



NEWSLETTER

FALL 1997

SEPTEMBER MEETING

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The September meeting of the Society will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, September ~~26~~, 1997, in the Stealey-Goff-Vance House. The speaker of the day will be Chris Green who operated a computer and computer programming business in Clarksburg and who is active in the environmental and historic preservation movements in the state. He will describe the recent activities of the West Virginia Preservation Alliance and the goals of the Alliance for 1997.

OCTOBER MEETING

Jack Sandy Anderson, immediate past president of the Society, will speak at the meeting to be held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 19, 1997, in the Stealey-Goff-Vance House. Mr. Anderson will describe early families in Clarksburg and Harrison County. Mr. Anderson is a descendant of the Shinn family who settled Shinnston.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Former Society President Dorothy U. Davis will speak at the meeting scheduled for 2:30 p.m. in the Stealey-Goff-Vance House on November 16, 1997. Her subject will be "Trolleys in Clarksburg and Harrison County." Mrs. Davis, who was born in 1914, remembers the heyday of the trolley in Clarksburg.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas Party of the Society will be held in the Stealey-Goff-Vance House from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 14, 1997. Members, guests of members, and the general public are welcome to experience a Christmas of bygone years when houses were decorated with natural greens and food was homemade sweets.

HISTORIC NEWS

Willis G. Tetrick Papers

The Spring 1997 *NEWSLETTER* of the West Virginia and Regional History Collection, Colson Hall, West Virginia University Libraries, Morgantown, WV, carried this information concerning the papers of the late Willis G. Tetrick, Jr., one of the founders and former president of the Harrison County Historical Society:

The most comprehensive private family history collection ever compiled for West Virginia, The Willis G. Tetrick, Jr. Genealogical Collection, has been donated to the West Virginia Foundation on behalf of the West Virginia and Regional History Collection by Mrs. Helen V. Tetrick. The collection emphasizes the genealogy of Harrison County and the north-central region of West Virginia. It consists of 160 feet of original genealogical compilations, family histories, local and regional history publications, obituaries, miscellaneous estate inventories, news clippings, and organizational records of the Sons of the American Revolution, and other related information.

The collection was created by W. Guy Tetrick and his son Willis G. Tetrick, Jr. as a result of lifetime interests in the rich history and family heritage of West Virginia. WVU President David C. Hardesty, Jr. noted that "The Tetrick family is a distinguished West Virginia family. For generations its progeny have served the communities of which they were part. The donation of the collected genealogical research done by the family is a gift of substance and love. We at WVU are most appreciative, as will be those who will benefit from its use in the future."

The research library amassed by the Tetricks is a very fine collection of over 1700 Volumes of West Virginia that will help to fill out the holdings of the West Virginia and Regional History Collection and the WVU libraries.

Annual Meeting of State Society

The annual meeting of the West Virginia State Historical Society will be held on September 27 and 28 in Buckhannon and in Weston. On Friday evening, September 27, the Upshur County Historical Society will host a meeting of the state society. The assembly will move on Saturday morning to Weston, where the Lewis County Historical Society will host a bus tour of historic sites before arriving at Jackson's Mill for lunch and the presentation on the Virgil A. Lewis Award. Further details may be obtained by writing Dr. Kenneth Bailey, P.O. Box 5220, Charleston, WV 25361-0220

THE SOCIETY

Repair to the roof

Since the consensus of the Society has always been that the first responsibility of the board is to keep up the property, attention this summer has turned to the roof of the Stealey-Goff-Vance House. The good news is that replacing the metal roof, which was recommended a few years ago, will not be necessary. Harry McEldowney, who is skilled in historic preservation, has "put the Society on the list" for repairing and painting the roof. The work will be completed before winter.

