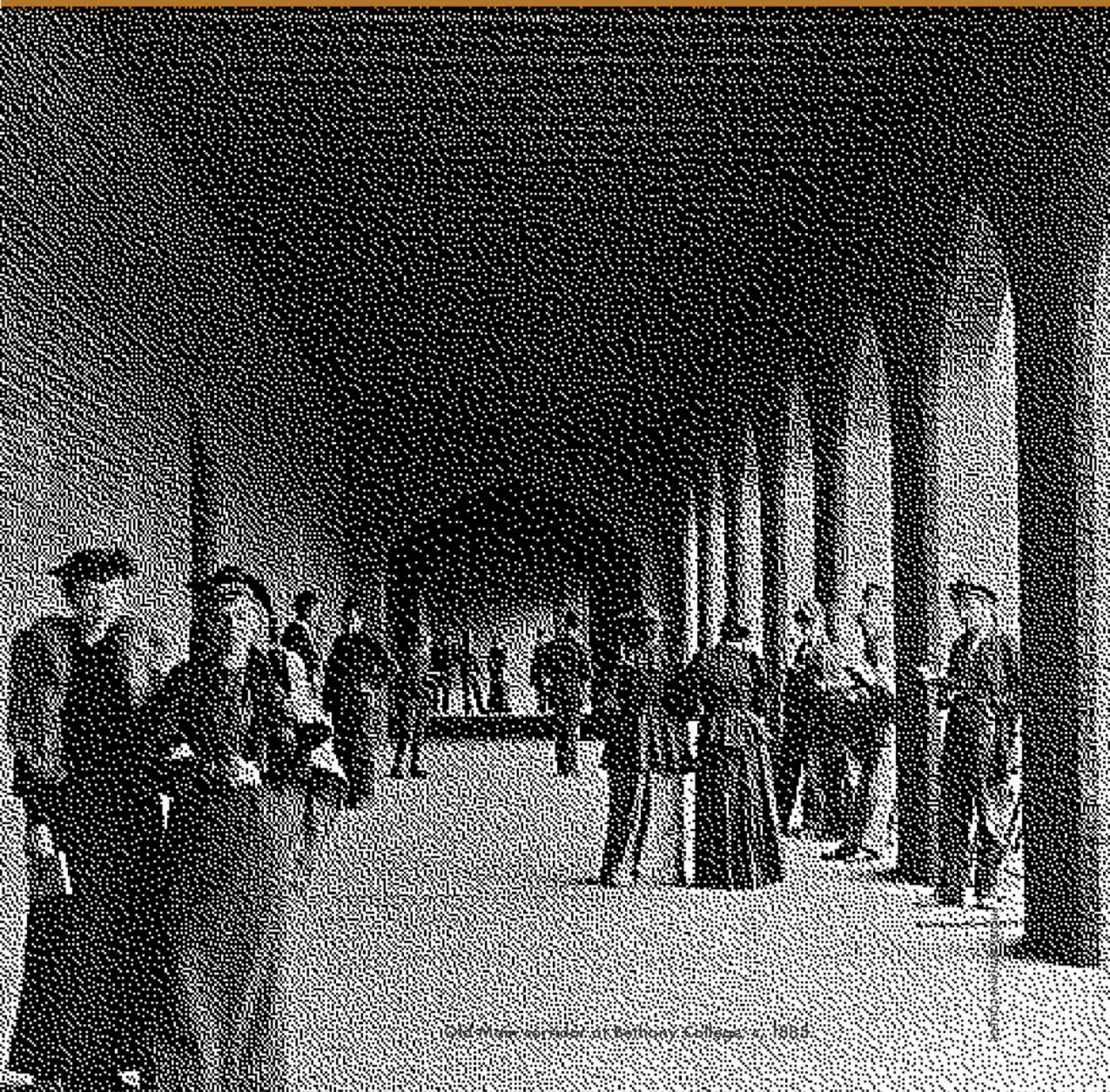


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Old Men's room at Bethany College, 1985



