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BIRTHDAY, CELEBRATION,
SESQUICENTENNIAL
CALL IT WHAT YOU MAY,
IT IS THE 150TH YEAR OF
WEST VIRGINIA STATEHOOD

Hard won and tumultuous as the journey has been, if you are a native you carry with you a connection to the mountains, the rivers, the snow covered hills of winter, the spring blush of green..

"our home among the hills".

Your HCWVHS has been involved in the planning of events that will begin on May 10th with the rededication of the Stonewall Jackson statue on Clarksburg Courthouse Plaza. Eight of our members are on the county planning committee: our president Bob Davis; treasurer Sherri Heavener; Secretary Carol Schweiker; and members Dick Duez, Lemeul Muniz, Jim Crimm, Josh Toothman, and Richard Wolfe. All these folks are historians,

UNION OR DISUNION?

THE ISSUE IS UPON US!

As meetings are being held in portions of our State urging a call for a convention to consider whether Virginia shall unite with South Carolina and the Cotton States in their treasonable efforts to dissolve the Union of these States, it is deemed advisable that the citizens of Harrison county give expression to their sentiments in mass-meeting assembled.

It is the settled conviction of intelligent observers of the times that the Union, formed by our fathers and cemented with their blood--a Union hallowed by all the sacred memories of the past, and endeared to us by the innumerable blessings of the present--is seriously threatened. Even now our monetary interests and business relations have received a shock from the impending destruction of our Government little less disastrous than war itself. The credit of both States and individuals is not only being destroyed, but ruin begins to stare us in the face. Shall Virginia be a participant in this effort at self-destruction? Will she, too, be guilty of self-murder? It is for her People to say. Rely upon it, the time is now come when, if we would avert the horrid calamities of civil war, the people of Harrison should give unmistakable utterance of their devotion to the National Union, and their unalterable attachment and unyielding determination to preserve, unimpaired, the glorious Constitution of the American Confederacy. **MARK IT WELL,** your silence will be mistaken for indifference, and will tend to strengthen the traitorous hands already stretched forth to destroy the Government. It is of the utmost consequence, then, that the voice of the people be heard, trumpet-tongued, commanding peace. Let every man who values this Government and is opposed to treason, leave his farm, his work-shop, his store, and his counting-room, and give one day to his Country. Do this, we earnestly beseech you, before it is too late. Let no man, therefore, neglect this patriotic call, remembering that he who is not for the Union is against it. Come, then, citizens of Harrison county, to the

MASS-MEETING,

To be held at the Court-house, in Clarksburg, on Saturday next,

The 24th of November, 1860.

Come prepared to resist any and every attempt to sunder the tie which binds us together, and which has hitherto united us as one people.

Clarksburg, Va., November 20th, 1860.

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creative and artistic workers. HCWVHS is pleased to be recognized by local organizers as a cooperating organization. We hope that future projects within the community will continue.

Plans underway include a documentary, a walking-driving map of historical sites, music, appropriate foods and vendors, speakers, and re-enactors. Activities will begin at noon on May 10th at the Court House Plaza with Invocation, color guard and wreath laying, the playing of the Star Spangled Banner, coral music, ending at 1Pm with the Benediction.

The Stealey, Goff, Vance House will be opened to visitors from 1pm through

4pm. At the same time, vendors, musicians, re-enactors and presentations will continue activities on streets around the court house.

At 4pm, Dr. Matt Lively will discuss "The Death of Stonewall Jackson" Dr. Lively will have just released his book on the fatal wound that caused Jackson's death. That presentation will be held at the former YWCA and conclude with a reception and book signing. Activities and reenactments will be ongoing.


HCWVHS has been asked to arrange an exhibit to be displayed in Clarksburg's new City Building. The exhibit will include enlarged photographs and items from the Societies

archives. The exhibit is being developed and financed by Dr. Bob Davis and Jim Crim.

The House will again be opened on June 8th, for a day long trolley-walking tour that Clarksburg will sponsor. Again, music, re-enactors will be positioned at some of the stops.

On June 8th, the Society will open another exhibit, RALLY 'ROUND THE FLAG at the Waldomore. The exhibit, in part, will be the introduction of our framed 1863, 35 star-5'x8' American flag. Dr. Bob Davis and photographer Jim Crim have graciously financed the preservation and encasing of the flag.

We hope to see you there.



Come to Harrison County
to Celebrate our Civil War History
and West Virginia's 150th Birthday!

Sesquicentennial Events

- May 10 - Honor Stonewall's death
Presentations by noted historians.
- June 8 - Rally Round the Flag Tour
Period Musical Presentations
Film Festival of Civil War Films
Tour of Historical Venues
- June 22 - Enjoy Civil War era baseball
See the Pittsburgh Franklins vs.
the Fulton Mules of Ohio

For more information on these events & more
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****The following excerpt is taken in part from a 1903 edition of the Clarksburg, WV Exponent.**

"The venerable Colonel Luther Haymond being interviewed at (age) 94."

Haymond had been a deputy surveyor, member of the Virginia Legislature, member of the board of public works and cashier of the Merchants' National Bank from 1860-1896. Here are "his reminiscences of Stonewall Jackson's boyhood"

When Haymond was 17 he clerked at Ed McCullough's store close to the home of the Jackson family. "Some days after I went into the store the little Jackson' boys (Tommy and Warren) came running in. It was an awful hot day and the boys horrified Mr. McCullough and several of the customers. They wore little linen pants held up with strings, but no shirts on. Warren, the elder explained that their mother was washing their shirts and that they had slipped out of the house while she was busy. Mr. McCullough at once took them to the back of the store and cut off a great piece of shirting and gave it to them that they should have at least two shirts apiece."

"This will show you how poor the Jacksons' were and with what a handicap the future great General started on his race with the world." His uncle "Cummings Jackson felt badly for the family, when on his visits" he saw the straits they lived in. Cummings "took a great fancy to wee Tommy, the grey-eyed, fearless chap who had already started out to lick all the 10 year old boys on both sides of the creek". Cummings "offered to take the bright lad to his home (Jackson's Mill) and send him to school. "The young boy thrived" and would still frequently visit his Mother in Clarksburg. "While up in Lewis County Tommy's great love for fighting and horses was developed. At the age of 16 he began 'riding as a constable', and then as deputy sheriff when the area was "wild and lawless". At 18 the daring young man was named for the West Point cadet-ship by Congressman of that district, Samuel Hays. ***"From that time on it seemed that the boy belonged to the world not to us?."***

The "RALLY ROUND THE FLAG" EXHIBIT

and related activities will begin June 8th. On that day there will be both walking and trolley tour around Clarksburg and near-by areas. There will be A souvenir map will be available to guide visitors to the remaining original sites and areas that are no longer existing. There will be special musical presentations in various places, the HCHS house, as well as our Flag exhibit at the Waldomore. The exhibit will remain in the Waldomore for two weeks. At that time, our splendid 5 ft X 8 ft., restored 1863 flag will be on exhibit along with a variety of Civil War artifacts and photographs. The flag will eventually tour the county to be on display at various venues. HCHS will need to have a special stand constructed on which to safely display the flag to its best advantage. HCHS wishes to establish a special fund for building this display unit. Contributions or a sponsor would be appreciated.

THOMAS "STONEWALL" JACKSON



WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year's annual conference was held in Wheeling, Mar. 14th thru Mar. 16th. The theme was 150 Years: Celebrating West Virginia. This year Carol Schweiker and Sherri Heavner, members of the board, attended this conference on their own, to represent the organization. Attendance is not only educational but allows us to meet peers and network with others historical house museums across the state.

Carol and Sherri made every effort to get the most out of the presentations, as there were two classes being given simultaneously; each of them attended one, getting the benefit of all. The introduction to the event was "Restoring a Treasure" WV Independence Hall, a tour of the impressive renovated 1858 building. The second floor contained displays of WV Civil War Regimental Flags. If anyone were to travel to Wheeling, the building is very impressive and well worth the trip.

