HOW AND WHERE TO LOOK IT UP:
RESOURCES FOR RESEARCHING THE HISTORY
OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA.

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Foreword

This work tries to give students of Jefferson County, West Virginia, history the resources needed to confront the mass of information relevant to its past. *How and Where To Look It Up* contains twenty-three chapters that provide an overview of primary and secondary sources available on a broad range of topics. The accompanying *Bibliography* on compact disc furnishes more than 6,500 annotated citations on county history. Together they comprise the most comprehensive reference guide published on Jefferson County history to date.

Despite the scope of this effort, it is incomplete. Thousands of older sources wait to be identified, perhaps by the readers of this work. New sources appear regularly, the product of more recent studies. I have temporarily suspended my information gathering efforts to publish this book and CD during Jefferson County’s bicentennial year. I hope that those inspired by the county’s 200th anniversary celebration will find it useful and will contribute to this ongoing effort.

The format I have chosen for this information reflects changing tastes and technologies. A few years ago, I would have had no choice but to print all of this work on paper, a limitation that would have made the bibliography unwieldy to use and expensive to publish. Today, compact disc and Internet publication provide new ways to access old information if you have a computer. Tomorrow, you will be able to find all of the references and texts I have laboriously collected (and more) by typing a few simple commands on your computer.

*How and Where To Look It Up* has been published in book format for those researchers who have not yet mastered the mysteries of the computer and for those who like the solid feel of paper in their hands as they trudge through musty archives and dusty tomes. The *Bibliography* has been published on compact disc for those who wish to explore this guidebook’s topics in depth and who are comfortable conducting research from their desktop.

I hope this guide will make your journey back in time a little easier. *Bon Voyage!*

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How Do I ...?

Brief Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

For additional information on the sources cited here, consult the Table of Contents and the Index, or search the Bibliography database on CD.

Find out when my house was built?

If you live in an incorporated area, you may find the information on Sanborn insurance maps (see Chapter 13), which were published from the late 1890’s to the 1930’s. Several other maps are available for each of the municipalities, but they often show only lots, not structures.

The S. Howell Brown maps of Jefferson County for 1852, 1862, and 1883 contain property boundaries, landowners’ names, and the location of the primary residence. Varle’s 1809 map not only lacks detail but also is selective in what is recorded; people who didn’t pay to be on it were usually excluded.

Michael Thompson’s Calendar of Jefferson County Plats. 1801-1900, lists plats recorded with deeds. The abstracts sometimes make reference to the location of buildings.

Wills, deeds, and tax records may indicate the presence of structures on the property, although they may not be the same ones that are currently standing.

Newspapers often provide other clues. Portions of some papers have been abstracted and are available on the Explorer: West Virginia History Database CD. Many older homes have been discussed in the volumes of the Magazine of the Jefferson County Historical Society.

Find out who the original owner of my property was?

Start with the Fairfax Grant maps in the Jefferson County Clerk’s Office. These consist of U.S. Geological Survey maps and transparent overlays showing the boundaries of each grant. Locate your property and note the reference number for your grant. Refer to the typed index to find the property owner, number of acres, date of grant, and deed book reference. The text of most Jefferson County land grants is available in the Explorer Database.

Locate vital statistics about my Jefferson County ancestors?

First, try to get a general idea of when they arrived and how long they stayed. Jefferson County was not formed until 1801 and was previously part of Berkeley (since 1772), Frederick (since 1738), Orange (since 1734), and Spottsylvania (since 1720). Birth, death, and marriage records for these counties (when they still exist) are available on microfilm. Birth and death records for Jefferson County are not available before 1853. (See Chapter 3 for details.)

Tombstone inscriptions have been collected and published in several volumes, including the Bee Line chapter, DAR, Tombstone Inscriptions. Jefferson County, WV (1981); Hugh Vorees’ supplement to this work (Burials in Jefferson County, West Virginia, 1978-1998 [1998]), and issues of the Magazine of the Jefferson County Historical Society. (See Chapter 9 for additional information.)

Census records may also be useful, providing the age (in years) of family members when the census was taken. Census records are available for all decades up to 1920 on microfilm, except 1890. Local microfilm repositories include the Berkeley County Historical Society, Martinsburg Public Library, Shepherd College, and the library at Harpers Ferry National Historic Park. (See Chapter 3 for more census information.)
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1. Introduction

Jefferson County, West Virginia, has a rich heritage and a wealth of historical information. Unfortunately, much of it is not accessible to people who want to research the county’s past.

For the scholar who needs to be familiar with this topic (or at least some part of it), there has never been a detailed, extensive overview of primary and secondary sources for writing Jefferson County history. Perhaps this is the reason almost half a century has passed since anyone attempted a comprehensive history of Jefferson County. Maybe it is the sheer magnitude of materials available and their dispersal throughout the nation. Or maybe it is the lack of adequate finding aids that might help put the researcher in touch with the resource.

For the student who wants to write a decent research paper or develop a social studies project, the best bet has been to scan the publications of the Jefferson County Historical Society and the other major works on county history. Yet the Historical Society Magazine is thinly indexed, and most other volumes on local history have been placed in special reference collections. Old histories have become artifacts, kept from general circulation because of their rarity, fragility, and economic value.

For landowners who want to learn about the place they live or the original settler of their property, there has been no straightforward guide to locally available materials.

Aspiring genealogists may have the easiest job because of the large number of persons researching family history. Yet they too are often at a loss to locate the closest, most reliable resources.

While researching Jefferson County’s history, I have asked many of the questions these people might pose, and some of them have asked me how and where to look it up. The present work attempts to provide both general and specific guidance to resources for the study of Jefferson County through the publication of this research guide and the Bibliography CD which accompanies this work.

Although much has been written about Jefferson County, examining only county-related documents will not yield a full understanding of its history. To get a true sense of Jefferson County’s character, you must also examine it in the context of national and state events; explore the contributions from Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia; and understand its evolution from earlier counties. I have tried to include some sources that provide part of this necessary background. However, an extensive description of background sources is beyond the scope of this work.

This research guide includes 23 chapters, each dealing with some special topic or resource relevant to Jefferson County history. I have cited sources in many instances, but not exhaustively. For extensive listings on these and other topics, see the Bibliography on CD. Summaries of the chapters in this work follow.

Libraries and Museums describes the holdings of repositories throughout the country that include resources for the study of Jefferson County history. Where available, collection level descriptions of relevant materials have been included. Individually cataloged items have been included in the Bibliography.

Public Records provides an overview of what federal, state, county, and municipal records are available and where to find them. Present day Jefferson County has a complicated heritage. It was established in 1801 and was previously part of Berkeley County, Virginia (1772 to 1801); Frederick County, Virginia (1738 to 1772); Orange County, Virginia (1734 to 1738); and Spottsylvania County, Virginia (1720 to 1734). The county became part of West Virginia in 1863.

The School Records and Business Records chapters describe available information sources and methods for wringing information from them. Civil War describes the published works on the Civil War in Jefferson County as well as relevant regimental histories, diaries, and lists of local soldiers who served or died during
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the war. Church Records and Histories attempts to identify the local histories that have been published and where the records for these churches are available.

Newspapers and Periodicals provides a list of the known publications that reported the news for Jefferson County. To date, no systematic abstract of Jefferson County newspapers has been produced, but the Bibliography on CD that accompanies this work contains many newspaper citations. Newspaper abstracts are included in the Explorer Database, a CD of Jefferson County resources published several years earlier.

Personal Papers provides brief descriptions and location information for collections of private papers. Detailed collection descriptions for these resources are available in the Libraries and Museums chapters. Items that have been described individually are also searchable through the Bibliography.

Cemetery Records reviews one of the major resources for obtaining information about births, deaths, and marriages, including tombstone inscriptions, cemetery records, public records, and newspapers. Genealogy includes a selective list of Jefferson County genealogies and local works that can be used to find additional information. General works on genealogy are not included.

Materials Related to John Brown provides an overview of the extensive list of John Brown references included in the Bibliography. This resource includes annotated citations for John Brown materials once owned by Boyd Studler, those in the Boyd Studler Collection in the West Virginia Archives, and other material of a national or local scope.

Maps describes both published and unpublished maps and surveys for Jefferson County and its predecessors. National Register Sites lists all of the properties currently recorded on the National Register for Historic Places for Jefferson County. More detailed information on these sites is available in the Bibliography.

Pictures and Photographs describes both published sources and repositories for Jefferson County images. Since many researchers may have their own historic photographs, this chapter also includes some basic information on copying and preserving photographs.

Archeology reviews the main reference works relevant to regional and West Virginia archeology and lists specific works that have been published about Jefferson County.

Oral Histories lists the limited number of local interviews that have been professionally conducted and transcribed and that meet technical and ethical criteria established in the field. Since many researchers may wish to use interviews to collect information, this chapter also includes some general guidelines for practicing oral history.

The Arts describes local contributors in the arts and humanities, those who have used Jefferson County as the subject of their work, and autobiographical and biographical materials by or about these contributors.

African American Studies provides both primary and secondary resources for the study of local black history. Women's Studies examines sources that provide information about Jefferson County women's legal, economic, educational, and social status.

Agriculture reviews the major state and local sources providing information about farming in Jefferson County.

Internet Resources focuses on some of the well established sites that are likely to remain available, use of internet resources, and internet research techniques.
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This chapter describes the general holdings of libraries, museums, and historical / genealogical societies that have information related to Jefferson County. Only the most relevant portions of these collections are described below. When item level information is available, those individual items are included in the Bibliography CD that accompanies this work. As libraries expand their collection descriptions down to the item level, they will make this additional information available, often on the Internet. Collection descriptions for many major libraries are now available on the Internet, and the information from this resource grows daily. Many of the organizations listed in this chapter have Web sites that can supplement the information provided here.

Alabama Department of Archives and History

Address: 624 Washington Ave., Montgomery, AL 36130
Phone: (334) 242-4435
Web site: archives.state.al.us/index.html

Collection includes:

- **Clements family. Papers, 1855-1862.** 2 folders. Papers, 1855-1862, including a series of letters, 1855-1863, arranged chronologically; and a series of clippings and genealogical notes, arranged chronologically. Discusses the raid of John Brown at Harper's Ferry, Va.

- **Hudson, James G., b.1832. Canebrake Rifle Guards Diary, 1861.** 1 item. James G. Hudson, born in 1832, served as chaplain and treasurer for Company D, the Canebrake Rifle Guards, of the 4th Alabama Infantry Regiment. Hudson enlisted on April 25, 1861, in Union Town and was discharged October 1861 at Camp Law, Virginia. The diary, kept by James G. Hudson from May 21, 1861 to October 1861, traces the movements of the Canebrake Rifle Guards of the 4th Alabama Infantry to Harper's Ferry, Martinsburg, Manasses Junction, and the Battle of First Bull Run. Published in *Alabama Historical Quarterly* 23 (1961): [139-179].

Appomattox Court House National Historical Park

Address: Appomattox Court House National Historical Park; Hwy. 24, P.O. Box 218; Appomattox, VA 24522.
Phone: (804) 352-8987
fax: (804) 352-8330
email: joe_williams@nps.gov

Collection includes:

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Atlanta University Center, Robert W. Woodruff Library, Archives and Special Collections
Address: 111 James P. Brawley Dr. SW, Atlanta, GA 30314
Phone: (404) 522-8980
fax: (404) 577-5158
Online catalog at: zen.auctr.edu/webpals/home.html

Collection includes:
Brown, John, 1800-1859. John Brown collection, 1814-1859. 87 items. The collection consists of papers relating to John Brown from 1814 to 1859. Over half of the correspondence (1826-1849) consists of Brown's letters from various places in Pennsylvania and Ohio to kinsman and business associate Seth Thompson. The letters reflect his perpetual financial difficulties as well as his frequent change of occupation. A scattering of letters (1814-1840) written from various places in Ohio by his father Owen Brown, his uncle Abiel Brown, and his brother Oliver O. Brown concern family and business matters with only occasional references to politics. A second group of letters (1857-1858) from fellow abolitionist, Franklin Benjamin Sanborn, discuss the Free-Soil contest in Kansas, the National Kansas Committee, the various state committees, and the collection of arms to be turned over to Brown for his operations in Kansas. Correspondence relating to Brown's Harper's Ferry Raid includes two letters (October 19 and 22, 1859) from D.E. Henderson, a resident of that locality, describing the foray; a military order (October 19), signed by Robert E. Lee, detailing a guard to escort Brown and his fellow prisoners to the Charlestown jail, and a letter written by John Brown, Jr. (1879) to C.W. Tayleure, a pro-slavery journalist, expressing gratitude for the assistance Tayleure gave to Watson Brown, mortally wounded in the raid. The collection also includes two diaries and some personal correspondence of Judge Richard Parker, Brown's trial judge; the materials, however, are not related to the Brown trial.

Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Museum
Address: Hays T. Watkins Research Library, 901 W. Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21223
Phone: (410) 752-2490; Hays T. Watkins Research Library (410) 752-2493
email: boresearch@mindspring.com
The Hays T. Watkins Research Library provides access to the B & O Railroad collection, including drawings, maps, photographs, printed ephemera, and prints. Research by appointment only. (Fee charged.) Includes collection of paintings and drawings (over 12,000 engineering drawings of rolling stock, buildings, mechanical and engineering subjects). The collection includes materials on railroad activities in Jefferson County (e.g., Harpers Ferry, Duffields, and Shenandoah Junction).

Berkeley County (West Virginia) Courthouse
Address: 100 West King Street, Martinsburg, WV 25401-3210
Phone: (304) 267-3210
Collection includes:
Birth records, 1865 to present; death records, 1865 to present; marriage bonds and registers from 1781 to 1879 are not available for public use. After 1870 records are accessible. WPA cemetery records. Wills, beginning in 1772, are indexed. Deeds, beginning in 1772, are indexed; land grants are indexed, and contain
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Northern Neck grants for what is now Frederick, Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan counties. Unrecorded and re-recorded deeds are also available.


Berkeley County Historical Society
Address: Box 1624; Martinsburg, WV 25401.
Phone: (304) 267-4713

The Society operates Belle Boyd House and Ben Boyd Store at 126 E. Race Street, Martinsburg. Archives Division is open 10-4, Wednesday through Saturday. A list of holdings is available at: wvculture.org/history/berkeley3.htm.

The Berkeley County Historical Society collection includes the following:

Microfilm of most local records, including newspapers dating to 1790s. Microfilm of some Jefferson County and Berkeley County church records. Genealogy files on local families. Copies of Fairfax land grant maps from Virginia State Library and original surveys from Virginia Historical Society – maps indexing locations in Jefferson County and Berkeley County (unique). Copies of insurance records of Mutual Assurance Society relating to Jefferson County and Berkeley County. Documents of Ferdinando Fairfax, Elisha Boyd, and Moses Hunter (1795-1930s). Copy of early map (1736) of Jefferson County and Berkeley County.

Microfilm of Virginia State Land Office records; Index to Northern Neck land grants and surveys; Regal Government Grants; Berkeley County Deed of Trust books, Deed of Release books, Orphan's Bond Books, county court minute books; census records for Berkeley County, Jefferson County, Hampshire County, Morgan County, Frederick County (1850), Shenandoah County (1850), and Beaver County, PA (1850).


Legislative petitions for and against formation of Jefferson County and for formation of Morgan County. Sketches of artist and writer Porte Crayon (David Hunter Strother) in France and Italy from the Martinsburg Gazette, 1841-1843.

Presbyterian church records – Charles Town. Lutheran church records – Shepherdstown.


Berkshire County Historical Society
Address: 780 Holmes Rd., Pittsfield, MA 01201
Phone: (413) 442-1793
fax: (413) 433-1449
email: info@berkshirehistory.org

Collection includes:
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Central Michigan University, Clarke Historical Library

Address: Clarke Historical Library, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI 48859
Phone: (517) 774-3352
fax: (517) 774-2160
e-mail: clarke@cmich.edu

Collection includes:

Bullock, Miles Wayne (1844-1914). Papers, 1799-1911, 294 items and 4 v. Soldier and resident of Sherburne, NY, and later of Marion, MI. Topics: Civil War, campaigns, battles, and military actions. Correspondence of Bullock with comrades of the New York State 61st Regiment of Infantry, Company G, revealing feelings of soldiers and civilians on the war, superior officers, and the armistice, and describing Harpers Ferry, Jefferson County, WV, and Sharpsburg, MD; Civil War diaries (1862, 1864-1865); obituaries; photos; and an autobiographical sketch of Bullock.

Clark, C. Letter (November 11, 1859), from Clark in Ann Arbor, MI, to sister about family topics and John Brown.

Chesapeake & Ohio Historical Society, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 79 Clifton Forge, VA 24422.
Website: cohn.org
Phone: (540) 384-8958

The collection includes materials relevant to transportation in Jefferson County. Access for research or tours must be scheduled by contacting the Director of Archives and Administration (540) 862-2210 or email at cohj@cfw.org.

Publications (in print):

Chesapeake and Ohio Historical Magazine; and a series of books titled: Riding That New River Train; Pere Marquette Power; C & O Steel Cabooses; C & O Freight Equipment in 1937; C & O Alleghany Subdivision; Pere Marquette in 1945; C & O in West Virginia - Huntington Division; Alleghany with an A; C & O BL2 Diesels; C & O Standard Structures. Publications out of print: Chesapeake and Ohio Diesel Review; Chessie's Road; World's Greatest Mallets; Recollections of Harry Frazier; C&O Lightweight Passenger Cars.

Collections include:

45,000+ mechanical drawings (ca. 1920 - 1960s); 50,000+ photographic images (1870 - 1980s); 50,000+ engineering drawings (ca. 1870 - 1960s); 500 linear feet of general reference materials; 4,000+ books, magazines, reports, pamphlets.
College of William and Mary

Address: Earl Gregg Swem Library, Box 8794, Williamsburg, VA, 23187-8794.
Phone: (757) 221-3050
fax: (757) 221-2635
Online catalog (LION) available

Collections include:

Full text available online via:

The Civil War: A Newspaper Perspective - Full text of major articles from over 2,500 issues of *The New York Herald, The Charleston Mercury*, and the *Richmond Enquirer*, published between November 1, 1860 and April 15, 1865. (Access by subscription)

Harper's Weekly, 1857-1871 - With indexes and complete illustrations. (Access only through customer institutions.)

Manuscripts:


Brown, Coalter, Tucker. Papers, 1769-1919, 4,276 items. Topics: Health resorts, watering places, etc. Family and business correspondence, legal papers, accounts, notes, poems, and other papers, reflecting life in Williamsburg, Staunton, Petersburg, Fredericksburg, and other cities and towns in Virginia, plantation life in Bedford County and Gloucester County, VA, and the social seasons at the medicinal springs of Virginia and West Virginia. A description and listing of each item are available in the library.

Bucher, David A. Papers, 1789-1888. Includes a voting list (1789) and delinquent tax list (1792) of Berkeley County (now WV) and land grants.

Butcher’s Account Books (1866-1871). 4 vols. Account books of unidentified butcher (probably from Shepherdstown, VA. One of the account books (MsV Ab36) was found in the ledger of Joseph Entler (Shepherdstown merchant). MSV Ab 38-39.


Gallaher, John S. Journal (1833-1836). 138 p. Gallaher published the Virginia *Free Press*, was active in Whig politics, and was involved in the operation of the Shannondale Springs resort. MSV Ane1.

Lewis, F.A. Copybook (1838-1871, 1838-1842), 100 p. Letter copybook; many later letters are religious and are addressed to public officials. Lewis resided in Fortress Monroe, VA, and Jefferson County, VA. MSV Cp6.


Papers (1831), 5 p. Printed list (1830) of land returned as delinquent for taxes in Jefferson County, VA. MS 39.4 V82co Jefferson.
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Riddle Family Papers, 1800-1906, 927 items. Topics: Family and personal correspondence. Papers of Henry R. Riddle, Horatius R. Riddle, and Katherine Riddle of Baltimore, MD, and Charles Town and Harpers Ferry, Jefferson County, WV. A large part of the papers are minutes of meetings, reports, and correspondence connected with the Harriet Lane Home for Invalid Children, Baltimore, MD, established by Harriet Lane Johnston, niece of James Buchanan, of which Katherine Riddle was secretary.

Taliaferro-Sanders Papers, 7,552 items, 1775-1954. Primarily the business, legal, military, and personal papers of General William Booth Taliaferro (lawyer and Confederate officer of Gloucester County). Included is an account of his experiences with the Virginia militia during the John Brown Raid.

Virginia Cities Collection, 1682-1918, 3,336 items. Topics: Local papers and records. Papers containing historical and general information relating to cities and towns in Virginia, including Harpers Ferry.

Columbia University, Butler Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Address: 6th Floor East, 535 W. 114th St. New York, NY 10027
Phone: (212) 854-5153
fax: (212) 854-1365
e-mail: rarebooks@libraries.cul.columbia.edu
Online catalog (CLIO) available.

Collection includes:

Villard, Oswald Garrison, 1872-1949. John Brown manuscripts, 1850-1910. 9 linear ft (ca. 5,435 in 21 boxes). Material gathered by Oswald Garrison Villard during research for his biography John Brown, 1800-1859: a Biography Fifty Years After. A large part of the materials is copies of correspondence both contemporary and of a later period, concerning John Brown and his associates, especially in the Kansas Territory and at the Harper's Ferry raid. Of the original letters in the collection, many are from descendants and family of John Brown and the men who accompanied him on his raid. There are clippings, pamphlets, proof sheets, and other printed matter. Photographs number 181 items.

Daughters of the American Revolution
Address: 1776 D Street NW. Washington DC.
Phone: (202) 879-3229
Online library catalog available.


The library is open to the public. Non-DAR members pay a nominal fee for use of the library for research.

Duke University Library
Address: Perkins Library, Durham, NC 27708
Phone: (919) 660-5880
Collections include:

**Billmyer Family Papers, 1832-1906, 998 items.** Topics: Correspondence of the West Virginia family, who lived at Shepherdstown, Jefferson County. Includes letters from Henry E. Unself, a suitor of Mrs. David Billmyer, written from New Orleans (1854-1855) describing the city, its theatrical and social life, and such events as the yellow fever epidemics, the rise of the Know-Nothing Party, and the Irish uprising.

**Boteler, Alexander Robinson (1815-1892). Papers, 1729-1924, 1,578 items and 4 v.** Topics: Civil War, Military actions. Correspondence (including letters of Henry Boteler, father), diary, scrapbooks, pencil and pen-ink sketches, clippings, and photos. Primary coverage is for the years 1836-1889; subjects dealt with include Boteler's college years at Princeton, his courtship and marriage to Helen Macomb Stockton, his farming activities and political interests (especially the Presidential elections of 1848 and 1860, with data on the Constitutional Union Party during the latter campaign), Boteler's altercations with Charles J. Faulkner, events during the Civil War, including Northern depredations at Boteler's home "Fountain Rock," and some travel letters written by Boteler during his service on the U. S. Tariff Commission following the war. Includes genealogical and family papers relating to the Boteler, Pendleton, Digges, and Pope families. Addition, 1709-1887, 104 items. Correspondence of Boteler and his family and Stockton family papers, relating to Boteler's interest in James Rumsey's work on the first steamboat and to family matters.

**Campbell, James Lyle (1808-1875). Papers, 1781-1920, 788 items.** Farmer and lawyer, of Gerardstown, Berkeley County, WV. Topics: Agricultural societies; courts, county records; family papers; farms and farming; land, legal documents; law practice. Correspondence and legal and business papers of the Campbell and related Lyle, McKeowen, Henshaw, Burns, and Tabb families, centering around the career of James Lyle Campbell, but also covering that of his father, James Wilson Campbell, and of his son, another James Wilson Campbell. The bulk of the collection consists of legal papers, receipts, bills, land deeds and indentures, wills, estate and executors' papers, and court orders and opinions. Includes a series of letters (1854-1855) from James Lyle Campbell and his daughter Emma to James W. Campbell, commenting on life in Berkeley County, WV, farming operations, and politics, especially the Know-Nothing Party.

**Chambers, Jennie. Papers, 1838-1936, 1818 items and 8 v.** Amateur artist and author. Topics: Social life. Correspondence, daybooks (1880-1888), and other papers relating to the affairs of the Chambers family and their cousins, the Castles of Harpers Ferry, WV. Includes a commonplace book (1873), letters received after the Civil War from Union soldiers whom Miss Chambers' father boarded during the war, and letters from friends and suitors of Jennie and her sisters. Card index in the library.

**Dandridge Papers.** Includes “Henry Bedinger and Old Shepherdstown.”

**Faulkner, Charles James (1806-1884) Papers, 1815-1883, 370 items and 1 v.** Diplomat, Confederate officer, and U. S. Representative from Virginia and West Virginia. Topics: Politics. Correspondence, legal papers, notes, and other papers. Civil War activities, and the West Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1872, to which he was a delegate.

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Gardiner, Ann Henshaw (1890- ) Papers. 1753-1944, 3,398 items and 68 v. Nurse, historian, and teacher. Topics: County government and county records; flour industry and trade; local history; justices of the peace; land, settlement; pioneer life; politics; teachers and teaching. Letters, legal papers concerning land settlement of Berkeley County, WV, references to slave conditions in the county, daybooks and accounts, pictures, and other papers which Miss Gardiner and her mother, Mabel (Henshaw) Gardiner used in their book, Chronicles of Old Berkeley (1938). Includes papers on the Gardiner, Henshaw, and Snodgrass families who were pioneer settlers in Berkeley County and were flour millers, justices of the peace, county officers, members of the Virginia House of Delegates, teachers, and writers.

Grantham, John William (d. 1887). Papers, 1822-1924, 1,946 items and 10 v. Businessman and state legislator of Middleway, Jefferson County, WV. Topics: General stores; insurance companies; politics. Personal, family and business papers, the majority concerning the operation of a country store by Grantham and James W. League. Includes papers relating to Grantham's local agency for the Arlington Mutual Life Insurance Company and to his political career.

Jackson, Thomas Jonathan (1824-1863). Papers, 1855-1906, 2,593 items. Army officer. Topics: Civil War, Military actions. Correspondence, commissary papers, vouchers of Jackson's command, soldiers' leave requests, and other papers (chiefly 1861-1865). The commissary papers, containing information about food in the Confederate Army, represent the bulk of the collection. Other topics include military operations around Staunton, VA (ca. 1862); enemy movements around Harpers Ferry, Jefferson County; a request that Jefferson County soldiers be allowed to march to Shepherdstown, Jefferson County, to vote; religious denominations opposed to war; captured property; and appointments of men to office.

Kilby, John Richardson. (1819-1878). Papers, 1755-1919, 34,414 items and 4 v. Topics: Civil War, Military actions. Correspondence and legal and other papers (chiefly 1840-1890), of Kilby and of his son, Wilbur John Kilby, both lawyers, of Suffolk, VA, and of members of the Riddick family. Includes description of action around Fredericksburg and Shepherdstown, during the Civil War.

Koonce Family Papers, 1844-1871, 7 items and 11 v. Topics: Business, industries, and trades, general stores; history, Civil War. Ledgers (1857-1860) of George Koonce while tax collector for Harpers Ferry and Bolivar, and his daybook (1857-1861) and docket books for warrants (1846-1871) as justice of the peace; ledger (1844-1846) and daybooks (1845-1846, 1863-1864) for general stores at Harpers Ferry owned by David Koonce, J. Koonce, and Koonce & Horner; ledger (1863) for a fabric shop in Maryland; bills issued for family supplies at the trade store of Koonce, Reed & Koonce, which may relate to civilian relief during the Civil War, primarily in Jefferson County, WV, and Loudoun County and Clarke County, VA; and financial papers, including a tax list for Harpers Ferry (1857).

Lackland, Samuel W. Papers, 1790-1886, 1,641 items. Topics: Railroads. Personal and business correspondence, accounts, bills, receipts, and other papers (chiefly 1820-1860), of Lackland and of his son, Francis, both of Charles Town. About half the correspondence (1856-1858) concerns railroad construction, politics, and the financial condition of the U.S. Includes a few Confederate soldiers' letters, and material relating to a legal case involving George Washington. Lackland was president of the Shannondale Springs resort and this collection may contain information relevant to that topic.

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Leavell, William Thomas. (1812-1899). Correspondence of William Thomas Leavell and Edward Allen Hitchcock McDonald, 1831-1932, 5,136 items. Episcopal minister and farmer, of Charles Town. Topics: Mines and mining. Family and religious correspondence of Leavell and of his son-in-law, Edward Allen Hitchcock McDonald, Confederate officer, lawyer, and businessman. Leavell's papers (chiefly before 1860) concern such matters as High vs. Low Episcopalianism, the Baptists, Episcopal theology, and family affairs, and include student letters from Bristol College, Bristol, PA, and Fairfax Institute, Alexandria, VA. Most of the papers after 1860 belong to McDonald, and give information on the Laurel Brigade, Confederate veterans' organizations, the Louisville Abstract and Loan Company (later the Kentucky Title Company) with which McDonald was associated, U. S. economic conditions and education after the Civil War, mining in West Virginia, and politics.


Morgan, Irby. Papers, 1861-1865. Morgan was a volunteer in the 51st Regiment of Alabama Cavalry Volunteers. Includes a discussion of the proposed removal of machinery from the Harpers Ferry arsenal.

Sheetz, George C. Papers, 1862. 3 items. Letters of a Union soldier describing his departure from home and his journey through Harrisburg, PA, and Washington, DC. Includes descriptions of camp life, rations, and a forced march in pursuit of Confederate troops near Harpers Ferry, VA.

Yantis, Solomon Vance (1826-1899). Correspondence, 1863-1896, 56 items. Postmaster, tobacconist, and secretary and part owner of a flour mill, in Harpers Ferry. Topics: Family and personal papers; floods. Correspondence relating to college life at Western Maryland College in the 1870s, work to relieve flood damage in 1870, Harpers Ferry, and other subjects.

Broadside. Approximately 12 broadsides related to Jefferson County are listed in the library's collections. These are described individually in the Bibliography.

East Carolina University Library

Address: Joyner Library, East Fifth St. (P. O. Box 2744), Greenville, NC 27835-4353
Phone: (252) 328-6518
Fax: (252) 328-4834
Online catalog available.

Collections include:

Mills, Hugh Harrison. Collection, 1841-1968, 1,650 items. Civil War topics include battles at Harpers Ferry, Jefferson County, WV.

Eleutherian Mills Historical Library

Address: Greenville, DE.
Phone: (302) 658-2400. Manuscripts and Archives, (302) 658-0545.
Collections include: substantial information about businesses in the United States. The holdings include:

**Keeptryst Furnace Correspondence, 1767-1830, ca. 300 items.** Topics: Furnaces and forges. Chiefly correspondence between John Potts, of Alexandria, VA (formerly of Pottstown, PA), and his brother-in-law, Robert E. Hobart, of Pottstown and Philadelphia, relating to the Keeptryst Furnace on the Potomac River in Berkeley County, VA (later Jefferson County, WV). Portions of this collection are available in the Explorer Database.

**Emory University. Robert W. Woodruff Library, Special Collections Department**

**Address:** 540 Ashbury Cir., Atlanta, GA 30322

**Phone:** (404) 727-6861

Collection includes:

**Blackford, William Matthews, 1801-1864. Papers, 1801-1864 [typed copies]. 83 items.** William Matthews Blackford, journalist, diplomat, financial agent, and banker. Fifty letters (1842-1844) are from Blackford to his wife, Mary Berkeley Minor Blackford; others are to his children and other relatives. Fourteen letters are from Blackford's son, Willy (William Willis Blackford, who accompanied him to Colombia) to his family. The diary (1859-1862) records Blackford's views on John Brown's Raid.

**Filson Club Collections**

**Address:** 1310 South Third Street, Louisville, KY 40208.

**Phone:** (502) 635-5083

**Website:** filsonclub.org

This repository focuses on materials relating to the history of Kentucky, although some items relating to Jefferson County, WV, and its early families are also included.

The collection includes:

**Clark, Jonathan (1750-1811). Clark-Hite papers, 1734-1812, 6 ft.** Revolutionary patriot of Virginia and Kentucky. Topics: Land, legal documents. Correspondence and other papers of Clark, together with papers of his wife's family, the Hites of Frederick County, VA (including what would later become Jefferson County, WV). Includes Clark's diary (1770-1811), accounts, bonds, and papers concerning his lands in Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia; deed book; notebook relating to improvements made by settlers in the Northern Neck of Virginia (1734-1760); contemporary transcript of the record in the case of Jost Hite et al. vs. Thomas Lord Fairfax et al. (1749-1786) confirming Hite's title to the land; other records (1786-1807) relating to land and litigation involving Jost Hite, Robert Green, William Duff, and Robert McKay, including documents drawn by John Marshall; letters (1786-1812) to Isaac Hite and Col. John Green from their attorney, John Taylor of Caroline, and others; papers (1773-1795) of Isaac Hite including land papers of Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky; papers (1796-1807) of Major Isaac Hite of Kentucky; and papers (1807-1812) of Abraham Hite. Index of Jonathan Clark's correspondents in repository.

The collection also contains a large number of Civil War manuscripts related to Kentucky, some of which are relevant to Jefferson County, WV.
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Hagley Museum and Library. Manuscripts and Archives Department
Address: P.O. Box 3630, 298 Buck Road East, Greenville, DE 19807.
Phone: (302) 658-2400
Website: hagley.lib.de.us/library.html
Offers online catalog.

Collection includes:

Savery family. Papers, 1835-1960. 3.4 linear ft. With several associates, Thomas H. Savery bought several properties on the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers at Harpers Ferry, WV, in 1884, including the site of the famous ante-bellum armory. He first established paper mills on these sites and in the mid 1890s began building electric power generating facilities. He organized the Harpers Ferry Electric Light & Power Company. Savery had the engine house, used by John Brown as a fort, exhibited at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. William Savery, the son of Thomas Savery and Sarah Pim Savery, was born on October 24, 1865, in Wilmington, DE. He was president of the Harpers Ferry Electric Light and Power Company and the Shenandoah Pulp Company, enterprises that had been started by his father in the late 19th century. Business papers relating to Savery's interests include records of Harpers Ferry Paper Co., Shenandoah Pulp Co., and Harpers Ferry Electric Light & Power Co. These are primarily corporate records including copies of minutes, land papers, deeds, agreements, and financial statements. There are also records of lawsuits arising from pollution of the rivers. There are a number of maps of the Harpers Ferry property, some dating back to the time of the Government armory.


Savery, William H., 1865-1949. Papers, 1885-1938. 3.6 linear ft. William Savery, the son of Thomas Savery and Sarah Pim Savery, was born on October 24, 1865 in Wilmington, DE. He was president of the Harpers Ferry Electric and the Shenandoah Pulp Company, enterprises that had been started by his father in the late 19th century. Records of the Harpers Ferry Paper Company includes minutes, correspondence, and reports to the board of directors (1885-1938). There is also some Thomas Savery correspondence (1885-1903) and biographical material.
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Handley Memorial Library

Address: The Handley Library, P.O. Box 58, Winchester, VA 22604. 100 W. Piccadilly St., Winchester, VA 22601.

Phone: (540) 662-9042. Fax: (540) 722-4769. e-mail: handley@shentel.net. The library catalog is available online.

The Handley Library is a regional library, serving Frederick and Clarke counties as well as Winchester, VA. The Archives Room, operated jointly with the Winchester – Frederick County Historical Society, has genealogy and local history material, including manuscripts, maps, photos, and books on the lower Shenandoah Valley area as well as local newspapers on microfilm and local census and court records. The Archives Room houses an extensive and long-standing collection of materials on the people, places, and events of the Lower Shenandoah Valley from 1732 to the present.

The Archives holds over 500 linear feet of manuscripts and ephemera, including account books, funeral home records, diaries, correspondence, and historical and genealogical research items. Inventories available upon request. A transcript of the Hite vs. Fairfax proceedings is available on microfilm.

The periodical collection includes historical and genealogical journals and locally published journals. Major holdings include the Confederate Veteran, Virginia Magazine of History & Biography, William and Mary Quarterly, and the Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society Journal. The Virginia Gazette (Williamsburg), 1736-1780 is available on microfilm. The Winchester Star is available on microfilm beginning in 1896. Issues of other local newspapers dating back to 1787 are also kept in the Archives. Shenandoah County newspapers are available on microfilm from 1817 to 1914.

Harpers Ferry Center Library

Address: Attn: Librarian David Nathanson. National Park Service Archives; Harpers Ferry, WV 25425.

Phone: (304) 535-6262
fax: (304) 535-6492. Approval of Archivist required. Copying facilities available.

Collection includes:

Six hundred cubic feet of materials relating exclusively to National Park Service history and activities and to past NPS employees. The collection includes: over 1 million photographs of National Park system areas, Civilian Conservation Corps operations, and museums; oral history interviews, including 450 with long-time NPS employees and 130 relating to history of women in the NPS; items concerning tourism, history of museums, historic preservation, environmental and historical interpretation, and the conservation movement; 200 film/videos, 25,000 reels of microfilm, 300 maps, and 1,100 museum artifacts. See Bibliography for list of relevant individual items. Information on Harpers Ferry National Historic Park is included.
Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Library

**Address:** Attn: Bruce Noble. Harpers Ferry National Historical Park; P.O. Box 65; Harpers Ferry, WV 25425. Approval required.

**Phone:** (304) 535-6020, (304) 535-6441.

**Collection includes:**

Manuscripts, photographs (with negatives), audio recordings, microfilm, maps, blueprints/architectural materials, lithographs/prints and other artwork, and park archives relating to Harpers Ferry, Jefferson County, the United States Armory at Harpers Ferry, the John Brown Raid, the Civil War, industrial development after the Civil War, and transportation (Chesapeake & Ohio Canal, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, Winchester & Potomac Railroad, and various turnpikes).

A computerized comprehensive database has been created from local newspapers, court records, and census records. Public Records: deeds, chancery proceedings, wills, marriages, deaths, etc. in the Harpers Ferry have been indexed. Census Data: Census data for Harpers Ferry from 1810 to 1880 and 1900 to 1920 have been indexed. (These databases have been included in the Explorer Database.)

Other Sources: Relevant material from the National Archives in Washington has been used to prepare Historic Data Sections of Historic Structures Reports. University repositories of private papers and institutional records have been targeted for future research. Records of Storer College, consisting of archives and manuscripts at West Virginia University, and local family collections are presently forming the nucleus of a computer index for Storer College. See the Bibliography for listing of individual items.

Harvard University, Houghton Library

**Address:** Cambridge, MA 02138

**Phone:** (617) 495-2449 (manuscript division)

**fax:** (617) 495-1376

**email:** houghton_manuscripts@harvard.edu

Offers online catalog (HOLLIS).

**Collection includes:**

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Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery
Address: 1151 Oxford Road; San Marino, CA 91108.
Phone: (818) 405-2180.

Collection includes:

Selected papers of John Brown.


Herbert Hoover Presidential Library
Address: 210 Parkside Dr., Box 488, West Branch, IO 52358.
Phone: (319) 643-5301.
Website: hoover.nara.gov/index/htm
Offers onsite search guide.

The collection includes:


Historic Shepherdstown Museum
Address: P.O. Box 1786; Shepherdstown, WV 25443.
Phone: (304) 876-0910
email: hsc@intrepid.net

Collection includes:

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Presbyterian Historical Society
Address: 425 Lombard St., Philadelphia, PA 19147
Phone: (215) 627-1852
fax: (215) 627-0509
Website: history.pcusa.org
Online catalog in development (Spring 2001)

North Carolina Office:
Address: P.O. Box 849, Montreat, NC 28757.
Phone: (828) 669-7061
fax: (828)669-5369

The national archives and historical research center of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It holds archival records, books and serials, and artifacts that document the history of the Presbyterian and Reformed tradition in America. Collection emphases include church legal and administrative decisions; religion and life in Colonial America; the American Revolution; the First and Second Great Awakenings; missionary work among the Asians, Africans, and Native Americans; the New Republic; the Civil War and Reconstruction; Westward expansion; Civil Rights and other race issues; social justice issues; and ecumenical movements.

