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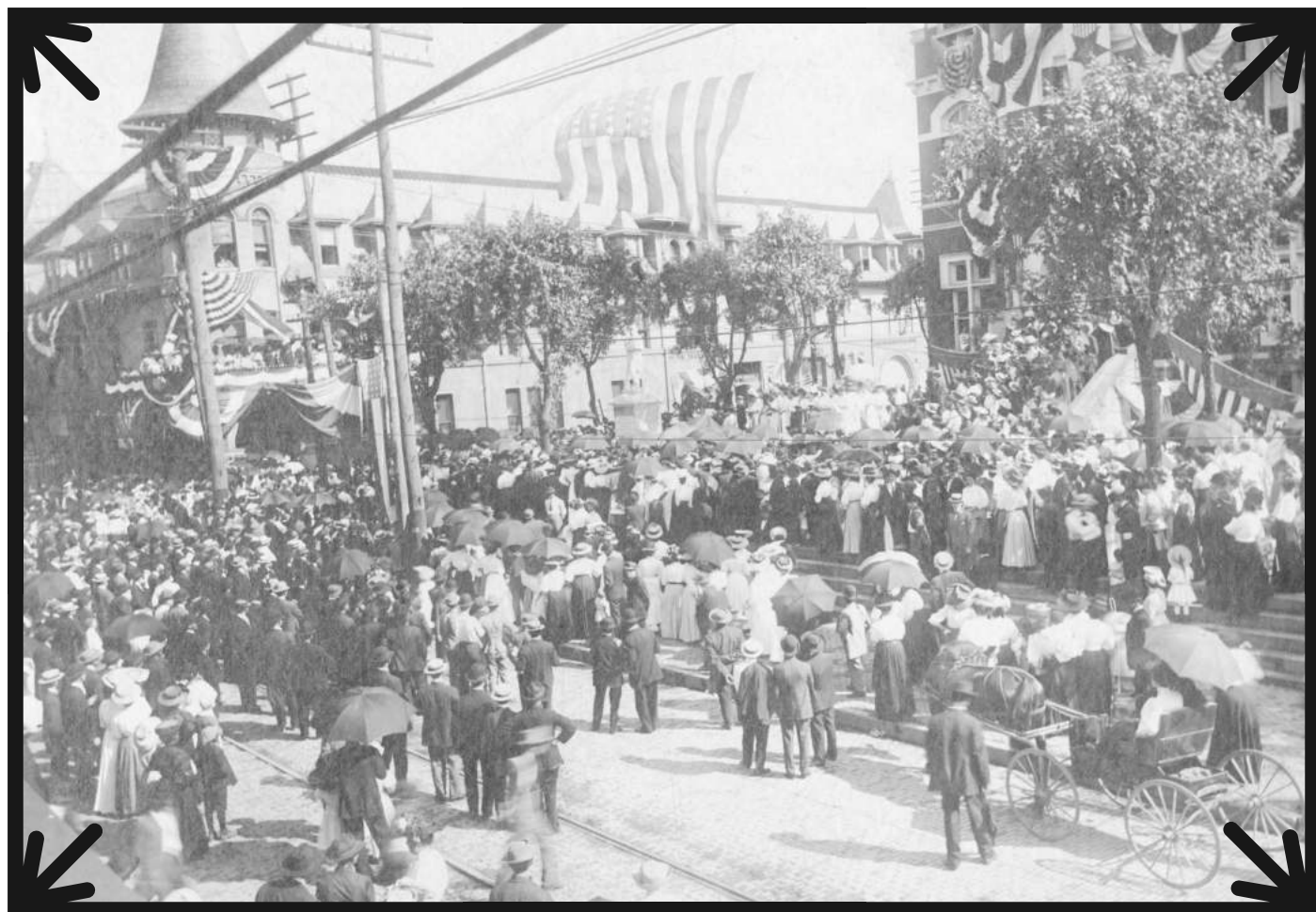
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Crowd outside old courthouse in Clarksburg during the dedication Solider Monument

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Calendar of Events

Open Meeting w/ Speaker Merle Cole - Jun 3rd 2-4 pm - PWA Building Clarksburg

Vera Bradley Bingo - June 11th 2 - 4 pm - VFW Clarksburg

Game Night - July 8th 3-10pm - Replays Clarksburg

Cecil Jarvis Race Open House - June 17th 8-12pm - Stealey Goff Vance House

Oral History Workshop - July 29nd 10-12 pm - Waldamore Clarksburg

Historical Windows Repair Workshop - August 12th - Stealey Goff Vance House

John Heinz History Center Bus Trip

The Harrison County Historical Society recently sponsored a day trip to the John Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh. The organization hopes to begin regular opportunities for day trips to explore West Virginia history.

