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.

Archives and History continued under the leadership of Acting Director Joseph N. Geiger Jr., who officially became director at mid-year. The assistant director’s position, vacant since the assistant director became acting director in November 2007, was filled on an acting basis in August 2008 by Bryan Ward. He later was appointed to the position. Having these key positions filled brought stability to Archives and History.

A major area of concern during the year was technology, especially as it relates to the Web site. The inadequacy of computer systems hindered Archives’ ability to serve its customers and drew unfavorable reaction from the public. Unfortunately, problems were not resolved by year’s end.

Early in the fiscal year, one of the section’s two secretaries took employment

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The Archives and History Library underwent several improvements in physical space during the year. In September 2008, a new, deeper counter was constructed in the microfilm reading room by Division of Culture and History staff, and three of the coin-operated microfilm reader-printers that had been located in the main reading room were moved to the microfilm room. The surface area available for reader-printers in the reading room was expanded, and four new readers and two printers were added. Vendapin card readers were installed on these new machines instead of the coin-operated system. Two microfilm readers with card readers and a printer also were placed in the microfilm reading room. With the help of the Friends of Culture and History, in November Archives and History acquired a television, DVD/VCR, and headphones for the library. Also over the course of the year, library chairs were re-upholstered, the security/copy area received a new desk and counter configuration, two patron-use computers were replaced, and additional cabinets were purchased for the microfilm storage room. In June 2009, the library was closed for a two-week period while the walls were painted, new carpet laid, and new ultraviolet light filtering window blinds installed. Staff created a digital record of the June work and made it available for viewing on the Archives and History Web site at http://www.wvculture.org/history/libraryrenovations.html.

Above is a view of the recently redecorated library; at left are scenes of the June work.
During fiscal 2008-2009, there was a decline in both weekday and Saturday library use. Evening use, on the other hand, rebounded slightly from the 2007-2008 year. Counting arrivals before 5 p.m. who remained into the evening hours, the Archives and History Library served nearly 1,100 patrons in the 5-8 p.m. period, receiving much greater use than the number arriving after 5 p.m. (341) would suggest. Like overall library use, the number of microfilm users, reference calls, and research letters declined during the fiscal year. However, while reference calls were down from the 2007-2008 year, they actually exceeded the number of calls received in prior years at least as far back as 1999-2000. At the same time, e-mail inquiries (not including the Daily Trivia) rose by more than 42 percent, continuing an upward trend that has seen e-mail grow more than six fold since 2000.

The Archives and History Library offered several evening workshops/lectures during the year. In August, the librarian presented a workshop on NewspaperARCHIVE.com, a new online subscription database. Also in August, the archivist presented a workshop on family photographs. Seeking to introduce the library to new patrons, in May the Archives hosted a very successful workshop, “Put You Family’s Memories in a Scrapbook,” presented by local crafter Lynn Barney. Barney showed participants how to organize their photographs and other two-dimensional items into a scrapbook. In June, local historian Brian Kesterson spoke about the West Virginia National Guard. These four workshops drew a total of 45 participants.

The major Web-related activity of fiscal 2008-2009 was the expansion of the West Virginia Vital Research Records (WVVRR) database. This database is making
West Virginia births, deaths, and marriages available online to people living anywhere in the world where there is Internet access, and it has proven enormously popular with the public, who have eagerly anticipated each addition of records. The first group of records went online in 2007-2008, but a larger portion of the records became available in 2008-2009. More than three million records were added during the course of the year, bringing the total number to more than 1,700,000 births, 1,900,000 deaths, and 1,300,000 marriages, with accompanying images. At the end of June 2009, only parts of Kanawha and Marion counties remained to be added.

The division server holding the images for the WVVRR database crashed twice during September 2008, and nearly one-half of the drives that comprised the system failed during one of the two crashes. As a result, no images in the database were available for viewing for a period of days while staff from the Governor’s Office of Technology (GOT) addressed the equipment failure. The second crash revealed that the most recent usable backup had been made in November 2007. The power source for the backup system, scheduled to run weekly, had failed at some point prior to the crash. All images loaded since November were lost on the server, and Archives staff had to recopy, rename, watermark (births only), and reload more than 600,000 images on CDs from 1,006 rolls, a process that took months to complete.