Archival records consist of the official records of the denomination and its predecessor denominations created by General Assembly agencies, middle governing bodies, and congregations. These include minutes, registers, reports, files, and other material, as well as publications of the General Assembly and its predecessors and imprints of the various boards of publication. Other archival records include those of Presbyterian-related organizations and related ecumenical organizations such as the Federal and National Council of Churches, the American Sunday School Union, and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. The Society also collects the personal papers (including correspondence, diaries, and photographs) of Presbyterians who are significant for their service to the church, with an emphasis on mission work. The Montreat office specializes in records from the southern states and from the mission fields of the former Presbyterian Church, U.S. ("Southern" Presbyterians).

The books and periodicals collections include early imprints of the foundation documents of the Reformed tradition, such as Calvin's Institutes, a range of Bibles, and books on Presbyterian and Reformed history and biography.

These holdings currently total approximately 20,000 cubic feet of archival records and personal papers; c. 250,000 monographs, serials, and rare books; and a significant museum collection that includes approximately 300 paintings and over 25,000 communion tokens.

Collection includes:
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. Minutes of sessions, 1791-1957, 85 ft. Topics: Presbyterian Churches and religious affairs; Vital records. The minutes include proceedings of the sessions (the governing bodies of the local churches), registers of pastors, elders, and deacons, baptisms, members, deaths, and marriages in Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, and all states to the south and east of these boundaries. The minutes of the mid-nineteenth century frequently contain material pertaining to the relationship of slaves to the church. The material is related to the repository's collection of
minutes of presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. Microfilm catalog of records and minutes available in the repository. Open to investigators under restrictions of the repository.

Presbyterian Church in the U. S. Presbyteries. Minutes of presbyteries, 1785-1952, 63 ft. Topics: Presbyterian Churches and religious affairs. The minutes include proceedings of the regional courts (subdivisions of synods which usually follow state lines) functioning in Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, and all states to the south and east of these boundaries. The material is related to the repository's collection of minutes of synods of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. Microfilm catalog of records and minutes available in the repository.

These materials are also available on microfilm at Duke University.

Historical Society of Pennsylvania
Address: 1300 Locust Street; Philadelphia, PA 19107
Phone: (215) 732-6201
fax: (215) 732-2680
Website: hsp.org, includes Civil War list of diaries, reminiscences, and papers owned by the Society.

One of the nation's largest non-governmental repositories of documentary materials, housing more than 500,000 books, 300,000 graphic works, and 15 million manuscript items. One of the largest family history libraries in the nation with excellent library collections on local and regional history. Offers a manuscript collection renowned for its 17th-, 18th-, and 19th-century holdings.

Collection includes:

Geary family. Correspondence, 1859-1865. ca. 400 items. John White Geary, born in Westmoreland County, PA, was a colonel in the Mexican War, first mayor of San Francisco, territorial governor of Kansas, a major general in the Union Army at the end of the Civil War, and governor of Pennsylvania, 1867-1873. He began his Civil War service as a colonel of the 28th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, at Harpers Ferry.
Howard University, Moorland-Spingarn Research Center Library

Address: Sixth Street, N. W.; Washington, DC 20059.

Phone: (202) 806-7240
fax: (202) 806-6405

Website: 138.238.41.254.

Online catalog (Sterling) at 138.238.41.252.

The collection includes:

Douglass, Frederick (1817-1895) Papers, 1790-1943, 6 ft. Abolitionist, journalist, and diplomat, b. Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey. Topics: Civil War. Correspondence, writings, news articles, memorabilia, and photos, by and about Douglass and his family, chiefly 1847-1895. Includes published and unpublished writings on abolitionism and civil rights; financial documents relating to Douglass' appointment as commissioner for Haiti to the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, 1893; obituaries and tributes; memorabilia and photos relating to John Brown; and 2 indentures (1790 and 1796).

Lewis, Thomas Narven. Papers, ca. 1898-1934, 80 items. Includes pamphlets pertaining to Storer College (Harpers Ferry, Jefferson County).

Storer College Collection, 1917-1955. ca. 40 items. Periodicals, brochures, a list of students, and clippings relating to Storer College, the first higher educational institution for Afro-Americans in West Virginia, founded at Harpers Ferry in 1867; together with forms, lists, notes, and correspondence concerning the Washington, DC, chapter of the Storer College Alumni Association and a fund raising campaign.

Hyde Park Historical Society

Address: Hyde Park, MA 01236

Phone: ?

Collection includes:

Civil War archives, [18–]-[19–]. ca. 50 linear ft. Forms part of the repository's Town of Hyde Park collection. Histories (many published) of the 5th, 9th, 10th, 17th, 54th, and other Massachusetts regiments, the 1st, 10th, and 29th Maine, and 40th (Mozart) regiment of New York; materials relating to the siege at Harper's Ferry, and other related topics.
Jefferson County Museum

**Address:** 200 East Washington Street; P.O. Box 992; Charles Town, WV 25414.

**Phone:** (304) 725-8628

**email:** charlestownwvmuseum.org

**Collection includes:**
- Charlotte Fairbairn Crouch collection of Hall-Marmion papers
- personal collection of Harriet Johnston, niece of James Buchanan
- Osburn Document Collection (the gift of Roger J. Perry), 198 documents, 1761-1982
- Chew Papers (Colonel Roger Preston Chew, C.S.A.)
- Gibson Collection (Col. John T. Gibson Document Collection presented to The Jefferson County Museum by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1987). These collections have been described at the item level. See the *Bibliography* for listing of individual items.

The museum also includes unpublished plays and short stories of Julia Davis as well as photographs, letters, and other memorabilia from the Shannondale Springs Resort.

Jefferson County Oral and Visual History Association, Inc.

**Address:** P.O. Box 173; Bakerton, WV 25410.

**Phone:** (304) 876-3321

Much of the following material has been incorporated into a compact disc, *Explorer: The Jefferson County, West Virginia Database*, published by the West Virginia Division of Culture and History.

**The collection includes:**
- Photographs: 5,000 Jefferson County images — 35mm slide and negative. Copies of studies from Native American archaeological excavation at the Glen Haven site in Jefferson County (1972). Photographs: collection of Charles Town photographer Edwin Fitzpatrick. Film: "History of Thoroughbred Racing in Jefferson County" (based on mostly historical film, much of it commercial in nature). Film: "Glen Haven" — traces the entire archaeological process of excavating the Glen Haven site. Film: "Charles Town" (1941) — approximately 650 slides have been made from the original film, which is at the State Archives in Charleston. Photographs: approximately 200 of Julia Davis and her father, John W. Davis, when she was a child.
- Photographs: Goldsboro Collection — includes some unusual shots for the time period, consists of 400 to 500 photos (primarily of Shepherdstown from the Goldsboro Collection), industrial sites, candid photos taken by 10-year-old boy in Shepherdstown (ca. 1910s).
- Twenty oral histories (recorded, transcribed, and indexed) by William Theriault concerning Bakerton dating back to 1915. (Includes one with black man whose family lived in area since the limestone quarries opened.) Detailed chronological history of the county taken from primary sources (computerized). Total of 55 audio recordings. 12 maps. Electronic copies of newspaper articles and public records. See the *Bibliography* for listings of individual items.
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Library of Congress


Phone: (202) 707-5000

Individual holdings related to Jefferson County are extensive. Many of these are listed in the Bibliography CD. An Internet version of their public access catalog is available and will help you search quickly for relevant materials. The LC American Memory Project, also online, contains thousands of photographs, documents, and other research sources. Some of the following sources are online. (See the Library of Congress Home Page.)

The holdings at the Library of Congress include:

**Historic American Buildings Survey Records, 1933-1941, 1957-1978, 236 ft.** In part, transcripts (typewritten) and photocopies. Topics: Architecture. Historical and architectural information; 34,750 measured drawings; and 44,800 photos, relating to ca. 17,000 historic American buildings and sites. Includes data concerning the construction, maintenance, and alterations of these sites, and information relating to individuals connected with them. Also described in Catalog of the Measured Drawings and Photographs of the Historic American Buildings Survey in the Library of Congress (1941), Supplement (1959), and A Check List of Subjects, Additions to the Survey Material Deposited in the Library of Congress Since Publication of the HABS Supplement (1963). A publications list is available from the repository.

**Hotchkiss, Jedediah (1828-1899). Papers, 1835-1908, ca. 20,000 items.** Confederate Army officer, topographical and mining engineer and historian. Topics: Coal mines and mining; land. Correspondence, diaries (1845-1899), notebooks, subject files, writings, financial papers, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, and miscellaneous printed material, chiefly 1875-1898, relating principally to Hotchkiss' service with the Confederate Army as a topographical engineer in Virginia and his involvement with various land and mining schemes in West Virginia, especially Gauley Coal Company, Guyandot Coal Land Association, and North Flat-Top Association. Hotckiss' diaries and papers include information about his activities in Jefferson County during the Civil War. Portions of his Civil War Diaries have been published (see Bibliography).


**Stephen, Adam (ca. 1730-1791). Papers, 1749-1849, 125 items.** Army officer. Topics: Berkeley County, VA (now WV), Plantations. Personal and military correspondence, accounts, legal papers, survey reports, and plats, chiefly 1754-1777, relating to Stephen's military service in Virginia during the colonial period and with the 4th Virginia Regiment and the Continental Army during the Revolution and to the operation of his Berkeley County, VA (WV), plantation. Correspondents include Robert Dinwiddie, Francis Fauquier, Enoch Innis, Thomas Bryan Martin, William Maxwell, James Mercer, John Russell, Alex Stephen, Alexander Stuart, and George Washington. The repository also has microfilm (1 reel) of the collection.

**Broadsides.** Several broadsides relating to Jefferson County are listed in the Bibliography.
Library of Virginia
Address: 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219
Phone: (804) 692-3500

The Virginia State Library houses one of the largest collections of materials relating to ante-bellum Jefferson County. Segments of these collections have been microfilmed and are available at other institutions. In addition to the items described below, numerous documents from this source are listed in the Bibliography and Index of this volume.

Collections include:


Berry Family. Papers, 1803-1854, 52 items. The Reverend Robert T. Berry and his wife Anne Frame Berry, and her mother, Elizabeth Griggs, lived in Charles Town, WV. Topics: Family and personal papers. Correspondence, accounts, power of attorney, and other papers of the Berry family, of Georgetown, DC, and Jefferson County. Chief names represented are Mrs. Anne F. Berry, Rev. Robert T. Berry, and Mrs. Eliza M. Griggs, of Charles Town. Mrs. Griggs writes about the division of her slaves.

Brown, John. Papers. ca. 1859. Papers of John Brown and his associates, retrieved by authorities after Brown was captured at Harpers Ferry. Some of these materials were used as evidence at Brown's trial and then sent to Richmond for safe keeping. They were “lost” for almost 50 years and then rediscovered. Most of these papers have been reprinted in the Calendar of Virginia State Papers (q.v.).

Certificates for rewards for the arrest of criminals, 1859-1860. 4 items. Section 13, chapter 45 of the 1849 Code of Virginia allowed the payment of rewards for services rendered or expenses incurred in the arrest of criminals. The series consists of certificates authenticating the informer's right to a reward. One of the documented cases includes the capture of Edward Hazlet, alias William Harrison, a fugitive from the Harpers Ferry raid, captured in Carlisle, PA, by M. W. Hauser. Auditor of Public Accounts inventory entry no. 690. Forms part of the records of the Virginia Auditor of Public Accounts.


Hairston Family Bible Record, 1847-1984, 26 leaves. Includes Bible record (15 leaves, pp. 127-141) and a typed transcript (11 leaves, pp. 27-37). Areas covered are Henry County, VA, Price, NC, and Jefferson County, WV.

Hairston Family Bible record, 1878-1984. 14 leaves. Area covered is Jefferson County, West Virginia. These records are from the Bible of Peter Watkins Hairston of Rippon, Jefferson County, WV.

Hensell Family Bible record, 1747-1861. 5 leaves. Areas covered are Berkeley County and Jefferson County, WV. Other surnames mentioned: Coon, Folch, Hoke, James, Miller, and Powel.
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Records of ante-bellum southern plantations from the Revolution through the Civil War. Series F, part 3. Selections from the Manuscript Dept., Duke University / general editor, Kenneth M. Stampp, [1724-1952] [microform]. Published: Frederick, MD : University Publications of America, 1987. 45 reels. Contains a wide variety of records of families from the upper South, principally North Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland, describing farm and plantation management and operations. It documents day to day functions of these agricultural units as well as providing a rich insight into the social life, education, religious life, and family relationships of this portion of the South. There is also information on merchant, milling, and slave-trading operations. The families, whose papers are a part of this collection, also had property in other areas, especially Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Kentucky, and there is abundant information on agricultural practices and society in those states. The collection covers the colonial period, the Revolution, antebellum, Civil War, and postbellum periods. The papers are divided by state and then by individual or family. The Virginia section, comprised of 19 reels, contains papers of Battaille Muse.

Shaw, Charles B. Bath to Shepherdstown Turnpike field notes, 1836. 1 v. Charles Shaw's report to the Board of Public Works summarized findings based on field notes taken by Mr. Sinton, which estimate the degree of difficulty and the expected cost of the road from Bath to Shepherdstown, a distance of 32 1/2 miles. These records contain field notes for a survey of the route from Bath to Shepherdstown, directed by Charles B. Shaw, principal engineer. Board of Public Works inventory entry no. 437. Engineer's survey summary can be found in the Board of Public Works Annual Report for 1834/35, 1835/36, pages 415-416. Forms part of the records of the Virginia Board of Public Works. Agency record VASV89-A2 describes the Board of Public Works.

Slaughter, Smith. Document, 1 item, April 25, 1791. Bill of sale for a slave sold by this Berkeley County resident to James Graham.


Virginia. Board of Public Works. Berryville and Charlestown Turnpike Company records, 1847-1882. 6 in. An act to incorporate the Berryville and Charlestown Turnpike Company was approved by the General Assembly March 22, 1847, for the purpose of constructing a road from the town of Berryville in Clarke County, to the town of Charlestown in Jefferson County. Records consist of letters sent, a map (1849), reports, lists of stockholders, certificates of stock subscriptions, newspaper clippings, returns of tolls (1858-1861), security bonds, accounts, and receipts from 1847-1854, 1856-1863, 1865-1878, and 1882. Board of Public Works inventory entry no. 209. Forms part of the records of the Virginia Board of Public Works. Agency record VASV89-A2 describes the Board of Public Works.

Virginia. Board of Public Works. Crossroads and Summit Point Turnpike Company Records, 1855-1887. 40 items. An act of the General Assembly approved March 29, 1855, authorized formation of the Crossroads and Summit Point Turnpike Company to construct a road from a point of intersection on the Charlestown and Berryville Turnpike, at the crossroad leading to Summit Point, to Summit Point depot on the Winchester and Potomac Railroad. These records contain letters sent, reports, lists of
stockholders, and certificates of stock subscriptions covering the period 1855-1857, 1859, 1867-1869, 1872, 1876-1880, 1882, 1884, 1886-1887. Board of Public Works inventory entry no. 236.


Virginia. Board of Public Works. Middleway and Gerardstown Turnpike Company records, 1855-1858. 17 items. An act of the General Assembly passed February 18, 1854, approved incorporation of the Middleway and Gerardstown Turnpike Company to build a road from Middleway in Jefferson County by way of Bunker Hill and Gerardstown, to some point on Back Creek. Records contain letters sent, field notes (1856), 1 vol., reports, lists of stockholders, and certificates of stock subscriptions. Board of Public Works inventory entry no. 330. Forms part of the records of the Virginia Board of Public Works. Agency record VASV89-A2 describes the Board of Public Works.


Virginia. Board of Public Works. Virginia and Maryland Bridge Company records, 1849-1859. Board of Public Works Inventory entry no. 78. The company was incorporated by an act of assembly dated January 17, 1848. The bridge between Maryland and Harpers Ferry, VA, was completed in 1850. These records contain letters sent, contracts, reports, certificates of stock subscriptions, and lists of stockholders. Forms part of the records of the Virginia Board of Public Works. Agency record VASV89-A2 describes the Board of Public Works.

Watkins family Bible Record, 1782-1983. 5 leaves. Areas covered are Henry County and Roanoke, Virginia, and Jefferson County, West Virginia. Bible published in 1845. Other surnames mentioned: Hairston, Plummer, and Wilson. These records are from the Bible of Peter W. Watkins of Shawnee Plantation, Henry County, Virginia.
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Approximately 50 broadsides related to Jefferson County are found in the library’s collections. These are listed separately in the Bibliography.

The library includes legislative petitions to the Virginia Assembly made before June 20, 1863, personal property tax records for West Virginia counties (1782-1863), and birth and death records (1853-1863). All of these are available on microfilm at the West Virginia Archives.

Manassas National Battlefield Park Collections
Address: 12521 Lee Highway, Manassas, Virginia 20109-2005.
Phone: (703) 754-1861
fax: (703) 754-1107
Website: nps.gov/mana/index.htm

Collections include:
Gibbons, Simeon Buford (1833-1862). Civil War correspondence, 1861-1862, 47 items. Teacher, merchant, and colonel of the 10th Virginia Volunteer Infantry. Topics: Civil War, letters relating to West Virginia. Chiefly letters from Gibbons to his sister Louisa U. Gibbons and his father Samuel Gibbons, both of Rome, GA, relating to growing sentiments for secession in Virginia, Confederate military build-up in the Harpers Ferry area, the first Manassas battle, winter quarters in northern Virginia, and particularly the role of the 10th Virginia Volunteer Infantry.

Martinsburg - Berkeley County Public Library
Address: 101 West King Street, Martinsburg, WV 25401.
Phone: (304) 267-8933
fax: (304) 267-9720
Online catalog at tlc.library.net/martinsburg/default.asp
The library has a genealogy and local history room and an online public access catalog.

Collection includes:

2nd Virginia Infantry (Virginia Regimental Histories Series). West Virginians in the American Revolution. West Virginia Revolutionary Ancestors (whose services were non-military). The Soldierly of West Virginia: the French & Indian War, Lord Dunmore's War, the Revolution, the later Indian wars.

Sims' index to land grants in West Virginia. Calendar and index to recorded survey plats in Jefferson County, West Virginia. Abstracts of Virginia's northern Neck warrants and surveys - volumes include Hampshire and Berkeley County, 1697 - 1784, and Frederick County, 1747 - 1780. The personal property tax lists for the year 1787 for Berkeley County; for Frederick County and Winchester town. Virginia taxpayers, 1782 - 1787. Reconstructed census, 1774 - 1810: Berkeley County, Virginia.


Maryland Historical Society Library
Address: 201 West Monument Street; Baltimore, MD 21201.
Phone: (410) 685-3750
fax: (410) 385-2105
Email: library@mdhs.org

Collection includes:
An online finding aid to the manuscript collection is available at www.mdhs.org. The online index to prints and photographs is also available from this site. (Several Jefferson County images are listed.) For other guides to the manuscript collection see Avril J. M. Pedley (comp.), The Manuscript Collections of the Maryland Historical Society (Baltimore, 1968); and Richard Cox and Larry E. Sullivan (eds.), Guide to the Research Collection of the Maryland Historical Society (Baltimore, 1981).


Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. Papers. Chiefly letters of the presidents of the B & O Railroad from 1827 to 1866. Includes material on the role of the railroad in the Civil War with references to Harpers Ferry and Martinsburg.

Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company Records, Ms. 1816. Eighteen bound volumes of letterbooks, 1859-1867, each indexed by addressee, of the outgoing correspondence from the office of the president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, written by or for President John W. Garrett (1820-84) to political and military leaders, officials of other railroad companies, and Baltimore and Ohio officials and departments: daily operational and managerial concerns of the railroad through the Civil War years with comments on John Brown's raid at Harper's Ferry, Virginia.

Blackford, Grove, and Mayer family papers, 1767-1984. ca. 200 items. Residents of Washington County, MD. Chiefly genealogical data compiled by Pauline Blackford; together with correspondence of William Blackford (d. 1922) and other family members, and deeds and other records (in part, transcripts) for property in Sharpsburg, MD, Shepherdstown, WV, and along the Potomac River. Includes material relating to the Franklin, Rohrer, Van Swearingen, and other families.

Blackford Diary, Ms.1087. Diary covers 1829-1831. Writer, John Blackford, seems to have been a prosperous farmer, storekeeper, and ferry owner. He notes the names of those using the ferry and discusses the day's events -- lumbering, hemp-making, selling of wheat, breeding of horses, and amount of money lent and owed. Blackford resided at Hagerstown, Maryland. Information may be pertinent to the Blackford family in Jefferson County.


Dorsey, Richard, Papers, Ms. 1653. 9 boxes, 1799-1848. Business and personal papers of Richard Dorsey (1780-1850), Baltimore merchant: correspondence on tobacco, corn, fish and flour includes Thomas Hammond of Shepherdstown, Virginia.

Gilmor, Harry, Manuscript, Ms. 2248.2. Manuscript copy (not in Gilmor's handwriting) of the first section of Harry Gilmor's (1838-83) Four Years in the Saddle (New York: Harper and Brothers, 1866) about his career in the Confederate army during the Civil War.
Gilmor, Harry, Papers, Ms.1287.  (10 pp.)  75 items, 1862-1865.  Civil War correspondence of Colonel Harry Gilmor, Confederate raider and officer in the southern army, 1862-1865.  Includes both family and military items.  Letter from Gilmor to Captain G. W. Booth of Johnson's Cavalry Brigade, giving an account of Gilmor's destruction of railroads, etc.

Gilmor, Harry, Papers, Ms.1288.  50 items, 1865-1883.  Letters and resolutions dealing with Colonel Harry Gilmor's last illness and his affairs after his death.  Letter from Gilmor to Hoffman Gilmor, May 23, 1865, while a prisoner at Fort Warren.  Miscellaneous papers concerning his book, *Four Years in the Saddle*.

Gilmor, Harry, Scrapbook, Ms.385.  1 vol., c. 1883.  Collection of newspaper clippings relating to the career and death of Colonel Harry Gilmor, Confederate officer, and to other members of the Gilmor family.  Included are two MS. letters – one introducing Hoffman Gilmor to the Duke of Granada, and the other from Mr. Gilmor to the Duke, enclosing it, n. d.

Hamilton Papers, Ms.1301.  40 items, 1760-1800.  Letters from James Lawson of Glasgow to Alexander Hamilton, merchant of Port Tobacco and Piscataway, MD, 1760-1770, and from Hamilton to Robert Ferguson at Port Tobacco, 1785-1798.  Hamilton was part owner of Keep Triste Furnace in present day Jefferson County.  Deals with tobacco trade, troubles over notes drawn in excess of proceeds, and local business affairs.  List of bonds, notes, and other papers belonging to the store of John Glassford, May 24, 1785.  Also letters from Governor William Smallwood to Robert Ferguson.

Harris, James Morrison (1817-1898) Papers, Ms. 2739.  Includes references to “Elk Lawn” in Jefferson County, VA.


Kennedy Papers, Ms.1336.  35 items, 1763-1856.  Miscellaneous group of letters to and papers collected by John Pendleton Kennedy (1795-1870).  Included are letters from Edmund Pendleton to James Madison, April 21, 1790, relating his memories of the reception of the Stamp Act in Virginia; John Adams to William Wirt, 1818, on men of the Revolutionary period; Henry C. Carey to John P. Kennedy, December 8, 1834, concerning Edgar Allan Poe's early work; poem, “The Wants Of Man,” by John Quincy Adams to Kennedy, August 21, 1841; N. P. Willis, "Letter no. XIV," from Martinique, April, 1852 (10 pp.); MS. leaf from John Marshall's *Life of Washington*.  Other correspondents include Andrew Jackson Donelson, Millard Fillmore, Sam Houston, James Monroe, and St. George Tucker.

Miscellaneous State, county and local records and papers, 1651-1951, ca. 7 ft., 29 items, 7 v., 4 boxes, 10 packages, 2 bundles, and 1 folder.  Includes a list of fines and forfeitures for Washington County, MD.  For much of its history, Jefferson County's business, family, and social relationships spanned the Potomac River and included Washington and Frederick Counties, Maryland.

Jefferson County photographs in the collection include:

- Baltimore and Ohio Railroad - artists’ excursion - Bollman Bridge (Harpers Ferry, WV), 1857. (Z24.29.VF)
- Baltimore and Ohio Railroad - artists’ excursion - Bollman Truss Bridge (Harpers Ferry, WV). (Z24.32.VF)
- Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Artists’ Excursion - Harper’s Ferry - "Water Landscape." (Z24.1841)
- Artists’ Excursion-- Harper’s Ferry, Virginia (railroads, bridges). (Z24.484)
- B and O Railroad views Harpers Ferry Salt Print. (Z24.1500)
- B and O Railroad views Artists’ Excursion, Harpers Ferry. (Z24.1525)
- Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Artists’ Excursion - Harper’s Ferry, Landscape. (Z24.1842)
- Artists’ Excursion - Harper’s Ferry - Landscape with Train. (Z24.1843)
- Harper’s Ferry, WV, view. (Z24.490)
- Large photograph, Harpers Ferry, ca. 1930 accession number 71365. (Z24.1506)

Maryland State Archives

Address: 350 Rowe Boulevard, Annapolis, MD 21401
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fax: (410) 974-2525
Email: ref@mdarchives.state.md.us
Website: mdsa.net

Collection includes:
Records for Maryland Counties. Frederick and Washington Counties and their antecedents, separated from Jefferson County by the Potomac River, are important sources of information about Jefferson County history. See Chapter 3 Public Records, for a detailed list of records for these counties.

Also includes the Potomac Home Brigade Collection which contains the following Civil War material dealing with Jefferson County, WV:

- MS 35-30-18 Orders, Gen. Abercrombie, (1st Brigade, 1862), Shenandoah City, VA, Desires Col. Maulsby to supply his company from the Commissary Depot at Harpers Ferry. March 1, 1862.
- MS 35-30-20 Orders, Gen. Nathan Banks, (Gen. Banks Division), Charlestown, VA, Colonel Maulsby must set up pickets at Harpers Ferry to prevent any possible attempts by the enemy to cross it. Signed by F. J. Hauteville. March 2, 1862.
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MS 35-30-21 Orders and Official Business, Col. William Pinkney Maulsby, 1st MD Regiment Potomac Home Brigade, Camp Maulsby, Details companies for guard duty along the Railroad from Winchester to Harpers Ferry. Signed by March 14, 1862.


MS 35-30-21 Orders and Official Business, Col. William Pinkney Maulsby, 1st MD Regiment Potomac Home Brigade, Berlin, Major John A. Steiner orders Capt. William H.H. Yontz to have his command and all equipment at Headquarters tomorrow at 8 a.m. when they will move to Harpers Ferry March 4, 1862.

MS 35-30-21 Orders and Official Business, Col. William Pinkney Maulsby, 1st MD Regiment Potomac Home Brigade, Bolivar, Major John A. Steiner orders Captains of Companies D, E, H and I to ready their commands for immediate march to Sandy Hook, thence to guard Potomac River from Knoxville to Noland Ferry March 6, 1862.


MS 35-30-22 Orders and Official Business, Colonel L. Miles, Railroad Brigade, Harpers Ferry, VA, Special Order. Orders Colonel Maulsby to move his soldiers to better protect the roads, bridges, and railroads. Signed by L. April 7, 1862.

MS 35-30-22 Orders and Official Business, Colonel L. Miles, Railroad Brigade, Harpers Ferry, VA, Special Order No. 48. Gangs of horse thieves are in the area. All persons who cannot account for being in the area will be seized. Some have forged passes.

MS 35-30-22 Orders and Official Business, Colonel L. Miles, Railroad Brigade, Harpers Ferry, VA, Special Order. Orders Colonel Maulsby to march to Winchester and report to Colonel Lewis for duty. Signed by L. Miles, Commander. April 3, 1862.

MS 35-30-22 Orders and Official Business, Colonel L. Miles, Railroad Brigade, Harpers Ferry, VA, General Order No. 22. Concerns the movement of troops along the Railroad and the Canal. Signed by L. Miles, Commander. April 10, 1862.


MS 35-30-22 Orders and Official Business, Colonel L. Miles, Railroad Brigade, Harpers Ferry, VA, General Order No. 23. The signing of R.R. passes has been abused. Headquarters orders that all passes be signed
on the back, as well as the purpose, of the pass. Signed by Lt. Henry M. Binney, Acting Asst. Adj. Gen. n.d.


MS 35-30-22 Orders and Official Business, Colonel L. Miles, Railroad Brigade, Relay House, General Order No. 27. Headquarters of the Brigade will be established at Harpers Ferry. The staff of the Brigade is listed. Also, arrangements are being made to transport Colonel Miles' horse to the Ferry. Signed by Lt. H.A. May 11, 1862.

MS 35-30-22 Orders and Official Business, Colonel L. Miles, Railroad Brigade, Harpers Ferry, VA, Special Order No. 23. Colonel Maulsby is ordered to station his troops between the east side of the Harpers Ferry Bridge and Marriottsville, along the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at specific points. Signed by Lt. H.M. Binney, April 11, 1862.

MS 35-30-20 Orders, Gen. Nathan Banks, (Gen. Banks Division), Charlestown, VA, Colonel Maulsby must set up pickets at Harpers Ferry to prevent any possible attempts by the enemy to cross it. Signed by F. J. Hauteville. March 2, 1862.


The institution's photograph collection (partly online) includes several photographs of the Potomac River bridge at Shepherdstown taken by E.M. Recher before 1887 (accession nos. SC 1477-1-4822 and SC 1477-1-4792) and an anonymous view of the C & O Canal (possibly between Shepherdstown and Harpers Ferry (accession no. S 1491-2).

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Collection includes:

Hughes, Charles W. 1862. The letter (November 1862) briefly describes the First Minnesota Infantry's march from Harper's Ferry to Warington, Virginia, during the Civil War, and mentions the removal of General George B. McClellan as commander of the Army of the Potomac.

Marty, Adam, 1837-1923. Adam Marty correspondence, 1861-1919 (bulk 1861-1863). 1 folder. Originals and typescript copies of correspondence (1861-1863, 1918-1919) of a member of Company B, 1st Regiment of Minnesota Infantry, during the Civil War. Seven letters to a friend, Henry A. Jackman of
Stillwater (MN), describe the regiment's activity and movements (November 1861-April 1862). Includes discussion of John Brown.


Mississippi Department of Archives and History
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Collections include:

Missouri Historical Society Collections
Address: 1020 Lowry Street, Columbia, MO 65201.
Phone: (573) 882-7083
fax: (573) 884-4950

Collection includes:

Hall, Willard Preble (1820-1882). Papers, 1841-1869, ca. 40 items. Lawyer, soldier, and Provisional Governor of Missouri. Topics: Letters received in West Virginia. Family correspondence of Hall and Anne, George H. Hall, Mary Hall, Statira Hall, and William Hall, relating to pioneer life in Randolph and Howard counties, MO, politics, social conditions, farming, railroads, law practice, and the development of St. Joseph, MO. The letters are chiefly addressed to Dr. Nicholas Marmion and Lydia (Hall) Marmion, of Harpers Ferry, Jefferson County, VA (now WV).
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National Archives Library
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The National Archives maintains the records of the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of the Federal government, including millions of documents in paper, film, and electronic format. These documents are preserved in 27 archival repositories and Presidential libraries managed by the National Archives and Records Administration at sites across the country. The main repositories are in Washington, DC, and College Park, Maryland.

The National Archives and Records Administration publishes the Guide to Federal Records in the National Archives of the United States (1995). This work is available in hard cover and has been duplicated in electronic format for access via the Internet at http://clio.nara.gov:70/inform/guide. Other catalogs, guides, inventories, leaflets, and papers available to assist users of the National Archives are identified in the Select List of Publications of the National Archives and Records Administration (GIL 3).

The National Archives arranges its holdings according to the agency that created or maintained them in the form of numbered record groups, with each record group representing the records of a major government entity, usually a bureau or an independent agency. Within a record group, the records of a government agency are organized into series — a set of documents arranged according to the creating office's filing system.

Many locally generated materials are maintained within the Regional Archives System. The National Archives-Mid Atlantic Region includes Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. Its address is: 900 Market Street, Room 1350, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Telephone: 215-597-3000 Fax: 215-597-2303.

A selective list of record group numbers and names follows, with notations on areas potentially relevant to Jefferson County research. (Information has been extracted from the Guide to Federal Records in the National Archives of the United States.)


15. Records of the Veterans Administration [Va] (Record Group 15) 1773-1976. Predecessor Agencies: Military Bounty Lands and Pension Branch, War Department (ca. 1810-15); Pension Bureau, War Department (1815-33); Office of Commissioner of Pensions, War Department (1833-49); Bureau of Pensions, Department of the Interior (1849-1930); Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Treasury Department (1914-21); Rehabilitation Division, Federal Board for Vocational Education (1918-21); Veterans Bureau (1921); U.S. Veterans Bureau (1921-30); National Asylum for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers of the United States (1866-73); National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers (1873-1930); Office of the Surgeon General, War Department (Supplying of Artificial Limbs and Other Devices Only, 1862-1930). 15.2.1 General Records. Includes Letters Sent Relating to Pensioners of Early Wars, 1881-1886. Registers of Appeals, 1867-1920 (with gaps). Index (31 Vols.) To Civil War Hospital Records Prepared by the Surgeon General's Office, 1882. Guide to Civil War Hospitals, 1888. Miscellaneous Hospital Registers (2 Vols.), 1861-63. Records Relating to State Soldiers' Homes, 1913-1922, and to Confederate Homes, 1919, 1927. 15.7 Records Relating to Pension and Bounty-land Claims 1773-1942. 15.7.1
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Correspondence. 15.7.2 Pension and Bounty Land Application Files Based upon Service Prior to the Civil War. 15.7.3 Pension Application Files Based upon Service in the Civil War and Spanish-American War ("Civil War and Later"). 15.7.4 Other Pension and Bounty Land Records


27. Records of the Weather Bureau (Record Group 27) 1735-1979. 27.2 Meteorological Records of the Surgeon General's Office 1819-1916. From 1814 to 1870, Army Hospital, Post, and Regimental Surgeons were directed to keep diaries of the weather.


69. Records of the Work Projects Administration (WPA) (Record Group 69) 1922-44. 69.2.2 Field Office Records. 69.5 Records of WPA Projects 1934-43. 69.5.1 Administrative Records of Federal Project No. 1. Federal Arts Program Approved as WPA-sponsored Federal Project No. 1 on September 12, 1935, to Provide Employment for Qualified Artists, Musicians, Actors, and Authors. Consisted of the Federal Art, Music, Theatre, and Writers' Projects; and until October 1936, the Historical Records Survey. 69.5.5 Records of the Federal Writers' Project (FWP). Organized in 1935 to give employment to writers, editors, historians, researchers, art critics, archaeologists, geologists, and map draftsmen. Includes photographs of the scenic, historical, cultural, and economic aspects of each state. 69.5.6 Records of the Historical Records Survey (HRS). Organized in 1935 as Part of the Federal Writers' Project, to Document Resources for Research in U.S. History.

79. Records of the National Park Service (NPS) 1785-1990. 79.6 Records of Regional Offices 1797-1988. On March 16, 1970, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, WV, Became a Separate Administrative Unit, under Director, Harpers Ferry Center. 79.6.6 Records of the National Capital Region. Includes Maps of Harpers Ferry Historical Park, WV.

93. War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records 1709-1915. 93.2.2 State Records. Photographic Copies, 1914-1915, of Records (ca. 1775-1783) in the Custody of Virginia with Indexes,
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Consisting of Minutes of Boards, Including Boards of War; Reports and Letters Sent and Received by State Boards of War, Governors, and Military Officers; Court Records; Prize Vessel Accounts; Rolls and Returns; and Receipts for Money and Stores.


366. Records of Civil War Special Agencies of the Treasury Department 1861-1868. Supervised trade and commerce in areas of the Confederacy occupied by U.S. forces. Under Acts of July 17, 1862 (12 Stat. 589), March 2, 1863 (12 Stat. 820), and July 2, 1864 (13 Stat. 375), received and collected, abandoned, captured, and confiscable property. Under Treasury Department Regulations of July 29, 1864, established "Freedmen's Home Colonies" to provide employment and welfare assistance to freed slaves.

393. Records of United States Army Continental Commands, 1821-1920 1817-1940. 393.4 Records of Named Departments 1821-1920. Department of West Virginia, 1863-1865, and subordinate or related commands, including Defenses and Military District of Harpers Ferry, 1864-1865. 393.6 Records of Subdistricts 1862-1920. Letters sent and received, with Registers and Indexes; Endorsements; Telegrams; Issuances; Reports; Returns; Records of Staff Officers; Field Records; and Other Records of the Subdistricts of Harpers Ferry, 1864-1865. 393.7 Records of Posts 1820-1940. Harpers Ferry, WV, 1864-1866. 393.8 Records of Armies 1832-1865. Defenses of Harpers Ferry, WV (Pleasant Valley, MD), 1862. 393.13 Records of Miscellaneous Civil War Installations 1861-1869. 393.13.7 Records of defenses. Letters and telegrams sent; letters received, with registers; general and special orders; registers of courts-martial; records of staff officers, and other records of the defenses of Harpers Ferry, consisting of garrison at Pleasant Valley, MD, 1862; Defenses and Military District of Harpers Ferry, 1864-1865.


Topics of local interest include:

Civil War. Adjutant General's Office. 94.2.5, 94.12, 94.13, battle lists 94.12.5; muster rolls, returns 94.2.2; unit histories 94.2.4, 94.12.1. Army commands 393, corps 393.9, miscellaneous installations 393.13, Provost Marshal field organizations 393.12, artworks 15.2.1, 165.21, claims 6.4, 123.5, commercial trade 56.5, 56.16, 366.

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Collection includes:
Homans family. Homans family correspondence, 1850-1938, bulk (1862-1864). 1.5 linear feet (3 boxes). Edward (Ned) Cranch Homans (1843-1894), stock broker and founder of Homans & Company, married Catherine Frances (Fannie or Frankie) Eells (1845-__) in 1864. Bulk of the correspondence, 1862-1864, is made up of letters from Ned Homans to Fannie Eells during their courtship and engagement. Letters include descriptions of camp life at Harper's Ferry, where he was stationed in 1862.
Ohio Historical Society

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Website at: www.ohiohistory.org

The collections include:

Brown, John  (1821-1895). Papers, 1830-1932, 382 items. Farmer, and soldier, son of John Brown, the abolitionist. Topics: John Brown's Raid. Correspondence, diaries (1858 and 1861), notes, newspaper clippings, and other papers. Subjects mentioned include the raid on Harpers Ferry, Jefferson County (1859), farming in Ohio, sheep raising, tanning, phrenology, and spiritualism. Many of the letters are addressed to Brown's wife, Wealthy C. Hotchkiss. A letter book (1847-1849) of the firm of Perkins & Brown, wool dealers of Springfield, MA, contains 632 letters of John Brown, Sr. Other correspondents include Brown's grandfather, Owen Brown, his stepmother, Mary Ann Day Brown, his brothers, Jason Brown, Owen Brown, Salmon Brown, and Frederick Brown, his sisters, Ruth Brown Thompson, Ellen Brown Fablinger, and Annie Brown Adams, his mother-in-law, Maria P. Hotchkiss Wellman, his son-in-law, T. B. Alexander, other members of the Brown family, his school friend, George B. Delamater, fugitive slave Thomas Thomas, Orson S. Fowler, Franklin B. Sanborn, Nelson Sizer, Samuel Roberts Wells, and Jarvis J. Jefferson (regarding the remains of Watson Brown, who was killed at Harpers Ferry, Jefferson County). Inventory and calendar published in 1962 by the Ohio Historical Society.