Front left to right: Ginger Williford, Conni McMorris, Shirley Stewart Burns, Carolyn Kender, Kelly Wilson, Staci Spertzel, Pam Brooks, Susan Pierce. Back left to right: James Powell, Kelly Ristau, Susan Holbrook, Lora Lamarre, Tami Koontz, Chris Knorr, Bryan Ward, Erin Riebe

Putting Faces to the Names

A collective groan arose from the staff of the State Historic Preservation Office when I announced that a staff picture would be taken in the next few weeks. The groan rose to a greater pitch when they learned the photo would be included in the first issue of our revamped *Details* newsletter. In general, I am not happy with most pictures taken of me either, but a picture of the State Historic Preservation Office staff is important. We are generally faceless most of the time when we contact the public through letter, email or phone conversation. When we finally meet folks during meetings or site visits, they are happy to put a face with the name or voice. Familiarity makes it easier to work with each other.

So, for this issue we have published a photo of our staff. There are folks that have been with the office for many years and there are new faces as well. Some of us have children; some of us have cats and/or dogs. One staff member has a Sun Conure—that's a kind of parrot. Our basements collect water when it rains just like yours do; some of us need to fix the gutters and the roof, but haven't done it yet. We could use a development grant or apply for a residential tax credit ourselves! During the day, we work hard to provide information about historic preservation to our constituents: the two grant programs, National Register "do's and don'ts," the Standards for Rehabilitation and their use in tax credit applications, archaeological resources and the other aspects and activities of our office. We are a good looking bunch who are dedicated to serving the public. Now that you have seen the faces, please continue to call, write or email us and we will help you as much as we can. ☐

— Susan M. Pierce, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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Grave Creek Mound Archaeology Complex

*Moundsville,
Marshall County*




On May 12, 2008, the 9,000 square foot addition to the Grave Creek Mound Archaeology Complex opened in Moundsville. The new \$3.1 million dollar state-of-the-art facility provided a permanent and stable home for the West Virginia Archaeology Collection and abundant storage space to expand the collection for many years to come. The collection currently contains approximately 2,000 boxes of artifacts from key archaeological sites from the prehistoric and historic eras as well as photographs, maps, and other related materials. The new facility also provides conservation labs for curators and greater access to the collection for researchers. 

Wheeling Stamping Building


Wheeling, Ohio County

The 94,000 square foot Wheeling Stamping Building was built in 1890, with additions in 1893 and 1905. In 2002 the National Register-listed building underwent an \$11.2 million rehabilitation project. Renovations included structural framing repairs, window repairs, the installation of code-compliant stairs and elevators. Funding for the project was made available through a combination of

private investment, \$1.29 million in federal historic preservation tax credits, \$450,000 in West Virginia State Historic Preservation tax credits and the New Market Tax Credit equity investment by the National Trust Community Investment Fund. Investors were able to utilize the tax credits because of their adherence to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. Today the building provides office space for 250 employees of a multinational law firm. 

Downtown Charleston Historic District

Charleston, Kanawha County

On March 24, 2006, the Downtown Charleston Historic District was added to the National Register of Historic Places. In the ensuing two years over \$3 million have been invested in the area and several local developers have used the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and have taken advantage of federal and state historic preservation tax credits. 



2005 LISTINGS

Bernard E. Wilmoth House

Belington, Barbour County

Gormaniana Presbyterian Church

Gormaniana, Grant County

Organ Cave

Ronceverte Vicinity, Greenbrier County

Ronceverte Historic District

Ronceverte, Greenbrier County

Hampshire County Courthouse

Romney, Hampshire County

Old District Parsonage

Romney, Hampshire County

Lost River General Store

Lost River, Hardy County

Edgewood Manor

Clarksburg, Harrison County

Lost Creek Railroad Depot

Lost Creek, Harrison County

Faber Double-Crib Barn

Kenna Vicinity, Jackson County

Jackson's Mill Historic District

Weston Vicinity, Lewis County

Weston Downtown

Residential Historic District

Weston, Lewis County

Ashland Coal Company Store

Ashland, McDowell County

Bramwell Additions

Historic District

Bramwell, Mercer County

Mineral County Courthouse

Keyser, Mineral County

Greenmont Historic District

Greenmont, Monongalia County

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The National Register of Historic Places is the country's official list of historically significant properties. West Virginians can be proud to have a large and growing list of these properties across the state. Since 2005, 62 properties have been added to the National Register.

