealogical Society of Utah) in the Fall of 2006 and, by the end of June, most of the birth and death records for these ten counties were available for online searching (http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx). Only a portion of the marriage records had been loaded at that time, however, as the Archives awaited receipt of digitized materials for 15 of the 211 rolls in the second group from FamilySearch. Unlike the original group, birth records for the counties loaded in the second phase included only those that are at least 100 years old. Staff responded to nearly 1,100 e-mails about the WVVRR database and corrected 3,365 records.

Collections

During fiscal 2006-2007, Archives and History received a number of additions to the West Virginia State Archives collections (see the accession list at the end of the report). One of the more important additions was 49 volumes from the office vault of the Secretary of State’s office. These records consist of Board of Public Works records and executive journals, both from 1863 to 1961; executive minutes, 1863-75; a journal of the 1872 constitutional convention; and 2 books of the State Armory Board, 1929-60. The transfer was precipitated by a contact from the Secretary of State’s office regarding the proper handling of these old records. Local press covered the June 2007 event at which Secretary of State Betty Ireland transferred the materials to Archives and History Director Fredrick Armstrong.

Among noteworthy county records brought to the Archives during the year were case files from the Morgan County Circuit Court and the Harrison County Circuit Court case file on Harry Powers. (Powers, the infamous Bluebeard of Quiet Dell who was hanged at Moundsville in 1932 for committing multiple homicides, was the basis for Davis Grubb’s The Night of the Hunter.) The Morgan County records, which had been stored in the county jail, were transferred to the Archives after fire destroyed the courthouse earlier in the year.

Processing collections was a major focus of staff activity during the year. Work on the City of Parkersburg Collection, which came to Archives and History a number of years ago, was completed. This collection consists of 40 boxes and 141 volumes of bound and loose materials dating from the 1830s to the 1970s. It is especially rich in information on the history of the city’s water and sewer system and street paving but also includes materials on such topics as building permits, business and liquor licenses, elections, and the Board of Affairs. Other collections processed during the year include the papers of the Virginia-West Virginia Boundary Commission, minutes and files from the Board of Funeral Service Examiners, bound volumes and materials of Slab Fork Coal and related companies, and correspondence, scrapbooks, and photographs of U.S. Congressman Joe L. Smith. The photograph portion of
Governor Hulett C. Smith's collection was also processed during the year.

Work on the large Jennings Randolph Collection continued. The collection, which had been temporarily housed in the vacant museum space until additional shelving could be erected in the closed stacks areas, was moved to archival storage in the Summer of 2006. Processing of the photograph portion, which consists of 20 boxes of images, a box of negatives, slides, and other miscellaneous items, and several folders of oversized photographs, was completed. One box covers his pre-Senate days, while the rest are from his Senate years (1959-1985) or post-Senate life. Some of the well known individuals found in the collection are President Franklin D. Roosevelt and every president from John F. Kennedy to Ronald Reagan; other national political figures; and Robert C. Byrd, Ken Hechler, Arch Moore, and other members of West Virginia's congressional delegation. The images also include state politicians and citizens as well as other private individuals with whom the senator was photographed. With completion of the photographs, attention turned to constituent correspondence, with about 115 boxes organized before the end of the fiscal year. The later materials are not available to the public yet, as staff must address privacy issues in some correspondence.

Affecting the State Documents collection was legislation passed during the 2007 regular legislative session that amended the West Virginia Code §5-1-20 to provide for submission by state agencies of their annual reports on electronic media (CD-Rom) or by electronic transmission via the Internet. Electronic dissemination of information that formerly was distributed in print raises the concern of long-term storage of and continued access to state government documents. At present, Archives and History does not have either the resources or the technological support to ensure the preservation of electronic records and as a temporary measure has been printing out copies of state government documents so that paper copies can be preserved in the collections. At year's end, the director and state documents clerk were considering how to gather and preserve the electronic records in the future.