Other presentations attended were: Utilizing Assets, The National Digital Newspaper Program, Child's Play, Civil War Medicine, Identifying Weapons Used During the Civil War, Small Exhibits and Displays, Professional Handling of Artifacts, The Americorps Program In WV, Keeping Museums Relevant in a Technologically Advanced World, Grant Writing, Reading Objects in Your Collection, and Object Numbering.

There was a Living History Presentation in the courtroom from a Secessionist Sympathizer, whose husband was imprisoned for his political views. Francis Pierpont spoke at the River City Restaurant and there was a costumed Civil War Era Dance. On the final day there was a tour of Oglebay Mansion and the Glass Museum. To help raise money for next years' student scholarships, WVAM members bring auction items, which are sold at the conclusion of the business meeting and dinner. Carol

brought personally created art, and the society donated an additional \$20. We were able to win a bid for badly needed archival supplies. Everyone benefited.

For those interested in the Historic American Newspapers project, go to <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/> and select subscribe on the upper right of the page. Or go to <http://www.loc.gov/index.html> and select the RSS icon on the left. Go to "Newspapers and Journalism-Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers". There will be a place to subscribe for updates. This is an ongoing project, the first phase has just become available to the public! There is also a searchable feature for content. This is great as The Wheeling Daily Intelligencer was in the first phase.

Sherri and Carol returned with valuable ideas and resources for HCWVHS to use in the future.

Juanita Broslawsky Interview, By Sherri Heavner

The society has been working on a cookbook to celebrate our state's 150th birthday. In doing so, our thoughts have turned to our greatly missed downtown restaurants. We were fortunate in getting to talk to Juanita Broslawsky, formerly of the Parson Souders, Stone & Thomas Submarine Restaurant.

Juanita worked in the restaurant for 20 years before retiring as manager in 1986, not long before the store closed. She says what she remembers most is the good people she worked for and with. Everyone got along well and worked together, if you were caught up on the job you had, you helped the other person get caught up. Customers worked together too as there was no such thing as an empty seat. If there was a chair at your table, the next person got it. At lunch time it was standing room only. Most customers were working people from downtown and the occasional shopper taking a break. Hours were from 9am to 3pm, mostly serving lunch food, with the occasional coffee and donut for early customers.

Everything was made fresh and by hand. There was a cook, a baker, a salad maker and two dishwashers in the kitchen. The salad maker created the fresh sandwich spreads for items like the favorite "Submarine" sandwich which had pimento cheese spread, whole wheat bread, lettuce, tomato, mayo and either ham or bacon. Fridays you could get the fish dinner with cold slaw. You could always get a regular dinner, vegetable plate or their big salad.

People came for the good food and good prices. When she worked the floor she had three tables to wait and was never caught up. She and the 6 others who worked in the dining area were kept in constant motion but she has no complaints, as she says, "They were all good people".

Here is "Opal's Salad Dressing" recipe: (Opal made all the sandwich spreads too)

1 8oz French onion dip

1 cup salad dressing

4 hard cooked eggs chopped fine

A dash of lemon juice

Salt & pepper to taste.

****Mix all together and serve over salad.**

If you worked at or know someone who worked at a local area restaurant that is no longer in business we are interested in talking to you. We would like to hear your stories and share any recipes that were local favorites.

Does anyone remember the restaurant, west of Clarksburg, which made great Boston Cream Pie?

BITS & PIECES

****HCHS received a grant of \$600 from the Harrison Co. Cultural Foundation with which to fund period music during our Vintage Baseball Game, June 22 at the Bridgeport- Recreation Complex.**

****HCHS, with board member Laura Davis, sponsored the showing of THE WERETH ELEVEN movie during Black History Month. The movie was shown at the former YWCA building free to the public. The movie depicted the WW2 history of the Tuskegee Airman, one of whom was from Harrison Co.**

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BITS & PIECES, CONTINUED:**GIFTS-IN-KIND:**

**Dale Honey donated the 1920 and 1922 WI yearbooks, Reminiscences, the 1945 Memoirs from WI, the 1940 Dirigo from Salem College.

**Catherine Burke, Richard and Laura Williams, Judith L. Thornton, Dr R. Davis, Jim Crim, Dick Duez have been most gracious in their donations and efforts.

