

UP THE CREEK

Hacker's Creek Newsletter

December 2021

Merry Christmas from HCPD!



The HCPD Board met for their Christmas Party on December 10th. We had plenty of food, gift exchange and enjoyed visiting with each other. The ladies above are: Doris Dean, president of the Board, Patty Lesondak, Executive Director and Irma Curtis, long time Board member and former librarian. We all share birthdays in December and no not telling our ages!

Love these ladies!

*The world needs
more warm hearts
and fewer hot
heads.*

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Memories of Lake Riley

Article from July 2020 The Exponent Telegram and Weston Democrat

by Jessica Kirkpatrick
THE WESTON DEMOCRAT

WESTON — “Just one family is all it took to build a golf course, clubhouse, create a lake, bathing beach, build boats and erect cottages along a trail through the forest — and the results of their determination is known throughout West Virginia and many other states as Lake Riley. All this because the Kraus family wanted it — and because they are the kind of people who don’t waste time procrastinating.” — *The Weston Independent*, circa 1957.

It was once the crown jewel of Lewis County and much of North Central West Virginia, but all that really exists of Lake Riley today is a private residence and endless stories and photographs of the resort in its glory days.

Lake Riley was a very popular resort in Lewis County and served as a major tourist attraction from the early 1950s through the mid 1980s. Not only was it a popular spot for the locals to visit, but people from all across the country would often travel to Lake Riley to spend their summer vacations.

“Built and opened by the Kraus family, and later owned by the Davis family, the Lake Riley resort was located about 7 miles outside Weston on Murphy’s Creek Road. The resort was centered on 842 acres of property, had 15 cabins, the main 8-acre lake and two smaller lakes, as well as a beautiful lodge that included a dance hall and restaurant. Just a short walk away was the nine-hole golf course, horseshoe pits, tennis courts and numerous trails, and boating and canoeing, fishing, swimming and horseback

riding were other big draws,” according to a Facebook page dedicated to the lake and its impact on visitors.

One of the more interesting stories about Lake Riley is how the resort got its name. Although the resort was opened by the Kraus family, specifically two brothers named John and Joe Kraus, Lake Riley was

named after someone the Kraus family had raised as one of their own children — Pvt. Joseph F. Riley. Riley was born June 9, 1915, the son of the late James and Dora Riley. However, Riley made his home with the Kraus brothers in Weston.

Pvt. Riley enlisted in the Marine Corps on Jan. 9, 1942. He was a member of Company 1, First Raider Battalion, participating in the invasion and seizure of Tulagi Island from Aug. 7-10, 1942. Pvt. Riley then served on Guadalcanal until the time of his death on Sept. 14, 1942.

In its glory days, Lake Riley featured the Woodland Golf Course, which was one of the finest 9-hole golf courses in this section of the country at the time. Another favorite pastime

of visitors was fishing, as the resort’s main 7.5 acre lake stayed stocked with

trout, bass and blue gill.

And, of course, Lake Riley was known for its wonderful swimming holes. One of the resort’s pools had a cement bottom, ranging in depth from 1.5 feet to 5.5 feet deep. Those who were better swimmers enjoyed the deeper pool, which ranged from 12 to 28 feet deep. The swimming hole also featured a big, concrete island in the middle where swimmers could go to sunbathe or utilize diving boards.

With a history that spanned nearly four decades, it’s easy to see why so many people still reminisce about their time spent at the beloved resort.

“Like many families, we went several times over the summers in the 60s,” said Debbie Maxian.

“The first year we went was 1963 and the last was 1969. My most memorable thing is hearing Neil Diamond on the jukebox singing out over the lake and

another favorite was “On Top Of Old Smokey,” playing ping-pong in the lodge and meeting people from all over was a thrill, too.”

And Maxian isn’t the only one. She is just one of hundreds of others with similar stories and favorite memories of Lake Riley.

“I spent many, many hours there from 1953-1957 — swimming, dancing and hanging out with my future wife and all our friends,” said Andrew Whelan.

