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.

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.

In the past year, Archives and History continued its emphasis on offering educational opportunities for students of all ages. In addition to planning and implementing the ever-expanding History Bowl competition, the library hosted more than two dozen events, including lectures, conferences, and research programs, and the sesquicentennial marker project was initiated, which will result in the creation of 160 new highway historical markers. Efforts also continued on digitization projects, with the completion of the map scanning project, the continuation of the statewide preservation project, and the initiation of a dark storage unit for the permanent preservation of electronic records.
During the 2015-2016 year, the Archives and History Library handled more than 2,000 reference calls, the most in more than 15 years. Staff also answered nearly one-third more research letters than in the previous year. In trying to help patrons seeking membership in lineage societies, one staff member was able to locate proof to open several new lines of ancestry to previously unproven patriots. Another staff member provided closure to the family of a German immigrant killed in a West Virginia coal mine accident in 1922 by finding his death record, a newspaper article, and the Department of Mines Fatal Accident Report. Research into school yearbooks and military documents, coupled with discovery of a class reunion announcement, put one woman in touch with her late father’s classmates and led to tearful phone calls of gratitude to the staff researcher.

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Physical use of the library declined somewhat, in part because of unexpected closures due to severe weather, building work or conditions, and construction of the bus turnaround adjacent to the building. In addition, the library hosted fewer evening lecture programs (see boxes left and next page) in 2015-2016 than it had in the previous year, although the per-program average attendance (45) was higher.

The Block Series, a summertime series of programs on African American life that has been put together by the West Virginia Center for African American Art and Culture, continued for the first two months of the fiscal year and resumed in May 2016 for a third 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.

On October 2-3, Archives and History hosted a joint conference of the Virginia Genealogical Society and Mining Your History Foundation. Attendees were able to conduct research in the library on the first day, which brought dozens of researchers to the library. Several came early and spent part of the previous day in the library as well.

During FestivALL in June, Eric Douglas showed a 35-minute video presentation, “Memories of the Valley,” which played on a continual loop in the library for two hours. Archives and History also served as the location for the FestivALL Oral History Project, during which Douglas recorded interviews with 13 individuals over a two-day period.

Library staff conducted two successful family history badge programs with scouts during the year, one in November with Brownie Girl Scouts and the other in December with Boy Scouts. In May, the Marion County High School Genealogy Club spent a day in the library researching family. A West Virginia State University archaeology class visited in June to research a Fort Hill site.

Over the course of the year, users of the library computers conducted 43,000 searches in the Ancestry, HeritageQuest, and Fold3 subscription databases. A subscription to the NewspaperArchive database was added in March 2016. In July 2015, a new cataloger began work in Archives and History, and during the fiscal year 510 items were added to the online Voyager® catalog.

In February, the library manager began compiling information on digital microfilm scanners in hopes of replacing the library’s current outdated and outmoded reader-printers with machines
that incorporate the current technological standard in microfilm viewing and copying and that have a digitizing microfilm scanner allowing the image to be enhanced and fine-tuned in multiple ways, with choice of printing, e-mailing or storing the final image to a hard drive or portable device. Other considerations in acquiring new machines are simplicity and ease of use for both staff and patrons and the capability to work with the library’s current Vendapin charging system in order to avoid additional costs. In March, staff saw demonstrations of three different systems, two of which did not include one or more of the important features. At the end of the fiscal year, Archives and History was in the process of trying to acquire two of the suitable machines.

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“People like me (in Fla.) could never do this documentation without the library’s help.” - June 2016
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Web Site

The Archives and History Web site remains an important area of outreach. In fiscal 2015-2016, staff added 1,216 image files, 284 html/PDF text files, and 4,777 database records. Among the items added were Quick Quizzes (3 quizzes, 30 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 images for the Jennings Randolph and West Virginians and Military exhibits. Staff began a project to update the online newspaper microfilm listing to more accurately reflect holdings; the listing of holdings for 18 counties had been updated by the end of June.