Old Charles Town Library

Address: 200 E. Washington Street; Charles Town, WV 25414.
Phone: (304) 725-2208

The collection includes:
The Library houses a significant portion of T.T. Perry's collection of books on local and regional history plus other works on Jefferson County. Personal papers, photographs, ledgers, scrapbooks, and other unpublished materials are also located there. These items may not be checked out. See the Bibliography for a listing of specific holdings.
The Rumseian Society, Inc.
**Address:** Historian and Secretary: Nick Blanton. P.O. Box 1787; Shepherdstown, WV 25443.
**Phone:** (304) 876-6907; (304) 263-2531.

**Collection includes:**
Copies of primary sources relevant to James Rumsey (mostly from 1782 to 1792). Copies of Rumsey's patents, letters, *Treatise on Steam*, presentations to the American Philosophical Society, genealogical records; correspondence of friends and relatives after Rumsey's death; reproduction of the 1787 steamboat and information on how it performs. Secondary works on Rumsey include Ella Mae Turner's *James Rumsey: Steamboat Pioneer* and Jeanne Mozier's bibliography, compiled in 1985. (Mozier's address: Route 3, Box 191, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411.)

Seymour Center, Archives Section, Middle Atlantic Regional Gospel Ministries, Inc.
**Address:** Rev. Dr. E. Myron Noble, Director, P.O. Box 621, Washington, DC 20005.
**Phone:** 202-265-7609

**Collection includes:**
Taylor, Evelyn M. E., 1948-, collector. African-American Holiness Pentecostal collection, 1929-[ongoing]. 3.5 linear ft. In part, photocopies and transcripts (typewritten). Correspondence, church histories, reports, oral history interviews, programs, biographies, accounts of mission activities, clippings, fliers, hymnals, and other papers, reflecting the history of the Holiness-Pentecostal Project in Charles Town, WV, and Landover, MD, beginning with the founding of the House of Prayer, an early black Holiness-Pentecostal church serving Jefferson County and West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle in the late-1920s; and African American Pentecostalism throughout the United States. Sources of materials include Bishop James Patrick Simms, Elder Robert E. Taylor, Sr., and Mrs. Lillian Christian.

Shepherd College Library
**Address:** Shepherd College, Scarborough Library. Shepherdstown, WV 25443-1586
**Phone:** (304) 876-5312 FAX (304) 876-0731

**Collection includes:**
Primary and secondary sources relating to history of Shepherd College and local history. Includes an extensive collection of works on West Virginia. Some photographs and lithographs/prints. Microfilm collection includes materials from the Perry Collection in the Virginia State Library, Civil War service records, census records, and newspapers. Includes the *Explorer Jefferson County History* CD. Holdings related to local history are noted in detail in the CD *Bibliography*.

This is one of the main resources in Jefferson County for research on local history. The online catalog also contains links to collections at other libraries in the state, including West Virginia University.
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Shepherdstown Public Library
Address: German and King Streets. P.O. Box 278. Shepherdstown WV 25443.
Phone: (304) 876-2783.
fax: (304) 876-6213.
Website: www.lib.shepherdstown.wv.us
Includes online catalog.

The library has a small reference collection of works by local authors or on local history. Specific works are listed on the Bibliography CD. Includes the Explorer Jefferson County History CD.

The Southern Historical Collection, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
Wilson Library
Address: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 27514
Phone: (919) 933-1345
Website: www.lib.unc.edu

The collection includes:

Bills, John Houston. Papers, 1842 - 1878, 27 vols. and 6 papers. Diary, 1843 - 1871, and other papers of Tennessee businessman and railroad director John Houston Bills, including details of visits to the springs of present-day West Virginia.


Hamilton, Joseph D. Papers, 1775 - 1929, 373 items. Collection includes the papers of Hamilton's wife's father, Abraham Morgan of Jefferson County, and Russellville, KY.

MacOughtry, William O. Diaries, 1798 - 1878, 3 vols. Physician, of Jefferson County, WV. Topics: Business, industries, and trades, merchants; medical affairs, physicians' papers. Diary (1869-1878), recording MacOughtry's medical practice and family and neighborhood activities, written in account books of merchandising businesses in Georgetown, DC, and Bladensburg, MD (1798-1803), Jefferson County (1803-1811, 1851-1860), and Martinsburg (now WV) (1843-1846).

Jones, Thomas. Papers, 1849, 1857, 2 items. One letter from Jefferson County resident, 1849, concerning the Jones family and one letter from Jones' uncle in Missouri, 1857, concerning frontier conditions.


Van Vleck, Arthur L. Diary, 1862 - 1863, 1 vol. (ms copy). Diary of Ohio Union soldier during the Civil War, mostly concerning religion, stationed around Harpers Ferry.

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**State Historical Society of Wisconsin**

**Address:** 816 State Street; Madison, WI 53706.

**Phone:** (608) 264-6460

**Website:** [www.shsw.wisc.edu/archives](http://www.shsw.wisc.edu/archives)

**Online catalog:** (ArCat)

The Draper Collection housed at this location includes numerous 18th century items relating to present-day Jefferson County. Much of the collection has been microfilmed and is available at other repositories.

Materials include:

**Bridgeman, Edward Payson (1834-    ).** Papers, 1833-1937. Concerned mainly with Bridgeman’s reminiscences of life in Kansas in 1856, recollections of John Brown, and his service with the 37th Massachusetts Infantry during the Civil War.


**Shepherd, David (1734-1795).** Papers, 5 vols. Shepherdstown was named after the Shepherd family. About 1774, David Shepherd moved west and purchased the property of Silas Zane at the forks of Wheeling Creek. In 1777, he commanded Fort Henry during the siege. He led an Ohio County regiment on Brodhead's campaign (1781) and served in the Virginia legislature. Most of the papers are business and military related. Volume 1 (1755-1780) contains land claims and receipts; papers of Shepherd's son-in-law Francis Duke, who was killed at the first siege of Wheeling (1777); letters from his brother Abraham Shepherd after release from imprisonment in the Eastern army. Volume 2 (1781-1790) relates to military matters and contains orders and letters from Abraham Shepherd; papers on a land contest of the Hite heirs with the Fairfax estate. Volume 3 (1791-1794) relates chiefly to Indian difficulties and contains letters from Alexander White and from Henry Bedinger and George Washington concerning land on Round Bottom; and contains a plat of Shepherd's lands. Volume 4 consists of a book in which Shepherd entered pay and muster rolls for the Brohead Coshocton expedition of 1781 for the companies of Joseph Ogle, Captain Royes, Jacob Lefler, and William Crawford, with a lists of losses from the campaign; the book was later used as an account book (1801-1804) for the milling business of Moses Shepherd. Volume 5 consists of a memorandum book for military matters (1779-1790).

**Virginia Manuscripts, 14 vols.** This series was collected by Draper while contemplating a reprint of Doddridge's *Notes on the Settlement and Indian Wars of the Western Parts of Virginia and Pennsylvania, 1763-83*, containing material on early border history in the Valley of Virginia, the Greenbrier settlements, and the upper Ohio River and its southern tributaries. Volume 6 includes letters of David Shepherd, John Vanmeter, and Daniel McFarland (1777) on Foreman's Defeat. There are also a series of pension statements. Volume 7 contains proposals to form a steamboat company (1788) for James Rumsey.
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Syracuse University Library. George Arents Research Library for Special Collections. Manuscript Collection.
Address: Bird Library, Room 600, Syracuse, NY 13244-2010.
Phone: (315) 443-4083
Website: www.syr.edu
Online catalog: SUMMIT

Collection includes:
Administrative and financial records (including journals and ledgers) as well as records from approximately 230 predecessor and subsidiary companies, including some non-railroad businesses.
Brown, John (1821-1895). Collection (1849-1895). Son of John Brown, who led the raid on Harpers Ferry. Diary/account books (1856-1895) and letters of his father (John Brown, 1800-1859) to family members.

Tennessee State Library and Archives
Address: 403 Seventh Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37243-0312.
Phone: (615) 741-2764
Website: www.state.tn.us/sos/statelib/tslahome

Collection includes:
Tompkins, Catherine (Sarver) (1883-1968), collector, Genealogical collection, ca. 1700-1968, ca. 400 items.
Includes sketches of Jefferson County, WV.

United States Army Military History Institute.
Address: 22 Ashburn Drive, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013.
Phone: (717) 245-3611.
Website: carlisle-www.army.mil/usamhi
Includes online catalog

This source has copies of numerous regimental histories, many of them recounting experiences in Jefferson County. The collection includes: Ronald Boyer's Collection of Civil War papers, 1862-1865, 1920, 1 box. John S. Miles Papers, 1861-1865, 7 items (Union soldier). Thomas D. Moore Correspondence, 1862-1863, 1 box (Union soldier). See Chapter 17 for more information on the Civil War, diaries, and regimental histories.

Resources include:
William Homan Papers. 1862-1863. 125th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment. Corporal's Diary (August 9, 1862 - January 3, 1863), includes occupation duty at Harpers Ferry.
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University of Georgia Library, Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Address: S. Jackson, St., Athens, GA 30602.
Phone: (706) 542-7123
fax: (706) 542-4144
Website: www.libs.uga.edu/hargrett

Collection includes:
Mangham family. Mangham family papers, 1849-1888. 25 linear ft. Willoughby Hill Mangham (1838-1893) soldier with Company I of the 11th Georgia Infantry Regiment. Of particular interest are letters written by Willoughby Hill Mangham while serving with Company I of the 11th Georgia Infantry Regiment to his father, John Grier Mangham. Written from Virginia, Mangham discusses the attack on Harper's Ferry and abolition.

University of Michigan, William L. Clements Library
Address: 909 S. University Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48109.
Phone: (734) 764-2347

Collections include:
Bechtel, Jacob. Papers, 1858-1862. 19 items. The collection consists of 19 letters from Jacob Bechtel, of Richmond, VA, to his brother, George, of Philadelphia. Jacob, a northerner by birth, had moved to Richmond early in the 1850's. Specific topics addressed include John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry.

Schoff, James S. (b. 1900), collector. Schoff Civil War collection, 1856-1869, 12 ft. Topics: 1st West Virginia Infantry. Several of the military units described spent some of their time in Jefferson County. Letters, diaries, reports, muster rolls, returns, and other papers, of soldiers and units in the Civil War. Battles represented prominently include both battles of Bull Run, Vicksburg campaign, and Sherman's campaigns of 1864.

University of Oklahoma, Western History Collections
Address: 630 Parrington Oval, Room 452, Norman, OK 73019.
Phone: (405) 325-4121 (reference)

Collection includes:
Miner, Frederick William. Papers, 1830-1947. 1 ft. Lawyer. Correspondence and legal documents. Subjects include John Brown’s raid at Harpers Ferry.
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University of Minnesota Libraries, Children's Research Collection
Address: 103 Walter Library, East bank, Minneapolis Campus, Minneapolis, MN 55455
Phone: (612) 624-4576

Collection includes:
Corrected typescript with front matter.  A biography of the controversial abolitionist who played a role in the northward movement of runaway slaves and led the raid on Harper's Ferry.  African-American author of children's and young adult books; best known for his "Town" series.

University of Virginia Library
Address: Alderman Library, Charlottesville, VA. University of Virginia; Alderman Library; Charlottesville, VA 22901.
Phone: (804) 924-3017

This is a major source of ante-bellum material related to Jefferson County.

Collection includes:
Baylor Family Papers.  Includes William P. Palmer's comments concerning John Brown's raid at Harper's Ferry and the preparations for his hanging (November 22 and December 1, 1859).


Broadside - 1830 [?]: Shenandoah Valley residents request authority from the Virginia General Assembly to construct railroad from Staunton to intersect the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal or the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in Jefferson County or Berkeley County.

Cabell-Ellet Papers.  ca. 4,100 items, ca. 1798-1955.  The papers of the Cabell family and Ellet family consist largely of family correspondence, financial and legal records, and journals.  Included in the collection is a letter that mentions tightened household security in Staunton, Virginia, after John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry and one that contains a description of the Battle of Antietam, the destruction of the Winchester and Potomac railroads, and a skirmish at Shepherdstown, January 9, 1863.

Child, Lydia Maria, Collection.  Ms [1861?].  A two-page manuscript entitled "The Rebel Faulkner" by Lydia Maria Child cites the arguments of Charles James Faulkner while a member of the Virginia Legislature, representing Berkeley County, Virginia, in the winter of 1831-1832 concerning the "baneful effects of slavery."  Lydia Maria Child was an avid supporter of John Brown.

Duval Family.  Papers of the Duval and Cooke families, 1799-1937, 65 items.  Personal and business correspondence of two Virginia families.  Includes letters of John Esten Cooke (1830-1886) and letters of Mariah Pendleton Randolph Duval, principal of St. Hilda's Hall, Charles Town, chiefly concerning a cemetery plot in Richmond, VA; and a ms. by Mrs. S. D. Duval, entitled, "What I Saw in the Spring of 1864 in Lower Virginia."
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Graham, Tate and related Families Papers. This material includes a letter from Charles Beverly Tate (June 1861) written from Harper's Ferry about elections in his company and adapting to life in the barracks. From Camp Stevens, Berkeley County, he described the burning of the Potomac Bridge and public buildings which had been ordered by Joseph E. Johnston as the Confederates evacuated Harper's Ferry.


Marshall, Henry. Diary and extracts of Henry Marshall [manuscript], 1824. 2 items (41 leaves and 3 p.). In his account, Marshall describes his experiences while hiking from Philadelphia to his home in Society Hill, South Carolina. Includes description of Harpers Ferry. Accession #9655.

Nourse Family Papers. Personal, business, and official correspondence, account books and commonplace books of the Nourse family of Weston, Herefordshire, England; Berkeley County, Virginia; Washington, DC; and of Weston, Fauquier County, Virginia; and of their relatives, the Bull family of Berkeley County and the Morris family of Philadelphia. James Nourse married Sarah Fouace in 1753 and moved to America with his wife and children in 1769. In 1770 they moved to the Piedmont plantation near Charlestown, where he was a farmer. His son Joseph Nourse was military secretary to General Charles Lee, Commander of the Southern Department of the American Army.

Pace, Robert S., Collection. This collection includes correspondence, papers, newspaper clippings, and other printed material, 1861-1980, pertaining to the Blair and Woodbury families. Montgomery Blair (1813-1883) gained prestige among anti-slavery people when he acted as counsel for the plaintiff in the
celebrated Dred Scott case; he helped secure a defense attorney for John Brown after the Harper's Ferry incident.

Page County Virginia Papers. This collection consists of items compiled by Virginia Strickler Milbourne, and includes the 1904-1906 issues of the "Baptist Outlook" of Charles Town (Jefferson County?).

Post Cards: of Virginia Scenes, 1905-1915. 31 items. Buildings or views include Winchester and Harpers Ferry, W. Va. Accession #10062.

Redman, William Henry, b. 1840. Papers of William Henry Redman [manuscript], 1859-1897 (bulk 1860-1868). 380 (ca.) items. Captain, Company C of the 12th Cavalry Regiment of the Illinois Volunteers. Include letters, 1862 Feb. - 1866 May, from William Henry Redman to members of the Redman family of Illinois, concerning camp life, descriptions of Virginia, the Shenandoah Valley campaign, 1862, at Harper's Ferry; Antietam and the Maryland Campaign, 1863. Also included are several pages of a diary he kept, chronicling the same events. Accession # 7415 and #7415-a.

Revolutionary War Guide. Fairfax Family Papers. 71 items, 1720-1844. Mainly bonds and deeds relating to the Fairfax estates in the Northern Neck, some of which show quitrents for Fairfax, Loudon, Culpeper, Prince William, Berkeley, and Hampshire Counties. Frederick Parish Episcopal Church Register microfilm, 1782-1821. A register of an Episcopal parish, kept by the Rev. Dr. Balman, with a handwritten history of the parish. Originally, the parish included all of Shenandoah and parts of Page, Warren, Clarke, Frederick, Jefferson, Berkeley, and Hampshire Counties. Miscellaneous Letters. 7 items, 1793-1945. Includes a letter, December 4, 1798, from Richard Henry Lee to Richard Anderson, a surveyor working on Revolutionary War claims in Jefferson County [WV], about some problems concerning land claims devised to his son, Cassin, by Arthur Lee. Rental Book for Estate of George William Fairfax. 1 item, ca. 1787-1793. A rental book for two Loudoun County plantations, Belvoir Plantation and Berkeley Plantation, kept by Bataille Muse, manager for Mrs. Sarah Fairfax, widow of George William Fairfax. There are notations by Wilson Miles Cary. Swearingen Family Papers. 54 items, 1694-1851. Land patents, surveys, legal papers, and letters of this Frederick County family. Included are three diaries of Thomas Swearingen of Berkeley County recording his experiences while serving with Colonel Charles Mynn Thruston's regiment in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Riley, James Whitcomb, Collection. Ms, 1 p. no date. Poem, "John Brown."

Shepherdstown, Virginia, Papers. Includes sermons, ledgers, personal and business correspondence, accounts, receipts, and diaries of James Markell (merchant, d. 1872), John T. Hargrave (Presbyterian circuit rider), the Swearingen family, Dr. John Briscoe (d. 1835), Dr. John Quigley (b. 1802), and Milton J. Brown. Quigley took over Briscoe's practice in 1835, and the records of both doctors include references to treating slaves. Milton J. Brown (constable at Shepherdstown) nine letters (1834-1838) discuss the advantages and attractions of the West (December 14, 1834) and collection of debts for others. John T. Hargrave (Presbyterian circuit rider, Shepherdstown). Accounts and receipts concerning slavery or African-Americans (tax receipts for 1836, 1837, 1839, and 1841); a reference to a "colored woman Peggy" (November 28, 1849); and the hire of Ben (1839). The work of John Hargrave and the condition of the church at Shepherdstown (1853?); sermons of John T. Hargrave. James Markell (merchant, Shepherdstown). From 1835 to 1836, Markell worked in Shepherdstown for John N. Lane and Willoughby L. Webb, who later became a partner in business with James Markell under the name Webb & Markell (ca. 1840-1848). They dissolved their partnership in 1848. Most of the correspondence after 1840 concerns business and financial matters. Correspondence includes the hiring of slaves, the possible purchase of a Negro woman from Hagerstown (1840); the sale of a woman and her children belonging to James Markell; the purchase of a slave (1841); and the sale or hire of
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estate slaves by R. B. Semple. Other topics include: the death of Joseph Van Swearingen (January 20, 1831); the outbreak of disease at Shepherdstown (1833); the marriage of James Markell to Elizabeth Swearingen (1839); and the insurance and arrangements for the Factory of Webb and Markell at Shepherdstown (1847-1853). Additional topics include the termination of the partnership between Webb and Markell (1848); the financial affairs of Alexander Robinson Boteler; permission for James Markell to use the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal's slip of land near Shepherdstown for a coal and lumberyard (1851); the decision of A. C. Heaton to leave the Presbyterian Church at Shepherdstown (1854). Other subjects include letters from James Markell's servant, Lydia Baker (1856, 1857); advice from Willoughby L. Webb to James Markell on re-entering the mercantile business (March 22, 1860); the effect of the threat of secession by the South on business; a reference to a recommendation supporting James Markell's application for a job with the Post Office; the wheat market (1861); and Markell's sale of his farm to pay his debts (1866). James Markell's family accounts and receipts pertaining to slavery or African-Americans include slave sales (1838); expenses incurred transporting Negroes of James H. Swearingen from Shepherdstown to Fort Osage, MO (1843); purchase of Gabriel (1843); tax bills (1833, 1845); slave hires (1851, 1857); an account of Thornton Smith (black) (1851); work done for the windmill of Daniel Markell, Sr. (1828); William Markell's militia fine, 55th Regiment (1830); work done on the Webb & Markell factory (1845); wheat receipts of A. R. Boteler (1846); the dissolution of Webb & Markell partnership (1848); the will of Daniel Markell written before setting off for California (1849); the beginning of the business of Kennedy, Markell & Company (1850); controversy with Price over the financial affairs of the factory (1852, 1853); and payments to agricultural workers (1853); death of James Markell (January 9, 1872); the loss of most of the property during the Civil War (December 21, 1873). Other families with correspondence or financial papers in the collection include: the Owen family, Dr. John Quigley, Mrs. Henry Baylor Reinhart, R.C. Ringgold and family, Kate H. Van Doren, and the estate papers of the Reverend William C. Walton, with the Rev. John T. Hargrave as the executor.

Stockton, Frank Richard, Collection. Frank, R. Stockton. Letter. Charles Town, West Virginia. To Clarke Davis (Philadelphia Ledger). October 25, 1900. Stockton was a novelist who lived for some time in Jefferson County. Stockton attempts to dispel rumors that he is physically ill and requests a few lines in the paper reporting that news of his illness is incorrect.

Strother, David Hunter, 1816-1888. Drawings, [manuscript], 1861 Jul 23 and 24. 3 art originals. All three are labeled "Camp at Harpers ferry." One may be of the artist. The other two are of Union soldiers at leisure. Accession #6491-a.


Stuart-Baldwin Papers. 1754-1921. Includes papers of the Stuart and Baldwin families, chiefly Archibald Stuart (1757-1832) and Alexander H. H. Stuart (1807-1891), of Staunton, Virginia. Alexander H. H. Stuart was a prominent member of the Virginia Whig Party, and there is material concerning the Whig Party and Virginia politics. Letters include: John S. Gallagher discussing the bestowal of advertising patronage by the federal government (July 19, 1851); the suitability of Shannondale for a military asylum (August 4, 1851); Andrew Hunter writing about the "Beeler Case" wishes to receive his administration fee now in Alexander H. H. Stuart's hands (November 27, 1851); and comments on his grief that Jefferson County has elected two Democrats to the Legislature, mentions other items about local Virginia politics, and the dissatisfaction of the voters at Harpers Ferry due to certain army regulations (1851). John Watt asks if Alexander H. H. Stuart will send him a copy of the appendix published in
connection with his report on John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry, containing extracts from the personal liberty bills passed by several of the Northern states (December 3, 1861).

Twentieth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Civil War Letters. Includes a letter, October 7, 1862, from Sergeant Merritt B. Woodruff of Watertown to "Dear Brother & Sister Len & Sarah" while stationed at Harper's Ferry, Virginia. Shortly thereafter the 20th Connecticut moved to Harpers Ferry and occupied Maryland Heights, the site where Confederate General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson's troops had been driven out by soldiers during the battle of Antietam (September 17, 1862) under the command of General Ambrose P. Burnside; Woodruff reported several dead bodies were "burned for they could not be moved enough to bury them" and that broken equipment littered the site.

Virginia Letters Collection. 440 items, 1776-1930. Included is an 1831 estate account of Lawrence Washington containing a list of slaves hired out.

Williams, George. Civil War Letters. While in Martinsburg, October 28, 1863, Williams reports the capture of Charles Town, West Virginia.

Virginia Historical Society Library
Address: The Virginia Historical Society. 428 North Boulevard. Richmond, VA 23220.
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 7311, Richmond, VA 23221-0311.
Phone: (804) 358-4901 Fax: (804) 355-2399

A major resource for Jefferson County materials.

Collections include:


Claiborne Family Papers, 1803-1954, 1,060 items. Topics: Merchants. Correspondence, diaries (1903-1923), accounts, wills, bonds, agreements, scrapbook, genealogical notes, and other papers of the Claiborne family. Includes correspondence and accounts of Henry Coalter Cabell, diaries of Catherine Hamilton (Cabell) Claiborne Cox, material concerning the imprisonment of John Brown at Harpers Ferry.

Conrad, Holmes Papers, 800 items, 1794-1959. Topics: Black History; John Brown. Personal, military, and genealogical correspondence and accounts of this Winchester lawyer and Confederate soldier. In the correspondence are agreements made by David Holmes Conrad concerning a slave and discussion of John Brown's raid at Harpers Ferry.

Faulkner Family Papers, 1737-1954, ca. 12,000 items. Residents of Martinsburg, Berkeley County. Topics: Merchants; family and personal papers; land records; legal affairs. Correspondence, financial records, mercantile, military, and land records, and papers of the estate of James Faulkner (1776-1817); together with papers of his son Charles James Faulkner (1806-1884), including correspondence, financial and land records, case files, suit papers, client files, and other papers relating to his activities in Virginia Legislature, U. S. Congress, West Virginia constitutional convention, Whig and Democratic parties, his legal career and his service as U. S. ambassador to France (1859-1861); papers of his grandsons, Charles
James Faulkner (1847-1929) and Elisha Boyd Faulkner (b. 1841) and his daughter-in-law, Mary Wagner Boyd Faulkner, and correspondence, financial records, legal records, and other papers, of her father, Elisha Boyd.

Hoof, James Lawrence. Diary, 1 item, 1855-1860, microfilm. Farm diary of agricultural operations in Jefferson County. Included are lists of slaves.

Lucas Family Papers, 1804-1913, 112 items. Residents of Jefferson County, VA and WV. Topics: Family and personal papers in the 19th-20th centuries. Correspondence, including that written while serving as U.S. Representative from Virginia; will and obituary, of William Lucas (1800-1877); together with letters (1844-1859) to his brother, Robert Lucas (1795-1880) and correspondence, poetry, and other papers of his children, William Lucas (1832-1862), Virginia Bedinger Lucas (1838-1865), and Daniel Bedinger Lucas (1836-1909), and his daughter-in-law, Evelina Tucker Brooke Lucas (1838-1928), as well as other family papers.

Broadside - 1861: Confederate election ticket notes Jefferson Davis for president and Alexander R. Boteler of Jefferson County for Congress.

Broadside - 1865: Item concerns boundary status of Berkeley County and Jefferson County in territory dispute between West Virginia and Virginia.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Library, Blacksburg Campus

Address: Blacksburg, Virginia 24061
Phone: (540) 231-6170
Online catalog (ADDISON) available.

Collection includes:

Lucas, Daniel Bedinger (1836-1909). Papers, 1812-1924. Ms95-012. Special Collections Department. 1.8 cu. ft. Contents include: scrapbooks, correspondence, poems, essays, newspapers, and other materials collected and created by Lucas, including several items created by his daughter, poet Virginia Lucas. Topics include: Lucas’s defense of John Yates Beall, the exploits of adventurer William Walker, the origin of General Robert E. Lee's horse Traveler; and West Virginia politics. An 1860 scrapbook includes several interesting pressed flower designs.

Contents relevant to Jefferson County include:


Box 4. Folder 4: n.d. – A notebook of poems written in manuscript by an unidentified person.

Nelson family. Papers, 1828-1883. 0.6 cubic ft. Residents of Clarke County, VA. Correspondence among family members, particularly between Adelaide Nelson and her daughter, Nannie Nelson, and Civil War letters from G. Washington "Wash" Nelson to Mollie Scollay, of Shepherdstown, VA (later WV), including letters written while he was a prisoner of war at Johnson Island, OH, Point Lookout, MD, and Fort Delaware, DE; together with muster rolls, including one of Capt. Hugh Nelson's Company D, 6th Virginia Cavalry, and other Civil War papers. Ms89-021.
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Washington and Lee University Library
Address: Lexington, VA. Washington and Lee University Library; Lexington, VA 24450.
Phone: (540) 463-8400

Collection includes:


West Virginia Regional Archives, West Virginia University
Address: Morgantown WV 26506-6069.
Phone: (304) 367-8358.
Online catalog available.
One of the largest collections of materials related to Jefferson County. The microfilm collection includes public records, newspapers, census materials, and private papers. The collection includes a substantial amount of material on West Virginia history.

Materials of interest to Jefferson County researchers include some records for Storer College, the papers of William L. Wilson, a Jefferson County native, and John W. Davis, a distinguished lawyer, diplomat, and presidential candidate whose in-laws (the McDonalds) belonged to a prominent Jefferson County family. Davis' daughter, Julia Davis, was an accomplished writer who spent much of her childhood and later years in Jefferson County.

The library also has a substantial collection of church histories.

Harold Forbes' West Virginia History, A Bibliography and Guide to Research, provides descriptions of the WVU collection. Researchers should consult the University's online catalog for a more detailed view of its collection.

Collection includes:


Berkeley County. Typescripts, 1735-1861, 1923-1924. No. 100. Typed miscellaneous materials on Berkeley County from 1735 to 1861, including information on the location of Revolutionary soldiers' graves.
Snodgrass' Tavern, excerpts from early colonial record books, a bibliography on Berkeley County in the colonial and revolutionary periods, lineage of Colonel George Taylor, and pioneer industries. Includes correspondence of Miss Nota K. Weaver about family genealogies in Berkeley and Jefferson Counties and a typescript genealogy of the Foreman family.


**Brown, John** (1800-1859). Papers, 1859-1860. Nos. 335, 336, 1475. Fifty-nine items. Photostatic copies of Court records from Charles Town, Jefferson County, relating to the trial of John Brown and his associates; an account of the raid from the Charles Town *Independent Democrat* (October 24, 1859); Brown's petition for a writ of error which appeared in the Richmond *Daily Enquirer* (November 21, 1859); a letter from Luther Humphrey (Brown's cousin) to Brown (November 12, 1859) and a reply (November 19, 1859) defending Brown's actions.


**Civil War Diaries, 1862-1865.** Five items and 1 reel of microfilm. Originals held by Washington and Lee University. Nos. 815, 922, 974, and 1720. Includes journal of Uz Barns, a volunteer in the Union Army from Ritchie County who fought at Harpers Ferry.

**Civil War. Military Records Index, 1861-1865.** Thirteen reels of microfilm. Index to service records of volunteer Union soldiers in Virginia and West Virginia, compiled from Record Group 94 in the U.S. Adjutant General's Office. Originals in National Archives. No. 1751.

**Civil War. Miscellaneous Papers, 1859-1937.** No. 572. Includes copies of entries from the Jefferson County circuit court order book relating to the trial of John Brown.


**Civil War. West Virginia. Records, 1861-1938.** One reel of microfilm of military records compiled by Clifford Myers, state historian, listing West Virginia Confederate soldiers by home county and by infantry or cavalry regiment. No. 1194.


**Daniel, John M.** Papers, 1891-1898. Twenty-three items. No. 353. Letters, receipts, advertising circulars, and other items of a clerk of the Jefferson County Court, Charles Town, WV.

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Davis, Julia McDonald (1900-1992). Papers, 1866-1963. No. 1856. Correspondence, manuscripts, class notes and other papers of this author and daughter of John W. Davis. Includes a biographical sketch of E.H. McDonald (her grandfather); reminiscences of the Civil War; memoirs of Col. A. W. McDonald; notes on trips of John W. Davis, particularly in 1924. Correspondents include John W. Davis, William L. Wilson, and Julia McDonald.


Harpers Ferry. Typescript, June 23, 1821. No. 374. A sketch of the town and its geographical setting, copied from a manuscript owned by Mrs. E. Bruce Allen, of Moorefield. Includes notes on the history of the site of the town, description of the rivers, public buildings, school, circulating library, tavern, religious denominations and nationalities represented among the 1351 inhabitants.

Harpers Ferry Seminary. Records. April 28, 1819. No. 373. Photostat of list of pupils at the school and the lesson arrangement for April 28, 1819.


Interwoven Mills Collection. Includes documents and photographs related to Interwoven Mills’ operations in Berkeley and Jefferson Counties.

Jefferson County. Archives, 1802-1913. No. 382. Court case papers, 1802-1913, and county record books, 1830-1905. Included are records for retail merchandising, 1884-1894, in Jefferson County. A partial name and subject index to the case papers and a checklist of the bound volumes are available in the manuscript section.

Irons, J.C. Letter, June 28, 1898. Letter from J.C. Irons to William Campbell (Charles Town) regarding arrangements for the next Democratic convention.

Jefferson County. Civil War Clippings, 1862. Sketches from Frank Leslie’s Illustrated Newspaper dealing with encampments and military activities in Charles Town and Harpers Ferry. No. 90.


“Livingston’s Conversion, History of Adam Livingston, Middle Way, Since Called ‘Clip,’ Jefferson County, Virginia.” An account of Adam Livingston’s conversion to the Catholic faith. No. 209. The original is in the Library of Georgetown University.
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Marmion, Nicholas (d. 1883). Family Papers, 1798-1951. Personal, medical, and business papers, account books and journals of Nicholas Marmion, a Harpers Ferry doctor. No. 1071.

Martinsburg and Berkeley County. Papers, 1781-1953. One reel of microfilm. Includes newspaper clippings, manuscripts, pamphlets, typescripts, correspondence, and photographs related to the history of Martinsburg and Berkeley County. No. 1053. Originals in the Martinsburg Public Library.

Miners’ Treason Trial. Papers, 1921-1922. Eight reels of microfilm. Originals in possession of circuit court of Jefferson County. Includes the case papers for the trials of coal miners and United Mine Workers leaders indicted for treason in connection with the Logan County strikes in August and September 1921. The papers focus on Walter Allen, William Blizzard, C. Frank Keeney, Rev. J.E. Wilburn, and John Wilburn.

Miscellaneous Papers, 1774-1960. Includes a letter from Josiah Fleagle to his brother Noah Fleagle, Camp Hill, Harpers Ferry, 1863 (No. 900); a freight receipt for salt shipped to Harpers Ferry, 1861 (No. 966); papers of Theordora Douglass while a student at St. Hilda’s Hall (No. 1223); Historic American Buildings Surveys for Harpers Ferry Structures (No. 1503); and a letter from a Union soldier written from a field hospital at Sandy Hook (e.g., Harpers Ferry), Maryland (No. 1566).


Ruggles, Charles H. Letter to Benson J. Lossing. Discusses location of two Union Army majors captured between Martinsburg and Harpers Ferry by Mosby’s guerillas on October 13, 1864. No. 1480.

Seely, Simeon Franklin. Letter, 1859. Letter written October 17, 1859, by a merchant from Beverly, Ohio, who arrived at Harpers Ferry on the night of October 16, 1859, when John Brown and his men were seizing the Armory. Describes the capture of a train by Brown’s men. No. 1457.

Shepherdstown in the Civil War, 1862-1865. An account of Civil War activity in Shepherdstown copied from the diary of a Southern sympathizer. It was reprinted in the Shepherdstown Register April 23, 1925. No. 76.

Slaves and Slavery, Papers, 1797-1829. Documents from Berkeley and Jefferson Counties, Virginia, and Frederick County, Maryland, concerning the transport of slaves, manumission, free papers, suits for freedom, and appraisals. An 1815 bill of sale for land in Jefferson County is also included. Nos. 2059 and 2078.


Storer College Records, 1865-1956. Office files, correspondence, faculty and student records, Veterans Administration records, financial records, clippings, photographs, scrapbooks, building blueprints, and campus plans for West Virginia’s first African American institution of higher learning. The college was started in 1867 by the New England Free Will Baptist Association. Subjects include missionary efforts of the Free Will Baptists to establish schools and missions in the Shenandoah Valley, the school activities of college president Henry J. McDonald, and information on general college operations and activities. Nos. 1131, 1168, 1322, and 1471. Microfilm of originals in possession of Mrs. John Newcomer and the National Park Service.

Surveyor’s Field Books, 1753, 1760-1765. Surveys of land in several Virginia counties, including Frederick. Some of the surveys were made by Thomas Rutherford. No. 577.


United States. Bureau of Census. Special Schedules, 1890, Enumerating Union Veterans and Widows of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Two reels of Microfilm copied from the National Archives. No. 882.


West Virginia. West Virginia Historic Records Survey, 1750-1939. Copies of records from each county in West Virginia. Includes registers of births, deaths, marriages, wills, estate settlements, and land records; transcriptions of county and circuit court order books and minute books; cemetery readings and registers; church record surveys; calendars of the papers of West Virginia Governors; and American Imprint Inventory slips of the holdings of several West Virginia libraries. No. 46.

West Virginia. State Board of Control. Correspondence, 1909-1949. Correspondence of the West Virginia State Board of Control, which was responsible for all state correctional institutions, educational institutions, and hospitals from 1909 to 1949. Includes information on Storer College and Shepherd College. No. 1976.


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Wilson, William L. (1843-1900). Papers, 1883, 1888. Two letters from William L. Wilson regarding the political campaign of 1888 and reprints of articles on West Virginia University that appeared in the Wheeling Register about 1883. No. 456.

Wilson, William L. (1843-1900). Papers, 1862-1900. Correspondence, writings, diaries, newspaper clippings and miscellaneous papers of William L. Wilson, who was a private in the 12th Virginia Cavalry, President of West Virginia University (1882-1883), member of Congress (1883-1895), Postmaster General (1895-1897), author of the Wilson-Gorman Tariff (1894), and president of Washington and Lee University (1897-1900). Includes materials collected by Festus P. Summers, Wilson's biographer. No. 1694.

West Virginia Archives, West Virginia Division of Culture & History
Address: Archives and History Library. The Cultural Center. 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East. Charleston, WV 25305-0300.
Phone: (304) 558-0230, ext. 168
Website: www.wvculture.org

This library ranks as one of the largest repositories of Jefferson County information. Individual items available at this location are listed in the CD Bibliography.

Online resources include selected materials from the Boyd Stutler Collection (related to the Civil War and John Brown); a Genealogy Center; a West Virginia History Timeline; a newspaper clippings database related to West Virginia topics; a database of West Virginia Union militia that served in the Civil War; a database of West Virginia Highway Markers; and a database listing materials used in the West Virginia Film Project.

Collection includes:

A partial listing of the manuscript collection is available online. Materials related to Jefferson County include:

Boyd B. Stutler Collection, 1836-1970. MS 78-1. Much of the collection focuses on John Brown, his raid on Harpers Ferry, and the aftermath.

Fairfax Land Papers, 1729-1763. MS 79-3. Materials pertaining to Northern Neck land surveys of land held by Thomas, Lord Fairfax. Includes Petition of the Burgesses of the colony of Virginia to the King concerning their grievances relating to boundaries of land grants under King Charles II and King James II (?); Paper concerning the surveying of and settling of the Northern Neck of Virginia. Instructions from Lord Fairfax, November 24, 1733; Records of a meeting of the commissioners appointed to run
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the boundary line of the land grant of Lord Fairfax, which included the eastern panhandle of West Virginia, September 15, 1746; Papers related to the expense of running the boundary line to divide the grant of Lord Fairfax, June 11, 1747; Deed of transfer from Lord Fairfax to John Lemen, November 13, 1752; Land grant from Fairfax to Bryan Bruin, May 21, 1763.


David Hunter Strother Collection, 1868-1888. Ms 79-7. Account book, journal, correspondence, 1 manuscript and 10 sketches in various media.


Account book, the Shepards Town Academy, April 1, 1823 - October 1, 1824. Ms 79-36.

Ledger and diary, Willoughby Lemen, Shepherdstown, 1822-1876. Ms 79-47.


James Nourse letter, May 10, 1775. Ms 79-163. Letter from Nourse to wife during trip to "Kentucke" to locate lands, written near mouth of Great Sandy.

Lucas and Shepherd Family Papers, ca. 1780-1900, bulk 1805-1867. Ms 79-171. Correspondence of Lucas and Shepherd family members, primarily in Jefferson County.