In other collections activities, the vertical newspaper clipping files were reorganized and a subject list completed. With continued microfilming of the backlog of newspapers, additional space in the collections area was created. Microfilming of WSAZ newsfilm scripts also continued.
In fiscal 2006-2007, the audiovisual collection was included in two informational programs sponsored by the division that appeared on the West Virginia Library Commission’s public access station. Staff provided footage of the Vandalia Gathering for a show that aired the week before the annual Memorial Day weekend event, and in June, the film *For Liberty and Union*, concerning West Virginia Independence Hall in Wheeling, was provided. The Archives also handled a number of requests for footage of the Marshall University Plane Crash and the Silver Bridge Collapse.

In the belief that historic moving images and sound recordings are extremely valuable, the State Archives has tried to gather and maintain the equipment needed to play back and reformat moving images and sound recordings in a variety of formats. In most cases, this involves working with a variety of obsolete and near obsolete equipment, keeping them in working order. At the end of the fiscal year, the Archives had the capability to play back and make new recordings for regular 8mm, super 8mm, 16mm silent, 16mm optical sound, 16mm magnetic sound film. Relationships have been established with a number of vendors who have the archival expertise to work on projects that the Archives is not capable of handling, such as 35mm.

The regular 8mm and super 8mm transfer system was upgraded with the purchase of a new projector and gathering lens from MovieStuff, which permits the transfer of home movies at a higher quality than was possible in the past. Using the division’s Hi 8mm camera to capture and send electronic images to a Mini DV deck for recording, the moving images archivist has...
transferred several collections of home movies. These movies contain some interesting film, including footage of President Franklin D. Roosevelt at the Forest Festival in 1936 and of the West Virginia University ROTC parade on Parents Day in 1956 that shows Mechanical Hall (which burned about two months after this event) in the background.

The fiscal year also brought efforts to improve the quality of the 16mm film-to-video transfer by the addition of a gathering lens placed to help focus the film for the donated Panasonic MII video camera. With use of the camera to capture and send images, footage from the television news collection and from 16mm amateur film has been transferred. The Archives also worked with Post House, a vendor who transferred a 35mm Pathe local newsreel of the dedication of the Hi Carpenter Bridge in St. Mary’s in 1928. This print had been in the possession of the Carpenter family since it was shown in the local theater and had not been seen for about 78 years.

In the area of video tape, the State Archives is able to play back a variety of formats including Betamax, VHS, 8mm video, Hi 8mm video, 3/4”, Beta SP, mini DV and DVC Pro 25, and DVD. In the future, the capability to play back Sony DigiBeta, the format in which WSAZ materials will come in the future, will be needed. Preserving moving images contained on video has become a concern as video tape recorded over 25 years ago has begun to experience playback problems. The Archives has started a project to transfer WCHS 3/4" tapes to Mini DV, which, although a compressed video format, produces a good image and is within the budget.

The audiovisual archives has benefitted from the assistance of two volunteers during the year. Bill Kelley has shared his personal knowledge of historical events and personalities in identifying film. He has watched significant portions of the WSAZ and WCHS collections, his identifications taking the form of audio tapes and handwritten or computerized notes. Of the WSAZ collection, roughly 50 percent of the film identified has been entered into a computer database. For the WCHS film, which was completed during the fiscal year, the figure is around 85 percent. Jim Wilburn has worked on photocopying shot sheets from a large collection of WOWK television news tapes and putting them in notebooks. This collection of 3/4" video tapes was received in the summer of 2006 and needed to be cleaned, labeled, and placed on shelves in a water-shedding position. The shelves had to be set to the most economical space-saving position and the labeled tapes had to be arranged chronologically. The latter phase was underway when Wilburn started, and he began the photocopying work toward the end of the fiscal year.

In other audiovisual activities, Archives and History has continued to add moving images to the Web site. Staff also have continued to capture WCHS video onto an editing format from which still images can be extracted and made into JPEG CD and DVD access copies. Work on copying a large collection of reel-to-reel audio tapes from the Graley Family that contain traditional music such as that of Billy Cox and Clark Kessinger, continued. Late in the fiscal year, division work on the State Museum began to require the time of the moving images archivist to provide copies of raw footage and viewing copies of video on various subjects for evaluation.
In an effort to identify as many additional servicemen and women as possible who were eligible for inclusion on the Veterans Memorial, Archives and History began a staff newspaper reading project in July 2006. A daily newspaper was read for counties having dailies, while a weekly newspaper was used for other counties. In only a few cases was neither a daily nor a weekly available. Staff started with newspapers for the recognized period of conflict for World War I (April 6, 1917-November 11, 1918, but staff read through December) and then progressed to World War II (December 7, 1941-December 31, 1946) and Korea (June 25, 1950-January 31, 1955). By the end of June 2007, most staff had finished their World War I and World War II reading assignments and moved onto the Korean Conflict.