Even before this process was initiated, it became apparent that the old server was nearing the end of its lifespan. By January, the server was running at 98-99 percent of its processing capacity, which caused an increase in the frequency of time outs and the inability of the user to move from one page of results to the next. This problem affected not only the Vital Research Records database but also the databases in the West Virginia Memory Project. Staff handled thousands of e-mail and telephone complaints from the public about problems with use of the WVVRR database that were beyond their control.

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Discussions with GOT, which in 2008 entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Secretary of Education and the Arts to handle technology-related issues for the department’s component agencies, including the Division of Culture and History, slowed the process of replacing the server. The GOT staff planned to house the images and databases at another location and initially were considering including them on a large system that another agency was looking to purchase. At the end of the fiscal year, the situation remained unresolved, however.

With the exception of the Vital Research Records Project, Archives and History’s Web site underwent few changes during the year, as staff members who perform the bulk of the work focused on other duties. During the library renovations in June, staff posted pictures of the work online. Also added to the Web site were pictures of recent workshops and lectures. Staff continued to add questions to the Quick Quizzes and to incorporate questions associated with the Golden Horseshoe test. Finding aids for several collections and the 2009 History Hero biographies and photographs were among other additions to the Web site.

The Daily Trivia experienced modest growth in popularity, with an average of nearly 500 responses being received each month during the year. As a result of work related to GOT’s assumption of responsibility for division technology matters, staff were faced with internal network, Internet, and e-mail problems in early May. A problem with the automated Daily Trivia response, whereby respondents failed to receive a reply,
remained an issue at the end of June, forcing Archives staff to send individual e-mails to each trivia respondent.

**Collections**

Processing of collections remained a major focus of staff activity during the year. The largest collection processed was the Cecil H. Underwood Collection, consisting of 129 boxes and 2 folders of archives documents, and 7 boxes of photographs. This collection covers Underwood’s career from 1945 to 1996 and includes papers from his first term as governor (1957–61) and material on his political campaigns, legislative years (1945–56), other professional activities, and service with various boards and associations. Also processed during the year was the photograph portion of Underwood’s second term as governor (1997–2001), with 6 boxes of prints and several binders of negatives. The Underwood manuscripts offer valuable information on mid-to-late 20th-century politics in West Virginia. Finding aids to the Underwood materials were placed online.

Among other collections, 9 boxes of manuscript materials and 2 boxes of photographs related to Bob Wise’s congressional career (1983–2000) were processed. Three boxes of correspondence, speeches, opinions, and other materials of Judge Charles H. Haden II and a box of photographs were accessioned and processed as well. Other collections received and processed include the League of Women Voters of the Charleston Area Collection (1946–2008); two African American collections, Preston Funeral Home Records Collection (1941–75) and Mary L. Williams Collection; and the Roland H. Peterson Collection (1880–1999).

Microfilming of newspapers continued to free up additional space in collections areas. In addition to filming several weekly titles through 2008, staff began filming a few dailies for which microfilm had been purchased heretofore. Work on processing of the Map Collection, which had received limited attention in recent years, resumed with a review of all unprocessed maps and examination of cataloging methods used in the past. An inventory of map drawers determined that a number of non-map items were catalogued as maps. Staff also began a project to scan Historic Preservation slides and completed counties falling alphabetically before Jefferson County by the end of the year. With the help of part-time staff, a long-term project to scan contact sheet negatives began.

**Audiovisual Archives**

The audiovisual archives benefitted from the assistance of two volunteers during the year. Bill Kelley completed identifying WSAZ film from the 1950s and began looking at film from the
Research on names for possible inclusion on the Veterans Memorial was largely finished by August 2008, but work continued on a few remaining names through March 2009. The names had been identified during the newspaper reading project of the 2006-2007 year or through information from the public.

In August 2008, Veterans Memorial Archives Advisory Committee members were updated on the status of the memorial and decided questions regarding the inclusion or exclusion of categories of names. Continuing the work they had begun the previous year, Clamp Memorials of Georgia completed removal of the existing names on the memorial in the Fall using their unique technology for grinding them off. Between August and March, two teams of Archives staff pair proofed the lists of names for re-carving. The lists then were sent to Cold Spring Granite to be cut into stencils. Cold Spring not only had provided the original granite for the memorial, as well as the replacement panel for the one damaged by a motorist in March 2007, but also was responsible for the original carving using a proprietary lettering font.