The group was met at upon arrival by museum educator, Robert Stakeley, offering an introduction to the museum and preparing our group for our pre-planned educational activity. A workshop on preserving and care for family paper records, photos, textiles, and storage tips was offered and individual questions from the audience were answered by Barbara J. Conner, Conservation Services Manager. Lunch was provided and the afternoon was spent either seeing what the six-story museum had to offer or exploring the Pittsburgh Strip District.

The trip was topped off with a stop at Sarris Candy. Harrison County Historical Society is looking to plan more day long history adventures. A day trip to Blennerhassett Island, Harper's Ferry National Historic Park, and the Capital's Cultural Center may be planned in the future. Suggestions for future history bus trips are welcomed.



A Stroll Down East Pike Street's History

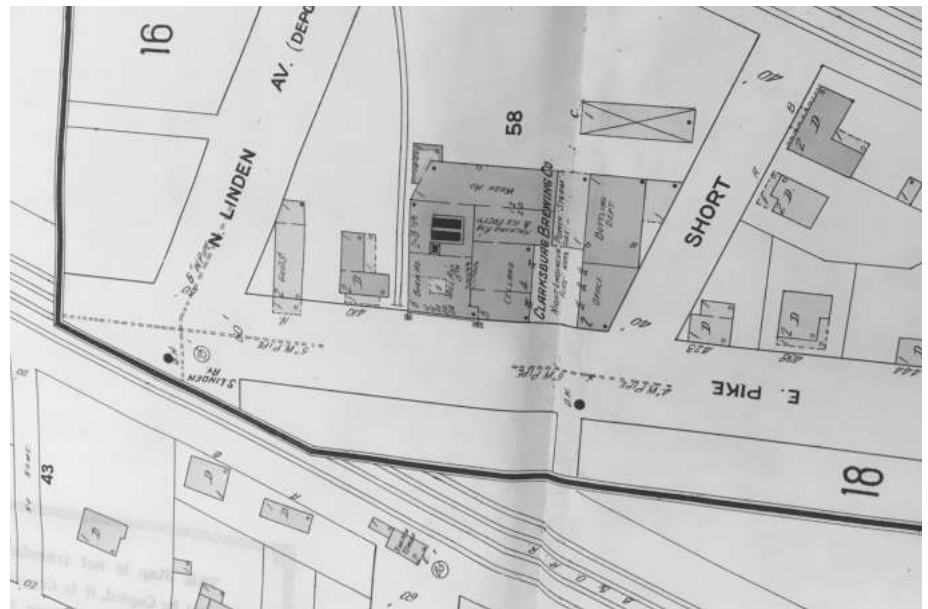
In the last edition of the Wag* I mourned the loss of the Israel Buildings, or as I called at the time “the two grey ladies” of East Pike Street. I mentioned that I would discuss the importance of buildings along that stretch of road heading east and their role in the future development of Clarksburg in the times of the Civil War and thereafter.

I was unable to find a clear photograph of the multi-storied brick building next to the Israel property. (If you have one, please let me know) Dorothy Davis recalls the street and important buildings along this block in her book, *The History of Harrison County*. With the help of Harrison County historians David Houchin and Dick Duez, plus articles from the Clarksburg newspapers, I began to fill in an image of that stretch of East Pike Street from the Israel buildings on to the church at the end of that block.

The story demonstrates a standard of how a frontier town grows, and how innovation was such an important part in the birth of 20th century Clarksburg. The Northwestern Turnpike, even in 1847 was a “good summer road” and very unpredictable for transportation and commerce. Mail arrived by horse or wagon on most weekdays from different directions. Likewise return mail was sent back by those same routes usually within two days...if the weather was favorable. Even after the turnpike was completed, a regular schedule was never reliable.

