

## WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARIES SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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### LIBRARIES

#### ADBC Museum, Education, and Research Center

Contact: Jim Brockman  
945 Main Street  
Wellsburg, WV 26070

Phone: (304) 737-1551

URL: <http://philippine-defenders.lib.wv.us>

Institution Type: Museum

Description: A collection of uniforms, books, medals, data, artifacts, photos, etc. of the men that were the American Defenders of Bataan & Corregidor.

Keywords: World War II, Philippine, American Defenders of Bataan & Corregidor

#### Bluefield State College

Contact: James Leedy  
219 Rock Street  
Bluefield, WV  
Phone: (304) 327-4053

URL:

[http://library.bluefieldstate.edu/index.php?option=com\\_flexicontent&view=items&id=271](http://library.bluefieldstate.edu/index.php?option=com_flexicontent&view=items&id=271)

Institution Type: College

Description: Bluefield State College Archives. Bluefield State Alumni Collection, William B. Robertson Collection, West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Keywords: Bluefield State College, William B. Robertson, College sports, College athletics

#### Boone Madison Public Library

Contact: Morgan Paul  
375 Main Street  
Madison, WV 25130

Phone: (304) 369-7842

URL: <http://boone.lib.wv.us>

Institution Type: Public Library

Description: Boone County Genealogical Society (<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wvbcgs/>) has written many publications. We have copies of each one that are available to be checked out to patrons. We can scan articles and email. We have the Coal Valley News on microfilm.

Keywords: Genealogy, Coal Valley News

#### Buffalo Creek Memorial Library

Contact: Elizabeth Tackett  
511 E. McDonald Ave  
Man, WV 25635

Phone: (304) 5832667

URL:

Institution Type: Public Library

Description: Volumes of newspaper clippings, pictures, written articles and other items concerning the Buffalo Creek Disaster of 1972.

Keywords: Buffalo Creek Disaster, Coal mining disasters

**Cabell County Library**

Contact: David Owens  
455 9th Street  
Huntington, WV 25701

Phone:  
URL: <http://www.cabell.lib.wv.us/>  
Institution Type: Public Library

Description: The James E. Casto Local History Room. A collection of materials which focuses on the human record of Cabell County, Lawrence County (OH), Boyd County (KY), and genealogical research support materials. These are books, serials, microfilm, AV materials, and access through the library's webpage to databases with a special focus on local history and genealogy.

Keywords: Cabell County (W. Va.), Lawrence County (Oh.), Boyd County (Ky.), genealogy

**Cabell County Public Library, Milton Branch**

Contact: Georgina Doss  
1140 Smith Street  
Milton, WV 25541

Phone: (304) 743-6711  
URL: <http://www.cabell.lib.wv.us/>  
Institution Type: Public Library

Description: Milton Garden Club scrapbooks and awards including banquet and Flower Show programs; Memorabilia and scrapbooks from the Milton Woman's Club; small collection of Blenko Glass; Photographs published in the Cabell Record; Scrapbooks made of WWII newspaper and magazine articles donated by a local family; display of photos, published articles and books by Breece D'J Pancake; Memorabilia from local businesses and town events; artwork from local artists; collection of postcards from Post Crossing.

Keywords: Milton Garden Club, Milton Woman's Club, Blenko, glass companies, Cabell Record, World War II, Breece D'J Pancake, authors, Milton (W. Va.), postcards, Post Crossing

**Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library**

Contact: David Houchin  
404 West Pike Street  
Clarksburg, WV

Phone: (304) 627-2236  
URL: <http://clarksburglibrary.info>  
Institution Type: Public Library

Description: There are three collections; all housed in Waldomore, an antebellum house formerly the home of the library proper. The first and largest of these is the West Virginia Collection, a non-circulating library of historical and other materials devoted to West Virginia, and principally to the state's north-central region, the Monongahela Valley. The materials consist principally of books, secondarily of files, thirdly of artifacts of local historical interest. Additionally the library owns and maintains a collection of the books and papers of Gray Barker, famously a writer and publisher of Flying Saucer literature in the 1950s, 60s, 70s and early 80s. The collection includes books and periodicals Barker wrote, contributed to, published or collected, and an unparalleled (for the subject matter) 60 linear feet of files principally devoted to correspondence. Finally, the library has haphazardly retained a collection of materials on its own early history. In the same building but on its ground floor the library maintains a space for meetings and programs, furnished with antique pieces, some of local provenance or associated with notable families and individuals.

