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**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
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NEWSLETTER

FALL 1989

SEPTEMBER MEETING

On September 20, 1989, at 7:30 p.m. in the Stealey-Goff-Vance House Richard Duez and Ronald Chrislip will present a program on "Early West Virginia Utilitarian Pottery from the 1770's to 1900."

Richard Duez, who lives in Bridgeport, is a local historian, antiquarian, and furniture restorer. Ronald Chrislip lives in Fairmont. He is a former director of Prickett's Fort State Park and is currently a member of the Council to Save Highgate. The two will speak chiefly about pottery which was manufactured in the Morgantown area.

OCTOBER MEETING

Mrs. Myrtle Marshall will present a program of reminiscences at 7:30 p.m. on October 18 in the Stealey-Goff-Vance House. As a child Mrs. Marshall worked at the Jackson Mansion which stood on West Pike Street where the western extension of the U.S. Post Office is located in 1989. Mrs. Marshall, in typical childhood fashion, picked up what she viewed in the daily routine in the T. Moore Jackson household with a bit of awe. Mrs. Marshall recalls that she was the envy of other black children, her friends, because she had money which she earned from her work.

The reminiscences of household procedures will take the audience back to the lost world many remember before electric refrigerators, washing machines, and dozens of other products of a technological age.

NOVEMBER MEETING

John Randolph, former director of Fort New Salem and now a consultant at Jacksons Mill, will speak at the November 15 meeting of the Society at 7:30 p.m. in the Stealey-Goff-Vance House.

Randolph's subject will be "The Future of Jacksons Mill Historic Areas" He will discuss projected plans for the enhancement of the mill, the museum, the site where the Jackson House once stood and the area where the Jackson Cemetery stands in 1989.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party is scheduled for 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, December 10 at the Stealey-Goff-Vance House. Committees for the affair will be announced in the fall.

THE COLLECTION

Accessions

Marcato Music Club yearbooks, 1909-1910, 1911-1912. Gift of Mrs. Mary K. Holt, 252 Main Avenue, Weston, WV  
Silver-plated teapot, sugar and creamer, not antique. Gift of Louise Hornor, 930 West Pike Street, Clarksburg, WV.

Teapot and sugarbowl, gold band china, English, circa 1850, from family of Thomas Moore Jackson, probably once the property of James Madison and Caroline Moore Jackson; glass cake stand, Valencia waffle pattern, circa 1885-1895, made by Adams Glass co. of Pittsburgh, PA; silver-plated serving tray, round, pierced and chased decoration, circa 1920. Gift of Jack Sandy Anderson, Route 1, Box 128, Shinnston, WV.

Arrowback settle, Victorian arm chair, small Oriental keg, ladderback rocker, Victorian table. On loan from Waldomore.

Genealogical Researchers

One of the most vital services of the Society and one of the least evident to members is that of the genealogical committee. In the last few months David Honchin, 120 S. Fifth St., Apt. E, and Anne R. Harvey, Rt. 3, Box 32, Hill Girt Farm, have each spent hours searching legal records and Society files and then replying to letters of inquiry which have been addressed to the Society.

Museum Hosts and Hostesses

The Society thanks those members who have served as hosts or hostesses at the Stealey-Goff-Vance House on Friday afternoons during the summer of 1989. These members are Jack Sandy Anderson, Betty Dakan, Mildred Lawson, Barbara Lefebure, Aileen Lucas, Madge McDaniel, Bea Quigley,, Reverend Russell Riethmiller. Members who volunteered to fill in as hosts or hostesses if needed are Dorothy Davis, Helen Frashure, Elsie Grant, Charles Gribble, Mary Pat Steptoe, Lucille Swiger, Anne Yoke.

SOCIETY BUSINESS

Membership Campaign

A successful membership campaign is now in progress. So far fifty-one new members have been secured through the efforts of the Membership Committee of which Sally Pearce Hall and Anne Yoke are co-chairmen. Names of new members are listed in the Society membership list enclosed with this newsletter.