Featured Listings 2005



Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp Historic District

Weston, Lewis County

In 1921, the first statewide 4-H camp in the United States was held on the grounds of Confederate General "Stonewall" Jackson's boyhood home in Lewis County. The following year state 4-H leaders commissioned the firm of Norris-Knowles Engineers of Pittsburgh to develop a master plan for a permanent camp. The resulting design created a miniature town setting with public buildings located along primary axes with the residential buildings located along curving driveways and cul-de-sacs. In the years that followed volunteers from across the state completed cottages, public buildings, council circles, and trails.

Organ Cave

Ronceverte Vicinity, Greenbrier County

Visitors first stopped by Organ Cave along the Salt Sulphur Turnpike in


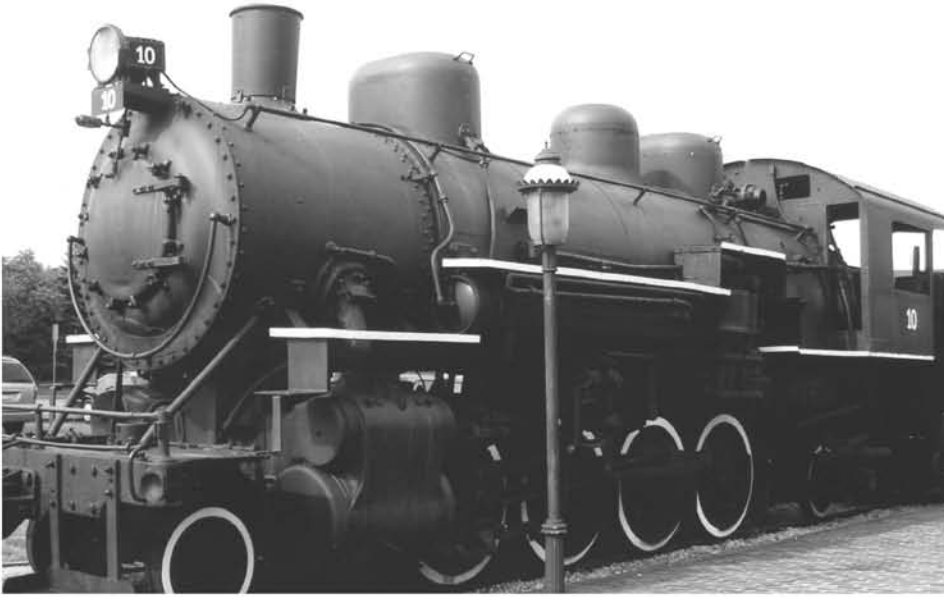
1822 to view the massive stalactite and stalagmite called Rock Organ. During the Civil War the cave was not just appreciated for its beauty, but for the minerals contained inside. General Robert E. Lee ordered soldiers to mine saltpeter in the cave for use in making gunpowder to support the Confederate cause. After the war the cave once again became a destination for tourists. Organ Cave was listed as a National Natural Landmark in 1973 and in the National Register for its recreational and industrial history. Today, the cave remains one of the best preserved industrial facilities from the mid-19th century. 



