

*Harrison County*  
WEST VIRGINIA  
**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA 26301

ANNUAL TOUR

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**NEWSLETTER**

The annual tour for members and guests of members will start from the Amy Roberts Vance House at 1:15 p.m. on Sunday, September 22. Stops will be made at the following sites:

Boughner House, Clarksburg  
Christ Episcopal Church, Clarksburg  
Governor Joseph Johnson House, Bridgeport  
Higginbotham House, Bridgeport  
Lowe Public Library, Shinnston, where refreshments will be served  
to tour members by the Shinnston Historical Association  
John Felix Martin House, Shinnston  
George Franklin Randall House, Shinnston  
Prickett's Fort, near Fairmont

Tour guides will be Madge McDaniel and Jack Sandy Anderson.

In order to avoid congestion in the houses visited, the tour will be limited to the number of persons required to fill two 39-passenger buses, or seventy-eight people. Send reservations early, for seats on the buses will be held on a "first come, first served" basis. Buffet dinner at 6:15 p.m. at the Sheraton Inn. Reservation blank below. -----

Correction of Historical Sketch #4 in Newsletter Spring 1974:

Please rearrange the order of the pages as follows: 3, 5, 4, 6, 7.

HAYMOND'S HISTORY OF HARRISON COUNTY

Members of the Society still can purchase copies of the reprint of History of Harrison County by Henry Haymond for \$12.50, which is \$5.00 below the retail price.

Attorney J. E. Watson of Fairmont, after he had received a copy of the reprinted history, wrote Jack Anderson, president of the Society, enclosing a letter written by Henry Haymond to Mr. Watson when the latter was two years old:

Clarksburg, West Va.  
November 8, 1919

James Edwin Watson III  
Fairmont, West Va.

My dear Son "Ned"

On this your second birthday I address you this note, to be opened when you are able to read and understand it, which I suppose will be about your eighth birthday.

It is unusual that you should have living at this time four grandparents and three great grandparents.

Of course before you read this, I will have been laid in the grave yard, but hope you will occasionally think of me, as you are the only boy in my family.

You today are a lively active little fellow, and bid fair to grow into a strong healthy man with a good disposition and genial manners.

Now I want to give you a few words of advice: Obey your parents; always tell the truth; when away from home never do anything that you think your father and mother would not like; treat old people with kindness; be good to the poor and unfortunate; always be polite to the ladies and agreeable to everyone; in all your business doings be honest and honorable; learn to control yourself, for he who conquers himself, is greater than he who conquers a city; always be loyal and true to your Country.

I am very affectionately your Great Grand Father,  
Henry Haymond

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Harrison County Historical Society  
Tour of Historic Sites and Buffet Dinner at the Sheraton Inn  
Sunday, September 22, 1974

CLOSING DATE FOR RESERVATIONS AND REFUNDS: Saturday, September 14, 1974

Make check payable to Harrison County Historical Society

Mail this slip and check to: Harrison County Historical Society  
Post Office Box 2074  
Clarksburg, WV 26301

Number of reservations for tour @ \$4.00  
Number of reservations for dinner @ \$4.66 (includes tax and tip)  
Amount of check enclosed

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Signature

THE COLLECTION

Accessions:

Matching oil portraits of James Yard Hornor and his second wife, Mary Ann Robinson Hornor. Gift of J. Robert Hornor of Clarksburg.

Half of an oblong table of tiger maple which was among the furnishings of the Jacob Stealey (Amy Roberts Vance) House after it was built in 1807. Gift of Mrs. Frances Stealey Skinker of Washington, D. C.

Secretary which once belonged to West Virginia Governor George W. Atkinson (elected 1896); two late Victorian chairs; chest of drawers, walnut with marble top; hat rack. Gift of James Edward Davis, Princeton, N. J.

Framed facsimile copy of the United States Constitution printed in Philadelphia 1874-1876. Gift of Clinton Israel.

Portrait of John W. Davis, 30"x40", framed. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. S. Dwight Life. Mr. Davis gave the portrait to Frank Moore; it was hung in Moore's Opera House. Mrs. Margaret Moore gave it to Mr. and Mrs. Life.

Aileen Lucas is the chairman of the hosts and hostesses who serve during visiting hours at the Amy Roberts Vance House. Host and hostesses during Summer 1974 are: Jack Anderson, M. A. Berisford, Bertha Brown, Mrs. Edward Byard, Pearl Custer, Mrs. Paul Custer, Margaret Early, Oma Hall, Frances Hanlan, Margaret Hayman, Louise Hornor, Virginia Husk, Frances Johnson, Aileen Lucas, Mrs. Paul McWhorter, Grace Martin, Mrs. Ralph Martin, Gladys Merryman, Mrs. Maurice Reed, Martha Ridenour, Virginia Shetter, Hattie Smith, Neva Switzer, Mrs. Arthur Upton, Mrs. E. C. Walls, and Mrs. W. H. Watson.

Substitute host and hostesses are Mary Allen, Glyde Bailey, Mrs. Bond Davis, Louise Dennison, Garnet Fittro, Virginia Hartsock, Mrs. Sam Kramer, Mary McAndrew, Mary McDonald, Mrs. Cecil R. Murphy, Mrs. Rupert Sinsel, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sellers, Elizabeth Sloan, and Lucille Stryker.

GENEALOGICAL DEPARTMENT

Mrs. O. D. Linder, chairman of the department, wishes to remind members who have not supplied data on their family line to fill in the forms that are available in the department at the Amy Roberts Vance House. The department is anxious to collect records on as many Central West Virginia families as possible for its files.

Recent accessions of the department include xeroxed copies of legends from markers in cemeteries in Harrison County and adjoining counties; a copy of the DAR Patriot Index, 1966 edition, published by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and presented to the Society by Jack Sandy Anderson; the 1969 and the 1973 supplements to the DAR Patriot Index purchased by the Harrison County Historical Society. Research assistants in the department during the winter months were Mary Allen, Virginia Hazelden, Lena Sehon, and Lucille Stryker; substitute assistants were Bertha Stout Brown, and Verna Shingleton.

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SOCIETY BUSINESS

Madge McDaniel, treasurer, reported \$2328.39 in the treasury on July 22, 1974. The Society owns interest-bearing bank certificates that total \$1300. The Book Fund contains \$381.95. The membership of the Society on July 22 was 262. Please give the name of any prospective member to Madge McDaniel.

For several years the Society has known it must install a retaining wall on the east side of the lot on which the Vance House stands in order to prevent the ground from slipping and a fence in order to protect the house and garden from intruders. The board of directors delayed installing the wall and fence until it had advice as to whether the owner of the property adjoining the Society lot could be held responsible for a portion of the cost of the wall. An attorney has advised that from decisions in other similar cases, the court costs might run more than any sum realized after litigation.

In the last few months, in addition to the loungers who spread debris on the back of the lot, children have been playing in the area near the house. After flagstone on the patio was broken, a windowpane in the French doors was broken, and a firecracker was found on the patio, the board voted to install a wall and a fence immediately. One estimate of the cost is \$1200 for the fence alone.

The Society keeps in the treasury, from dues and contributions, funds to pay operating expenses and minor repairs. The board must ask members to contribute for work as expensive as a wall and a fence. If you are willing to pledge money for the project, will you fill in and mail the form at the bottom of this page.

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To help pay for a retaining wall on the east side of and a fence around the garden of the Amy Roberts Vance House

I pledge the following amount \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

I will pay the pledge when the work is completed--hopefully in November.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_