West Virginia
Archives and History
Annual Report
Fiscal 2014-2015

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. Under the Code, 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.

**Mission**

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.

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**Highlights**

- Archives and History Library users increased by 17 percent
- 287,739 digital images of inactive voter registration cards from 5 counties made available for viewing in library
- 2,515 state documents and 14,470 pages printed from documents in electronic form, and 327 books and pamphlets added to collections
- Records Management and Preservation Board awarded grants totalling $422,496 to support projects in 35 counties
- nearly 350 linear feet of manuscripts and state government records, and nearly 100,000 photographs and negatives added to collections
- statewide county records preservation project digitized more than 850 record books for 5 counties
- 8 new or refurbished highway historical markers erected
- 4 temporary exhibits were on display in the library and the Archives and History gallery

Expansion of programming and educational endeavors continued to be a focus of Archives and History in 2014-2015. More than twenty-five events were held in the library, including lectures, meetings and other programs that drew hundreds of attendees. Efforts to provide opportunities in education included another successful year of History Bowl and presentations to school groups. In addition, electronic records efforts remained important through the statewide preservation project for county deed books, the digitization of maps and old voter registration cards, and expanding knowledge of the possibilities and concerns over the preservation of born-digital records.
The number of patrons using the Archives and History Library for research during the 2014-2015 year increased by 17 percent over the previous year. The most notable increase came among evening researchers, with the number more than doubling. Weekday usage was up 18 percent, while Saturday usage grew 8 percent. The number of research letters answered rose 13 percent, while the number of reference calls grew by more than 40 percent, with staff handling more calls in the fiscal year than they had in any year since the start of the 21st century.

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The Block Series, a summertime series of programs on African American life in the Charleston area that has been put together by the West Virginia Center for African American Art and Culture, continued for the first three months of the fiscal year and resumed in May 2015 for a second year of speakers. Although these programs draw some attendees at other
library programs, they have introduced a number of new people to the Archives and History Library.

The James Dent Collection exhibit remained in the library for most of the year. In June, a new Ruffner exhibit was placed in the library in time for a visit by 80 attendees of the Ruffner Family Reunion on June 20. The exhibit contains Ruffner family and business documents, books, photographs, and special collections items.

During 2014-2015, the librarian added 465 items to the online Voyager® catalog. Retrospective cataloguing of titles already held by the library but cataloged in the card catalog only or dropped in the migration from VTLS to Voyager, accounted for 138 titles. The former library manager continued to perform certain types of book repair, leather treatment, and encasement in CoLibri® custom covers during the summer and early fall of 2014 until he retired at the end of October. Acidic pamphlet folders and labels were replaced with non-acidic versions, and a number of books and pamphlets were transferred from Closed Stacks to Rare Books.

Over the course of the year, users of the library computers conducted 48,000 searches in more than 2,500 sessions in the Ancestry, HeritageQuest, and Fold3 subscription databases. These numbers reflect less than ten months of activity because the library lost Internet access via public WiFi early in January 2015, and access was not restored until the end of March. A new subscription to the Fold3 database was negotiated with ProQuest in June 2015, bringing all the databases under a single vendor. A subscription to the NewspaperArchive
The Archives and History Web site remained an important area of outreach in fiscal 2014-2015. Staff added 85 audio-video clips, 2,064 image files, 818 html/PDF text files, and 1,276 database records. Among the items added were Quick Quizzes (6 quizzes, 60 questions), finding aids for several collections, and new records in the Golden Horseshoe Winners, State Government Documents, and Periodicals databases. The Photo Gallery, which contains images that had previously been on display in Archives and History’s photo gallery off the Great Hall, was updated with the addition of six former exhibits. With the death of former governor Arch Moore on January 7, 2015, staff created an online photo exhibit of images.

For the second year, Archives and History’s Veterans Memorial volunteer worked with an Advanced Placement U.S. History class from George Washington High School, assisting them in writing biographies of individuals included on the West Virginia Veterans Memorial. These students produced 22 of the 54 biographies that were placed online during the year. The volunteer and a few staff members also have provided assistance to Maarten Vossen on Ageless Friends, a documentary on James Wickline, who died during World War II and is buried in the Netherlands American Cemetery at Margraten.

Archives and History began a database project of entering information on land grants from Sims Index to Land Grants in West Virginia, the resource for locating land grants compiled
by Edgar B. Sims of the West Virginia Auditor’s Office in 1952. One staff member is making additional notes regarding names and treasury warrants, which are being added to the database. By the end of the year, information on nearly a dozen counties had been completed. Once all counties are done, the database will be available online.

In social media activity, Archives and History’s YouTube channel had 143,415 views during the 2014-2015 fiscal year, roughly equivalent to the previous year. As was true in the 2013-2014 fiscal year, the Ellis Dungan documentary *Tiger Shikar in India*, uploaded in 2012, remained the most viewed item, with another Dungan film, *Inside India: Village Life in Southern India*, second. The attraction of Dungan’s films has kept India second only to the United States in the number of viewers of Archives and History’s YouTube channel in 2014-2015. With 80 percent, the overwhelming majority of viewers are men, although women have shown more interest in genealogy programs, select history lectures, and individual short video clips. Staff uploaded 36 videos, bringing the total number available as of June 30, 2015, to 294. The available videos include nearly all of the Archives and History evening programs, so that people who do not live nearby can still take advantage of these learning opportunities.

Archives and History’s Facebook page continued to attract attention with the average reach of posts and number of likes steadily growing. The majority of the Facebook page followers are women. In an effort to reach a younger audience, Archives and History launched a Twitter page on April 13, 2015.

**Collections**

In 2014-2015, West Virginia Archives and History received several noteworthy collections, among them that of architect John C. Norman Sr., his wife Ruth, and their son, pioneering heart surgeon Dr. John C. Norman Jr. The collection currently consists of 18 boxes of manuscript materials and several hundred photos from the Norman house in Charleston, but a trip to the late Dr. Norman’s home in Massachusetts at the end of the fiscal year has resulted in the receipt of additional materials that will be added to this collection. Dr. Norman had previously given the State Archives a separate collection of architectural drawings of John Norman Sr.

Other collections received include 20 volumes of Logan County election records, fee books, and circuit court minute books; the Mark Smith Collection, a small group of documents from Hampshire County, most of which concern the estate of Joel Ellis, who left property to some freed blacks; several hundred photographs and...
two boxes of publications on the Mountain State Forest Festival; 1,777 blueprints of architect Herbert Kyle; and three boxes and 22 volumes of records from Harden and Harden Funeral Home, a Charleston business that served the African American community. To assist researchers, staff created an alphabetical index of names found in the funeral home records and placed it online. The State Archives also added 51 volumes to its yearbook collection. (See the accession list at the end of the report for a complete list of additions to the West Virginia State Archives collections in 2014-2015.)

Two collections that were received in an earlier year but were processed during 2014-2015 are the Clarksburg Exponent-Telegram Collection and the Southern Coal Producers Association Collection. The former consists of approximately 96,000 negatives of events in Harrison and nearby counties. The latter contains 66 boxes of correspondence, agreements, minutes, and other records dating between 1904 and 1955, as well as some oversized folders and a few photographs. Received
in 2014-2015 was the Smith-Giltinan Collection, which was not accessioned but was largely processed before the end of the fiscal year except for some work on addressograph plates. The collection contains more than 20 boxes and 36 volumes of records and photographs on the Charleston business of Eskew, Smith and Cannon and on the Appleton, Smith, and Giltinan families. The collection also contains nearly four dozen home movies shot in the 1920s and 1930s using the now obsolete 9.5mm Pathex film. They have been shipped off for transfer to another medium.

Staff finished organizing and weeding inactive voter registration cards for Cabell, Calhoun, Kanawha, Logan, and McDowell that had passed the period of retention at the county level and were accepted at the State Archives. The cards were digitized and nearly 300,000 images are now available for viewing at a public-access computer in the library. By the end of the year, staff had scanned 1,119 maps and begun work on photograph subject files.

Archives and History continued to explore permanent preservation of electronic records. With funding from the Council of State Archivists’ State Electronic Records Initiative, in March two staff members attended training in Fairfax, Virginia, on “Managing Electronic Records in Archives and Special Collections.” Staff subsequently began conducting an inventory of digital records held in the State Archives, pursued additional training, and planned for purchase of computer equipment for addressing this preservation need.

Audiovisual Archives

In fiscal 2014-2015, the moving images archivist continued to assist West Virginia Public Broadcasting with moving images for the documentary on Senator Jay Rockefeller being edited and produced by Suzanne Higgins and Russ Barbour. Assistance also was provided for a documentary film project on the history of the West Virginia mine wars that will be part of the American Experience series and for the Mari-Lynn Evans documentary Blood on the Mountain.

