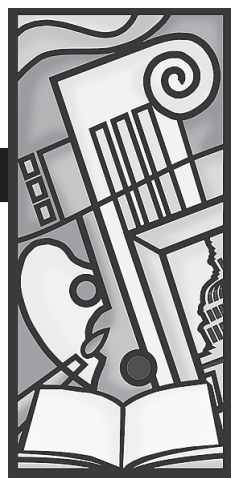


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## From the Editor:

*In the February 2004 issue, we featured the World War I draft registration cards on microfilm we had received via the West Virginia Veterans Memorial Archives. (If you missed that issue or would like a second look, go to <http://www.wvculture.org/history/0204news.pdf>.) Just for fun, you may enjoy a peek at the World War I draft registration cards of some men who were famous at the time, or who would become famous later in life, at <http://www.rootdig.com/wwi/>. Images of the actual cards of Irving Berlin, Norman Rockwell, Joseph P. Kennedy, the Marx Brothers, Gabby Hayes, Tom Mix, Ira Gershwin, Sherwood Anderson and Babe Ruth are among the two dozen included.*

## Genealogy Surname Exchange

The West Virginia State Archives offers the Genealogy Surname Exchange as a service to researchers in the Archives and History Library and through our Web site (<http://www.wvculture.org/history/surintro.html>), giving persons researching the same surname a chance to share and expand their family history information. This list of approximately 4,000 surnames with its corresponding list of researchers was originally compiled from West Virginia State Archives' Genealogy Surname Exchange cards first submitted in 1987, together with the results of a surname exchange conducted at the second Mining Your History Foundation conference held at The Cultural Center. The current list has grown continuously since October 1995 with exchange requests submitted on paper forms or by e-mail from the Web site. Surnames are listed alphabetically with numbers corresponding to names and addresses in the researcher lists. Over 2,550 individuals representing almost every state and several foreign countries have registered as

researchers of one to five surnames each.

The Genealogy Surname Exchange is probably the most frequently used portion of our Web site. The on-line posting is the most up-to-date list; however, a paper copy of the Exchange list is kept in a

notebook in the Archives and History Library for browsing. If you do not have personal access to a computer for viewing the list or submitting yourself as a researcher, we suggest you visit your local public library, since the majority of public libraries

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## Jenkins Plantation Museum Homestead Gathering, October 2, 2004

Postponed from September 18 due to weather conditions, the Jenkins Plantation Museum, located in the Green Bottom Wildlife Management Area of Cabell County, will celebrate its 169<sup>th</sup> year at the annual Homestead Gathering on Saturday, October 2, from noon to 4:00 p.m. The afternoon's activities are free and open to the public. Visitors will be treated to barbecue sandwiches, chips, lemonade, iced tea and soft drinks. They also can enjoy traditional period music and settle back for a hay ride around the plantation. In addition, they are invited to tour the historic Jenkins home.

The Jenkins Plantation Museum is located on West Virginia Route 2

between Huntington and Point Pleasant. A facility of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, the museum features the former home of Confederate Brigadier General Albert Gallatin Jenkins. The 1835 house, built in the tradition of Tidewater, Virginia, is noteworthy for its architecture and was built by slaves between 1830 and 1835. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and on the Civil War Discovery Trail. The museum's regular hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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offer Internet access as a service to their patrons.

When submitting your request to be identified as a researcher in the Genealogy Surname Exchange, you may list one to five surnames. If you list more than the maximum of five names, only the first five names on your list will be used. Paper registration forms are available in the Archives and History Library, and an on-line form is accessible for either printing and mailing or for e-mail submission at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/surnform2.html>. You must include your name and your mailing address to register. If you like, you may include your telephone number and/or an e-mail address. E-mail addresses will be linked to an on-line e-mail form for the convenience of users. To keep the Genealogy Surname Exchange as accurate as possible, listed researchers are asked kindly to notify us of any changes of address, phone number or e-mail address. If you are a user of the Exchange and have tried to contact a researcher only to have mail or e-mail returned as undeliverable, or have discovered an incorrect phone number, please notify us as well.

