

Harrison County
WEST VIRGINIA
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Post Office Box 2074
CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA 26301

NEWSLETTER

SPRING, 1988

MARCH MEETING

"History of Pottery in Harrison County and Related Areas" will be the subject of a speech by Clyde Morton at 7:30 o'clock on Wednesday, March 16, 1988 at the Stealey-Goff-Vance House, 123 West Main Street, Clarksburg.

Mr. Morton has spent the last several years studying pottery made in the state, most of which is utility ware, but some of it beautifully decorated pieces, especially people jars. During the last four years Mr. Morton has been writing a book on West Virginia pottery manufactured in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Clyde Morton is a graduate of East Tennessee University and has studied on the graduate level History and Culture of West Virginia. He retired after twenty-seven years working from civil service working at the Naval Intelligence Support Center in Suitland, Maryland. He was head of the Sensor Application Branch at the center. Mr. Morton lives with his wife Jean and his daughter Jennifer in Doddridge County near Salem.

ANNUAL DINNER

Ray Swick will speak at the annual dinner meeting of the Society to be at 6:30 o'clock on Tuesday, April 19, in the YWCA Building, 305 Washington Avenue, Clarksburg. The speaker's subject will be: "Blennerhassett Island As a Social Center 1790-1988".

Dr. Swick, a native of Belpre, Ohio, received a B.A. degree from Marietta College in 1968, a master's degree from the University of Virginia in 1971, and a Ph.D. in history from Miami University (Ohio) in 1978. He has been historian for the Blennerhassett Historical Park Commission since 1979.

The menu for the dinner on April 19 will be turkey with the usual trimmings plus dessert. To make reservations use the form included in this newsletter.

MAY MEETING

"Jonathan McCally Bennett" will be the subject of a speech by Attorney Hunter Bennett at 7:30 o'clock, May 18, 1988, at the Stealey-Goff-Vance House.

Jonathan Bennett (1816-1887), the great grandfather of Hunter Bennett, was auditor of the State of Virginia during the War Between the States. Jonathan Bennett's photograph and signature are on the five-dollar notes issued by the State of Virginia in 1862. Auditor Jonathan Bennett was largely responsible for the placement of the Virginia Insane Asylum at Weston. Jonathan Bennett was the first mayor of Weston.

Clarksburgers will be interested in the fact that Jonathan Bennett was the nephew of Dr. James McCally who assisted Julia Neale Jackson at the birth of Thomas Jonathan (Stonewall) Jackson and that Jonathan Bennett married Margaret Elizabeth Jackson who was a niece of Clarksburger John George Jackson.

JUNE MEETING

Gary Weiner has invited members of the Society to a picnic at his home on Route 19 South at 6:30 o'clock on Wednesday, June 15. Each member is to bring a covered dish.

Members will tour the Weiner home and view the antiques plus the memorabilia Mr. Weiner has collected of nineteenth-century families in Harrison County.

THE COLLECTION

Accessions:

A couch once the property of Judge Edwin S. Duncan; one early Victorian sofa; one early Victorian Chair, all three pieces conveyed by the will of Mrs. George L. Duncan to Waldomore. The Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library placed the three pieces in the Society museum on permanent loan.

A selection of early china and Pittsburg glass including a Staffordshire dark blue teapot. Gift of Jack Sandy Anderson for the corner cupboard in the dining room of the museum.

Museum Staff:

The Stealey-Goff-Vance House, with its many artifacts of local interest, and its genealogical resources will again be open to visitors each Friday afternoon from two o'clock until four o'clock starting May 6 and continuing through September 30. We hope many of you will have time to give hours to serve as host/hostess during this period. We really need you. If you are willing to serve, please sign for your preferred time or times on the form included in this newsletter.

Harrison County Historical Society

Annual Dinner: YWCA Building, 305 Washington Ave., Clarksburg, 6:30 o'clock, Tuesday, April 19, 1988.

CLOSING DATE FOR RESERVATIONS AND REFUNDS: Friday, April 15, 1988

Make Check Payable to: Harrison County Historical Society
and mail to: Post Office Box 2074
Clarksburg, WV 26301

Number of Reservations for dinner at \$7.00 each _____

Amount of check enclosed _____

Signature

SOCIETY BUSINESS

Report on sales of Legacy of Love by Julia Davis.

One CD at Community Bank and one at Mountain State Federal came due and were cashed to pay for printing of the book, together with proceeds from pre-publication sale. Repayment will be made to buy CD's as rapidly as possible.

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| Cost of printing | \$5,903.90 |
| Other expenses | 438.48 |
| Total | 6,342.38 |
| Books sold to date | 3,128.00 |
| Amount due (sold to libraries) | 60.00 |

Financial Report

Checking Account (Union Bank)

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| General Fund | 3,603.66 |
| Memorial Fund | 525.00 |

Investments (all CD's)

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| Union Bank | 7,500.00 (est.) |
| Community Bank | 3,600.00 (est.) |
| Lowndes Bank (Memorial) | 3,000.00 |
| Elizabeth Sloan Memorial (Union Bank) | 5,000.00 |

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