In addition, 51 biographies of individuals included on the West Virginia Veterans Memorial were added to the Web site. For the third 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. On November 10, ten of the students who had been in the class the previous year participated in an evening program in the Archives and History Library, “Honoring West Virginia Veterans: Students Write History,” with additional remarks by volunteer Patricia McClure and teacher Katherine Bush. A few other individuals have submitted biographies, too. One of them, Leon Armentrout, was nominated by Mining Your History Foundation as a 2016 History Hero for his dedication to preparing biographies for all the individuals on the memorial from Randolph and Pendleton counties.

In the Fall of 2015, Archives and History participated in division meetings with West Virginia Interactive regarding a potential redesign of Culture and History’s Web site. Although it was determined that the product provided in the current Office of Technology statewide contract with West Virginia Interactive would not include a number of the division’s more complex Web offerings, in particular those of Archives and History, these meetings did reveal the need for reorganization of Archives and History’s portion of the Web site. Archives and History’s Web presence dates to the mid-1990s, and many of the files created in the early years were not grouped in subject folders. It became clear that these files could not remain unfolded in any new design. Staff subsequently began a longterm and time consuming
process of reorganizing Web pages, with particular attention to moving several hundred files into subfolders, a process that entails making modifications not only to the files being moved but also to hundreds of other files that contain links to the moved files. By the end of the fiscal year, approximately 1,000 files had been moved.

During the year, more than 15,000 responses to the Daily Trivia were received, and more than four million Quick Quiz pages were accessed. Archives and History pages remained the most accessed pages on the division’s Web site, in particular the Vital Research Records pages.

In social media activity, Archives and History continued reaching out via YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter. Staff uploaded 33 videos to YouTube during fiscal 2015-2016, bringing the total number available as of June 30, 2016, to 327. 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.

The YouTube channel had 169,362 views during the 2015-2016 fiscal year, an 18 percent increase over the previous year. As has been true for several years, the Ellis Dungan documentary *Tiger Shikar in India*, uploaded in 2012, remained the most viewed item. Dungan’s *High Speed Steel*, a 1969 film on Weirton Steel Company’s Basic Oxygen Furnace operations, was second, while another Dungan film about India, *Inside India: Village Life in Southern India*, was the third most viewed film. The attraction of Dungan’s films about India kept that country second only to the United States in the number of viewers of Archives and History’s YouTube channel.

Nearly 30 percent of Archives and History’s YouTube viewers are between the ages of 25 and 34. With 82 percent, the overwhelming majority of viewers are men, although women have shown more interest in genealogy programs and select history lectures. With Facebook, on the other hand, 60 percent of the people reached by Archives and History’s page are women; an even larger percentage of “fans,” 70 percent, are women. Compared to the YouTube page, the Facebook page reaches an older, predominantly United States, especially West Virginia, demographic.

In 2015-2016, West Virginia Archives and History received several noteworthy collections. Among the larger collections received were 32 boxes of Court of Claims case files; 62 volumes and two boxes of naturalization records from Monongalia, Nicholas, and Ohio counties; 36 boxes and three oversized folders of James F. Brown III papers; 6,214 negatives of W. E. Bollinger and Sons; 1,792 prints, 1,103, and two CDs from the Bureau of Employment Programs/WorkForce West Virginia; and 20 boxes of prints, negatives, slides, transparencies and digital files from the Division of Natural Resources. The Brown family was very prominent in banking, coal, land, timber, and legal issues in Cabell and Kanawha counties, as well as southern West Virginia. W. E. Bollinger and Sons was a commercial photography business in Charleston; the images date between 1929 and 1965. (See the accession list at
Two significant additions to the State Archives map collection were made during the year: West Virginia Department of Taxation and Consol Energy maps. Between these collections and work on other, smaller, ones, 16,370 maps were taken in, placed in folders, placed in drawers, or stored either flat or rolled over the course of the year.

Fiscal 2015-2016 was an important year for Archives and History with regard to permanent preservation of electronic records. With funding from the Council of State Archivists’ State Electronic Records Initiative (SERI), one staff member took advantage of several training opportunities. Staff completed a new SERI Digital Preservation Capability Self-Assessment and completed a preliminary inventory of digital records held in the State Archives.

