



MORGANTOWN HISTORY MUSEUM

MPB PRINT AND SIGN SUPERSTORE (AKA Morgantown Printing and Binding) recently donated to the Morgantown History Museum all of their old style bindery equipment. This equipment was used to bind books and thesis's over the last 100 plus years at the firm. Owner Andrew Walls contacted Harold Shaver at the museum and asked if we wanted to preserve the antique machines. Mr. Shaver and his father, Junior Harold (JR.) Shaver also worked at MPB in past years and Harold remembered seeing them in use. The museum commission said yes and MPB delivered them to the museum. It is an exciting acquisition for MHM because now we can refurbish some of the old books that we have had donated to us. Also WVU's professor Galbreath at the Creative Arts Center has agreed to advise us on how to use the equipment. The museum will be happy to give demonstrations to future students at WVU. Nathanael "Skippy" Clark, MPB employee will also demonstrate how to make new covers for the books.



Antique book binding machine.



MPB truck backs into museum.



MPB employees unloading equipment



Print shop area of museum.



This is the bindery equipment located at the museum ready to un-wrap and begin the lessons for repairing Books.



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The Morgantown History Museum is the first city-sponsored museum in the Greater Morgantown area. Its mission is to preserve the history of the region for the public by collecting and displaying local cultural artifacts.

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www.morgantownhistorymuseum.org
Hours:
Tuesday-Saturday
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Greetings from the Chair:

Dear Friends,

Since my last message, Fall/Winter 2019, Museum News, much has changed. The whole world has changed - along with Morgantown - and the Morgantown History Museum! The Pandemic (Corona Virus) has affected all walks of life around the world. In March, we went into a 'Shutdown' - closing most businesses. At that point, we were also closed. The City of Morgantown gave us permission to do necessary work including answering emails, accessioning, donations, et. Four part-time employees shared the one job. Our hours were cut-back to bare-bones, cost saving levels. We went from Monday through Saturday, from 10am - 4pm, to Tuesday - Saturday, 11am -2pm. (The Morgantown History Museum has been, primarily, supported by funds to the City of Morgantown via the Hotel/Motel Tax. This tax disappeared due to the Pandemic. Many non-profits were greatly impacted by this loss.)

Four weeks ago, we were given the go-ahead to re-open. Visitors have been coming in slowly - as with other business/ non-profit organizations. We are using this slow time to accomplish much that we normally do not have time to do. Our accessioning has been caught up, we have written grants and other documents that pertain to the renovation of the Historic P.O. Building, attended many virtual meetings, managed to keep the Morgantown Museum Commission operating (virtually), set-up a bookbinding shop, and applied to be chosen as one of the Smithsonian M.O.M. 2021-2022 sites. (The MHM held this position in 2011 and 2014.) We have also been working on our on-going 'Morgantown Memories' film series. We have managed to accomplish quite a bit during this epic event we are all experiencing.

I will ask something of all of you: please consider joining our Friends of Morgantown History Museum. Why? In these sparse times, the membership fees would be of great help to us. I should use this spot to tell you that our annual fundraiser, Best Chef Culinary Contest, had to be cancelled due to the Pandemic. So think about becoming a member of our Friends group.

Thanks for all of your help in the past - we really appreciate it! Stay Safe & Take Care.

Pamela Ball, Chair, MMC/ Director, MHM

MORGANTOWN MEMORIES FILM SERIES ADDS TWO MORE DOCUMENTARIES

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic the Morgantown History Museum has had to adjust our hours and the way we operate. We are compliant with State of West Virginia and City of Morgantown guidelines concerning interactions with visitors. When visiting the museum, you must be wearing a mask - if not we will provide you with a currently authorized one. We have disinfectants available and a waiver form for you to sign. The amount of visitors is limited to 6 people based on our square footage.

During this time, we have been very busy catching up on shelving and filing of the most recent items that have been donated. Additionally, we are in the process of creating two more MountainStateMotion Pictures documentaries. The new films showcase two local and well-known personalities.

Mary Jane Coulter, who grew up in the Scotts Run area of Morgantown, describes what it was like growing up in the coal mining towns located in Scotts Run and how the Scotts Run Museum came into existence.

Also featured is Louis Birurakis, who played football for West Virginia University, before and after World War II. Louis, in later years worked as an iron worker. He helped build many bridges, roads and buildings in Morgantown including the WVU stadium and Coliseum.

The Morgantown Memories series has been shown on the City Of Morgantown Public Broadcasting Channel 15 on cable tv. Documentaries about singer Al Anderson and Morgantown History Museum Director Pamela Ball have been shown on this channel. Hopefully, the two new films will be shown as well. Currently, the Morgantownhistorymuseum.org web site has over 60 events we have filmed and uploaded to our Youtube channel for your viewing pleasure. We are always looking for sponsors to help us with the costs of producing these films. Contact the museum if you are interested in sponsoring a documentary.