All the mail was then transported into the county by train after the North-Western Railroad (B&O)

built tracks from Grafton to Parkersburg in 1857. Even then, visitors would comment on the roughness of Clarksburg. Imagine what Pike Street, the main artery through the town, was like by the mid-1850s. Muddy, rutted, and very rough for horses and carriages year round. The railroad depot was built by 1858, within several hundred yards east of the Israel buildings. Also by this time, telegraph lines were installed near-by the depot between 1860-1862. Thus, cementing the significance of transportation and communication to both the war efforts and future development of the city of Clarksburg.
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1911 Map of East Pike with the Clarksburg Brewing Company

I haven't been able to discover what occupied the space next to the Israel home until 1903 when the Clarksburg Telegraph announced in the news that a Clarksburg Brewing Company was to expend \$300,000 to purchase land and build a brewery next to the "old B&O Depot in East End". Dorothy Davis wrote that the land was purchased from T. Moore Jackson and the Stout-Johnson Lumber Company for \$21,000. The resulting building, costing \$270,000, was to be a six-story brick with a frontage of 140 ft. facing the street, having a depth of 130 ft. This would be a sizable structure for commercial use at that time. The brewery would have an output between 60,000 and 80,000 barrels annually and incorporated under the name Clarksburg Brewing Company. Pittsburgh businessmen had joined with "prominent citizens" from Clarksburg to invest in what would, by 1916, become the Arctic Ice and Bottling Works. There may have been another name in the next decades.

By: Carol Schweiker

**just an aside by this "wag": my Grandfather, Charles Shinn, and Uncle Louis Shinn spoke of the building as a great brick structure and quite a job for the time because they were brick masons and helped to do the brick work.

4th Annual Keeping History Alive Vera Bradley Bingo

Come join the Harrison County WV Historical Society for an afternoon of fun and win one of our Vera Bradley gift prizes on Saturday, June 11th at the VFW in Clarksburg.

\$20 for 20 games. We will also have raffles, 50/50, and more! You'll also be able to purchase refreshments. Starts at 2 with doors opening at 1. Proceeds will go toward our archival supplies and house repairs. You may order tickets by emailing us at hcwvhs@gmail.com or by calling

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Clarksburg's Traveling Solider

A solitary, stone sentry stands to watch over the city of Clarksburg from his home in front of the City Building. For nearly 110 years, the Soldiers' Monument has been a fixture in our community. Yet, most are unaware of its origin and how many times he has traveled during his lifetime.

The Soldiers' Monument was the brainchild of the Richard Wallace Circle No. 12 Ladies Auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.). In March 1907, the ladies decided to fundraise for the construction of a granite statue in memory of those who served in the U.S. military from 1776-1907, and ultimately, hoped this would serve as a daily lesson in patriotism for Clarksburg's citizens.



The G.A.R. ladies chose local marble and granite dealer, Elmore W. Wells, for the design and construction of the monument. The cost of creating such a substantial patriotic emblem amounted to \$2,000 which equals approximately \$49,000 in today's money. With publicity assistance from the editors of The Clarksburg Telegram, the G.A.R. led the charge for monument's fundraising campaign.

However, the campaign faced challenges. The monument fund found many financial supporters during the first two months of the drive. But, donations came to a standstill by the end of April 1907 with a remainder of \$1,431 for the cost of the statue and



dedication ceremony. The slowdown of funds also contributed to the dedication ceremony's many reschedules. The G.A.R. ladies originally planned for a July 4 dedication ceremony with Judge Nathan Goff, Jr. as the keynote speaker. As the fundraising campaign dragged on the date was set for May 30, 1908.

Despite the setbacks, the Soldiers Monument and its unveiling ceremony truly became the community affair. More than 170 organizations, businesses, and individuals of all income levels donated to the fund. The G.A.R. ladies contributed \$100, and other donations ranged from 0.25¢ to \$200. Additionally, the community answered the call when it came time to organize the unveiling. Clarksburg's oldest citizen at 99 years, Colonel Luther Haymond, was nominated for the privilege of unveiling the monument.

By the time May 30 dedication arrived, the Soldiers Monument had lived under a canvas tarp on the east corner of the courthouse yard since its placement in October 1907. The grand parade featuring the Co. K of the WV National Guard, Northview and Tinsplate Royal Italian bands, G.A.R. ladies,

Monument outside the courthouse (ca.1920) and its location now outside the City Building

Clarksburg police and fire department, and various fraternal organizations. James E. Law, Sr.; Millard F. Snider; Anna Hall, ex-president of the national chapter of the Ladies G.A.R.; and keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Elmer E. Higley, minister of the First Methodist Church in New Castle, PA, all made patriotic addresses during the ceremony.

The event ended with a musical performance by the Clarksburg High School chorus. By 5:00 p.m., the hundreds in the crowd returned home and the Soldiers Monument began his watch over Clarksburg. But, this is not the end of the monument's story.

The Soldiers Monument traveled three times since its placement on the courthouse,

square. At one time or another, the statue lived near the old City Hall at the former Mortimer Smith House on West Main Street; the Nathan Goff National Guard Armory, and finally in front of newest City Building on West Main Street where he remains to this day.

