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Donnelly, C. Shirley, Reverend

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## Biographical / Historical

Clarence Shirley Donnelly (1895-1982) was a Baptist minister who collected historical records relating to the history of West Virginia, especially Fayette County and the surrounding area. He was born in Rock Castle, Jackson County, West Virginia, but spent much of his life in Oak Hill and Beckley, where he served as minister to the Oak Hill Baptist Church and Crab Orchard Baptist Church, respectively. He also served as a chaplain during World War II and received the Bronze Star and other medals for his actions. He founded the Fayette County Historical Society and led other historical organizations and also wrote frequently for the Beckley Post-Herald on various historical and related topics.

## Scope and Contents

Reverend C. Shirley Donnelly, a Baptist minister and local historian, collected these materials for his own research and interest in West Virginia history. The collection contains various materials pertaining to coal mining and West Virginia history, especially in the New River area and Fayette County. It includes correspondence, land grant and deed records, pamphlets, journals, local histories, records, photographs, and art relating to mining and life in the New River area. One set of correspondence includes recollections, a yearbook, and newspaper clippings by a World War II sailor from the USS West Virginia. Another series of correspondence includes the antebellum, wartime, and postwar letters and personal receipts of Charles Dequasie, a Confederate soldier from Fayette County, West Virginia, and Robert Edward Dequasie's personal and business correspondence. Other ephemera includes West Virginia and mining journals and certificates belonging to Donnelly and others. A scrapbook and notebook of newspaper clippings pertain to early court hangings and executions in West Virginia. Political posters include those for West Virginia Governor William C. Marland and West Virginia Senators Harley Kilgore and Robert Byrd.

## Related Materials

Additional material from Rev. C. Shirley Donnelly pertaining to his work was retained by the West Virginia Baptist Historical Society.

## Keywords

West Virginia - religion

Coal mining - disasters.  
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Thurmond/Thurman, Fayette County, WV.  
Land deeds and grants - Fayette County.  
Fayette County (W. Va.)  
Coal mining - New River field.  
Clay County (W. Va.)  
United States Navy - USS WEST VIRGINIA.  
Civil War -- letters  
Civil War -- Confederate Army  
West Virginia - Politics and government.  
Murder  
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865  
West Virginia Baptist Historical Society  
Higginbotham, Gary R.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Series 1. Correspondence, Local Histories, and Records**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212421

**Unit Date** 1731-1977

#### **Scope and Contents**

Includes correspondence between Donnelly and others about coal mining and mining accidents primarily in Fayette County, West Virginia, in the early twentieth century. Other correspondence includes letters from a sailor recalling his experiences on the USS West Virginia and personal correspondence of Donnelly on various topics. Local histories include manuscripts about the Civil War battle of Carnifex Ferry and the following areas in West Virginia: Thurmond; Fayette County; and Clay County. Highlights of local records include a book of West Virginia land grants (1820s-1840s), 18th and 19th century land deeds, and a roster and history of the West Virginia National Guard (1929, 1950).

#### **Roster and Records, West Virginia National Guard**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212422

**Unit Date** 1950

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

**Container** I00016 (Item)

#### **Abstract of Oak Hill Post Office Property**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212423

**Unit Date** 1794-1916

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Container** I00018 (Item)

**Application for Town of Oak Hill Electric Light, Water Works, Power Plant Franchise**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212424

**Unit Date** 1909

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

**Container** I00021 (Item)

**Vandalia Cemetery, Fayette County, Records**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212425

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Container** I00024 (Item)

**Huse Memorial Park (Cemetery), Fayette County, Records**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212426

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

**Container** I00025 (Item)

**Handwritten History of Education in Fayette County, WV**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212427

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

**Container** I00027 (Item)

**History of Harvey Chapel 1877 -- Present Day Methodist Episcopal Church**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212428

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 7 (Folder)

**Container** I00026 (Item)

**Mine Disasters in Fayette County written by Rev. Clarence Figgatt, Mt. Hope, WV**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212429