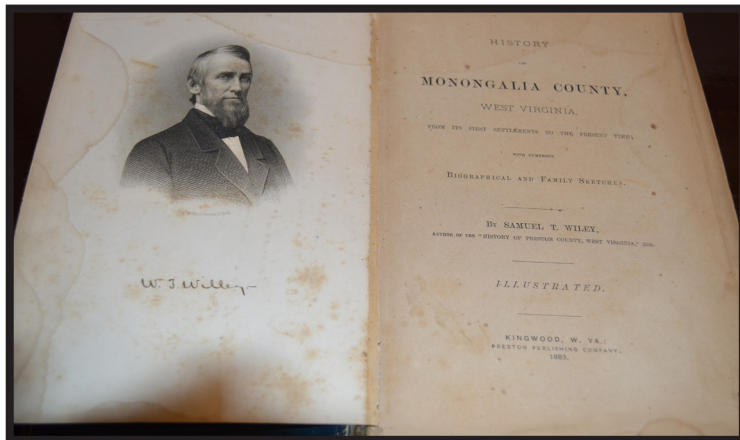


MARY JANE COULTER,
*Director of the Scotts Run
Museum and Trail in Osage,
answers questions and tells
her story about growing up
in Scotts Run. Morgantown
Memories and Mountain-
State Motion Pictures is
producing the film for the
Morgantown History Muse-
um that will be shown at a
later date on the museum
website and on TV.*

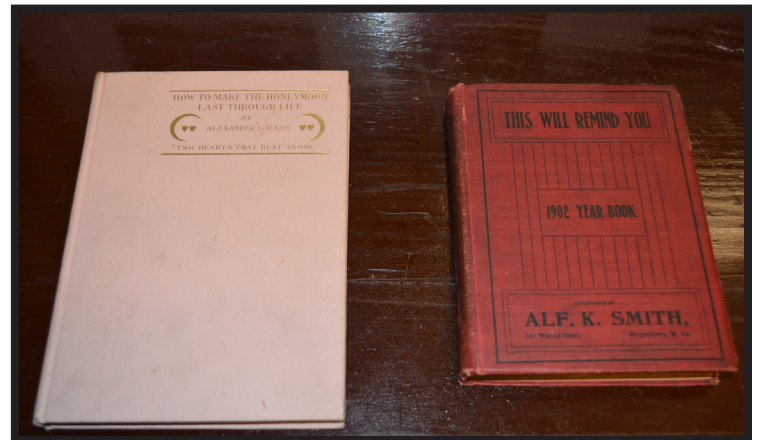
LOUIS BIRURAKIS,
*played football for the WVU
Mountaineers in the 1940's
and has been influential and
helping keep the memories
alive about living in the
Scotts Run area and is the
local historian of note. He
has also established signs
to mark historic places in
Scotts Run.*



1. Beechurst & Monongalia High School Reunion booklets (5) 1996, 1998, 2012(2) and one undated. 8-1/4" x 11". From the Peggy Chappell estate.
2. Beechurst & Monongalia High School Reunion programs. Quantity of seven. 1990 (2), 1994 (2), 1996,2000, 2008. 5-1/2" x 8-1/2". From the Peggy Chappell estate.
3. Book, Our Monongalia:A History Of African Americans in Monongalia County, west Virginia. By Connie Park Rice, hard cover with dust jacket. Dedication and signature of author on flyleaf. Pub. By Headline Books, Terra Alta, WV,1999. 9" x 11-1/2", 271 pages. From the Peggy Chappell estate.
4. Book, West Virginia Oilfields Discovered Before 1940 by Charles Whieldon and William Eckard, US Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Mines, US Government Printing Office, 1963. 8" x 10-1/4", 187 pages, softbound.
5. Sabraton Railway Time Table #6, dated Nov. 15, 1913. WV Traction & Electric Co. Lines, card, 4-3/8" x 2-1/2"
6. Morgantown High School Commencement program 1948. 5-3/4" x 11-1/4", 6 pages.
7. Photograph album, early 1900's. From the Chauncy Fox estate, (home & business (auto repair) at Stewart St. and home at Carson St. location.). 12-1/2" x 7", soft dark brown cover, black pages.
8. Ledger, c.1906-1907, belonged to Charles Walls (Charles Walls Groceries, corner of Wilson Ave. and Kingwood Streets in the early 1900's) From the Audrey Thomas Coberly estate.
9. Photograph Album, spiral bound, soft brown cover. Circa 1940's to 1960's. From the Chauncy Fox estate, (home & business (auto repair) at Stewart St. also home on Carson St.)
10. Program, "Dedication of The Basic Sciences Building", October 5, 1957, enclosed is a small booklet advertising the soon to be added (pre-construction) WVU Medical Center.
11. Promotional flyer Fort Martin Power Plant, circa 1965-67. 8-1/4" x 8", 10 pages.
12. Book, "Girl Scout Badges and Signs" 1980, Girl Scouts of the United States. 7" x 9", 208 pages.
13. Photograph album, large brown hardbound with tie, containing photographs, certificates, numerous loose newspaper clippings, and a cabinet card photograph of a couple on the front porch of a house on First St. Most of the photographs are circa1960's. 14" x 10/
14. Map of Morgantown, circa 1890- 1920, 26-1/2" x 22", with businesses, utilities, churches and schools identified.
15. Book, "One Man's Madness Living With AIDS", by Joseph Michael Fortney, 1998, 5-1/2"x8-1/2", 128 pages
16. Two "Bills of Lading" from the B&O Railroad, to Charles Walls, 10/16/1906 and 10/31/1906
17. Hotel stationery & envelope, "Traveler's Hotel" Chas. Walls, prop., Masontown, WV, circa 1900-1909
18. Envelope containing a 1924 deed, two "Release of Deed of Trust" from the Monongalia Building & Loan Association, receipt from the Building & Loan Assoc. and a receipt for deposit for electricity, gas and water meters. All are from Chauncy Fox relating to properties on Stewart St and Carson St., 1923-1930



