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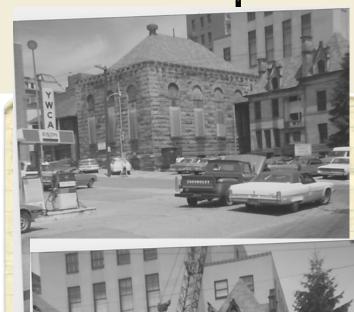
HARRISON COUNTY
HISTORICAL

PRESERVATION or DEMOLITION

Luncheon to honor Mr. Jack
Sandy Anderson for his service in
preserving the history of North
Central West Virginia and the
Harrison County WV Historical
Society, October 26, 2013. Help
HCHS celebrate Jack's service,
letting him know your appreciation
by your attendance or letters of
congratulations.
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# Remembering WWII in Clarksburg, West Virginia

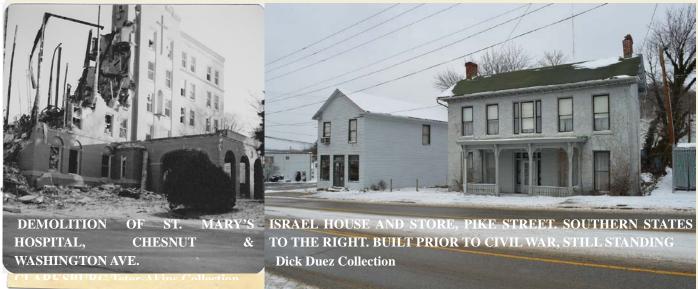
"I am lonesome since I crossed the hills and \_ the mountains, that sedgy with heavy thoughts, my mind is filled since I



HARRISON CO. SHERIFF'S RESIDENCE TO THE RIGHT OF OLD JAIL. DEMOLISHED IN 1950S.

**CORNER OF WASHINGTON AND 3rd ST. BEHIND COURT HOUSE, Teter-Akins Collection** 





Those are the words written on the cover of the journal of 21 year old Henry Solomon White of Clarksburg. Written during his 4 year journey through the Civil War years. journal is in the collection of HCHS. The words were almost obliterated by stains, over-writing and more very sentimental musings of Mr. White. Young as he was, he had a very serious military mission, to follow and record the train movements transporting men, supplies, and arms across the width of north-central West Virginia from Beverly back to the western Ohio Valley front, during the war. This lengthy journal is in the archival collection of HCHS, along with personal letters to White's family and the sweetheart he left behind.

HCHS hopes to publish White's, papers after it has been carefully scanned and digitized. This is just one of thousands of important documents,

"This morning we were ordered to form [a] line of battle on the hill above the bridge --that the rebels were coming in by way of Barrackville which proved to be a sad reality"

Journal of Henry Solomon White

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Historical Society



The Harrison County WV Historical Society is please to honor Mr. Jack Sandy Anderson on October 26th, 2013 with a luncheon to be held at Jimmy's Diner in Shinnston, WV. Mr. Anderson was a founding member of the Society and continues as a mentor. Order from menu. Anyone wishing to make a short "recollection" of Jack's contributions or an anecdote of knowing him is requested to call either Lori at 304-626-5092 or Carol at 304-842-4336. Letters to Mr. Anderson may be sent to the Society, P.O. Box 4689, Bridgeport, WV 26330 or email hcwvhs@gmail.com

The following excerpt from **REFLEXIONS OF MY YOUTH, VOL** Adler, formerly from Harrison Co. currently living in Arizona. **phot store**, "Wally's Everything For Working Men" Store..... next to Jerry's Auto, or

As we came in the back door father, wearing his air raid warder was heading out the front door. The Germans are coming, the coming. It was an air raid drill we had gotten quite used to them six Sunday, December 7, 1941.

Mother pulled the den's drapes closed, then turned off all the lighthe house. The closed drapes did little to soften the din of the air rather street, atop the East End fire station. We were at war and this was one of the things kids had to deal with. My three-year-old brother Gary was having trouble dealing, not so much with the sound, but with the dark and it was dark, it was really dark.

All of the streetlights were off and there were no car headlights, because there were no cars on the streets. There was no light in the Feeny's house across the street, nor the Church's house on the corner. The O'Connell's and Oliverio's houses, down Philippi Street, were dark too. The Smitty's Drug Store's sign across Main Street opposite the fire station, was off and the store was hardly visible through the pitch black.

There wasn't a hint of light anywhere, including in our den and as usual, Gary was screaming like a Banshee. He hated the dark so much mother had to turn a night-light in his bedroom so he could go to sleep.

On this night he was in rare form. Mother sprung into action. She got the night--light and turned it on in the den. It worked. It got quiet...until there was a knock at the front door. It was an air raid warden. He saw a little light showing through the drapes and warned mother that if he saw it again she would get a citation.

Learning about WW 11 was a daily topic at Linden Grade School, located around the corner from our home. There I learned a great deal about the war,



### THINKING ABOUT HOLIDAY GIVING?

How bout the HCHS Sesquicentennial Cookbook?

#### THEN & NOW

Copies are still available and they can be sent before Thanksgiving and Christmas!





The ladies of the Clarksburg Classic Quilt Shop graciously made HCHS a gorgeous traditional Sesquicentennial Quilt to be used as a fund raising raffle during our summer events. Pictured on the left is the winner, Cindi Staley of Fairmont, and Sherri Heavner, HCHS Treasurer, on the right. The winner was chosen during the vintage baseball game celebrating West Virginia's 150th anniversary.

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I had seen newsreels at the Robinson-Grand on Saturday mornings of B-17s bombing Germany and soldiers fighting on small islands in the Pacific. A little knowledge, for an inquisitive eight year old, is a dangerous thing.

