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From the Editor:

Lives in West Virginia are often intertwined and cross paths unexpectedly. On History Day 2009, I brought an icon banner of St. George from my Greek Orthodox church in Huntington to display at the table of the Religious Archivists of the Greater Kanawha Valley society. Pam Makricosta saw the banner, inquired about who had brought it, and was sent to the Archives table to talk to me. We introduced ourselves, talked about her and my husband's Greek heritage, our common religion, our shared love of history, and our mutual friends and acquaintances. Later I learned that Pam, who attended History Day as a representative of the Weirton Area Museum, was also a fellow librarian. When director Joe Geiger and I conducted a session on the Archives for the West Virginia Library Association's 2010 Spring Fling, Pam and I enjoyed the lunch break together and I invited her to speak for our First Tuesday lecture series. I hope you will enjoy her company as much as I do.

Greek Immigrants in West Virginia Feature of October Lecture

Pamela Makricosta of Weirton, West Virginia, will present "Yiayia's Bundle: A Greek Experience in West Virginia" as the monthly Tuesday evening lecture in the West Virginia Archives and History Library on October 5, 2010. "Yiayia" is Greek for grandmother, and Makricosta's grandmother, Panagiota Diamantidis Koukoulis, brought a bundle of her handwork, photographs, and other items with her when she fled Asia Minor to the island of Mytilene, then to the United States and on to West Virginia in 1915. Makricosta will discuss her grandmother's experiences and display the bundle and its contents.

A native of Weirton, Makricosta is the literacy and lifelong learning coordinator at the Mary H. Weir Library in Weirton. She also is vice president of the Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center. Makricosta has been telling her yiayia's story through West

Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania for over 20 years. She wrote "A Bundle of Treasure: Greeks in West Virginia," for the Winter 1997 issue of *Goldenseal* magazine, and was featured in the article entitled "Yiayia's Bundle" in the same issue.

You may read the opening paragraphs of the article and view a photograph of her yiayia and papou (grandfather) on the West Virginia Division of Culture and History Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/goldenseal/Winter97/>

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2011 History Hero Nomination Time Near

History Hero nomination forms and registration forms for History Day 2011 will be going out around the first of November. If your organization has not received a packet by November 15, be sure to contact Mary Johnson, Archives and History, (304) 558-0230, mary.e.johnson2@wv.gov. If your organization has changed its mailing address or was newly formed after History Day 2010, contact her to be added to the mailing list for this year. This mailing list is also used for *West Virginia Archives and History News*, so if your group has been receiving the newsletter at

your correct mailing address, you are already on the list.

As always, the deadline for postmarked deliveries is December 31, 2010. Hand-delivered entries can be accepted up through the end of the state government work day on Thursday, December 30, 2010. (Friday, December 31, is the state holiday for New Year's Day, which falls on a Saturday in 2011, so state offices will be closed both days.) History Day 2011 will be on Thursday, February 24, at the State Capitol and the Culture Center in Charleston.

greeks.html. The Koukoulis family portrait also graces the cover of that issue, and may be viewed at <http://www.wvculture.org/goldenseal/Winter97/winter97.html>.

All Archives and History workshop and lecture sessions are free and the public is invited to attend. On October 5, the library will close at 5:00 p.m. and reopen at 5:45 p.m. for participants only. Advance registration for the workshop is not required, but is encouraged to help plan seating arrangements and supplies for the session. To register in advance, contact Robert Taylor, library manager, by e-mail at bobby.l.taylor@wv.gov or at (304) 558-0230, ext. 163. Participants interested in registering by e-mail should send their name, telephone number and the name and date of the session. For additional information, contact the Archives and History Library at (304) 558-0230.

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

KYOWVA Library Changes Hours

The KYOWVA Genealogical and Historical Society has changed hours for its library, housed in a lower level room at the Second Presbyterian Church, 901 Jefferson Avenue, Huntington, WV. The Library Room is now open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Saturday, and is available by appointment only on Wednesdays. To learn more about the society and its library visit <http://www.kyowva.org>; write to them at P.O. Box 1254, Huntington, WV 25714-1254; or call (304) 525-4367 during library hours.

