

Harrison County
WEST VIRGINIA
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL TOUR

The annual tour for members and guests of members will start from the Amy Roberts Vance House at 1:15 o'clock on Sunday, September 16. The itinerary will be:

- *Levi Shinn House, Shinnston
- *Lowe Public Library, Shinnston
- *Frontier Days Celebration Exhibits, Shinnston
- *Harrison Power Station, Haywood
- Florence Hill House, Lumberport
- Honor and Robinson Cemetery, Lumberport
- Adam Ash House, Gregory's Run
- Conrad Ash House, Gregory's Run
- David Boggess House, Bristol
- *Seventh Day Baptist Church, Salem
- *Heritage Arts Center, Salem College

*Stops will be made.

Buses will return to the Amy Roberts Vance House, where dinner will be served.

Reservations for the tour and the dinner are to be made in advance, by mail, and are to be accompanied by check. Please do not telephone reservations. Please do not request reservations after the closing date September 10, 1973. Use the form at the bottom of this page.

GENEALOGICAL DEPARTMENT

The Society, spring 1973, purchased a film of Census of Population, U. S. Bureau of the Census, 1810, for the counties of Brooke, Hampshire, Harrison, Jefferson, Kanawha, Mason, Monongalia, Monroe, Ohio, Pendleton, and Randolph in the present state of West Virginia and for thirty-six counties in the present state of Virginia.

The department in the last few months has stocked several books valuable as tools to assist the researcher, both amateur and professional, to locate records available throughout the country.

Dr. Robert S. Wilson in July donated to the Society two volumes of obituaries compiled by Guy Tetrick in the 1930's.

Mrs. Linder has added to the Researchers' File names of people who have written to the Society in 1973 for information on family lines. She wishes to remind members of the Society to give her the names of the families on which they hold information or seek information so that people with the same genealogical interests can share knowledge.

Mrs. Linder has recently filed 200 cards indexing pictures of people and places in the holdings of the Society.

During June and July 1973 nine researchers worked in the department. Members who have staffed the genealogical department as research assistants during the summer are Mary Allen, Mrs. William Allman, Bertha Stout Brown, Virginia Haselden, Mrs. Raymond Sehon, Mrs. P. D. Shingleton, Mrs. Thurman Stout. Lucille Stryker has assisted Mrs. Linder with the files of the department.

Harrison County Historical Society
Tour of Historic Sites and Dinner at the Vance House
Sunday, September 16, 1973

CLOSING DATE FOR RESERVATIONS AND REFUNDS: September 10, 1973

Make check payable to Harrison County Historical Society

Mail this slip and check to: Harrison County Historical Society
Post Office Box 2074
Clarksburg, WV 26301

Number of reservations for tour @ \$2.50 _____
Number of reservations for dinner @ \$2.50 _____
Amount of check enclosed _____

Signature _____

VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM

Now that the Amy Roberts Vance House is listed in several tour guides distributed throughout the nation, the number of visitors to the museum is increasing. During June and July 1973, one hundred twenty visitors signed the guest book. Special tours since April have been conducted for the DAR ladies from Missouri; the DAR ladies attending the W. Va. state convention of the organization held in Clarksburg; The Pioneers, a group of retired home economics teachers from this area of the state; the last of three workshops for Harrison County teachers; Lumberport Summer School grades 4, 5 and 6; the Sardis Homemakers Club.

August 31 will be the last day for the six-day-a-week summer schedule for visitation. From September 1 through May 31 the house will be open only on Saturday from 2:00 o'clock until 4:00 o'clock. The Society is grateful to the following members who have acted as hosts and hostesses during summer 1973:

Regular assignment: Glyde Bailey, Florence Berisford, Frances Custer, Pearl Custer, Margaret Early, Oma Hall, Margaret Hayman, Aileen Lucas, Mary McDonald, Gladys Merryman, Lucille Stryker, Helen Upton.

Substitute assignment: Alvin Bailey, Charlotte Bailey, Louise Dennison, Garnet Fittro, Hazel Garrett, Virginia Hartsock, Mary McAndrew, Betty McWhorter, Mrs. Ralph Martin, Mrs. F. T. O'Callaghan, Frances Sellers, Robert Sellers, Mrs. Rupert Sinsele, Elizabeth Upton.

SOCIETY BUSINESS

Mr. Tetrick, chairman of the building and grounds committee, has reported that the survey of the lot line on the east side of the property made by Hornor Brothers Engineers, and authorized by the Society, differs from the line established by the surveyors hired by Mr. Bernard Folio who owns the adjoining property. Mr. Tetrick is exploring the possibility of court action to settle the line issue and to secure payment for the sewer line that the Society was forced to install in August 1972 after the old line had been severed when the excavation was made for the parking lot on the east of the Vance House. No steps can be taken on installing a wall and a fence until this matter is settled.

The Society in the June 1973 general meeting voted to instruct Mr. Tetrick to learn if he can locate heavy wire-mesh, hinged coverings for the downstairs windows of the Vance House.

The roof of the Vance House in spring 1973 was coated with a substance recommended by a roofing firm at a cost of \$506.26.

Mr. Payne has reported that the total number of members of the Society as of July 15, 1973, was 269; that the total amount in the treasury as of July 15, 1973, was \$2246.10.

Corrections to list of acquisitions appearing in the Spring 1973 Newsletter: Bookcase was the gift of Bess Lorenz Wade; bamboo chair was from the effects of Fanny Wade Wallis and was the gift of Byron Flory.

Recent acquisition: Dress which belonged to Flora Davisson Camden (Mrs. Richard Pindal Camden): Hand crocheted of cream colored thread; bodice top; long sleeves; skirt (with train) edged with black net; also a black lace mantilla. Gift of Mrs. Louise Bailey Leachman, Carr Avenue, Clarksburg, a niece of Mrs. Camden.

REPORT ON Haymond, History of Harrison County: reprint.

Enough copies have been sold to cover the cost of printing and other initial expenses. The book was at the binders on August 4, 1973, and should be ready for distribution on schedule.

SHINNSTON HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

The dinner will be held on Friday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m., at the Epworth Center, Rebecca Street, Shinnston. The price will be \$3.00. Make reservations by Friday, September 14, with Mrs. Mary VanMeter, Enterprise, West Virginia 26568.

Harrison County Historical Society members are invited to attend.

Dr. Maurice Brooks will be the speaker; his subject will be "Historic Preservation in West Virginia".

Use the form below for reservations if you wish.

SHINNSTON HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

Number of reservations @ \$3.00 _____

Names _____