



Marshall Messenger

Marshall County Historical Society

P.O. Box 267, Moundsville, West Virginia 26041

March 2010

preserving the past for the future

Annual Spring Dinner Meeting

The annual spring dinner meeting of the Marshall County Historical Society will be held on Monday, March 21, 2011 at Grand Vue Park's Banquet Hall, Grand Vue Park, Moundsville, West Virginia. A social half-hour will begin at 6:00 p.m.; Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The guest speaker for the evening will be **Richard Wolfe** of Bridgeport, West Virginia. Mr. Wolfe was born in Morgantown and is a retired Marine Corps Officer who, since retirement, has worked in the information technology field. He is currently a Program Manager for Lockheed Martin.

As a student of the American Civil War, Mr. Wolfe has given numerous talks and tours relating to West Virginia's role in the Civil War. He is well recognized for his knowledge of West Virginia soldiers and their regiments, including regiments of the Northern Panhandle. Mr. Wolfe is President of the Rich Mountain Battlefield Foundation and serves on the West Virginia Division of Tourism's Civil War Task Force. In October, 2009, he was appointed by Governor Manchin to the West Virginia Sesquicentennial Commission. The mission of the Commission is "to promote awareness and celebrate the unique creation of the State of West Virginia, the role of its citizens during the Civil War era, and the continuing effect of the war on our people."

Please plan to join us for this special evening. Reservations must be made by Tuesday, March 15. Please complete the enclosed form, attach your check and mail to Paula Thomas, 1105 Wheeling Avenue, Glen Dale, WV 26038. or call Paula at 304-845-1411 (please leave a message if there is no answer). The cost of the meal is \$15.00 for Society members and \$20.00 for non-members, with a choice of entrees—Chicken Breast or Broiled Fish. Please submit your check with the reservation. The dinner will be catered by Karen Baker.



Richard Wolfe,
guest speaker

SAVE THE DATE

- March 21—Annual Spring Dinner Meeting
- March 25-26—Marshall County Home & Business Expo
- April 18 — MCHS Meeting—Program "Civil War Wives, Mothers, Spies" by Jeanne Finstein"
- May 16 - MCHS Meeting

West Virginia's History Heroes

The West Virginia Division of Culture and History defines History Heroes as "individuals who go beyond the call of duty to ensure the success of local history, genealogy, preservation and museum organizations. These recipients have been recognized for their grassroots efforts, years of dedicated behind-the-scenes services, or for a significant contribution such as preserving a site or collection, or publishing a work of family or local history."

The 2010 and 2011 History Heroes from Marshall County are Nila J. Chaddock and Edmund Grose. We congratulate them on this well-deserved recognition.

Nila J. Chaddock is vice president of the Marshall County Historical Society and chairperson of the Cockayne Farmstead Preservation Project. She has been society secretary and has served several terms on the board of directors.

In 2009, she organized a county-wide West Virginia Statehood Day celebration. She spearheads fundraising activities for the Cockayne Farmstead project, was

project manager during the exterior restoration, and was instrumental in the City of Glen Dale declaring the farmstead a historic preservation district in 2009.

Chaddock is the primary grant writer for the historical society and performs all public relations functions for both the society and the farmstead project. The project would not have happened without Chaddock's tireless work.

2010 History Hero

Nila Chaddock



2011 History Hero

Edmund Grose



The Marshall County Historical Society nominated Edmund Grose of Glen Dale as its 2011 History Hero. Honored on February 24th in Charleston, Eddie was one of 44 individuals recognized for their tireless efforts to preserve our State's history.

For the past two years, Eddie has volunteered at the Cockayne Farmstead, scanning more than 6,500 pages of documents found in the Farmhouse that span more than 150 years of Farmstead history. He has made copies of these documents

available to the public to create a better understanding of the activities of the farm and the Cockayne family while preserving the originals.

Through this work, he has made many valuable discoveries heretofore unknown about the farm and family and has become the project's "genealogy expert."

Eddie also maintains the project's Facebook page and assists the site's program director, Tom Tarowsky, with educational events and classes at the Farmstead.

Marshall County Home & Business Expo

The 2011 Home & Business Expo, presented by the Marshall County Chamber of Commerce will be held on Friday, March 25—4pm-8pm and Saturday, March 26—10am-5pm.

The annual event will be held at the former WV Penitentiary—NCLETTTC Building—North Gate Entrance (8th Street), Moundsville. Street parking will be available.