Over the course of the year, staff also met with and had e-mail contact with individuals from the Office of Technology about electronic records plans, with mixed results. The Office
During the year, 4 markers were refurbished, 1 was replaced, and 44 new markers were ordered. The latter figure is largely comprised of markers created as part of the sesquicentennial marker project. Markers were distributed across 35 counties in the state. Following is a list of markers refurbished/replaced in the 2015-2016 fiscal year:

Audiovisual Archives

The State Archives provided many still photographs and moving images for the *American Experience* production *The Mine Wars* in 2015-2016, and many photographs and extensive moving images were also provided for West Virginia Public Broadcasting’s *Jay: A Rockefeller’s Journey*. The moving images archivist assisted the Wood County Historical Society with the transfer of footage of Parkersburg trolleys in the 1940s that had been shot by Roger Blackburn, who will be using some of the transferred footage for a presentation in September.

In honor of the 40th anniversary of the Vandalia Gathering, Archives and History produced a retrospective program showing traditional musicians who have appeared at the annual event over the years. The nearly 3-hour program was shown at the Culture Center, in the small theater of the museum and in the Green Room, during the 2016 Vandalia Gathering.

Nearly 147 rolls of microfilm were produced in filming 40 newspapers—15 weeklies and 25 dailies—for the period from 2011 to 2016. Most of the newspapers filmed were from 2015. The backlog of newspapers housed in the collections area continues to shrink as they are preserved in the more durable microfilm format.

Highway Markers

of Technology set up a dedicated networked computer and installed OT-approved software. However, the software that performs fixity checks was not configured to send e-mail notices of problems, leaving staff without any means of discovering issues with individual files short of manually comparing the results from one scan with those of the previous scan. Nevertheless, on June 16, staff began work on the first group of electronic records, generating initial checksums, extracting metadata, and creating additional copies.
B&O Railroad Depot—Cabell County
Barboursville—Cabell County
Cabell County—Cabell County
Old Stone House—Monongalia County
Pineville—Wyoming County

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

Hanger’s Limb—Barbour County*
Belle Boyd—Berkeley County*
Charles Faulkner—Berkeley County*
Burning of Boone Courthouse—Boone County*
Robert Hagar—Boone County*
Burning of Sutton—Braxton County*
Campbell Tarr—Brooke County*
John Hunt Oley—Cabell County*
John S. Witcher—Cabell County*
Moccasin Rangers—Calhoun County*
Chapman J. Stuart—Doddridge County*
Fort Mulligan—Grant County*
Samuel Price—Greenbrier County*
South Branch Valley—Hardy County
45th USCT—Harrison County*
Clarksburg Convention—Harrison County*
John S. Carlile—Hancock County*
James J. Andrews—Hancock County*
Daniel Frost—Jackson County*
Battle of Boteler’s Ford—Jefferson County*
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: Boone, Clay, Fayette, Lincoln, Logan, McDowell, Mineral, Pendleton, and Wood.

In the thirteenth round of grants, 49 offices in 42 counties were awarded grants totaling $384,027 for projects scheduled to begin on July 1, 2016, the most counties awarded Records Management and Preservation Board (RMPB) grants in a single year since the grant program began a little more than a decade ago. As with the previous year’s round of grants, the thirteenth round did not require reformatting projects to produce preservation microfilm; however, reformatting to improve access and preservation of records through microfilming of permanent...
records that exist only in digital format was added as an eligible project.

While grants awarded in the 2015-2016 year averaged slightly more than $12,000, those awarded for the 2016-2017 year, with a larger number of counties receiving grants, averaged a little over $9,100. Only two grants, those for Kanawha and Wayne, were in excess of $15,000. Kanawha County was awarded $19,091 to purchase roller shelving for oversize deed and land books in the county clerk’s office and to scan and index civil case files in the circuit clerk’s office. Wayne County was awarded $17,109 to index deed books that had been digitized by the RMPB Statewide Preservation Project, to encapsulate the assessor’s copies of land books, and to purchase a map cabinet in the county clerk’s office. More than two-thirds of the grants were for $10,000 or less, with the smallest grant ($2,727) awarded to Marshall County to review records and implement the retention schedule and to scan and index case files in the prosecuting attorney’s office. Slightly more than one-half of the recipient counties were represented at a grant ceremony held at the capitol on March 9, 2016.
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.