Frederick County, Virginia Survey Notebook, 1762-1764. Ms 79-172. Survey of lands of various persons, some of what becomes eastern panhandle of West Virginia area.
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Historical Records Survey, Works Program Administration, 1936-1941. Ms 79-211. West Virginia Historical Records Survey of manuscript collections, including notes on early West Virginia imprints, private manuscript collections and compilations of early records.


United Confederate Veterans, West Virginia Division, 1893-1915. Ms 80-8. United Confederate Veterans was a fraternal organization of Confederate Civil War veterans. Includes records of the Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee camps, as well as overall listing of camps.

Records, Colonial Militia to World War, ca. 1936. Ms 80-22. Typescript notes about military records from the colonial militia period through World War I.

Historical Records Survey. List of West Virginia churches, ca. 1940. Ms 80-30. Typescript copy of listing of churches in West Virginia by county, then denomination and founding date.


Schaarmann family. Letters, 1848-1860. Ms 80-128. Letters between members of the Schaarmann family in Germany and Harpers Ferry, 1848-1860. Letters are in German.


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Winterthur Library, Joseph Downs Collection of Manuscripts and Printed Ephemera
Address: Winterthur, DE 19735
Phone: (302) 888-4701

Collection includes:

Kinsey, John W. Diary, 1850. 1 v. (40 p.). John Kinsey was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA; his parents were Quakers. By 1850, he was employed by the Lowell Machine Shop, Lowell, MA. In 1850, Kinsey and W.B. Bemans took a six week trip through the western United States. Records the trip taken by Kinsey and Bemans from Lowell, MA, as far west as Chicago during the summer of 1850. Includes description of Harpers Ferry, WV.

Yale University Library, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Address: 120 High St., New Haven, CT 06511
Phone: (203) 432-2798

Collection includes:

Brown, John, 1800-1859. Skeleton of a provisional constitution and ordinances of the people of the U.S., and related letter to his family : [Chatham, Ont.], [1858]. 2 items. Holograph manuscript, with corrections, undated, written by John Brown. This provisional constitution was adopted by a convention of Brown and his followers in Chatham, Ontario, in 1858, as part of a plan to free Southern slaves. The manuscript is annotated in an unidentified hand: "Handed to Gov. Wise by John Brown on Wed Oct 19/59 before he was removed from the U.S. grounds at Harpers Ferry & while he lay wounded on his cot." A related ALS, dated May 1, 1858, 1 p., written by Brown at Chatham to his wife, Mary Anne Day Brown, and children, discusses arrival of his friends in Chatham and means of provision for their families.

Brown, John. Family Letters. Letter (June 12, 1855) from Wealthy Brown to her sister-in-law, Ruth Thompson. Letter (February 10, 1856) from Frederick Brown. Letters (June 28, 1856, and August 13, 1856) from Jason Brown. All letters were written in Kansas and deal with the struggles there. Available on microfilm.

Marmion, Robert A. (1844-1907). Diaries and Papers (1869-1871). Robert A. Marmion was born in Harpers Ferry, WV, in 1844 and became a physician in 1868, serving most of his time with the Navy. These papers appear to have few if any references to Harpers Ferry.

Terry family. Terry-Slocomb Family Papers, 1809-1891 (inclusive). 0.75 linear ft. (2 boxes). William Terry, son of Daniel and Mary Pease (Parsons) Terry, was born in Sutton, Massachusetts on June 8, 1822. During the Civil War, Terry served as an assistant surgeon in a military hospital in Alexandria, Virginia. He died in 1908. Esther Asenath Terry, sister of William Terry, was born in Enfield, Connecticut, on January 24, 1818. She was a nurse in military hospitals during the Civil War, a teacher of freedmen in Virginia and Georgia after the war, and a missionary in New York City. Includes description of Harpers Ferry.
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The area now known as Jefferson County has been part of five counties and two states since 1720. This splintered past complicates researchers' efforts to use public records in the study of local history. The following chronology will serve as a general guide to students wishing to study a particular period of Jefferson County's past. A description of the scope and location of public records follows.

1720 to 1734: Spottsylvania County, Virginia.

1734 to 1738: Orange County, Virginia. Court was held at Orange Court House. The Orange County Courthouse is located at 109 West Main Street, Orange, VA 22960.

1738 to 1772: Frederick County, Virginia. The Court for Frederick County was held at Orange Court House until 1743, when it was transferred to Winchester. The Frederick County Clerk's Office is located at 5 N. Kent Street, Winchester, VA 22601. Phone: (540) 667-5770.

1772 to 1801: Berkeley County, Virginia. Court has always been held in Martinsburg. The Berkeley County Courthouse is located at 100 West King Street; Martinsburg, WV 25401-3210. Phone: (304) 267-3000.

1801 to 1863: Jefferson County, Virginia. Court was held in Charlestown until the Civil War. The Court House is located at the intersection of Washington and George Streets (WV Routes 9 and 340), Charles Town, WV, 25414. Phone: (304) 725-9761.

1863 to the present: Jefferson County, West Virginia. Court was held in Shepherdstown from 1865 until 1871, and in Charlestown from 1871 to the present.

Municipal records are also important resources for historians, and the following municipalities have played a key part in Jefferson County's history:

Bolivar (Jefferson County). Incorporated in December 1825, it included the village of Mudfort.

Charles Town (Jefferson County). Founded in 1786, it became the county seat with the establishment of Jefferson County in 1801. The first meeting of the Jefferson County Court was held November 10, 1801.

Harpers Ferry (Jefferson County). Founded ca. 1745 by Robert Harper, it was early known as Shenandoah Falls at Harper's Ferry. The town was not incorporated until March 1851. When incorporated, it absorbed the town of Virginius (located on Virginius Island), which had been established by the Virginia General Assembly in 1827.

Martinsburg (Berkeley County). Established 1778, has been the seat of Berkeley County since its inception.

Mecklinburg / Shepherdstown (Jefferson County). Founded in 1762, it was renamed Shepherdstown in 1798.

Ranson (Jefferson County). It was incorporated October, 1910.

Smithfield / Middleway (Jefferson County). Also called Clip, it was founded by Joseph Smith and established by act of the General Assembly in 1798 under the name “Smithfield.” When Jefferson County became part of West Virginia in 1863, its town charter was apparently nullified. The state of West Virginia formally repealed Smithfield's charter, along with those of other Jefferson County municipalities, in 1866. Smithfield did not apply for a new charter.

Virginius Island. Located in the Shenandoah River adjacent to Harpers Ferry, it was incorporated until after the Civil War.
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Winchester (Frederick County). Founded in 1744, often called "Fredericktown" or Opeckon in its early days, it has been the county seat since the town was established. In 1743, the first Court was held in what would later become Winchester. A town charter was not obtained until 1752.

Location of Jefferson County Records and Local Municipal Records

Many of the records listed below are available on microfilm at the West Virginia Regional Archives (Morgantown, WV) and the West Virginia Division of Archives and History (Charleston). See Chapter 2 for a list of their holdings.

Orange County, Virginia, Public Records. The Town of Orange is the county seat. Records are available in the Orange County Circuit Clerk's Office. Published sources for Orange County records relevant to Jefferson County (1734-1738) include:

- Cortada, James W. *Bibliography of local government records in Orange County, Virginia*. Orange, VA: Green Publishers, [c1969].
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The Berkeley County Historical Society has the following public records on microfilm: Berkeley County wills and deeds, 1772-1920; old chancery court cases on microfilm, 1812-1860; original papers; court order books; land books of Berkeley County; and guardian bonds.

Frederick County, Virginia, Public Records. The Clerk of the Circuit Court has birth records from 1853 to 1912, marriage records from 1782, death records from 1853, divorce records from 1870, wills from 1743-1917, and probate and land records from 1743. Frederick County's records begin in 1744. County records are kept in the Frederick-Winchester Judicial Center, 5 N. Kent Street, Winchester, VA 22601. Phone: (540) 667-5770.

The West Virginia Regional History Collection includes Surveyor's Field Books, 1753, 1760-1765. These contain surveys of land in several Virginia counties, including Frederick. Some of the surveys were made by Thomas Rutherford. No. 577.

Jefferson County, West Virginia, Public Records. The following list outlines the types of Jefferson County records that exist, the location of the originals, and the existence of microfilm copies.

The West Virginia Regional History Collection (Morgantown) has microfilm copies of most Jefferson County public records, including: Archives, 1802-1913. No. 382. Court case papers, 1802-1913, and county record books, 1830-1905. Included are records for retail merchandising, 1884-1894, in Jefferson County.

For additional information, including microfilm reel numbers for specific records and the location of the microfilm collections, see the Bibliography.


Board of Education. Minutes, 1889-1913. Originals located in the Board of Education Office.

County Court. Bonds, 1869-1873. Most are bonds for officials for their office. Filmed in 1970 by the Genealogical Society of Utah.

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- County Court. Executions, 1830-1834, 1837-1844. Originals in West Virginia University Library, Morgantown, WV. Filmed in 1958 by the Genealogical Society of Utah.


- County Court. Minute book 1801-1807. Original at West Virginia University Library, Morgantown, WV. Filmed in 1961 by the Genealogical Society of Utah.


- County Court. Probate Records, 1801-1894. Originals in the West Virginia University Library, Morgantown, WV. Filmed in 1961 by the Genealogical Society of Utah.


- Election Results, 1922-1938. Originals at West Virginia University Library, Morgantown, WV. Filmed in 1961 by the Genealogical Society of Utah.


- Marriages, 1802-1899, Wills, Inventories, etc. 1801-1894. Originals are at the West Virginia University Library, Morgantown, WV. Filmed in 1970 by the Genealogical Society of Utah.


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Winchester, Virginia, Municipal Records. The municipal records are located in the Frederick-Winchester Judicial Center, 5 N. Kent Street, Winchester, VA 22601. Phone: 540-667-5770. Land and probate records for Winchester begin in 1790, Marriage bonds for Winchester in 1790, and some marriage licenses are available for of 1843-1855. A few birth and death records exist from 1855 to 1870. Many of these records for Winchester were destroyed during the Civil War. Microfilm copies of some public records are available in the Archives Room of the Handley Library in Winchester.

Census Records

Census records for what later became Jefferson County are available in various formats from the late 18th century to (at present) 1920. For privacy reasons, personal data in census records are not made publicly available until 70 years after the survey was completed. Summary information is published by the Bureau of the Census soon after the census is taken, and extracts from these documents often appear in local newspapers.

Census records for each decade from 1790 to 1920 (except 1890) are available on microfilm at Shepherd College, Martinsburg Public Library, Berkeley County Historical Society, the West Virginia Regional History Collection, and Harpers Ferry National Historic Park Library. The 1850 census of Jefferson County was reprinted in the 1995 issue of the Magazine of the Jefferson County Historical. The 1850 census is also available in searchable format in the Explorer: Jefferson County, WV, Database.

The following resources provide additional census information:


List of Pensioners for Revolutionary Military Services, with Their Names, Ages, and Places of Residence, as Returned by the Marshals of the Several Judicial Districts, under the Act for Taking the Sixth Census. Washington: Blair and Rines, 1941.


Schreiner-Yantis, Netti. The 1787 Census of Virginia. Springfield, VA: Genealogical Books in Print, 1987. (Comprehensive resource for names of white male tithables over 21 in 90 counties and cities, including 8 which became West VA.)


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United States. Bureau of Census. *Special Schedules, 1890, Enumerating Union Veterans and Widows of Union Veterans of the Civil War*. Two reels of Microfilm copied from the National Archives. West Virginia Regional History Collection, Accession No. 882.

**Location of Records for Adjacent Frederick and Washington Counties in Maryland**

The records of Frederick and Washington Counties and their antecedents contain a substantial amount of information related to Jefferson County History. Social, family, and economic ties spanned the Potomac River which separated them, and for much of the early history of the area, the river served as a highway rather than as a barrier. Many of these records are available on microfilm at the Maryland State Archives. (See Chapter 2.)

**Frederick County, Maryland**

Formed in 1748 from Baltimore and Prince George's counties. Frederick is the county seat.

**Board of County Commissioners:**
- C756 - (Assessment Record), 1852-1917
- C757 - (Assessment Record, Index), 1867-1896
- C877 - (Assessment Record, Rough), 1876-1877
- C2138 - (Assessment Record, Slaves), 1852
- C758 - (Assessors Field Book), 1876
- C789 - (Federal Tax Collection Record), 1862-1866
- C791 - (Frederick and Harpers Ferry Road Proceedings), 1852-1863
- C817 - (Ledger), 1877-1891
- C820 - (Levy List), 1852-1900
- C878 - (Minutes), 1866-1891
- C836 - (Miscellaneous Papers), 1866-1884
- C846 - (Pension Record), 1852-1853
- C855 - (Proceedings), 1851-1875
- C868 - (Road Descriptions), 1854-1884
- C869 - (Road Docket), 1853-1892
- C870 - (Road Petitions), 1914-1941
- C873 - (Road Record), 1851-1891
- C876 - (Road Supervisor Accounts), 1851-1889
- C754 - (Road Supervisor Appointments), 1851-1854
- C885 - (Tax Collection Ledger), 1851-1852
- C888 - (Tax Collection Record), 1876-1889
- C891 - (Tax Papers), 1864-1889
- C896 - (Transfer Book), 1853-1866

**Board of Health:**
- C779 - (Death Record), 1898-1915

**Circuit Court:**
- C759 - (Birth Certificates), 1865-1873
- C760 - (Census Record), 1850-1870
- C763 - (Certificates of Freedom), 1855-1864
- C767 - (Church Charters), 1852-1882
- C770 - (Clerks Fee Book), 1851-1858
- C777 - (Death Certificates), 1865-1881
- C778 - (Death Record), 1865-1881
- C780 - (Declaration of Intention), 1929-1954
- C730 - (Declaration of Residency List), 1902-1949
- C139 - (Declaration of Residency), 1914-1948
- C784 - (Equity Docket), 1851-1859
- C786 - (Equity Record, Index), 1868
- C793 - (Grand Jury Papers), 1854-1896
- C805 - (Insolvency Docket), 1851-1860
- C803 - (Insolvency Record), 1887-1934
- C812 - (Judgment Transcripts), 1852-1863
- C816 - (Land Records, Index), 1851-1915
- C824 - (Magistrates Judgments), 1886-1889
- C826 - (Marriage Licenses, Index), 1851-1886
- C828 - (Marriage Licenses, Index), 1851-1865
- C829 - (Marriage Record), 1865-1888
- C830 - (Marriage Record, Index), 1865-1890
- C832 - (Minutes), 1851-1936
- C834 - (Miscellaneous Papers), 1855-1896
- C765 - (Naturalization Certificates), 1907-1958
- C837 - (Naturalization Orders), 1930-1958
- C839 - (Naturalization Papers), 1854-1933
- C849 - (Naturalization Petitions), 1930-1957
- C841 - (Notary Public Protest Record), 1889-1892
- C848 - (Petitions), 1855-1896
- C856 - (Qualification Record), 1879-1882
- C859 - (Qualifications), 1855-1866
- C861 - (Ratification Papers), 1851-1859
- C874 - (Road Record), 1852-1853
- C882 - (Supersedeas Record), 1851-1859
- C893 - (Test Book), 1851-1949

**Commissioner of Slave Statistics:**
- C879 - (Slave Statistics), 1868

**Commissioners of the Tax:**
- C755 - (Assessment Record), 1793-1841
- C852 - (Proceedings), 1842-1845
- C886 - (Tax Collection Record), 1844
- C889 - (Tax List, Alphabetical), 1815-1838
- C890 - (Tax List, Duplicate), 1824-1833
- C895 - (Transfer Book), 1814-1840
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Court: C761 - (Certificates of Freedom), 1806-1827; C766 - (Church Charters), 1805-1848; C768 - (Clerks Account Book), 1777-1782; C769 - (Clerks Fee Book), 1792-1851; C772 - (Coroners Inquests), 1778-1789; C773 - (Court Papers), 1749-1788; C776 - (Criminal Docket), 1830-1838; C782 - (Docket), 1748-1850; C783 - (Equity Docket), 1807-1851; C1455 - (Equity Papers), 1792; C785 - (Equity Record), 1844-1845; C788 - (Estray Record), 1765-1785; C792 - (Grand Jury Papers), 1784-1847; C804 - (Insolvency Docket), 1828-1851; C806 - (Insolvency Docket, Index), 1845; C801 - (Insolvency Papers), 1826-1828; C802 - (Insolvency Record), 1846; C810 - (Judgment Record), 1748-1851; C811 - (Judgment Transcripts), 1818-1851; C813 - (Judicial Docket), 1813-1815; C814 - (Land Records), 1748-1847; C815 - (Land Records, Index), 1748-1851; C818 - (Levy List), 1785-1794; C825 - (Marriage Licenses), 1779-1851; C827 - (Marriage Licenses, Index), 1778-1851; C831 - (Minutes), 1750-1851; C833 - (Miscellaneous Papers), 1818-1848; C838 - (Naturalization Papers), 1798-1836; C840 - (Naturalization Record), 1785-1799; C847 - (Petitions), 1783-1847; C2096 - (Plats), 1793; C850 - (Poll Book), 1789-1873.

Court of Oyer & Terminer & Goal Delivery: C853 - (Proceedings), 1814-1815; C880 - (Subpoena Docket), 1781.

Election Judges: C850 - (Poll Book), 1789-1873.

Justice of the Peace: C823 - (Docket), 1814-1820.

Levy Court: C790 - (Frederick and Harpers Ferry Road Proceedings), 1830-1851; C819 - (Levy List), 1795-1851; C851 - (Proceedings), 1795-1851; C867 - (Road Descriptions), 1841; C872 - (Road Record), 1819-1851; C875 - (Road Supervisor Accounts), 1832-1851; C753 - (Road Supervisor Appointments), 1841-1851; C884 - (Tax Collection Ledger), 1845-1851; C887 - (Tax Collection Record), 1845-1847.

Officers of Registration: C865 - (Voter Registration Record), 1868; C822 - (Voters List), 1887.

Register of Wills: C745 - (Accounts of Sale), 1811-1851; C746 - (Accounts of Sale, Original), 1808-1815; C747 - (Administration Accounts), 1750-1899; C748 - (Administration Accounts, Index), 1750-1767; C749 - (Administration Accounts, Original), 1827-1873; C751 - (Administration Bonds), 1799-1853; C752 - (Administration Bonds, Original), 1748-1874; C750 - (Administration and Guardian Accounts, Copies), 1800-1886; C762 - (Certificates of Freedom), 1815-1863; C764 - (Certificates of Freedom, Original), 1808-1842; C771 - (Commissions), 1800-1825; C781 - (Distributions), 1778-1784; C787 - (Estate Docket), 1815-1939; C2178 - (Estate Papers, Digital), 1811-1888; C794 - (Guardian Accounts), 1811-1965; C795 - (Guardian Accounts, Original), 1792-1874; C796 - (Guardian Bonds), 1778-1971; C797 - (Guardian Bonds, Original), 1778-1879; C798 - (Guardian Docket), 1816-1912; C799 - (Indentures), 1794-1931; C800 - (Indentures, Original), 1811-1897; C807 - (Indentories), 1749-1851; C808 - (Indentories, Original), 1749-1875; C809 - (Judges Attendance Record), 1852-1866; C821 - (Liquidations), 1864-1867; C835 - (Miscellaneous Papers), 1866-1878; C842 - (Orphans Bound by the Court), 1800-1857; C843 - (Orphans Court Docket, Index), 1818-1824; C774 - (Orphans Court Papers), 1779-1829; C775 - (Orphans Court Papers, Exhibits), 1795-1816; C844 - (Orphans Court Proceedings), 1777-1853; C845 - (Orphans Court Proceedings, Index), 1815-1852; C857 - (Qualifications), 1802-1857; C862 - (Receipts and Releases), 1796-1859; C866 - (Releases), 1784-1877; C898 - (Wills), 1745-1900; C899 - (Wills, Index), 1748-1930; C900 - (Wills, Original), 1748-1885.

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Trustees of the Poor: C744 - (Accounts), 1826-1830; C854 - (Proceedings), 1822-1845.

Washington County, Maryland

Washington County was formed in 1776 from Frederick County. Hagerstown is the county seat.

Board of County Commissioners: C2107 - (Assessment Record), 1896-1917; C2120 - (Assessment Record, Index), 1910; C1980 - (Tax Book), 1835-1836; C2121 - (Transfer Book), 1897-1948;

Board of Health: C2078 - (Birth Record), 1898-1926 - Restricted; C2079 - (Death Record), 1898-1926; C2080 - (Disinterment Record), 1911-1913.

Circuit Court: C1935 - (Birth Record), 1865-1867; C1936 - (Bond Record), 1874-1914; C2116 - (Census Record), 1880; C1939 - (Church Charter Record), 1851-1866; C1943 - (Commission Record), 1873-1896; C2166 - (County Road Plat Book), 1957-; C1945 - (Death Record), 1865-1867; C1948 - (Equity Record, Index), 1851-1918; C2164 - (Land Acquisition Plat Book), 1956-1972; C1961 - (Land Records, Index), 1851-1932; C1966 - (Marriage Licenses), 1851-1886; C1968 - (Marriage Licenses, Index), 1851-1919; C1969 - (Marriage Record), 1865-1887; C2147 - (Miscellaneous Plats), 1997-; C2197 - (Miscellaneous Plats, Aperture Cards), 1997-; C2193 - (Plat Book), 1891-1924; C2167 - (Plats), 1891-; C2195 - (Plats and Maps), 1849-ca. 1936; C2196 - (Plats and Maps, Aperture Cards), 1849-ca. 1936; C2192 - (Plats, Aperture Cards), 1891-; C2202 - (Road Record), 1852-1923; C2165 - (State Road Plat Book), 1932-1995; C2194 - (State Road Plats, Aperture Cards), 1932-; C2148 - (State Road Property Plan Book), 1965-1969.

Commissioners of the Tax: C1979 - (Tax Book), 1815-1818.

Court: C1938 - (Church Charter Record), 1803-1851; C2094 - (Equity Papers), 1843; C1947 - (Equity Record, Index), 1815-1851; C1954 - (Insolvency Docket), 1817-1844; C1957 - (Judgment Record), 1782-1818; C2200 - (Land Commissions), 1819-1830; C1958 - (Land Record Abstracts), 1812-1814; C1959 - (Land Records), 1777-1788; C1960 - (Land Records, Index), 1776-1851; C1965 - (Marriage Licenses), 1799-1851; C1967 - (Marriage Licenses, Index), 1799-1851; C2201 - (Road Record), 1830-1851.

Election Judges: C1972 - (Poll Book), 1800-1801; C1940 - (Criminal Docket, Municipal), 1863-1882; C1964 - (Docket), 1848-1892.

Levy Court: C1973 - (Proceedings), 1811-1812.

Register of Wills: C1927 - (Accounts of Sale), 1787-1851; C1928 - (Accounts of Sale, Original), 1788-1805; C1929 - (Administration Accounts), 1751-1852; C1930 - (Administration Accounts, Original), 1778-1802; C1931 - (Administration Bonds), 1799-1856; C1932 - (Administration Bonds, Original), 1777-1804; C1962 - (Administration Letters), 1852-1853; C1934 - (Annual Valuations), 1800-1871; C1937 - (Certificates of Freedom), 1827-1863; C1963 - (Debt Lists), 1832-1844; C1946 - (Distributions), 1778-1858; C1933 - (Estate Docket), 1777-1867; C2189 - (Estate Papers, Digital); C1949 - (Fee Book), 1777-1840; C1950 - (Guardian Accounts), 1787-1852; C1951 - (Guardian Bonds), 1786-1872; C1952 - (Guardian Docket), 1785-1867; C1953 - (Indentures), 1794-1917; C1955 - (Inventories), 1777-1853; C1956 - (Inventories, Original), 1777-1806; C1970 - (Orphans Court Docket), 1823-1874; C1944 - (Orphans Court Papers, Exhibits), 1860-1871; C1971 - (Orphans Court Proceedings), 1786-1918; C1974 - (Releases), 1810-1856; C1976 - (Summons Docket), 1790-1914; C2095 - (Vouchers), 1842-1845; C1981 - (Wills), 1749-1854; C1982 - (Wills, Original), 1777-1818.
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Surveyor: C1978 - (Survey Papers), 1768-1907; C1977 - (Survey Record), 1780-1940.

4. School Records

During the 18th and early 19th centuries, much of the local education was conducted through private schools and academies. Local newspapers provide a good source of information on these enterprises, including location, teachers, curricula, and fees. The papers of Battaile Muse, located at Duke University, include some subscription school contracts for the Jefferson County area.

Early in the 19th century, the State of Virginia established a Literary Fund which was intended to provide education for indigent children. Records of this effort may be found in:


The following resources should also be consulted:


Board of Education. Minutes, 1889-1913. Originals located in the Board of Education Office. Records since 1913 are also housed at the Jefferson County Board of Education.


Reports of Superintendents. County Superintendents of Schools have been required to submit annual reports to the State. Originals are located in the Virginia State Archives, Richmond, Virginia, and in the West Virginia Archives, Charleston, WV. See the Public Documents published annually by West Virginia in the lists that follow.

The S. Howell Brown maps of Jefferson County for 1852 and 1883 mark the locations of schoolhouses, and the latter shows boundaries for districts.


The most current overview of research on West Virginia education is:


More general sources that should be consulted for background include:


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Lewis, Thomas Narven. Papers, ca. 1898-1934, 80 items. Howard University, Moorland-Spingarn Research Center Library. Includes pamphlets pertaining to Storer College (Harpers Ferry, Jefferson County).

Lewis, Virgil A. "Early Education in West Virginia." In West Virginia Department of Education, *History of Education in West Virginia* (Charleston, WV: The Tribune Printing Co.), 1904. Contains references to Jefferson County; an illustration of Powhatan College for Women; an article on "Shepherd College State Normal School" by principal J. G. Knutti; and photographs of the "Old Building – Shepherd College" and the "New Building – Shepherd College."

Lewis, Virgil A. *Handbook of West Virginia*. Published by West Virginia Commission of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, 1904. References to early settlement, early schools, and early library societies in Jefferson County; a description of Shannondale Springs; iron ore; Shepherdstown and James Rumsey; two pages of space subscribed by Jefferson County, on industries, products, etc. Descriptions and illustrations include Stephenson Seminary for Young Ladies; Posehan College for Young Women, the Branch of the State Normal School at Shepherdstown, the ruins of Old Norborne Parrish (St. George's Chapel), Harpers Ferry as seen from Bolivar Heights, and the residence of James Rumsey.


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"Old Stephenson Seminary Passes." *Spirit of Jefferson*, December 1939. The private school for girls closes its doors.


Stine, Oscar C. *Notes on the Schools of Jefferson County*. The Author, [1964].


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West Virginia School Statistics. Seven charts, 1865-1892, showing comparative statistics for school enrollment, population, attendance, finances, value of school property, and other data. West Virginia Regional History Collection. Accession No. 842.


West Virginia. Department of Education. *History of Education in West Virginia*. Charleston, WV: The Tribune Printing Co., 1904. Lists county school superintendents. Includes Virgil A. Lewis's "Early Education in West Virginia," which contain references to Jefferson County; an illustration of Powhatan College for Women; an article on "Shepherd College State Normal School" by principal J. G. Knutti; and photographs of the "Old Building – Shepherd College" and the "New Building – Shepherd College."

*West Virginia Education Bulletin.*

*West Virginia School Journal.*

West Virginia. *Annual Report of the Board of Regents of the State Normal School(s) of West Virginia*. Starting in 1869, these reports were published annually with other public documents. They include information on Shepherd College.

West Virginia. *Report of the State Superintendent of Free Schools*. Starting in 1865, these reports were published annually with other public documents. (Reports for 1863, 1864, 1867, and 1868 were published in the House Journals.)

West Virginia. State Board of Control. Correspondence, 1909-1949. Correspondence of the West Virginia State Board of Control, which was responsible for all state correctional institutions, educational institutions, and hospitals from 1909 to 1949. Includes information on Storer College and Shepherd College. West Virginia Regional History Collection. Accession No. 1976.

West Virginia. State Board of Examiners of Professional Teachers. Records, 1873-1885, 1 vol. Includes names of teachers examined, 1873-1875; apportionment of school funds, 1873-1875; payment of superintendents, 1873-1875; apportionment of general school funds, 1875-1885; statement showing amounts paid on account of county superintendent of free schools in each county during fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 1873; and apportionment of general school fund, 1877-1885.


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5. Business and Industry

No history of business and industry in Jefferson County has yet been written. Bushong’s *History of Jefferson County* discusses some business trends, as does Musser’s *History of Shepherdstown*. However, substantial information resources do exist, including archeological studies, articles of incorporation, land books, tax lists, census records, newspapers, maps, geological surveys, account books, journals, and business / telephone directories.

Several of the local histories include biographical sketches of prominent Jefferson Countians and provide an overview of the business community and its practices. These works include: Cartmell’s *Shenandoah Valley Pioneers and Their Descendants*; Norris’ *History of the Lower Shenandoah Valley*; Couper’s *History of the Shenandoah Valley*; The West Virginia Biographical Association’s *West Virginians; A Work of the Biographies of Those Personalities Who ... Have Achieved Permanent Place in the Story of Twentieth Century West Virginia; West Virginians of 1934-1935*; Hardesty’s *Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia, Illustrated*; Kenamond’s *Prominent Men of Shepherdstown, 1762-1962*; Atkinson and Gibbens’ *Prominent Men of West Virginia*; and Aler’s *History of Martinsburg and Berkeley County*.

Information about early businesses, primarily in the Shepherdstown and Harpers Ferry areas, can be gleaned from the archeological studies performed by Dr. Charles Hulse of Shepherd College and by archeologists working for Harpers Ferry National Historic Park. Merrit Roe Smith’s *Harpers Ferry and the ‘New Technology’* explores the ways in which both labor and management responded to changes in manufacturing practices.

The development of the iron industry along the Potomac River can be traced through business correspondence of John Potts and Robert Hobart and the studies of Friend’s Orebank and Keep Triste Furnace published by William Theriault. Michael D. Thompson’s *History of the Iron Industry in Western Maryland*, supplies important information about an industry that spanned the Virginia and Maryland sides of the Potomac River. Theriault’s *History of Eastern Jefferson County* presents information on the early limestone industry. Cora Bacon Foster’s *Early Chapters in the Development of the Potomac Route to the West* includes substantial information on early canal construction in this area. The several histories of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad listed in the Index and Bibliography can shed light on the relationship between transportation and economic development.

The Harpers Ferry Armory was one of the major early businesses in Jefferson County, and much has been written about it. (See the Bibliography.) The most detailed work on the subject is Merrit Roe Smith’s *Harpers Ferry Armory and the New Technology: The Challenge of Change* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1977).

Information on coal used at the Armory from 1798 to 1838 is tabulated in Howard N. Eavenson’s *The First Century and a Quarter of American Coal Industry* (Pittsburg: Koppers Building), 1942.

Businesses must apply to the state to be incorporated, and the articles of incorporation not only list the officers of the company but also describe the type of enterprise. Beginning in 1865, the Report of the Auditor was included in the annual collection of public documents published by the state of West Virginia. Corporations are listed in these publications. Abstracts of many incorporated businesses are recorded in the Acts of the Virginia and West Virginia Legislatures and are available in the Explorer Database. Corporations are also supposed to file a copy of their incorporation papers with the County Clerk’s Office, so information on many for-profit and non-profit organizations can be found in Jefferson County deed books. Jefferson County Land Books can also be consulted to determine the value of properties and their improvements, enabling researchers to chart the economic development of businesses. County tax lists may provide additional information about who owned certain taxable items.

The West Virginia Regional History Collection (Morgantown), in its Jefferson County Archives, 1802-1913 (No. 382) includes records for retail merchandising, 1884-1894. It also has an Interwoven Mills Collection containing documents and photographs of the Berkeley and Jefferson County operations.
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A variety of information can be obtained from census records. Census information is currently available for individuals appearing on the 1920 Census or earlier. In addition to providing information about a person's occupation and location, ante-bellum records often list slaveholders and enumerate their slaves, revealing the amount of slave labor used in a specific business. Census summaries for each decade provide a broader view. Listing the types of businesses present, their worth, and production figures, these sources can also help you compare Jefferson County businesses with those in adjacent counties or in the state as a whole. The census summaries are published soon after each census is completed. There is no waiting period for viewing this information. Data from recent census summaries are available from the Bureau of the Census on the Internet.

Newspaper advertisements provide an excellent source of information about the origin and location of local businesses, the source of their customers, types of items sold and their prices, and the relation of Jefferson County businesses to regional markets such as Baltimore, Alexandria, and Winchester. The same papers offer weekly glimpses of changes in the business community. No systematic index to Jefferson County newspapers has yet been published, but advertisements for Harpers Ferry from approximately 1790 to 1950 have been abstracted by Harpers Ferry National Historic Park and are available in the Explorer Database.

Many of the local newspapers have published special editions promoting county businesses. Plant newspapers, such as the Bakerton Safety News, or company publications, such as Standard Lime and Stone's Insulator often record employees' names and positions, changes in technology, safety issues, and recreational activities.

Local maps reveal the location of many businesses. Saw mills, grist mills, and some other businesses are shown on Charles Varle's 1809 map of Frederick, Berkeley, and Jefferson Counties. Since the map was published by subscription, businessmen who did not pay the map maker were not included. S. Howell Brown's 1852 and 1883 maps of Jefferson County show the location of rural businesses in more detail, and the map insets for Charlestown provide more information. The maps produced by the Sanborn Map Company show the locations of businesses in the incorporated parts of the county.

Limestone and iron mining were important industries in Jefferson County from the late 18th to the mid-20th centuries. Industries such as iron mining, limestone quarrying, and timbering are described in some detail in the studies published by Grimsley by the West Virginia Geological Survey. These works include histories of the industries in the area and often include photographs of industrial operations and analysis of samples. Most of these studies were published between 1910 and 1930. Jedediah Hotchkiss's The Virginias, A Mining, Industrial & Scientific Journal Devoted to the Development of Virginia and West Virginia, although published only from 1880 to 1885, includes substantial background information on heavy industry and transportation in Virginia and West Virginia. Specific references to Jefferson County are few and appear in the Index and in the Bibliography.

Beginning in 1885, reports were issued by the State Inspector of Mines and included in the Public Reports printed annually. Starting in 1891 the public reports published annually also included a report from the State Commissioner of Labor. Reports from the Bureau of Labor Statistics became part of these publications in 1893. Beginning in 1902 the Report of the State Geological and Economic Survey were included in these publications.

The West Virginia Regional History Collection includes Reports, 1916-1932, of West Virginia mine inspections. These are microfilms of records in the West Virginia Department of Mines and State Records Center. Includes accident and inspection reports from the West Virginia Department of Mines. Categories include: fatal accidents, 1919-1932; non-fatal accidents, 1916-1932; minor accidents, 1919-1932; inspection reports, 1919-1927; sand mines and prosecutions, 1927-1932. Accession No. 2143.
Account books, diaries, and journals are relatively rare for Jefferson County, although several sources are available at the Old Charles Town Library, The West Virginia Archives (Charleston), the West Virginia Regional History Collection, and the Hagley Museum and Library (Wilmington, DE). (See the Index.) Ledgers for defunct businesses were sometimes recycled into scrapbooks, used as kids' drawing pads, or simply thrown out. Diaries, such as the one kept by hoist tender John Welsh of Bakerton, can record changes in the physical plant, accidents, and social events within the community. Some information sources are probably in private hands and unavailable for research. Consult the Bibliography CD that accompanies this work. Manuscript sources include:

Du Pont de Nemours & Company, E.I. Papers, 1771-1922. The papers contain correspondence with customers, including representatives of the Harpers Ferry arsenal. The letters discuss experiments with saltpeter and other raw materials, formulas for gunpowder manufacture, and safety concerns. Available at the Hagley Museum and Library (Wilmington, DE).


Lewis, Dr. John D. Ledgers, 1805-1834. Lewis was a physician and mill owner in Jefferson County, VA. One ledger (1805-1818) records patient accounts and individual accounts for grist mill and sawmill services. A second ledger (1817-1834) contains mill accounts. Available at the Virginia State Library.


Savery, Thomas. Journals, Diary, and Photographs 1871-1984. The Savery family built a paper mill and an electric power generating plant at Harpers Ferry in the late 19th century. Business activities are described in papers housed at the Hagley Museum and Library (Wilmington, DE).


Business directories and telephone books can supply important information about local businesses, but few of these have been collected. Some of the identified resources include R. L. Polk's Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia State Gazetteer and Business Directory (1884), Polk's Charles Town (Jefferson County, W. Va.) City Directory, Including Ranson, Harpers Ferry, Bolivar, and Shepherdstown (1965), and Randall's Business Directory of Winchester, Berryville and Front Royal, Va., Charlestown and Harper's Ferry, W. Va. (1892-1893). No local repository for old Jefferson County telephone books has been identified.

The Miners’ Treason Trials were held at the Jefferson County Court House. The papers from the trials (1921-1922) are available on microfilm in the West Virginia Regional History Collection (Morgantown). Originals in possession of circuit court of Jefferson County. This source includes the case papers for the trials of coal miners and United Mine Workers leaders indicted for treason in connection with the Logan
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County strikes in August and September 1921. The papers focus on Walter Allen, William Blizzard, C. Frank Keeney, Rev. J.E. Wilburn, and John Wilburn.
6. Church Records and Histories

Numerous histories of Jefferson County Churches have been published, many of them being virtually unknown outside the church membership. Church records of several local denominations have been microfilmed and are described below. Newspapers are also rich resources for church-related information, as well as cemetery records. The WPA Historical Records Survey Program (National Archives, Record Group 69), includes an inventory of Church Archives of West Virginia.

West Virginia University (Morgantown) has an extensive collection of church histories, including report forms and photographs from the West Virginia Church History Project, 1963. This is a county by county collection of report forms, photographs, and histories of churches in existence for more than a century, assembled during the state centennial year. The West Virginia Archives (Charleston) has a Historical Records Survey. List of West Virginia churches, ca. 1940 (Ms 80-30), which lists churches in West Virginia by county, then denomination and founding date.

Information about specific denominations is presented in the sections that follow. General guides to church-related information are presented below.


Cartmell, Thomas K. Shenandoah Valley Pioneers and Their Descendants. Offers brief sketches of local churches.


African American


Taylor, Evelyn M. E., 1948-, collector. African-American Holiness Pentecostal collection, 1929-[ongoing]. 3.5 linear ft. In part, photocopies and transcripts (typewritten). Correspondence, church histories, reports, oral history interviews, programs, biographies, accounts of mission activities, clippings, fliers, hymnals, and other papers, reflecting the history of the Holiness-Pentecostal Project in Charles Town, WV, and Landover, MD, beginning with the founding of the House of Prayer, an early black Holiness-Pentecostal church serving Jefferson County and West Virginia’s Eastern Panhandle in the late-1920s; and African American Pentecostalism throughout the United States. Sources of materials include Bishop James Patrick Simms, Elder Robert E. Taylor, Sr., and Mrs. Lillian Christian. Seymour Center, Archives Section (Washington, DC).
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Baptist


Catholic


“St. James Catholic Church Observes 50th Anniversary The Late Father T. J. Wilson was Pastor when Saint James was Built Fifty Years Ago.” *Spirit of Jefferson*, June 23, 1939.