Financial Statement, July 15, 1989

Investments

5 Certificates of Deposit, Union National Bank	\$14,048.68
2 Certificates of Deposit, Union National Bank (Memorial Fund)	3,600.00
1 Certificate of Deposit, CB & T	2,380.77
	\$20,002.45

Checking Account, Union National Bank	3,380.13
Undeposited check	17.75

Note: The checking account (which earns interest) contains \$1,000, a donation from Cyrus Vance for upkeep of the Stealey-Goff-Vance House; \$1,000, a legacy from the estate of Miss Regina Caulfield; and a \$100 life membership.

Life memberships are invested with the interest going into the General Fund for upkeep of the Stealey-Goff-Vance House. The interest earned is approximately the same as annual dues, but will go on as long as the Society exists. The Memorial Fund also earns interest for the upkeep of the museum.

#### Upkeep of Property

Any member can see as he drives past the Stealey-Goff-Vance House that the structure is in a state of disrepair. The board of directors have asked a consultant to survey the property and tell them what needs to be done to preserve the building. Then the board will proceed with painting, roof repair, etc.

#### Publications

Copies of LEGACY OF LOVE by Julia Davis (\$22); HISTORY OF HARRISON COUNTY by Col. Henry Haymond (\$12.50 to members); and JOHN GEORGE JACKSON by Dorothy Davis (\$12.50) are still available. All proceeds go toward maintenance of the Stealey-Goff-Vance House.

### HISTORIC NEWS

#### Waldomore

Waldomore is one hundred fifty years old! Built by Waldo P. Goff in 1839 as the residence in which he and his bride, Harriet Moore Goff, would live, the Georgian house at first had a two-story central portion flanked by one-story wings. Four columns the height of the two-story section supported a wooden triangular entablature and gave the house a classical portico. Richard and May Goff Lowndes, in remodeling the house circa 1897-1903, added the second story to the wings of the house.

Mrs. Lowndes, in her will, directed that Waldomore be given to the City of Clarksburg for a library and museum. The key to the structure was turned over to the Clarksburg Public Library Board January 19, 1931. The library board remodeled the building for the library collection. The structure was again remodeled as the major project of the Harrison County Bicentennial commission in 1976-78. The library plans to celebrate the sesquicentennial of Waldomore late in the fall of 1989.

#### Accessions of the West Virginia and Regional Collection of the West Virginia University Library

The following gifts to the West Virginia Collection in Morgantown are of interest to citizens of Clarksburg:

Patton Family. Papers, 1869-72. 14 pp. Gift 1989. A & M 537

Genealogical data and a letter of Ebenizer Wilson Patton. Patton's letter to M. L. Paullus, Greenfield, Indiana, from Clarksburg, West Virginia, concerns business, politics, and religion in clarksburg. In particular Patton describes Methodist churches, Northern and Southern, black and white and notes that Clarksburg is a mecca to blacks in the state because of its churches and free school.

Davis, Julia M. Papers, 1980. 78 pp. gift, 1988. A&M 2826

Interviews and book reviews regarding the life and works of author Julia M. Davis. Interviews center on the author's family history as it pertains to her career. She discusses her father, John W. Davis, who was the 1924 Democratic Presidential nominee, and also her maternal grandparents, who resided in Jefferson County and witnessed the trial and execution of John Brown. . . The author discusses the influence of Melville Davisson Post on her career.

#### State Historical Society Meeting

The West Virginia Historical Society annual meeting will be held in Morgantown September 22-23, 1989. The Saturday morning session and the luncheon will be held at the Hotel Morgan. The Friday evening session will probably be scheduled at Colson Hall.

#### Route 50 History

Route 50 Research Project, P.O. Box 5037, Berkeley, CA, is compiling a history of Route 50. In answer to an inquiry, the Society sent material and suggested the project secure information from the Virginia State Library in Richmond which holds complete records of the building of the Northwestern Turnpike.