As a result of these efforts, 27 new names were added to the memorial database for World War I and 3 were corrected. More impressive, 282 new names were added for World War II, 67 were corrected, and a Jr./Sr. designation was made for 9 names. Research for the Korean Conflict was still in the early stages, and only 3 new names had been added at the end of the fiscal year, along with 2 corrections and 1 Jr./Sr. designation. Because research was unable to document their service, or showed that they did not meet the necessary criteria, the names of dozens more casualties found in the newspapers were not added to the database. In addition to new names, the reading project uncovered additional information on 1,451 service men and women whose names were already in the database.

While the newspaper reading was the major activity of the fiscal year in terms of the Veterans Memorial Archives, the physical memorial was impacted more dramatically on March 25, 2007, when a motorist drove his car through the memorial, destroying limestone barricades outside the memorial, cracking one of the granite panels on the inside where the names of World War II casualties are carved, and shifting another panel. Over the next few months, the Archives and History director worked with Cold Springs Granite, who provided the original granite for the memorial, and other potential vendors regarding needed repairs to the interior area.

During the 2006-2007 fiscal, Records Management and Preservation Board (RMPB) staff made 48 site visits to counties. They also identified records to be added to the circuit clerk’s records retention schedule. The RMPB implemented microfilm services guidelines for grant recipients and, when the Council of State Archivists (CoSA) issued a statement on digital access partnerships in April 2007, incorporated CoSA criteria into the guidelines. In February 2007, Governor Joe Manchin named several new members to the RMPB and appointed a county assessor and a county sheriff. For the first time since the records legislation was changed to add the assessor and sheriff, the board has representation from all the county offices spelled out in the Code (county and circuit clerk, sheriff, assessor, commissioner, and prosecuting attorney).
In May, records board and archives staff visited the Greenbrier Historical Society to inventory county and circuit court records that had been given to the society several years ago. This visit was undertaken in order to restore authority to hold the records in the appropriate Greenbrier County office of jurisdiction. These records, consisting of both bound and loose materials, include county court cases, estate records, fee books, and personal property books, among other records. They date primarily to the 1800s, although dates range from the late 1700s to the 1960s.

After the Morgan County courthouse burned on August 8, 2006, records staff helped monitor and collect information on the fire and provided information and contacts for emergency services to office holders. The RMPB awarded the county a $10,000 reimbursable grant to help with expenses, and the county used the money to purchase shelving for county and circuit clerk, prosecuting attorney, and county commission offices. Also in the aftermath, older case files from the circuit clerk’s office, which that office was in the process of sorting with respect to retention schedule requirements, were brought to the Archives, where staff completed that process. Documents that the clerk was required to keep were returned to Berkeley Springs. Records that did not have to be retained were destroyed, while those having historical value only were transferred to the Archives for preservation. The Morgan County fire inspired the RMPB to implement a disaster response and emergency fund to assist counties in similar circumstances.

The fiscal 2006-2007 year covered the third round of grants, totaling $335,070, that were awarded to twenty-four counties, seven of them first-time recipients. After the awards were announced, Raleigh County declined its grant due to extra duties incurred by election changes. As with the previous round, the RMPB criteria for the third round were: (1) remove non-records and accumulations of records having reached or exceeded required retention periods; (2) provide proper and improved storage of permanent or long-term records; and (3) conduct a total records inventory and condition assessment, and develop a master records management plan for county records. In this round, the board also considered funding projects for reformatting (converting) records scheduled as permanent, which require a high rate of access and for which an eye-readable format exists or will be created (microfilm) and

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maintained as a security backup in proper environmental conditions. At the end of the fiscal year, five grants were outstanding. Three of those (Grant, Hampshire, and Summers) remained unfinished at the end of the calendar year, too, although it was anticipated they would complete their projects and that the total amount expended on grants for the 2006-2007 round would be $311,538.62.