On October 11, 2014, the moving images archivist made a joint presentation with Karan Bali at the Association of Moving Image Archivists Conference in Savannah, Georgia, about the making of An American in Madras. Bali had produced the documentary on the Indian filmmaking career of Ellis Dungan, who lived in Wheeling from 1959 until his death in 2001, and the State Archives provided assistance with its extensive Dungan film and photograph collection.

Slightly more than 100 rolls of microfilm were produced in filming 35 newspapers—10 weeklies and 25 dailies. Although issues filmed date as far back as 1993, most of the newspapers were from the 2014-2015 period. The backlog of newspapers housed in the collections area continues to shrink as they are preserved in the more durable microfilm format.

The microfilming program faced several challenges during the year, however. Problems with the aging camera affected microfilming more than once during the year. A number of rolls
required retakes, but staff had difficulty matching film densities between the original rolls and the retake rolls, a problem that remained at the end of the year. Near the end of the year, the previous contract for unexposed film expired, a new RFQ specifying deep tank processing and methylene blue testing had to be put out, and microfilming had to be suspended briefly until a shipment of film under a new contract could be obtained.

Part of the process involved in microfilming is duplication of the developed film to create a user copy. Archives and History was duplicating its own film until the second half of the 2013-2014 fiscal year, when the Diazo Duplicator broke down and an ammonia leak ended all hopes of resuming duplication of microfilm in-house. During the first few months of fiscal 2014-2015, staff looked at different potential vendors before selecting a New Jersey company.

**Highway Markers**

During the year, 3 markers were refurbished, and 5 new markers were ordered. These markers were distributed across 8 counties in the state. Following is a list of markers refurbished in the 2014-2015 fiscal year:

- William C. Markle—Clay County
- Mounds-Earthworks/Indian Mound—Kanawha County
- West Virginia University—Monongalia County

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

- The Whitesville School—Boone County
- Pfost-Greene Murders/Last Public Execution—Jackson County
- Dr. Henry Lake Dickason—Monroe County
- The Steamboat ‘Washington’—Ohio County
- James C. McGrew—Preston County
A focus of marker activity during the second half of the year was the sesquicentennial marker project, which will create 160 markers, including at least one for each county. Several interns helped with the project during that time, several marker inscriptions were written and proofed, and a number of other sesquicentennial marker subjects have been identified. Archives and History had applied for and received a $256,000 grant a couple of years ago and a Memorandum of Understanding was signed in 2014-2015. The Notice to Proceed has not been issued yet by the Division of Highways, but once it is received Archives and History will have two years to complete the project.

### Records Management

The statewide county records preservation project staff continued to travel back and forth to county courthouses to collect and return deed books. Over the course of the year, staff digitized record books for the following counties: Barbour, Lincoln, McDowell, Roane, and Wood. Midway through the year, the project received Digital Voodoo from Complete Systems Support, Inc., a software program that converts large grayscale files to smaller black and white files without the substantial data loss that often results from simply saving grayscale files as black and white. The software conversion achieves a more readable document by bringing out light writing or typing in deed books.

In the twelfth round of grants, 35 counties were awarded grants totaling $422,496 for projects scheduled to begin on July 1, 2015. One important change in grant criteria was the elimination of the requirement to produce preservation microfilm for projects reformatting original paper records. The decision to make this change was based on the skyrocketing cost of microfilm coupled with the fact that counties are not disposing of the paper records as part of the reformating project, thereby preserving the records in two different formats. In addition, experience with the statewide county records preservation project has shown that images produced from digital are clearer than those created from microfilm.

One-fifth of the grants awarded were in excess of $15,000. The largest was to Kanawha County, which was awarded $32,814 to purchase a color scanner and to scan and index pre-1999 records in the county clerk’s office; and to scan

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and index order books and purchase roller shelving for improved storage of these records in the circuit clerk’s office. Fayette County was awarded $22,243 to purchase open steel shelving for all county government long-term records located in the county commission’s records storage facility; and to purchase moveable track shelving for improved case file management in the prosecuting attorney’s office. Nearly one-fourth of the grants were for amounts under $10,000, with the smallest grant ($4,455) awarded to Hampshire County to restore and digitize the earliest will books in the county clerk’s office. A grant ceremony was held in March.