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 8 (Folder)

**Container** I00028 (Item)

**Public Hangings at Fayetteville, WV (beginning 1893) written by Shirley Donnelly**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212430

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 9 (Folder)

**Container** I00020 (Item)

**Correspondence with USS West Virginia Sailor Charles Rogusky to Writer/Historian Myron J. Smith, Jr.**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212431

**Unit Date** 1977

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 10 (Folder)

**"USS West Virginia Crosses the Equator Again" -- roster of crew and photos of ship**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212432

**Unit Date** 1944

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 11 (Folder)

**Newspaper clippings and documents relating to the USS West Virginia**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212433

**Unit Date** 1941-1961

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

**History of the 201st Infantry West Virginia National Guard**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212434

**Unit Date** 1929

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 13 (Folder)

**Container** I00017 (Item)

**John Cheslock Manuscripts**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212435

**Unit Date** 1969

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 14 (Folder)

**William Derenge and Layland Mine Explosion Newspaper Articles**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212436

**Unit Date** 1958-1982

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 15 (Folder)

**Letter written by William Derenge from Quinwood, WV -- Thank you for being sent Highlights in the History of Fayette County WV by Donnelly**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212437

**Unit Date** 1959

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 16 (Folder)

**Container** 1 (Item)

**Letter written by William Derenge from Quinwood, WV -- talked about stint timbering, serving in the army, death of brother John**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212438

**Unit Date** 1967

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 16 (Folder)

**Container** 2 (Item)

**Letter written by William Derenge**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212439

**Unit Date** 1968

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 16 (Folder)

**Container** 3 (Item)

**Letter written by William Derenge from Quinwood, WV -- His work in 1904 in Greenwood -- Brownwood mine, later Lawton at age 13. Then worked at Mindon Mine both with his father.**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212440

**Unit Date** 1969

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 16 (Folder)

**Container** 4 (Item)

**Letter written by William Derenge -- writing about correcting three of Donnelly's facts on the Layland Mine Explosion**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212441

**Unit Date** 1972

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 16 (Folder)

**Container** 5 (Item)

**Letter Written by William Derenge from Quinwood, WV**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212442

**Unit Date** 1974

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 16 (Folder)

**Container** 6 (Item)

**Letter Written by William Derenge from Quinwood, WV -- Donnelly's 1956 book about**

**Layland Mine disaster and other mine disasters.**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212443

**Unit Date** 1974

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 16 (Folder)

**Container** 7 (Item)

**Letter written by William Derenge from Quinwood, WV -- details of Layland Mine Explosion; references to Russian coal workers there and his own father from Lithuania**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212444

**Unit Date** 1975

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 16 (Folder)

**Container** 8 (Item)

**Letter Written by William Derenge from Quinwood, WV -- Layland Mine**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212445

**Unit Date** 1976

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 16 (Folder)

**Container** 9 (Item)

**Letter written by William Derenge from Quinwood, WV -- chapel car**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212446

**Unit Date** 1977

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 16 (Folder)

**Container** 10 (Item)

**Print and Negatives of a letter to the Church of Christ**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212447

**Unit Date** 1731

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 17 (Folder)

**New York Detective Library magazine**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212448

**Unit Date** 1890

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 18 (Folder)

**History of Dempsey Community by C. Shirley Donnelly**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212449

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 19 (Folder)

**Container** 100006 (Item)

**Fayette County News Articles**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212450

**Unit Date** 1970-1977

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 20 (Folder)

**Letter from Harlan Adkins regarding Layland Mine with picture of survivors**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212451

**Unit Date** 1972

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 21 (Folder)

**Container** L00010 (Item)

**Notebook of Clay County History (writings from 1897 through 1902 were gathered and typed by Rev. C. Shirley Donnelly, from the Clay County Star (WV) about the history of Clay County. An index is at the end of the book.)**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212452

