



From the Editor:

Our refurbishment continues with new chairs for the microfilm readers and public computers. With fully adjustable seats, backs and arms, patrons of all shapes and sizes can make themselves comfortable for hours of research—as long as no one is on the waiting list for the machine! Two new attractive display cases are in use in the Archives and History Library, currently displaying John Brown books and memorabilia. Reminder: the lockers outside our Library door are now available for public use. Simply place your items inside, lock the locker door, and remove the key with its spiral cord bracelet. The key bracelet can be worn on your wrist if you like, or placed in a pocket.

His Soul Goes Marching On: The Life and Legacy of John Brown

The West Virginia Archives and History proudly announces a new on-line exhibit, *His Soul Goes Marching On: The Life and Legacy of John Brown*, created to acknowledge the sesquicentennial of John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry on October 16, 1859. The exhibit will be posted on the Archives and History section of the Division of Culture and History Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/jbexhibit/jbintroduction.html> on Tuesday, October 6. Mary Johnson, Historian in Archives and History, will conduct an Archives and History Library after hours workshop focusing on the new exhibit that evening.

His Soul Goes Marching On draws primarily from materials in the Boyd B. Stutler collection in the West Virginia State Archives. Stutler was a West Virginia journalist and historian who organized one of the best collections of Brown memorabilia in existence. The exhibit tells the story of John Brown from his childhood through his death in 1859.

It also includes sections detailing the aftermath of his raid leading to the Civil War, and Brown's continuing legacy. The exhibit has more than 300 images and several dozen documents, including photographs of Brown and the men who accompanied him to Harpers Ferry, as well as contemporary illustrations of the raid, trial and execution. One interesting item is a letter Brown wrote to his wife in which he writes about the raid, his conviction of treason and murder, and sentence to hang. Visitors to the Web site also can see the proclamation issued by Virginia authorities warning strangers

against coming to Jefferson County, and telling citizens to stay at home during Brown's execution. For more information about the Brown on-line exhibit, contact Mary Johnson, (304) 558-0230, or mary.johnson@wvculture.org.

With an emphasis on the use of primary sources in the classroom, the on-line exhibit is a great educational tool. Lesson plans are included to help teachers present Brown and his actions to their students. For more information about the lesson plans, contact Bryan Ward, Assistant Director of Archives and History, at

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VRR Now on New Servers

The West Virginia Vital Research Records database is now on its new servers and running quickly and smoothly. With the exception of some Kanawha County marriages, all eligible county and state records are online and searchable. If you haven't tried VRR lately, go to [\[www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx\]\(http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx\) and give it a whirl. Searching Smiths? The 26,857 death records for everyone named Smith pop up in a matter of seconds. Anyone for a rousing round of the "Hallelujah" chorus?](http://</p></div><div data-bbox=)

(304) 558-0230, or bryan.ward@wvculture.org.

In addition to the on-line exhibit, visitors to The Culture Center in Charleston may view an exhibit of 40 images from the Archives and History collections on John Brown and the raid. The photographs are on display in the north wing off the Great Hall through the end of December. The Archives and History Library also has on display two cases with items relating to John Brown: a copy of the famous book-length poem, *John Brown's Body*, by Steven Vincent Benét; books in French, including one by Victor Hugo, demonstrating the worldwide interest in John Brown; and postcards, handbills, and pamphlets, as well as facsimile and original documents.

West Virginia Historical Society Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the West Virginia Historical Society will be held in the West Virginia Library Commission Library in The Culture Center, Charleston, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 10. Stan Bumgardner, who helped develop the new West Virginia State Museum, will talk about the process of incorporating archival objects and materials into interpretive themes. Local historical societies are encouraged to bring objects from their collection to "show and tell," and to share their success stories. The program will be held from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., followed by refreshments and a tour of the State Museum.

