

NEWSLETTER
of the
Harrison County Historical Society
Fall 1971

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Tour of Harrison County Historic Sites
Sunday, September 26, 1971

Climb on a bus, rain or shine, in front of the Amy Roberts Vance House at 1:15 o'clock for a tour of some of the places important to the history of Harrison County! Dr. Robert Wilson will guide the group; Jack Anderson will manage the itinerary.

The first part of the trip will be a swing through the northern section of the county via Bridgeport, Simpson Creek, and Shinnston. Then the bus will return to the museum for a ten-minute rest stop before traveling to the southern section of the county via West Milford and Lost Creek.

Soon after 6:00 o'clock you will step off the bus at the museum and will be served a catered meal of baked steak, a vegetable, salad, and hot rolls.

Itinerary

- 1:15 Meet at Vance House
*Jackson Cemetery
*Faris Manor
*William Johnson House
*Duncan House
Simpson Creek
Covered Bridge
Smith Marker
Smith Chapel
Smith Cemetery
*Smith House
*Levi Shinn House
Fortney Family Houses
Lowe House
*Wamsley House
Hood House
- 4:30 Rest Stop Amy Roberts Vance House
(Ladies use rest room on second floor:
Gentlemen, basement. Rest rooms in
Uptowner Inn are also accessible.)
*Museum in Watters Smith State Park
*Bassel House (Lost Creek)
- 6:15 Dinner

* Indicates scheduled stops

The cost of the tour, which includes travel and dinner, will be \$3.00. All members of the Society and guests that members wish to invite are eligible for the tour. For reservations please fill in and mail the following form:

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Number of reservations for tour @ \$1.50 each _____
Number of reservations for dinner @ \$1.50 each _____
Payment enclosed _____
Payment at start of tour _____

Signature

Please mail request for reservations by September 16 to: Elizabeth Sloan,
359 Lee Avenue, Clarksburg, W. Va. 26301.

EVENTS SCHEDULED
for
October, November, December

Mrs. William Bever and Mrs. Paul Eskew will stage a special exhibit of household articles used in Harrison County kitchens in the nineteenth century at the Amy Roberts Vance House October 14, 15, 16, 17. Watch the newspapers for an announcement of the hours the House will be open for visitation. Show your membership card at the door; members are always admitted free of charge to the House.

The regular meeting of the Society will be held Wednesday, October 20, at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Robert Hess will speak on the history of medicine in Harrison County.

A regular meeting of the Society will be held Wednesday, November 17 at 7:30 o'clock. You will be notified by mail as to the name of the speaker.

The annual Christmas party will be December 5 at the Amy Roberts Vance House from 2:00 until 4:00. The Society plans a Christmas tree decorated with ornaments of bygone years. Do you have ornaments to lend or give the Society for the occasion?

THE AMY ROBERTS VANCE HOUSE
Jack Sandy Anderson, Chairman

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| Mrs. William H. Bever | Louise Hornor |
| Special Exhibits | Accessions |
| Mrs. Lester W. Burnside | Madge McDaniel |
| Library | Museum-School Coordination |
| Mrs. Margaret Holt Early | Mrs. G. L. Pettrey, Jr. |
| Genealogy | Hosts and Hostesses |
| Mrs. Frank S. Ellis | Elizabeth Sloan |
| Consultant | Records, Exhibits |

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Mrs. Frank M. Atterholt (Emma Link Findlay) presented the Major William Haymond 18th Century surveying compass and a collection of Adams-Link family papers that includes 18th Century survey warrants and land grants.

Mrs. Catherine Osborn Goff presented pictures of Major Thomas Preston Moore and his wife Rachel Pindall Moore and several 19th Century Christmas tree decorations.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Buren Lucas presented the Lucas family grandfather clock.

The estate of Mrs. Edward A. Wallis presented several items including early china and a matched pair of Civil War era oil lamps.

Dr. Robert S. Wilson presented a collection of books including several rare county histories and some old tools.

Gifts from the estate of Mrs. Lynn Hornor (1875-1971) made by Mrs. Margaret Birke Britt, a great niece, of Princeton, N. J., include a Victorian, "Lincoln" style bed; a set of bedroom china; a trunk/ three Oriental rugs; two composes; two Chelsea plates; table and bed linen; and documents, scrapbooks, portraits, etc.

MUSEUM GARDEN

The Goff Plaza Garden Club has volunteered to sponsor the garden on museum property. During the autumn months members of the club will be busy clearing out flower beds and planting new flowers and shrubs. The club is accepting donations to the project. Members of the project committee plan to install permanent labels with plantings given as a memorial. The newspapers will give details of the restoration of the garden.

The museum has been open each day, except Sunday, during the summer months. The visitors were few until West Virginia Day, Monday June 21, when 95 persons called at the House. So many visitors swarmed in the museum that one of the hostesses, who had planned to wear 19th Century dress for the occasion, did not have time to don her costume.