**Unit Date** 1947

**Mixed Materials** 5 (Box)

**Container** unfolded (Folder)

**Notebook including typescript of "A Hole in the Ground and other stories by C. Pierson, Author of the Haunted Bottom and Other Stories. History of Clay County, Pioneer and Pioneer Days of Nicholas County." (1899) Introduction by William P. Gould of Ft. Myers, Florida (1925). Compiled and published by C.W. Bell of Zela, WV**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212453

**Unit Date** 1899-1925

**Mixed Materials** 5 (Box)

**Container** unfolded (Folder)

**New River Banking And Trust, Thurmond, WV 75th Anniversary**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212454

**Unit Date** 1979

**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)

**Container** 100030 (Item)

**Story of Justus Collins who persevered in the Mine Fields by Shirley Donnelly**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212455

**Unit Date** 1976

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 100001 (Item)

**Notable Mine Disasters in Vicinity of Oak Hill**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212456

**Unit Date** 1900-1927

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 100002 (Item)

**History of New River Gorge Area by Otis K. Rice, Published by Fayette Plateau Chamber of Commerce**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212457

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 100003 (Item)

**Mine ticket -- Stuart Colliery company -- stoppages against account**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212458

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 100004 (Item)

**Multiple articles Mine disasters**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212459

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 100005 (Item)

**Fayetteville Rifles First From Fayette**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212460

**Unit Date** 1961

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 100007 (Item)

**Land Office Treasury Warrant -- County of Montgomery**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212461

**Unit Date** 1781

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 100008 (Item)

**Land Deed "County of Kenhawa on Marsh Fork of Cole River"**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212462

**Unit Date** 1795

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 100009 (Item)

**Land Deed "500 Acres to John Preston and Francis Preston County of Montgomery"**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212463

**Unit Date** 1799

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 100010 (Item)

**Land Deed Delinquent -- Public Auction Fayette County**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212464

**Unit Date** 1841

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 100011 (Item)

**Booklet written by Clarence Shirley Donnelly: The Battle of Carnifex Ferry**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212465

**Unit Date** 1950

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 100014 (Item)

**Town Records Oak Hill, WV**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212466

**Unit Date** 1903-1923

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 100022 (Item)

**Letter in response to Donnelly inquiry -- Bio of Dr. Laird founder of Laird Foundation**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212467

**Unit Date** 1958

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** L00002 (Item)

**Letter from Major Eli M. Dews -- Confederate Soldier's discharge signed by letter sender's great -- grandfather, Captain Samuel S. Dews.**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212468

**Unit Date** 1979

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** L00003 (Item)

**Letter from G. Edmonds -- Whipple Mine Explosion 1907**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212469

**Unit Date** 1967

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** L00004 (Item)

**Letter from J.A. Shuck regarding Red Ash Mine Explosion**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212470

**Unit Date** 1962

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** L00005 (Item)

**Letter from J.A. Shuck regarding Echo Mine Explosion**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212471

**Unit Date** 1963

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** L00006 (Item)

**Letter from Mrs. Elmer Biros regarding where were killed miners buried from Lochgelly Mine**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212472

**Unit Date** 1968

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** L00007 (Item)

**Letter from Mrs. Elmer Biros regarding Lochgelly Mine**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212473

**Unit Date** 1968

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** L00008 (Item)

**Letter from Grace Loving regarding Lochgelly mine explosion**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212474

**Unit Date** 1969

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** L00009 (Item)

**Letter from Sylvester Berry regarding Red Ash, Beury, Old Sugar Creek Mine, Layland Mines**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212475

**Unit Date** 1972

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** L00014 (Item)

**Letter from West Virginia Governor John Rockefeller to Donnelly on New River Gorge Bridge**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212476

**Unit Date** 1977

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** unfolded (Folder)

**Letter from Harlan Adkins to Donnelly**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212477

**Unit Date** 1972

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** unfolded (Folder)