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is available on the
Archives and History Web site
<http://www.wvculture.org/history/ahnews/ahnews.html>

MYHF Annual Meeting and Program on November 14

The Mining Your History Foundation (MYHF) will hold its Annual Meeting with accompanying program on November 14 in the Green Room of The Culture Center in Charleston. The programs are free and the public is invited to sit in on the MYHF meeting. Speakers include Hal Cole on "How Do I Surf the Web for Family History?" and Patty Cooper as "Eleanor Roosevelt in the Great Depression Era," a History Alive! portrayal. The schedule is as follows:

9:00-9:30 Registration (Free)

9:30-10:45 Hal Cole, "How Do I Surf the Web for Family History?"

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:15 Patty Cooper, "Eleanor Roosevelt in the Great Depression Era"

12:15-1:00 Lunch (\$5.00 Donation)

1:00-2:00 Annual Meeting

2:00-3:00 Tour Archives or State Museum

Evening Workshops and Lecture Schedule

Date	Conducted by:	Subject
October 6 Tuesday	Mary Johnson	<i>"His Soul Goes Marching On": The Life and Legacy of John Brown</i>
November 3 Tuesday	Terry Lowry	<i>Bastard Battalion: A History of the 83rd Chemical Mortar Battalion in World War II</i>
December 1 Tuesday	Dr. Kenneth R. Bailey	<i>A Glimpse at Some Lesser-Known Prominent West Virginians</i>
January 5 Tuesday	Scott Johnson	<i>Genealogy and Law: An Introduction to Some Legal Issues in Genealogical Research</i>
February 2 Tuesday	Doug Wood	<i>Digging into West Virginia's 18th Century, Groundhog Style</i>

Registration for these free workshops is helpful but not required.

Call our office at (304) 558-0230, or e-mail bobby.taylor@wvculture.org.

Workshops are held 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the West Virginia Archives and History Library, The Culture Center, Charleston, West Virginia.

Kanawha Valley Civil War Roundtable 2009 Civil War Scholars Lecture

The Kanawha Valley Civil War Roundtable's 2009 Civil War Scholars Lecture Series program will be held Monday, October 26 at the West Virginia Culture Center. This year's program is "The Eleventh

Corps and Jackson's Flank Attack at Chancellorsville." It will be presented by Dr. Christian B. Keller and is based on his book, *Chancellorsville and the Germans:*

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Nativism, Ethnicity and Civil War Memory. The lecture will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the theater. A reception and book signing will follow in the Great Hall. The program is free and open to the public.

“Stonewall Jackson’s flank attack against the Union Eleventh Corps is his last great battle. For more than a century, we have been told that the German soldiers broke and ran in the face of Jackson’s troops. Dr. Keller’s research has led to a very different story about the German soldiers and the battle they had at Chancellorsville. I believe this lecture will change what you know about this battle,” said Beth A. White, president of the Roundtable and director of its lecture series. Utilizing many primary source documents, most of which are written in German, that have not been used by previous scholars, Keller has uncovered a very different history of what happened in the battle. He will discuss the actual history and how the myth of the fleeing German troops began almost as soon as the battle was over.

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Family History Scrapbooking Titles

Did you miss our scrapbooking workshops? While you are waiting for the next one, you can visit the Archives and History Library and peruse several books on using scrapbooks to record and supplement your family history.

What About the Words?: Memory Makers, 2006.

Scrapbooking Your Family History: Leisure Arts, 2007.

Scrapbooking Your Family History: Maureen Taylor, 2003.

Scrapbooking Your Family History: Laura Best, 2005.

New Titles

New River Work Plan: New River Community Partners, 1999.

Civilization and the Story of the Absentee Shawnee: Thomas Alford, 1979, c1936.

Echoes of Our Past: Bradwell-Claver Historical Society, 1986.

Serving Our Country: Kenneth Rineholt, [2009?].

The Identification of 1792 John Wright of Fauquier County, Virginia, as Not the Son of 1729/30 John Wright of Stafford County, Virginia: Robert N. Grant, 2009.

Brooke County (WV) Index, Volume 76-79 and Volume 80-82: Bobbie Elliott, 2009.

Ballad of Trenchmouth Taggart: M. Glenn Taylor, 2008.

The Making of Harper’s Ferry National Historic Park: Teresa Moyer, 2008.

Welsh Americans: Ronald Lewis, 2008.

