

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

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**NEWSLETTER**

Fall, 1982

**ANNUAL TOUR**

Members and guests of members of the Harrison County Historical Society will travel to Helvetia in Randolph County on Sunday, September 12, the second day of the annual festival in the German-Swiss community. During the day Helvetia natives will stage folk dances, craft exhibits, food booths. They will have open to visitors their museum, a restored log cabin, and their church with handcarved pews.

Tour members will leave from the Stealey-Goff-Vance House at 10:30 a.m. and arrive in Helvetia about 12:30 p.m., when a smorgasbord lunch is served. Managers of the festival suggested the arrival at the beginning of the serving period because a greater variety of traditional Swiss dishes are in supply. Managers also asked for a September 1 notification of reservations because many of the items to prepare the dishes must be carried into Helvetia from a distance. The \$13 bus fare is the cost of the lease of a bus for nine hours divided by 43, or the capacity of the bus. The fee for the smorgasbord is \$10 which with tax and tip, makes a total cost of \$12 for food.

If time allows and if tour members wish, the group can stop on the return trip at the West Virginia Game Farm at French Creek. The small entrance fee now charged at the game farm is not included in the cost of the tour.

**OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETINGS**

The precipitous rise of bulk mailing rates, once approximately four dollars per monthly mailing to Society members and in 1982 more than three times that amount, caused the board of directors to vote to announce meetings, held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Stealey-Goff-Vance House, in the twice-a-year newsletters and in the Clarksburg Exponent-Telegram the Sunday before each meeting.

October 20, 1982: Rebecca J. Payne, director of the West Virginia Independence Hall in Wheeling and an employee of the West Virginia Department of Culture and History, will speak on "History and State of Restoration of West Virginia Independence Hall." She will illustrate her speech with slides and perhaps a motion picture.

November 17, 1982: Ralph Pederson, Clarksburg architect and vice president of Preservation Alliance of West Virginia, Inc., will speak on "Clarksburg Historic District." Mr. Pederson will show slides and will comment on what has happened as a result of the listing of the district in the National Register of Historic Places.

**SOCIETY BUSINESS**

**Financial Statement, July 1, 1982**

Checking Account, Union National Bank . . . . .	\$2,053.98
(General Fund, \$1,300.34; Book Fund \$753.64)	
Undeposited checks and cash . . . . .	18.50
Savings Certificates	
Union National Bank . . . . .	5,290.00 (est.)
Community Bank . . . . .	3,600.00 "
Mountain State Federal . . . . .	1,250.00 "

**Inventory of museum collection**

When they indexed Henry Haymond's History of Harrison County and then sponsored a reprint of the book, Madge McDaniel and Jack S. Anderson gave the Harrison County Historical Society the profit from the book. This money is that which is labeled "book fund" in all reports of finances of the Society. Miss McDaniel and Mr. Anderson limited the use of the money earned by the history: "to improve the museum including the purchase of accessions." Money from the book fund pays the insurance on the collection and paid a \$400 loan to the general fund to meet insulation costs until matching funds arrived. The loan was repaid. A total of approximately \$3,600 of book fund money is invested in certificates of deposit. The amount in the checking account of the book fund varies since copies of the Haymond History sell steadily (A total of \$94.25 has been earned in sales since January 26, 1982).

The board voted in May 1982 to use money in the book fund, not to exceed \$800, "to inventory and identify artifacts", other than books, photographs, and manuscripts, owned by the Society. The board authorized George A. Short, president, to hire Carol Shinn Schweiker to do the work.

Mrs. Schweiker states as her goal: "to enable the museum to keep a close record of each item in its possession and to be able to identify immediately the donor and the historic information concerning an item." Mrs. Schweiker reports the state of her work as of July 1, 1982:

1. Every item in the collection at the Stealey-Goff-Vance House is being counted (room by room, drawer by drawer, etc.), described briefly, and tagged or marked as a temporary measure.
2. As of July 1, 1982, records of the inventory in progress are in the back upstairs bedroom. Approximately 360 artifacts have been listed.
3. At the end of the counting procedure a cross check will be made to see that the accession sheets and the inventory correspond.
4. Procedures will be set to assign a permanent number system for the collection, a cross index by donor for each item and a complete history of each item. The result of the work will be:

1. Original accession sheets in permanent binding.
2. New accession sheets established for future records.
3. A catalog card, or cards, for each artifact on which card is a photograph and a full description of each item.
4. Each item in the collection will have a permanent number affixed to it.

President Short has stated that no previous records are being discarded. Procedures for accession and cataloging in the future can easily be followed by personnel because Mrs. Schweiker is writing a "Registrar's Manual" in which she will describe the procedure for adding new accessions to the collection.

#### Membership

Are you one of the FIFTEEN members on the roster of membership last year who have not paid dues for 1982? Check your membership card. If you owe dues, mail form included with this newsletter with your check. If you do not owe dues, hand the application form for membership to a friend.

The membership as of July 1, 1982, stands at 238 divided into the following categories: Adult, 134; Family, 59; Student, 5; Institutional, 4; Contributing, 5; Life, 28; Honorary, 3.

New members:	Dr. Ray Swick	Mrs. Beatrice M. Cork
	P.O. Box 665	351 Washington Ave.
	Parkersburg, WV 26101	Clarksburg, WV 26301

#### Museum hosts and hostesses

Hosts or hostesses are needed for the 1982 summer visitation period on September 3, 1982, and on September 10, 1982. Please telephone either Bea Quigley (842-3454) or Madge McDaniel (842-3073) if you can greet visitors to the museum on either of these dates.

If you can staff the museum on any Monday or Friday in the fall of 1982 or early spring of 1983, please send to the Society the insert included in this newsletter.

The following members have served as hosts and hostesses during the summer: Charlotte and Alvin Bailey, Bertha Stout Brown, Mrs. Elmer Dakan, Dorothy U. Davis, Rosalee Dolan, Charles Gribble, Betty Haught, Mildred Lawson, Mary Jo and Aileen Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Layne Moffett, Deborah Palagino, Beatrice Quigley, Sue Shuttleworth Stout, Lucille Stryker, Mrs. Thurman Stout, Catherine Warner, Frances Shuttleworth Watson, Mrs. H. L. Watson, Dr. and Mrs. Robert S. Wilson, Mrs. William Yoke.