**Booklet on Fayette County Schools**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212478

**Unit Date** 1925

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** unfolded (Folder)

**Certificate of life membership in disabled citizens of World War I**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212479

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)

**Container** unfolded (Folder)

**Gamble pamphlet**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212480

**Unit Date** 1904

**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)

**Container** unfolded (Folder)

**Mountaineers Certificate for C. Shirley Donnelly**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212481

**Unit Date** 1961

**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)

**Container** unfolded (Folder)

**Handwritten Diary/Book recordings: West Virginia Land Grants**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212482

**Unit Date** 1820-1850

**Mixed Materials** 7 (Box)

**Container** unfolded (Folder)

## **Map of West Virginia with county boundaries**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212483

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)

**Container** unfolded (Folder)

## **Series 2. Correspondence and Receipts of Dequasie Family**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212484

**Unit Date** 1830-1920

### **Scope and Contents**

Contains the personal correspondence, receipts, and inventories of Charles A. Dequasie, a Confederate soldier from Fayette County, West Virginia. Includes antebellum, wartime, and postwar correspondence with his wife, Rachel, and other family members. Also includes the personal and business correspondence (circa 1890-1920s) of his son, Robert Edward Lee Dequasie. Receipts mainly include the tax receipts of Charles Dequasie. Also included are Dequasie's 1865 military parole given at the war's end, as well as an 1862 Confederate travel pass from Richmond, Virginia.

## **Assorted Correspondence of the Dequasie Family**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212485

**Unit Date** 1830-1920

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 1-5 (Folder)

## **Copy of certificate for Charles A. Desquasie from Thurmond, WV**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212486

**Unit Date** 1865

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

**Container** P00008 (Item)

## **Copy of Desquasie discharge paper**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212487

**Unit Date** 1862

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

**Container** P00010 (Item)

## **Dequasie correspondence and tax tickets and receipts**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212488

**Unit Date** 1849-1907

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

### **Series 3. Photographs and Art**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212489

**Unit Date** 1837-1992

#### **Scope and Contents**

Photographs and art illustrate different scenes and activities in West Virginia, especially in the New River Gorge area, such as schools, churches, landscapes, and individual and group portraits. Morgantown, Lansing, Hinton, Oak Hill, and various Fayette County towns are depicted. Some photographs focus on Civil War history while others focus mainly on Fayette County history. It also features art prints of the West Virginia state capitol and the New River Gorge Bridge, West Virginia.

#### **Photograph -- Hinton, WV -- March of KKK members marching down main street**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212490

**Unit Date** 1924

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00001 (Item)

#### **Postcard of Lansing, WV**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212491

**Unit Date** 1837

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00002 (Item)

#### **Photograph -- Bridge Destroyed during Civil War, Gauley Bridge, WV**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212492

**Unit Date** 1929

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00003 (Item)

#### **Photo of Grave of Stonewall Jackson's Mother, Ansted, WV**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212493

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00004 (Item)

#### **Photograph of Famous Lee's Tree Located on Sewell Mountain near Rainelle, WV Rt 60.**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212494

**Unit Date** 1929

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00005 (Item)

#### **Photograph of Old Stone House Near Lookout, WV with letter to Arnold Betty and children**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212495

**Unit Date** 1927-1963

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00006 (Item)

**Photograph of Tobacco and General Merchandise sale**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212496

**Unit Date** 1874

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00007 (Item)

**Copy of document: Robert A. Bailey commission to Captain of Riflemen**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212497

**Unit Date** 1861

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00009 (Item)

**Postcard of fairgrounds**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212498

**Unit Date** 1924

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00011 (Item)

**Photograph of McKendree Hospital**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212499

**Unit Date** 1920

**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)

**Container** P00013 (Item)

**Photograph of Morgantown, WV, Company G, World War I Soldiers**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212500

**Unit Date** 1918

**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)

**Container** P00014 (Item)

**Photograph of Harrison Ash (1861 -- 1923) Chief of Police -- Thurman, WV**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212501