### **The Archives Needs Volunteers**

Whether you have a few hours a week, one day a month, or just one vacation day per year that you would like to spend with us in the West Virginia State Archives, give us a call. We have all kinds of projects just waiting for **YOU!**

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For more information about the Homestead Gathering at the Jenkins Plantation Museum, contact Ruby Hayes at (304) 762-1059. For directions and for photos of past events, visit <http://www.wvculture.org/sites/jenkins.html>. You may also want to read "The Civil War Record of Albert Gallatin Jenkins, C. S. A.," by Flora Smith Johnson, from *West Virginia History*, Volume 8, Number 4, July 1947, posted on our Web site, [http://www.wvculture.org/history/journal\\_wvh/vvh8-1.html](http://www.wvculture.org/history/journal_wvh/vvh8-1.html).

## **Corrections**

In changing the format of the newsletter, we forgot to change the issue number of the July 2004 issue, and subsequently had the incorrect issue number for the August 2004 edition as well. The July 2004 issue was Volume V, No. 5. The August 2004 issue was Volume V, No. 6. We apologize to those of you who catalog or otherwise record your *West Virginia Archives and History News* issues using publication information rather than date.

## **New Titles**

- "Mom, What's a Matzo?":** James Miracle, 1992.
- My Loop Creek Country Friends:** John Kincaid, 1994.
- Five Generations in Washington County, Ohio: Volume 2:** Washington County Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society, 1990.
- National Coal Heritage Area Strategic Management Action Plan: Draft:** Parson Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, [2000].
- National Coal Heritage Area Strategic Management Action Plan:** Parson Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, [2002?].
- The Jarvis Families of Central W. Va. and Their Relationship to Anna Jarvis, Founder of Mothers Day:** Kellis and Virginia Gillespie, 2004.
- Some Descendants of Arthur Warren with Special Emphasis on the William and Hanna Dickinson Warren Family of Shirley, Massachusetts:** Joseph B. Warren, 1992.
- The George Fisher Family:** John Gray, 2004.
- Fisher-Conrad Family:** Lillian Dodd, 2004.
- The Jacob Baughman Family of Union Co., OH:** John Gray, 2004.
- A History and Genealogy of the Schleich/Slyh Family: [2<sup>nd</sup> revision]:** John Gray, 2002.
- Kith and Kin of Boone County, West Virginia, Volume 29:** Boone County Genealogical Society, 2004.
- Ted's Poetic Expressions:** Earl Ted Wall, 1998.
- The Upper Kanawha Valley: "The Magic Valley": A Valley of Industrial Promise:** brochure with no author, [1955?].
- Covered Bridges in West Virginia:** Stephen J. Shaluta, Jr., 2004.
- The State Parks of West Virginia:** Stephen J. Shaluta, Jr., 2004.
- Backward Glance: The World War II Years:** Debbie Schwarz Simpson, 1995.
- Maryat Lee's Eco Theater: A Theater for the Twenty-First Century:** William W. French, 1998.
- Lutherans on the Mountaintop: In West Virginia and Western Maryland:** B. B. Maurer and Mary Miller Strauss, 1992.
- West Virginia's Lower Tygart Valley River: People and Places:**Carolynn Fortney Hamilton, 2004.
- The Study of Place Names:** Ronald L. Baker, 1991.

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**Backward Glance: White Sulphur and Its People:** Debbie Schwarz Simpson, 1992.

**The Baughmans of Baughman Settlement, Hardy County, West Virginia:** Davis L. Baughman, 1996.

**An Archaeological Survey of Frontier Forts in the Greenbrier and Middle New River Valleys of West Virginia:** W. Stephen McBride, 1991.