In the fourth round of grants announced in January, twenty-two counties were awarded grants ranging from $2,250 to $36,388 and totaling $292,457. These grant projects are slated for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. All but five of the counties had applied for grants in prior rounds.

The RMPB was the subject of a Legislative Performance Audit during the year. The auditors had no findings but made two recommendations: (1) that the legislature continue the board, and (2) that the legislature amend the West Virginia Code §5A-8-15 to reflect the correct board membership as eleven rather than nine as provided in the original legislation. In June 2007, the audit was presented to the legislative Joint Committee on Government Operations, which approved it.

Although Volume 60, the final issue of West Virginia History, was published at the very end of the 2005-2006 fiscal year, mailing was left to the 2006-2007 year. Letters were sent to approximately two dozen societies and organizations from which Archives and History received publications in exchange for the journal to advise them of the end of the Archives publication. A few societies continue to send their publications; however, the library no longer receives the history publications of societies in several regional states. Among the losses are publications of the Kentucky Historical Society, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and the North Carolina Division of Archives and History. Throughout the fiscal year, staff also had to address confusion with subscription service agencies over the change in publication of the journal, in particular as regards the proper contact for requests about any issues of West Virginia History published prior to 2007.

During the fiscal year, Archives and History was awarded a Transportation Enhancement Program grant of $100,000 from the Division of Highways (DOH) for refurbishment, repainting, and replacement of damaged or missing highway historic markers. The legislature also appropriated $75,000 for the refurbishment program. Staff worked with DOH districts as well as with groups and volunteers to develop a list of markers needing work.

Important changes occurred to the highway historic marker program in the 2006-2007 fiscal year. In August 2006, Archives and History learned that DOH would no longer provide the take-down and installation support that long had made that agency an important partner in the program. Efforts to arrive at a mutually satisfactory solution continued throughout the
remainder of the year but remained unresolved at the end of June 2007. At its September 2006 meeting, the Archives and History Commission decided to review guidelines for the marker program and appointed a committee that presented revised guidelines strengthening the criteria for marker approval. These revised guidelines were adopted at the commission’s May 2007 meeting.

Because of the commission’s work in revising marker guidelines, consideration of new marker requests was postponed for several months and fewer markers were manufactured during the year. Following is a list of markers produced in the 2006-2007 fiscal year:

- Brickyard Bend - Hancock County
- Captain John Porter/Chelsea China Company - Hancock County
- Col. George Clendenin/Town of Clendenin - Kanawha County
- Contested County Seat - Hancock County
- Fort Ohio (replacement) - Mineral County
- Gravel Hill Academy - Hancock County
- Job’s Temple (replacement) - Gilmer County
- Layland Mine Disaster - Fayette County
- Marshall Plane Crash Site - Wayne County
- New Cumberland - Hancock County
- Niagara Movement - Jefferson County
- Old Town - Hancock County

Among marker applications considered and rejected were three from the Wayne County Genealogical and Historical Society for Revolutionary War soldier grave markers. The Archives and History Commission previously had approved two such markers in Wayne County; however, the society’s plans to mark the grave site of every Revolutionary War soldier in the county went to larger issues in the marker program. In light of the new marker guidelines, and concerned that approval of markers for soldiers whose service was without distinction could set a precedent that would result in a plethora of similar markers and undermine the value of such markers and the program in general, the commission rejected the three marker requests at its May meeting.

**Culture and History Internal Support**

Archives and History continued to provide support to other sections within the Division of Culture and History. The darkroom photographer developed 151 photographic prints of varying size and 187 digital prints and scanned images for exhibits, as well as 48 images for the Museums section. Another 184 photographic or digital prints and scanned images were developed for use in *Goldenseal* magazine, published through the Communications unit, and 32 prints for the Historic Preservation section. Through arrangements made by the division and its Museums Section, Archives and History also provided 63 gratis images to individuals in other state offices.
One of the exhibits that involved the time of several Archives and History staff was the division’s legislative districts exhibit. This changing exhibit of images grouped according to the state’s seventeen senatorial districts, was on display in an area adjacent to the temporary cafeteria located in the vacant museum space for several months beginning in February 2007. Staff also devoted much time to work on images used in the traveling Meadow River Lumber Company exhibit and assisted with the museum’s “DigiTales” project, a teacher training program held at the Cultural Center in June. The state museum renovation project also continued to draw on the time of the Archives staff. As was the case the previous year, all staff were requested to devote a portion of their Memorial Day weekend to the division’s annual Vandalia Gathering. One staff member also continued to work with the annual Appalachian String Band Music Festival at Camp Washington-Carver.