PHOTO: MIKE KELLER

Featured Listings 2006



Elk River Coal & Lumber Company #10 Locomotive

Huntington, Cabell County

The Elk River and Lumber Company #10 Steam Locomotive was built by the American Locomotive Company in 1924. The relatively small, light engine was operational in the area from 1950 to 1959 on the Buffalo Creek and Gauley Railroad. In the 1960s, the locomotive was moved to Huntington and was later transferred to the Greater Huntington Park and Recreation District. ☐



Williamson Historic District

Williamson, Mingo County

Williamson was established in 1892 along the expanding Norfolk & Western Railway and became the county seat of the newly formed Mingo County in 1895. In the ensuing years the community became a regional hub for the "Million Dollar Coalfields." The historic district includes 346 contributing residential and commercial structures representing prominent architectural styles from the late 19th century to the mid-1950s. ☐

(2005 Listings Continued)

Woodridge

Wheeling, Ohio County

Downtown Rowlesburg Historic District

Rowlesburg, Preston County

Elkins Milling Company

Elkins, Randolph County

Glady Presbyterian Church and Manse

Elkins, Randolph County

Hinton Historic District

(Boundary Amendment)

Hinton, Summers County

2006 LISTINGS

James Mason House and Farm

Hedgesville, Berkeley County

John Evans House

Martinsburg, Berkeley County

Marlowe Consolidated School

Marlowe Vicinity, Berkeley County

Newcomer Mansion

Martinsburg Vicinity, Berkeley County

Snodgrass Tavern

(Boundary Increase)

Hedgesville Vicinity, Berkeley County

Strode-Morrison-Tabler House and Farm

Hedgesville Vicinity, Berkeley County

Miller Tavern and Farm

Martinsburg Vicinity, Berkeley and Jefferson Counties

Scrabble Historic District

Scrabble Vicinity, Berkeley and Jefferson Counties

Michael Smith House

Cedarville Vicinity, Braxton County

John C. Reeves House

Wellsburg Vicinity, Brooke County

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(2006 Listings Continued)

**Elk River Coal
and Lumber Company**
*#10 Steam Locomotive
Huntington, Cabell County*

Elmwood-on-the-Opequon
Kearneysville Vicinity, Jefferson County

York Hill Farm
*Shenandoah Junction Vicinity,
Jefferson County*

**Downtown Charleston
Historic District**
Charleston, Kanawha County

May-Kraus Farm
Alum Bridge, Lewis County

C&O 2755 Steam Locomotive
Henlanson Vicinity, Logan County

Colonial Apartments
Fairmont, Marion County

Travelers Rest
Burlington Vicinity, Mineral County

Williamson Historic District
Williamson, Mingo County

**Lynch Chapel United
Methodist Church**
*Morgantown Vicinity,
Monongalia County*

Miller-Pence Farm
Greenville Vicinity, Monroe County

Lang-Hess House
Wheeling, Ohio County

Sophia Historic District
Sophia, Raleigh County

Wees Historic District
Elkins, Randolph County

2007 LISTINGS

Boyd Avenue Historic District
Martinsburg, Berkeley County


Madison National Bank
Madison, Boone County

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Featured Listings 2007

Madison National Bank

Madison, Boone County


The Madison National Bank, the first in Boone County, was designed by J.J. West and Company and constructed in 1918. The three-story brick building boasts the Beaux Arts architectural style, characterized by bilateral symmetry, smooth masonry walls, large columns flanking the entrance, and grand, round-arched openings. Currently, the building houses the Boone-Madison Public Library. 



Ravenswood "Old Town" Historic District

Ravenswood, Jackson County

Ravenswood's "Old Town" Historic District is located in the heart of Jackson County at the junction of the Ohio River and Sandy Creek.

Including over 300 contributing resources, the district includes Italianate, Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, Commercial, and other architectural styles that were prominent from the 1830s to the 1950s. 




Featured Listings 2008



Homeplace


Greenbrier County

Homeplace, also known as Homestead Farm, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in January 2008 for its locally significant Federal-style architecture. The house was constructed around 1850 by John Livesay and his father, subsequent to the height of the style's popularity, and is situated in the vicinity of Frankford and Lewisburg in rural Greenbrier County. 