By: Crystal Winder

Adamston

Named after Josias Adams in the early 1900's, Adamston is located in Harrison County, West Virginia. Adamston is just one of the many cities in Harrison County, but has a unique history. Josias Adams was the original owner of the 175 acre plot that is now Adamston. Josias is the son of Daniel J. and Nancy H. Adams. His father, Daniel Adams, was an officer in the War of the Revolution and Major of the 7th regiment of the Maryland Line Continental Army.

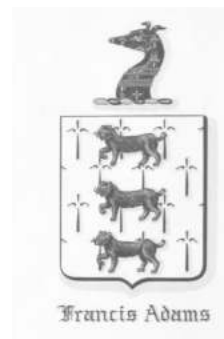
In 1903, the city became incorporated and had a large Belgian-American population. The city was made up of several glass factories, and in 1912 the city elected a socialist mayor. In 1915 the city re-elected its mayor with the strong involvement of the window glass factory workers. By 1917, Adamston was annexed to Clarksburg partly to stop the socialist political power. Today Adamston is home to town favorites such as Tony's Ice Cream shop and is also home to Adamston Elementary school.

If you know any more interesting facts. have photos, or even objects that you'd like to share about Adamston please contact us! Are you interested in having your city featured in the WAG* please email hcwvhs@gmail.com with suggestions and interesting facts that can be featured!

By: Charlotte Riestenberg



Black and white photograph of the Fourca Glass Factory at Rolland (left), Fourca Glass Factory at Adamston (right), and the Continental Can Company (background) in Clarksburg circa 1970.



Coat of Arms for Francis Adams. Black and white illustration of 3 cat like animals and greyhound above them in a row. Francis Adams was the grandfather of Josias.

Adopt an Artifact

The Harrison County WV Historical Society has a new program we are starting called "Adopt and Artifact." Every month we will be showing you objects from our collection that need some special care to ensure that they are preserved for future generations. If you cover the cost of that care you will be honored on our Facebook and our website, in our newsletter, and we will put your name on the storage box of the object.



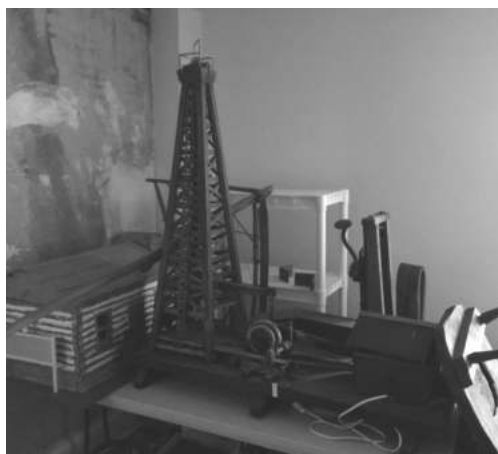
Early 1900's Chocolate Pot
Adopt me for \$98

I'm an early 19th century Haviland china chocolate pot used exclusively to make hot chocolate. Haviland & Company was based in New York City but imported china from their factory in Limoges, France.

I'm a side saddle from around 1875. Sitting side saddle developed in European countries in the Middle Ages as a way for women in skirts to ride a horse in a modest fashion while also wearing fine clothing.



Side Saddle
Adopt me for \$406



Oil Rig
Adopt me for \$100

I'm an oil well derrick built by T.A. Kimmel who was a rig foreman for 40 years. My builder supervised the building of over 300 real derricks most of which were in Harrison Co. I even pump oil but I need repaired.

I'm a trunk that belonged to Mrs. Emma Hume Hornor who was the wife of US Congressman Lynn Hornor. I'm very beautiful but need some conservation work done.



Trunk
Adopt me for \$100

Keep An Eye Out For Our Crowd Funding Campaign To Keep Our AmeriCorps Members

Our growth as an organization over the past three years is a direct result of the service of our AmeriCorps members. These AmeriCorps members are a vital component to our ability to manage our archival collection, provide quality local history programming, preserve the Vance House, and further grow our outreach.

So now, we are calling upon our community members to support us in our continued participation in the Preserve WV AmeriCorps program. We will soon be raising \$6,000 for the matches for our two Preserve WV AmeriCorps members for the 2017-2018 service year. We thank you for your support and showing us you care about Harrison County history.

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The HCWVHS is lacking archival treasures and memories from the last half of the 20th Century, 1940's through now. We invite your consideration of passing on to us special items and remembrances for preservation and future research. Walk down memory lane, downtown Clarksburg, Shinnston, Salem, Lumberport, etc., and all our wonderful county streets.