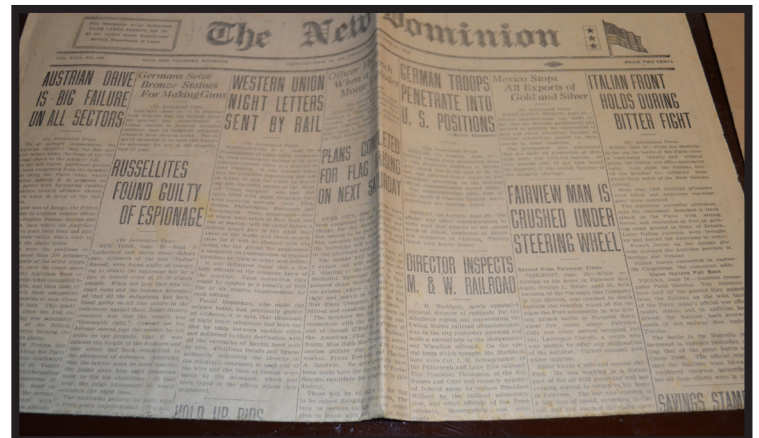
Book written by Samuel Wiley about the history of Monongalia County



Book titled "How to Make the Honeymoon Last Through Life" A Diary book provided by the Alf K. Smith Company on High Street



Newspaper From The Morgantown Post July 16, 1963 about WV Centennial



Newspaper from The New Dominion June 21, 1918

We would like to thank the following individuals, families, and organizations for their volunteer work and/or their generous contributions to the Morgantown History Museum:

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| WVU I-Serve Program | Janet Scarcelli | Terri Cutright |
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| Patricia Dudley | Bourbon Prime Restaurants | Old Hemlock Foundation |
| River Fair Trade | Table 9 | WVU Core Arboretum |
| Harold Shaver | Lakehouse Restaurant | Friendship Hill Historic site |
| AL Bonner | Sargasso | Nick Hein |
| The Cupcakerie | The Preston Inn | Morgantown Art Party |
| Clarion Hotel Morgan | Lakeview Resort Restaurant | Lisa Elmaleh |
| Wamsley Cycle | WVU Division of Forestry | Rhonda Fout |
| Appalachian Gallery | WVU Department of History | Bee Patricia Meola |
| Writings of the late Dr. Earl Core | Coopers Rock State Forest | Richard-Lehner |
| The Ice Family | Yale University Dept of History | Mary Jane Coulter |
| | The Rachael Carson Center | Louis Birurakis |

Membership Application

The Morgantown Museum Commission invites you to join the Friends of Morgantown History Museum to help promote and preserve the rich history of Morgantown and the surrounding area.

Annual Memberships

- \$25.00 Individual _____
- \$30.00 Family _____
- \$50.00 Corporate _____

Additional Contributions:

\$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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Mail to:
 Friends of the Morgantown History Museum
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NOTE: OUR EMAIL HAS CHANGED
TO morgantownwvhistory@icloud.com
Also our new hours are;
Tuesday - Saturday 11 am to 2 pm

To donate objects or to volunteer some time, please contact the Morgantown History Museum at (304) 319-1800 or at morgantownwvhistory@icloud.com
 To make a monetary donation, go to <https://npo.justgive.org/nonprofits/donate.jsp?ein=26-0859732>. or send donation directly to MHM, 175 Kirk St, Morgantown, WV 26505.



The Morgantown History Museum is located at 175 Kirk Street in downtown Morgantown, WV. Our hours of operation have been shortened because of the pandemic. We are now open Tuesday through Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 2: 00 p.m. There is free parking in the back of the building and it is free to tour. Donations are accepted.

Preserving Morgantown's Cultural Heritage

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