Outreach

From a talk on the collections and research services of Archives and History for the Westover Civic Club and a workshop program for Hacker’s Creek Pioneer Descendants annual gathering, to a tour of the capitol for a Cass Gilbert publication author and historical research assistance to members of the media, staff were involved in a number of outreach activities. Staff also worked to expand contacts with the educational community, in particular through Archives and History’s working relationship with the Department of Education on preparation of the annual Golden Horseshoe test.

Archives and History co-sponsored the Virginia Genealogy Society conference “The Old Dominion: Two States, One Heritage,” which was held in Lewisburg in November 2006. Archives Director Fredrick Armstrong was one of the speakers, and two staff members manned a table. In March 2007, the director participated in a workshop for religious archives in the Kanawha Valley and in May attended an organizational meeting for Religious Archives of the Greater Kanawha Valley. When the division hosted the creative writing workshop “Weaving the Past and the Present” in the Cultural Center in April 2007, the Archives and History Library was one of the spaces utilized. Staff provided resources, bibliographies, and other materials to presenters and prepared handouts regarding the collections and services of the library. One Archives and History staff member who is a published Civil War author participated as one of the presenters.

Twelve monthly issues of *West Virginia Archives and History News* were published. The newsletter is distributed in the Archives library; mailed to 123 West Virginia historical, genealogical, and preservation societies and related organizations; and provided to the 18 official state document depository libraries. An electronic version is posted on the
Archives and History Web site (http://www.wvculture.org/history/ahnews/ahnews.html). *Archives and History News* regularly highlights features of the Web site, new publication titles received and catalogued, upcoming history- and genealogy-related events, additions and changes in the collections and services of the archives library, and division projects and publications. Among more noteworthy articles, the February 2007 newsletter included an informative explanation of the difference between special libraries, particularly those with genealogical and historical collections, and other types of libraries such as public and university libraries and emphasized the specialized nature and importance of an archival library. Beginning in March, the newsletter ran a five-part series of articles focusing on the non-book collections of the State Archives.

One highlight of the year was the eleventh History Day at the Legislature on February 22, 2007. Approximately sixty organizations registered for display space, located outside the House or Senate doors at the capitol. History Hero awards were presented to fifty-three individuals from around the state who were recognized for their grassroots contributions to the preservation or dissemination of history. Archives and History staff continued to perform much of the work associated with preparations for the annual event.

For the eighth year, Archives and History held its popular “Hoot Owl” research night. Fifty-one researchers registered for the event, which lasted from 6:00 p.m. on March 30 to 8:00 a.m. on March 31. Individuals were able to research library and archival collections and were given tours of the closed stacks and processing areas. Staff and MYHF volunteers assisted researchers in locating materials. Proceeds from the annual event, co-sponsored by Archives and History and MYHF, are dedicated to purchase and support the collections of the archives library.
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Elaine Gates                  library assistant
Terry Lowry                   library assistant/historian
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Harold Newman                 library assistant
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Constance Baston              researcher
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2006-2007 Accessions

State Government Records Accessioned

Board of Funeral Service Examiners. Minutes and files of non-active funeral directors and funeral homes, 1905–96. 24 boxes. Board of Funeral Service Examiners, Charleston. Ar1963

Bridge records. Files on retired bridges from District 3, 1970s–2004. 2 boxes. District 3, Division of Highways. Ar1895acc

County School Superintendent compilations of local history and topography for 14 counties, 1926–27. 14 volumes. Unknown donor. Ar1961

Harrison County Circuit Court. Case file of State of West Virginia vs. Harry Powers, 1932. 1 box. Harrison County Circuit Clerk, Clarksburg. Ar1965