Archives and History continued to play a substantial role in the division’s West Virginia History Bowl, which tests eighth-grade students on their knowledge of history, art, preservation, and cultural topics, in its sixth year in 2014-2015. Regional competitions were held January to March 2015, with a play-in competition also in March. There were 110 teams from 62 schools. The winning and runner-up teams from each regional were eligible to participate in the state competition, which brought 24 teams to the Culture Center on May 5. In the championship round of the double-elimination tournament, Cameron High School (Marshall) defeated Fairview Middle School (Marion). Wayne Middle School (Wayne) placed third, while Madison Middle School (Boone) placed fourth. The library served as one of the competition venues for the statewide tournament.

Archives and History also assisted with the West Virginia Ambassadors Camp, a program in which outstanding eighth-grade students from around the state spend a week in Charleston learning about history and arts. On June 16, 102 camp participants and accompanying adults attended one of three presentations in the library.

Archives and History staff continued to provide support to other sections within the Division of Culture and History. The darkroom photographer provided 15 digital prints and images for Goldenseal magazine, published through the Communications unit, 22 for Historic Preservation, 15 for the Museums section, and 179 prints and digital images for exhibits. Through arrangements made by the division, Archives and History staff also dedicated much time in searching for and printing 276 gratis images for individuals in other state and legislative offices.

During the fiscal year, three Archives and History exhibits were on display in the photo...
gallery located in the north wing off the Great Hall, between the library and the entrance to the hallway leading to the Archives and History offices. At the start of July, an exhibit on sports was on display. That was followed by images from the *Clarksburg Exponent* collection (October-February) and then by a military exhibit from February to the end of the year.

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. Staff provided assistance to other sections, as well as to the division.

**Inter-Agency Support**

Staff provided assistance to several state agencies regarding their records and retention schedules and also responded to requests for information on various topics from state agencies. Staff continued to assist the Department of Education with preparation of the Golden Horseshoe test, serving as judges at the Social Studies Fair, and reading names of Golden Horseshoe recipients at the ceremony in May. In September, the director gave Constitution Day presentations to more than 100 students from McDowell, Summers, and Wyoming counties. In November, he served on the committee that judged the West Virginia finalists for the U.S. Senate Youth Program.

**Outreach**

Archives and History staff were involved in various outreach activities during the year. The monthly evening lectures were held in the Archives and History Library. Through division press releases and e-blasts, constituents were notified about upcoming library events.

During fiscal 2014-2015, the director gave a number of presentations on Archives and History, county records, and West Virginia statehood. Other staff gave presentations as well. They also provided historical research assistance and information on Archives projects to members of the media. Archives and History was highlighted in an article on John C. Norman that appeared in the *Gazette-Mail* on August 24, 2014.

Archives and History continued to emphasize outreach to the educational community with expanded Web resources and the History Bowl, discussed previously. In addition, 20,000 bookmarks were mailed to 177 public and private schools for distribution to upcoming eighth graders.

The nineteenth annual History Day at the Legislature was held on February 19, 2015. Groups around the state nominated 33 History Heroes and nearly 70 groups registered for display space at the capitol. In spite of another year of bad weather on History Day, 14 History Heroes accepted their awards in person and 34 groups had displays in the capitol. The division’s Technical Services staff provided invaluable help to displayers and to Archives and History staff. Staff also participated in Library Day at the Legislature in February 2015.
The sixteenth annual Hoot Owl was held in the Archives and History Library on March 27–28, 2015. The all-night event, co-sponsored by Archives and History and the Mining Your History Foundation, was attended by 35 people. Staff and MYHF volunteers assisted researchers in locating materials. Proceeds from the annual event are dedicated to purchase and support the collections of the Archives library.

Archives and History participated in the FestivALL Oral History Project conducted by Eric Douglas by hosting the project on Friday, June 26. One-hour interview spots were available from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Archives and History will receive copies of the interviews on CD and a copy of the audio documentary when it is completed.
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- Susan Scouras - library manager
- Matt Dailey - library assistant
- Elaine Gates - library assistant
- Terry Lowry - historian/library assistant
- Randy Marcum - historian/library assistant
- Cathy Miller (retired October) - library assistant
- Harold Newman - library assistant
- Jaime Simmons - library assistant
- vacant - cataloger

### Library:
- Denise Ferguson - county records archivist
- Kyle Campbell - cultural program specialist
  (county records preservation project)
- vacant - cultural program associate
  (county records preservation project)

### Records Management and Preservation Board:
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### Support:
- vacant - secretary
Archives and History Commission (2014-2015)