Evening Workshops and Lecture Schedule		
Date	Conducted by:	Subject
October 5 Tuesday	Pam Makricosta	<i>Yiayia's Bundle: A Greek Experience in West Virginia</i>
November 9 Tuesday	Terry Lowry	<i>Researching Military History</i>
December 7 Tuesday	Jaime Simmons	<i>Digging into the Draper Collection: Researching the Settlement of Western Virginia</i>
<p><i>Registration for these free workshops is helpful but not required.</i> Call our office at (304) 558-0230, or e-mail bobby.l.taylor@wv.gov.</p>		
<p>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.</p>		

Greg Carroll Draws Large Crowd for Talk on Melungeon Heritage

Archives historian Greg Carroll drew a large crowd for his talk on groups of people in the Appalachian area and beyond commonly called Melungeon. To view photos of the evening, visit our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/>

[workshops/2010septembergenclub.html](http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops/2010septembergenclub.html). If you were unable to attend and would like more information regarding Melungeon, mixed race, or tri-racial isolate groups, you may contact Carroll at (304) 558-0230 or greg.b.carroll@wv.gov.

Speakers Needed for Thursday Evening Genealogy Club

The Archives and History Thursday Evening Genealogy Club meets the second Thursday of every month (October 14, December 9, etc., except the November 2010 meeting will be on the third Thursday, November 18, because of the Veterans Day holiday on November 11) from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for an informal discussion of members' family history topics. There are no dues or officers, no prior registration required, just drop in to participate in a forum for sharing knowledge and experience plus learning more about genealogy research, particularly using the resources of the Archives. However, speakers are welcome and encouraged to participate.

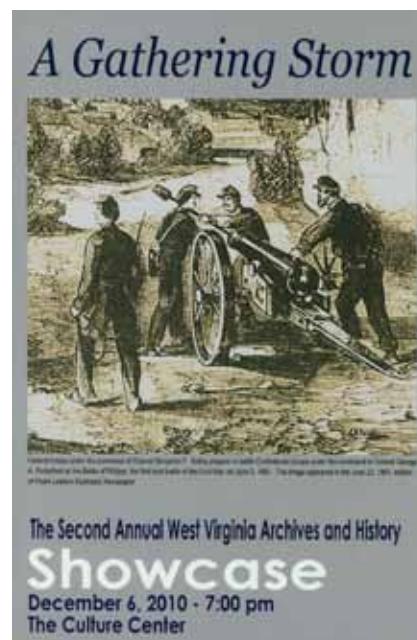
Suggested topics include tips for using Internet resources, resources available in a society's collection or local public library for a specific geographic area, ethnic groups, occupations, immigrant labor, use of specific record groups such as wills or land records, organizing your research, writing a family history, applying for membership in a lineage society such as DAR, SAR, Mayflower, Charlemagne, etc. If you or a representative of your genealogical society would like to speak on a genealogy-related topic, please contact Robert Taylor, library manager, at bobby.l.taylor@wv.gov or at (304) 558-0230, ext. 163.

Archives 2010 Showcase Has Civil War Theme

Both the public and the Archives and History staff had such a wonderful time during our Archives and History Showcase in December 2009 that we decided to make it a yearly event. The second annual West Virginia Archives and History Showcase on Monday, December 6, is entitled "A Gathering Storm." The Showcase will feature books, images, documents and other items from the Archives collections that fit the theme of the impending rebellion and early Civil War era of 150 years ago from which the motivation for creation of the state of West Virginia fulminated. In addition, popular gems from the collections shown last year that are outside this year's theme will be displayed again. Photos of last year's initial showcase may be viewed on our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops/showcase2009.html>. If

you are familiar with the Archives' various collections and would like to suggest antebellum or Civil War items for display, please contact Bryan Ward, assistant director, (304) 558-0230, bryan.e.ward@wv.gov.