Church of the Brethren


Church of God


Episcopalian /Anglican


Episcopal Church. Diocese of Virginia. List of Clerical and Lay Delegates to Diocesan Conventions and Notes from Parochial Reports by Counties and Parishes, 1785 to 1829. Arranged by county and parish, it lists names of persons attending the Virginia Diocesan Convention and the dates attended. Also includes notes on each parish gathered from parochial reports, extracts from the Bishop’s Report, 1816-1828, and information on ministers. Library of Virginia, accession no. 25602.


Peterkin, George W. *A History and Record of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of West Virginia.* Charleston: Tribune Publishing Company, 1902.

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Originals at Trinity Episcopal Church. West Virginia Regional History Collection. Accession No. 1362.


**Lutheran**


A typescript of the birth and baptismal records from St. Peter’s Lutheran Church (Shepherdstown) is available at the Shepherd College Library.


**Methodist**


**Presbyterian**

The records of Christ Reformed Church (Shepherdstown) are available at Shepherd College.


Charles Town Presbyterian Church, Charles Town, West Virginia. Church Records, 1815-1967. Original records at the Library, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA. Parts are dark and hard to read. The church was organized ca. 1787 but declined in the following years. It was reorganized in 1815. Microfilm includes Session minutes, 1815-1939 (includes some congregational meeting minutes), Congregational meeting minutes 1930-1938, Church Officers, 1813-1914, Communicants (includes “colored”) 1815-1911, Non-communicants [no date], Baptisms (early records do not always give parents, includes “colored”) 1815-1841, 1865-1912, Marriages (includes “colored”) 1867-1911, Deaths (includes “colored”) 1859-1911, Miscellaneous documents, reel No. 1577704 items 6-11; Session
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Elk Branch Presbyterian Church. Shenandoah Junction, West Virginia. Church Records, 1833-1967. The church existed since 1769 but declined and was dissolved in 1792. It was reorganized in 1833. Early records give the location of the church as Duffields or Darke while later records give Shenandoah Junction as the location. Includes Session minutes, 1858-1963 (includes some congregational meeting minutes); Congregational Meeting Minutes, 1908-1960; Pastors and church officers, 1833-1964, Members, 1833-1962; Baptisms (no parents given), 1833-1857; Baptisms (parents given), 1928, 1942-1963; Retired roll, 1935. Historian's annual reports, 1937-1967. Also includes historical sketch of Elk Branch Presbyterian Church by Rev. Harold H. Leech (Sept. 29, 1929), 2 pages, article. Also abstracts of source material by R.B. Woodworth, 92 page holograph and typescript. Includes information on Elk Branch and Shenandoah Junction churches. Shenandoah Junction Church was organized in 1939. Original records at the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia. Reproduced on 1 microfilm reel No. 1577707.


Harpers Ferry Presbyterian Church. Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. Church records, 1872-1901. The church was organized in 1843 but declined and was dissolved in 1912. Includes: Session minutes (includes congregational meetings minutes) 1874-1901; Church officers 1874-1899; Communicants 1874-1896; Baptisms 1879-1893; Marriages (includes one "colored") 1881-1893; Deaths 1881-1899; Abstracts of source material by R. B. Woodworth (lists of ministers, church officers, and members). Another filming in 1987 included the session minutes 1874-1901 and the register of 1872-19899 (reel No. 1516278 items 2-3). Original records in the Library, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia. Available on 1 microfilm reel No. 1577713.

Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches. Presbyterian Church in the U. S. Minutes of sessions, 1791-1957, 85 ft. Topics: Churches and religious affairs, Presbyterian; Vital records. The minutes include proceedings of the sessions (the governing bodies of the local churches), registers of pastors, elders and deacons, baptisms, members, deaths, and marriages in Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, and all states to the south and east of these boundaries. The minutes of the mid-nineteenth century frequently contain material pertaining to the relationship of slaves to the church. The material is related to the repository's collection of minutes of presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. Microfilm catalog of records and minutes available in the repository. Open to investigators under restrictions of the repository. Presbyterian Church in the U. S. Presbyteries. Minutes of presbyteries, 1785-1952, 63 ft. Topics: Churches and religious affairs, Presbyterian. The minutes include proceedings of the regional courts (subdivisions of synods which
usually follow state lines) functioning in Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, and all states to the south and east of these boundaries. The material is related to the repository's collection of minutes of synods of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. Microfilm catalog of records and minutes available in the repository.

Kearneysville Presbyterian Church. Kearneysville, West Virginia. Church records, 1869-1967. Church was organized in 1869. Includes: Session minutes 1869-1905; Church officers 1879-1888; Communicants 1869-1908; Retired roll 1892-1899; Baptisms 1870?-1903?; Marriages 1888-1905; Deaths 1875-1904; Miscellaneous documents and historian's reports 1934?-1967; Abstracts of source material by R.B. Woodworth. Original records at the Library, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. Filmed on 1 microfilm reel No. 16050001 items 14-17. Papers are light and hard to read.


Leech, Harold H. “Sketch of Elk Branch Presbyterian Church, Duffields, Jefferson County, West Virginia, delivered at the Centennial Celebration September 8, 1929.” Shepherdstown Register, September 15, 1929, p. 2.

Lucas, Virginia. Early Presbyterianism; A Sketch of the Presbyterian Church in Charles Town and the Lower Shenandoah Valley. Charles Town: Published by the Women's Auxiliary Association, [n.d.].


Smithfield Presbyterian Church. Smithfield [Middleway], West Virginia. Church Records, 1844-1930. Original records at the Library, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia. Microfilmed on 1 reel No. 1605013 items 3-7. The congregation has existed since 1740 as Bullskin congregation or Hopewell Church. A church was built in Smithfield ca. 1798 and the name was changed to Smithfield Church in 1819. It was dissolved in 1933. Includes: Session minutes 1844-1930; Congregational meeting minutes 1923-1924; Members and church officers 1844?-1888?; Communicants 18__ - 1924; Baptisms 1851-1855, 1869-1878, 18__-1923, 1923-1922; Marriages 1851; Smithfield Presbyterian Church by R.B. Woodworth; Abstracts of church records by R. B. Woodworth.

Union Theological Seminary. Presbyterian Church in the U. S. Presbytery of Shenandoah Records, ca. 1974-1981, ca. 16 microfilm reels (negative and positive). The Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, Montreat, NC, also has microfilm of the collection. Formed from the presbyteries of Lexington and Winchester after the merger of the Synods of Virginia and West Virginia into the Synod of the Virginias in 1974. Topics: Churches and religious affairs, Presbyterian. Session, congregational, and diaconate minutes; registers; women's organizations' records; and historical sketches of numerous listed churches, including Charles Town and Shepherdstown. Presbyterian Church in the U. S. Presbytery of Winchester Records, ca. 1794-1968, 45 microfilm reels (negative and positive). The Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, Montreat, NC, also has microfilm (positive) of the collection. Topics: Churches and religious affairs, Presbyterian. Minutes, reports, addresses, treasurer's accounts, histories, manuals, and publications, relating to the presbytery's work and its women's and young people's organizations; and session minutes, registers, historical sketches, financial, women's work, and Sunday school records, bulletins, and other records, of numerous churches within the presbytery, including the following from West Virginia: Berkeley County; Charles Town; Elk Branch (Shenandoah Junction); Halltown, Jefferson County; Harpers Ferry; Kearneysville; Shenandoah Junction; Shepherdstown; and Smithfield.
Jewish
Jefferson County’s Jewish community has always been small. The following sources provide a glimpse of local Jewish life:


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People doing historical research often make heavy use of newspapers. Sometimes they forget that papers, like people, may be biased on what they choose to report and how they report it. In fact, many of the local papers were owned and operated by political candidates or by groups with strong special interests or party affiliations.

This chapter contains an overview of local newspapers. Since Jefferson County was once part of Frederick County, Virginia, and later part of Berkeley County, papers published in Winchester and Martinsburg are also important sources of information.

The most extensive index of Jefferson County newspapers is included on the Explorer CD. It includes a bibliography of specific works (including those from newspapers) about Jefferson County and a selected index/abstract of Jefferson County newspaper articles. This index/abstract includes all of the abstracts prepared by Harpers Ferry National Historic Park plus many abstracts, full text articles, and news items outside the scope of the Harpers Ferry project.

The following sources provide some information on the role of the press in West Virginia history:


Special edition newspapers have been microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah (reel no. 192,959) and are available at West Virginia University.

*Alexandria Advertiser.* Before any newspapers were published locally (1790), this was one of the primary sources of news. It often contains references to what would later become Jefferson County.

*Alexandria Gazette.* Like the *Alexandria Advertiser*, this is an early source of Jefferson County news.

*American Eagle.* Started in March 1816 by John M. Snider and later owned by Robinson and Harper. It was a continuation of *The American Eagle, and Shepherd's-Town Weekly Advertiser* (which began in February 1816). The paper apparently ceased publication about 1818.

*Baptist Outlook.* A religious newspaper (ca. 1904-1906) reportedly published in “Charles Town.” (Probably not Jefferson County.)

*Berkeley Intelligencer.* First published on April 3, 1799, in Martinsburg by John Arburtis, it was West Virginia’s third newspaper. In 1802 it was changed to the *Berkeley and Jefferson County Intelligencer and Northern Neck Advertiser*, and in 1810 became the *Martinsburg Gazette*.

*Charlestown Argus.* A weekly newspaper published in Charles Town by Edward Branch Robinson. The first issue was published April 24, 1835. It appears to have ceased publication in 1835.


*Constellation.* John Foster and James Caldwell published the *Constellation* (Winchester) about 1810, and also conducted a book-publishing house. The *Constellation* passed into the hands of several successors: Mr. Cashell, J. G. Brooks, S. H. Davis, then to Gallagher and Towers.
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*Democrat* (Charles Town). Established on January 9, 1885, by Thomas H. Mason, a Democratic candidate for office. The paper ceased operation in 1890.

*Eastern Panhandle*. Began in July 1904 and ceased operation about August 1906. It was published in Shepherdstown and edited by W. I. Boone. It was devoted to the advancement of West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, and the country generally.

*Evening Item*. The first daily newspaper in Winchester, published on January 12, 1895. This single-sheet paper was published by John I. Sloat, who later sold his interest to the Ward Brothers. The Wards sold the operation to a Mr. Norton, who renamed it the *Winchester News-Item*. On July 4, 1896, Sloat started the *Evening Star*.

*Evening Star* (Winchester). Started in 1896, the paper merged with the *News-Item* and *Times*. Early in the 20th century it was managed by H. F. Byrd and edited by D. B. Conrad. Richard E. Byrd, Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates, used this Democratic paper as his soapbox.

*Farmer's Advocate*. In September 1884, the West Virginia Publishing Company was incorporated in West Virginia by R. S. Eichelberger, E. W. Bedinger, Joseph Trapnell, B. C. Washington, and John T. Colston, all of Charles Town. The company's purpose was to publish a weekly newspaper at that location. *The Farmer's Advocate*, a weekly paper, was started by this group in 1885. Eichelberger was the son of a former editor of the Martinsburg Statesman. It was taken over by J. M. Mason, Sr., who was succeeded by his son, Thomas H. Mason. He sold out to R. W. Morrow, who in turn was succeeded by R. C. Rissler and J. F. Engle in 1901. Engle retired after four years' service, but the publication was continued until 1931 by Robert C. Rissler. In that year he sold out to John S. Alfriend, editor of *The Spirit of Jefferson*. Mr. Rissler continued as editor. The paper was the "Official organ of the West Virginia State Farmer's Alliance and Industrial Union." It continued the numbering of the *West Virginia Democrat*. The paper merged with the *Spirit of Jefferson* to form the *Spirit of Jefferson Farmers Advocate* on March 4, 1948.


*Farmers' Repository*. First published in Charles Town on April 1, 1808, by Richard Williams and William Brown, it was the first agricultural newspaper in present West Virginia. The Court of Trustees' records for Shepherdstown for May 5, 1812, ordered "publication of the laws in force" in its columns. It was merged with the *Virginia Free Press* in February 1827.

*Gazette* (Shepherdstown). Started in 1824 by John Arburtis, who had relocated from Martinsburg.

*Good Newspaper* (Shepherdstown). Published by the Shepherdstown Ministerial Association.


*The Guidon*. Published in 1864 at Charles Town by the 12th Pennsylvania Cavalry. (Volume 1, no. 4 is dated December 22, 1864.) It was a camp newspaper.

*Harpers Ferry Constitutionalist*. Begun about 1821. In May 1841, John J. Hickey established a Democratic newspaper, *The Jefferson Banner*, in Charlestown. *The Harpers Ferry Constitutionalist* establishment and the names of its patrons were handed over to the *Banner*.
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Harpers Ferry Free Press. Started by John S. Gallaher and H. N. Gallaher at Harpers Ferry. In 1827, it was combined with the Farmer's Repository. It was briefly published simultaneously at Charlestown and Harpers Ferry under title Virginia Free Press and Farmers' Repository. It later became published solely in Charles Town under the Free Press banner.

Harpers Ferry Messenger. Published in June 1882 at Harpers Ferry “By Coloreds Attached To Storer College,” the Revs. B. F. Fox and A. W. Adams (Editors) and Rev. J. W. Dungee (Business Manager). In April 1883, the Spirit accused the Messenger of stirring up strife between races over comments about the shooting of "colored boy Roberts" and Lynch law. In October 1883, the name of the paper was changed to The Messenger and moved to Shepherdstown, where it was published by Rev. B. F. Fox. The move was possibly caused by paper's criticism of Storer College principal Brackett.

Harpers Ferry Sentinel. A paper by this name (possibly the Saturday Sentinel) was begun in September 1887 by David Gorshorn, formerly of Mineral County. In February 1888 it changed to a four-page format. The same year it was purchased by W. L. Erwin & L. J. Brackett. The Saturday Sentinel was absorbed by the Harpers Ferry Sentinel in 1892. The paper suspended publication December 18, 1894. A paper under the same name (possibly the same paper?) had begun publication in 1851 under the ownership of C. Grate. James W. Beller, former editor of the Spirit of Jefferson, proposed establishing a paper of this name in 1857. It is not clear what relationship existed among these papers.

Harpers Ferry Times. Begun around 1900 and edited by W.O. Towns, it ceased publication about 1914.

Herald (Martinsburg). A Republican newspaper edited and managed by John T. Reily in 1890.

The Impartial Observer: or Shepherd's-Town, Charles Town & Country Advertiser. First published on June 28, 1797 by Philip Rootes and Charles Blagrove at Shepherdstown. It became the second newspaper to be published in western Virginia.

Independent (Shepherdstown). Published in the 1890's by Jacob Winternoyer and Dr. C. T. V. S. Butler, and edited by John H. Zittle until his death, it was absorbed by The Register. A Republican paper named The Independent surfaced again in January 1907 under the editorship and management of C. S. Musser. The March 13, 1974, issue states that the paper was to be temporarily suspended for lack of letter press newsprint.

Independent (Storer College). Published in 1875, this newspaper was devoted to the interests of the "Colored Race."


Jefferson Banner. Published in Charles Town in May 1841 by John J. Hickey, it absorbed the Harpers Ferry Constitutionalist.

Jefferson Herald. Begun as the Saturday Post (Harpers Ferry) in 1834, by Adam T. Cavis, it changed its name to the Jefferson Herald and "hoisted the Jackson Flag" in October of that year. The Herald apparently ceased publication shortly thereafter, the editor "finding that the citizens of Harpers Ferry have not spirit enough to support a Virginia weekly paper of any description (either neutral or political) we have determined to discontinue the publication of our paper at this place."
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Jefferson Republican. Published by R.J. Funkhouser from 1942 to 1955. Funkhouser ran for U.S. Senate in 1942 and for Governor in 1944. The Republican had a tabloid format, editorially took a strong stand against the New Deal and Fair Deal and supported the political philosophies of General Douglas MacArthur and Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio. The paper was a weekly from October 27, 1944, to September 1, 1955, and a monthly from July, 1943 to April, 1944. The first three issues were published at Claymont Court.

Journal (Martinsburg). Established in Martinsburg in 1907.

Journal (Shepherdstown). A weekly newspaper published in Shepherdstown by George Fleming. It began publication about 1824 and appears to have ceased publication about March 1827. Editors included C. G. Fleming (1824 - April 1826) and John Alburtis (1826 - March 1827).

Journal (Winchester). The first Republican paper in Winchester, edited by A. M. Crane. Started in 1865, it was sold to N. B. Meade, who started the Sentinel, a Democratic paper. The paper ceased publication after about two years.

The Journal, and Virginia and Maryland Advertiser. Published in Shepherdstown by George Fleming about 1925.

"Journal of the Times." A November 1848 prospectus by G. W. Chambers announced the intended publication of this paper at Harpers Ferry. (Is this the Harpers Ferry Times?) The prospectus announced that "In a word every effort shall be made and the editor hopes successfully to render The Journal an interesting paper occupying the middle ground between the mere political and mere religious newspaper and marked by a spirit of moderation and candor that shall insure general approbation."

The Key. Published in Frederick, MD, ca. 1798. (Identified in the Library of Congress, Early American Imprints Series.) The paper mentions activities in areas adjacent to the Potomac River, such as Shepherdstown and Harpers Ferry.

Ladies Garland. This was one of the first papers in the nation devoted mainly to the interests of women. This paper was four pages of 9 x 12 inches, and was published every Saturday evening for a period of five years by John S. Gallaher, at the office of the Harpers Ferry Free Press.

Leader (Winchester). Started in 1884 by T. H. Goshorn, this Republican paper continued for a few years under the editorship of E. D. Root and then closed for lack of support.


The West Virginia Patriot. A newspaper published in Shepherdstown in 1913 by the P.O.S.A. (Patriotic Order of the Sons of America?). Reported to be in the Regional History Collection, Morgantown.

Pioneer Press. Beginning in 1882, it was published in Martinsburg by J. R. Clifford, an outspoken black newspaperman, lawyer, and Storer College graduate. The first black man licensed to practice law in West Virginia, Clifford traded salvos with the Virginia Free Press and Shepherdstown Independent for years on racial issues and, in particular, on the John Brown raid and the death of Hayward Shepherd. He also freely criticized the Republican Party for its failure to represent blacks. In September 1917, The Pioneer Press ceased publication after 35 years, following charges of postal law violations concerning criticisms by J. R. Clifford of United States involvement in World War One.
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Potowmack Guardian and Berkeley Advertiser. The first newspaper printed within the boundaries of the State, it was started in Shepherdstown late in the year 1790 by Nathaniel Willis. Willis, a former member of the Boston Tea Party of 1773, had previously published a newspaper in Winchester, Virginia. Willis moved to Martinsburg about 1792 where it continued publication. In 1795 the spelling of “Potowmack” was changed to “Potomak.” On February 1, 1798, the title was shortened to the Potomak Guardian.

Register (Shepherdstown). The paper began in 1848. The first editors were Entler and McAnly, but after the first year Entler retired and McAnly carried on. He was succeeded by J. T. Bringman, who in 1853 sold it to John H. Zittle. In 1884, possession was secured by William and Harry L. Snyder. In the 1850's it was advertised as “A Family Newspaper – Devoted to General Intelligence, Advertising, Literature, Morality, Agriculture, Arts and Sciences, Markets, &c., &c.” William Snyder soon retired, leaving operation of the business to Harry L. Snyder. On December 22, 1955, under the direction of William B. Snyder, Jr., it ceased publication. At the time, it was the second oldest newspaper in the state. Editors included Hardy and McAnly, December 4, 1849; McAnly, May 28, 1850; McAnly and Entler, June 5, 1850; John. H. Zittle, Nov., 1853-Nov., 1882; J.W. and H. L. Snyder, 1882-1884; H. L. Snyder, October 1884-1935; William B. Snyder, 1935-1942; Martha White Snyder, 1942-1948; and William B. Snyder, 1948-Dec. 22, 1955. It issued a special centennial edition, December 4, 1949, in four sections with excerpts from issues of its past 100 years. It suspended publication for December 10, 1852-1853, and June 15, 1861-July 15, 1865. The paper contains numerous articles on local history.

Saturday Post (Harpers Ferry). In September 1834, this “new” newspaper owned by Adam T. Cavis changed its name to the Jefferson Herald and "hoisted the Jackson Flag."

Shepherd College Pickett. Began publication on December 30, 1871, it is the student newspaper of Shepherd College.


Spirit of Jefferson. The first issue was published on July 17, 1844, in Charles Town by James W. Beller. It was started in opposition to the Federalist and Whig newspaper, the Virginia Free Press. In 1858 the office was destroyed by fire but was re-established under the control of Lucas & Donavin. It then passed into the control of Donavin & Douglass and then Benjamin F. Beall, the latter owners running it for several years before the Civil War and owning it up to 1869. In the February 15, 1870, issue the new owners Dal gran and Haines noted that “We Pledge To Uphold Standards Of Beall's Spirit of Jefferson Newspaper.” Rivalry between the Spirit of Jefferson and The Virginia Free Press kept readers entertained. For example, in the October 14, 1873, issue of the Spirit of Jefferson, the editor asks "Where Does Virginia Free Press Get Its Harpers Ferry News From? Does It Have Special Correspondent To Clip It From Spirit of Jefferson?" It was not until 1872, nine years after West Virginia had been admitted to the Union, that The Spirit of Jefferson changed its mast-head from “Virginia” to “West Virginia.” Beginning in July 1, 1875, George W. Haines edited the paper. The paper was sold about 1930 to John S. Alfriend. It is still published as the Spirit of Jefferson - Farmers Advocate, making it the oldest newspaper in the state. It continues the numbering of Spirit of Jefferson from 1948.

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Storer College Record. A monthly newspaper published by Storer College, Harpers Ferry. The first issue was printed in January 1883.

Times (Gerrardstown). Started in 1870 by J. B. Morgan, it attempted to stay politically neutral.

Virginia Centinel. First published in Winchester in April 2, 1788, by Richard Bowen & Co., the Centinel provided political counterpoint to the Virginia Gazette.

Virginia Free Press. First published by John S. Gallaher and H. N. Gallaher at Harpers Ferry. In 1827, the newspaper combined with Richard Williams' Farmer's Repository. For a brief time, the newspaper was published simultaneously at Charlestown and Harpers Ferry under title Virginia Free Press and Farmers' Repository. The name later changed to the Free Press. The paper had strong Whig affiliations. Gallaher was twice elected to the Virginia house of Delegates and was editor or part owner of several Whig newspapers between Charles Town and Richmond. During the Civil War the newspaper office was entirely demolished by the Federal soldiers, with types, presses, and everything being consumed by fire. The Gallaher family continued publication until about 1910 when it was sold to State Senator William Campbell who operated it a few years and then sold the plant and equipment to Clayton Haines and Robert Rissler, publishers of the Spirit of Jefferson and Farmers Advocate, respectively. These two discontinued the publication of the Free Press on March 16, 1916. The subscription books, 1821 - 1884, 2 vols. (listing subscribers to the Harpers Ferry and Charles Town newspaper, Jefferson County, by locality) are located in The Southern Historical Collection, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Virginia Gazette and Winchester Advertiser. The first newspaper published in the Shenandoah Valley (July 1, 1787). Published by Henry Wilcox & Co., the editor noted that the paper will supply the "latest information from the seats of government, statements of the markets, etc.," and offers its columns for correspondents to furnish the public with reliable news." The editor announced to his readers, that he was prepared by experience in the foreign cities to give the readers such publications as will win their respect and support. In January 1788, the paper was taken over by the firm of Bartgis & Wilcox. Bartgis at this time was publishing newspapers in York Town, Pennsylvania, and Frederick Town, Maryland, and was just establishing one at Staunton, Virginia. The Centinel and the Virginia Gazette came under the ownership of Richard Bowen about 1800 and were merged into the Gazette.

Virginia Literary Museum and Journal of Belles Lettres, Arts, Sciences, etc. Charlottesville, VA. F. Carr, 1830.


Virginia Republican. Published in the early 1830's at Martinsburg by William Arburtis and G. C. Smoot. The paper was published in Charles Town, July 26 to December 14, 1837. It ceased publication on June 15, 1861, and resumed publication in October 1861. It ceased publication again in 1862. When Union troops under General Robert Patterson later took over the office, they briefly published a pro-Union newspaper entitled the American Union.

Virginian. Started by Judge Joseph H. Sherrard in 1827, this weekly was a Jeffersonian Democrat paper. Lewis Eichelberger became editor about 1834 and the paper was later sold to J. J. Palmer, the last owner.

Winchester News. In the summer of 1865, after three years without a paper, George R. Henry, P. L. Kurtz, and H. K. Pritchard started the Winchester News. The paper was published weekly until 1888, when it was purchased by Bailey & McAuliffe.
Winchester Republican. A Whig paper published by Peter Printz in 1824. It changed owners several times, with George E. Senseny being the editor for a number of years and Nathaniel B. Meade a year taking charge before the Civil War. Meade was the owner when Union General Nathaniel P. Banks’ soldiers destroyed the plant in 1862.

Winchester Times. This paper first appeared in 1865 with Goldsborough and Clark as editors and owners. Clark soon sold his interest, and Goldsborough and Russell became owners. Major Robert W. Hunter later gained ownership of the paper. Henry D. Beall, later affiliated with the Baltimore Sun, purchased one-half interest and Hunter and Beall published a Democratic paper during Reconstruction. Captain E. G. Hollis succeeded Beall, and Hunter afterwards sold his interest to T. W. Harrison (a circuit Judge). R. E. Byrd purchased a half interest, and William Riely became manager and local editor. In 1883, the Winchester Times Publishing Company was established with R. E. Byrd as editor. In 1902, the Times purchased the Evening Star and in 1907, it bought the News and Item plant from Mr. Norton.
8. Personal Papers

The following collections are located at various repositories. See the repository listed in each description for more detailed information. Item level descriptions, when available, are included in the Bibliography.


Bedinger, Henry (1812-1858). Papers, 1781-1848. West Virginia Archives, 27 items.


Bills, John Houston. Papers, 1842 - 1878, 27 vols. and 6 papers. Diary, 1843 - 1871, and other papers of Tennessee businessman and railroad director John Houston Bills, including details of visits to the springs of present-day West Virginia. The Southern Historical Collection, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.


Brown, Coalter, Tucker. Papers, 1769-1919, 4,276 items. Topics: Health resorts, watering places, etc. Family and business correspondence, legal papers, accounts, notes, poems, and other papers, reflecting life in Williamsburg, Staunton, Petersburg, Fredericksburg, and other cities and towns in Virginia, plantation life in Bedford County and Gloucester County, VA, and the social seasons at the medicinal springs of Virginia and West Virginia. A description and listing each item are available in the library. College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA.

Brown, John (1800-1859). See the extensive listing of John Brown papers and repositories in a separate chapter essay and in the annotated Bibliography.

Brown, John (1800-1859). Papers, 1859-1860. West Virginia Regional History Collection, Morgantown, WV. Nos. 335, 336, 1475. Fifty-nine items. Photostatic copies of Court records from Charles Town, Jefferson County, relating to the trial of John Brown and his associates; an account of the raid from the Charles Town Independent Democrat (October 24, 1859); Brown's petition for a writ of error which appeared in the Richmond Daily Enquirer (November 21, 1859); a letter from Luther Humphrey
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(Brown's cousin) to Brown (November 12, 1859) and a reply (November 19, 1859) defending Brown's actions.


Bucher, David A. Papers (1789-1888). College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA.

Bullock, Miles Wayne (1844-1914). Papers, 1799-1911, 294 items and 4 v. Central Michigan University, Clarke Historical Library, Mount Pleasant, MI.


Coalman, Daniel (1825-____). Papers. 12 pp. Part of the Thornton T. Perry Collection. Shepherd College Library.

Conklyn Family. Papers. 69 pp. Part of the Thornton T. Perry Collection. Shepherd College Library.


Dandridge, Danske, Bedinger (1854-1914). Papers, 1887-1901. 20 items. West Virginia Archives. Also at Duke University.

Daniel, John M. Papers, 1891-1898. Twenty-three items. West Virginia Regional History Collection, Morgantown, WV. No. 353. Letters, receipts, advertising circulars, and other items of a clerk of the Jefferson County Court, Charles Town, WV.


Davis, Julia McDonald (1900-1992). Papers, 1866-1963. West Virginia Regional History Collection, Morgantown, WV. No. 1856. Correspondence, manuscripts, class notes and other papers of this author and daughter of John W. Davis. Includes a biographical sketch of E.H. McDonald (her grandfather); reminiscences of the Civil War; memoirs of Col. A.W. McDonald; notes on trips of John W. Davis, particularly in 1924. Correspondents include John W. Davis, William L. Wilson, and Julia McDonald.
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Dimmit, John. Dimmit Family Papers, 1807, 1885-1890. West Virginia Regional History Collection, Morgantown, WV. No. 1569. Includes 1807 will of John Dimmitt of Jefferson County.

Douglass, Frederick (1817-1895). Papers, 1790-1943, 6 ft. Howard University, Moorland-Spingarn Research Center Library.


Gallahe family. Papers, 1800-1924, 2,037 items and 7 v. Duke University Library.


Hamilton, Joseph D. Papers, 1775 - 1929, 373 items. Includes papers of Hamilton's father-in-law, Abraham Morgan. The Southern Historical Collection, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.


Hopkins, George Washington (1845-1862). Papers, 1861-1864, 44 items. Mississippi Department of Archives and History.


Irons, J.C. Letter, June 28, 1898. Letter from J.C. Irons to William Campbell (Charles Town) regarding arrangements for the next Democratic convention.


Jones, Thomas. Papers, 1849, 1857, 2 items. The Southern Historical Collection, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.


Knott-Reinhart Family Papers.  Available in searchable electronic format in Explorer Database.

Koonce Family.  Papers, 1844-1871, 7 items and 11 vols.  Duke University Library, Durham, NC.


Lewis, Thomas Narven.  Papers, ca. 1898-1934, 80 items.  Includes Storer College materials.  Howard University, Moorland-Spingarn Research Center Library.


Lucas Family.  Papers, ca.1780-1900.  1 ft.  West Virginia Archives, Charleston, WV.

Lucas, Daniel Bedinger (1836-1909).  Papers (1812-1924).  1.8 cu. ft.  Virginia Polytechnic Institute Library, Special Collections.  Ms95-012.  Papers consist of scrapbooks, correspondence, poems, essays, newspapers, and other materials collected and created by Lucas and several items created by his daughter, poet Virginia Lucas.  Topics include Lucas's defense of John Yates Beall, the exploits of adventurer William Walker, the origin of General Robert E. Lee's horse Traveler; and West Virginia politics.  Includes examples of Lucas's poetry and an 1860 scrapbook with several pressed flower designs.


Lynch, George N.  Papers, 1835-1898.  Deeds and legal papers of a Jefferson County farmer.  Includes legal documents relating to Dr. Nicholas Marmion of Harpers Ferry.  West Virginia Regional History Collection, Morgantown, WV.  No. 1340.


Marmion, Nicholas (d. 1883).  Family Papers, 1798-1951.  Personal, medical, and business papers, account books and journals of Nicholas Marmion, a Harpers Ferry doctor.  West Virginia Regional History Collection, Morgantown, WV.  No. 1071.


Osburn, Franklin (1821 - ____).  Papers.  17 pp. Merchant. Microfilm available at Shepherd College Library.

Osburn Family Document Collection.  198 items. Jefferson County Museum, Charles Town, WV.


Price, Elias Winans (1829-1897).  Papers, 1823-1868, 115 items. The Southern Historical Collection, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Ruggles, Charles H.  Letter to Benson J. Lossing.  Discusses location of two Union Army majors captured between Martinsburg and Harpers Ferry by Mosby's guerillas on October 13, 1864. West Virginia Regional History Collection, Morgantown, WV.  No. 1480.

Sanborn, Franklin Benjamin.  Papers, 1876-1906. West Virginia Archives, Charleston, WV, Boyd Stutler Collection.

Seely, Simeon Franklin.  Letter, 1859.  Letter written October 17, 1859, by a merchant from Beverly, Ohio, who arrived at Harpers Ferry on the night of October 16, 1859, when John Brown and his men were seizing the Armory.  Describes the capture of a train by Brown’s men.  West Virginia Regional History Collection, Morgantown, WV.  No. 1457.


Shepherd Family.  Papers.  9 pp. Microfilm available at Shepherd College Library.

Shirley Family.  Papers.  26 pp. Microfilm available at Shepherd College Library.

Slaughter, Smith (____ - 1824).  Document, 1 item, April 25, 1791. Bill of sale for a slave sold by this Berkeley County resident to James Graham.  Virginia State Library.

Smith, Elzar H.  Smith Papers. Lewis Leigh Collection, Archives, Manuscript Division, United States Army Military History Institute, Carlisle, PA.

Spears, Anita Buchanan.  Papers, ca. 1916-1957.  Includes information on Jefferson county history, David Hunter Strother, and James Rumsey.  West Virginia Regional History Collection, Morgantown, WV.  No. 1338.


Strother, David Hunter.  Papers, 1868-1888. 5 in. West Virginia Archives.  The majority of his papers, journals, and illustrations are located in the Regional History Collection of the West Virginia University Library, Morgantown, WV.


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Van Meter Family. Papers, 1785-1910. 5 leaves. West Virginia Archives, Charleston, WV.

Van Vleck, Arthur L. Diary, 1862 - 1863, 1 vol. Union soldier. The Southern Historical Collection, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.


Washington, George (1732-1799). Papers, 1750, 1773, and 1774. West Virginia Regional History Collection, Morgantown, WV. Nos. 442, 443, and 1164. Includes a photocopy of a survey of 400 acres made by George Washington in Frederick County in 1750. A large number of the Washington's materials has been edited and reprinted. See the Bibliography for additional information.


Wilson, William L. (1843-1900). Papers, 1883, 1888. Two letters from William L. Wilson regarding the political campaign of 1888 and reprints of articles on WV University that appeared in the Wheeling Register about 1883. West Virginia Regional History Collection, Morgantown, WV. No. 456.

Wilson, William L. (1843-1900). Papers, 1862-1900. Correspondence, writings, diaries, newspaper clippings and miscellaneous papers of William L Wilson, who was a private in the 12th Virginia Cavalry, President of West Virginia University (1882-1883), member of Congress (1883-1895), Postmaster General (1895-1897), author of the Wilson-Gorman Tariff (1894), and president of Washington and Lee University (1897-1900). Includes materials collected by Festus P. Summers, Wilson’s biographer. West Virginia Regional History Collection, Morgantown, WV. No. 1694.

Wysong family. Papers. 1350 pp. Microfilm available at Shepherd College Library.


Yoder, Jonah. Union soldier. Papers. Ronald B. Boyer Collection, Archives, Manuscript Division, United States Military History Institute, Carlisle, PA.
9. Cemetery Records

Used in conjunction with other sources, cemetery records (or tombstone inscriptions) can provide valuable information about births, deaths, and marriages in Jefferson County.

Birth and death records for Jefferson County no longer exist for years before 1853. Marriage records from 1802 to the present are available. All of the available birth, death, and marriage records may be found at the Jefferson County Courthouse, and they were microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah in 1970 and 1973. Death records for Berkeley County from 1772 to 1801 are not available.

The following indexes of birth, death, and marriage records were published in 1970 by Lester J. Link and are available in the Old Charles Town Library: *Index of Names Appearing in the Birth Records of Jefferson County, Virginia and West Virginia*, *Index of Names Appearing in the Death Records of Jefferson County, Virginia and West Virginia*, and *Marriages, Jefferson County, Virginia and West Virginia, 1801-1880*. These resources are available at the Old Charles Town Library.

While official records are the preferred sources of information, the tombstone inscriptions, cemetery records, and obituaries are particularly important to fill in the lack of official sources before 1853. Tombstone inscriptions are not always accurate and are sometimes misread or incorrectly transcribed. Obituaries are also subject to error, and many of them provide references to death (e.g., “died last Thursday”) rather than the specific death date.

The most extensive work on cemetery inscriptions has been published by the Bee Line Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Their *Tombstone Inscriptions, Jefferson County, West Virginia* (1981) study records tombstone inscriptions from over 120 cemeteries in Jefferson County and is supplemented by records from the court house, churches, and funeral homes. The index provides references to surnames only. D.A.R. cemetery and family records from 1754 to 1900 are available on microfilm from the Genealogical Society of Utah (roll numbers 848,621 and 848,632).

Hugh Voress’ *Burials in Jefferson County, West Virginia, 1978-1998*, supplements the D.A.R.’s effort, listing burials that occurred after the publication of *Tombstone Inscriptions*. It also contains tombstone inscriptions and cemetery records not included in the earlier book.


African American burial sites were mapped by Dr. Charles Hulse of Shepherd College in his *1990-91 Jefferson County, West Virginia African-American Cemetery Survey*. Hulse’s survey results and maps are also found in Explorer CD. Some cemetery records can be found at the West Virginia Archives in Charleston.

Local newspapers such as the *Spirit of Jefferson, Free Press*, and *Shepherdstown Register* published brief obituaries. After the Civil War they printed death lists of soldiers and civilians who had died during the war years. Obituaries in the year following the Civil War often identify former soldiers who died at home from wounds suffered in the war. Several other sources may provide supplementary information:


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Taken to its extreme, genealogy in Jefferson County would encompass everyone who ever lived here, where they came from, and where they went. On a more practical level, this chapter describes materials that contain local information useful to genealogists. These resources fall into two main groups: primary sources, such as records of births, deaths, marriages, and land transactions, and wills; and secondary sources, such as family histories.

This survey is not meant to supplant the numerous “How To” books on genealogy, nor is it intended to list all published and unpublished genealogies of Jefferson County families.

Primary Sources

For persons who live in or near Jefferson County, the Court House in Charles Town is the first logical place to stop for public records. However, some records were lost, stolen, or destroyed and others are not accessible at this location. Consult Chapter 3. Public Records for the location of available materials.

Other useful sites for microfilmed public records include Shepherd College Library, the Berkeley County Historical Society, Martinsburg Public Library, West Virginia University Library (Morgantown), and the West Virginia Division of Archives and History (Charleston). The libraries at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park and the Harpers Ferry Design Center also have substantial microfilm collections, but are open to the public by appointment only. Holdings for these institutions are described in more detail in their respective sections of Chapter 2. Libraries and Museums. Although the Old Charles Town Library has an impressive collection of works on local history, it has no microfilm resources and therefore few public records.

Indexes have been published for many public records. Several are listed below. These resources can be very useful, but they are secondary sources and may contain typographical or transcription errors.

Births and Deaths

Birth and death records for Jefferson County are not available before 1853. Records after this date are accessible at the Jefferson County Court House. Vital statistics for the period from 1917 to 1921 are also missing due to a fire at the state capitol.

Useful secondary sources include:


West Virginia. West Virginia Historic Records Survey, 1750-1939. Copies of records from each county in West Virginia. Includes registers of births, deaths, marriages, wills, estate settlements, and land records; transcriptions of county and circuit court order books and minute books; cemetery readings and registers; church record surveys; calendars of the papers of West Virginia Governors; and American Imprint Inventory slips of the holdings of several West Virginia libraries. West Virginia Regional History Collection. Accession No. 46.

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Other resources such as newspaper obituaries and tombstone inscriptions may serve as useful supplements to public records, but they should be used with caution because they contain some inaccuracies.

Marriages

Marriage records for Jefferson County are available at the Court House in Charles Town, West Virginia. The records have been microfilmed and are available through West Virginia University, the West Virginia Division of Archives and History, and the Genealogical Society of Utah.

Several useful supplements include:


These works are transcriptions and may contain errors. Church records (q.v.) serve as another important source for vital statistics and can supplement or corroborate information obtained from other sources.