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 seventh year in 2015-2016. Regional competitions were held in February 2016, with a play-in competition in March. There were 123 teams representing 73 schools in 36 counties. 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 April 26. In the championship round of the double-elimination tournament, South Middle School (Monongalia) defeated Cameron High School (Marshall). South Middle School Team 2 placed third, while Fairview Middle School (Marion) placed fourth. The library served as one of the competition venues for the statewide tournament.

Archives and History staff continued to provide support to other sections within the Division of Culture and History. The darkroom photographer provided 31 digital images for Goldenseal magazine, published through the Communications unit, 43 for Historic Preservation, and 217 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 21 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 from the Jennings Randolph Collection went on display. That was followed by one on state parks, resorts, and forests (November 2015-February 2016). From February to June, an exhibit on the Norman family was on display.
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.

**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.

The twentieth annual History Day at the Legislature was held on January 29, 2016. Groups around the state nominated 50 History Heroes and nearly 70 groups registered for display space at the capitol. Of those, 44 History Heroes accepted their awards in person and 56 groups had displays in the capitol. The division’s Technical Services staff provided invaluable help to displayers and to Archives and History staff.

The seventeenth annual Hoot Owl was held in the Archives and History Library on April 1-2, 2016. The all-night event, co-sponsored by Archives and History and the Mining Your History Foundation, was attended by 50 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 Staff (2015-2016)

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Debra Basham    assistant director/records archivist

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Constance Baston    project specialist
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designee Matt Arrowood (deputy director, Division of Court Services)
Gale Given (director, Office of Technology), Charleston
designee Justin McAllister (chief financial officer, Office of Technology)
2015-2016 Accessions

State Government Records

Adjutant General. Listing of all adjutant generals, histories of units of National Guard, 1925-ca. 2000. 6 folders. Unknown donor. Ar2061

Adjutant General. Listings of Civil War Medals, including during period being dispensed by Archives and History, n.d. 4 items. Transfer from library. Ar2062

Berkeley County. Trustee records, 1862-1935, 1959. 1 box. Berkeley County Clerk’s office, Martinsburg. Ar2058

Board of Architects. Minutes, agendas and other materials from board meetings, 2000, 2010-15. 1 folder. Board of Architects, Huntington. Ar1902acc

Board of Dental Examiners. Reports and financial reports to auditor, files on past members of Board of Dentistry, 1984-2002. 12 folders. Board of Dental Examiners, Beckley, and Board of Dentistry, Crab Orchard. Ar2039acc

Board of Dentistry. Records of licenses issued to dentists and dental hygienists, 1922-79; index of licensed dentists 1900-77. 3 volumes. WV Board of Dentistry, Crab Orchard. Ar2039acc

Bridge Records, 1980s-2000s. 4 folders. Division of Highways, District 3, Parkersburg. Ar1895acc

Calhoun County. Circuit Court files including chancery, law and Supreme Court cases, 1848-1968. 59 boxes. Calhoun County Circuit Clerk, Grantsville. Ar2054

Capitol Complex. Impact Studies Accommodating Science and Cultural Center and its Environs, articles on history of Capitol, ca. 1921, ca. 1932, mid 1970s. 4 items. Sara Johe Busse, Charleston. Ar1812acc

Court of Claims. Case files, 1971-97. 32 boxes and oversized. Court of Claims. Ar2065

Forestry. Plans, correspondence and other reports regarding forestry plans and fire prevention, 1915-70. 2 boxes. Charles R. “Randy” Dye, Division of Forestry. Ar2064