At the end of the research process, 1,820 names were slated for re-carving on the memorial for World War I, 7,037 for World War II, 1,388 for Korea, and 1,182 for Vietnam, for a total of 11,427, an increase of more than 1,000 names over what had been on the memorial. These numbers reflect an increase in names of more than 30 percent for Korea and Vietnam and 10 percent for World War II, and a decrease of more than 9 percent for World War I. Many of the World War I names being removed were individuals who served in the war but did not die until after the recognized period of conflict.
Records Management

With the arrival of a new assistant director at Archives and History, the Records Management and Preservation Board gained a third staff member to assist the director and the county records archivist with RMPB work. Staff made twenty-one site visits; conducted workshops at meetings of the West Virginia Sheriffs’ Association, the county clerks, and the West Virginia Association of Counties; and spoke about records retention and the grant program at a training program for new circuit clerks.

In March 2009, the RMPB approved funds to begin a statewide records survey of county records that have been microfilmed and/or are in digital format. This is the first step in implementing a statewide project to preserve permanent county government records. The RMPB also updated the policy for a County Records Disaster Response and Emergency Fund it had approved in a prior year. A legislative rule was prepared (Title 100, Series 3) and approved by the Legislative Rule Making Review Committee. In June, it was submitted to the Secretary of State’s Office for public comment.

Fiscal 2008-2009 covered the fifth round of grants, totaling $317,858, awarded to thirty counties, nine of them first-time recipients. As with the previous round, the RMPB criteria for the fifth round were: (1) remove nonrecords and accumulations of records having reached or exceeded required retention periods; (2) provide proper and improved storage of permanent or longterm 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 maintained as a security backup in proper environmental conditions. Most of the grants involved records retention and improved storage, but eleven of the county projects awarded funds included preservation microfilming.

In the sixth round of grants announced in January, twenty-eight counties, two of them first-time participants, were awarded grants ranging from

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$1,500 to $25,000 and totaling $304,626. These grant projects are slated for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

At the behest of the RMPB, SB 639 was introduced in the regular legislative session in 2009 to effect revision and amendment of WV Code 5A-8-15. The bill sought to change language so that the board’s grant awards to counties would consist of no less than 50 percent of grant funds, a change from the current “no more than 50 percent” language, and also to remove the phrase “otherwise dispose” from the records destruction process. However, as a result of the Department of Administration’s Performance Evaluation and Research Division audit in July 2008, content was added to the proposed legislation that had the intent of terminating the Records Management and Advisory Committee pertaining to state records and transferring that committee’s function to the county records RMPB. It not being feasible for county government office holders, who comprise the RMPB, to oversee state government records, RMPB staff worked to have the added language removed from SB 639. They were successful, but the bill did not make it out of the House Finance Committee before the end of the session.

**Highway Markers**

During the fiscal year, Archives and History finalized arrangements for a second Division of Highways (DOH) Transportation Enhancement Program grant project for the refurbishment, repainting, and replacement of damaged or missing highway historical markers. With these funds, 92 markers were refurbished and 35 markers were replaced. In addition, 2 new, private-sponsor markers were ordered. As a result, 46 West Virginia counties benefitted from the work of the Highway Historical Marker Program.

In December 2008, the director authorized a group of motorcyclists to post the marker database on their Web site so that they could survey and take photographs of marker conditions. Because it has been several years since the marker survey, the information they are providing has been helpful in determining current conditions of markers and identifying those in need of repair.