Industrial School for Boys. Correspondence, received/released records (records naming inmates less than 75 years old closed), 1906–72. 12 items. Unknown donor. Ar1968

Maryland vs. West Virginia. Documents regarding boundary dispute, 1891–1913. 2 boxes. Unknown donor. Ar1960


Naturalization Records. Tyler County, 1904–58. 1 box. Tyler County Circuit Clerk, Middlebourne. Ar1878acc

Proclamation. Governor Jacobs declaring voters ratified 1872 constitution, 1872 September 30. 1 item. Unknown donor. Ar1964

Secretary of State. Executive journal, Board of Public Works minutes, Armory Board records, Executive minutes, 1872 Constitutional Convention journal; 1863–1961. 50 volumes. Transfer from Secretary of State’s office. Ar1969


Audiovisual Accessioned


DVD. *Crossings: Bridge Building in West Virginia* (AV6-048.1, .2), 2006. 2 items. WV Department of Transportation. Av2007-045

DVD. *Ghosts of Green Bottom* (AV6-046.1, .2), produced by Paradise Film Institute, 2005. 2 items. Huntington Corps of Engineers, Huntington. Av2007-043

DVD. *The Historical National Road in West Virginia* (AV6-044), produced by Walkabout Company for National Road Alliance of WV, 2006. 1 item. Walkabout Company, Wheeling. Av2007-041

DVD. *Red Salt and Reynolds* (AV6-045), produced by Paradise Film Institute, n.d. 1 item. Huntington Corps of Engineers, Huntington. Av2007-042


Videotape. *Smilin’ Sid Terror of the Tug* (AV6-043), a McArts Production, n.d. 1 item. Jean Battlo, Kimball. Av2007-015

**Manuscripts Accessioned**


Castanoli, Aldo Collection. Correspondence and other documents of coalfield engineer, 1921–77. 1 box. Brantley Jackson, Huntington. Ms2007-001


City of Parkersburg. Municipal records, account books and other materials including taxes, elections, streets, sanitary board, 1830s–1975. 40 boxes and 141 volumes. City of Parkersburg, Parkersburg. Ms2006-108

Cook, Betty Collection. Kanawha School records, family history material, some Roy Bird Cook items, 1912–79. 1 box. Unknown donor. Ms2007-052


Franz-Smootz Collection. Correspondence, business records, some Civil War era correspondence, 1862–1924. 1 box. Lelia Adams Straw, Pacifica, CA. Ms2006-102

Genealogies of the Kimble and Alt families by H. A. Alt, 1937, retyped by Clara Mae Alt Ross, 2006. 1 item. Clara Mae Ross, Colfax, NC. Ms2007-022


Lake Superior Coal Company Collection. Mine equipment parts listings, accident log, mine maps for McDowell County company, 1949–85. 2 boxes. Transfer from Historic Preservation Unit. Ms2007-054


Literary manuscript. Remembrances of Shinnston Tornado (some graphic descriptions), 2006. 1 item. Maxine West Weser, Shinnston. Ms2007-024


106th Station Hospital Collection. Reports, correspondence and other documentation of unit created by Dr. Charles Fisher of Clarksburg and unit member Cpl. Roy Edwin Kessel, 1942–74. 2 boxes. Stephen Kay, Vienna. Ms2007-004


WV Pulp and Paper Company Collection. Time books, assets and other records, 1923–41. 1 box. Bruce DeBolt, Portland, OR. Ms2007-005


Wood, Anna Collection. Correspondence and other material of Bluefield resident and daughter of Chatteroy Coal Company Hatfield General Manager - includes booklet for treatment at Battle Creek Sanitarium, 1926–34. 1 folder. Bookworm and Silverfish, Wytheville, VA. Ms2007-021

Wood, Arthur Family Collection. Correspondence, other materials of family that include mining engineer, 1st woman employed at Nitro, actor, 1870–1960. 2 boxes and 1 folder. Unknown donor. Ms2006-099

**Photographs Accessioned**


Berwind. B&W showing town, rock formation, 1906 May. 2 items. S. Norton, Cleveland, OH. Ph2006-119


Civilian Conservation Corps Collection. Panoramic of Co. 1522, Camp SP-3, Clifftop and Co. 532, Camp SP-6, n.d. 1 item. Shirley Surface Jr., Charleston. Ph85-17acc