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00015 (Item)

**Photograph of Country Store at Victor, Fayette County, WV**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212502

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00016 (Item)

**Photograph of Morris Harvey**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212503

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00017 (Item)

**Photograph of Merchants and Miners Bank, Oak Hill, WV**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212504

**Unit Date** 1906

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00018 (Item)

**Photograph of Marian McQuade of Oak Hill, WV, founder of Grandparents Day**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212505

**Unit Date** 1992

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00019 (Item)

**Photograph of Old Rock Head Fayette County, WV**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212506

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00020 (Item)

**Photograph of Charles Edgar Mahan IV, President of Fayette County Bank**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212507

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00021 (Item)

**Photograph of Hawks Nest near Anstead, WV**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212508

**Unit Date** 1930

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00022 (Item)

**Photograph of Kanawha Falls**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212509

**Unit Date** 1930

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00023 (Item)

**Photograph of New River at Gauley Junction**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212510

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00024 (Item)

**Photograph of New River (?)**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212511

**Unit Date** 1933

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00025 (Item)

**Photograph of Tourist Cottages Canyon View Park, Gauley Bridge, WV Rt 60**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212512

**Unit Date** 1940-1949

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00027 (Item)

**Photograph of Canyon View Park Office Gauley Bridge, WV**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212513

**Unit Date** 1940-1949

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00028 (Item)

**Photograph of Modern Double Band Saw Mill of Wilderness Valley, WV**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212514

**Unit Date** 1925

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00029 (Item)

**Photograph of Mr. M.J. Simms, President of Montgomery National Bank**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212515

**Unit Date** 1911-1912

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00030 (Item)

**Photograph of R(h)odes Band, Gatewood, WV**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212516

**Unit Date** 1899

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00031 (Item)

**Photograph of Unknown High School (most likely in Fayette County)**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212517

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00032 (Item)

**Photograph of Large Home unknown (most likely in Oak Hill)**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212518

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00033 (Item)

**Photograph of Grave Marker Betsy and Peggy Morris "killed by Indians 1792" Lockwood, Nicholas County, WV**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212519

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00039 (Item)

**Photo of Camper Trailer being pulled by car in West Virginia**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212520

**Unit Date** 1956

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00042 (Item)

**Photograph of unknown WV residents in front of store?**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212521

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00043 (Item)

**Photo of Charleston soon after Courthouse was built**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212522

**Unit Date** 1892

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00044 (Item)

**Photo of Charleston Kanawha County Courthouse**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212523

**Unit Date** 1900

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00045 (Item)

**Photograph of group of men hunting**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212524

**Unit Date** circa 1900-1920

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00046 (Item)

**Photo of Sketch of St. John' s Episcopal Church Quarrier Street, Charleston by Harry Rus Warne**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212525

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00047 (Item)

**Photo St. John's Episcopal Church Quarrier Street, Charleston**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212526

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00048 (Item)

**Photograph of woman by Blackwater Falls**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212527

**Unit Date** 1950-1959

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00049 (Item)

**Picture of Omri N. Blake and introductory Letter regarding Swiss exploits**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212528

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00052 (Item)

**Photo of burning of State Capitol Building Charleston, WV**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212529

**Unit Date** 1921

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00053 (Item)

**Photograph of horses and Buggy /Wagon heading up Rocky Hill**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212530

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00054 (Item)

**Photograph of Ruins of the Kanawha Falls Hotel after the fire**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212531

**Unit Date** 1968

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00058 (Item)

**Photograph of Unknown Group of school boys**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212532

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00062 (Item)

**Photograph of Railway through unknown town**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212533

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00063 (Item)

**Photograph of Railway past house in unknown town**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212534

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00064 (Item)

**Photograph of Teacher Institute**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212535

**Unit Date** 1906-1907

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00066 (Item)

**Picture of Oak Hill Grade School**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212536

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00034 (Item)