Wills

Will books for Jefferson County (1801 and after) are available in the Jefferson County Clerk's Office and on microfilm at other locations. (See Chapter 3. Public Records). For wills filed before 1801, check Jefferson County's antecedents: Berkeley County (Martinsburg, WV, 1772-1801), Frederick County (Winchester, VA, 1738-1772), and Orange County (1734 to 1738).

Dale Walton Morrow's Wills of Jefferson County, West Virginia: An Index, 1801-1899, is a useful finding aid.

Land Records

Many land records for Jefferson County (1801 to the present) are available at the Jefferson County Clerk's Office, in Charles Town, West Virginia. Researchers wishing to find earlier records should examine the resources of Jefferson County's antecedents and determine their location in Chapter 3. Public Records. A useful research tool for locating plats of Jefferson County records is Michael D. Thompson's Calendar and Index to Recorded Survey Plats in Jefferson County, West Virginia (West Virginia): Courthouse, 1801-1901.

Land grants for Jefferson County are available in the Explorer Database. Land grants have been indexed by Galtjo L. Geertsema in Cadastral Index maps of Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan Counties, West Virginia, and other sections of Old Frederick County, Virginia, Old Frederick County, Virginia. The plats are presented in his Land Grants [Jefferson and Berkeley Counties].

Census Records

The census records for Virginia in 1790 and 1800 are missing, as is the 1890 census for West Virginia. See Max Grove's Reconstructed Census 1774-1810, Berkeley County, Virginia (Colesville, MD, 1970) for useful information. Dale Walton Morrow and Deborah Jensen Morrow compiled Jefferson County, West Virginia: Complete Census 1810 / Jefferson County (Virginia), West Virginia in 1983. The 1890 Special Census of Union Veterans and Their Widows provides some useful information.
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The 1850 Census of Jefferson County, Virginia, has been reprinted in the Magazine of the Jefferson County Historical Society, 51 (1990). A searchable, electronic version of the 1850 census is available in the Explorer Database. Janet Comuzie compiled The 1860 West Virginia Mortality Schedules, Persons Who Died During the Year Ending 1st June 1860 in West Virginia, 1984. William A. March compiled the 1880 Census of West Virginia, 1981-1983. Another useful resource is the 1870 Census Index: County of Jefferson. Bountiful, UT: Precision Indexing, 1989. Mortality schedules were included in each census taken between 1850 and 1880, providing information on persons who had died during the census year. An 1880 school census was also taken which includes only information on families having children under age 10.

Slave census records were compiled in 1850 and 1860, but they generally include only the name of their owner and the ages (or age ranges) of his slave(s).

With the exceptions just noted, Census records for Jefferson County are currently available up to 1920. Subsequent census records will each be made public as they become 70 years old.

Bible Records

Two types of Bible records may be encountered: records of births, deaths, and marriages entered in family Bibles by a family member when the event occurred; and similar kinds of information that have been copied into a Bible from other sources. Original entries show evidence that they were made over a long period of time, often by several persons. Transcriptions, copied in a uniform hand, are subject to the same kinds of errors found in other secondary sources.

Secondary Sources

Where primary sources for vital statistics are missing, newspapers, tombstone inscriptions, and indexes or compilations of these materials may prove useful. Marriage notices (often listed under “Marriages” or “Married”) normally included the name and residence of the groom, the name, residence, and parents of the bride, and the name of the minister performing the ceremony.

Death notices, listed under “Death,” “Deaths,” “Obituaries,” and related terms, are often very brief, listing the name, date of death, and immediate family. More prominent persons may also have a more detailed obituary published in addition to (or instead of) a death notice. Since local newspapers were closed during the Civil War, obituaries of many persons who died during the period were not immediately published. Starting in 1865, some newspapers, such as the Spirit of Jefferson, began printing these older obituaries. Local newspapers printed in 1865 and 1866 frequently contain death notices for soldiers who had returned home after the war and died from their wounds.

Some marriage and death notices are included in the Bibliography compact disc that accompanies this reference work. Other newspaper abstracts, are included in the Explorer Database.

See also, High, Beth (comp.). Marriages and Deaths from The Farmer’s Repository, 1825 and 1826, Charles Town, Virginia (now West Virginia). [Charleston, WV]: B. High, [1990]. Histories of several Smithfield (Middleway) families can be found in Robert L. Bates’ The Story of Smithfield (Middleway), Jefferson County, West Virginia.

General Resources

Helen S. Stinson’s Handbook for Genealogical Research in West Virginia, is a valuable work that surveys the information resources available to genealogists in West Virginia. It contains guidelines for novices, hints on where to find and how to interpret information, and the contents of various repositories. The resources of several counties (not Jefferson County) are described in detail. Genealogies in the Library of Congress (1972) also provides useful information as does LC’s Internet accessible catalog.
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During the early 18th century, the colony of Virginia issued land grants to a few settlers in what would become the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia. Large grants were issued in 1730 to Jost Hite and to John and Isaac Van Metre, who were to settle families on the land. Shortly after this settlement began, Thomas Lord Fairfax became owner of the Northern Neck of Virginia, a grant that encompassed the entire Eastern Panhandle and adjacent portions of Virginia.

Fairfax set up his own land office and began issuing grants himself, and he challenged Hite and the Van Metres on their legal ownership of the lands they were settling. To settle this dispute, the Hite vs. Fairfax lawsuit was instituted. It involved not only these large land speculators but also the individual grantees who had purchased land. The suit dragged on from the 1730's until 1786.

In addition to describing the metes and bounds of a property, land grants often provide information about the grantee's place of origin, names of adjacent property owners, natural features of the land, and improvements such as roads and orchards.

A good place to begin your exploration of local land grants is with Stuart E. Brown, Jr., *Virginia Baron, the Story of Thomas, 6th Lord Fairfax*. This biography of Thomas Lord Fairfax is particularly useful for its information about land grants in the Northern Neck of Virginia and the Hite vs. Fairfax lawsuit. Josiah Look Dickinson's *The Fairfax Proprietary: The Northern Neck, the Fairfax Manors, and Beginning of Warren County in Virginia* is also very valuable, providing an overview of the land grant process and a partial transcript of the Hite vs. Fairfax Suit. A complete transcript of the lawsuit is available in the Handley Library (Winchester, VA), and the suit has been studied by Elizabeth K. Rogers in her "Hite V Fairfax Suit,” *Magazine of the Jefferson County Historical Society*, 25 (1959): 15-27. George B. Folk's "The Right Honourable Thomas Lord Fairfax and His Swan Pond Estate," *West Virginia History*, 21.1 (1960): 5-12, describes the acquisition and use of the Swan Pond property in Jefferson and Berkeley Counties.

One of the most valuable early sources is the *Map of the Northern Neck of Virginia, 1736*, prepared for William Gooch. The map is part of the information collected in the dispute between Thomas Lord Fairfax, the Colony of Virginia, and entrepreneur Jost Hite over ownership of lands within the Northern Neck of Virginia. Two versions of this map are available, a manuscript version showing the sites of early land grants made by the Crown as well as major trails and waterways and an small engraved version containing much less detail.

An important source for locating land grants within present day Jefferson County is Galtjo Geertsema's *Cadastral Index maps of Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan Counties, West Virginia, and other sections of Old Frederick County, Virginia*, published in 1969. The work includes transparent overlays to several U.S.G.S. map quads for Jefferson County and plots the boundaries of most land grants by the colony (and later state) of Virginia and by Thomas Lord Fairfax. The maps are accompanied by index keys to each quad map which list the name of the property owner, the date of the grant, number of acres, and the repository for the original grants. (Jefferson County land grants in the Berryville and Round Hill quads are not currently available.) The maps and index are available in the Jefferson County and Berkeley County Court Houses. The full text of all the land grants listed on Geertsema's maps is available in the Explorer Database.

The following collections of land grants have been microfilmed and are available from the Genealogical Society of Utah, West Virginia University, and the West Virginia Archives: Jefferson and Berkeley Counties, 1754-1864 (reel no. 521,685); Jefferson County, 1787-1861 (reel no. 521,701); West Virginia, 1864-1869 (reel no. 462,957); West Virginia, 1869-1912 (reel no. 462,958); and the West Virginia State Auditor's Office, Plats and Surveys, 1863-1899 (reel no. 462,959). The West Virginia Archives has the Fairfax Land Papers, 1729-1763 (MS 79-3), which includes papers concerning the surveying and settling of the Northern Neck of Virginia.
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The following list includes the name of each grantee, the date of the grant, number of acres, the deed book reference, the U.S. Geological Survey quad map containing the grant, and the grant number on Geertsema's map overlays.

[Anon.] 1751, [No Date]; 197 acres. Deed Book G, p. 556. Shepherdstown Quad. #802.

Abrell, John. 1757, November 9; 89 acres. F1, p. 458. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Inwood Quad. #106.


Bedinger, Henry. 1797, April 13; 8 acres. B1, p. 189. Martinsburg Quad. #311.

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Bell, Joseph, Sr. 1800, November 28; 19 acres. B1, p. 270. Middleway Quad. #306.

Bell, Nathaniel. 1762, February 18; 212 acres. Volume K, p. 365. Inwood Quad. #912.


Blake, John C. 1861, September 2; 6 acres. B2, p. 295. Martinsburg Quad. #60A.


Bozeoth, John. 1755, April 5; 310 acres. Volume H, p. 634. Inwood Quad. #905.

Bradford, Peter. 1751, June 1; 301 acres. Deed Book G, p. 524. Shepherdstown Quad. #214.


Bradford, Peter. 1764, October 16; 100 acres. F2, p. 482. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Martinsburg Quad. #304.


Bradshaw, Henry. 1750; October 11; 400 acres. Deed Book G, p. 432. Charles Town Quad. #60A.


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Burns [Byrns], William. 1789, April 1; 271 acres. Volume T, p. 360. Martinsburg Quad. #216.


Burns, William, Jr. 1798, April 15; 17 1/2 half acres. B1, p. 209. Martinsburg Quad. #206.


Burr, Peter. 1751, July 3; 406 acres. Deed Book H, p. 29. Charles Town Quad. #908.

Byrne, William. 1751, June 25; 250 acres. F1, p. 45. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Martinsburg Quad. #216.


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Caton, Thomas. 1751, May 31; 196 acres. F1, p. 32. West Virginia State Auditors Office. Shepherdstown Quad. #70D.


Chapline, Joseph. 1757, November 11; 635 acres. F1, p. 460. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Shepherdstown Quad. #117.


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Conger [Carger?], George. 1763, October 7; 172 acres. F1, pp. 360-361. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Charles Town Quad. #808.


Crumley, James. 1754, February 1; 742 acres. Volume H, p. 421. Inwood Quad. #906.

Cunningham, George. 1762, February 19; 349 acres. F1, p. 572. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Inwood Quad. #510.


Cunningham, Robert. 1751, October 11; 318 acres. F1, p. 52. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Inwood Quad. #801.

Cunningham, Robert. 1760, June 2; 450 acres. F1, p. 507. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Inwood Quad. #803.


Curry, William. 1770, September 10; 140 acres. F2, pp. 190-191. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Martinsburg Quad. No. 50A.


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Davenport, Braxton. 1816, August 19; 1 acre, an island in Shenandoah River in Bull's Falls, granted under an Land Office Treasury Warrant from Commonwealth of Virginia. West Virginia State Auditor, vol. J1, p. 496. Charles Town Quad. #40D.


Duncan, Matthew. 1756, November 24; 209 acres. F1, p. 244. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Martinsburg Quad. #910.


Dunken, Patrick. 1753, April 28; 121 acres. F1, p. 133. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Inwood Quad. #218.
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Engle [Ingle], Melger. 1754, January 1; 397 acres. F1, p. 143. Charles Town Quad. #90B. West Virginia State Auditor's Office.

Erye, Robert. 1789, September 17; 25 acres. West Virginia State Auditor, B1, p. 77. Inwood Quad. #904.


Evans, Isaac. 1762, May 5; 409 acres. F1, p. 582. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Martinsburg Quad. #610.


Evans, Joseph. 1801, November 30; 5 acres. B1, p. 268. Martinsburg Quad. #601.

Ewing, Thomas. 1773, August 2; 145 acres. B1, p. 503. Middleway Quad. #912.


Finley, James. 1757, October 26; 108 acres. F1, p. 455. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Martinsburg Quad. #106.


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Fletcher, Richard. 1755, July 2; 90 acres. F1, p. 208. West Virginia state Auditor's Office. Inwood Quad. #822.


Follis, Isaac and Jacob Follis. 1766, September 9; 125 acres. F2, p. 583. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Inwood Quad. #504.

Folless [Follis, Tollis], Thomas. 1753, September 1; 242 acres. F1, p. 139. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Inwood Quad. #217.

Follis [Tollis?], Thomas. 1754, July 2; 255 acres. F1, p. 159. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Inwood Quad. #413.

Follis [Tollis?], Thomas. 1754, March 10; 301 acres. F1, p. 160. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Inwood Quad. #608.

Forman, James. 1765, August 22; 230 acres. F2, pp. 505-506. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Shepherdstown Quad. #80C.


Fowler, Richard. 1755, March 11; 405 acres. Volume H, p. 263. Inwood Quad. #?


Friend, Israel. 1734, October 3; 300 acres. vol 15, p. 316. Charles Town Quad. # 707


Fritz, Michael. 1767, February 5; 270 acres. F2, pp. 54-55. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Martinsburg Quad. #514.


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Hart, Miles. 1756, October 26; 187 Acres. F1, p. 235. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Charles Town Quad. #90A.


Hite, George. 1794, August 9; 52 1/2 acres. B1, P. 161. Martinsburg Quad. #307.


Hite, Jacob. 1762, September 4; 500 acres. Volume M, p. 37. Middleway Quad. #801.

Hite, Jacob. 1769, December 1; 700 acres. F2, p. 144. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Middleway Quad. #504.


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Hite, Jost. 1734, October 3. 120 acres. Vol. 15, p. 310. Charles Town Quad. #207.


Holladay, James. 1754, November 11; 210 acres. F1, p, 190. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Inwood Quad. #804.


Houte, George. 1763, May 26; 254 acres. F1, pp. 344-345. West Virginia state Auditor's Office. Charles Town Quad. #710.


Hurst, James. 1816, August 19; 110 acres, granted under Land Office Treasury Warrant from Commonwealth of Virginia. West Virginia State Auditor, volume J1, p. 500. Middleway Quad. #40A.


Hyatt, John. 1761, July 7; 77 acres. F1, 554. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Martinsburg Quad. #212.

Hyatt, John, Junior. 1761, March 27; 345 acres. F1, p. 546. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Inwood Quad. #213.


Hyatt, William. 1751, June 20; 184 acres. F1, p. 41. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Middleway Quad. #609.

Hyatt, William. 1751, June 24; 195 acres. F1, p. 44. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Middleway Quad. #606.
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Johnston, Captain George. 1750, October 20; 552 two acres. F1, p. 20. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Middleway Quad. #20A.


Johnston, Robert. 1753, April 27; 239 acres. F1, p. 132. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Middleway Quad. #20B.


Jolliffe, William and James Jolliffe. 1755, April 7; 500 acres. Volume H, p. 635. Inwood Quad. #310.


Jones William. 1760, April 22; 300 acres. Volume K, p. ? ? Quad. #?


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Keywood, John. 1754, November 2; 383 acres. F1, p. 179. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Martinsburg Quad. #405.


Keywood, Moses. 1766, August 30; 300 acres. F2, p. 571. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Martinsburg Quad. #408.


Lafferty, Thomas and Hester. 1751, August 30; 380 acres. Deed Book H, p. 33 Shepherdstown Quad. #308.


Lindsey, Thomas. 1761, March 30; 399 acres. F1, p. 548. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Inwood Quad. #402.

Lindsey, Thomas. 1761, March 31; 405 acres. F1, p. 549. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Inwood Quad. #401.
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Litler, Mary. 1753, April 3; 421 acres. F1, p. 121. West Virginia state Auditor's Office. Inwood Quad. #205.


Low, Thomas. 1754, June 11; 370 acres. F1, p. 155. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Inwood Quad. #808.


Lucas, Edward, Jr. 1760, February 29; 140 acres. F1, p. 471. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Shepherdstown Quad. #204.


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McKewan, Charles. 1793, October 29; 22 acres. B1, p. 156. Martinsburg Quad. #403.
McKowan, John. 1818, October 1; 3 acres. B1, p. 393. Inwood Quad. #610.
McPherson, John. 1803, June 25; 3 acres. Grant of August 15, 1794, Land Office Warrant from Commonwealth of Virginia. ... page 480.
Medcalfe, Vachael. 1755, January 7; 300 acres. F1, p. 197. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Shepherdstown Quad. #70B.
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Mendinall [Mendenall], John. 1764, May 9; 60 acres. Volume M, p. 269. Martinsburg Quad. #911.


Mercer, Edward. 1751, October 11; 275 acres. Deed Book H, p. 44. Shepherdstown Quad #606.


Mercer, Nicholas. 1751, October 10; 425 acres. Deed Book H, p. 43. Shepherdstown Quad. #313.

Mercer, Nicholas. 1760, June 30; 204 acres. F1, p. 519. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Martinsburg Quad. #907.

Merchant, Isaac. 1794, August 8; 48 acres. B1, p. 162. Inwood Quad. #406.


Moore, Lewis. 1762, February 3; 195 acres. F1, p. 569. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Inwood Quad. #512.


Morgan, Jacob. 1756, September 15. Jacob Morgan, 357 acres. F1, p. 216. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Martinsburg Quad. #705.
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Morgan, Jacob. 1766, September 8; 301 acres. F2, p. 580. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Martinsburg Quad. #815.

Morgan, Jacob. 1768, January 9; 82 acres. F2, pp. 82-83. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Martinsburg Quad. #715.


Morgan, Morgan. 1754, November 8; 255 acres. F1, p. 185. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Martinsburg Quad. #611.


Morgan, Richard. 1756, October 1; 198 acres. F1, p. 222. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Shepherdstown Quad. #212.

Morgan, Richard. 1756, October 2; 400 acres. F1, p. 223. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Shepherdstown Quad. #116.


Morgan, Thomas. 1754, January 5; 442 acres. F1, p. 147. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Inwood Quad. #602.


Morgan, William. 1756, September 14; 300 acres. F1, p. 214. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Shepherdstown Quad. #211.


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Musgrove, Edward. 1750, October 16; 135 acres. Deed Book G, p. 442. Charles Town. Quad. #204. Note at bottom of grant says it was canceled and withdrawn.


Neely, George. 1768, January 8; 83 acres. F2, pp. 80-81. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Martinsburg Quad. #709.


Neill, Lewis. 1754, January 3; 392 acres. F1, p. 145. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Charles Town Quad. #90C.


Nichols, Amos. 1791, December 13; 40 acres. Granted by the Commonwealth of Virginia. West Virginia State Auditor, B1, p. 132. Martinsburg Quad. #70H.

Nichols, Amos. 1804, December 26; 25 acres. B1, p. 326. Martinaburg Quad. #70G.

Oler [Moler], George Adam. 1762, April 17; 297 acres. F1, p. 579. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Charles Town Quad. #708.


Pardall, Casper. 1760, March 8; 357 acres. Volume K, p. 73. Charles Town Quad. #713.


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Peyton, Henry. 1754, October 10; 290 290 acres. F1, p. 163. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Inwood Quad. #711.


Rees, Morris. 1810, October 26; 310 acres. B1, p. 361. Inwood Quad. #90A.
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Rees, Thomas. 1760, June 4; 430 acres. F1, p. 508. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Inwood Quad. #605.

Rees, Thomas, Sr. 1796, August 12; 14 acres. B1, p. 186. Inwood Quad. #903.


Rutherford, Reuben. 1752, November 7; 287 acres. F1, p. 98. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Charles Town Quad. #208.


Schoppert, Jacob. 1848, June 30; 1 acre. B2, p. 267. Martinsburg Quad. #70A.


Selser, Henry. 1767, October 1; 13 acres. Volume O, p. 96. Shepherdstown Quad. #309.


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Smith, John. 1761, March 26; 400 acres. Volume K, p. 259. Middleway Quad. #60A.


Smith, John. 1771, September 20; 112 acres. Volume P, p. 78. Middleway Quad. #309


Smith, William. 1766, October 1; 284 acres. F2, pp. 3-4. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Martinsburg Quad. #213.


Southwood, Edward. 1792, July 24; 23 acres. B1, p. 137. Martinsburg Quad. #211.


Spero, George. 1815, April 26; 8 acres. B1, p. 375. Martinsburg Quad. #80C.

Stephen, Adam. 1752, August 3; 400 acres. F1, p. 95. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Martinsburg Quad. #204.

Stephen, Adam. 1752, August 3; 332 acres. F1, p. 96. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Middleway Quad. #805.
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Stephen, Adam. 1763, February 5; 1100 acres. Volume M, p. 128. Shepherdstown Quad. #301.


Sterly, Jacob. 1763, May 20; 504 acres. F1, pp. 342-343. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Inwood Quad. #707


Strode, James. 1760, February 22; 400 acres. Volume K, p. 60. Inwood Quad. #310.


Strode, James. 1767, February 2; 275 acres. F2, pp. 51-52. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Martinsburg Quad. #308.


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Swaim, John. 1751, June 1; 325 acres. F2, pp. 446-447. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Charles Town Quad. #305.


Swearingen, Thomas. 1754, April 1; 400 acres. F1, p. 152. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Shepherdstown Quad. #612.

Swearingen, Thomas. 1763, November 1; 41 acres. F1, pp. 372-373. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Shepherdstown Quad. #911.

Swearingen, Thomas. 1765, July 9; 97 acres. F2, pp. 494-495. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Shepherdstown Quad. #908.


Swearingen, Van. 1760, April 9; 200 acres. F1, p. 485. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Shepherdstown Quad. #70C.

Tabler, George. 1797, November 10; 17 1.2 acres. B1, p. 193. Martinsburg Quad. #70B.


Taylor, Samuel. 1754, November 2; 140 acres. Volume H, p. 528. Shepherdstown Quad. #103.

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Thomas, Edward. 1760, May 12; 203 acres. F1, p. 496. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Middleway Quad. #608.


Turner, Anthony. 1756, November 2; 300 acres. F1, p. 240. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Shepherdstown Quad. #803.

Turner, Ehud. 1834, November 20; 1 acre. B1, p. 441. Martinsburg Quad. #70J.


Turner, Thomas. 1792, May 1; 7 acres. B1, p. 126. Shepherdstown Quad. #902.

Turner, Thomas. 1794, August 14; 183 acres. B1, p. 163. Shepherdstown Quad. #90C.


Vanmeter, Abraham. 1752, March 16; 150 acres. F1, p. 71. West Virginia state Auditor's Office. Martinsburg Quad. #504.
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Vanmeter, Abraham. 1754, October 28; 500 acres. F1, p. 171. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Martinsburg Quad. #110.


Vanmeter, Jacob. 1767, June 1; 97 acres. F2, p. 59. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Martinsburg Quad. #402.

Vanmeter, Jacob. 1767, June 2; 13 acres. F2, p. 60. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Shepherdstown Quad. #610.

Vanmeter, Jacob. 1768, November 3; 193 acres. Vol. F2, p. 130, Inwood Quad. #813.

Vanmeter, Jacob. 1769, November 7; 123 acres. F2, pp. 140-141. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Shepherdstown Quad. #508.


Vanmater [Vanmeter], John. 1734, October 3; 1786 acres. Vol. 15, pp. 327-328. Shepherdstown Quad. #601.


Vestal, John. 1766, August 19; 17 acres. F2, p. 553. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Charles Town Quad. #40B.


Waggoner, Andrew. 1799, September 16; 69 acres. B1, p. 251. Middleway Quad. #911.
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Waggoner, Andrew. 1799, September 16; 38 acres. B1, p. 252. Middleway Quad. #916.


Weaver, Jacob. 1815, April 26; 6 acres. B1, p. 370. Martinsburg Quad. #814.

Weaver, Jacob. 1815, April 26; 5 acres. B1, p. 371. Martinsburg Quad. #808.

Welchance, Henry. 1804, December 28; 8 acres. B1, p. 330. Martinsburg Quad. #80D.


Williams, Edward O. 1809, September 29; 355 acres. B1, p. 354. Martinsburg Quad. #70E.

Williams, Edward O. 1810, October 17; 316 acres. B1, p. 359. Martinsburg Quad. #70F.
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Williams, Edward O. 1819, July 1; 19 acres. B1, p. 401. Martinsburg Quad. #70D.


Wilson, John. 1780, August 3; 264 acres. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. B2, pp. 547-548. Martinsburg Quad. #80B.


Worthington, Robert. 1751, December 31; 526 acres. Volume H, p. 73. Middleway Quad. #402.


Wright, John. 1760, June 14; 398 acres. F1, p. 512. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Shepherdstown Quad. #104.


Wynekoop, Garrett. 1820, May 12; 4 acres. B1, p. 413. Shepherdstown Quad. #608.

York, Jeremiah. 1751, June 7; 323 acres. F1, p. 35. West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Shepherdstown Quad. #70A.
12. Materials Related to John Brown

A search of the Bibliography CD will quickly tell you that more has been written about John Brown and his raid on Harpers Ferry than on any other topic related to Jefferson County history. The mountain of information on the man and the event ranges from letters, diaries, and accounts by witnesses, to collections of materials by and about John Brown, to scholarly research, to poorly written and researched propaganda pieces. Scholars trying to come face to face with John Brown may find much of the material irrelevant. The general reader trying to find a good entry point into the material may be intimidated by the sheer bulk of information.

These materials clearly demonstrate that we have always needed to interpret Brown and his actions for our own time. Thus the secondary source materials often say more about the historians and their audiences than about Brown himself. From this perspective, the whole body of information is a valuable resource for studying the evolving perception of John Brown and his cause.

Since October 1859, Jefferson County residents have been exposed to the world's opinions about John Brown, the events at Harpers Ferry, and the trial and execution of Brown and his men. Many of these publications glorify Brown and condemn the local residents who participated in his capture, trial, and execution. (Southern publications have often taken the opposite view.) In general, until recently most Jefferson Countians have been actively hostile or unsympathetic to Brown and his cause.

Perhaps the safest entry point to John Brown materials is through Stephen B. Oates, *To Purge This Land With Blood; A Biography of John Brown* (1970). This well documented work provides a good foundation on which to base further reading. A useful companion piece is Louis Ruchames’ *A John Brown Reader* (1959), which reprints many of the original sources. Those interested in examining Jefferson County's perception of the events as they occurred should read the *Virginia Free Press, Spirit of Jefferson,* or *Shepherdstown Register* from October to December 1859. Some of the newspaper articles and other original sources are available in electronic form on the *Explorer Jefferson County Database* CD.

The largest collection of materials on John Brown resides in the Boyd Stutler Collection at the West Virginia Archives, Charleston, WV. (Other large collections are located in Kansas, Ohio, and Virginia.) The collection has been microfilmed and many of the items were abstracted by Stutler and collected in an unpublished bibliography. (Note that some of the items Stutler lists as being in his collection were NOT acquired by the West Virginia State Archives.) The West Virginia Division of Culture and History has digitized part of the John Brown collection for access via the internet.


The present Bibliography does not attempt to encompass all materials published about John Brown. Since his activities were reported in hundreds of newspapers and journals throughout the world, many resources continue to be scattered or unknown. The current effort supplements earlier bibliographic efforts with more recent information.
13. Maps

Present day Jefferson County has been frequently mapped from the early 18th century to the present. Many of the early maps simply show the confluence of the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers and were made before any towns were established. Louis Michel's map of the lands adjacent to the Potomac River, supposedly made on his exploration of the area about 1704, depicts some Indian villages, trails, and landmarks. Many of the points of reference are vague, and Michel's narrative of his travels is not wholly reliable.

One of the most valuable early sources is the *Map of the Northern Neck of Virginia, 1736*, prepared for William Gooch. The map is part of the information collected in the dispute between Thomas Lord Fairfax, the Colony of Virginia, and entrepreneur Jost Hite over ownership of lands within the Northern Neck of Virginia. This map shows the sites of early land grants made by the Crown as well as major trails and waterways. Another version of this survey map was produced by Benjamin Wilson, “A Plat of the Upper Potomac River called Cohongoroota Surveyed in the Year 1736.” This map has been published in Howard N. Eavenson's *The First Century and a Quarter of American Coal Industry* (Pittsburg: Koppers Building), 1942. The original of the map is in the Enoch Pratt Free Library. The 1755 *Map of the Most Inhabited Part of Virginia* by Joshua Frye and Peter Jefferson (Tom's dad) also provides useful points of reference.

An important source for locating land grants within present day Jefferson County is Galtjo Geertsema’s *Cadastral Index Maps of Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan Counties, West Virginia, and Other Sections of Old Frederick County, Virginia*, published in 1969. The work includes transparent overlays to the U.S.G.S. map quads for Jefferson County and plots the boundaries of most land grants by the colony (and later state) of Virginia and by Thomas Lord Fairfax. The maps are accompanied by index keys to each quad map which list the name of the property owner, the date of the grant, number of acres, and the repository for the original grants. The maps and index are available in the Jefferson County and Berkeley County Court Houses. The full text of all the land grants listed on Geertsema's maps is available in the Explorer Database.

Several early Berkeley County survey maps are available at the Berkeley County Historical Society.

The first map produced after the birth of Jefferson County (1801) was Charles Varle's *Map of Frederick, Jefferson, and Berkeley Counties*, published in 1809. This map represents an early commercial venture, and property owners were required to pay if they wanted to be on it. Churches, mills, some industrial operations, roads, waterways, villages and the occasional plantation are represented. Varle published a descriptive text to accompany the map in 1810, titled *Topographical Description of the Counties of Frederick, Berkeley & Jefferson Situated in the State of Virginia in which the Author has Described Curiosities of Those Counties, Their Mineralogy. Also, the Quality of the Soil, the Manufactories, Mills, &c.* Photocopies of this map are available at the Shepherd College Library and Martinsburg Public Library. The Jefferson County portion of the map was reproduced in *The Jefferson Republican (Ranson, W. Va.), Sesqui-centennial Edition*, for September 20, 1951.

James Wood was commissioned by the Governor of Virginia to prepare maps of each county within the state. Wood drafted a map of Jefferson County in 1820, but it provides little more than the information supplied by Varle. Copies are available at the Martinsburg Public Library and Shepherd College Library.

The first detailed map of Jefferson County showing property boundaries and primary residences is S. Howell Brown's 1852 *Map of Jefferson County, Virginia*. The map includes contemporary illustrations, population summaries, and school districts. This map is a good starting point for local historians. Originals of this map are on display at the Jefferson County Court House and the Jefferson County Museum, both in Charles Town. Photocopies are available at Shepherd College Library. The map and an index of place names are included in the Explorer Database.

Brown completed a second map of Jefferson County in 1862. Drawn approximately to the same scale as the 1852 version, the map includes only the eastern part of the county (from Harpers Ferry to Halltown). It is
useful for its record of changes in property ownership over a ten-year period. A photocopy is available at Shepherd College Library.

Survey maps made between 1820 and the Civil War provide numerous snapshots of the rapidly changing terrain that was being transformed by efforts to improve navigation on the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers, construct the C & O and Potomac canals, and build the Baltimore & Ohio and the Winchester & Potomac Railroads. Copies of some of these resources are available at the library at Harpers Ferry National Historic Park.

Jefferson County's strategic importance during the Civil War ensured that it would be frequently mapped during the period. Several maps of the conflicts at Harpers Ferry, Shepherdstown, Charles Town, and Smithfield appear in the Atlas to Accompany the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies (1891-1895). Maps depicting the battle at Antietam are also found in this collection and include useful information about Jefferson County. Maps in the Atlas include several by Jedediah Hotchkiss, S. Howell Brown, and John E. Weyss. A map showing where Confederate and Union forces clashed in Jefferson County accompanies Military Operations in Jefferson County, published by Confederate veterans in 1911. (Markers still record most of the locations on the map, although some have been moved from their original sites so that they could be viewed from the road.) Maps of many places in Jefferson County can be found in James E. Taylor's With Sheridan up The Shenandoah Valley in 1864 (his diary and sketchbook published in 1989).

An extremely useful reference tool is Michael D. Thompson's Calendar and Index to Recorded Survey Plats in Jefferson County, (West Virginia) Courthouse, 1801-1901. Although it includes few actual plats, it describes geographic information included on plats filed with the Jefferson County Clerk from 1801 to 1901. Maps of Shepherdstown, Charles Town, Harpers Ferry, Bolivar, Ranson, and Middleway (Smithfield) are included. The index is very useful.

S. Howell Brown produced another map of Jefferson County in 1883. This map, like the 1852 version, included property boundaries, main residences, churches, schools, businesses, and industrial sites. New legislative boundaries are also shown. Originals of this map are on display at the Jefferson County Court House and the Jefferson County Museum, both in Charles Town. Photocopies are available at Shepherd College Library. The map and an index of place names are included in the Explorer Database. The Shaw-Whitmer map of Jefferson County, published in 1914, provides additional information on roads and residences.

Early in the 20th century, the West Virginia Geological Survey undertook detailed studies of the state's natural resources and industries. Maps showing topographic detail and geology were published in 1919 for the Eastern Panhandle. Valuable industrial information is sometimes included. Beginning around the turn of the century, U.S. Geological Survey Maps were published and occasionally updated for Jefferson County. Relevant quads include Keedysville, Harpers Ferry, Shepherdstown, Martinsburg, Charles Town, Middleway, Inwood, Round Hill, and Berryville. The most recent versions are readily available from the U.S.G.S. or local vendors. Maps published by the Soil Conservation Service in 1973 (Hatfield and Warner, Soil Survey of Jefferson County, West Virginia) provide useful information about soil type.

Potential historic sites were recorded on U.S.G.S. quads in 1973 as part of a windshield survey conducted by Russell Wright. Although the first survey of its kind in the county, it was incomplete, passing over out-of-the-way sites, ignoring most industrial locations, and not considering most structures built after 1900. The site maps were redone by the Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission in 1992 and were digitized and linked to survey forms and photographs in the Explorer Database. In 1998, The Landmarks Commission began a resurvey of Jefferson County historic sites. African American burial sites were mapped.
by Dr. Charles Hulse of Shepherd College in his 1990-91 Jefferson County, West Virginia African-American Cemetery Survey. Hulse's survey results and maps are also found in Explorer.

New maps of Jefferson County have periodically appeared since the 1950's, the result of highway projects, planning studies, or promotional efforts. Although these maps often include little detail, they are useful for information on highways and voting districts and sometimes include inset street maps of the municipalities.

Engineering surveys for the Charles Town Bypass and the expansion of WV Route 9, completed as part of developing environmental impact statements, include sketch maps of individual properties potentially affected by development.

Numerous maps exist of Jefferson County municipalities. The Sanborn Map Company produced insurance maps throughout the country and included Harpers Ferry (1894, 1899, 1902, 1907, 1912, 1922, 1933), Charles Town (1892, 1897, 1902, 1907, 1913, 1922, 1933), and Shepherdstown (1894, 1899, 1904, 1909, 1913, 1922, 1933). These color coded maps provide important information about property boundaries, size and location of dwellings, and names of businesses and residences. Information for sites located outside the municipal boundaries is not included. Color copies of the maps are available at the Library of Congress.

In 1848, S. Howell Brown made a map of Harpers Ferry "Prepared in compliance with letter to Major Symington," which shows the Musket Factory, the Pay Master's Quarters, the Public Grave Yard and lots in the town and has a number of references to the Rifle Factory. Brown mapped Harper's Ferry again in 1869 in preparation for the sale of government property.

Maps of Shepherdstown by J. P. Kerfott (1893) and James K. Hendricks (1907) can be found in the Court House and are reprinted in Musser's Two Hundred Year History of Shepherdstown (1931). Earlier maps of Shepherdstown also exist.

Two early maps of Charles Town can be found in the County Clerk's Office at the Jefferson County Courthouse. One, a pen and ink drawing, is dated “1853”. It includes Winchester & Potomac Railroad. The second map of Charles Town, also pen and ink, does not show the path of the Winchester & Potomac Railroad and was probably made before the railroad arrived (1834). Both maps may be framed plats from a deed books.

S. Howell Brown created a Map of Middleway in 1883 which shows the streets and lot numbers, names of property owners, the churches, school, the mill, the cemeteries and other details.

Getting to see the maps is not that easy. Some can be found in Jefferson County, at the Court House, Jefferson County Museum, The Old Charles Town Library, or the Shepherd College Library. Others are located at the Library of Congress, the Virginia State Archives and Virginia Historical Society (Richmond), the West Virginia Archives (Charleston), and the West Virginia Regional History Collection at West Virginia University (Morgantown). Several are available on the Explorer Jefferson County Database CD published by the West Virginia Division of Culture and History (telephone 304-558-0220). Maybe one day you'll be able to visit one place in Jefferson County and look at all the maps. They're a rich source of information.

The Bibliography CD that accompanies this work includes captions for maps contained in the annotated sources. Searching for “Maps” will yield the complete list. Performing a combined search (such as “Maps AND Shepherdstown” will produce more specific results.
14. National Register Sites

The following sites in Jefferson County have been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Sites placed on the National Register meet one or more of the following criteria: Association with historic events or activities; association with important persons; distinctive design or physical characteristics; or potential to provide important information about prehistory or history. Electronic copies of these forms are available in the Explorer Database.

Altona. 1996.
Aspen Hill. 1980.
Boidstones Place. 1999.
Falling Spring; Morgan's Grove; Falling Spring Complex. 1989.
Fruit Hill. 1988.
Harpers Ferry Historic District. 1979.
Hazelfield.”  1976.
Linden Spring, 1992.
Media Farm.  1993.
Middleway Historic District. 1980.
Morgan - Bedinger - Dandridge House; Rosebrake.  1983.
New Mecklenburg / Shepherdstown.  1973.  1987 (Boundary Increase.)
New Opera House.  1978.
Peter Burr House.  1982.
Rion Hall.  1982.
Rockland.  Verdier Plantation; Schely Farm; Knodle House.  1990.
Strider Farm.  1988.
Sunnyside Farm.  1999.
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Travellers Rest. 1972. (Also a National Historic Landmark.)
White House Tavern; Dr. John McCormick House. 1979.
15. Pictures and Photographs

The most extensive collection of Jefferson County photographs (over 4,000) is maintained by the Jefferson County Oral and Visual History Association (JCOVHA). Approximately half of these have been included in the Explorer Database. An index to these and other JCOVHA photographs is included in the same source and on the Bibliography CD. Harper's Ferry National Historical Park also has a large collection, many of which have been scanned and are available via JCOVHA.

In this work, I have noted photographs found in special collections in Chapter 2, but you should also consult online catalogs to detect newly cataloged items at libraries and archives. The following major repositories are known to house some Jefferson County images:

- Library of Congress (including the American Memory Collection)
- Maryland Historical Society
- Maryland State Archives
- National Archives
- Virginia State Library
- Virginia Historical Society
- West Virginia Archives (Charleston, WV)
- West Virginia Regional History Collection (Morgantown, WV)

Most of these institutions have online catalogs that list at least some of the photographs they hold; and some let you view, print, or download images in their collections. The Historic Shepherdstown Museum (Shepherdstown, WV) and the Jefferson County Museum (Charles Town, WV) also have photo collections. (There may be restrictions placed on their use.) The Harpers Ferry Center Library has over 1 million images related to the National Park System, many of which concern the Harpers Ferry area. Storer College images are also available from this resource.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Museum should be consulted for images that document its route through the Jefferson County. Since the B & O often tried to increase ridership by promoting tourism, its publications frequently contain photographs buildings and scenery. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Society archives should also be consulted.