Gilmer County. Journal of the Board of Supervisors 1864-68; Ordinances of the Board of Supervisors for Deeds 1865-69. 2 volumes. Gilmer County Clerk, Glenville. Ar2053


Governor’s Commission on Fair Taxation. Memos, research materials and other documents of commission, 1996-99. 1 box. Dr. Cal Kent. Ar2057

Hancock County Circuit Clerk. Civil case files, many dealing with Waterford Park or Weirton Steel, 1965, 1967. 1 box (7 files). Hancock County Circuit Clerk, New Cumberland. Ar2052acc

Hancock County Circuit Clerk. Criminal files against Harold Chambers, Harold Metz and Bozo Dragisch for dynamiting fish; civil file Bessemer & Lake Erie RR Co. vs. Weirton Steel; 1933, 1995. 3 files. Hancock County Circuit Clerk, New Cumberland. Ar2052acc
House Resolutions 19 and 20. Resolutions remembering the late Governor Arch A. Moore Jr. and First Lady Shelley Riley Moore, 2015 March 13. 2 items. House Clerk’s Office. Ar2063

Mineral County Circuit Clerk. Case files, appointments and other records, 1877-1939. 2 boxes. Mineral County Circuit Clerk, Keyser. Ar2028acc

Natural Resources. Program and ticket for inaugural service Cass Scenic Railroad to Bald Knob, 1968 May 25. 2 items. Unknown donor. Ar2060

Naturalization records. Monongalia County petitions, declarations and other records, 1896-1955. 40 volumes and 1 box. Monongalia Circuit Clerk’s office, Morgantown. Ar1878acc

Naturalization records. Nicholas County petitions, declarations of intent, certificates of naturalization and other records, 1908-52. 8 volumes and 1 box. Nicholas County Circuit Clerk, Summersville. Ar1878acc

Naturalization records. Ohio County, 1866-1907. 14 volumes. Ohio County Circuit Clerk, Wheeling. Ar1878acc

Senate. Financial journals for extraordinary sessions 1936, payroll 1944, contingent fund 1953-54 and interim committee to conduct study on alcoholism 1953-54. 1936-54. 4 volumes. Jake Nichols, Senate Parliamentarian’s Office. Ar2059


Manuscripts


Account book. Tax bills collected by John W. Sentz, Malden District, Kanawha County, 1877-78. 1 volume. Roger Metz, Leawood, KS. Ms2016-028

Account books. Ledgers belonging to Charles Waggener of Point Pleasant, 1829-45. 2 volumes. Annette Thompson, Naples, FL. Ms2015-063


Blue, Ken Collection. Correspondence, reference materials and planning documents for WV Black History Conference, copies of papers delivered at conferences, 1979-95. 1 box. Ken Blue, Huntington. Ms2015-066

Bradford, Thomas Armstead Collection. Correspondence before, during and after Civil War of Captain of Company H, 31st Virginia Infantry, later in legislature and later family documents, 1952-60. 1 box. Robert Kindergan, Ormand Beach, FL. Ms2015-055

Bryan, George Collection. Corresondence and other materials of mining inspector, 1941-54. 4 folders. Rowena Parrar, Williamsburg, VA. Ms2016-052

Byrd, Senator Robert C. Correspondence and other materials regarding Dr. Perry F. Harris Award presented to Byrd as master fiddler, 2007-2008. 1 folder. Robert Taylor, St. Albans. Ms2016-053

Carpenter, Bert E. Collection. Correspondence, forms, articles and other materials of WWII service in Navy, 1944-55. 3 folders. Beverly Carpenter, St. Albans. Ms2016-006

Charleston Community Music Collection. Correspondence, programs and other materials regarding local music association, 1940s-2015. 4 boxes and 11 volumes. Carol Gene Lustig, Charleston. Ms2015-060


Civil War. Service record for Private Robert A. Clark, Company D, 10th WV Infantry, 1896 December 15. 1 item. Larry Hellikson, Manteca, CA. Ms79-18.2:9


Daoust, Marcia Peterson Collection. Correspondence and other materials related to various Huntington programs for the homeless and other services, 1970-98. 1 box. Marcia Peterson Daoust, Huntington. Ms2016-035