Lying on the den floor, on those dark nights with Gary's protests ringing in my ear, I kept wondering...if the Germans could fly all the way across the ocean why would they chose Clarksburg, West Virginia, of all places, to bomb?

However, I kept my thoughts to myself. It might be unpatriotic to ask my teacher!

Mr. Bill Adler, the author of REFLECTIONS OF MY YOUTH, VOL. I, a native of Clarksburg, attended Washington Irving High School and the Tree of Life Synagogue. His family moved to Arizona in the early 1950s. His family had owned and operated WALLYS Working Mans Store next to JERRY'S AUTO on Pike St in the 30s and 40s, and then ADLERS, 1947-1952, corner of Pike and 3rd next to Hammond-Harper Restaurant.

Mr. Adler contacted HCHS in the early summer requesting photos of places and buildings he remembered from his youth. He was put in touch with Mr. Dick Duez, a noted collector of Harrison Co. and West Virginia photographs. We have had a great and rewarding correspondence, including exchanges of Mr. Adler's photographs with some of ours. These photographs will be used in Mr. Adler's books. You may contact Bill Adler: 480-656-4011 or wjadler@cox.net It has been a pleasure to work with Bill in assisting with his "REFLECTIONS". We will let you know when his book is available for sale.

### HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN HARRISON COUNTY

Issues of historic preservation have been discussed in the county for many years. For those of you who remember some of the outstanding architecture and businesses in Clarksburg there is, now, considerable interest in preserving some of our most important remaining buildings, the Robinson Grand/Rose Garden Theater, the Waldo Hotel and the Duncan Maxwell House. Despite government reluctance in the county to consider planning with preservation in mind, local citizens are organizing their own efforts. Meetings are being held with preservation specialists addressing the challenges of development. Save The Waldo group is spear heading efforts to rehabilitate that structure. Private individuals recently purchased the old Robinson Grand Theater with the idea of working with the city to bring that local icon back to life. We will continue to bring you updates. HCWVHS supports historic preservation for





### BITS OF HARRISON COUNTY HISTORY

Remember the name of the first Drive In theater in Harrison County?

In what small town was J. Eddie Sheets' candy store located?

When did Washington Irving High School open and who was the first principal?

What specialty glass was produced throughout Harrison County in the first half of 20th century?

What town was developed as a result of the DuPont Company building a black powder mill?

# INTERVIEW WITH MR. JACK SANDY ANDERSON

The following interview was conducted by Sherri Heavner and Karen Henderson on Sept. 30th, 2013.

Jack has related numerous times how he listened as a child to the stories the "older folk" would tell. He can never remember a time when he wasn't interested in history and his grandmother, Cora Martin Sandy, had encyclopedic knowledge of history and genealogy. Jack was born at her home at Pine Bluff in the Isaiah Shinn home where he lived until she died when he was 12 years old. The log home has since been removed and is being reconstructed. He grew up in Harrison Co. and attended Pine Bluff and Wyatt schools, finishing high school at





The Washington Irving Marching Band, Main St. in Clarksburg. circa 1950.

Passing in front of The Arcade and Aaron's Shoe Store. Photo, by Bill Adler

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Dewdrop Inn at Pine Bluff. Type to enter text Rosie Salerno Carr served delicious Italian food and later relocated in Shinnston. In 1979 Rosie passed away and her family still operates as Jimmy's.

Jack Sandy Anderson has been a leading historian in Harrison County and has authored many historical articles published newspapers, magazines and books. In 1960 he wrote and published RAMBLINGS, a book devoted to Shinnston area history. He has been active in a number of historical and ancestralpatriotic organizations: past President of the Marion County Historical Society, organizing president of the Shinnston Historical Association, past state



TREE OF LIFE SYNAGOGUE West Pike St. Clarksburg, WV

Demolished in 2010





#### NOTICE TO OUR READERS AND MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME IS NEAR FOR YEAR 2014. THE HARRISON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY DEPENDS ON YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR EXISTENCE. THE SOCIETY HAS PLANS FOR THE FUTURE, ESPECIALLY THE PRESERVATION OF THE "AWSOME" ARCHIVAL COLLECTION WE HOLD FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. PLEASE CONSIDER THE SOCIETY IN ANY LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY MIGHT CONSIDER IN THE FUTURE. HCWVHS LOOKS FORWARD TO OUR FUTURE, AS WELL. WE CANNOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

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\*\*Harrison County WV Historical Society has enjoyed a very successful year of activities and recognition in the community with increased membership, gifts and generous sponsors.

\*\*We hope to continue with our programs, our visibility and with the preservation efforts of our documents, photos. We support local groups involved in preserving local historic structures in the

county.

\*\*In addition, we hope to find assistance to preserve our important archival collections, educational programming, and, of course, house maintenance. These goals can only be continued through fund raising and volunteer services. Harrison Co. has fallen behind in the state in preserving its history and its buildings. The increased development in Harrison County makes preservation even more important. Historical properties can stand next to new, diversity can be a beautiful challenge!

### \*\*\*\* LET US KNOW OF ANY ADDRESS CHANGES

EMAIL ADDRESSES ARE USEFUL TO NOTIFY HARRISON COUNTY RESIDENTS WHEN SPECIAL LOCAL EVENTS ARE PLANNED. WE HOPE TO ANNOUNCE OUR UPCOMING LECTURE SERIES SOON.

DUES FOR 2014 ARE NOW ACCEPTED; ANY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2013 TAX CREDIT SHOULD BE POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 31ST. YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED.

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