Mount Saint Joseph

Ohio County

Mount Saint Joseph, also known as the Holloway Estate, is situated in the vicinity of Woodsdale in rural Ohio County. It was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in January 2008 for its Italian Renaissance Revival architecture. The original farmhouse

was constructed in 1854, and includes two 1920s additions and five associated outbuildings, such as an elaborate Italianate bathhouse and quarters for the Sisters of St. Joseph. 



(2007 Listings Continued)

Downtown Huntington Historic District

(Boundary Increase / Additional Information)

Huntington, Cabell County

Hawthorne Historic District

Huntington, Cabell County

Kenwood

Huntington, Cabell County

Mt. Hope Historic District

Mt. Hope, Fayette County

McClung's Price Place

Lewisburg Vicinity, Greenbrier County

Ravenswood "Old Town" Historic District

Ravenswood, Jackson County

Barleywood

Charles Town, Jefferson County

Cool Spring Farm

Charles Town Vicinity, Jefferson County

Duffields Depot

*Shenandoah Junction Vicinity,
Jefferson County*

James W. Hoge House

Winfield, Putnam County

Pennsboro B&O Depot

Pennsboro, Ritchie County

Chrystal Water and Power Company

Spencer, Roane County

2008 LISTINGS

Homeplace

Frankford Vicinity, Greenbrier County

Rock Spring

Shepherdstown, Jefferson County

Mount Saint Joseph

Wheeling Vicinity, Ohio County

North Wheeling Historic District (Boundary Increase)

Wheeling, Ohio County

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Historic Preservation Comprehensive Plan

Every five years SHPO goes through a planning process to develop comprehensive statewide goals for historic preservation. During March, April, and May of 2007, we held 10 meetings across the state and created two surveys to collect information about historic preservation in West Virginia. After compiling the responses and tallying the surveys the following goals for historic preservation in West Virginia were developed. The entire plan is scheduled for release in late 2008.

HP Goals 2008-2013

Goal 1: Awareness

West Virginians will recognize and understand the value of our state's historic resources.

Goal 2: Identification

West Virginians will identify, evaluate, and designate historic resources.

Goal 3: Advocacy

West Virginians will support and strengthen historic preservation activities across the state.

Goal 4: Community & Economic Development

West Virginians will incorporate historic preservation into economic and community development to maintain a sense of place.

Goal 5: Stewardship

West Virginians will safeguard/sustain historic resources in their communities throughout the state. ■

State Parks

CCC Survey Project

SHPO has contracted with a consultant to conduct an architectural and historical survey of all New Deal resources in West Virginia's state parks and forests. The project will document each resource, such as buildings, bridges, culverts, and roads, on a West Virginia Historic Property Inventory form and provide a report with a brief history and its recommendations for National Register eligibility.

Grant Project

In 2006 the Pearl S. Buck Birthplace Museum received a \$25,331 Development Grant from HP to replace the house's cedar shake roof and to make repairs to the chimney. The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Call 304-653-4430 or visit www.pearlsbuckbirthplace.com for more information. ■

Tax Credit Project

In December 2006, Recycle West Virginia embarked on an over \$22 million project to rehabilitate the National Register-listed Virginian Railway Yard in Princeton, Mercer County, and to convert it into a recycling center. The project utilized federal and state historic preservation tax credits along with the New Markets Tax Credit program to provide financial support for the project. Contact Chris Knorr at 304-558-0240 or chris.knorr@wvculture.org for more information about federal and state historic preservation tax credits. ■

Virginian Railway Yard



LATEST HP GRANTS

FY2008 Survey and Planning Grants Awarded

Hampshire County Architectural Survey, \$20,000. *Hampshire County Commission*

Harrisville Historic District Survey, \$6,000. *Ritchie County Historic Landmark Commission*

Buckhannon Historic District Survey and Nomination, \$13,500. *Buckhannon Historic Landmark Commission*

Southern Berkley County Architectural Survey, \$8,000. *Berkeley County Historic Landmark Commission*