Over 75 vendors will be showcased, including retail, lawn & garden, home improvement, health care, financial, real estate, insurance and more.

The Marshall County Historical Society will be hosting a display booth, so be sure to stop and visit us. If you would like to help staff the booth during the Expo, please contact Irene Oliveto at 304-845-3692.



Visit the MCHS booth at the Expo!

West Virginia Celebrates Civil War Sesquicentennial

“West Virginia is the only state formed as a result of the Civil War.”

If you noticed a recurring Civil War theme in recent MCHS programs, attribute it the 150th anniversary of the Civil War in West Virginia.

The historic events of 1861 led to West Virginia becoming a state in 1863. The West Virginia Civil War Sesquicentennial was created in 2009 with the anniversary of John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry, and will continue through 2015.

According to the Sesquicentennial website:

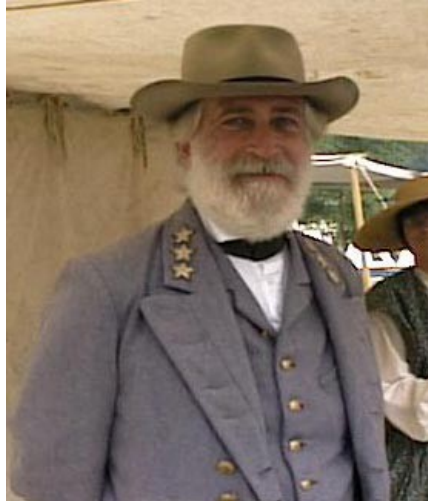
“The events in West Virginia in 1861 were a microcosm of the struggle of a divided nation. The verbal debates over session and preserving the Union would

give way to military action sparked by a series of actions. On the evening of May 24 Thornsberry Bailey Brown was killed by Daniel Knight. This would be the first Union soldier killed by a Confederate soldier of the Civil War. On the night of May 25, Confederate Colonel George A. Porterfield directed the burning of railroad bridges between Wheeling and Grafton. The burning of these bridges set the stage for the invasion of Western Virginia by Federal troops resulting in the First Campaign of the Civil War. The military actions at Philippi, Laurel Hill, Rich Mountain, and Corricks Ford would secure the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for the Union and set in motion West Virginia statehood. These early actions would result in many firsts for the American military.”

2010 Events & Activities



Our youngest member, Jarrod Yocum and mother, Ann Klem, view displays during West Virginia Day



Al Stone, who portrayed General Robert E. Lee at an MCHS meeting



Members and guests attending one of the genealogy workshops held at the Museum

The Marshall County Historical Society had a very busy and productive year in 2010. Some of the events the society participated in are the Marshall County Home and Business Expo in March, West Virginia Day in June and the Elizabethtown Festival in September. Many thanks to the members who arranged the displays and staffed the booths at these events.

In October, the society donated ten copies each of the "History of Marshall County, West Virginia", by Scott Powell and "Historical Collections of Moundsville, West Virginia" by J. H. Brantner to Grand Vue Park. The books will be placed in guest cabins to spur interest in the history of the county among visitors. These books were also used as door prizes at the West Virginia Day celebration and are available for sale at the Museum.

We also had many exciting programs, workshops, outings and speakers during the year, including:

- **Annual Spring Dinner** with Ross Simpson, News reporter

- **John Bowman** spoke about Steamboats in the Ohio Valley area
- **Nicki Mellisinos** presented a program on Ellis Island and Internet Genealogy
- **Nila Chaddock** discussed the history of the \$1 dollar bill
- **Alisha Lilley** told us how to care for artifacts
- **The Summer Picnic** was held at the Tenant House on the Cockayne Farmstead, followed by a visit to a Civil War era cemetery
- **Visit to the home of Bob & Patty Shutler** to view their antiques
- **Judi Tarowsky** gave a stirring account on Arthurdale
- **Jane Klug** talked about the history of Joseph's Settlement in Proctor
- **Al Stone** gave a character presentation of Civil War General Robert E. Lee
- **Christmas Party** at the Guest House in Moundsville

Also, three genealogy workshops were conducted with enthusiastic attendance with more planned for the upcoming year.

Cockayne Project

2010 was another great year for the Farmstead. During 2010, \$41,000 was raised to match a third Transportation Enhancement grant in the amount of \$164,000. This latest grant will focus on climate control within the farmhouse. Although the exterior restoration is complete, no interior work has begun and there are no basic services within the farmhouse. DOH has issued a Notice to Proceed, which allows for the planning stages of a climate control system.