Cook, Betty Collection. Schools, Charleston scenes, 1930s–60s. 1 box. Unknown donor. Ph2007-052

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Engravings. Various subjects, most from *Harpers* and *Leslie’s*, 1870–96. 5 items. Purchase. Ph2007-016


Gordon, Samuel Collection. Panoramic of WV State Guard, black recruits, ca. 1941–43. 2 items. Kristie Campbell, Detroit, MI. Ph2006-120

Harpers Ferry. Lithograph showing train emerging from tunnel by E. Sachse and Company, ca, 1850. 1 item. Delaware Public Archives, Dover, DE. Ph2006-113

Horse racing, Romney, West Virginia University, B&O Railroad. B&W of Charles Town racetrack under construction and surry racing; Romney Bicentennial balloons in yard; WVU ROTC rifle team; B&O wreck near Martinsburg; ca. 1959–62. 5 items. Historical Society of Frederick County, Frederick, MD. Ph2007-028


Industrial School for Boys. B&W, some showing campus and staff, some showing sports teams and boys, closed, 1904–78. 2 boxes. Unknown donor. Ph2007-051


Morgan, Governor Ephraim F. B&W, mostly governor and family (oversized), 1920s. 1 folder. Suzanne Morgan. Ph2007-053


Portrait. Ribble, Rufus “Red”, ca. 1950s. 1 item. E. Virginia Parker, Salem, VA. Ph2007-033


Quincy Coal Company. Copy print of tipple and hollow, ca. 1900. 1 item. Rev. Calvin T. Martin, Brandon, FL. Ph2007-027


Smith, Governor Hulett C. Collection. B&W and some color of family, administration, Democratic politics, mansion redecorating project, 1940–76. 6 boxes (est. 1,200–1,500 items). Hulett C. Smith, Beckley. Ph2007-055


Surveyor’s photo album. B&W and cyanotypes of surveying, coal companies, Barbour County and central West Virginia, WWI, most taken by Benson, ca. 1917–30s. 498 items. Purchase. Ph2007-048


Unidentified group. Large group, possibly outside courthouse in Wood County vicinity, n.d. 1 item. Wes Cochran, Parkersburg. Ph2007-020


Special Collections Accessioned

Broadside, receipt. Gospel Meeting, no location or date; receipt for charges State of West Virginia vs. J. M. Moore, 1915. 2 items. Tyler County Circuit Clerk, Middlebourne. Sc2007-039


Gordon, Samuel Collection. Printed materials, forms of WWII recruiter and black educator; ca. 1941–50. 1 box. Kristie Campbell, Detroit, MI. Sc2006-120


Menu, civil defense. Menu for Lock, Stock and Barrel Restaurant, Williamson; civil defense publication; 1960, 1970s. 2 items. Larry Legge, Barboursville. Sc2007-038

Morgan, Governor Ephraim F. Posters, broadsides, (oversized), 1920s. 1 folder. Suzanne Morgan. Sc2007-053


Postal covers. USS Kanawha, 1934 August 6. 3 items. Thomas S. Pring in memory of Cora Delcie Pauley Good, Charleston. Sc2006-117


Program. Elkins High School commencement, 1937. 1 item. Transfer from Lewis Baxter, Natural Resources. Sc2007-050

Program. WV Centennial for Martinsburg and Berkeley County, 1963 June 22–30. 1 item. Marsha Clark Plybon, Parkersburg. Sc2007-037


Scrapbook. Frederika Frankenberger scrapbook including visits to brothers at West Point and Annapolis (photocopy), ca. 1900–05. 1 item. A. Neal Barkus, Washington, DC. Sc2006-121


WV NOW. Articles and biographies of NOW award winners, officers and activities, 1966–96. 1 folder. WV Historical Education Foundation, Charleston. Sc97-27acc

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Yearbooks. Elkview Junior High, 1974, 1976–77. 3 items. Becky Bennett, Newark, DE. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Nitro High School, 1942–45. 4 items. Dorothy Santrock, Cross Lanes. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Stonewall Jackson High School, 1956–57. 3 items. Becky Bennett, Newark, DE. Sc2005-003acc