The request for a matching grant to do the work was denied by the West Virginia Department of Archives and History. The local Society was urged to apply again. Unfortunately the repairs cannot wait for future grants. The board will proceed with the repairs. Any member who wishes to donate to the work can do so by sending a check to The Harrison County Historical Society, P.O. Box 2074, Clarksburg, WV 26301. Already \$412.50 has been donated by Peggy Sojoberg (in memory of her mother Lucille Crim Presser), Dr. Robert and Helen Wilson, Jack Anderson, Madge McDaniel and Dorothy Davis.

Memorials to Catherine Goff

Memorials to Catherine Osborn Goff have been donated by Madge McDaniel, Dorothy Davis, Secret and Sheilds, and Bob and Irene Upton.

Museum Tours

In recent years the society has not had the staff to keep the museum open on a regular schedule. The Society has members who will open the museum for the general public. If you wish to visit the collection, telephone Madge McDaniel at (304) 842-3073.

Delinquent Dues

Response to the letters to members who had not paid dues since 1995 was good. 32 paid dues including one life membership; 20 envelopes were returned by the post office. A copy of the Fall 1997 Newsletter will be sent those who did not respond.

We Welcome these New Members:

Alma Allstot
3306 S. Fisher St.
Kennewick, WA 94337

Maria Silva Gutierrez-Luna
38 Club View Drive
Bridgeport, WV 26330

Hall and Sue Wilson
308 Danimere Avenue
Arcadia, CA 91006-4749

Editor Retires

Dorothy U. Davis, editor of the Newsletter of the Harrison County Historical society from 1970 through 1997, has retired as editor. She has deposited bound copies of the 50 historic sketches she has written for the newsletters in Waldomore in Clarksburg, in the Cultural Center in Charleston, and in the West Virginia and Regional History Collection, Colson Hall WVU in Morgantown. The Society also holds at the Stealey-Goff-Vance House copies of the 50 newsletters. The list of the titles of the 50 sketches are: (note: Through error, "No. 25" occurred two times)

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| 1. The John J. Davis House | 25. Costs in Antebellum County |
| 2. Gypsy | 26. The Goff Building |
| 3. West Milford Militia 1862 I | 27. Edwin Steele Duncan |
| 4. West Milford Militia 1865 I | 28. The Election of 1861 |
| 5. Monongalia Navigation Company | 29. Travels of Luther Haymond |
| 6. The Jackson-Pearson Ducl | 30. Luther Haymond |
| 7. Clarksburg and Marietta | 31. Charles Wesley Lynch |
| 8. West Fork River Men and Clarks' Campaign of 1781 | 32. John S. Carlile |
| 9. Mission to Appalachia | 33. Nancy Frazier Mayse Allen |
| 10. American Legion Pilgrimage of 1927 | 34. Robert Lewis Visits |
| 11. Election of 1840 | 35. Rawley Lucas |
| 12. Samuel Hall Young | 36. Sabbatarians in County |
| 13. Washington's Sword | 37. Jasper Newton Wilkinson |
| 14. Diss Debar and John Brown | 38. Samuel P. Moore and Sons |
| 15. Charles Leib | 39. Isaac Coston |
| 16. Amy Roberts Vance House | 40. W. Guy Tetrick |
| 17. Towers School | 41. Moses Hoffman VanHorn |
| 18. Waldomore | 42. Robert S. Northcott |
| 19. The Northwestern Turnpike | 43. Gen. George Custer and Clarksburg |
| 20. West Milford and Salem Turnpike | 44. Joseph Johnson, Politician |
| 21. Tenacity (Hattie Hill) | 45. Charles Lewis Hickman, Architect |
| 22. Doddridge County | 46. The Military in the County |
| 23. Events Leading to Harrison County | 47. Edward J. Wood Architect |
| 24. William Randolph | 48. Kemble White and His Family |
| 25. Corna Mowrey | 49. John W. Davis Day |

50. WV Central Agriculture & Mechanical Fair
51. History of Shenandoah During the Civil War
1861-1865 in Harrison Co