Following is a list of markers refurbished in the 2008-2009 fiscal year:

- **Berkeley County/Morgan County**—Berkeley/Morgan
- **“Morgan Acres”**—Berkeley County
- **Virginia/West Virginia**—Berkeley County
- **Bethany/Bethany College**—Brooke County
- **Bethany/Rice’s Fort**—Brooke County
- **The Bryan Family**—Cabell County
- **Arnoldsburg Skirmish**—Calhoun County
- **Calhoun County/Ritchie County**—Calhoun/Ritchie
- **Grave of Mike Fink**—Calhoun County
- **Clay**—Clay County
- **Doddridge County/Ritchie County**—Doddridge/Ritchie
- **Grant County/Mineral County**—Grant/Mineral
Hampshire County/Morgan County—Hampshire/Morgan
Oriskany Sand—Hampshire County
Virginia/West Virginia—Hampshire County
Weirton—Hancock County
Moorefield—Hardy County
Oak Mounds—Harrison County
Saltwell—Harrison County
Veterans Administration Hospital—Harrison County
Jackson County/Mason County—Jackson/Mason
Jackson County/Putnam County—Jackson/Putnam
Kenna—Jackson County
Staats Mill Bridge—Jackson County
Shepherdstown—Jefferson County
Burning Springs—Kanawha County
Daniel Boone—Kanawha County
Fort Scammon—Kanawha County
Kanawha County/Putnam County—Kanawha/Putnam
The Colonel George S. "Spanky" Roberts USAF Memorial Bridge—Marion County
Grave Creek Mound—Marshall County
Hatfield-McCoy Feud—Mingo County
The Ohio Extension—Mingo County
Thomas Smith—Mingo County
Blacksville—Monongalia County
Mason-Dixon Line—Monongalia County
Mason Dixon—Monongalia County
Caudy’s Castle—Morgan County
Oriskany Sand—Morgan County
Sir John’s Run—Morgan County
“Stonewall” Jackson Hill—Morgan County
West Virginia/Maryland—Morgan County
Jesse Lee Reno—Ohio County
Mount de Chantal—Ohio County
Seneca Rocks—Pendleton County
Early Settlers—Pleasants County
Pleasants County/Ritchie County—Pleasants/Ritchie
Pleasants County/State of Ohio—Pleasants County
St. Marys—Pleasants County
Big Lime—Pocahontas County
Big Lime—Pocahontas County
Birthplace of Pearl S. Buck—Pocahontas County
Marlinton/Marlinton—Pocahontas County
Pocahontas County/Randolph County—Pocahontas/Randolph
Brandonville—Preston County
Bruceton—Preston County
'Arthurdale'—Preston County
Hopemont State Hospital—Preston County
Washington's Camp—Preston County
Beckley—Raleigh County
Beckley—Raleigh County
Pinecrest Sanitarium—Raleigh County
Raleigh County/Wyoming County—Raleigh/Wyoming
Benjamin Wilson—Randolph County
Halliehurst/Stephen Benton Elkins—Randolph County
Herman Guy Kump/Kump House—Randolph County
The Conley Graves—Randolph County
West Virginia Children's Home—Randolph County
Wilson's Fort—Randolph County
Old Stone House—Ritchie County
Pineyboro—Ritchie County
Ritchie County/Wirt County—Ritchie/Wirt
Pocatalico River—Roane County
Saint George Academy—Tucker County
Ceredo-Kenova—Wayne County
Veterans Administration Hospital—Wayne County
New Martinsville—Wetzel County
Col. Hugh Phelps—Wood County
Neal's Station—Wood County
Old Tollgate House—Wood County
Old Turnpikes—Wood County
Parkersburg—Wood County
Prehistoric Sites—Wood County
Washington Bottom—Wood County
West Virginia's First Governor/Parkersburg Governors—Wood County
Williamstown—Wood County
John Cooke—Wyoming County

Following is a list of new and replacement markers ordered in the fiscal year:

Calhoun County/Clay County—Calhoun/Clay
Calhoun County/Gilmer County—Calhoun/Gilmer
Doddridge County/Tyler County—Doddridge/Tyler
By King's Command—Grant County
Blue's Gap Battle—Hampshire County
Lost River—Hardy County
Lumberport—Harrison County
Cottageville—Jackson County
Ohio River Ford/Ravenswood—Jackson County
Rev. Ruffner's Grave—Kanawha County
First M. P. Church—Lewis County
Lewis County/Upshur County—Lewis/Upshur
Chesapeake and Ohio 2755 Steam Locomotive—Logan County
Archives and History Commission  

Created in 1977 to replace the West Virginia Antiquities Commission, the Archives and History Commission is the citizen advisory group for the Archives and History, Historic Preservation, and Museums sections of the Division of Culture and History. It consists of 21 members. Of that number, 13 are voting members from around the state who are appointed by the governor and, under the Code, must include representation from the professions of archaeologist, architectural historian, archivist, historian, historical architect, librarian, and museum specialist. Also voting members (ex officio) are the presidents of the West Virginia Historical Society and the West Virginia Historical Association. Ex officio non-voting members consist of the director of the West Virginia Geological and Economic Survey, the president of Preservation Alliance of West Virginia, Inc., the state historic preservation officer (the commissioner of Culture and History), and the directors of Archives and History, Historic Preservation, and Museums. The Archives and History director, who serves as secretary to the commission, keeps minutes of commission meetings and handles notifications and mailings for those meetings.