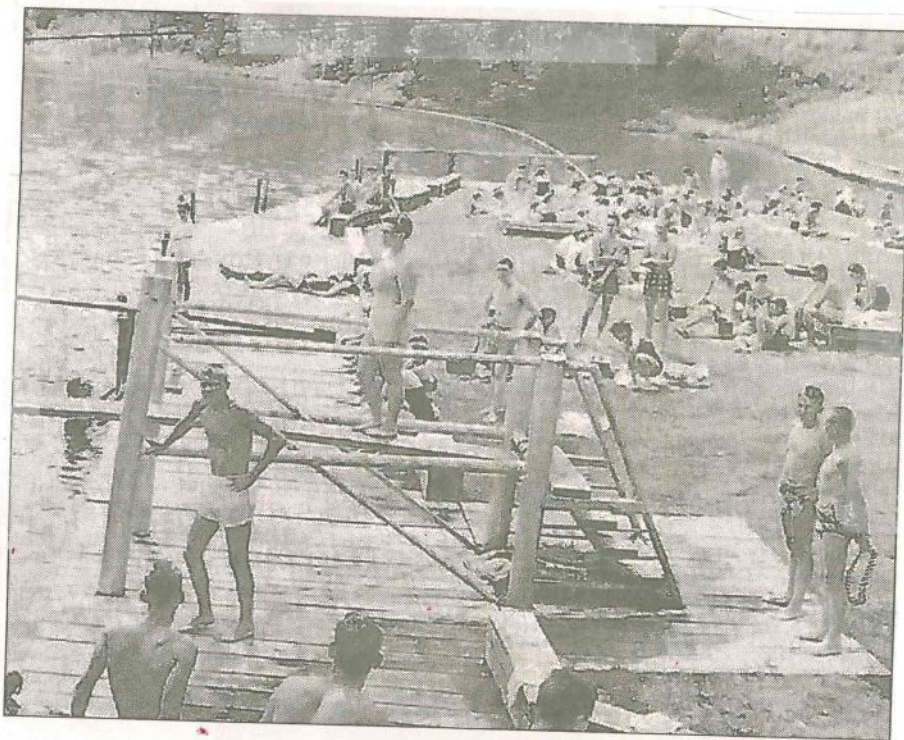
“It was the place to be. I also learned how to play golf and caddy on the golf course. John and Joe Kraus and their wives were wonderful people. I also remember families gathering in the picnic areas. Family time in the cabins was also so special. It was a place that was burned forever in your memory. It will never be forgotten. I have traveled all over the world, but no place has had the impact of Lake Riley. Even when you get to be 80 years old — the age of innocence still burns brightly.”

Mark Loudin spent the majority of his childhood and teenage summers at the resort, even though he lived hundreds of miles away. He now administers the Facebook page.

“The Davis family reopened the lake in the mid ‘70s, and I worked there every summer until it closed in 1985,” said Loudin.

“The lake was a magical place for me; there was just something special about it. I grew up in Northeast Ohio, but the day school was out, I was on my way to the lake. And at the end of the summer, I would get back home the night before school began.”

Although Lewis County’s beloved Lake Riley has been closed since 1985, its memories still live on through those who visited the resort. A Facebook page titled ‘Friends of Lake Riley, Weston WV’ has about 1,500 members, and on a weekly basis the administrator still shares photos and memories from the guests who used to visit.



File photo

Lake Riley was a popular summer vacation destination for locals and people from across the United States.



File photo

The former main lodge and dance hall overlooks Lake Riley in Lewis County.



File photo

Family and friends enjoy the popular resort, circa 1960.



File photo


Visitors jump off the diving board into Lake Riley, circa 1960.



Beautiful plate that is on display in the library!

1915 License to maintain an Automobile

This is a scan of an actual paper License to Maintain an Automobile from 1915. This was issued to Jane Lew Improvement of Jane Lew. The license cost \$10.00 and each license was issued a number and a record kept of who the license was issued to. They were also issued two metal tags or plates with the same number and had to be placed on the front and back of vehicle.

No. 5297		\$10.00
State of		West Virginia
License to Maintain an Automobile.		
This is to certify that the undersigned, in pursuance of the authority vested in him by law, has this day granted to <u>Jane Lew Improvement</u> of <u>Jane Lew</u>		
West Virginia, a license to maintain and operate an automobile, beginning the first day of July, 1915, and ending the 30th day of June, 1916, and has assessed and collected a license tax of ten dollars.		
Given under my hand at the city of Charleston, this the _____		
day of <u>JUL 7 - 1915</u> 191_____.		
		<u>J. A. Warst.</u> Auditor, State of West Virginia.
NOTE:—THIS LICENSE IS CO-EXTENSIVE WITH THE STATE.		
(Over)		

W. A. JACKSON,
PRESIDENT.

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JANE LEW, W. VA., _____ 1915

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Which War?

IN WHICH WAR COULD YOUR ANCESTOR HAVE SERVED?

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1639-1743	Inter-colonial Wars	1689-1763
1704-1743	French & Indian Wars	1754-1763
1713-1743	Pontiac's Rebellion	1763-1765
1720-1763	American Revolution	1775-1783
1740-1786	Indian Wars	1790-1811
1762-1794	War of 1812	1812-1815
1762-1812	Blackhawk War	1832
1790-1820	Seminole Indian War	1840-1841
1796-1828	Mexican War	1846-1848
1806-1849	Civil War	1861-1865
1848-1880	Spanish-American War	1898
1848-1880	Philippine Insurrection	1899-1902
1867-1900	World War I	1917-1918
1900-1927	World War II	1941-1945
1900-1930	Korean War	1950-1953
1940-1955	Vietnam Conflict	1965-1973

LAND RECORD VOCABULARY

Patent	Grant of land by the state to an individual(s)
Patentee -	One who receives the patent
Warrant -	Authorization for a survey
Warrantee -	Person receiving the warrant
Grantor (or Warrantor)	Person conveying or selling property
Grantee (or Warrantee)	Person receiving or buying property
Survey	Drawing of a tract of land
Deed	Document transferring land from one person to another
Quit Claim Deed	Transfer of rights to property
Quiet Claim estate	Action to clear title to real estate
Articles of Agreement	Contract between parties

(From Ancestors Winter 1998)

TROLLEY MAY BE REPLACED HERE BY BUS SERVICE

West Virginia Transportation Company Will Operate on Same Schedule Now Used by Street Car, if West Penn Withdraws Lines.

If the Monongahela West Penn Public Service company decides to discontinue its street car service between Weston and Clarksburg, the West Virginia Transportation company will operate motor busses over the same territory, E. Z. Terrell, of Clarksburg, manager of the transportation company, announced Thursday.

When the Weston city council ordered the West Penn to pave its street car right of way on Main avenue with concrete, officials of the company stated that they would apply to the Public Service commission to remove their street car line between Weston and Clarksburg.

The West Virginia Transportation company, which is a subsidiary of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company, will operate busses between Weston and Clarksburg on the same schedule now used by the street cars, if the West Penn carries out its intentions.

All towns between Weston and Clarksburg now served by the street car will be touched by the bus line, except Mt. Clare, and as soon as the hard road to Clarksburg by way of Lost Creek is completed this town will be made a stop.

According to Mr. Terrell's statement the bus fare will be the same as the present street car fare with reductions on round trip tickets. The travel time between Weston and Clarksburg will be one hour or less. Large, luxurious busses will make the trip.

Freight now handled by the street car company will be carried by the B. and O., if the street car is discontinued.

W.D. 5-11-34

Experiences Are Recounted by Girl Who Laughed for a Week

Miss Terressa Hawkins, of Colfax, Now Recovering at Weston State Hospital — Received a Hundred Letters, Among Them a Proposal of Marriage.

As if having been in another world, Terressa Hawkins, 19 year old Marion county girl who suffered a laughing seizure for one week, now clearly recalls her experience as she convalesces from an abdominal operation which was performed for her retrieval.

The operation was performed at the medical center of the Weston State hospital where Miss Hawkins was brought after doctors at Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore, Md., made a hasty examination and suggested that she be taken to one of West Virginia's mental hospitals.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fred Hawkins, of Colfax, W. Va., where Mr. Hawkins is a Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company telegrapher, were dumb-founded at the suggestion that their daughter was insane. They rushed her immediately to the Weston hospital where they knew the superintendent, Dr. J. E. Offner, a former Fairmont resident.

Miss Hawkins' illness developed while she attended a movie in company with some girl friends. During the final scene of the picture, a drama, one of the girls made some punning remark which caused Miss Hawkins to start laughing.

She continued to laugh, and she says now that she knew clearly that she was making a scene by her laughter, but that she was unable to control her mirth. Two of the girls took her to a drug store where they telephoned for her father. A physician was also called and he administered powerful sedatives. Miss Hawkins said that the only sensation she experienced was that her fingers became numb. She recognized people about her.

She scoffs at the idea, as reported in newspapers, that she broke under a nervous strain caused by a special study for a shorthand test on which she made a 100 per cent. She says that the test was a simple, elementary test, and that 90 per cent was a passing grade.

Miss Hawkins' laughing seizure began on Wednesday, February 26. Laughingly she now talks interestingly of her experience. An attractive brunette, she

reclines on her hospital cot, recounting her experience, and contemplating the diffidence she will experience when she again meets her friends because of the publicity that has been given her unusual case.

Sunday, March 15, was the first time that Miss Hawkins was allowed to read because her eyesight was impaired by her illness. In fact, she was totally blind soon after she was brought to the medical center at the hospital. She remembers her nurse talking to her, but she could not see the nurse. The following morning, however, she was able to see slightly.

When she was allowed to read she had the perplexing experience of finding that she had received a proposal of marriage during her illness. This proposal was just one of nearly 100 odd communications which she received from persons of whom she had never heard.

She was greatly amused to go through these letters. They were sent from twenty-three different states. In them she received notes of sympathy from strangers who themselves are ill or are in hospitals, requests for genealogical information, horoscopic information, a gift of several bottles of wine and champagne from a wine company to be used for her nervous disorder, reports of special prayer meetings held for Miss Hawkins, books of special prayer from religious cults, information on atheism, and Easter greetings. Of course, in addition, there were many notes of cheer and remembrance from friends in and near Fairmont.

Regarding her sensations while laughing, Miss Hawkins says that she experienced a cycle of numbness of her fingers, a numbness of her legs and then a swimming of her head. After she was returned to her home from Baltimore she felt completely exhausted because of steady laughing, an aching pain, and wept unrestrainedly for a short time. When she laughed, her parents report that the laughter was normal in sound as if she were very much pleased. It was not hysterical. Miss Hawkins says that she saw the funny side of everything, and that every thing seemed amusing to her. She began to laugh as she was placed on the operating table and continued to laugh until the anaesthetic had overcome her.

In the early stages of her illness Miss Hawkins was unable to walk — she lost complete control of her limbs. Now she is wondering if she will be able to walk. Dr. Offner, who operated on her to remove abdominal adhesions to relieve a psycho-neurotic condition, says that she will be able to walk all right; feebly at first, of course. Within another week Miss Hawkins will return to her home.

Miss Hawkins, who graduated from East Fairmont high school, attended Fairmont State Teachers college for one year, and had been attending the West Virginia Business college for two weeks before she became ill, says that for several days she had been suffering with sick headaches — something very unusual for her.

Interesting she was sent to John Hopkins and received no help and then basically told to put her in a mental hospital in Weston. The operation was preformed at the hospital and she made a full recovery!

This story appeared in the March 1936 Weston Democrat.

Oct. 22, 1958

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1958 (I)

LAST TOLL STATION



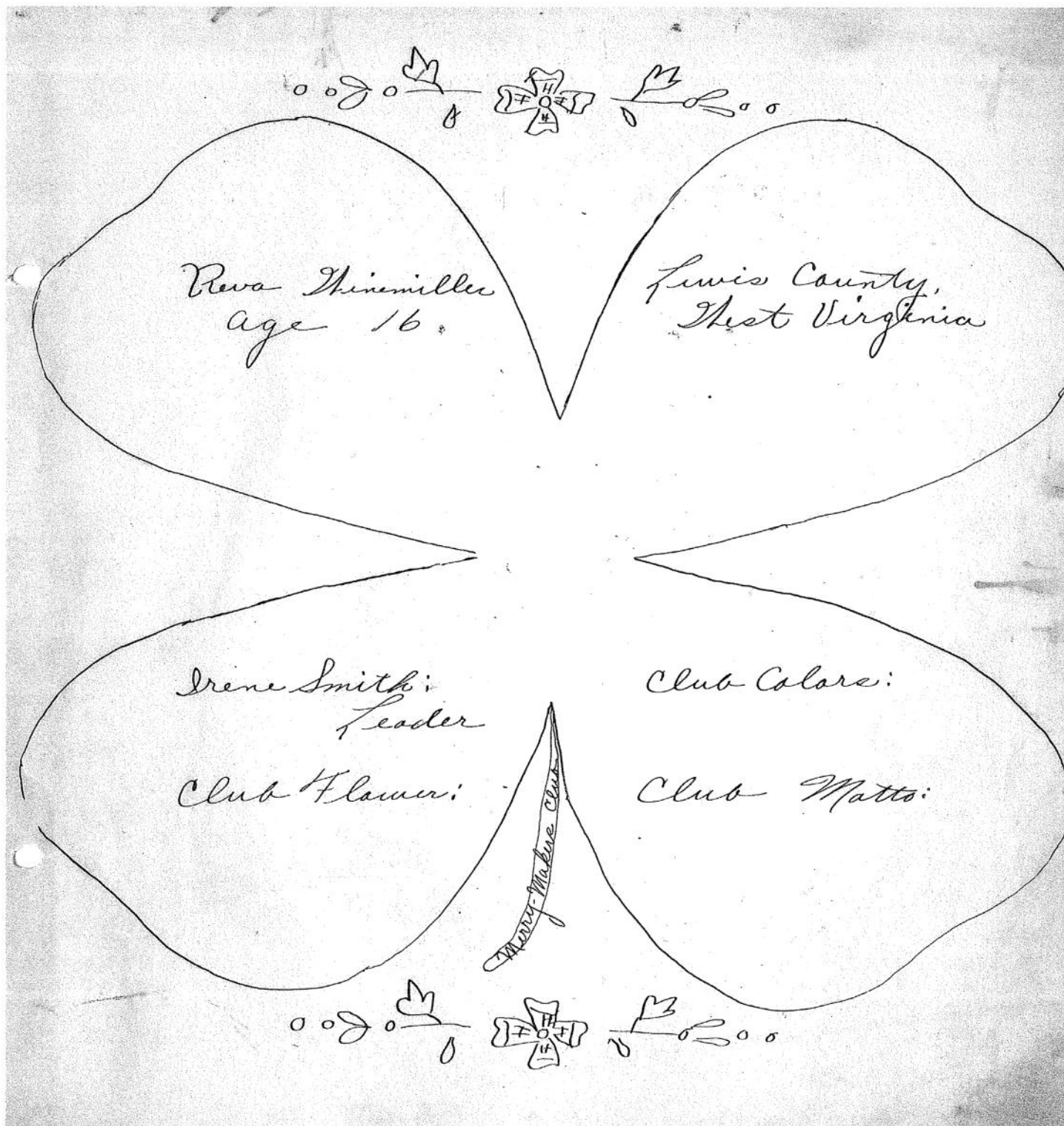
This is the last toll station on the Staunton-Parkersburg turnpike still standing in the county. It is on the Kayser farm a mile east of Pickle Street on the Weston-Glenville highway. The turnpike constructed years and years ago was a big factor in the early growth of Lewis County. It brought in numerous workers who remained to make their homes in the county. It stimulated business and many branch roads were soon built. It connected Weston with many county seats both north and south. (I) 10-22-58

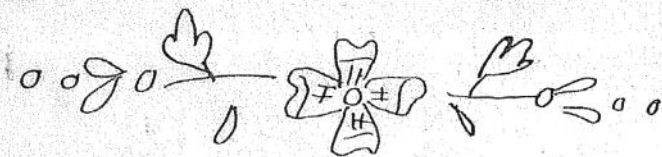
REVA WINEMILLER BENNETT

Found this 4H scrapbook in some of our collection files. I found it so interesting and wanted to share. It was made when Reva was 16 and in the Lewis County 4H club. The rest of the scrapbook will be shared in the next newsletter.

Una Reva Winemiller was born August 26, 1915 to Nicholas and Denna Maude Squires Winemiller of Weston, WV. Married in 1936 to Benson Bennett. Death date was, July 29, 2008 and interment Masonic Cemetery in Des Moines, Iowa.

Reva was a very interesting woman and we have her genealogy and pictures. I love her personal stories. She was our Joy De-Fazio's aunt.



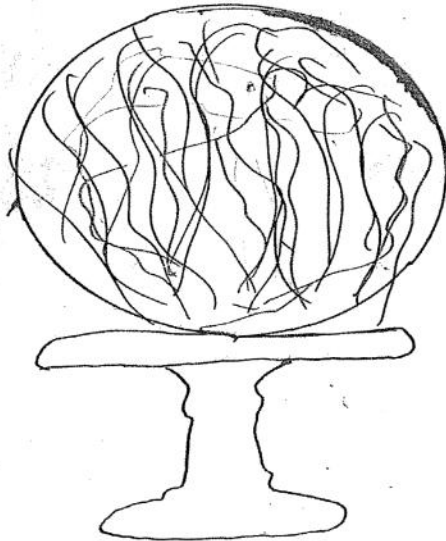


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The other day when I was trying to write my 4-4 Club booklet, I decided to take a walk and maybe I could get a story written.

Walking down the street I noticed a sign over one of the doors, which was not beautiful but a little mysterious, and reading I found that it was an advertisement of a Crystal gazer. I had never believed in crystal gazers or fortune tellers, but out of curiosity I decided to go in and find out all I could. I went to the room indicated and there entered a beautiful French girl, whom I told what I wanted.

She led me into a beautiful apartment such as I never before had seen. In the center of the room stood a large crystal.



I sat
down in
the chair
she indicated.
She then
handed me
a tablet
telling me
to write
down all
that I wished
to see. I
wrote that
I wished

to see the Merry Makers & M
Club and its members, and Mr.
Underwood and Miss Hartley in
their lines ten years from now
which would be in the year of
1942.

Madameoille Antoinette
turned out the lights and
immediately a picture reflected
on the crystal. It was a
picture of the Extension Department

At Morgantown and who could be the head man but C.R. Under-
wood, our old Lewis County agent.

TO BE CONTINUE in next newsletter



West Virginia Governor Justice Recognizes the Captain Samuel Stalnak Heritage Society (The Stalnak Family Association) at the 2021 Annual Meeting and Reunion in Beverly, West Virginia

A Note from President-

Barry Stalnak

During our 2021 Annual Meeting **Lynn Phillips, a WV Governor's Representative** honored the **Stal-nakers** for the endless efforts to preserve "our living history" in Beverly, West Virginia.

For 56 years the Stalnakers have gathered in Randolph County, WV to share our family history. They established the Stalnak Family Association and adopted by-laws. They developed the family tree that goes back to the German Barons Samuel and Adam Stalnak that arrived in Philadelphia, PA in 1727. They worked tirelessly to write the book entitled [A Chronology of the Stalnak Family in America](#) that was published in 1982. In 1994 the Jacob Stalnak cabin was given to the Stalnak Family Association by Worth Armentrout. Since 1994 the Stalnakers have worked together to move, restore, and maintain the Jacob Stalnak Cabin. Every effort was taken to furnish the cabin with period correct items for all to see and touch. Many of the items are family pieces that are on loan to the cabin. The complete story of the cabin and its content are available from the Heritage Library. They published a newsletter and developed a website to establish accurate family history for all to learn. They obtained the tax-exempt status. The name of the Association was changed to the Captain Samuel Stalnak Heritage Society recently to acknowledge all Stalnakers. They maintained the Old Stalnak Cemetery and improved the fencing. The new roster of the family members that are buried in the Old Stalnak Cemetery was published and distributed

to the 2021 reunion attendees. The cemetery contains individuals with the last names of **Ball**, **Daniels** and **Stalnaker**. The unidentified burial sites are of man servants from Germany. They established the Heritage Library in 2017.



President Barry Stalnaker, Lynn Phillips, VP Robert Stalnaker at the 2021 Annual Meeting and Reunion in Beverly, West Virginia

Tribute to our Beloved Captain Samuel Stalnaker Heritage Society

(Stalnaker Family Association)

President, William Paul (Bill) Stalnaker.



Bill attended the organizational reunion in 1965 and was proud to have attended every reunion from 1965-2020. He attended 55 reunions. Bill is best known as our auctioneer and photographer. Bill cared deeply for the preservation of the history of the Stalnakers in America. He served as our President for 10 years or VP most years. He worked alongside each President while he kept the paperwork of the Association. He knew what each past President's goals were for the preservation of our rich heritage. He was so very proud of the Barnwood Builders Season 6 Episode 6 "At the Crossroads" that featured the Jacob Stalnaker cabin. When he learned about the Southern Stalnakers, Bill was eager to get to know them and as supportive of the changing of the name to "The Captain Samuel Stalnaker Heritage Society" so all Stalnakers would be comfortable in the Association. Since the official registration and tax-exempt status is the Stalnaker Family Association, we still need to use it first on your communications. This past year he worked to get the West Virginia Government to acknowledge for what the Stalnakers have done and are continuing to do in Historic Beverly, West Virginia. He encouraged the WV Governor Jim Justice to recognize the efforts of the Stalnaker to preserve the history of West Virginia. He got the applications filed with the US Government Department of Military Affairs to provide the Headstones for Jacob JR and Valentine Stalnaker who served in the Revolutionary War with General George Washington. This was done just days before he passed. Yes, he dreams are coming true!

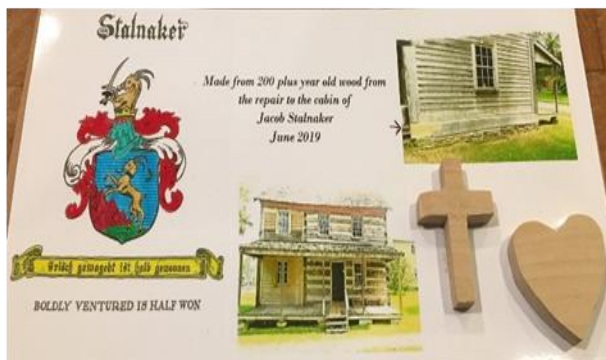
He wanted to be remembered for the preservation at the Old Stalnaker Cemetery, for fundraising (the annual auction), photographer, preservationist of things Stalnaker and the 501(c)(3) status.

The celebration of his life was held during the Annual Business Meeting on Sunday, July 18th, 2021.

At the 2019 Reunion Bill was presented with a special framed drawing of the Stalnaker Cabin by Richard (Brad) Stalnaker. Bill expressed his sincere gratitude to Kevin Lloyd for the wonderful reunion in 2019. Kevin's music brought tears to everyone's eyes as he song a specially written song for the Reunion.

In appreciation for all Bill's volunteer work the Association gave Bill's family a wind chime of that plays his favorite song "Amazing Grace". It was the last song that he sang to his family.

Bill has left a special handcrafted token of his love for you in the Crosses and Hearts.



Accomplishments of the Stalnaker Family Association over the past 55 years according to Bill Stalnaker's Historian records

Original Organizer, **Odie Chapman** is remembered for getting it all started with a family luncheon and discussion about our rich heritage and for the Old Stalnaker Cemetery Burial Information.

First President, **Mrs. Paul (Winnifred) Scott** is remembered for getting the Association organized.

Past President, **Earl (Rusty) Stalnaker** is for the First By-laws getting registered with the State of West Virginia, securing the 1750 Map Preservation and the ceremony restoration work for the 1976 Jacob Stalnaker SR monument to be placed in the cemetery that was donated by Judge Leo Stalnaker.

Past President, **Cameron Stalnaker** is remembered for the **Chronology of Stalnakers in America** book along with Cecil Stalnaker and Editor, Martin.

Past President, **Frankie Stalnaker Sponaugle** is remember for her fiscal skills to keep the Association established and the newsletter.

Past President, **Ed Stalnaker** is remembered for the saving the Cabin from being destroyed, Cabin Move, working the RCHS, website establishment and the working with WV Retired Teachers Association on the Cabin Restoration. Ed established a relationship with Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants, Inc to house our old family records. Bill Stalnaker kept the originals for security reasons.

Past President, **Madison "Rex" Stalnaker** is remembered for the Road Marker, the first attempt to secure 501(c) (3) status with updated Bylaws, finishing the restoration, working with RCHS and for establishing the cemetery boundary lines with the help of Zane Stalnaker. He created the term "our living history" in America.

Past President, **Pam Stalnaker** is remembered for the Saving of the Cabin from the RCHS and the MOU attempts with RCHS. She got Barnwood Builders to come to feature the Cabin on the show.

Past President **William Paul (Bill) Stalnaker** is remembered for keep our historical records in order, securing the 501(c) (3) status, updating our By Laws, securing our ownership of the Cabin, getting the cabin log corner repaired, participating in the Barnwood Builders shotting of the cabin, making the cabin handicapped accessible, getting the headstones and monuments for the Old Stalnaker Cemetery. Bill attended 55 reunions (1965-2021).

President, **Barry Stalnaker** started the Stalnaker Family Group Facebook page that has 1000 members as of 2021.

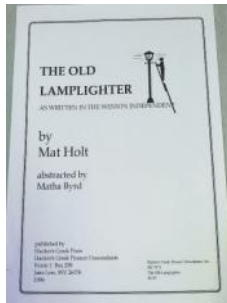
There have been several other important relatives in the preservation of our history.

Charles Chapman, Judge Leo Stalnaker, Cecil Stalnaker, Martin Yokum, Marty Coffman, Marty (Stalnaker) Litten, Hazel Hankey, Wilmetta Hinkle, Peggy Harper, Joy Stalnaker DeFazio, Nancy (Stalnaker) Bundy, Ken Stalnaker, Judge Cela Burge, John Burdis, Sandy (Stalnaker) Wilson, Dan Wilson, Phillis (Stalnaker) Newell, Zane Stalnaker, Linda Stalnaker, Delores (Stalnaker) Bragg, Darrell Allman, Elizabeth Parker, Gregory Parker, Matthew Wilson, Martha Burton, Brad Stalnaker, Lacey Stalnaker, Nancy Jackson, Cindy Reese, Richard Jackson, Barry Stalnaker, James Stalnaker, Kevin Lloyd, Steven Stalnaker, Paul Scott, Icy Stalnaker, Eddie Stalnaker, MaryAnne Stalnaker and Anna Ruth Stalnaker.

President Barry Stalnaker and Ashleigh Payton are updating **The Chronology of the Stalnakers in America** ca 1982 book

You can contact Ashleigh Payton (Historian) at 304-840-8994 with any questions and to submit your updates. You can mail updates to Ashleigh Payton, 18 Riverview Ct., Milton, WV 25541

<http://www.stalnakerfamilyassoc.org>



Available to purchase on website or call the library. \$ 6.00 plus tax and shipping.

THE OLD LAMPLIGHTER

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At this time, Montgomery Ward and Co. advertised as follows: "We can clothe you and furnish you all the necessary and unnecessary appliances to walk, ride, dance, eat, sleep, fish, hunt, work, go to church or stay at home, and in various sizes, styles and quantities."

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In March, 1907, the following local appeared: "Roy Zobris(t)'s school mates gave him a surprise party on Tuesday evening. Refreshments were served and a most enjoyable evening spent." (Wes Ind 09 Mar 1949)

Seventy years ago, in Weston, it was not necessary for one to have cash, if he wanted relief from the toothache. On April 1, 1879, Dr. D. Ward, one of Weston's first resident dentist, advertised; "Dr. D. Ward, Dentist, has permanently located in Weston. Office at his residence on the corner above Judge Brannon. Wheat, cats, and Corn taken at the Weston Office, in exchange for dental work." Dr. Ward was the grandfather of young Frank Whelan.

Early this year, sixty years ago, Dr. George Snyder, dean of Weston's physicians graduated from Scudder Eclectic (?) Medical College at Cincinnati, and came back to Lewis County to begin the practice of medicine.

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According to the newspapers, the firm of G. W. Jackson and Sons of Jane Lew purchased the following furs during the winter of 1878-79: 1363 Muskrats, 259 Fox, 65 Wildcats, 339 Rabbits, 5 Black Bear, 3 Otter, 129 Mink, 4236 Skunk, 1806 Raccoons, and 4744 'Possum hides.

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Who said that times change? An editorial in the Weston Republican of 1889 says "The disgraceful tactics of Democracy in Charleston, are revolting to any man of intelligence who has a spark of honesty about him."