Voting members:
Dr. Melissa Bingmann, Morgantown
Dr. Robert S. Conte, White Sulphur Springs
Harold Forbes, Morgantown
Becky Frye, Martinsburg
Victor Greco, Wheeling
Dr. Charles Ledbetter, Nitro
Nathan J. Randolph, Huntington
Bill Richardson, Delbarton
Dr. Joan Walker, Hedgesville
Keven Walker, Martinsburg

Ex officio voting members:
Fredrick H. Armstrong (president, West Virginia Historical Society), Charleston
Dr. William S. Arnett (president, West Virginia Historical Association), Morgantown

Ex officio nonvoting members:
Joseph N. Geiger Jr. (director, Archives and History, and secretary to the commission), Huntington
Dr. Michael Ed. Hohn (director, West Virginia Geological and Economic Survey), Morgantown
Charles Morris (director, Museums), Charleston
Sandra Scaffidi (president, Preservation Alliance of West Virginia, Inc.), Morgantown
Susan Pierce (director, Historic Preservation), Charleston
Randall Reid-Smith (commissioner, Culture and History), Charleston


John Bennett, prosecuting attorney, Logan
Betsy Castle, circuit clerk, Kingwood
Diana Cromley, county clerk, Point Pleasant
Betty Harmison, genealogical/historical society representative, Berkeley Springs
Kenneth Lemaster Jr., sheriff, Martinsburg
Stephen Shuman, attorney, Morgantown

Ex officio members:
Randall Reid-Smith (commissioner, Culture and History), Charleston
Steven D. Canterbury (director, Administrative Office of the Courts), Charleston
designee Matt Arrowood (deputy director, Division of Court Services)
Gale Given (director, Office of Technology), Charleston
designee Jim Weathersbee (information security officer, Office of Technology)
2014-2015 Accessions

State Government Records

Antiquities Commission. Correspondence and other records, 1965-80. 1 box. Ken Bailey, Elkview. Ar2043


Dentistry, Board of. Minutes of the board and of the Anesthesia Committee, 1904-2003. 5 volumes and 7 boxes. West Virginia Board of Dentistry, Crab Orchard. Ar2039

Hancock County. Circuit Court case files including suits against Weirton Steel, Homer Laughlin and other companies, 1961, 1963. 9 items. Hancock County Circuit Clerk, New Cumberland. Ar2052

Harrison County Personal Property Books. Upper District 1872, 1875-76, 1891-92, 1893-94, 1895-96; Lower District 1897-98. 5 volumes. Harrison County Clerk’s Office, Clarksburg. Ar2037

Highways. Bridge records, non-current and replaced structures, 1968-2013. 1 box. Division of Highways, Parkersburg. Ar1895acc


Legislature. Papers of Oshel Parsons, House Parliamentarian and Assistant Clerk, 1935-86. 2 boxes and oversized. Ar2046

Logan County. Election records, fee books, circuit court minute books and other records, 1824-1972. 20 volumes. Logan County Clerk and Circuit Clerk, Logan. Ar2035

Maryland vs. West Virginia. Various printed briefs, bills and other documents, ca. 1908-12. 11 items. Transfer from library. Ar1960acc

Mineral County. Overseers of the Poor, Crop Lien and Hunters Licenses, 1866-1935. 3 volumes. Mineral County Clerk, Keyser. Ar2051

Mines. Logs and index cards for strip mining permits, ca. 1946-67. 2 boxes and 1 oversized folder. West Virginia and Regional History Collection, Morgantown. Ar2045

Mines. Mine foreman certificates correspondence, forms, 1934-61. 2 folders. Department of Mines. Ar1827acc

Naturalization records. Mason County, 1910-55. 4 volumes. Mason County Circuit Clerk, Point Pleasant. Ar1878acc

Pharmacy, Board of. Records of inactive pharmacists, 1937-2004. 31 boxes. West Virginia Board of Pharmacy, Charleston. Ar2042

Ritchie County Records. License book, Optometrists Record, Nurses Certificate, Embalmers Records, 1912-56. 4 volumes. Ritchie County Clerk’s Office, Harrisville. Ar2038

Accessions
Secretary of State. Listing of ministers, election records, 1960-2000. 13 boxes. Secretary of State’s Office. Ar2040


Supreme Court of Appeals. Letter from clerk B. B. Jarvis to members of the West Virginia State Bar regarding printed briefs, 1950 January 2. 1 item. Transfer from library. Ar2048