The Archives and History Commission holds three meetings a year. On October 3, 2008, the commission met in Huntington at the Huntington Museum of Art. The second meeting was held at the Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex in Moundsville on January 30, 2009. The commission held its final meeting of the year on May 29 at Mont Chateau in Morgantown.
The lack of appointment of new members or re-appointment of commission members serving under expired terms remained an issue for the Archives and History Commission in fiscal 2008-2009. With the exception of Amy Haden, Harold Forbes, and Noel Tenney, whose terms expire in 2010, those of all the appointed members expired on or before the end of June 2009. In addition, the commission has two vacancies, one since November 2007 and the other for a much longer period. At each of its three meetings during the fiscal year, the Archives and History Commission raised the issue of commission vacancies, but the matter had not been addressed at higher levels at the end of the year.

Archives and History Commission Chairman Robert Conte (left) and Vice Chairman Charles Ledbetter (right), with History Hero Anthony Kinzer and Cabinet Secretary Kay Goodwin during the History Hero awards presentation on History Day, March 5, 2009. The Archives and History Commission began West Virginia History Day at the Legislature in 1997.

Photograph by Mike Keller, West Virginia Division of Culture and History.

Archives and History continued to provide support to other sections within the Division of Culture and History. The darkroom photographer developed 12 photographic prints and 144 digital prints and scanned images for exhibits, as well as 62 images for the Museums section. Another 124 photographic or digital prints and scanned images were developed for use in Goldenseal magazine, published through the Communications unit, as well as 6 scanned images for the Historic Preservation section. Through arrangements made by the division and its Museums section, Archives and History also provided 190 gratis images to individuals in other state offices.

The state museum renovation project also continued to draw on the time of the Archives staff. As was the case the previous year, staff were requested to devote a portion of their Memorial Day weekend to the division’s annual Vandalia Gathering, and one staff member also continued to work with the annual Appalachian String Band Music Festival at Camp Washington-Carver.

In support of General Services efforts to conduct research on the capitol building, in October 2008 two staff members spent a week on travel to the New York Historical Society, together with an employee from the Department of Education and the Arts and the General Services architect, to research Cass Gilbert papers. As a result of this trip, some text documents
addressing various aspects of the capitol and complex were identified, and a longstanding question about blueprints was resolved with the conclusion that the State Archives has far more drawings in its possession than the New York facility.

In other activity, staff provided assistance to several state agencies regarding their records and retention schedules and met with staff of the Department of Administration, the Office of Technology, and the Governor’s Office regarding the future of state records management. Staff also responded to requests for information on various topics from state agencies.

Outreach

From presentations on the preservation and storage of documents to historical research assistance to members of the media, Archives and History staff were involved in a number of outreach activities. Staff participated in meetings of the Religious Archivists of the Greater Kanawha Valley and hosted meetings of not only that group but also the Mining Your History Foundation (MYHF) and the West Virginia Historical Society. Archives and History celebrated National Archives Month with a Civil War panel discussion on September 29, 2008, that featured local historians Richard Andre and Steve Cunningham and staff members Joe Geiger and Terry Lowry. In June 2009, Archives staff wrote text on the Fallen Partner Memorial, located on the Culture Center plaza, for an upcoming issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.

Archives and History was featured in several media pieces. In July 2008, the director appeared on West Virginia Legacy, a show about the Division of Culture and History that airs on the Library Commission’s Library Television Network, to discuss the highway historical marker program. Other media coverage included an interview on the marker refurbishment program for a State Journal article, an interview on the importance of Abraham Lincoln to West Virginia statehood for a Wheeling Intelligencer article, an interview on the Archives and History Library renovations for a WCHS-TV story in June, and information on African Americans and the Golden Horseshoe for a Charleston Daily Mail article.