Volumes published by the West Virginia Geological Survey, particularly those on iron ore, limestone, and mineral springs, contain photographs of commercial or industrial sites. Many of these were taken in the early 20th century. For more than fifteen years, the Spirit of Jefferson has usually included an historic photograph in each issue. Many of them are available via the Explorer Database.

The annotated Bibliography CD that accompanies this work includes captions for photographs and illustrations found in the sources noted. Searching for the word “photograph” or “illustration” will produce a listing of these sources. Performing a combined search (such as “agriculture AND photographs”) will yield a more selective list.
16. Archeology

Numerous archeological investigations have been conducted in Jefferson County, with the majority of them focusing on the area within Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. Some effort has been made to compare the material culture of Harpers Ferry and Shepherdstown based on the results of archeological studies conducted at both locations. (See Domestic Responses to Nineteenth Century Industrialization.) However, broader studies have not yet been undertaken that place local findings in the context of those from Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the Shenandoah Valley.

**General Sources**


**African American**


**Bakerton**


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**Bardane**


**Charles Town**


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Leetown


Loudoun Heights


Maryland Heights


Shepherd's Field


Shepherdstown

Hahn, Thomas F. *The Industrial Archeology of Shepherdstown, West Virginia Site as a Case Study of the Natural Cement Industry of the Upper Potomac Valley*. Ed. D., Dissertation. West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, 1981.


17. The Civil War

The Civil War in Jefferson County may be studied from several viewpoints, the most popular being that of military history. The social and economic history of the period has received much less attention, although diaries, journals, letters, and demographic data may provide the basis for future studies.

Military History

The most recent work to deal with county-wide military activities is Stephen Douglas Engle's *Thunder in the Hills: Military Operations in Jefferson County, West Virginia During the American Civil War*. Millard K. Bushong's *History of Jefferson County* mentions many of these actions in less detail. Bushong's book contains rosters of local Confederate companies, but they have been superceded by Dennis Frye's regimental histories.

The works of Dennis Frye should also be consulted. All of them are excellent resources for the beginner, and they are frequently used by seasoned veterans looking for details. Frye's two regimental histories of The Twelfth Virginia Cavalry and the Second Virginia Infantry (Stonewall Brigade) provide rosters, descriptions and maps of military operations, and selected photographs. Since most Jefferson County residents supported the Confederacy, or at least Virginia, during the war, many men enlisted in the companies formed locally for these regiments. However, Frye's focus is on the two regiments, not Jefferson County, and these works do not provide a coherent picture of Jefferson County activities. Both resources are available in electronic form in the *Explorer Database*. No study has been done of Jefferson County residents who fought for the Union. *(The *Special Schedules, 1890, Enumerating Union Veterans and Widows of Union Veterans of the Civil War* may be of some use.) One day, all of this information may be accessible in electronic form through the efforts of Shepherd College's Center for the Study of the Civil War.

Frye has also written on the surrender of Federal troops at Harpers Ferry to Stonewall Jackson (September 16, 1862). His article "Stonewall Attacks: The Siege and Capture of Harpers Ferry," has been published in *Blue and Gray Magazine* (September 1987). This battle is considered to be the most important one to have taken place in Jefferson County. Next in importance is probably the "Battle of the Cement Mill" (also known as the Battle of the Corn Exchange Regiment), which occurred near Pack Horse Ford below Shepherdstown on September 20, 1862. This battle has been described in detail in John L. Smith, *History of the Corn Exchange Regiment* (1888). Other minor battles and skirmishes were fought at Shepherdstown, Harpers Ferry, Charles Town, Middleway, and Kearneysville. These places changed hands frequently throughout the war.

Published in 1911, *Military Operations in Jefferson County, Virginia, (and WV) 1861 - 1865* provides a Confederate view of these local activities. It has been reprinted several times and includes a map showing county Civil War markers and descriptions of the conflicts. *Military Operations* is included in the *Explorer Database*.

General works that should be consulted include the *Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies* and the accompanying atlas. Relevant information is scattered throughout these sources. The local maps are described in the *Bibliography* CD. National Records groups should also be consulted. *(See Chapter 2.)*

The West Virginia Regional History Collection contains a substantial number of Civil War records, including:

Civil War Diaries, 1862-1865. Five items and 1 reel of microfilm. Originals held by Washington and Lee University. Nos. 815, 922, 974, and 1720. Includes journal of Uz Barns, a volunteer in the Union Army from Ritchie County who fought at Harpers Ferry.

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Civil War. West Virginia. Records, 1861-1938. One reel of microfilm of military records compiled by Clifford Myers, state historian, listing West Virginia Confederate soldiers by home county and by infantry or cavalry regiment. No. 1194.


Shepherdstown in the Civil War, 1862-1865. An account of Civil War activity in Shepherdstown copied from the diary of a Southern sympathizer. It was reprinted in the Shepherdstown Register April 23, 1925. No. 76.

The West Virginia Archives contains a Civil War Collection (artificial), 1859-1911, bulk collection 1861-1865 (Ms 79-18). Items related to Jefferson County include:


Item 38. Nadenbousch, John Q.A. Recruitment papers, 1859-1862, covering Martinsburg area from 2nd regiment Virginia infantry (29 items), including descriptions of men who volunteered in 1862 (many from Maryland).


Item 55. Patterson, James. Letters, 1862-1863. 3 items. Letters from Harpers Ferry to daughter Hannah Swank and her husband John.


Item 14. 2nd regiment Company A.


United Confederate Veterans, West Virginia Division, 1893-1915. Ms 80-8. United Confederate Veterans was a fraternal organization of Confederate Civil War veterans. Includes records of the Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee camps, as well as overall listing of camps.

Records, Colonial Militia to World War, ca. 1936. Ms 80-22. Typescript notes about military records from the colonial militia period through World War I.
The Library of Virginia has the Harpers Ferry Rifle Factory Records for 1861. (Accession no. 27684.) This includes abstracts of provisions, payrolls, and powers of attorney from civilian employees working at the Harpers Ferry Rifle Factory between April and June 1861. Names of employees and their occupations are included.

The Maryland State Archives has Orders and Official Business records that include the activities of Federal troops in the Jefferson County area during the Civil War. (See Chapter 2.) Unpublished diaries and regimental histories are available at the United States Military History Institute. (See Chapter 2.)

Throughout much of the late 19th and early 20th century, local newspapers carried anecdotes supplied by Civil War soldiers, and their obituaries often furnished additional information about the war. Some of these are noted in the Bibliography, but a systematic index to these sources does not exist. Local newspaper coverage during the Civil War is limited since the major papers were closed between 1862 and Spring 1865. Southern newspapers such as the Richmond Dispatch reported on many events, and national publications such as Harper's Weekly and Leslie's Illustrated frequently ran articles and illustrations of local significance.

A contemporary Union view of Jefferson County during the Civil War can be found in James E. Taylor's *With Sheridan up The Shenandoah Valley in 1864*, which contains his diary and sketchbook. David Hunter Strother's "Personal Recollections of the War by a Virginian" (First and Second Papers) were published in Harper's New Monthly Magazine in June and July 1866 and contain information about military activities in Jefferson County.

If you want to dig further into the Civil War in Jefferson County, you might want to check out the memoirs, reminiscences, and regimental histories listed below. Most of these were written by Civil War participants in the late 19th century. Many of the writers were Union soldiers stationed here during the war, and the viewpoint you get is definitely not pro-South. The United States Army Military History Institute has a substantial collection of military histories. (See Chapter 2.) Ellis Merton Coulter's *Travels in the Confederate States, A Bibliography* contains abstracts of hundreds of works, including regimental histories, of persons who were in the South during the Civil War. Several sources are cited that provide information about Harpers Ferry, Charles Town, John Brown, and the song “John Brown's Body.”

The following list does not include recent editions of previously unpublished papers or collections of private papers in various repositories (q.v.).

- Aglionby, Charles. Diary, March 6, 1861-January 1, 1866, 1875-1878; Accounts, 1855-1870. A memoir of the Civil War by Charles' son Frank is in the possession of Francis Aglionby of London, England. (Copy at Harpers Ferry National Historic Park Library.)
- Blake, Henry N. *Three Years in the Army of the Potomac*. Boston: Lee and Shepard, 1865. Available at: Harpers Ferry National Historic Park, Accession No. HFB-378; and Old Charles Town Library. Contains material pertinent to Harpers Ferry during the Civil War. Blake served in the 11th Massachusetts Volunteers.
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Chapman. Robert D. *A Georgia Soldier in the Civil War*. Houston, 1923. Chapman escaped from capture at Frederick, Maryland, and made his way to Harpers Ferry.


Coffin, Charles Carleton. *Four Years of Fighting: A Volume of Personal Observations with the Army and Navy, from the First Battle of Bull Run to the Fall of Richmond*. Richmond: Ticknor and Fields, 1866. Available at: Old Charles Town Library. Includes an illustration “John Brown in Charlestown.”


Corliss, A.W. *History of the Seventh Squadron Rhode Island Cavalry*. Yarmouth, ME: "Old times" office, 1879. Contains material pertinent to Harpers Ferry during the Civil War. Available at: Available at Harpers Ferry Nat. Hist. Park, Accession No. HFB-410


Douglas, Henry Kyd. *I Rode with Stonewall, Being Chiefly the War Experiences of the Youngest Member of Jackson’s Staff from the John Brown raid to the Hanging of Mrs. Surratt.* Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1940. Prepared in 1899 by Henry Kyd Douglas from his diaries and notes on the Civil War.


Drickamer, Lee C. and Karen D. Drickamer. *Fort Lyon to Harpers Ferry: on the Border of North and South With "Rambling Jour." The Civil War Letters and Newspaper Dispatches of Charles H. Moulton (34th Mass. Vol. Inf.).* Shippensburg, PA: White Mane Publishing Co., Inc., 1987. Available at Old Charles Town Library. In addition to numerous letters written from Harpers Ferry and a map of Harpers Ferry, the work contains the following photographs: Camp Hill; overview of Harpers Ferry; High Street, Harpers Ferry, 1985; the Methodist Church in Bolivar, 1985 (the location of a Civil War hospital); the factory/prison building at the corner of Shenandoah and High Streets in Harpers Ferry; the building on High Street that housed the Provost Marshall’s Office during the Civil War (1984).


[Fiske, Samuel Wheelock]. *Mr. Dunn Browne’s Experiences in the Army.* New York: O.S. Felt, 1860. Published from letters that originally appeared in the Springfield Republican. Fiske was quartered in the engine house seized by John Brown.


Frederick, Gilbert. *The Story of a Regiment: Being a Record of the Military Services of the Fifty-Seventh New York State Volunteer Infantry.* [Chicago]: Published by the Fifty-Seventh Veterans Association, 1895. Illustrations include “Heights at Harpers Ferry” and “Street in Harpers Ferry.”

work has been recently reprinted. Gilmore's operations took him through Jefferson County during the Civil War.


Haynes, Edwin Mortimer. *A History of the Tenth Regiment, Vermont Volunteers*. [Lewiston, ME]: Published by the Tenth Vermont Regimental Association, 1870. Haynes was stationed at Charlestown. He reported hearing “John Brown's Body” sung.

Hinkley, Julian Wisner. *A Narrative of Service with the Third Wisconsin Infantry*. [Madison]: Wisconsin History Commission, 1912. Contains material pertinent to Harpers Ferry during the Civil War. Available at: Harpers Ferry Nat. Hist. Park, Accession No. HFB-413


Kent, Mrs. E.C. *Four Years in Secessia*. Buffalo: Franklin Printing House, 1865. This anti-Southern author escaped to the North through the military lines at Harpers Ferry.


[Lawrence, George Alfred]. *Border and Bastille*. New York: W. I. Poole & Co., [1863]. Lawrence was an English author who attempted to enter the Confederacy to get a first-hand look at life there. He was arrested west of Harpers Ferry.

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Morse, Charles Fessenden. *Letters Written During the Civil War 1861-1865.* Boston: Privately printed, T.R. Marvin & Son, 1898. Available at Harpers Ferry Nat. Hist. Park, Accession No. HFB-377. Morse served with the Second Massachusetts Infantry and was with General Patterson’s forces around Harpers Ferry at the time of the First Battle of Bull Run. It contains material pertinent to Harpers Ferry during the Civil War.


Opie, John Newton. *A Rebel Cavalryman with Lee, Stuart, and Jackson.* Chicago: W. B. Conkey Co., 1899. Available at: Old Charles Town Library. Opie served in the “Clarke Cavalry.” Chapters include “Harpers Ferry”; “Wherein is Related a Brief Account of Our First Engagement” [Harpers Ferry]; “The Capture of 11,000 Prisoners at Harpers Ferry”; “Antietam and the Confederate Stragglers”; and “General McClellan Sends a Detachment Across the Potomac at Shepherdstown, Which is Driven Headlong into the River.” Illustrations include Harpers Ferry, Hierome L. Opie, George Baylor, and the capture of Captain Blaze.

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Pickerill, William N. History of the Third Indiana Cavalry. Indianapolis: Publisher’s name not given, 1906. Contains material pertinent to Harpers Ferry during the Civil War. Available at Harpers Ferry Nat. Hist. Park, Accession No. HFB-367.


Quint, Alonzo Hall. The Potomac and the Rapidan. Boston: Crosby and Nichols, 1864. He was a chaplain attached to the Second Massachusetts Infantry. He comments critically about communities like Harpers Ferry and Charles Town, where he was impressed by the John Brown episode.

Ranson, A. R. H. “Reminiscences of the Civil War by a Confederate Staff Officer. First Paper.” Sewanee Review (Sewanee, TN), 21 (October 1913), 439-447. Available at: West Virginia Archives in the Boyd B. Stutler Collection. Pp 19. Reminiscences of a former Jefferson County, WV, resident who was an eye-witness to the final phases of John Brown’s raid and his capture. First part, "Plantation Life in Virginia Before the War," is a defense of slavery; the second part, "John Brown's Raid," is a loosely written story of events up to and including the raid itself, together with a report of a conversation with Brown in Charles Town jail. Written from a failing memory more than fifty years after the raid, the article is not entirely trustworthy.

Stackpole, Edward J. From Cedar Mountain to Antietam, August-September, 1862; Cedar Mountain, Second Manassas, Chantilly, Harpers Ferry, South Mountain, Antietam. Harrisburg, PA: Stackpole Co. [1959].

Stewart, Alexander Morrison. Camp, March, and Battlefield; or, Three Years and a Half with the Army of the Potomac. Philadelphia: James B. Rodgers, 1865. The work is a collection of contemporaneous sketches that appeared in an undesignated newspaper (possibly the Pittsburg Chronicle). Stewart was a minister and he provides information about Charles Town and its associations with John Brown.


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Social and Economic History

The story of the Jefferson County residents who stayed at home during the Civil War has yet to be written. Chester G. Hearn's *Six Years of Hell: Harpers Ferry During the Civil War* provides part of the picture, relying mostly on secondary sources for its information. Clifford Musser's *History of Shepherdstown* and Robert Bates' *History of Middleway* supply a few details.

The diaries of Charles Aglionby of Mount Pleasant, Jefferson County (March 6, 1861, to January 1, 1866) provide a record of the weather, his farming, family and social activities, military operations in the area, and rumors about the progress of the war. They are in the possession of Francis Aglionby, who described them in "Charles Aglionby of Mount Pleasant and the Years 1861 to 1865," published in the *Magazine of the Jefferson County Historical Society* (1987).


A more general view of life in the area can be found in Edward H. Phillips' *The Lower Shenandoah Valley in the Civil War: The Impact of the War upon the Civilian Population and upon Civil Institutions.* Lynchburg, VA: H.E. Howard Inc., 1993.

Other glimpses of life on the home front are provided in letters and diaries listed in the CD *Bibliography.*
18. Oral History

Using oral history as a research tool is more complicated than you might think. At its simplest level, an “oral history” is an interview in which the informant relates something about his or her past. The interview can be recorded in any format, with audio and video recordings being the most popular media. Although oral history has become quite popular among practitioners of local history, many of the efforts are flawed by poor interview techniques, inadequate transcription, and lack of concern for legal and ethical issues.

Interviewers should have enough background about the informant and the events that will be discussed to avoid asking naive questions. The questions posed should be neutral, avoiding any bias. Variables such as race, sex, and age can create bonds or barriers between interviewers and informants, slanting an interview in a number of ways. All of these factors will affect the historical value of an interview and should be evaluated when these materials are used for research.

Interviews are good for providing context. By showing how people felt about an event, they can provide the flesh which covers the skeleton of historical fact. They are often unreliable sources for dates, although informants may be able to associate their experiences with datable events. Interviewing other informants that experienced the same events provides additional perspective. In the end, an interview is only a record of what the informant currently remembers about the past. Transformed by time, the informant's recollection of an experience may bear little resemblance to the original event.

In general, hearsay or second-hand information gathered from interviews is of limited research value because it is outside the direct experience of the informant. Folklore research is an exception, and archeologists often use this type of information as the basis for further investigation. An aged informant may tell you that “grandaddy saw the remains of the fort when he was a boy. It was next to that stone wall...” Such information may prove to be extremely valuable when pursued.

Several excellent publications provide information on interviewing techniques, transcription, and legal issues, including:


Ives, Dr. Edward (Sandy). An Oral Historian's Work. The nation's first oral history instructional videotape. Available from Northeast Historic Film. P.O. Box 900, Bucksport, ME 044416. Also available at the Shepherdstown Public Library.

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*The Oral History Review: Journal of the Oral History Association.* For membership information contact Jan Dodson Barhart, Executive Secretary, Oral History Association, P.O. Box 3968, Albuquerque, NM, 87190-3968.

*Oral History Association Newsletter.* Published by the Oral History Association.


Researchers who are serious about conducting oral history interviews should become familiar with these sources.

Interviews captured on audio or video media should be transcribed so that they can be easily accessed and to ensure that valuable information is preserved if the recording medium becomes unusable. Transcription can be a tedious process, requiring several hours of typing for each hour of interviewing. Informants often need to be consulted to clarify items that are non intelligible to the transcriber. Many interviews are inaccessible to researchers because transcription was never attempted.

Legal issues can prevent interviews from being used. Although the interviewer may own the medium (e.g., audio cassette or typescript) on which the interview was recorded, the informant owns the content of the interview. It is illegal to use oral history interviews without the consent of the informant, and consent forms should be completed at the end of every interviewing session.

Interviewers need to be ethical and humane when posing questions. Elderly informants may fall victim to the “just between the two of us...” approach, revealing personal information that can be devastating to relatives or associates still living. If possible, informants should have the opportunity to examine interview transcripts and make additions or corrections. Because they are interviewers, persons collecting oral history are often lumped with nosy newspaper reporters or manipulative lawyers. Letting informants read interview transcripts helps ensure that the text provides an accurate record that can be useful to future generations of historians.

Finally, the recording medium and equipment should be chosen with an eye to the interview’s end use. Interviews made on many tape recorders or camcorders will not capture the fidelity needed for professional
media productions. For many researchers, this is not a problem. Others may find themselves making substantial investments in equipment.

Jefferson County Oral Histories

There are three major resources for oral history in Jefferson County:

The Harpers Ferry Center Library, administered by the National Park Service at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia;

The Shepherd College Oral History Project in the Ruth Scarboro Library in Shepherdstown, West Virginia;

and

The collections of the Jefferson County Oral & Visual History Association (JCOVHA), available on the Explorer Database.

The collection at the Harpers Ferry Center Library includes more than 450 interviews with long-time National Park Service employees and 130 relating to history of women in the National Park Service. Interviews with Storer College graduates also form part of the collection.

The Shepherd College Oral History Project includes interviews conducted primarily in 1990 and 1991 as part of a research effort on African American history as well as interviews related to the history of Shepherd College.

19. The Arts

A history of the arts and humanities in Jefferson County has yet to be written. This chapter focuses on artists, writers, historians, biographers, etc., who used Jefferson County as their subject whether they lived here or not. General sources are listed first and are followed by an alphabetical listing of relevant authors and subjects.

General Sources

Artists/Paintings

Census records for Jefferson County are useful for identifying individual artists (often listed as “painter”). The following works provide a partial list of Jefferson County artists or those who dealt with local subjects:


Dance

There is no study that deals in depth with dance in Jefferson County either as a performing art or as a social/recreational activity. Numerous references to dances appear in local papers, mostly in conjunction with social events. Newspaper abstracts presented in the Explorer Jefferson County Database would be a good place to begin research. Advertisements in the local newspapers for dancing classes should also be examined. Programs sponsored by Shepherd College and Storer College should be investigated, both in terms of curricula and social events.

Drama

Charles Town, Harpers Ferry, and Shepherdstown had halls where musical and dramatic productions were staged. Dramatic societies were also formed in these towns. Numerous amateur dramatic productions were staged and can best be located through the newspaper abstracts in the Explorer Database. Temperance-related dramas were common, some being held at Jonadab Hall in Harpers Ferry. Both Shepherd College and Storer College included drama as part of their curriculum. The Opera House in Charles Town, a National Register site, has hosted numerous dramatic productions. Hilltop House served as a site for productions of the “Hilltop Players” in the 1950s under the sponsorship of hotel owner Dixie Kilham. Local newspapers and college yearbooks and records should yield some information.

Most of the plays written about Jefferson County focus on John Brown. The best known local playwright was Julia Davis. Her play The Anvil focused on the trial of John Brown. It has been staged several times in Charles Town, once using the descendants of the local people who were involved in the 1859 raid and trial. See:


Other plays and dramatic productions about John Brown include:

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“John Brown’s Raid.” A one-hour NBC drama, shot for showing on television. James Mason starred in the title role as John Brown. It was first shown on October 24, 1960. See "TV at Harpers Ferry." *Newsweek* (New York), (October 17, 1960), 74.


**Essays**

Two local writers produced numerous essays on local and national topics for the Shepherdstown Register in the first half of this century: Henry L. Snyder, owner of the Register drafted numerous essays on Shepherdstown’s past. Rev. John O. Knott, a Methodist minister, also contributed material on a regular basis on a variety of topics.

John Brown was the favorite subject of many essayists in the late 19th century. Most of the Northern literati, such as Henry David Thoreau, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and William Dean Howells contributed essays that helped shape Brown’s evolving image. See Chapter 12 and the Bibliography for other writers about John Brown.

**Literature: Prose and Verse**

No comprehensive survey of Jefferson County literature has been produced. For collections and surveys that include some Jefferson County writers, see:

- Comstock, James F. *West Virginia Encyclopedia*.

A large amount of poetry has been written about John Brown, some of it by nationally recognized poets such as John Greenleaf Whittier, James Whitcomb Riley, Ellery Channing, William Dean Howells, and Herman Melville. Several poems perpetuate the myth that Brown stooped to kiss a black child on the way to the gallows. Some of the studies and major collections of John Brown poetry include:

Local poets include:


Briscoe, W.D. The West Virginia Historical Magazine (Vol. 3, October 1903) published a graceful poem by W.D. Briscoe called "Evett's Run" (sic) to which is also appended an historical note. The poem opens with his quatrain: In mossy pool the Heron croaks, / Near-by old Norborne's wall; / I see once more the sturdy oaks, / That wave 'round Antler Hall. The poem calls the church "Norborne," but in his explanatory essay Mr. Briscoe says, "The early history of the 'Old Church' or 'St. George's Chapel' of Norborne Parish, so far as we know, is clothed in mystery."

Dandridge, Danske Bedinger. (1854-1914) The daughter of Henry Bedinger, the U.S. minister to Denmark in the 1850's. She married A.S. Dandridge. She published many of her poems in national magazines including The Century, Harpers, and the New York Independent. Collections of her poems include Joy and Other Poems (1888) and Rose Brake and Other Poems (1890). She also wrote histories and biographies, including: American Prisoners of the Revolution (1911), George Michael Bedinger, a Kentucky Pioneer (1909), and Historic Shepherdstown (1910). Some of her papers can be found at the West Virginia Archives (1887-1901, 20 items, Ms80-133). The West Virginia Regional History Collection includes some letters (1869-1913, Accession No. 978) to Dandridge; the letters are mainly from family members and from magazine editors. Many of her papers are located at Duke University. (See Chapter 2.)

Horner, Warren B. Lichen; Selected Published and Unpublished Verse. Shepherdstown, WV: The Author, [1935]. Old Charles Town Library. Many of the poems appear to have been written while Horner was a student at Shepherd College. Titles include: "June in Shepherdstown" and "Seniors, Shepherd College, 1934."

Lucas, Daniel Bedinger (1836-1909). He became a well known poet after he composed "The Land Where We Were Dreaming" in 1865, an elegiac ode to Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley. Often referred to during his life time as the "Poet of the Shenandoah," he published several volumes of poetry, including:


Ballads and Madrigals. New York: Pollard & Moss, 1884.

Lucas was the author of a biography of his friend John Yates Beall and was co-editor of Southern Metropolis in 1869-70, a weekly literary journal published in Baltimore. Many of his papers have been deposited at Virginia Polytechnic Institute (see Chapter 2).

Lucas, Virginia Bedinger (1838-1865). She was the sister of Daniel Bedinger Lucas and was called the "Valley's Pastoral Poet." After she died at age 27, her brother published entitled The Wreath of Eglantine (1869), which included her verse and some of his own.

Lucas, Virginia (1873-1929). The only child of Daniel B. Lucas, Virginia was known primarily as a poet. Her anthology June (1927), closes with a poem entitled "Rion Hall in Love Time." She also published Dream Circles and Other Sonnets (1927). Her short story "The Captain" gained her national attention. Virginia Lucas wrote a biographical sketch of her father that was published just before her death in 1929.

Movies

Charles Town, Harpers Ferry, and Shepherdstown had their own halls, and later movie houses. A great deal of information on this topic is available through the newspapers (see the Explorer Database).
Life in Charles Town in 1941 was combined with aerial glimpses of Jefferson County in “See Yourselves in the Movies,” a film produced by the Charles Town Lions Club under the direction of Tim Sinn. See:


The history of thoroughbred racing in Jefferson County was the subject of “They Passed This Way,” a film directed by Jim Surkamp and produced by Bill Theriault through The Jefferson County Oral & Visual History Association in 1991. See:


Archaeological investigations at a Native American village (ca. 1250 ad) near Bakerton were documented in “Glen Haven: A Jefferson County Indian Village.” Edited by Ellis McDowell-Louden and produced by The Jefferson County Oral and Visual History Association and SUNY Binghamton in 1990. See:


Several films about Harpers Ferry have been produced by the National Park Service. These resources may be ordered from the Harpers Ferry Park Bookstore or via their website (www.nps.gov.hafe/). See:

The John Brown Raid Videopack, including To Do Battle In The Land – a 27-minute video documenting John Brown's 1859 attempt to end slavery in the South by attacking the U.S. Armory at Harpers Ferry. John Brown's Raid – a 76-page National Park Service Handbook with historical photos and detailed account of the insurrection and subsequent trial. Study Guide – which compliments the video and handbook and helps teachers prepare students to understand John Brown's Raid through a series of thematic lessons and activities. It is also useful as a pre-visit introduction to the park.

Back to Harpers Ferry – National Park Service video, 16 minutes. Harpers Ferry is a place that chronicles the passage of time and echoes the lives of women and men. This video captures the essence of this special river town and recalls the remarkable people who have contributed to the town's indomitable spirit. VHS.

The Floods of '96 at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia – National Park Service video, 7 minutes. Dramatic footage of the record floods of January and September 1996 in Lower Town Harpers Ferry. Includes excerpts from local and national media coverage.

James T. Surkamp has produced a series of brief programs about Jefferson County history which have been broadcast by GS Communications of Frederick, MD. Programs include:
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"Tape 1: Pre Colonial Period." 1995. Includes: Prehistory, pt. 1 (5:30); Prehistory, pt. 2 (4:00); Prehistory, pt. 3 (3:00); John Lederer's Blazed Trail to the Shenandoah Valley (7:00); and Native Americans (6:20).


"Tape 6: Crafts, Inventions, Traditions." 1997. Includes: The History of Haying: 1760 to 1997 (7:23); Making Apple Cider: Past and Present (4:47); Blast Iron Furnaces in the 18th Century (7:28); Hogs: A Central Figure in Our History (10:14); The History of Whiskey, pt. 1 (5:55); The History of Whiskey, pt. 2 (6:20); The History of a 200 Year Old Mill (4:59); and The History of Milling, pt. 2 (3:58).


Music

Musical activities in Jefferson County have not been systematically studied, and the best reference source is local newspapers. (Many issues are abstracted in the Explorer Database.) Most towns in the county had sites that were used for musical performances and related activities: in Charles Town, Charles Washington Hall and the New Opera House; in Shepherdstown, the Opera House, as well as events hosted by Shepherd College; and in Harper's Ferry at Jonadab Hall and Storer College’s Anthony Hall. Local private schools, such as the Stephenson Female Seminary and Powhatan College had vocal and instrumental music programs. (School and college yearbooks provide some information.)

Numerous bands sprang up in the county in the 19th century, several of them surviving into the early part of this century. Some of the local bands and organizations include: The Charlestown Musical Association, Charlestown Cornet Band, Silver Cornet Band, Harpers Ferry Colored Band, Powhatan and City Bands, and Henson’s Klean Kut and Klassy Band.
Authors and Subjects Related to Jefferson County

The following resources provide information on some prominent Jefferson County individuals.

Aglionby, Charles (1807 - 1891). Born Charles Yates. Diaries, March 6, 1861 to January 1, 1866, and 1875 to 1878. In the possession of Francis Aglionby, London, England. Diaries and accounts kept at Mount Pleasant, Jefferson County. Aglionby kept a full record of the weather, his farming, family and social activities, military operations in the area, and rumors about the progress of the war. See:


Ambler, Anne Madison Willis Ambler. Diary in possession of her granddaughter, Anne Madison Ambler Baylor (Mrs. Robert Garnet Baylor). Portions of the diary (1862) written at Rock Hall near Summit Point were printed in the *Magazine of the Jefferson County Historical Society*. See:


Beall, John Yates. Beall was tried and executed as a Confederate spy. His memoirs, compiled by his friend Daniel Bedinger Lucas, includes his diary. See:

Beall, John Yates. *Memoir of John Yates Beall: His Life; Trial; Correspondence; Diary; and Private Manuscripts Found Among His Papers*. Montreal: Printed by John Lovell, 1865.


Bishop, John Peale. (1891-1944) A Charles Town native, Bishop won international fame as a poet, critic, novelist, and writer of short stories. His *Many Thousands Gone* (New York: C. Scribner's Sons, 1931) was a collection of short stories set in "Mordington" (Charles Town) during and after the Civil War. Stories include "Many Thousands Gone," "The Cellar," "Young Death and Desire," "The Corpse in the Cellar," and "If Only." Bishop's novel, *Act of Darkness* (New York, C. Scribner's sons, 1935), is also set in "Mordington" (Charles Town) and deals with a rape, the trial, and a boy's loss of innocence. Based loosely on the trial of Graham Wilson for the rape of Virginia Lucas, the book caused a furor in Jefferson County. See:


Blackford diaries. Diaries, 1836-38, of John Blackford, and 1838-45, of Franklin Blackford. They contain weather observations, details of farm and ferry operations, family and social activities of the Blackford and Knodel families and friends, and activities of slaves (two of whom ran the ferry) and hired workers. John Blackford had extensive business and social dealings with persons in Boonsboro, Hagerstown, and Sharpsburg, MD, and Shepherdstown, VA. Materials are in the T.T. Perry Collection of the Virginia Historical Society. MsslB5645c.
Bondi, August M. Companion of John Brown in Kansas.


Adams, Charles S. Alexander Robinson Boteler: Wheel Horse of Whiggery. Stonewall's Courier. Shepherdstown, WV: By the Author, 1998. Based on a 1936 master's thesis by Emily Timberlake. It includes a piece on Timberlake and a discussion of the Whig party by her son John Watterson. Appendices include Alexander Boteler's account of the John Brown Raid, Stonewall Jackson's 1862 campaign in the Shenandoah Valley, Boteler's conversation with President-elect Lincoln on the eve of the inauguration, Boteler's unfinished autobiography, letters from Henry Kyd Douglass to Helen Boteler, Alexander's daughter, Helen Boteler's obituary, an account of Turner Ashby, pictures of Boteler, some of his drawings, and Boteler's sketch of John Brown just after his capture.


Botts, John Minor. Politician.


Boyden, James Woodbury. See:


Brown, John (1800-1859). Autobiography. Brown wrote a brief history of his early years as instruction for his children. See Chapter 12. Materials Related to John Brown and the Bibliography for additional writings by or about John Brown. Several novels have been written about John Brown, including:


Bullock, Miles Wayne (1844-1914). Diaries 1862, 1864-1865. Soldier and resident of Sherburne, NY, and later of Marion, MI. Diaries describe Harpers Ferry, Jefferson County, WV, and Sharpsburg, MD. Central Michigan University, Clarke Historical Library, Mount Pleasant, MI.

**Chambers, Jennie.** A local amateur artist and author. Her papers (1838-1936) are available at Duke University Library.

Chambers, Jennie. "What a School-Girl Saw of John Brown's Raid." *Harper's Monthly Magazine,* (January 1902), 104: 311-318. The author, then a young girl whose home was on Bolivar Heights, tells the conventional story. The chief value of the piece is in giving names of local people engaged in the defensive work.

**Cooke, John Esten.** Writer.


**Cooke, Philip Pendleton.** Writer.


**Craighill, William P.** Soldier, Statesman


**Curry, John Steuart.** Artist. Curry created murals that incorporated John Brown. See:


[Curry, John Steuart]. "Curry of Kansas is Reviewed by Chicago." *Art Digest* (New York), (April 1, 1939), 21.


[Curry, John Steuart]. "Speaking of Pictures ... Artists Number Themselves Among Their Favorite Models." *Life* (New York), (October 25, 1943).

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Dandridge, Caroline “Danske” Bedinger. Poet, historian, horticulturist

Her literary works are listed earlier in this section. Many of her papers are available at the West Virginia Archives and Duke University Library. (See Chapter 2). Other repositories are listed in the Bibliography CD.

The following sources contain brief biographical sketches or reactions to her work:


At this writing, many of Dandridge’s writings are available at the following website (produced by Jim Surkamp): [www.libraries.wvu.edu.dandridge/index2.htm](http://www.libraries.wvu.edu.dandridge/index2.htm)

Davis, Julia. Writer.

Julia Davis wrote a trilogy of novels based in Jefferson County and using the McDonald family of Media as characters. The family saga of the fictional McLeods makes use of local source material she collected on the McDonals, her mother’s family. Other local characters and incidents are woven into the narratives. In *Cloud on the Land* (1950), she used Media Farm in Jefferson County, West Virginia as background for an historical novel about Western settlement and slavery. The story was continued in *Bridle the Wind* (1951), which is set in Jefferson County Virginia in the 1830’s. *Eagle on the Sun* (1956) continues the family saga during the Mexican War. Her most famous work of local nonfiction is *The Shenandoah* (New York: Farrar & Rinehart, Inc., 1945). See:

- Theriault, William D. "Julia Davis." In *Harvest: Collected Works of Julia Davis*. Charles Town, WV: Arts & Humanities Alliance of Jefferson County, 1992. (This work includes poetry, short stories, and a play that were previously unpublished.)

Delany, Martin. African America Leader.


Surkamp, James T. "Tape 15: Martin Robison Delany." Frederick, MD, GS Communications: 1998. Includes: Martin Delany, segment 1 (3:18); Martin Delany, segment 2 (6:54); Martin Delany, segment 3
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(3:12); Martin Delany, segment 4 (3:00); Martin Delany, segment 5 (5:10); and Martin Delany, segment 6 (5:10).

**Douglas, Henry Kyd.** *I Rode with Stonewall, Being Chiefly the War Experiences of the Youngest Member of Jackson's Staff from the John Brown raid to the Hanging of Mrs. Surratt.* Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1940. Prepared in 1899 by Henry Kyd Douglas from his diaries and notes on the Civil War.

**Engle, Jacob.** Goldrush and Civil War diaries. These diaries, referenced in several 19th century publications, cannot be found. They may have been absorbed into the T.T. Perry collection of the Virginia Historical Society or retained by members of the Engle family. The brief passages available indicate that these diaries are important resources that should be located and published.

**Foster, Sarah Jane (1839-1868).** Taught black students in Jefferson County and Martinsburg after the Civil War. See:


**Fairfax, Thomas Lord.** Landowner.

  Brown, Stuart E., Jr. *Virginia Baron, the Story of Thomas, 6th Lord Fairfax.* Berryville, VA: Chesapeake Book Co., 1965.

**Faulkner, Charles J.** Politician.


**Gates, Horatio.** Soldier.


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Henderson, David E. Artist.


Heth, William. Heth served as a Lieutenant with Capt. Daniel Morgan and his Virginia Riflemen on their journey from Winchester to Quebec. See:


Hite, Jost. Early Settler.


Hoge, Moses. Minister.

Campbell, J. W. *A History of Virginia from its Discovery till the Year 1781, With Biographical Sketches of All the Most Distinguished Characters That Occur in the Colonial, Revolutionary, or Subsequent Period of Our History*. Petersburg, VA: J. W. Campbell, 1813.


Hoge, Moses D. *The Perfection of Beauty, and other sermons by the Rev. Moses D. Hoge*. Richmond, VA: The Presbyterian Committee of Publication,


Second Presbyterian Church. Richmond, VA. Commemoration of Forty-five Years of Service. [Richmond, VA]: Printed by Whittet & Shepperson, 1890.

Hovenden, Thomas. Artist. His painting, "Last Moments of John Brown," was commissioned by Robbins Battel in 1882 and now hangs in the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art. It was completed in 1884.
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Depicting John Brown stooping to kiss a black child on the way to the gallows, it is based on a newspaper account of John Brown's trial which appeared in the New York Tribune. Later it was revealed that the newspaper account was entirely fictional, but it is not known whether Hovenden and his patron knew that the newspaper account was not based on fact. The painting created considerable controversy when made public. A print of the painting was issued by Currier & Ives. Hovenden spend considerable time painting American blacks. See:


Jex, Garnett. Artist. Most of Jex’s local paintings focused on Harpers Ferry. A collection of his paintings is housed at the Camp Hill Wesley United Methodist Church in Harpers Ferry, WV. Some of these works have been reproduced and are available for sale through Harpers Ferry National Historic Park bookstore.


Kennedy, John Pendleton. Writer. Kennedy’s novel Swallow Barn probably was set at "The Bower," the Dandridge home on Opequon Creek in Jefferson County. See:


Lawrence, Jacob. (1917 - ) Artist. "The Legend of John Brown," 1977. Twenty-two screen prints depicting John Brown's career. An African-American artist, Lawrence has created numerous paintings depicting black historical figures and themes. According to Lawrence, "The inspiration to paint the ... John Brown series was motivated by historical events as told to us by the adults of our community ... the black community." See:


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Lee, Charles. General.


Miller, E. Hutchinson. (1831-1921) Artist. Born in Shepherdstown. Miller's watercolor, entitled "Moonrise and Twilight," is in the Corcoran Art Gallery in Washington, DC. It was painted from the Potomac River Bridge at Shepherdstown. Brief biographical sketches are included on Bushong's History of Jefferson County and Kenamond's Prominent Men of Shepherdstown. See:
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Millman, Edward and Mitchell Siporin. Artists. John Brown Mural. See:

"Missouri. New Murals Show Its History." *Life* (New York), (October 12, 1942), pp. 70-80. A four-page reproduction in color of the murals depicting Missouri history, painted by Edward Millman and Mitchell Siporin, placed on the walls of the post office in St. Louis. John Brown is shown in one panel, firebrand in his hand, surrounded by his armed men and with a Negro at his feet.