Treasurer’s Office. Ledger books for checks, receipts, bank books, appropriations, bonds and other financial records, 1867-1966. 63 volumes. Treasurer’s Office. Ar2041

Treasurer’s Office. Records, reports and other materials regarding impeachment trial of A. James Manchin, 1984-92. 25 boxes. Treasurer’s Office. Ar2049

Webster County. Road order books, 1921-33. 2 volumes. Webster County Clerk, Webster Springs. Ar2050

West Virginia Turnpike. Appraisal of the West Virginia Turnpike Register No. 4062 by Appraisal Associates, Kansas City, MO, 1968-69. 3 volumes. Transfer from library. Ar2047

Manuscripts


Autograph book. Book of verse and notes addressed to Fannie Loudermilk, Lubeck, Wood County; flyer for Ralph Covert Boot and Shoe House, Parkersburg, 1883-88. 1 volume and 1 item. Irene Lonergan, Downey, CA. Ms2015-029


Camp Thomas E. Lightfoot. Counselor handbook and other materials regarding camp sponsored by Eastern Associated Coal Corp. in Hinton, 1981-85. 1 folder. Debbie Hall Hargrett, Wingate University, Wingate, NC. Ms2015-042


Davies, William E. Collection. Correspondence, manuscripts and other materials related to caves and writing of Caverns of West Virginia and the Ad Hoc Commission on the Buffalo Creek Disaster, 1940s-70s. 2 boxes. William H. Davies, Alexandria, VA. Ms2014-018

Accessions

Edmunds, Paul. World War I service record of Charleston resident, 1917. 1 folder. Unknown donor. Ms2015-032

Fairmont. Financial reports and funding requests, 1984-85. 1 volume. Transfer from library. Ms2015-026


Hamilton, Fleming, Parrish families. Genealogical notes on Marion County families, n.d. 4 folders. Karen V. Dutton, Dacula, GA. Ms2015-024

Harden Gilmore Funeral Home Records. Burials and other records of African American business in Charleston, later known as Scott Funeral Home, 1922-95. 3 boxes and 22 volumes. Simpson Memorial United Methodist Church, Charleston. Ms2014-015

Homer Chapman Collection. Correspondence of Davis and Mossman families, Cabell and Wayne counties, 1880-92. 1 box. Homer Campbell, Bradenton, FL. Ms2015-045

Journal. Ledger entries probably by John D. Keeney and John Angus McIntosh, poetry and lock of hair by Salinda Jane McIntosh Harpold, later owned by Emma Harpold Smith, 1851-54, n.d. 1 volume. Julia Dent Snead, Pittsburgh, PA. Ms2015-033


Literary manuscript. “‘If the Men Don’t Fight, the Women Will’: Women and Gender Roles in the West Virginia Mine Wars” by Connor Kenaston, 2014. 1 volume. Connor Kenaston, Beckley. Ms2015-028

Literary manuscript. “Mountain High, Valley Low” by Caroline Chaney, 1971. 1 folder. Caroline Chaney, Charleston. Ms2015-036


Literary manuscript. “West Virginia Independence Hall: From Custom House to Statehood Shrine” by R. Y. Spence, 1986. 1 volume. Transfer from library. Ms2015-027

McWain, Arnold families. Certificate for L. McWain as engineer for C&O Railway; Bible records for McWain family; birth record for Herbert Livingston Arnold; George Washington High commencement program; 1905-68. 4 items. Pat Arnold, Charleston. Ms2015-038
Mountain State Railroad and Logging Historical Association. Annual certificate of steam boiler inspection issued to Mower Lumber Company by West Virginia Department of Labor, 1956 June 11. 1 item. Arthur Dameron, Yardley, PA. Ms83-12acc


Norman Family Collection. Correspondence, papers and other items of architect John C. Norman, Ruth S. Norman, and Dr. John C. Norman Jr., 1915-89. 18 boxes and oversized. Jill Norman Fouad, New Canaan, CT. Ms2014-073


Smith, Mark Collection. Documents from Hampshire County regarding estate of Joel Ellis, broadside from General Benjamin Kelley “To the People of Hampshire County and Upper Potomac,” 1811, 1841-48, 1861. 9 items. Mark Smith, Springfield. Ms2015-001

Snyder family. Family tree of P. M. and Lana Walker Snyder, n.d. 1 item. Transfer from library. Ms2015-037