Keywords: Gray Barker, library history, W. Va. history

**Cowen Public Library**

Contact: Randy Timm  
47 Mill Street  
Cowen, WV 26206

Phone: (304) 226-5332  
URL: <http://cowen.lib.wv.us>  
Institution Type: Public Library

Description: 1) West Virginia historical and information collection 2) Collection of local funeral programs.

Keywords: W. Va. History, funeral guides, Cowen (W. Va.)

**Craft Memorial Library**

Contact: Eva McGuire  
600 Commerce Street  
Bluefield, WV 24701

Phone: (304) 325-3943

URL: <http://craftmemorial.lib.wv.us>

Institution Type: Public Library

Description: Eastern Regional Coal Archives: a facility dedicated to collecting, preserving and making available to priceless heritage of the communities and coalfields in southern West Virginia.

Keywords: Coal mines

**Fairmont State University / Pierpont Community & Technical College**

Contact: Thelma Hutchins  
1201 Locust Avenue  
Fairmont, WV

Phone: (304) 367-4121

URL: <http://library.fairmontstate.edu>

Institution Type: University Library

Description: Institution Archives including yearbooks (also online), college newspapers, books and items relating to the history of the Fairmont area of WV.

Keywords: Fairmont (W. Va.), history, Fairmont State University

**Fayette County Public Library**

Contact: Judy Gunsaulis  
531 Summit Street  
Oak Hill, WV 25901  
Description: Fayette County Archive  
Keywords:

Phone: (304) 465-0121

URL:

Institution Type: Public Library

**Grant County Public Library**

Contact: Barbara Carr  
18 Mt. View Street  
Petersburg, WV 26847

Phone: (304) 257-4122

URL: <http://moomau-grant.lib.wv.us>

Institution Type: Public Library

Description: Grant County Press on Microfilm dating back to 1896.

Keywords: Grant County Press, Grant County (W. Va.)

**Keyser-Mineral County Library**

Contact: Connie Sutton  
105 N. Main Street  
Keyser, WV 26726

Phone: (304) 788-3222

URL:

Institution Type: Public Library

Description: The library has a few titles containing information on the history of Mineral County and the history of the City of Keyser, WV. The library has a collection titled "J.C. Sanders Papers" which are a collection of historical data and some genealogy data concerning Mineral County collected by J.C. Sanders (b. 1872 - d. 1948). Volumes include: Genealogy, Keyser-Mineral County Data, Early History, Revolutionary War, Deeds/Wills, Civil War and Births, Deaths and Marriages of Mineral County. The library also has a few privately printed copies of family histories. Family names include: Liller, Umstott/Dawson, Barrick and the Taylor Family of the South Branch Valley.

Keywords: Mineral County (W. Va.), Keyser (W. Va.), genealogy, history

**Marshall University**

Contact: Nat DeBruin  
 One John Marshall Drive  
 Huntington, WV  
 Phone: (304) 696-3524

URL: <http://www.marshall.edu/special-collections?#gsc.tab=0>  
 Institution Type: University Library

Description: We are the repository for over 1,500 linear feet of the University's Archives as well as over 820 Manuscript Collections. Highlights include the Roseanna Blake Library of Confederate History, the Chuck Yeager Collection, the Nelson S. Bond Collection (science fiction author), and the Ken Hechler Congressional Collection. Other collections are related to the history of the Tri-State (WV, KY, and OH) area and family history/genealogy.

Keywords: Civil War (US), Chuck Yeager, Nelson S. Bond, author, Ken Hechler, politicians, genealogy, history

**Ohio County Public Library**

Contact: Sean Duffy  
 52 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Wheeling, WV 26003

Phone: (304) 232-0244  
 URL: <http://ohiocountylibrary.org>  
 Institution Type: Public Library

Description: Wheeling Room Collection (Local history books, yearbooks, cemetery records, church records, city directories, vertical files, family histories); Microfilm collections (census records; early city directories; local newspapers); Archives (non-published materials such as photographs, photographic negatives, photograph albums, scrapbooks, personal and corporate archives, journals, letters, maps, prints, pamphlets, brochures, postcards, advertising ephemera, etc.) Rare Books Collection (Uncommon or rare books and pamphlets relating to the history and prehistory of the Upper Ohio Valley)