In addition to offering workshops in the library, several staff participated in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference in April: two staff assisted with local arrangements for the conference, two others gave a presentation on Archives and History’s outreach to West Virginia students, particularly as related to its Web site, and another staff member discussed West Virginia statehood and the upcoming sesquicentennial celebration.
Archives and History also continued its working relationship with the Department of Education on preparation of the annual Golden Horseshoe test.

One highlight of the year was the June 19, 2009, workshop “West Virginia Archives and History Outreach to Students” offered as part of the day-long Golden Horseshoe Alumni Reunion activities at the Capitol Complex. The two staff members who led three sessions focused on Archives and History Web site offerings that are especially helpful to 8th-grade West Virginia Studies students preparing for the annual Golden Horseshoe exam or exploring various state history topics. Workshop participants also had the opportunity to take a 20-question test drawn from the Quick Quizzes to test their ability to answer questions that might be encountered on more recent Golden Horseshoe tests. More than 80 alumni and family members attended the workshops.

The thirteenth annual History Day at the Legislature on March 5, 2009, was a success. Sixty-six groups had displays in the Capitol Rotunda, the largest turnout in several years. Archives and History had two tables. There were 43 History Heroes, most of whom attended the program in the Culture Center theater. For the first time, pins, in the shape of West Virginia, and ribbons, designating History Hero and the year, were presented to the heroes, and jackets were purchased for the certificates. These items were made possible through financial assistance from two of the event co-sponsors, the West Virginia Historical Society and the Mining Your History Foundation. Staff also sent advance notice to each hero’s local press, which resulted in several news articles both before and after History Day.

Archives and History held the “Hoot Owl” research night on April 24-25. Twenty-five researchers registered for the event, which lasted from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. 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.

Twelve monthly issues of West Virginia Archives and History News were published. Beginning in August 2008, Archives staff assumed responsibility for printing the newsletter and preparing the PDF file for placement on the Web site, work that previously had been handled by the division’s Communication’s unit. The newsletter is distributed in the Archives library; mailed to 125 West Virginia historical, genealogical, and preservation societies and related organizations; and provided to 49 state archives in the United States, 12 state repository libraries and the Library of Congress. An electronic version also is posted on the Archives and History Web site (http://www.wvculture.org/history/ahnews/ahnews.html). Archives and History News regularly highlights upcoming history- and genealogy-related events, additions and changes in the collections and services of the Archives library, and division projects and publications.
Archives and History Staff (2008-2009)

Joe Geiger Jr.  director
Bryan Ward  assistant director

Archives:
Debra Basham  textual records/photograph archivist
Dick Fauss  audio/film archivist
Allen Fowler  special projects, part-time
Ed Hicks  archival photographer
Mary Johnson  historian/archivist

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Susan Scouras  librarian
Greg Carroll  historian/library assistant
Elaine Gates  library assistant
Terry Lowry  historian/library assistant
Cathy Miller  library assistant
Harold Newman  library assistant
Jaime Simmons  library assistant

Records Management and Preservation Board:
Denise Ferguson  county records archivist

Support:
Nancy Waggoner  secretary

Veterans Memorial Archives:
Constance Baston  researcher
Archives and History Commission (2008-2009)

Voting members:
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Harold Forbes, Morgantown
Becky Frye, Martinsburg
Victor Greco, Wheeling
Amy Haden, Charleston
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Dr. Helene Jacobs, Huntington
Dr. Charles Ledbetter, Nitro
Bill Richardson, Delbarton
Noel Tenney, Buckhannon
Dr. Joan Walker, Hedgesville

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Dr. William S. Arnett (president, West Virginia Historical Association), Morgantown

Ex officio nonvoting members:
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Adam Hodges (director, Museums), Charleston
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Susan Pierce (director, Historic Preservation), Charleston
Randall Reid-Smith (commissioner, Culture and History), Charleston


Ottie Adkins, assessor, Huntington
Betsy Castle, circuit clerk, Kingwood
Diana Cromley, county clerk, Point Pleasant
Betty Harmison, genealogical/historical society representative, Berkeley Springs
Kenneth Lemaster, sheriff, Martinsburg
Lonnie Mullins, county commissioner, Hinton
Stephen Shuman, attorney, Morgantown
Timothy Sweeney, prosecuting attorney, St. Marys

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designee Matt Arrowood (deputy director, Division of Court Services)
Kyle Schafer (director, Governor’s Office of Technology), Charleston
designee Helen Wilson (C.I.O., Governor’s Office of Technology)
2008-2009 Accessions

State Government Records


Secretary of State. Inaugural Voter’s Hall of Fame honoring oldest person who had voted at least 50 consecutive years in each county, 2008. 2 volumes. Secretary of State’s office. Ar1971

Supreme Court of Appeals. Documents relating to Carrie Williams vs. Board of Education of Fairfax District and other J. R. Clifford materials, 1896–2009. 1 box. Supreme Court of Appeals. Ar1973


Manuscripts


Bolyard/Summers Family Collection. Correspondence, financial records and other information of Monongalia County family, 1905–85. 1 box. Janet and Tim Wilson, Ligonier, PA. Ms2008-098

Carte, Clarence. Prayer books, address book and other effects of Navy man, ca. 1939–40s. 1 box. Unknown donor. Ms2009-014

Carter/Faulkner Family Collection. Correspondence, poetry, publications and other materials re: mostly Faulkner family members, including Charles James Faulkner, 1812–1949. 1 box and 1 oversized folder. Kathryn Carter His, Whitehouse, TX. Ms2008-100


Contic, Phillip Edward Jr. and Mary Etta Evans Collection. World War II correspondence from soldier back to girlfriend and later wife in Kingwood, 1940–45. 2 boxes. Phillip Contic, Providence, RI. Ms2009-013


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Dunning deeds. Kanawha County property, 1835–43. 2 items. Fred Menard c/o Raamie Barker, Chapmanville. Ms2009-011


Kanawha County. Marriages compiled by Julia Morris Wintz, 1933. 1 volume. Transfer from library. Ms2009-027

Larner, John W. Collection. Information and notes on his research into West Virginia Penitentiary art, 1866–2004. 1 folder. Dr. John W. Larner. Ms2009-044


Literary manuscript. “Ancestors of Robert Hallis Brooks,” n.d. 1 volume. Transfer from library. Ms2009-043

Literary manuscript. “Christmas in the Coal Fields” by Audella Grubb Evans, n.d. 1 item. Audella Grubb Evans in memory of Douglas C. Evans Sr. and Bernard B. Grubb via Chris Evans Watson, Chester, VA. Ms2009-032

Literary manuscript. “A Gathering of the Clan” by Carl E. Steele, Jr., 1995. 1 volume. Transfer from library. Ms2009-004


Literary manuscript. “Mine Own People” by John House (photocopy), 1903. 1 volume. Wes Cochran, Parkersburg. Ms2009-005

Literary manuscript. “Our Daddy is a Coal Miner” by Casey Erwin (photocopy), 2007. 1 item. Casey Erwin, Delbarton. Ms2009-022

Literary manuscript. “A Reminiscence West Columbia of a Half Century Ago Contrasted with the West Columbia of Today” by John L. Mason, 1909. 1 item. Transfer from library. Ms2009-023
Mason School of Music. Correspondence, programs and other materials about Charleston music school and founder W. S. Mason, 1890s–1970s. 8 folders. Stan Bumgardner, Charleston. Ms2009-012


Peterson, Roland H. Collection. Family correspondence, St. Albans groups and Carbide employee papers of Peterson family members, including Russell and WWII 83rd Chemical Mortar Battalion, 1880–1999. 5 boxes and oversized. Marcia P. Daoust, Huntington. Ms2009-008

Place names in West Virginia compiled by Mary M. Jenkins, n.d.. 1 volume. Transfer from library. Ms2009-028


Preston Funeral Home. Records of Charleston African-American funeral home, 1941–75. 3 boxes. Phyllis Preston Jarrett, Cincinnati, OH. Ms2009-017

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church. Early history and lists of baptisms, marriages and deaths in St. Albans church (photocopies), 1808–1906. 2 volumes. St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, St. Albans. Ms2009-045