Harpers Ferry Architectural Survey and Nomination, \$14,600. *Harpers Ferry Historic Landmark Commission*

Monongalia County Historic Landmark Commission Website Grant, \$4,000. *Monongalia County Historic Landmark Commission*

FY2009 State Development Grants Awarded

Former Clendenin School Roof Repair, \$27,300. *A New Clendenin, Inc., Kanawha County*

Hoge House Window and Door Replacement, \$9,313. *Putnam County Commission, Putnam County*

Rider House Roof Replacement, \$38,545. *Michael and Dorothy Gioulis, Braxton County*

Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum Clock Tower Roof Repair, \$104,000. *Joseph Jordan, Lewis County*

Red Horse Tavern Gutter & Drainage Repair, \$21,000. *Megan Cronley, Preston County*

Town's Inn Roof Repair, \$3,807. *Jason and Ana Townsend, Jefferson County*

Frye House Roof & Gutter Repair, \$7,825. *Jeffery and Brandy Frye, Tyler County*

910 Main Street Roof and Foundation Repair, \$5,000. *Karen Atkins Wheeler, Mason County*

New Deal Homestead Museum Gutter and Drainage Repair, \$22,285. *Arthurdale Heritage, Inc., Preston County*

Collett House Chimney Repair, \$66,500. *Historic Beverly Preservation, Randolph County*

Carnegie Hall Chimney Repair, \$5,500. *Carnegie Hall, Inc., Greenbrier County*

Briers Building Roof Repair, \$23,000. *Mountain Plex Properties, LLC, Summers County*

Barleywood Roof and Foundation Repairs, \$115,000. *Eric and Stacy Lindberg, Jefferson County*

Beaver Grist Mill Foundation Repair, \$5,800. *Nicholas County Historic Landmark Commission*

Newberry Executive Center Roof Repair, \$15,100. *Newberry Properties, LLC, Berkeley County*

2009 Development Grant Recipients



PHOTO: MIKE KELLER

Old Main and Alexander Campbell Mansion

Bethany, Brooke County

Our *Details* editor has suggested a series of articles from staff members highlighting our favorite historic places. This is similar to asking someone what their favorite song is. I have several and it is hard to pick just one. However, for this issue of *Details*, I have selected two to share, because they give me architectural goose bumps—a gut feeling that I am in a very unique and special place. They are Old Main at Bethany College which was founded by Alexander Campbell in 1840 and his home and library outside Bethany.

Old Main was built between 1858 and 1871. This Gothic Revival building sits at the top of a fairly steep hill. It consists of seven distinct sections,


arranged symmetrically along a single long axis. While separate in use, these sections are designed to appear as a unified whole. Along the rear facade is an open arcaded corridor that passes underneath the central tower. From 1998 to 2001 Oglebay Hall and the clock tower were restored. Prior to major work on the buildings, I had the opportunity to climb to the top of the tower. What a grand view from above. I also enjoyed walking along the rear corridor. This space is inspiring. I remember fondly my days in the classroom, wanting to sit down immediately and read literature or history, then write and talk with others about the ideas introduced by my reading.

This feeling takes over again when I visit Campbell's home and library outside Bethany. Built by 1840, the library is primarily hexagonal in shape with the interior walls lined with bookshelves. In the center of the roof is a lantern window that provides additional light. It is said that Campbell began his studies at 4 am. Rising at an early hour is not likely for me; but the idea of seclusion to read and meditate is appealing. Inside his home is a long dining room where Campbell entertained and met with many visitors and house guests. I too would relish such dinners and time spent with friends under one roof.

Alexander Campbell is known for founding the largest indigenous



PHOTO: BETHANY COLLEGE

American religious denomination, the Disciples of Christ, as well as a conviction that learning should be life long. He believed strongly that education should be made available to many, not just the privileged elite. His passion for education is evident at Bethany College and at his home. These buildings and their purpose easily get under my skin. When I visit the northern panhandle it is a pleasure to visit the small community of Bethany. Both buildings are National Historic Landmarks. More information, including hours to visit, is available at www.bethanywv.edu. The nominations for both buildings are available on our website: www.wvculture.org. 