Keywords: history, Wheeling (W. Va.), newspapers, pamphlets

**Parkersburg-Wood County Public Library**

Contact: Carey Clevenger  
 3100 Emerson Ave  
 Parkersburg, WV 26104

Phone: (304) 420-4587  
 URL: <http://parkersburg.lib.wv.us>  
 Institution Type: Public Library

Description: We maintain a collection of genealogy and West Virginia history materials. This collection includes maps, scrapbooks, newspaper microfilm, vertical files, newsletters and periodicals, high school yearbooks, city directories, books on Appalachian culture, family histories, resources on genealogical research, and military duty rosters and pension files (to name a few).

Keywords: genealogy, W. Va. History, Appalachia,

**Pendleton County Public Library**

Contact: Rebecca McConnell  
 PO Box 519  
 Franklin, WV 26807

Phone:  
 URL: <http://pendleton.lib.wv.us>  
 Institution Type: Public Library

Description: Materials located in our genealogy room. These materials include family histories, census data, military records, marriage records, local history books and cemetery records, church records, and high school yearbooks.

Keywords: genealogy, military records, history

**Philippi Public Library**

Contact: Judy Larry  
 91 S. Main Street  
 Philippi, WV 26416  
 Description:

Phone: (304) 457-3495  
 URL: <http://philippi.lib.wv.us>  
 Institution Type: Public Library

**Piedmont Public Library**

Contact: Paula Boggs

1 Childs Avenue

Phone: (304) 355-2757

Description: The library has all the pictures and trophies from our former Piedmont High School which closed in 1976. There is other school memorabilia also included in the collection.

Keywords: Piedmont High School,

URL: <http://piedmont.lib.wv.us>

Institution Type: Public Library

**Raleigh County Public Library**

Contact: Addie Brewer Gilkerson

221 N. Kanawha Street

Beckley, WV 25801

Description:

Phone: (304) 255-0511 ext. 3

URL: <http://www.rcplwv.org>

Institution Type: Public Library

**Roane County Public Library**

Contact: Mary Fury

110 Parking Plaza

Spencer, WV 25276

Description: Roane County Genealogy/Historical Section This is the genealogy and history room maintained by the Roane County Historical Society. It collection includes many Roane County Family Histories, neighboring county family histories, Roane County History plus births, deaths, marriages, cemetery information, digital Roane County early newspapers and complete early collection of Life Magazines.

Keywords: Roane County (W. Va.), genealogy, history, newspapers

Phone: (304) 927-1130

URL: <http://roanecountylibrary.org>

Institution Type: Public Library

**Rupert Public Library**

CONTACT: Carol McClung

PO Box 578

124 Greenbrier Street

Rupert, WV 25984

Description: Flying Boat "The Spruce Goose" story on DVD and framed picture poster of "The Spruce Goose" aircraft. The complete film history of West Virginia on two DVD's. A book titled Rupert History & Heritage. Life magazine dated May 3, 1954. Album of newspaper articles printed in the Bicentennial Supplement, West Virginia Hillbilly newspaper in Richwood, WV. years 1776-1975. Rupert School Basketball & Football trophies dated 1938, 1953, 1954, 1956, 1957, 1964, 1968, 1976, and 1979. Aerial view framed picture of Duo, WV 1953 Argo School - Kessler, WV early 1900's framed picture. Framed letter from Laura Ingalls Wilder to Miss Lindquist, October 19, 1953. Rupert School yearbooks from years 1938, 1946, 1948, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968. 1929 Charlestonian yearbook A throw produced by the Rupert Rotary featuring historic places in Rupert. Our Giving Tree showing contributions given for the renovation project of our new library. Handcrafted Wood Bridge made by Mr. Farley, of Shady Spring, WV. A 1906 bank safe from the Gauley Coal Land Company, Rupert, WV. Wood Cane carved at Camp Horseshoe, Greenbrier County in 1952. Original oil paintings by Max Hayslette titled Life on the Greenbrier 2012 Hill and Valley IV 2010 George and The Boogie Woogie 2011 Print #3 Meadow River Lumber Company 2010 painting by Max Hayslette Art by Robert Tuckwiller titled A Fair To Remember Carousel Art by J. Brenneman titled The Rupert House The Rupert Barn Sugar Shack Rupert Main Street 1930 First Rupert School 1932 Rupert School 1942-1968 Original watercolor painting by Betty McClung. Framed print titled "The Forester At Home" by Ludwig Knaus Shafer Hardware Store original Cases, Counters, and Shelves restored during our renovation.