Steckel Family Collection. Correspondence, banking information and other materials of Kanawha County family, 1911–69. 1 box and 1 oversized folder. Barbara Smith, Charleston. Ms2008-097


Williams, Mary L. Collection. NAACP Charleston Branch materials, 1943–82. 1 box. Unknown donor. Ms2009-009

Wise, Bob Collection. Correspondence and other papers of Kanawha County congressman prior to election as governor, 1982–2000. 11 boxes. Robert Wise, Washington, DC. Ms2008-093

World War II. Letters, memos relating to foreign diplomats held at Greenbrier and FBI materials relating to their exchange (photocopies), 1941–42. 1 folder. William H. Stewart, Charleston. Ms2009-006

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Photographs


Brown, L. Bernidean Collection. B&W of Charleston area, various local blacks, ca. 1920–46. 5 items. L. Bernidean Brown, Columbus, OH. Ph2009-059


Eanes family. B&W of McDowell County family, ca. 1900–40s. 19 items. Debra Basham, Elkview. Ph2009-054

Fenton glass. B&W print of piece taken by Borgon Tanner for class at Ohio University, ca. 1950s. 1 item. Borgon Tanner, Vanceboro, ME. Ph2009-040

Forts. Postcards of Fort Ashby; B&W of Fort Donnally, n.d. 3 items. Transfer from library. Ph2009-057


Page. Color prints of watercolors of various buildings by Charles L. King, ca. 2007. 6 items. Charles L. King, Santa Barbara, CA. Ph2009-049


Panoramic. Scottish Rite Bodies of Wheeling by Kossuth, 1919 April 25. 1 item. Lorraine Parmer, Richmond, CA. Ph2009-031


Portrait, Jackson, John Jay. B&W removed from memorial publication, ca. 1850s, 1870s. 5 items. Transfer from library. Ph2009-056

Portrait, Jones, Mary Harris. B&W of Mother Jones with another woman and military officer while under house arrest in Pratt, 1913. 1 item. Purchase. Ph2009-039

Portrait, Scott, Mrs. Nathan B. Carte de visite, ca. 1863. 1 item. Sally McCann, East Leroy, MI. Ph2009-051


Postcard. Hotel Central, Central City (Huntington), ca. 1920–30s. 1 item. Joe Geiger, Huntington. Ph2009-037

Postcard. National Christian Temperance Union Pledge, 1870s. 1 item. Transfer from library. Ph2009-035

Postcards. Harrison family members, Squire store, McDowell County, ca. 1915–30s. 5 items. Garry Perry, Cartersville, GA. Ph2009-055

Postcards. Mountain Scenes, Midland Trail and State Route 21, 1931. 1 item. Jeanne Szymanski, Alpena, MI. Ph2009-036

Postcards. 1913 Ohio River flood, many in Parkersburg area, 1913 March. 90 items. Barbara Allen, Tucson, AZ. Ph2009-010

Postcards. Schmulbach Building, Wheeling; Rock Springs Park boat landing, Chester; Main Street, Clarksburg; Old McCullum Homestead, Cooper’s Rock State Forest; First Presbyterian Church, Moundsville; ca. 1910–15. 5 items. Pat and Allen Hammer, Buckhannon. Ph2009-033

Postcards. USNS Kanawha; Ruffner Hotel, Charleston; Daniel Boone Hotel, Charleston; Charleston General Hospital; ca. 1920s–90s. 4 items. Thomas S. Pring, Charleston. Ph2009-034


Schools. Copy prints of Pleasant Hill Grade School, Tornado, Kanawha County; programs for Olive School, Fayette County (photocopies), 1904–62. 7 items. David and Connie Wood, Angola, NY. Ph2009-048


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Williamstown. B&W of workers, possibly railroad, 1910. 1 item. Bookworm and Silverfish (gift), Wytheville, VA. Ph2009-053


Special Collections


Yearbook. West Virginia University Monticola, 1937. 1 volume. Unknown. Sc2005-003acc


Yearbooks. Big Creek High School Memoirs, 1964–66. 3 volumes. Alice V. Perry Malphus, Millington, TN. Sc2005-003acc


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Yearbooks. West Virginia Institute of Technology *Bear Tracks*, 1986–89. 4 volumes. Greg Carroll, Hurricane. Sc2005-003acc