Southern Coal Producers Association Collection. Correspondence, agreements, minutes, grievances and other records, 1904-95. 66 boxes, 5 volumes, and 2 oversized folders. Southern Coal Producers Association via Kanawha Industrial Relations Association, Charleston. Ms2014-021

Wheeler, Billy Edd. Autographed letter regarding recent projects, 2008 February 3. 1 item. Transfer from library. Ms2015-034

Photographs

Carroll High, Logan High, WVU. B&W of Carroll High sophomores 1933-34, seniors May 1935, WVU drivers education 1955; color of Logan High class of 1936 at 50th reunion. 4 items. Vernon Lovejoy. Ph2005-003acc


Clarksburg Exponent-Telegram Collection. B&W negatives of events in Harrison and nearby counties, 1931-89. 64 boxes (est. 96,102 negs). Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library, Clarksburg. Ph2014-017

Conley High School. Copy negatives of basketball team and Coach Leonard Valentine 1963 Class A

Davies, William E. Collection. B&W prints, negatives, and B&W and color slides related to caves, Buffalo Creek Disaster, 1940s-70s. 2 boxes (approx. 704 slides, 543 prints, 466 negs). William H. Davies, Alexandria, VA. Ph2014-018


Greenbrier High School Collection. B&W of school, 1953 senior Emma Jean Dowdy (Cantrell), band; color of class reunion; CDs of 40th, 50th and 60th reunions for class of 1953; 1951-2013. 7 items. Harvey R. Cantrell, Louisville, KY. Ph2015-013

Hall Family. B&W of unidentified family members by photographers in Morgantown, Mannington and Farmington, ca. 1890-1910. 8 items. George R. Hall, Falls Church, VA. Ph2014-023

Hope Natural Gas. Album with B&W photos of employees, ca. 1942-44. 1 volume (10 prints). Nancy M. Nicklas, Springfield, VA. Ph2014-029


Pisegna Collection. B&W and color including Pisegna family members, political figures, LCpl. Frank W. Pisegna II, Buffalo Creek Flood, 1940s-90s. 49 prints and 16 negatives. Bev Fulmer, St. Albans. Ph2014-027

Portrait, Byrd, Robert C. B&W print autographed to Freddie Lane, 1965. 1 item. Henry Lane, Williamsburg, VA. Ph2014-030

Postcard. Blackwater Canyon, n.d. 1 item. Alvin Schaut, Lena, WI. Ph2015-050

Postcard. First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, 1906. 1 item. Unknown donor. Ph2015-052


Postcards. B&W and color including Huntington, Wheeling, Charleston, Fairmont, Parkersburg, Grafton, and the Ohio River, ca. 1908-16. 12 items. Ohio History Connection, Columbus, OH. Ph2014-024

Postcards. Color of St. Joseph’s Cathedral and Chapline Street extension, Wheeling; Devil’s Saddle on U.S. Route 50; West Liberty State Teachers College; 1940s. 4 items. Steve Paoletti, Acampo, CA. Ph2015-049


Postcards. Riviera Motel, Charleston, Capitol building, 1930s, 1970s. 2 items. Howard County Historical Society, Ellicott City, MD. Ph2015-053


Postcards. West Virginia Turnpike, 1950s. 3 items. Ann Boehr, Lincoln, NE. Ph2015-051


Smith, Mark Collection. Sketch by Jeff Prechtel of Frederick Sheetz, gunsmith, n.d. 1 item. Mark Smith, Springfield. Ph2015-001


Wheeling. B&W of drafting room, U.S. Engineer’s Office, 1912. March 15. 1 item. Alan R. Rowe, Indianapolis, IN. Ph2015-017


Special Collections


Blueprints, publications. Drawings and correspondence for proposed clinic for Dr. Enrique Aguilar in Smithers by Martens Associates; Mountain State Business College catalogue; programs W. H. Bickel Race Meet and Horse Show, Parkersburg; drawing for river tipple for Oakland Coal; 1920-64, 2014. 7 items. Alan R. Rowe, Indianapolis, IN. Sc2015-017


Broadsides. Supplement to the Kanawha Gazette, City Finance, 1878 January 22. 1 item. Unknown donor. Sc2014-067

Brochure. City of Parsons and Town of Thomas, published by Friends of Blackwater Canyon, n.d. 2 items. Unknown donor. Sc2015-023


Catalogues, DVD. Whitewater rafting from Ace Adventure Center, North American River Runners, 2011. 3 items. Debra Basham, Elkview. Sc2015-009