Roland Sharp, Country Doctor: Roland Sharp, 2008.

Time to Go Home: Enrique Aguilar, 2004.

Race, War and Remembrance in the Appalachian South: John Inscoe, 2008.

Native American Education: Lorraine Hale, 2002.

2005 Yearbook of the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick [New York City]: The Society, 2009.

The Old Man of the Mountain: Eldridge McComb: LeAnna Sterste, 2008.

Half Dollar: Bil Lepp, 2008.

Cinderella Ball: Bob Kuska, 2008.

A River to Cross: Philip Sturm, 1999.

Witness at Hawks Nest: Dwight Harshbarger, 2009.

The Wheeling Family: Seán Duffy, 2008.

From the Everyday to the Extraordinary: Douglas Glover, 2008.

From Germany to Antietam: The Early History of the Pfaffenberger Family: Thomas Poffenberger, 3rd ed., 2009.

Green Township Gleanings and Cemetery Inscriptions: Monroe County, Ohio: Karen Romick, 2000.

Kentucky Soldiers and Their Regiments, V. II: Steven Wright, 2009.

West Virginia: A History: John A. Williams, 2nd Ed. with additional material, 2001.

West Virginians and the Captains of Industry: John A. Williams, 1st Ed. Revised, 2003.

Life in Dixie: Mary Gay, 5th ed., 1979, c1897.

They Fought Like Demons: DeAnne Blanton, 2002.

History of the Muddy Creek Reformed Congregation: William Hinke, 1987, c1932.

Guide to Episcopal Records in Virginia: Edith Axelson, 1988.

History of Marshall County: Scott Powell, 1998, c1925.

War of 1812 Bounty Lands in Illinois: Lowell Volkel, 1977, c1840.

Mother Earth: Land Grants in Virginia 1607-1699: W. Stitt Robinson, 1980, c1957.

How Justice Grew: Virginia Counties: An Abstract of Their Formation: Martha Hiden, 1957.

History of Tucker County: Hu Maxwell, 1993, c1884.

United States Submarine Men Lost During World War II, Volumes 1 and 2: Paul W. Wittmer, 4th Rev. Ed.,

Ward, W. Va. 31st Annual Reunion: The Reunion Committee, 2009.

Directory of Alumni of Woodberry Forest School: Alumni Association, 1941.

The Pale Light of Sunset: Lee Maynard, 2009.

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West Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission

Governor Joe Manchin has named scholars and historians from around the state to the West Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission. The 13-member commission also includes representatives from the Legislature and key state agencies who will serve through 2015. The mission of the Commission is to promote awareness and celebrate the unique creation of the State of West Virginia,

the role of its citizens during the Civil War era, and the continuing effect of the war on our people. For more information, contact Molly E. George, special projects coordinator for the West Virginia Dept. of Education and the Arts, at (304) 558-0220. To view the full press release, including a list of the new Commission members, visit <http://www.wvculture.org/news.aspx?Agency=Division&Id=1199>.

Grave Creek Mound Opens New Exhibit

Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex in Moundsville has opened a new permanent exhibit entitled "A Thousand Years Apart: Saddle Site and the Bluebird Site." The exhibit features artifacts and interpretive text from two adjoining Native American archaeological sites located in the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia near the Pennsylvania border. The display was installed to coincide with West

Virginia Archaeology Month and was last seen on display in 1992. For more information about the exhibit, contact David Rotenizer, site manager, at (304) 845-4128, david.rotenizer@wvculture.org, or visit <http://www.wvculture.org/news.aspx?Id=1200&Agency=Division>. For more information about the Complex, visit <http://www.wvculture.org/museum/GraveCreekmod.html>.

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Edmund Lilly: J. E. Richardson, [1986].

Plundering Appalachia: Tom Butler, 2009.

Peter Ruffner and His Descendants, Volume 3: Ruffner Family Association, 2008.