**Tiffany Martin, our FSU intern is graduating in May, she will continue to help us for a while.

WE, HCHS WISH TO THANK TIFFANY FOR ALL HER ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT THIS PAST YEAR!!

NEEDS & WISHES:

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! HCHS will need volunteers to assist in our open house on both May 10th and June 8th. These days will coincide with activities in downtown Clarksburg. Other days, we will be needing work-help cleaning, organizing exhibits and "stuff" too numerous to mention. Call Carol at 304-842-4336 if you can help. We recently reached out on face book and gathered in Pat & Bill Brand, Lisa Alastanos, and Alex Bradley-Popovich and Mom Cheryl. Alex is home schooled and hopefully will be part of our reach-out to teens programs.

**Our open house on February , brought in new people who are involved in many civic activities, including preservation of the IOOF cemetery, restoring the Waldo, and other challenges around our community. It is to be hoped that when groups with goals combine talents and initiatives, progress occurs. It is to be hoped that HCHS will be part of these forward working groups in achieving a richer community.

SPONSORS:

WE CAN'T THANK ENOUGH THE SPONSORSHIP OF MCNEER, HIGHLAND, MCMUNN, AND VARNER, LLC. FOR THEIR GENEROUS ASSISTANCE IN THE HCHS CELEBRATION OF WEST VIRGINIA'S AND HARRISON COUNTY'S TRIBUTE TO HISTORY FOR OUR VINTAGE 1865 BASEBALL GAME, JUNE 22, 2013. A full meal of roast pig, vegetables, sweet potato pie and other traditional goodies will be available during the event. Tanya Cayton, the firm's Public Relations representative, has been a great help in organizing our vendors and activities.

The Sycamore-Dale or Rider flag was donated to HCHS in 1969 by Mr. James H. Coleman of Buckhannon, WV. A photo of Mrs. Eleanor Rider Williams descendent of Bennet Rider designer of the flag, is in the HCHS archives. She is shown holding the 1863 flag at the time of presentation to the society. Bennet Rider, noted Harrison Co. photographer in the 1850s and 60s, designed the 5"X8' flag, obtained the materials and his wife, her sister and several other ladies made the flag which was flown on the high knoll above his photography shop in Sycamore-Dale. HCHS has many of B.D. Rider's glass negatives in our collection. It is hoped that a future exhibit and book might result in exploring his life.

Thanks to Josh Toothman of The West Milford Historical Association for his work in preserving and relating the story of Bennet D. Rider.



Annual Report 2012

Beginning Balance 2012

CDs	\$32,447.12
Checking	<u>6,187.11</u>
Total	\$38,634.23

Beginning Balance 2013

CDs	\$26,449.34
Checking	<u>6821.16</u>
Total	\$33,270.50

Other income breakdown:

CDs Huntington Bank	\$5997.78
Workshop	59.00
Deposit	<u>355.86</u>
Total:	\$6,412.64

Direct Donations \$827.87

Banking Summary 2012

1/1/2012- 12/31/2012

INCOME

Uncategorized	190.00
Donation	1,110.00
Interest Inc	3.43
Membership	935.00
Other Income (Business)	<u>6,412.27</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,650.70

EXPENSES

Uncategorized	0.00
Administrative	1,612.91
Advertising (Business)	852.11
Association Fees	50.00
Building Maintenance	2,116.01
Government Fee	400.00
Insurance (Business)	720.95
Meals & Entertainment (Business)	78.25
Postage and Delivery (Business)	277.94
Printing and Reproduction (Business)	307.16
Taxes (Business)	47.41
Utilities (Business)	<u>1,453.88</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,916.62

OVERALL TOTAL \$734.08

FINANCIAL REPORT 2012

Harrison County West Virginia Historical Society, Inc.

Sherri Heavner, Treasurer

NEW MEMBERS

HCHS IS HEADING TOWARDS 100 NEW, RENEWED AND LIFE MEMBERS SINCE JANUARY 2012.

MAY WE COUNT ON YOU?

Carla Costa	Norma E. Parks
Jim Ferrell	Judith L. Thornton
Richard & Laura Williams	
Shawn Jedju	
Anita J. Miller	
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