Duval High. History and information about school and alumni groups, n.d. 1 folder. Vernon Lovejoy. Sc2005-003acc


Greater Federation of Women’s Clubs Collections. Scrapbooks, directories, minutes and other materials, 1904-2014. 9 boxes and 36 volumes. Greater Federation of Women’s Clubs, Charleston. Sc2014-019


Inaugural materials, WVU, discharge. Inaugural invitation and program for Governor Hulett Smith, invitation for President Lyndon Johnson, Mountaineer Scholarship brochures, Mountaineer Illustrated about 1975 Peach Bowl, discharge for John R. Miller, 1945, 1965, 1975-76. 8 items. Cheryl Nail, Morgantown. Sc2015-003

Accessions


J. R. Clifford Project. Brochures and other information, 2005-12. 6 items. Unknown donor. Sc2010-137acc


Lovejoy, Vernon Collection. First day issues and covers, old cancelled check from Boone and Lincoln counties, page from calendar about Chuck Yeager’s birthplace, 1911-93. 130 items. Vernon Lovejoy. Sc2003-222


Philately. First day cover, West Virginia Centennial, 1963 June 20. 1 item. Transfer from library. Sc2014-061

Philately. First day cover and stamps, West Virginia Sesquicentennial, 2013 June 20. 1 folder. Debra Basham, Elkview; Culture and History. Sc2014-042


Pisegna Collection. Clippings, documents, WWII ration books and other items of family members including LCpl. Frank W. Pisegna II, 1918-92. 1 folder. Bev Fulmer, St. Albans. Sc2014-027


Poster. Boardwalk to the Moon, Rose Garden Theater for the Performing Arts, Clarksburg, 1985. 1 item. Mary Herron, Charlotte, NC. Sc2014-069


Program. Dedication of West Virginia Capitol, 1932 June 20. 1 item. Alice Adams-Logan, St. Peters burg, FL. Sc2014-068


Accessions

Program. 75th Anniversary Holy Rosary Church, Sistersville, 1973 November 3-8. 1 item. Unknown donor. Sc2015-008

Program. 2015 Mountaineer State History Expo at the Marion County Courthouse, 2015 April 18. 1 item. Marion County Historical Society, Fairmont. Sc2015-015


Programs. Memorial service of Arch A. Moore Jr. held at Culture Center, 2015 January 16. 2 items. Culture and History. Sc2015-004


Publication. Article about Mabel Dunlop, who married Slavko Grouitch, later Serbian minister to the United States, 1931 August. 1 item. Transfer from clippings. Sc2014-065

Publication. By-laws and Certificate of Incorporation of the Peytona Cannel Coal Company, 1866. 1 item. Transfer from library. Sc2014-031


Publication. The Duty of the Lawyer to the Members of his Profession by Wm. O. Parsons before the College of Law of the University of West Virginia, ca. 1900-10. 1 item. Transfer from library. Sc2014-033


Publication. High school and college football schedules, 1950. 1 item. Unknown donor. Sc2014-043

Publication. List of Premiums and Rules and Regulations of the Nineteenth Annual Fair of the Mason County Agricultural and Mechanical Association, 1891 August 25-28. 1 item. Ohio History Connection, Columbus, OH. Sc2014-024


Publication. 1915 Hand-book of West Virginia compiled under the direction of the West Virginia Panama-Pacific Exposition Commission, 1915. 1 item. Transfer from library. Sc2015-012
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Publication. Rules of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, 1897 July. 1 item. Unknown donor. Sc2014-045


Publications. Brochures and other publications from Civil War Centennial, 1961-64. 1 folder. Transfer from clippings. Sc2014-037


Publications. Dedication of Kanawha Airport; The Kanawha Valley Airport; Moving Mountains to Build Kanawha Airport; Annual Report Operations of Kanawha Airport; 1947-51. 4 items. Yeager Airport, Charleston. Sc2015-018


Scrapbooks. Mothers of Twins Club of West Virginia, 1970s-90s. 6 volumes. Helen Alten-Huber, Haines, AK. Sc2015-022


*USS West Virginia*. Publication “The Ditty Box” published aboard cruiser *USS West Virginia* (ACR-5, renamed *USS Huntington* in 1916), 1911 February. 1 item. Kurt McCauley, Loveland, CO. Sc89-51acc


Yearbooks. Spencer High *Rupicola*, 1924-26, 1943-47. 8 volumes. Greg Hoff, Knoxville, TN. Sc2005-003acc