Darby's Universal Gazetteer

The full title of this reference book by William Darby is *Darby's Universal Gazetteer, or, A New Geographical Dictionary: containing a description of the empires, kingdoms, states, provinces, cities, towns, forts, seas, harbours, rivers, lakes, mountains, capes, &c. in the Known World; with the Government, Customs, and Manners, of the inhabitants; the extent, boundaries, and natural productions of each*

country; and the trade, manufactures, and curiosities of the cities and towns. The West Virginia Archives' copy is "The second edition, with ample additions and improvements," published in Philadelphia by Bennett & Walton in 1827. We continue our series of sample entries for features now in West Virginia, with spelling and punctuation unchanged:

Tyler, *cty. Virg., bounded by Ohio river n. W., Ohio cty. N., Harrison*

SE., and Wood SW. Length 20 ms., mean width 20; area 600 sqms. Surface very broken, but soil generally fertile. Pop. 1820, 2314. Ctl. lat. 39° 32' N. lon. W.C. 3° 50' W.

Wellsburg, *formerly Charlestown, pst. and seat of justice, Brook cty., Virg., on the bank of Ohio river, above the mouth of Buffalo creek, and 15 ms. above Wheeling. It contains about 1000 inhabitants, and some manufactories. Lat. 40° 7' N. lon. W. C. 3° 39' W.*

West Union, *psto. on the U. S. road 8ms. E. from Wheeling.*

Weston, *pstv. and seat of justice, Lewis cty. Virg., by pstrd. 247 ms. W. from W. C., and 345 NW. from Richmond.*

Non-West Virginia entries of interest: **Arnold's Old Place,** *psto. Fauquier cty. Virg., 120 ms. nearly N. from Washington.*

Kirkless, *village of Eng. in the W. riding of Yorkshire in the vicinity of which is the monument of the famous Robin Hood; and on the adjacent moor are likewise two hills called Robin Hood's Butts.*

New State Museum Programs for Children

Two new monthly programs, "Museum Mondays" and "Second Saturdays," are being offered to increase access and encourage exploration of the West Virginia State Museum. Programs with a different theme every month will be presented on the first Monday of the month and repeated on the second Saturday of the month. The programs are geared for children in preschool through kindergarten, but children of all ages are invited to attend. Activities include activity sheets, "Make and Take" art, story time

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artifact exploration and special programming with visits from historical characters in West Virginia history. For more information, visit

<http://www.wvculture.org/news.aspx?Agency=Division&Id=1201> or call museum guest services at (304) 558-0220, ext. 111.

Wireless Internet Now Available in Archives and History Library

Wireless Internet service is now available for patrons in the West Virginia Archives and History Library Reading Room. Patrons using their own laptops are able to use the Library's subscription services, Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest Online, as well.



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Gov. Joe Manchin III announcing the new online exhibit on John Brown during a press event in the Archives and History Library.



Above: Joseph N. Geiger Jr., Archives and History director, with opening remarks during announcement of the new online John Brown exhibit; below: Gov. Joe Manchin and Bryan Ward, assistant director, with Commissioner Randall Reid-Smith and Deputy Commissioner Jacqueline Proctor standing behind.



Gov. Joe Manchin looking at an exhibit of John Brown memorabilia on display in the Archives and History Library.



Keller received a B.A. in History and German from Washington and Lee University, and he earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in History from Penn State University. In 2001-2002, he was a Fulbright visiting professor in Germany. He is now an associate professor of

military history for the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Support for the 2009 Lecture Series is provided by the West Virginia Division of Culture and History and the West Virginia Humanities Council. The Civil War

Scholars Lecture Series was created in 2000 to bring our nation's leading and emerging Civil War historians to Charleston for free public lectures. For more information, phone (304) 389-8587 or e-mail bethwhitetrofoil@gmail.com. *KVCW Roundtable press release, October 5, 2009.*

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 ARCHIVES AND HISTORY COMMISSION MEETING,
October 2: Chief Logan State Park, Logan.

GENEALOGY FAIR, October 3: Berkeley County Historical Society, Martinsburg.

KANAWHA VALLEY HISTORICAL AND PRESERVATION SOCIETY FORUM,
October 6: Norman Fagan State Theater, The Culture Center, Charleston. Co-sponsored by the society, West Virginia Humanities Council and West Virginia Public Broadcasting.