**Kesler Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1886-1991:** edited by Jim McGee, 1991.

**Barboursville:** Frances B. Gunter, 1986.

## Donations

In addition to the new titles listed in this issue, the Archives and History Library received four volumes of Parker family history from **Lola Jeanne Edwards Lindsey**. The genealogy was compiled by Ms. Lindsey, Frances Parker Smith Frederick, and Donna Ellen Smith Davis. Ms. Lindsey considers these titles to comprise a series, "*Parker Family [of NJ, PA, OH, VA, WV] Genealogy and History*." The individual titles, all published in 2003, are:

- *Descendants of Hiram Parker and Nancy Anne Heaton*, Volumes 1 and 2.
- *Descendants of Thomas Parker and Anne Bracy*, Volume 3.
- *Descendants of Adonijah Parker and Catherine Spencer*, Volume 4.

Ms. Lindsey made her donation in honor of her daughter, Loretta Jeanne Lindsey, as is indicated by the gift plate we placed in each book. Although we gladly accept donations of all family histories, we are especially pleased when we receive research relating to West Virginia families. Many of the Parkers included in these books are from Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Jackson, Ritchie, Wirt and Wood Counties, as well as border area counties of Athens and Meigs in Ohio.

**The Reverend Mr. John Gray** donated several notebooks of information about the Fisher, Conrad

and Baughman families, as well as an update of his previous work on the Schleich/Sly family, all listed in this month's new titles. These families also have West Virginia and Ohio roots. Ms. Lillian Dodd receives credit for much of the compilations regarding the Fisher family. We will have Mr. Gray's pages of research bound in a standard library binding so his books will be here for generations of library patrons to use.

We are delighted to accept the donation of the newest edition of *Boone County Kith and Kin*, Volume 29, 2004, from the **Boone County Genealogical Society**. Those of you who have been asking for it will have to pay us another visit now. We appreciate the many genealogical and historical societies who regularly donate their publications to the West Virginia Archives and History Library. In addition to preserving their work for the future, we hope that the Library assists these organizations by making their books available to potential new members and/or purchasers from across the country who otherwise may not learn of them.

On a recent visit to the Archives and History Library, **Linda Camp** donated thirty colorful pencils stamped with the name and address of **West Augusta Historical and Genealogical Society**. Similar donations from other societies are greatly appreciated.

## Funeral Home Records

*by Cathy Miller*

Funeral home records provide a wealth of information often overlooked in traditional family history research sources. This valuable data includes the decedent's occupation, place of residence, cause of death, parents' names, list of survivors, where an obituary was published, and even who paid for the funeral. Usually the same person has provided information for both the death certificate and the funeral home record.

A local telephone directory will provide the names and locations of funeral homes in an area. Many funeral homes are often more than willing to share information with family members, although privacy issues may be involved in some cases.

## Requesting NARA Military Service and Pension Records

You can request copies of Revolutionary War to pre-World War I military service and pension records from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For military service records, use NATF Form 86. You can request the form by mail from NARA, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20408, or online at [http://www.archives.gov/research\\_room/obtain\\_copies/reproductions\\_overview.html](http://www.archives.gov/research_room/obtain_copies/reproductions_overview.html). In either case, the form will be mailed to you.

You can request pension records by writing to the address above for NATF Form 85 to be mailed to you, or you can order online at <https://eservices.archives.gov/orderonline/start.swe?SWECmd=Start>.

## Michael Dreese to Present Civil War Lecture West Virginia Independence Hall, October 1, 2004

Noted Civil War author and photographer Michael Dreese will present a talk "Advance the Colors: Union and Confederate Battle Flags and Color-Bearers at Gettysburg" at West Virginia Independence Hall Museum in Wheeling on Friday, October 1, at 7:00 p.m. The lecture is free and open to the public. A book-signing session will follow the talk. Dreese will explain to visitors the powerful mystique that flags hold and how they frequently caused ordinary men to perform almost superhuman deeds of valor. Even though death or serious injury was usually the fate for flag bearers, men often vied for the honor of carrying them. He also will discuss how battle flags played both tactical and psychological roles in the war's most pivotal battle at Gettysburg.