Please plan to join us at the Culture Center in Charleston on December 6, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. for a very special evening. All Archives and History events are free and the public is invited to attend. On December 6, the library will close at 5:00 p.m. and reopen at 7:00 p.m. for the Showcase only. Advance registration is not required, but is encouraged to help plan seating arrangements and refreshments for the session. To register in advance, contact Robert Taylor, library manager, by e-mail at bobby.l.taylor@wv.gov or at (304) 558-0230, ext. 163. Participants interested in registering by e-mail should send their name, telephone



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Peyton Packs the House

Dr. Billy Joe Peyton packed the Archives and History Library with folks eager to hear and see his presentation on Charleston locations, past and present, as recorded in his new book, *Charleston*, newly published by Arcadia Press. To view photos of the evening, visit our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/workshops/wkshp090710.html>.



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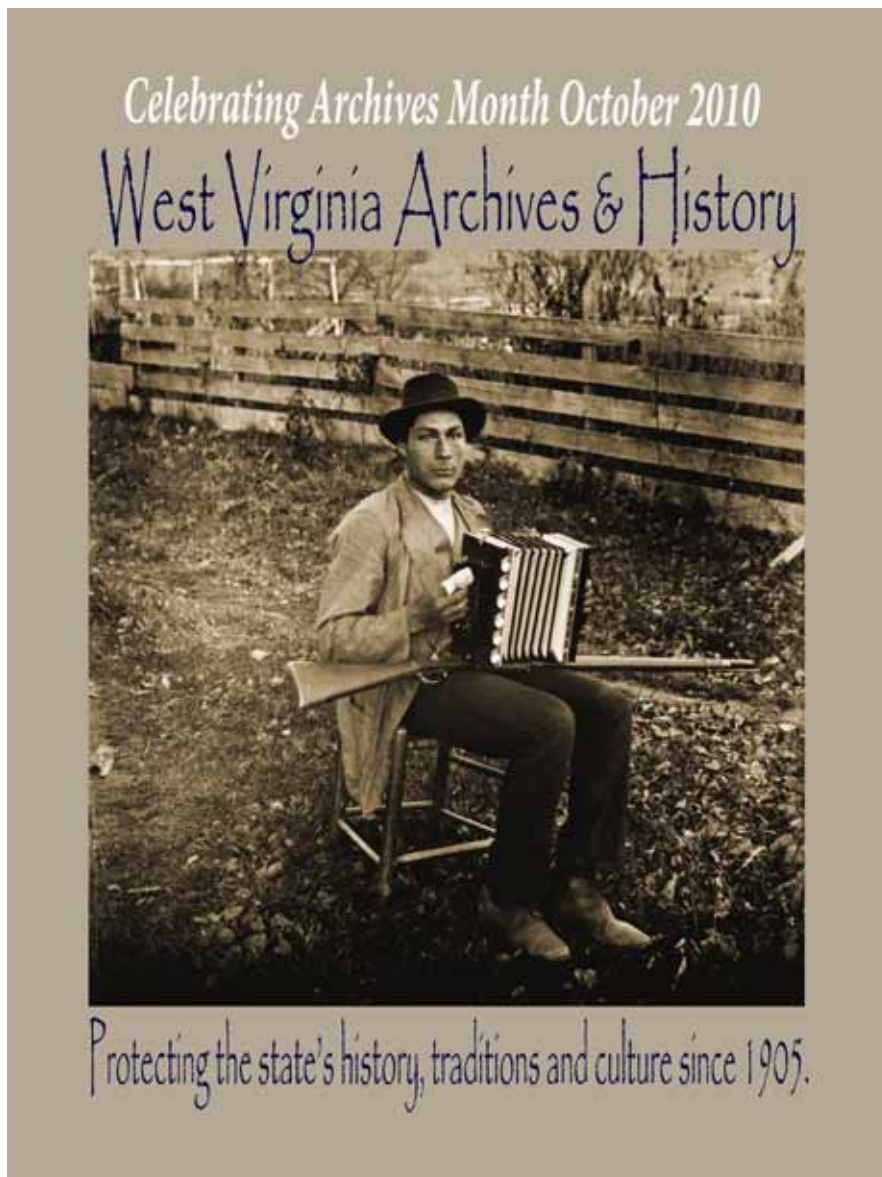
Every Tuesday Morning
 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Once-a-Month Second
 Thursday, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