Morgan, Daniel. Soldier.


Morgan, Morgan. Early Settler.


Ransom, Lewis. Artist. *John Brown. Meeting the Slave-Mother and Her Child on the Steps of Charlestown Jail on His Way to Execution*. According to Boyd Stutler: “Issued in the North during the Civil War, the melodramatic portrayal of an apocryphal incident from the life of John Brown must have had unmistakable propagandistic overtones. Brown became for many Northerners a martyr of the abolitionist cause. The artist shows Brown calmly descending the steps of the Charles Town jail, hands tied behind his back. "Regarding with a look of compassion a Slave-mother and Child who obstructed the passage on his way to the Scaffold. – Capt. Brown stooped and kissed the Child – then met his fate." The strikingly madonna-like slave woman is seated on a stone railing, holding an equally Christ-like infant. One of Brown's guards reaches forward, about to push her away. In the foreground a mustachioed and elegantly uniformed soldier waits impatiently, hand on his sword hilt. Behind Brown a figure from the American Revolution, wearing a tricornered hat emblazoned "76," watches with concern. The flag of the state of Virginia with the motto "Sic semper tyrannis" flies prominently above Brown's head. A statue of Justice, with its arms and scales broken, stands forgotten behind the railing at left. Currier & Ives issued another version of the print, minus the clearly sectionalist references, in 1870.” See:


Rivera, Diego. Artist. A muralist who incorporated John Brown into several of his works. See the numerous publications on the artist and his work.

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Rumsey, James. Inventor.


"For the James Rumsey Monument." *Shepherdstown Register*, (March 1, 1906), p. 2.


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Rumsey, James. *Construction boilers for Distillation and for Other Objects, also for Steam-Engines*. British Patent no. 1673, November 6, 1788.


Rumsey, James. *A Plan Wherein the Power of Steam is Fully Shewn*. Berkeley County, Virginia, 1788.


Waesche, Russell Randolph. "Dedicated Address at Opening of The James Rumsey Bridge." Address presented to the Jefferson County Historical Society, July 1, 1939.

Sanborn, Franklin B. Writer, Abolitionist, Autobiographer. Sanborn was one of the “Secret Six” who supported John Brown’s raid on Harpers Ferry. His works describe his relationship with John Brown and his abolitionist activities. Works by and about Sanborn are presented in the Bibliography. See:


Shepherd, Rezin D. Shakespearean Actor.


Sonntag, William L. (1822-1900). Landscape artist. Sonntag spent nearly 2 months in Harpers Ferry, the upper Potomac, Piedmont grade, and Cheat River vicinities about 1859. See:


Southworth, E.D.E.N. Popular female novelist of the mid-19th century. Vacationed in Jefferson County and wrote her novel *Shannondale* while staying at that resort. See:


Strother, David Hunter, *Porte Crayon* (1818-1888). Artist and writer. Strother published a substantial amount of material about Jefferson County, including drawings and articles about John Brown’s Raid on Harpers Ferry. Sources include:


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See the *Bibliography* for Strother's works and other studies.

Taylor, James E. Artist, writer. An artist for *Leslie's Magazine*, Taylor sketched much of the Shenandoah Valley when he traveled with Sheridan and the Union Army during the Civil War. See:


Willis, Patty. Artist. See:


Summers, Festus P. (ed.) *A Borderland Confederate*. Pittsburg: University of Pittsburg Press, 1962. In addition to printing Wilson's diary, Summers includes a letter from Wilson reacting to the news of John Brown's trial and information about the casket for Turner Ashby that was provided by the women of Jefferson County.


Worthington, Thomas. Governor of Ohio. Worthington's account includes his early life in Jefferson County. See:


Biographical Sketches of Jefferson County Residents

The following works include additional biographical information about Jefferson County residents.


Atkinson, George W., and Alvaro Gibbens. *Prominent Men of West Virginia.* Wheeling, WV: W.L. Callin, 1890. Biographical sketches of the following are provided: George Morris Beltzhoover, Frank Beckwith, Charles J. Faulkner, Sr. (with illustration), Emanuel Willis Wilson (with illustration), Charles J. Faulkner, Jr. (with illustration), Roger Preston Chew, Col. George A. Porterfield (with illustration), Daniel Bedinger Lucas (with illustration), Braxton Davenport Gibson, William Lyne Wilson, David Hunter Strother (with illustration), Gustav Brown (with illustration), and Charles Henry Knott (with illustration).


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Dictionary of National Biography.


Norris, J. E. History of the Lower Shenandoah Valley. Chicago: Warner and Company, 1890. Biographical sketches include both Virginia and West Virginia portions of the Shenandoah Valley. Although many
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of the sketches do not deal with Jefferson County, they provide information about influential people of the time. The biographical sketches include:


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Perman, Robert (ed.). *West Virginians; A Work of Biography.* [Wheeling]: West Virginia Biographical Association, 1928.


*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography.* (Index available.) Contains numerous references to Jefferson County. See the Bibliography for specific entries.
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The most comprehensive resource for local black history is Hanna Geffert's *An Annotated Narrative of the Afro-American Community in Jefferson County, West Virginia* (1992). Portions of this work were originally published as part of Charles Hulse's survey of African American cemeteries in Jefferson County, and it was later expanded and republished separately. The Berkeley County branch of the Carter G. Woodson Historical Society, dedicated to the preservation of black history, is also an important local resource.

**Public Records**

Public records provide a wealth of information about African Americans who lived in Jefferson County. Chapter 3 of this book lists public records available and their location. To appreciate the full importance of these sources, they should be reviewed in the context of Virginia and West Virginia legislation related to blacks and slavery. Several sources for these laws can be found in the *Bibliography* under “statutes.”

The West Virginia Regional History Collection includes a section on Slaves and Slavery, *Papers, 1797-1829*. These files include documents from Berkeley and Jefferson Counties, Virginia, and Frederick County, Maryland, concerning the transport of slaves, manumission, free papers, suits for freedom, and appraisals. (Accession Nos. 2059 and 2078)

**Census Records**

U.S. Census records are available for Jefferson County, (West) Virginia, from 1810 to 1920. (Max Grove's *Reconstructed Census 1774-1810, Berkeley County, Virginia* provides useful information on slave holders in this earlier period.) Records taken before the Civil War list slave owners and may describe the age, sex, and occupation of slaves. (The accuracy of these slave counts has not been determined for Jefferson County.) Free blacks are also listed in these documents as well as the racial distinctions “white,” “mulatto,” and “negro.” Census records taken after the Civil War list the race of individuals as well as other vital statistics. Other sources for census information include:


**Petitions**

*Virginia Legislative Petitions* provide some documentation on slave sales, petitions to allow individual blacks to remain in Jefferson County, and petitions of emancipation.

**Tax Records**

Tax records often include information about slave ownership. Virginia tax records from 1782-1787 are available as well as the Berkeley County tithables list for 1783, the Berkeley County Poll List of 1788, and the Berkeley County Tax list of 1792. These materials have been microfilmed and are located at the Berkeley County Historical Society and the Martinsburg Public Library. Tax records provide names of slaveholders, numbers of slaves, and information about the property owner.

**Vital Statistics (Births, Deaths, and Marriages)**

Birth records for Jefferson County are available for 1801 to the present. Death records for Jefferson County are unavailable before 1853. Death records for January 1853 to December 1860 include both blacks and whites, with slaves listed under the surname of their owner. For slaves, these records include first name, sex, age, and cause of death. Death records after the Civil War include information such as age, race, kinship, and cause of death. Marriage records are also available from 1801 to the present. Chapter 10 outlines public documents and other published sources for this type of information.
Deeds and Plats

Records of property ownership sometimes contain fragments of information that can be used to piece together a picture of African American life in Jefferson County. Blacks owning property in the county cannot be easily determined by the deeds themselves, for these documents rarely specify the race of the property owner. However, conditions of sale (e.g., a lot for a school house) may provide information related to blacks’ status in the community. Plats recorded with deeds may also provide some information, showing the location of slave quarters, other outbuildings, and cemeteries. Michael Thompson’s *Calendar and Index to Recorded Survey Plots in the Jefferson County, West Virginia (Virginia) Courthouse 1801-1901* lists plats recorded during the 19th century.

Wills

Will books for Jefferson, Berkeley, and Frederick Counties provide substantial information about blacks that has not yet been fully utilized. Wills often provide names of slave owners, details of slave ownership, and information on the transfer of blacks as property. Estate inventories serve as another important source of information, for they frequently list blacks by name, age, sex, and assessed value. Goods listed in inventories also provide a context for judging the economic value placed on blacks by slaveowners.

Cemetery Records

Chapter 9 of this work describes sources of cemetery records in detail. Some of the principal sources to be consulted include:

*Tombstone Inscriptions. Jefferson County, West Virginia,* published in 1981 by the Bee Line Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Their study records tombstone inscriptions from over 120 cemeteries in Jefferson County and is supplemented by records from the court house, churches, and funeral homes. Several black cemeteries are identified. Hugh Voress has published *Burials in Jefferson County, West Virginia, 1978-1998* (1998), which serves as a supplement to the D.A.R.’s efforts. Mrs. J.M. Miller’s *Old Graveyards of Jefferson County* (1934), available at the Charles Town Library, should also be consulted for it contains field notes about unmarked sections of graveyards and other details not found in the D.A.R. publication.


African American burial sites were mapped by Dr. Charles Hulse of Shepherd College in his *1990-91 Jefferson County, West Virginia African-American Cemetery Survey*. Hulse’s survey results and maps are also found in *Explorer*. Hulse used predictive modeling to estimate the locations of slave burials when more specific information did not exist.

Discrepancies between death records and tombstone inscriptions suggest that many graveyards have never been recorded and that unmarked sites probably exist throughout the county. West Virginia legislation contains strict guidelines that come into play when unmarked graves are discovered and include penalties for abusing these rules. This law may enable researchers to document many unmarked graveyards that are uncovered in during property development.

Church Records

Church records and histories provide another useful source of information about the black population of Jefferson County. Foremost among these sources is Evelyn Taylor’s *Historical Digest of Jefferson County, West*

Denominational records or records of individual white congregations may provide additional data about blacks. For example, the following sources include information about black churchgoers:

- **Charles Town Presbyterian Church, Charles Town, West Virginia. Church Records, 1815-1967.** Communicants 1815?-1911, Baptisms (early records do not always give parents, includes “colored”) 1815?-1841, 1865-1912, Marriages (includes “colored”) 1867-1911, and Deaths (includes “colored”) 1859-1911.

- **Harpers Ferry Presbyterian Church, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. Church records, 1872-1901.** Marriages (includes one "colored").

Church activities were often reported in local newspapers.

**Education**

Blacks in ante-bellum Virginia were generally not educated, in part because their owners feared that they would become discontent with their situation or absorb abolitionist notions from Northerners infiltrating the South. Thus the history of formal black education in this area essentially begins with the post Civil War period.

Black education in Jefferson County is described in James Taylor’s *History of Black Education in Jefferson County, West Virginia, 1866-1966* (2000). Schools set up for freedmen after the Civil War are described in:


Some public records relating to black public schools still exist and may be found in the following sources:

- **Board of Education. Minutes, 1889-1913.** Originals located in the Board of Education Office.

- **Reports of Superintendents.** County Superintendents of Schools have been required to submit annual reports to the state. Originals are located in the West Virginia Archives, Charleston, WV.

Storer College was the main source for black higher education in Jefferson County. Many documents related to Storer College are available at Harpers Ferry National Historic Park and at Bates College (Maine). Other sources include:


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*Harper’s Ferry Messenger*. Newspaper published at Harpers Ferry by blacks attached to Storer College. Began June 1882. Revs. B. F. Fox and A. W. Adams were the original editors and Rev. J. W. Dungee the business manager. Management changed in August 1883. In October 1883, the name of the paper was changed to the *The Messenger* and moved to Shepherdstown, where it was published by Rev. B. F. Fox. The move was possibly caused by paper’s criticism of Storer College principal N. B. Brackett.

Lewis, Thomas Narven. *Papers*, ca. 1898-1934, 80 items. Howard University, Moorland-Spingarn Research Center Library. Includes pamphlets pertaining to Storer College.


*Storer College Record*. A monthly newspaper published by Storer College, Harpers Ferry. The first issue was printed in January 1883.

Storer College Collection. 1917-1955. Howard University, Moorland-Spingarn Research Center (Washington, DC). About 40 items. Periodicals, brochures, a list of students, and clippings relating to Storer College, the first higher educational institution for Afro-Americans in West Virginia, founded at Harpers Ferry in 1867; together with forms, lists, notes, and correspondence concerning the Washington, DC, chapter of the Storer College Alumni Association and a fund raising campaign.

Storer College Records, 1865-1956. Office files, correspondence, faculty and student records, Veterans Administration records, financial records, clippings, photographs, scrapbooks, building blueprints, and campus plans for the college. Subjects include missionary efforts of the Free Will Baptists to establish schools and missions in the Shenandoah Valley, the school activities of college president Henry J. McDonald, and information on general college operations and activities. West Virginia Regional History Collection, Accession Nos. 1131, 1168, 1322, and 1471. Microfilm of originals in possession of Mrs. John Newcomer and the National Park Service.

For background information on black education in West Virginia, see:


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Newspapers

For the most part, local newspapers were published by whites for white readers. The main exception was the Pioneer Press.


Other local black newspapers included:

Independent (Storer College). Published in 1875, this newspaper was devoted to the interests of the "Colored Race."

Storer College Record. A monthly newspaper published by Storer College, Harpers Ferry. The first issue was printed in January 1883.

The major newspapers in Jefferson County (e.g., the Free Press, Spirit of Jefferson, and the Shepherdstown Register) carried an occasional obituary of black residents who were deemed worthy of recognition. Public Notices often conveyed information about the sale of slaves, and humor directed at blacks was a frequent element. Sensational stories about crimes committed by African Americans were standard fare. Advertisements published in these papers provide additional information on the sale of slaves. The Explorer Database and the Bibliography CD contain some references to local blacks in Jefferson County papers. A systematic, annotated bibliography of local newspaper sources does not currently exist.

Several themes related to the public’s perception of blacks in Jefferson County can be traced through newspaper accounts. These themes include:

Attitudes toward John Brown and attempts to establish monuments honoring him in Jefferson County. Heyward Shepherd, the first black man killed in John Brown’s raid, is often used as a symbol by whites of the faithful black servant during the Civil War.

Attitudes toward Storer College activities.

Political contests, particularly those involving local black Republicans.
For a discussion of some of these themes, see:


**Materials Related to John Brown**

Many of the sources published about John Brown contain accounts of the black raiders who accompanied him, and some writers attempt to establish the extent of support for Brown in the black community. These sources are discussed in chapter 12. **Materials Related to John Brown**, and additional information is available in the **Bibliography**. Some of the pertinent sources include:


Libby, Jean. The Slaves Who Fought With John Brown. Typescript. September 15, 1988. (Argues that local black support for Brown Raid was much stronger than Southerners wanted to believe.)

The accuracy, scholarship, and viewpoint of the articles cited in the **Bibliography** cover the spectrum from well researched scholarly works to slap-dash propaganda. In many cases, writers’ reactions to John Brown and his black followers are a litmus test for the authors’ attitudes toward slavery, emancipation, and civil rights.

**Secondary Sources**

Most histories that deal with Jefferson County include some discussion of slavery and the black population. However, many of these sources essentially represent the viewpoints of white authors toward the black community rather than local blacks’ perceptions of themselves. In some cases, particularly with sources published more than 50 years ago, these histories are primarily valuable for the attitudes expressed rather than specific information contributed. See the **Bibliography** for extensive lists of these sources. Oral histories
taken from local black informants are also listed in the Bibliography. See Chapter 18. Oral History for further information.

The following list provides specific sources for local black history as well as more general sources. The general sources included are not meant to be exhaustive.


Cartmell, T.K. Shenandoah Valley Pioneers and Their Descendants, 1909.

"Civil Rights in Charlestown." Spirit of Jefferson, (May 18, 1875). (Black efforts to integrate entertainment and dining facilities in Charlestown.)

"The Colored Celebration." Spirit of Jefferson, October 26, 1869. (Black celebration in Charles Town.)


Dozier, George W. Interview. Charles Town, WV. May 19, 1986.

"Emigration to Liberia." Spirit of Jefferson, (May 31, 1853), p. 2. (Notes that the colored race is gradually shedding its unwillingness to move to Liberia.)


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Rollin, Frank A. (Pseud. for Frances Whipper.) *Life and Public Services of Martin R. Delany; Sub-Assistant Commissioner Bureau Relief of Refugees, Freedmen, and of Abandoned Lands, and Late Major 104th U.S. Colored Troops.* Boston: Lee and Shepard, 1883.


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Taylor, James L. Africans-In-America of the Lower Shenandoah Valley: 1700-1900. James L. Taylor, 1999. Contains biographical sketches of local African Americans, including: Beck; Menta, Joseph, and Adam; Pati Delany; Samuel Delany; “Aunt” Sukey; John Jackson; George Slow; George Johnson; George Washington: Joe Hagan and the Skilled Blacks of Harpers Ferry; Thomas Laws; George William Cook; Josiah T. Walls; J.M. Hill; Hamilton Hatter; Rev. B.F. Fox; Rev. John William Dungee; Littleton Page; James Roper; Philip Jackson; Joseph Richard Winters; Martin Robison Delany; Archilles Dixon; Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.; Lucy Diggs Slow; Roscoe Dungee; Jimmy Winkfield; John Clifford; Osborne P. Anderson; Dangerfield Newby; Lewis Leary; John Copeland; and Shields Green.


Williams, George W. History of the Negro Race in America. New York, 1883.


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The contributions of women to the history of Jefferson County have not been systematically studied. The best place to begin research is with Barbara J. Howe's "The Status of Women’s History in West Virginia," in *West Virginia History: Critical Essays on the Literature*, Lewis, Ronald L. and John C. Hennen, Jr. (eds.), pp. 149-186. Howe reviews the evolution of women’s history, relevant issues, and information resources. General sources listed in her article include:


Researchers should become familiar with the Virginia and West Virginia laws affecting women. See:


Spindel, Donna. “Women’s Legal Rights in West Virginia,” *West Virginia History*, 51(1992): 29-43. Spindel reviews women’s legal rights in Virginia and West Virginia as derived from English common law. Includes information on property rights, dower, protection of property of married women, inheritance, divorce and alimony. The author concludes that a culture which has taught women “to serve men and to consider themselves somewhat inferior, and which put great emphasis on family, prescribed a role for women that reinforced dependence.”

Once you understand the limits placed on women’s ownership of property, consult public records for wills, deeds, and estate inventories. Birth and death records in Jefferson County are not available before 1853. Starting in 1850, census records contain the names of individuals, allowing specific women to be identified. See *Chapter 3. Public Records*. Other sources for statistical and census information include:


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Colonial Period

During the colonial period of Jefferson County’s history, only the individual actions of Catana Bierlin have been recorded as worthy of note. According to Engle family history, Catana arrived in present day Jefferson County about 1709 with a group of German settlers from Philadelphia. After the settlers built a fort near Duffields, it was attacked by Indians. During the siege, Catana was mortally wounded carrying water from the spring to support the fort’s inhabitants.

If the date of 1709 on her tombstone is correct, it would strengthen the argument for this site’s being the earliest settlement in West Virginia. Catana’s date of death is now illegible on the tombstone, but testimonies from 19th century visitors to her grave verify the “1709” inscription. Some scholars have rejected the accuracy of this date, arguing Indian control of the area made such a settlement impossible. It is not clear when the stone was carved and set and whether the date was recorded accurately on it. Engle family history notes that the fort was abandoned after the Indian attack was repulsed. Discussions of Catana Biern can be found in the following sources:


Correspondence regarding the presence of the “1709” date on the tombstone is available at the West Virginia Division of Archives and History.

Early National Period

Perhaps the best known woman in early Jefferson County was Dolly Madison, who was not a resident but was married at Harewood in September 15, 1794. Descriptions of the wedding include:


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One of the earliest publications for women, *The Ladies Garland*, began publication in Jefferson County in 1824. It was edited and published in Harpers Ferry by John S. Gallaher between 1824 and 1828. It is not clear whether local women had much influence on its content. See:


**Education**

By the end of the 18th century, girls were being educated at private schools. The number of schools for girls continued to grow in the 19th century until they were present in every town throughout the county. Some female schools established include:

- Charlestown Athenaeum and Female Academy
- Charlotte Gregg's Female Seminary (Bolivar)
- Female Institute of Charles Town
- Harpers Ferry Female Institute
- Harpers Ferry Male and Female Seminary
- Jane K. Frame’s female school at Bolivar
- Jefferson Female Institute
- Miss Churchill’s Seminary
- Mrs. Forrest’s Seminary
- Mrs. Mathias and Ms. Maudeville’s seminary for young ladies (Bolivar)
- Mt. Parvo Institute
- Powhatan College for Young Women (Charles Town)
- Robert T. Brown’s school for young ladies
- St. Hilda’s Hall (Charles Town)
- Stephenson Female Seminary (Charles Town)

Local newspapers provide substantial information about these and other schools through advertisements as well as notices of events. Other sources to be consulted include:


Lewis, Virgil A. *Handbook of West Virginia*. Published by West Virginia Commission of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, 1904. References to Stephenson Seminary for Young Ladies and Powhatan College for Young Women.
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**Employment**

Employment opportunities for women in Jefferson County have been limited not only by gender bias but also by the small number of available options. Living in a largely agricultural community, many Jefferson County women spent their lives working on local farms. From this background, women became strongly involved in agricultural organizations, including the West Virginia Grange, The Farm Bureau, farm women's clubs, and the West Virginia Extension Homemakers. Sources exploring women's role in local agriculture and industry include:

Bumgardner, Stanley and Lee Maddex. 75th Anniversary History of The Cooperative Extension Service, Manuscript, by WVU.


Eagan, Shirley C. “Women's Work Never Done': West Virginia Farm Women, 1880s-1920s,” *West Virginia History*, 49 (1990): 21-35. Explores the evolution of women's roles on the farm, the everyday work, and the technological advances that affected women's lives. One of the case studies presented in the article deals with the Tabb family of Jefferson County and is based on the diary of Rebecca K. Tabb (1888-1890). Information was also gathered from a 1989 interview with Virginia and Lyle Tabb. Several pages describe Tabb farm operations and the duties of family members. Part of the information for the study comes from the General Federation of Women's Clubs' 1926 Survey of Farm Homes in West Virginia (Washington: Home Survey), 1926; the tables in this work enumerate various aspects of farm life.

"Farmerettes for Jefferson County." *Shepherdstown Register* (May 30, 1918), p. 3. A unit of the Woman's Land Army of America is to be established on the farm of the McDonald brothers (Media) in Jefferson County.


Pudup, Mary Beth. “Women's Work in the West Virginia Economy,” *West Virginia History* 49 (1990): 7-20. Teaching has traditionally provided employment for many Jefferson County women, first in local private schools and then in public schools and colleges. See *Chapter 4. School Records* for information resources.
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Brief biographies about the following women educators are presented in Jim Comstock’s *West Virginia Women*: Ann Henshaw Gardiner (pp. 104-105); Mary Tucker Magill (pp. 200-201); and Ella May Turner. Women have also become prominent as writers in a variety of areas, including history, nature, poetry, and drama. Some of the prominent women in this field include Danske Dandridge, Virginia Lucas, and Julia Davis. See Chapter 19. The Arts for additional information on these and other women writers. Katherine B. Frazier has compiled “West Virginia Women Writers, 1822-1979,” (1979), which is available in the West Virginia Regional History Collection.

Some of the earliest women in local industry were employed in textile factories, including the Perfection Garment operations in Martinsburg and Charles Town. See Jera Jenrette, “The Textile Industry in West Virginia’s Eastern Panhandle.” Ph.D. Dissertation, WVU. Movie footage of women at the Charles Town Perfection Garment plant are included in:


Like women throughout the country, those from Jefferson County found jobs in industries, such as quarrying, when World War II called up most able-bodied men. Interviews with employees at Standard Lime and Stone’s Bakerton Plant (e.g., George Dozier and Lowell Hetzel) described the role of women in the workplace during this period. Most of these women were dismissed from the workplace when the men returned from the war. See Chapter 18. Oral History for information about these and other sources.

The role of black women, both free and slaves, in Jefferson County history is another topic begging for treatment. Wills and estate inventories may yield information about tasks performed by black women, and newspaper advertisements for the sale or lease of slaves often provide information about women’s skills and their children.

Charitable, Memorial, and Social Activities

Throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, Jefferson County women have taken the lead in organizing fund raising activities for worthy causes, ministering to the poor and sick, and commemorating war dead (e.g., Memorial or Decoration Day). Many examples can be found in local newspapers, some of which have been abstracted in the Explorer Database.

During the 19th and early 20th centuries, socially prominent county women participated in ring tournament festivities. In these contests, local “knights” (each representing a lady) competed for the honor of having their lady crowned Queen of Love and Beauty. These events were often followed by dinners, concerts, and costume balls. Sources describing local ring tournaments are available in the Bibliography.

Local chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution provided opportunities for women to socialize, research their ancestors, and carry out preservation and local history projects. See Juliette Boyd Baker, “West Virginia State History of the Daughters of the American Revolution” (n.p., n.d. [1928]).
Biographies or biographical sketches of local women

Few Jefferson County women have been the subjects of biographies, even on the most superficial level. The more detailed sources include:

**Sarah Jane Foster**, who taught blacks in Jefferson County after the Civil War, is described in the publication of her collected letters: *Sarah Jane Foster, Teacher of the Freedmen. A Diary and Letters*. Wayne E. Reilly, ed. (Charlottesville and London: University Press of Virginia), 1990.


**Carrie Lee Strider**, the first woman deputy sheriff in West Virginia, is described in "Personality of the Week: Miss Carrie Lee Gardner Strider," *Jefferson Republican*, April 13, 1947, p. 10.

**Julia Davis**, a West Virginia writer and sometime resident of Jefferson County, was the subject of several biographical essays. Davis wrote a trilogy of novels based in Jefferson County and the McDonald family of Media. Her most famous work of local nonfiction is *The Shenandoah* (New York: Farrar & Rinehart, Inc., 1945). William Theriault conducted the following interviews of Julia Davis: February 4, 1992, February 15, 1992, February 26, 1992, March 4, 1992, March 18, 1992, April 7, 1992, and May 7, 1992. Transcripts of these interviews can be found in the *Explorer Database*, and the subject matter is described in the *Bibliography*. Many of Julia Davis' unpublished short stories and plays have been donated to the Jefferson County Museum. See also:


Theriault, William D. "Julia Davis." In *Harvest: Collected Works of Julia Davis*. Charles Town, WV: Arts & Humanities Alliance of Jefferson County, 1992. (This essay is the only authorized biography of Julia Davis. The volume includes poetry, short stories, and a play that were previously unpublished.)


The following sources contain autobiographical material or brief biographical sketches:

Comstock, Jim. *West Virginia Women*. Richwood, WV: Jim Comstock, 1974. This is published as volume 25 of the *West Virginia Encyclopedia*. Includes brief biographies of Danske Dandridge (pp. 19-20, 80-81); Julia Davis (pp. 82-85); Ann Henshaw Gardiner (pp. 104-105); Virginia Bedinger Lucas (p. 199); Dolly Todd Madison (pp. 199-200); Mary Tucker Magill (pp. 200-201); and Ella May Turner. Note: The photograph labeled “Julia McDonald Davis” (Julia Davis’ mother) is actually her step-mother, Ellen Bassell.


These sources of biographical information should also be consulted:

wounded soldiers, such as Le Phare de France, and the role women played in relief work. Some letters after World War One relate to continued European relief work and the Food For France Fund. Card index in the library.

Moler, Daniel Grove. "Distinguished Men and Women of West Virginia." *Shepherdstown Register* (July 17, 1924), p. 2. This piece was the winner of the first prize offered by H. C. Getzendanner in an essay contest. Includes brief references to Jefferson County.

Moore, Frank. *Women of the War*. Hartford: S. S. Scranton & Co., 1866. A work honoring Union and Confederate heroines of the Civil War, it includes a reference to Mrs. Mary W. Lee, who nursed Union soldiers at Harpers Ferry, where her son (72nd Pennsylvania) was stationed and severely wounded by an explosion.

"Southworth, Emma (Dorothy Eliza Nevitte)." *National Cyclopaedia of American Biography*, vol. 1, p. 432. E.D.E.N. Southworth was a popular female novelist in the mid-19th century who spend several summers at Shannondale Springs and write a novel Shannondale at that location.


**Women's support of abolitionist movement and John Brown**

Women played an active role in the abolitionist movement from the beginning and participated in the ongoing dialog about slavery during the 19th century. Many of John Brown’s most fervent supporters, both before and after his death, were women. The following sources provide background on women’s involvement in these issues:

Barnett, Nellie Koontz. "The Girls at the Kennedy Farm." *Sunday Gazette-Mail State Magazine* (Charleston, WV), (August 1, 1965). The story of Annie and Martha Brewster Brown, housekeepers and guardians at the Kennedy Farm while John Brown gathered his men and arms for the historic raid. Annie, daughter of John Brown, was the last survivor of the raid company and last of Brown's twenty children. Martha, wife of Oliver, did not live long after the raid in which Oliver was killed.

Brown, Mrs. E.S. "A Woman's Recollections of John Brown's Stay in Springdale." *Midland Monthly* (Des Moines, Iowa), 10 (December 1898): 576. About the sojourn of Brown and his men at Springdale, Iowa, in 1858; threats to arrest them and defensive measures taken by the young men of the community. Comment on the mother of the Coppoc boys. [Abstract by Boyd B. Stutler.]


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Conrad, Earl. "She Was a Friend of John Brown." *Negro World Digest* (New York), 1 (November 1940): 6-11. When she came to die, "Mammy" Pleasant, San Francisco's mystery Negro woman, requested that her only epitaph be "She Was a Friend of John Brown." Mrs. Pleasant claimed a share in the triumph and disaster at Harpers Ferry; she oft repeated the statement that she had met Brown in Canada and gave him $30,000 to use in his anti-slavery work, and that she, personally, was in Virginia stirring up slaves when the raid occurred. Her claims of the large contribution and even of her personal agitation can not be confirmed. [Abstract by Boyd B. Stutler.]

Davis, Sam P. "How a Colored Woman Aided John Brown." *Comfort* (Augusta, Maine), (November 1903). This is a story told by Mary Ellen (Mammy) Pleasant, an influential and mysterious black woman of San Francisco, to Sam P. Davis while on her death bed. See note to previous entry.


Women's Civil War experiences

Women provided detailed descriptions of the battlefield as well as the homefront during the Civil War. Some relevant sources include:


Suffrage

The struggles for women’s suffrage are recorded in many of the local newspapers. One of the strongest centers of activity was Shepherdstown, where women ran for office as soon as they received the right to vote. These efforts are described in the *Shepherdstown Register* and in excerpts of news stories in the *Explorer Database*, which also contains photographs of women's suffrage parades. Other important sources include:

National American Women Suffrage Association Records, Manuscript Division, New York Public Library.

22. Agriculture

Farming has been an important, continuous facet of Jefferson County’s heritage since the arrival of the first settlers. To understand fully the evolution of agriculture in this area, you should begin with a study of the factors influencing early farming.

One of these factors is the land grant policies in 18th century Virginia. Early grants issued by the colony of Virginia and by entrepreneurs such as Jost Hite were often small (less than 400 acres) and usually taken by English, German, and Scots-Irish immigrants. The buildings, crops, and agricultural techniques of these small to mid-sized farms reflected the background of the immigrants and the places where they had first settled in America (e.g., Pennsylvania and New England). Grants issued by Lord Fairfax were sometimes larger and were often purchased by residents of the Virginia Tidewater region who were used to the larger plantation system of agriculture. This mixture of small- and large-sized farms persisted through much of the county's history.

An examination of land grants (see Chapter 11) and early wills, deeds, tax lists, and estate inventories (see Chapter 3) will provide some information about the size of farms, amount of land under cultivation, crops raised, farm implements, and use of slaves.

Since the Jefferson County area shares many of the climatic, geological, and cultural features of neighboring counties and states, researchers should be wary about using regional generalizations to interpret the local agriculture. The following works include several primary sources and studies that provide important background for the agricultural history of the area:


Hart, Freeman F. *The Valley of Virginia in the American Revolution: 1763-1789.* Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1942. Provides much useful information about the Shenandoah Valley as well as some specifics about Berkeley and present day Jefferson Counties. Relevant topics include: crops grown and
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products (hemp, flax, wheat, corn, horses and cattle, butter, skins, tallow, iron, distilleries); types of money used; slaves and indentured servants.


Mitchell, Robert D. (ed.) Appalachian Frontiers: Settlement, Society, and Development in the Preindustrial Era. University Press of Kentucky, 1991. Contains several pertinent essays, including: Kenneth W. Keller, "What is Distinctive about the Scotch Irish?" (pp. 69-86); Elizabeth A. Kessel, "Germans in the Making of Frederick County, Maryland, 1730-1800" (pp. 87-104); and Warren R. Hofstra, "Land Policy and Settlement in the Northern Shenandoah Valley" (pp. 105-126).

Mitchell, Robert D. Commercialism and Frontier: Perspectives on the Early Shenandoah Valley. Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1977. An expansion of the author's doctoral dissertation in geography (University of Wisconsin) focusing on the Upper Shenandoah Valley. This study, which includes both Berkeley and early Frederick Counties, provides important background information on early settlement in the Jefferson County area. Mitchell refutes some of the conventional theories of frontier settlement (e.g., Frederick Jackson Turner) based on newer studies and examination of public records. Topics covered include Temporal and Spatial Frameworks, Initial Occupance and Subsequent Migration, Land Acquisition and Speculation, Population Change and Social Stratification, Pioneer Economy and External Contacts, Specialization: Agricultural Development, Diversification: Trade and Manufacture, and The Transformation of the Early Shenandoah Valley. The discussions of early land policies in the Shenandoah Valley (grants via the Colony of Virginia and Jost Hite vs. those made by Lord Fairfax) are particularly important in understanding the development of the area that would later become Jefferson County.


Starting in 1790, census records are available for the area (see Chapter 3), the early ones providing a limited amount of information. Census records for 1840 and after provide information on slaves owned. Starting with the 1850 census, individual names are recorded in addition to the head of household; information about occupation, tenancy, and value of real property is also available.

The following Jefferson County maps include farm boundaries and can be used in conjunction with contemporary census reports to identify agricultural activities in the area:


State laws for both Virginia and West Virginia should also yield information about agricultural regulations. For example, the "Acts of the General Assembly of Virginia," for March 13, 1834, include an act providing for the inspection of flour and Indian meal at Harpers Ferry, Keeptryst Furnace, and Shepherdstown.

Jefferson County played an important role in the development of the state Grange, with several of the earliest grange masters coming from Jefferson and Berkeley Counties. The most complete study of this topic is the doctoral dissertation of William D. Barns (West Virginia University, 1946), “The Granger and Populist Movements in West Virginia, 1873-1914.” His The West Virginia Grange: The First Century, 1873-1973
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(Morgantown: Morgantown Printing and Binding Co., 1973) provides a longer view of the topic but contains no footnotes. Other studies of the local Grange include:


Newspapers (see Chapter 7) provide a substantial amount of information about local agriculture from the 1790's to the present. Information scattered through papers such as the *Virginia Free Press, Shepherdstown Register, Farmers' Advocate*, and *Spirit of Jefferson* include advertisements for farmland, produce, and equipment, market prices, weather and crop reports, and various descriptions of farming activities. The papers also report seasonal agricultural events such as the Morgan's Grove and Moler's Crossroads Agricultural Fairs, the County Fair, the Charles Town Horse and Colt Show, and many more local activities.

Statistical information on farming and descriptions of crops, prices, and cultivation techniques are available starting with the *West Virginia Board of Agriculture, Biennial Reports, 1892 - present*. State Extension Office publications on numerous topics can be used to evaluate local agricultural practices. William D. Barns published the following articles on the history of agricultural experimentation, education, and extension in West Virginia:


Summaries of agricultural data are often a byproduct of census efforts and should be consulted. State and Federal statistical summaries of agriculture and agricultural bulletins also provide some data on a county-by-county basis:


Templeton, Mary E. *Statistical Chartbook of West Virginia Agriculture: 1920 to 1965*. Morgantown: West Virginia University Agriculture Experiment Station, March 1967. Contains detailed agricultural information but does not break it down by county.


Soil surveys of the county have been published and provide useful information about soil types:


Several periodicals have focused on West Virginia agriculture and supply useful information about state and local farm issues:

*Farm and Orchard.* Keyser, WV, vol. 1 (April 1910) to 5 (1914). Monthly periodical devoted to agriculture, horticulture, livestock, dairying, and poultry raising.

*West Virginia Agriculturist.* Morgantown, WV, 1924 - 1930.

*West Virginia Farm News.* 1928 to present. Morgantown, WV.


A few diaries and account books of local farm activities have been located and several oral history interviews have been conducted with Jefferson County residents involved in agriculture. These sources include:

Aglionby, Charles. Diaries, March 6, 1861 to January 1, 1866, and 1875 to 1878. Accounts, 1855-1870. Diaries and accounts kept at Mount Pleasant, Jefferson County. Aglionby kept a full record of the weather, his farming, family and social activities, military operations in the area and rumors about the progress of the war.

Davis, Julia. Interview. Charles Town, WV. February 26, 1992. Interviewed by William Theriault. Topics include publication of her early works, farmerettes, the McDonald farm.
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Farmers' Advocate Records, 1899-1935. West Virginia Regional History Collection, Morgantown, WV. Records include a farm account book, 1899-1909 of Samuel L. Rissler and son, dealing with general farm operations in Jefferson County.


Lynch, George N. Papers, 1835-1898. West Virginia Regional History Collection, Morgantown, WV. No. 1340. Deeds and legal papers of a Jefferson County farmer.

Women’s roles in West Virginia agriculture have been explored in several articles discussed in Chapter 21. Brief histories of West Virginia agriculture can be found in the following sources:


23. Internet Resources

This is one of the most important resources available to researchers, but the information it provides must be used with caution. There are virtually no restrictions, aside from copyright, for publishing information on the Internet. Therefore researchers should pay special attention to the sources of all information.

I have resisted the temptation to provide a detailed list of general Internet sources to use for researching local history. The Internet is a dynamic resource, and many sites available today may disappear in a few years, or even months. I recommend that you start your Internet research by consulting the well-established libraries and archives and then following links from those websites. When you have exhausted these sources and become familiar with their offerings try some Internet-wide searches.

To help you get consistent results from your Internet searches and to save time, develop a list of search terms and become familiar with the features of the search engines you use. Pay particular attention to instructions on narrowing a search. They are not the same at every site. Many websites have Advanced Search features that let you fine-tune your queries.

Many archives and libraries have their own Internet sites, including online catalogs of their collections and copies of relevant primary and secondary source materials. You can expect collection descriptions to become more specific as libraries continue to catalog their materials, and you can expect more primary source materials to be offered online. Persons using this publication should routinely examine the websites for libraries listed here.

Chapter 2 of this work includes Internet addresses for many libraries and archives and notes online catalogs that are available when this work went to press. These resources should be routinely consulted when you research West Virginia History. The following repositories have the largest collections of materials related to Jefferson County history:

- Library of Congress (including the American Memory Collection)
- Maryland Historical Society
- Maryland State Archives
- National Archives
- Virginia State Library
- Virginia Historical Society
- West Virginia Archives (Charleston, WV)
- West Virginia Regional History Collection (Morgantown, WV)
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