A 1984 graduate of Pennsylvania College of Technology's forerunner, Williamsport Area Community College, Dreese has combined his thirst for history and zeal for writing to publish five books since 1997, with more on the way. His most recent books, *Never Desert the Flag* and *This Flag Never Goes Down!*, focus on the Union and Confederate battle flags and color-bearers at Gettysburg. His passionate interest in the Civil War has led him to serve on the advisory committee of the Seminary Ridge Historic Preservation Foundation at Gettysburg. For more information about the Oct. 1 lecture, call Gerry Reilly, site manager at West Virginia Independence Hall, at (304) 238-1300.

On a related note, the West Virginia Division of Culture and History is partnering with the West Virginia Independence Hall Foundation Inc. to conserve and display 12 of the state's rare, original Civil War battle flags. When the project is completed, the Civil War

battle flags exhibition will be at West Virginia Independence Hall, allowing the public to view the newly conserved flags for the first time. To read more about the battle flags and the restoration project, and to view images of four of the battle flags accompanied by their histories, visit <http://www.wvculture.org/museum/battleflags.html>.

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*Do you have West Virginia...*

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- Photographs ● Documents ● Books
- Letters ● Postcards for the West Virginia State Archives?

Contact Fredrick Armstrong at 304.558.0230, ext. 164, or [fharmstrong@wvculture.org](mailto:fharmstrong@wvculture.org)

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- Artifacts for the West Virginia State Museum Collection?

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## Calendar of Events

Please check our web site (<http://www.wvculture.org/history>)  
for genealogical and historical society meeting announcements,  
and for more complete information on activities listed below.

### **WEST VIRGINIA STATE MUSEUM CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS**

The Cultural Center, Charleston.  
Reopening date will be announced at a later time.

**“ADVANCE THE COLORS: UNION AND CONFEDERATE BATTLE FLAGS AND  
COLOR-BEARERS AT GETTYSBURG,”** October 1: Michael Dreese, speaker,  
Civil War Lecture Series sponsored by West Virginia Independence Hall Museum, Wheeling.

**ARCHIVES AND HISTORY COMMISSION MEETING,** October 8, Cass.

**OLD HOUSES & OPEN SPACES: PRESERVATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY,**  
October 9, symposium sponsored by the Jefferson County Historical Society,  
Wright Denny School, Charles Town.

**COLUMBUS DAY,** October 11: Archives Library will be open.\*

**“THE UNION CAVALRY COMES OF AGE,”** October 19: Eric J. Wittenberg, speaker,  
Kanawha Civil War Roundtable lecture, The Cultural Center, Charleston.

**DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INSTITUTE,** October 19-20: Logan

**“OVERVIEW OF THE MARMET LOCKS REPLACEMENT PROJECT,”**  
October 20: Mike Anslinger, speaker, Archaeology Lecture Series sponsored by the  
State Historic Preservation Office, The Cultural Center, Charleston.

**McCREIGHT LECTURE,** October 28: Charles Ogletree, speaker,  
West Virginia Humanities Council Annual Betsy McCreight Lecture, Institute.

**ELECTION DAY,** November 2: Archives Library will be open.\*

**NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE LECTURE,** November 6:  
Dr. Richard L. Allen, speaker, The Cultural Center, Charleston.

**VETERANS DAY,** November 11: Archives Library will be open.\*

**MINING YOUR HISTORY FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING AND WORKSHOP,**  
November 13, The Cultural Center, Charleston.

**THANKSGIVING DAY,** November 25: Archives Library will be closed.

**FRIDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING,** November 26: Archives Library will be open\*

**SATURDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING,** November 27: Archives Library will be open\*

*\*Only the Archives Library will be staffed--all other Archives offices will be closed.*  
The West Virginia Library Commission Library in the Cultural Center  
is closed weekends and all holidays.

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Let us know what you find helpful in the newsletter, and what new topics you would like covered.

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