West Virginia Encyclopedia Now Online

The West Virginia Humanities Council, publishers of the one-volume *West Virginia Encyclopedia* in 2006, have launched an online version, *e-WV*. Visit www.wvencyclopedia.org to access the articles in the printed version, with additions of new articles, maps, images and audio/visual features. Those of you who have been submitting answers to the

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Archives and History “Daily Trivia” and “Quick Quizzes” online for years may want to “Test your WVIQ” on the *e-WV* site. If you have been a fan of our “This Day in History” feature since its inception in 2005, you may want to add to your knowledge of the day with *e-WV*’s “This Date in History.” The Web site is free and available on a drop-in basis, but those users who choose to register will gain extra privileges such as tracking quiz scores, creating classroom lesson plans, and participating in forums.

**Mark Your Calendars!
 15th Annual History Day,
 February 24, 2011**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

At this time, we are searching for volunteers to help us enter the contents of all of our surname files into a database that will be made available to the public. If you are interested in helping us with this project, please contact Cathy Miller, cathy.s.miller@wv.gov, (304) 558-0230.

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 TEXTILES EXHIBIT, Now–October 31: Greenbrier Historical Society, North House Museum, Lewisburg. For more information, visit <http://www.greenbrierhistorical.org>.

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY COMMISSION MEETING, October 1: French Creek.

ARCHEOLOGY WEEKEND, October 2–3: Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex, Moundsville. For more information, visit <http://www.wvculture.org/museum/GraveCreekmod.html>, e-mail andrea.k.keller@wv.gov, or call (304) 843-4128.

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

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WEST VIRGINIA BOOK FESTIVAL, October 15–16: Civic Center, Charleston. Featuring Civil War author and historian Dr. James Robertson. For more information, visit <http://wvbookfestival.org/> or contact Pam May, Kanawha County Public Library, pam.may@kanawha.lib.wv.us.

“HISTORY OF RANSON,” October 18: Bob O’Connor, speaker, Shepherdstown Men’s Club and Jefferson County Historical Society, Shepherdstown. For more information, visit <http://www.wvculture.org/eventdetail.aspx?Id=1170>.

“FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS,” MCCREIGHT LECTURE IN THE HUMANITIES, October 21: James Bradley, author and speaker, story of the American marines (including Bradley’s father, who raised the American flag on Iwo Jima during World War II). Norman L. Fagan West Virginia State Theater, The Culture Center, Charleston. Sponsored by the West Virginia Humanities Council.

“THE EARLIEST AMERICANS: CURRENT PERSPECTIVES ON PALEOAMERICAN ORIGINS, ARRIVALS, AND LIFE WAYS,” October 28: Jerry N. McDonald, Ph.D., speaker, Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex, Moundsville. For more information, contact Andrea Keller, (304) 843-4123, andrea.k.keller@wv.gov.

“SHOW AND TELL” WITH THE UPPER VANDALIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, October 31: Putnam County Board of Education Office, Winfield.

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

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

“IMPACTS OF JOHN BROWN RAID ON HARPERS FERRY,” November 15: Jim Addy, speaker, Shepherdstown Men’s Club and Jefferson County Historical Society, Shepherdstown. For more information, visit <http://www.wvculture.org/eventdetail.aspx?Id=1171>.

CHRISTMAS OVER TIME EXHIBIT, November 15–January 15, 2011: Greenbrier Historical Society, North House Museum, Lewisburg. For more information, visit <http://www.greenbrierhistorical.org>.

“THE RESURGENCE OF ANIKITUHWA: LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL REVITALIZATION AMONG THE EASTERN BAND CHEROKEE,” November 18: Travis Henline, speaker, Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex, Moundsville. For more information, contact Andrea Keller, (304) 843-4123, andrea.k.keller@wv.gov.

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

THANKSGIVING FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, November 26–27: Archives Library will be *closed*.

CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24: Archives Library will be *closed*.

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

**Only the Archives Library will be staffed—all other Archives offices will be closed.*
The West Virginia Library Commission Library in the Culture 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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