—Susan M. Pierce, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer



PHOTO: BETHANY COLLEGE


NEWS AND NOTES

HP & PAWV Develop Heritage Trails

In October 2007, SHPO and Preservation Alliance of WV were awarded a \$100,000 matching Preserve America Grant to identify, interpret and market thematically related heritage tourism sites across West Virginia. Currently, two trails are under development focusing on historic theaters and New Deal sites. For more information or to become part of these trails contact PAWV at 304-345-6005 or email info@pawv.org. 

Division of Tourism Marks Civil War Trails

The West Virginia Division of Tourism has announced that it will be working with Civil War Trails, Inc., to implement a Civil War Trails marker

program in WV. Civil War Trails is an established and successful tourism marketing effort that has been used in Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, and Tennessee. The Division of Tourism is offering to purchase and install the first 150 interpretive Civil War signs in partnership with local groups who can provide support for annual maintenance. The Civil War Task Force and Preservation Alliance of WV are working with Tourism to ensure historical accuracy. For more information about the program, contact Justin Gaull at 304-558-2200 or jgaull@wvtourism.com. 

HP Welcomes Three New Staff People

In the past year, Kelly Wilson, Staci Spertzel, and Kelly Ristau have joined the SHPO staff.

Wilson joined our staff as a historian and will be working with the

National Register and Architectural Survey program areas. Wilson has worked at the West Virginia and Regional History Collection at WVU. She has a master's degree in history and a cultural resources management certificate from WVU.

Spertzel joined the SHPO staff as an archaeologist and will be working in the Review and Compliance program area. She worked with the Monongahela National Forest in eastern West Virginia conducting archaeological surveys. She also has worked for several archaeological consulting firms within WV and the surrounding states.

Ristau also joined the SHPO staff as an archaeologist working with the Review and Compliance program area focusing on DEP permits. Ristau previously worked at the Allegheny National Forest in Pennsylvania. He graduated from Edinboro University with degrees in Environmental Studies/Geography and Anthropology.

PRESERVATION CALENDAR

September 28-30, 2008

WV Economic Development Fall
Conference, Parkersburg, WV.
www.wvedc.org

October 21-25, 2008

National Trust Historic Preservation
Conference, Tulsa, OK.
www.nthpconference.org

October 24-26, 2008

West Virginia New Deal Conference
West Virginia Museum Association
Elkins, WV. [www.museumsofww.org/
newDeal.pdf](http://www.museumsofww.org/newDeal.pdf)

November 6-8, 2008

Roots, Realities and the Road Ahead
Conference. Preservation Alliance of
West Virginia, Oak Hill, WV.
www.pawv.org/conferences/conf08.htm

November 22, 2008

Historic Landmark Commissions Work-
shop, Mt Hope, WV.
chris.knorr@wvculture.org

hp GRANT DEADLINES

OCTOBER 31: Survey & Planning Grants

Survey and Planning Grants are used to fund architectural and archaeological surveys, comprehensive planning documents, heritage education, National Register nominations, predevelopment and historic preservation workshops and conferences. Under this grant program, participants must provide 40% of the project cost. Applications are available at: www.wvculture.org.

MARCH 1: Development Grants

Development grants provide rehabilitation/stabilization funding for architectural and archaeological resources that are listed in the National Register or are contributing to a National Register historic district. Development grants are reimbursable grants that require a 50% match from non-federal sources. Donated materials and labor or funding from the Community Development Block Fund also may be used for match. Buildings used for religious purposes or owned by a religious organization are not eligible. Governmental buildings that are not open to the public also are not eligible. Applications are available at www.wvculture.org. Contact Pam Brooks at (304) 558-0240 ext. 720, or pam.brooks@wvculture.org.

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