


  
**Harrison County**  
**WEST VIRGINIA**  
**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
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 CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA 26301-2074

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 1990

**March Meeting**

Carol Schweiker will speak at the Stealey-Goff-Vance House at 7:30 p.m. on March 21, 1990. Mrs. Schweiker's program will include a dialogue on Interpretation of History and an explanation of the new directions for Fort New Salem.

Born Carol Shinn and a direct descendant of one of the first settlers of Harrison County, Mrs. Schweiker has a natural interest in the living style of people on the frontier. She did costuming and acted in the television documentary "The Forks of the Cheat." She has presented first person interpretations for the Blennerhassett Historical Park Commission at their museum in Parkersburg; as senior interpretator at Prickett's Fort State Park, she organized personnel into historic roles. She wrote an original drama which was presented at Salem during the national conference of the Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Mrs. Schweiker holds an undergraduate and a graduate degree from West Virginia University. She is the director of Fort New Salem and this semester is teaching a course on the history of women at Salem-Teikyo University.

**ANNUAL DINNER**

The annual dinner meeting of the Society will be in the YWCA building on Washington Avenue in Clarksburg at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 1990.

The speaker following the dinner will be Ernie Kallay, director of the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library. His subject will be the role of modern libraries in the preservation of old and historical books and papers. He will include reference to the West Virginia historical and genealogical collection housed in Waldomore.

Ernie Kallay has a feel for West Virginia history because he is a native of the state. He holds an A.B. degree from West Liberty State College and a Masters degree in Library Science from the University of Pittsburgh. He has held the positions of extension librarian at Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library and directorships of the Marion County Public Library in Fairmont and of the Ohio Valley Public Library in Wheeling. He is married to the former Sylvia Jackovitch. He has an eight-year-old son David. He lives with his family in Bridgeport.

Menu for the dinner will be turkey breast, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, dessert, hot rolls, and drink of choice. Reservation Form on back of this page.

**MAY MEETING**

Speaker for the May meeting, scheduled for the Stealey-Goff-Vance House at 7:30 p.m. on May 16, will be Wilhelm H. Weber. Mr. Weber's family have been active in the floral business since the turn of the century. Members of his family played a large part in developing the floral traditions of the Mother's Day annual observance. Mr. Weber owns and operates a florist business in Clarksburg at 440 West Pike Street.

**SOCIETY BUSINESS**

**Restoration of the Stealey-Goff-Vance House**

Projects completed in 1989 are repair and painting of the roof, repair of eaves, painting of exterior of the structure, and the replacement of the two furnaces. The total cost of the work was \$6,950.

The major projects yet to be done are the cleaning, pointing, and sealing of the brick of exterior walls; and painting the woodwork and cleaning the interior of the house.

Early in 1990 a leak developed in the plumbing. In repairing it, the plumber discovered that a section of old galvanized pipe remains. The plumber estimates the cost of installing copper pipe will be about \$330. The Society wishes to thank Mark Frazier who contributed labor on the plumbing as a donation to the Society.

Donations as of March 1, 1990 by members of the Society to the restoration fund totals \$5,622.50 Add to this the donation of Cyrus Vance in the spring of 1989, which sparked the move for renovation, and the \$1,000 legacy from the estate of Regina Caulfield and the total of the fund is \$7,622.50. The Society has applied to the Preservation Unit of the West Virginia Department of History and Archives and the Harrison Arts Council, Inc., for grants to increase the restoration fund. The Society probably will not hear from the agencies to whom application has been made before mid-summer 1990.

The board of directors of the Society is grateful to the members of the Society who contributed funds for house repair. Donors to the fund are:

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#### Membership

The total membership of the Society cannot be determined at this time because renewals are still coming in. If you have not paid dues for 1990, please complete the enclosed membership form and bring it to the dinner or mail it to the Society at P.O. Box 2074, Clarksburg, WV 26301-2074. If you have sent dues, hand the application to a friend.

#### NEW MEMBERS SINCE JULY 1989

Mr/Mrs John Linn Brannon, 224 Clay Street, Clarksburg  
Henry/Dollie Bassel, Rt. 1, Box 155, Clarksburg  
Rev. Mrs Harper T. Callison, 170 W. Pike St., Clarksburg  
Mrs. E. E. Criswell, 337 E. Main St., Clarksburg  
Mr/Mrs Eillaim D. Gaston, 1300 N. 13th St.  
Mrs. Jean E. Galau, N - 7757 Sundown Court, Menasha, WI 84952  
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Mrs. Elizabeth Hart, Rt 3, Box 130 C, Bridgeport, WV 26330  
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James H. Hupp, Box 2062 APO NY 09172-5368  
Werninger/Cynthia Jarvis, P.O. Box 10121, Wugene, Oregon 97401  
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C. D. (John) Johnston, Rt. 2, Box 259, Salem 26426  
John Charles Koebert, 11068 Saffold Way, Reston, VA 22090  
Lorena B. Kilbreath, Rt. 2, Box 120, Falfurries, TX 78355  
Mr/Mrs Richard Millston, 124 S. Fourth St., Clarksburg  
Mrs Myrtle Marshall, 413 Monticello Ave., Clarksburg  
Sue Maphis Motrarchi, 524 Musgrave St., Clarksburg  
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Mrs Evelyn Norris, P.O. Box 1096, Natalbany, LA 70451  
Mrs Blanche Poling, 24 Woodcreek Dr., Wimberley, TX 78676  
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Lt. Col (USAF Ret) / Mrs Raymond Sehon, 1120 Teton Ave, Caldwell, Idaho  
Ronald W/ Jean A. Turner, Rt. 2, Lake Floyd, Bristol 26332  
Robert J. Wygal, 119 Temple Terrace, Clarksburg  
Mr/Mrs Mark Frazier, 510 Illinois Ave., Nutter Fort.

#### Museum Visitation

The Museum will be open on Friday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. beginning May 4 and continuing through the summer. If any Society member should wish at any time to bring visiting friends to the museum or if special groups wish a tour, arrangements can be made by telephoning Madge McDaniel at 842-3073.

#### Accessions:

183 volumes of history and genealogy presented the Society from the estate of Verna Jefferson Shingleton. Numerous rare books are included in the gift: county histories, Magna Charta genealogies, regional histories, colonial histories, Revolutionary War records, books on heraldry, etc. Mrs. Gordon (Phyllis Hall) Shingleton delivered the books in person in January.

#### Program follow-up

Program Chairman Gary Weiner sent Sue Chermside, genealogist and former docent at the Stonewall Jackson House in Lexington, VA, a copy of the video tape of the March 1989 meeting, when Myrtle Marshall told her childhood memories of life at the R. Moore Jackson Mansion. Mrs. Chermside was interested to know that Mary Anna Jackson had stayed at the T. Moore Jackson Mansion; she is donating the tape to the Stonewall Jackson House.

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Annual Dinner of the Harrison County Historical Society  
YWCA Building, Washington Avenue, Clarksburg, WV  
6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 18, 1990.

Please fill in form for reservations by April 13, 1990,  
and mail form and check to: Harrison County Historical Society  
Post Office Box 2074  
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Last day for cancellations: April 16, 1990.

Number of reservations: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of reservations @ \$8.00 per plate: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature