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## Scope and Contents

Unedited video recording, on DVD and original digital footage, of the West Virginia Day Program presented by the West Virginia University (WVU) Libraries' West Virginia & Regional History Center on June 20, 2014. The program, titled "Celebrating Two Hundred Years of Education in Morgantown," included three speakers, all WVU faculty: Dr. Barbara J. Howe, Dr. Lillian J. Waugh, and Dr. Connie P. Rice. The speakers were introduced by Dr. John Cuthbert, Director and Curator of the West Virginia & Regional History Center. The video is 1 hour, 52 minutes, 30 seconds long; after 1 hour and 46 minutes, the audio ceases.

Howe taught history and women's studies at WVU. She spoke about the importance of the Literary Fund; the establishment of the Monongalia Academy, its trustees who were leaders in other aspects of early Morgantown history, its curriculum, and student life. She also talked about the earliest efforts to provide educational opportunities for girls.

Waugh was the project historian for the WVU Women's Centenary, served as the interim director for Women's Studies, and received the Mary Catherine Buswell Award. She spoke about female education at the time and addressed the debates on and implementation of coeducation.

Rice, an expert on African-American history in the county and state, is a lecturer in the WVU History Department and assistant editor of *West Virginia History: A Journal of Regional Studies*. She spoke about the legal restrictions on education for blacks prior to the Civil War, how some blacks were taught to read and write despite the laws, and the efforts of African Americans to obtain an education during and after the Civil War.

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