Frankel Foundation Collection. Minutes, correspondence and conference materials, 1989-94. 2 boxes. Tom Blair, Charleston. Ms2015-062


Higginbotham-Sheridan Collection. Deeds, mostly Putnam Development Corporation to members of Higginbotham family, 1920-29. 7 items. Bill Sheridan, Cross Lanes. Ms2016-051

Hudnall, Rebecca Collection. Charleston area materials including Kennedy campaign, Catholic churches, Womens’ clubs, politics and other assorted materials, 1942-98. 1 box. Rebecca Hudnall, San Francisco, CA. Ms2016-032

Land grant. Grant to Charles Woodley King, Kanawha County, 15 acres, 1816 March 8. 1 item. Tim Bailes, Fresno, CA. Ms80-284acc

Land grant. Grant to Henry O. Middleton, Lewis County, 1,000 acres, 1842 December 30. 1 item. Transferred from Ms2015-055. Ms80-284acc

Land grant. Grant to John Hunter, Greenbrier County, 150 acres, 1790 June 3. 1 item. Kanawha County Circuit Clerk and Kanawha County Clerk, Charleston. Ms80-284acc


Literary manuscript. “Charles Ellet Jr. and the Wheeling Suspension Bridge” by E. L. Kemp, n.d. 1 item. Transfer from old Culture and History files. Ms2016-049


Literary manuscript. “Major James W. Sweeney, 36th Virginia Cavalry Battalion (CSA)” by Paul Burig, 2001 April. 1 item. Transfer from library. Ms2016-057

Literary manuscript. “The West Virginia Review” by Eleanor Bird Cook, 1931. 1 item. Transfer from library. Ms2016-055


National Lead Company Collection. Rules, contracts, and other publications, 1937-96. 35 items. Susan Kimble, Charleston. Ms2016-007


Patterson, Robert family. Wedding announcement, genealogy chart and copies of clippings found in A Record of the Families of Robert Patterson [Patterson Family Record], ca. 1900-1910. 1 folder. Transfer from library. Ms2016-056

Pierpoint/Pierpont Family. Correspondence and other materials regarding family, research for book and family reunions, late 1700s-1989. 6 boxes. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pierpoint, Woodbridge, VA. Ms2015-065

Accessions
Poffenbarger, Livia Simpson Collection. Correspondence, articles, research materials on Battle of Point Pleasant, Poffenbarger family, 1774-1951. 3 boxes. S. C. Poffenbarger, Durham, NC. Ms2016-025


Sharp, Arco and Hazel Collection. Civil War pension records, receipts, tax tickets and other documents of Noah W. Dawson, L. A. Jones, R. C. Dawson and James A. Blackshire, Kanawha County, 1864-83. 8 folders. Timothy Blake Parsons, Charleston. Ms2016-005

Silverstein, Phil Collection. Recollections of member of 5th Division and activities in WWII including Battle of the Bulge, 1943-2005. 1 box. Jane Silverstein, Charleston. Ms2015-067


Trimble, George C. Collection. Correspondence, cards and other materials of Major, 11th WV Infantry and postwar military, 1861-ca. 2000. 1 box. Linda Cunningham Fluharty, Baton Rouge, LA. Ms2016-017

Turner, Carson W. Collection. Correspondence, documents and other materials regarding World War II service and time as prisoner of war in Germany, 1940s-2011. 1 box. Mr. and Mrs. Trey Bartlett, South Charleston. Ms2016-013


Vil(l)ain, Folio and related families. Correspondence, naturalization, school, birth, death marriage and other materials of Belgian immigrants, 1900-89. 1 box. Linda Osborne, South Charleston. Ms2016-030


Waugh, Lee Edward and Nancy Collection. Correspondence and records of Mingo and Fayette man who was killed in WWII, 1942-44. 1 box. Charlotte Spangler Chessman, Muskegon, MI. Ms2016-014