PHONE: (304) 392-6158

URL:

INSTITUTIONAL TYPE: Public Library

**Salem International University**

Contact: Phyllis Freedman  
223 W. Main St.  
Salem, WV 26426

Phone: (304) 326-1390

URL:

Institution Type: University Library

Description: Microfilm: Clarksburg Exponent (Jan., 1932-Dec., 1961); Clarksburg Telegram (Sept. 1849-Nov. 4, 1898; Jan 5, 1900-Dec. 29,1905; Jan. 17, 1907-Dec., 1961):

Keywords: Clarksburg Exponent, Clarksburg Telegram, newspapers

**Southern Area Library**

Contact: Mary Stenger  
PO Box 282

Phone: (304) 745-4865

Description: Large prints?

URL: <http://southernarea.lib.wv.us>

INSTITUTIONAL TYPE: Public Library

**Summers County Public Library**

Contact: Kristina Ferguson  
201 Temple Street  
Hinton, WV 25951

Phone: (304) 466-4490

URL: <http://summers.lib.wv.us>

Institution Type: Public Library

Description: Seed Library - Patrons can check out seeds for flowers and veggies at the library. When they harvest the seeds, they can return some back to the library to help the program continue to grow. Check Out Your Community - Patrons can check out passes and tickets to tour or use local agencies, parks and museums.

**Sutton Public Library**

Contact: Connie Skidmore  
500 Main Street  
Sutton, WV 26601

Phone: (304) 765-7224

URL: <http://sutton.lib.wv.us>

INSTITUTIONAL TYPE: Public Library

Description: Sutton High School and Braxton County High School Yearbooks, Braxton County Historical Society Journals, Central WV Cemeteries Booklets, Braxton County Cemeteries Booklets

Keywords: Sutton High School, Braxton County High School, Braxton County (W. Va.), cemeteries

**Taylor County Public Library**

Contact: Joyce Freeman  
200 Beech St.  
Grafton, WV 26354

Phone: (304) 265-6121

URL: <http://taylor.lib.wv.us>

Institution Type: Public Library

Description: Local History and Genealogical Collection -- materials specifically pertaining to WV history, Taylor County history; also includes history of some neighboring states Rare Book Collection -- books determined to be rare and unique primarily consisting of local history

Keywords: history, genealogy, Taylor County (W. Va.)

**Vienna Public Library**

Contact: Brenna Call  
2300 River Road  
Vienna, WV 26105

Phone: (304) 295-7771

URL: <http://www.viennapubliclibrary.org>

Institutional Type: Public Library

Description: West Virginia History Collection - regional historical information

Keywords: history, Wood County (W. Va.)

### West Virginia and Regional History Center

West Virginia University Libraries

Contact: Lori Hostuttler

PO Box 6069

Morgantown, WV

Phone: (304) 293-1116

URL: <http://wvrhc.lib.wvu.edu>

Institution Type: University Library

### Annie Merner Pfeiffer Library

West Virginia Wesleyan College

Contact: Brett Miller

59 College Avenue

Buckhannon, WV 26201

Description: -Rare book collection/West Virginia collection (books only) -Charles Aubrey Jones Abraham Lincoln collection (books, archival materials, ephemera) -West Virginia Wesleyan College archives (numerous collections in multiple item formats - historical information/records related to the institution's academic, athletic, and co-curricular history) -Archives of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (closed and active church records, church administrative records, records on ministers, conference journals, books, ephemera)

Keywords: W. Va. History, Abraham Lincoln, W. Va. Wesleyan, Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (W. Va.), church records,

Phone: (304) 473-8601

URL: <http://amplibrary.wvwc.edu/libraryhome>

Institution Type: College Library

### Wyoming County Public Library

Contact: Caroline Gaddis

PO Box 130

Pineville, WV

Description: Genealogy/local history collection.

Keywords:

Phone: (304) 732-6899

URL:

Institution Type: Public Library