WEST VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING
October 10: West Virginia Library Commission Library, The Culture Center, Charleston.

WEST VIRGINIA BOOK FESTIVAL,
October 11-12: Civic Center, Charleston. For more information, visit <http://www.wvbookfestival.org>.

COLUMBUS DAY, October 12: Archives Library will be open*.

“COMPARISON OF EVENTS CELEBRATING THE 50TH AND 150TH ANNIVERSARIES OF THE JOHN BROWN RAID,” **October 12:** Dennis Frye, speaker, Shepherdstown Men's Club and Jefferson County Historical Society, Shepherdstown. For more information, visit <http://jeffersonhistoricalwv.org/events.html> or call (304) 724-7008.

“JOHN BROWN REMEMBERED,” **October 14–17:** Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, Harpers Ferry. For more information, visit <http://www.harpersferryhistory.org/johnbrown/index.htm>.

25TH ANNIVERSARY, FAYETTE AND RALEIGH COUNTIES GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, **October 18:** Beckley-Raleigh County Convention Center, Beckley. Reservations required.

JOHN BROWN COMMUNITY FORUM, October 21: Jefferson County Black History Society, focusing on Dangerfield Newby and Lewis Leary, 7:00 p.m., Wainwright Baptist Church, Charles Town.

“THE DEFINING MOMENT,” 2009 BETSY K. MCCREIGHT LECTURE IN THE HUMANITIES, **October 22:** Jonathan Alter, speaker, Norman L. Fagan Theater, The Culture Center, Charleston. Sponsored by the West Virginia Humanities Council. For more information visit <http://www.wvhumanities.org/mcreight.htm>.

**Only the Archives Library will be staffed—all other Archives offices will be closed.*

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“THE ELEVENTH CORPS AND JACKSON’S FLANK ATTACK AT CHANCELLORSVILLE,” 2009 CIVIL WAR SCHOLARS LECTURE, October 26:

Dr. Christian B. Keller, speaker, Norman L. Fagan Theater, The Culture Center, Charleston.

Sponsored by Kanawha Valley Civil War Roundtable. For more information, contact Beth White, (304) 389-8587, bethwhitetrefoil@gmail.com.

“DISCOVERING YOUR APPALACHIAN ANCESTORS,” November 7: Akron-Summit County Public Library and Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, Akron. For more information contact the Library’s Special Collections Division, (330) 643-0930, speccollections@akronlibrary.org, or visit <http://akronlibrary.org/main-sc.html>.

FRONTIER DAYS HISTORICAL ENCAMPMENT, November 7-8:

Shawnee Trail Associates and other groups, Museum in the Park, Chief Logan State Park, Logan.

For more information, visit <http://www.wvculture.org/eventdetail.aspx?Id=866>.

“DEVELOPMENT OF WEB-BASED HISTORICAL DATABASE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY LAND RECORDS,” November 9: Bill Theriault, speaker, Shepherdstown Men’s Club and Jefferson County Historical Society, Shepherdstown. For more information,

visit <http://jeffersonhistoricalwv.org/events.html> or call (304) 724-7008.

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

MINING YOUR HISTORY FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING AND PROGRAM,

November 14: Green Room, The Culture Center, Charleston.

For more information, call Archives and History, (304) 558-0230.

THANKSGIVING DAY, November 26: Archives Library will be *closed*.

THANKSGIVING FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, November 27–28: Archives Library will be *closed*.

“ALL QUIET ALONG THE POTOMAC--THE IMPACTS OF THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES ON JEFFERSON COUNTY,” December 8: Doug Perks, speaker, Shepherdstown.

For more information, visit <http://jeffersonhistoricalwv.org/events.html> or call (304) 724-7008.

CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24: Archives Library will be *closing at noon*.

CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25: Archives Library will be *closed*.

NEW YEAR’S EVE, December 31: Archives Library will be *closing at noon*.

NEW YEAR’S DAY, January 1, 2010: Archives Library will be *closed*.

HISTORY DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE, February 18, 2010:

The West Virginia State Capitol and The Culture Center, Charleston.

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