West Virginia Transportation Company Collection. Incorporation information, stock certificates and correspondence about company, 1926-97. 10 items. Robert C. Buchanan, Palm City, FL. Ms2016-004


Works Progress Administration. Calendar of the Arthur I. Boreman Letters in the State Department of Archives and History, 1939 January. 1 volume. Transfer from library. Ms2016-021

Works Progress Administration. Calendar of the William E. Stevenson Letters in the State Department of Archives and History, 1939 March. 1 volume. Manchester Public Library, Manchester, NH. Ms2016-022
Accessions


Works Projects Administration. Calendar of the Francis Harrison Pierpont Letters and Papers in West Virginia Depositories, 1940 October. 1 volume. Transfer from library. Ms2016-020

Works Projects Administration. Calendar of the J. J. Jacobs Letters in West Virginia Depositories, 1940 July. 1 volume. Transfer from library. Ms2016-019

World War II. Special Orders #335 assigning army medical administrative staff to duty stations at Camp Barkeley, TX, 1942 December 16. 1 item. Chuck Wiatrowski for Ltc. (Ret) Hillard Felix Wiatrowski, San Antonio, TX. Ms2016-010

World War II letters of Ira Haught. Letters from Haught to wife Lorene Fish Haught of Sistersville, 1943-45. 2 boxes (246 items). James A. Haught, Charleston. Ms2016-003

Photographs


Beta Psi reunion. B&W of Beta Psi alumni gathered on steps of Governor’s Mansion with Governor Arch Moore and letter sending print to Roy S. Samms Jr., 1974 August. 2 items. Unknown donor. Ph2016-062


Bryan, George Collection. B&W prints of mine inspectors, ca. 1940s-50s. 2 items. Rowena Farrar, Williamsburg, VA. Ph2016-052

Bureau of Employment Programs/WorkForce West Virginia. B&W and color prints, negatives and scans of staff, officials, and events, ca. 1970s-2005. 4 boxes (1,792 prints, 1,103 negatives and 41 scans on 2 CDs). WorkForce West Virginia, Charleston. Ph2015-057

Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston. B&W of Baraca Sunday School class, 1940. 1 item. Clara M. Hill, Albequerque, NM. Ph2016-065

Civilian Conservation Corps. Camp Randolph album, late 1930s. 103 items. Gary Blackshire, Alpharetta, GA. Ph2016-039

Commerce/Natural Resources. Prints, negatives, slides, transparencies and digital files of scenic, tourism and commerce scenes and events, 1980s-2002. 20 boxes (66,589 items and 598 CDs). Ron Snow, Commerce. Ph2016-001


Elden, Henry Family Collection. Prints of projects of Charleston architect, family photos, and Top O’Rock,

Elden, Henry Family Collection. Slides of projects designed by Elden such as Top O’Rock; other structures around West Virginia and neighboring states, ca. 1954-83. 1 box (568 slides and 228 stereo slides). Henry Elden estate c/o executor Barbara Elden Scavullo, San Francisco, CA. Ph2015-056acc

Hatfield, Patterson. Copy print of Patterson Hatfield and family, ca. 1900. 1 item. Steve and Donna Hensley, Ona. Ph2016-061


Love/Gocke families. B&W and color of Mary Frances Elizabeth Love Gocke and siblings, Joseph Bernard Gocke, Pat Gocke White, 1904-80s. 5 items. Mark Newpher, Savage, MD. Ph2016-009


National Lead Company Collection. B&W prints of South Charleston plant, ca. 1950s. 4 items. Susan Kimble, Charleston. Ph2016-007


Parks, Charles Collection. B&W and color prints of state park employee including North Bend, Audra and Hawks Nest, late 1960s-80s. 1 box (102 B&W, 166 color). Shiela Martin, Beckley. Ph2016-012


Peterstown area. B&W of area families including Ballard, Campbell and Taylor, n.d. 12 items. Todd Simmons, Boone, NC. Ph2016-037

Accessions
Petroglyphs, archaeological finds. B&W of sites at Salt Rock, artifacts possibly from Buffalo, n.d. 5 items. Unknown donor. Ph2016-041

