

Harrison County
WEST VIRGINIA
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Post Office Box 2074
 CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA 26301

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 1986

MARCH MEETING

Jack Sandy Anderson will speak at the March meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, at the Stealey-Goff-Vance House, 123 West Main Street in Clarksburg.

"The Activities of the Marion County Historical Society" will be the title of Mr. Anderson's talk. A member of the historical society in the sister county, Mr. Anderson will describe the new history of Marion County soon to be published. He will also tell of a projected plan to make the Marion County Sheriff's Residence into a museum to house artifacts connected with the history of the City of Fairmont and Marion County.

Mr. Anderson lives at Pine Bluff in Harrison County and teaches in Marion County Schools. He is a past president and a member of the board of directors of the Harrison County Historical Society.

ANNUAL DINNER

The annual dinner of the Harrison County Historical Society will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the YWCA Building, 305 Washington Avenue, Clarksburg, on Wednesday, April 15, 1986. The speaker for the evening will be David A. Bartlett, library technical assistant of the West Virginia and Regional Collection of the West Virginia University Library in Morgantown.

Mr. Bartlett is a specialist in technical processing and cataloging of acquired collections especially court records and court record volumes. His talk will be interesting to Harrison County history buffs because Bartlett is currently processing records of the Harrison County Court which were moved out of the basement of the Harrison County Courthouse at the beginning of the courthouse renovation in the 1970's. For a time the papers were held at the Harrison County Historical Society museum and then sent on to the West Virginia University Library.

It was Mr. Bartlett who last spring found among the Harrison County Court Papers the poll books for the election of May 1861 in Harrison County. The poll books list the names of those who voted for or against a Virginia constitution which authorized secession from the Union. The record is valuable to anyone studying the statehood movement and to anyone searching genealogical data. It will take time to get all the papers in order and to index them, but eventually Mr. Bartlett's work will make possible the instant retrieval of material in the papers. Mr. Bartlett will describe what he has found so far.

David Bartlett, a native of Grafton, graduated from West Virginia University in 1976 with a degree in philosophy and religious studies. He won a degree from the university in 1981 in history. He is the son of Brooks M. and Patricia Burnside Bartlett whose ancestors were Harrison County citizens. Patricia Burnside Bartlett's grandfather was William Calvin Burnside, a Clarksburg businessman and one of the founders of the Duff Street United Brethren Church (now the Duff Street United Methodist Church).

Items on the menu for the dinner will include baked steak, potatoes, vegetable, salad, and dessert. To make reservations, send the form included in this newsletter with your check.

I will serve as host/hostess at the Stealey-Goff-Vance House on the following days:

May	June	July	August	September
2___	2___	4 <u>Holiday</u>	1___	1 <u>Holiday</u>
5___	6___	7___	4___	5___
9___	9___	11___	8___	8___
12___	13___	14___	11___	12___
16___	16___	18___	15___	15___
19___	20___	21___	18___	19___
23___	23___	25___	22___	22___
26 <u>Holiday</u>	27___	28___	25___	26___
30___	30___		29___	29___

Signature _____

Telephone _____

I will serve as a substitute if available when called:

Signature _____

Telephone _____

Please mail to: Harrison County Historical Society, P.O. Box 2074, Clarksburg, WV 26301 or telephone Bea Quigley, 842-3454; or Madge McDaniel 842-3073.

Please telephone Bea Quigley if you can serve as host/hostess on any of the following days in early spring:
 March 14, 21, 28 April 4, 11, 18, 25.

Harrison County Historical Society
 Annual Dinner at the YWCA Building, Clarksburg, WV
 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 15, 1986
 CLOSING DATE FOR RESERVATIONS: April 10, 1986; CANCELLATIONS: April 13, 1986

Number of reservations for dinner @ \$6.50 each: _____

Amount of check enclosed: _____

Signature: _____

Please mail to: Harrison County Historical Society, P.O. Box 2074, Clarksburg, WV 26301

THE SOCIETY

Museum personnel

The following members have staffed the Stealey-Goff-Vance House during visiting hours in the fall of 1985: Alvin Bailey, Polly Coston, David & Melissa Curry, Frances Custer, Betty Dakan, Dorothy Davis, Elsie Grant, Charles Gribble, Oma Hall, Justina Hart, Madge McDaniel, John Tatterson.

New and reinstated members

From Clarksburg: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blair, Lucille Danley, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Davis, Mrs. John J. Dolan, Mary Z. Gribble, Albert Heck, Mrs. Ethel C. Heflin, Mrs. Patti Hickman, Sarah Margaret Israel, James Lacasia, Harry Lewis, III, Mrs. Denzil Maxson, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Monroe, Donald G. Peterson, R. Russell Riethmiller, Lucille McBee Swiger.

From Harrison County WV and out-of-state: Doris Anderson, Wyaconda MO; Jimmie E. Barnes, Hammond, IN; Enid I. Biehold, Lake Forest IL; Linda Blades, Melbourne FL; Marie Gum, Canton OH; Alvin Laidley, Carmichael PA; Ethel Minter, Nutter Fort WV; Katherine J. Queen, Columbus OH; Mrs. Devona Radcliff, Waynesburg OH; Helen Sells, Inverness FL; Mr. and Mrs. James E. Swiger, Springfield VA; Mary Wyatt, Bridgeport WV.

Financial Report, February 15, 1986

Checking Account, Union Bank		\$3,230.34
General Fund	\$2,580.34	
Memorial Fund	650.00	
Investments (all certificates of deposit)		
Union Bank	\$6,600.00 (est.)	
Community Bank	5,274.83	
Mountain State Federal	1,800.00 (est.)	
Lowndes Bank	3,000.00	

In some cases the interest accumulates on CD's; on others it is paid into the checking account. All investments earned interest amounting to \$1535.15 for 1985.

HISTORIC NEWS

Bicentennial publications

The articles published in the Clarksburg newspaper during the 1985 Bicentennial of the City of Clarksburg will be sold in a hard-bound commemorative edition.

Only five hundred copies of the book will be printed and mailed to subscribers by the publisher in May 1986. To reserve a copy, mail a check for \$31.95 to Clarksburg Bicentennial Committee, Waldomore, 404 West Pike Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301. Request a copy of CLARKSBURG— A BICENTENNIAL ALBUM (1785-1985). Place the order before March 31, 1986.

Still available at James and Law Co., Clarksburg, are copies of HARRISON COUNTY — A BICENTENNIAL ALBUM (1784-1984) and AMONG THESE HILLS, A CHILD'S HISTORY OF HARRISON COUNTY.