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Some Years ago a song writer wrote a popular number entitled, "Bring Back Those Wonderful Days." In 1889 Patterson's Store in Weston made a twenty-five cent offer. For a quarter you could buy 9 lbs. hominy, 5 lbs. currants, 5 lbs. rice, 4 lbs.

Dried Peaches, or 4 lbs. prunes. At the Star Clothing House you were invited to come and see our \$3.00, 3.50, 4.00, and 4.50 suits of clothes."

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Workmen have been going over the old passenger station for the past week or so. It is understood that it is to be completely repaired. The first floor is built of native stone, and is certainly a beautiful example of the art of the old stone masons who formerly were several in number here in Weston. The second floor, which is shingled, had fallen into bad repute during the past decade. The repair work being done on this building leads us to wonder whether or not the railroad is gone from Weston for good. When the railroad first came to Weston (a narrow gauge), the station was located where the freight station now stands. The passenger station was built about 1890, and thus is about sixty years old. The oldtimers remember when the station was one of our most important spots. Thirty years ago hundreds of persons came and went on the railroad every day. Two passenger trains came from and went to Richwood; two came and went to Clarksburg, and three trains went to Pickens every day. It was not unusual to see three coaches completely filled with passengers. (Wes Ind 13 Apr 1949)

Few of the roads in Lewis County are more used these days than the one up Murphy's Creek. On weekends there is almost a constant stream of cars along this road, all apparently going to "Lake Riley," and the golf course constructed by the Kraus brothers. Apparently the road up Murphy's Creek has been changed but little since 1804, when a man named Harpole settled on that creek, and it is extremely doubtful whether or not that portion extending from the mouth of Limestone to the Jesse Teter farm has been very much improved in these hundred and forty-five years. It is a crying shame that roads so much used by the public should be so neglected by the state. The Kraus's have built a most beautiful establishment for the use of the people of this and surrounding counties, offering exceptional recreational facilities to our people, especially the youngsters.

Speaking of Murphy's Creek. The Baptist Church on Murphy's Creek was built one hundred and five years ago. This church was probably organized by the Turners and the Henrys, who were among the early settlers. A few of the old names can be seen on the mail boxes up the creek. Aubrey Fisher, B. & O. Freight Agent, and Asa Fisher are descendants of George Fisher, the second settler. The family of the late James Turner still live on the Creek. Mike Mulcahy, "The Mayor of Murphy's Creek," should probably be classed as a pioneer.

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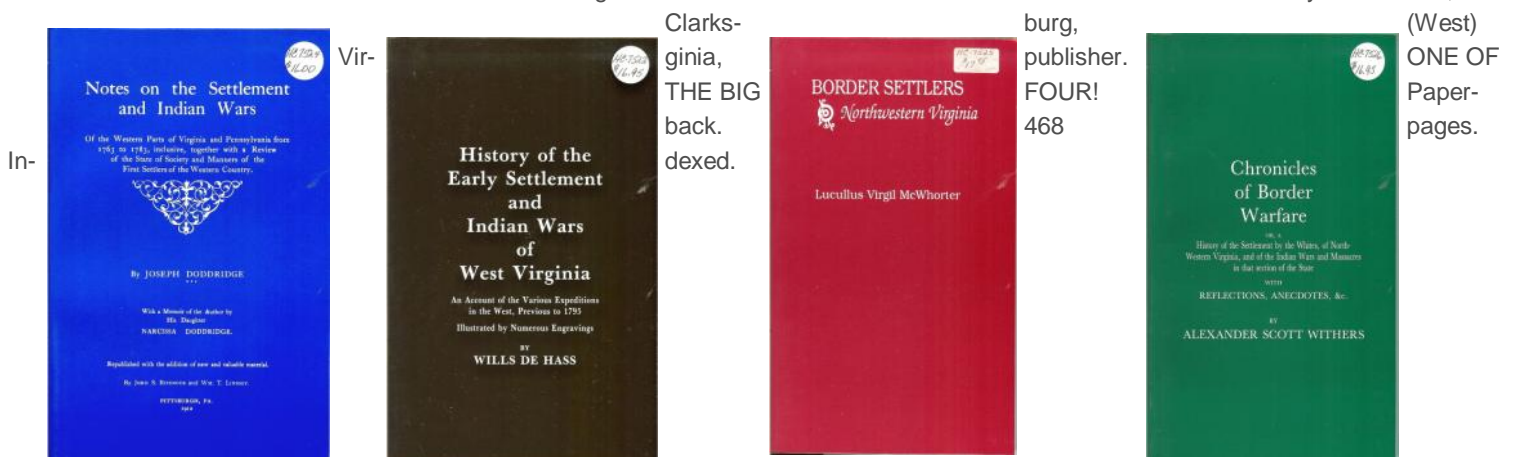
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Valentine Gift Raffle starting January 10th, 2022. Will post items to be raffled.

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