Pierpoint/Pierpont Family. B&W and color prints, negatives and slides of family members, reunions, ca. 1963-86. 229 prints, 88 negatives, 21 slides. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pierpoint, Woodbridge, VA. Ph2015-065


Postcard. Highland Cottage, Terra Alta, 1902. 1 item. Barbara Cox, Fort Worth, TX. Ph2016-067


Postcards. Color postcards of capitol, Hawks Nest, Beckley, Laurel Mountain and other scenes, ca. 1960s. 8 items. Sharon A. Allen, Monson, MA. Ph2016-070

Postcards. Elkins, ca. 1910-20s. 3 items. Shirley Lang, Wilmington, NC. Ph2016-069

Postcards. Various West Virginia scenes, 1944-80s. 12 items. Bonnie Reno for Frank and Kathleen Griffin, Corunna, MI. Ph2016-068


Quality Glass. Color snapshot of remains of Morgantown factory, ca. 2006. 1 item. Robert McCormick, Merritt Island, FL. Ph2016-044


Senate. Composite of members (mislabelled as first Senate), 1866-67. 1 item. David Burley, Sunnyvale, CA. Ph2016-040

Shanholzer Collection. Postcards, photos and sketches including Capitol fire, Chessie cats, 1921-60s. 11 postcards, 6 B&W prints, 2 color sketches, 7 oversized sketches. Karl Shanholzer, Huntington. Ph2016-015

Smith, Toni Y. Collection. B&W and color prints of Cabin Creek area families, most unidentified, 1910-90s. 1 box (406 color, 97 B&W, 3 B&W negatives, 2 postcards). Toni Y. Smith, Hurst, TX. Ph2016-011


Sweeney, Major James W. Copy print of Confederate cavalry officer, ca. 1861-65. 1 item. Transfer from library. Ph2016-057

Vil(l)ain, Folio and related families. B&W and postcards of Belgian immigrants, most unidentified, ca. 1900-50. 1 box (442 items). Linda Osborne, South Charleston. Ph2016-030

Accessions

Waugh, Lee Edward and Nancy Collection. B&W prints and negatives of WV Institute of Technology student and army officer who was killed in WWII, 1930s-44. 25 prints and 87 negatives. Charlotte Spangler Chessman, Muskegon, MI. Ph2016-014


Special Collections


Cunningham, Steve Collection. Programs and other materials relating to sports teams in Charleston including Charleston Gunners and West Virginia Rockets. Sc2016-059


Meeks Collection. Sports programs, including state basketball tournaments, North-South football, Final Six football, collegiate basketball and football, track, and other miscellaneous publications, 1919-2013. 6 boxes. Guy Meeks, Sarasota, FL. Sc2016-016


Smith, Toni Y. Collection. Funeral programs, obituaries and clippings of Cabin Creek area families; Improved Holy Prayers compiled by Sister Ruth M. Hill; 1910-90s. 2 boxes. Toni Y. Smith, Hurst, TX. Sc2016-011

Westfall, Ernest Dale Collection. Political cards and ads, Black Walnut Festival programs, oil and gas lease records and other materials of 20-year Roane County assessor and family, 1938-2013. 2 boxes. Kathryn Westfall, Edgewater, FL. Sc2016-036


Yearbooks. Lincoln Junior High *Searchlight*, January 1937, January and May 1938. 3 volumes. Stan Bumgardner, Charleston. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Morgantown Junior High *Dragon* 1968-70; Morgantown High *Mohigan* 1971-73; Morgantown High Class of 1973 reunion booklets for 10 and 20 years; 1968-93. 8 items. Diane Ashburn, Tempe, AZ. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Moundsville High *Orospolitan* 1928-64. 16 volumes. Susan Chincheck, McMechen. Sc2005-003acc

Yearbooks. Sophia High School *The Hawks’* and *The Hawks’ Nest*, ephemeral materials, 1946-47. 2 volumes and 1 folder. Chris Barbuschak, City of Fairfax Regional Library, Fairfax, VA. Sc2005-003acc