The committee is receiving guidance from Chris Haddox, West Virginia University visiting assistant professor in Interior Design and Design Studies and LEED AP, "accredited professional in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design", the U.S. Green Building Certification Program. We have also welcomed to our committee, Mark Swiger, John Marshall High School History Department chair and member of the Green Schools Initiative in Marshall County.



"Lisa's House" serves as the office for the Cockayne Farmstead project.

The 87 Club

A second major initiative of the Society in 2010 was to begin to pay down the principal on a \$87,000 loan to purchase the north lawn that includes a smaller Cockayne House at 1105 Wheeling Avenue in Glen Dale. The Indian Burial Mound and south lawn have previously been restored to the Farmstead, and the smaller 19th Century Cockayne "tenant house" remains the last major acquisition necessary.

Through donations of \$1000 or more, businesses, organizations or individuals can become members of the 87 Club, and these donations are immediately applied to the principal. To date, over \$22,000 has been paid on the loan.

Those who have achieved full membership in the 87 Club and

who will be recognized on a plaque to be hung within the house include:

Individual members: David L. Aeberli, Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Allen, Janice Caldwell, Phillip and Nila Chaddock, John Cockayne, Joe Donahue, Mary Eliza Burgess Filter, Linda Cunningham Fluharty, Henry and Naomi Hupp, Louis and Charlotte Khourey, Sam and Josephine Kusic, Dorothy Dakan Sedosky, Jonathan and Roselyn Turak, and Jane Weaver.

Corporate members: American Electric Power, BB&T - Branch Banking and Trust, Glen Dale City Council, Grisell Funeral Homes and Crematory, Moundsville Daily Echo, Moundsville Economic Development Council, and Paree Insurance Centers.



Kayleigh Davis, above & Alisha Lilly, below at the Farmstead



Educational Initiative

Tom Tarowsky, the project's program director, continues to build alliances with the colleges. Just a few of his recent accomplishments:

- The Cockayne Farmstead collaborated with Wheeling Jesuit University faculty and students as the source from which students in a curriculum and instruction course designed "problem-based" learning classroom presentations as a requirement of that class. We now have lesson plans to take into the classroom at various grade levels.
- Alisha Lilly, a student in the Master of Arts program in Public History at West Virginia

University, interned at the Farmstead last summer, researching and identifying some of the furniture within the farmhouse.

- Kayleigh Davis, a student in the Landscape Architecture Department at WVU is taking the Farmstead on as her senior project this spring semester. A Cultural Landscape Study is recommended by the National Park Service prior to any development of the south lawn, and preliminary investigation indicated such a study could cost between \$30,000 and \$50,000. As Kayleigh's instructor is familiar with National Park Service guidelines, this is a win-win situation all around.



The Marshall County Historical Society meets the 3rd Thursday each month at 7:30 pm at the Museum, located at 13th & Lockwood in Moundsville.

The Museum is open from the beginning of April through the end of October on Thursdays from 11:00—3:00. Other times are available by appointment by calling 304-845-3692.

Please visit our website at:
<http://marshallcountyhistorical.com/>

Officers & Board of Directors to be installed at Annual Meeting

Officers — 2011

- President—Bonnie Mueller
- Vice President—Nila Chaddock
- Secretary—Nicki Melissinos
- Building Fund Treasurer—Gerry Wood
- Society Treasurer—Bob Straub

Board of Directors—2011

- Dorothy Dakan Sedosky
- Irene Oliveto
- Barbara Blake Eyler
- Stanley Stewart, Past President



We hope you enjoy the new look and format of the society newsletter. Contact Barbara Eyler at 304-810-0694 or email baqo09@aol.com if you have any suggestions for articles or future content.



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Please reserve _____ dinners @\$15.00/\$20.00 each for the March 21st dinner meeting. Total amount enclosed for dinners _____.

Name(s) _____

Phone No: _____ Email address: _____

All checks are to be made payable to the Marshall County Historical Society. Dues of \$15.00 per year are also payable at this time and may be sent by **separate check** at this time. Please mark each check for either dinner or dues.

If you would like to receive information about the Society via email, please note your email address above.

Marshall County Historical Society

Membership Application

Date: - _____

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Meetings held on third Monday of each month at the MCHS Museum, located at the corner of 13th Street & Lockwood Avenue in Moundsville.

Annual Dues - \$15.00 Payable to Marshall County Historical Society

Annual Membership & Dinner Meeting held third Monday of March each year.