**Picture of High School Class**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212537

**Unit Date** 1920

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** unfolded (Folder)

**Picture of Lewis Oak in Marlinton, WV**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212538

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** P00035 (Item)

**Picture of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver P. Reffe**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212539

**Unit Date** 1917

**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)

**Container** unfolded (Folder)

**Marriage picture of Wennier Eckreckerdoor and Harriet Ann Tory**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212540

**Unit Date** 1881

**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)

**Container** unfolded (Folder)

**Red Sweet Springs, WV 8"x10 1/2" Print (2 copies)**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212541

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)

**Container** Po00006 (Item)

**Sketch of the Old West Virginia Capitol building, Charleston**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212542

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Sketch of the West Virginia Capitol building, Charleston**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212543

**Unit Date** 1949

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

**New River Gorge Bridge, WV "Always in October" #48 of 1000 Juanita H. Akers**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212544

**Unit Date** 1981

**Mixed Materials** 8 (Box)

**Container** A00004 (Item)

**New River Gorge Bridge, WV "Bridge Over Antiquity" #475 of 1000 Juanita H. Akers**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212545

**Unit Date** 1977

**Mixed Materials** 8 (Box)

**Container** A00005 (Item)

**New River Banking And Trust early 1900s Thurmond, WV Print**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212546

**Unit Date** 1979

**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)

**Container** A00003 (Item)

**Series 4. Scrapbook and Newspaper Clippings**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212547

**Unit Date** 1897-1956

**Scope and Contents**

Donnelly documented and saved newspaper clippings of the last public hangings and first executions by the electric chair in West Virginia, which is reflected in his scrapbook and his notebook of newspaper clippings on such events. It includes the original court reporter transcript of the circuit court in Fayette County and photographs relating to the murder case regarding the accused Lemuel Thomas Steed. Also includes Donnelly's ticket of admission to Steed's execution in 1948.

**Scrapbook -- Lemuel Thomas Steed, Murder Defendant and conviction**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212548

**Unit Date** 1948

**Mixed Materials** 7 (Box)

**Container** unfolded (Folder)

**Original Court Reporter Transcript of Steed case in the Circuit Court of Fayette County, WV**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212549

**Unit Date** 1948

**Mixed Materials** 7 (Box)

**Container** unfolded (Folder)

**Ticket to Rev. C. Shirley Donnelly from West Virginia Penitentiary for Admittance for Hanging**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212550

**Unit Date** 1948

**Mixed Materials** 7 (Box)

**Container** unfolded (Folder)

**Photographs of murder victim and crime scene -- Steed case**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212551

**Unit Date** 1948

**Mixed Materials** 7 (Box)

**Container** unfolded (Folder)

**Clippings on Fazio murder case -- first possible death in electric chair**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212552

**Unit Date** 1949

**Mixed Materials** 7 (Box)

**Container** unfolded (Folder)

**Clippings and death sentences of first 3 WV men sentenced to death**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212553

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 7 (Box)

**Container** unfolded (Folder)

**Notebook with newspaper clippings**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212554

**Unit Date** 1897-1956

**Mixed Materials** 7 (Box)

**Container** unfolded (Folder)

**Series 5. Political Posters**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212555

**Unit Date** circa 1940-1975

**Scope and Contents**

Political posters include original Democratic Party posters for West Virginia Governor William C. Marland and West Virginia Senators Harley Kilgore and Robert Byrd.

**Campaign Poster: William C. Marland Democratic Candidate for Governor**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212556

**Unit Date** circa 1940-1959

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Folder)

**Container** Po00002 (Item)

**Campaign Poster: regarding elect Kilgore to U.S. Senate**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212557

**Unit Date** circa 1940-1959

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Folder)

**Container** Po00003 (Item)

**Campaign Poster: Robert C. Byrd**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/212558

**Unit Date** circa 1958-1975

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Folder)

**Container** Po00004 (Item)