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The Rev. Mr. Doug Breiding (right) was recently presented with the Friend of Mt. Calvary Award for his outstanding work maintaining the data base of burial records at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in



Wheeling. *“Deacon Doug was responsible for the creation and implementation of the data base over 14 years ago and continues to volunteer his time and talents to us to this very day.”* Deacon Doug is also the president of the Wheeling Area Genealogical Society. Presenting the award is Director of Cemeteries Brett M. Cochran.

WAGS BEGINNER'S GENEALOGY WORKSHOP:

We will continue having Genealogy Workshops in 2012. The dates are as follows: May 12th at 11am , July 12th at 6:30pm, September 8th at 11am, November 8th at 6:30pm.

New resource additions to the Wheeling Room

(these are not for sale)

1. *Sports in WV a pictorial history* by Doug Huff
2. *Lookout March 2004, March 2005 & March 2009*
3. *Park View Memorial Gardens Dec. 1963 - March 2011*
4. *Fort Henry Builders, Defenders & Occupants* Compiled by Gary W. Timmons
5. *Wheeling, WV Polk City Directory 2011*

Our Homepage: www.lindapages.com/wags-ohio/index.htm

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- Twelfth Regiment, West Virginia Infantry – ten companies, organized in Wheeling in August 1862, still active at the end of 1864. [pp. 318 - 345]
- Fourteenth Regiment, West Virginia Infantry – ten companies, organized in Wheeling in August and September 1862, still active at the end of 1864. [pp. 373 – 400]
- Fifteenth Regiment, West Virginia Infantry – organized with nine companies in Wheeling in October 1862, still active at the end of 1864. [pp. 400 – 425]
- Seventeenth Regiment, West Virginia Infantry – six companies, organized in Wheeling in August and September 1864. Nearly all men were mustered in for one year; the regiment was still active at the end of 1864. [pp. 426 – 439]
- Third Regiment, West Virginia Cavalry – ten companies, formed in the early summer of 1864. Before merging to form the regiment, Company A was mustered at Wheeling December 23, 1861, and Companies B and D were mustered at Wheeling on October 21, 1862 [pp. 541 – 570]
- First Regiment, West Virginia Light Artillery – eight companies; Battery D (known as Carlin's Battery) was organized in Wheeling on August 20, 1862. [pp. 697 – 730]

Appendix C lists Independent Companies of Scouts (page 733).

Appendix D shows enrollment numbers by county (page 737). Ohio County had the highest enrollment in the state, with 3795 men enrolled – over 11% of the enrollment of the entire state. Appendix E exhibits the account of the State with the United States respecting the number of men required and furnished under the different calls of the President (page 740).

Pages 542-543 illustrate the information available in this book. These pages show part of the rosters of Companies A and B of the Third West Virginia Cavalry.

In other online news:

- Over the next two years, the WV Regional History Collection will digitize 100,000 newspaper pages from West Virginia papers dating between 1836 and 1922. An advisory board of historians and archivists from across the state will help select the issues to be included in this NEH-funded project. Pages will be scanned and transcribed, providing an extensive, searchable database.
- Pennsylvania Governor Corbett signed Vital Records Bill SB-361 into law on December 15, 2011 as Act 110 of 2011. It goes into effect on February 13th, 2012. State death records more than 50 years old and birth records more than 105 years old will then be available to all at the Pennsylvania State Archives in Harrisburg. The new law does not require that they be made available online, but now makes it legally possible to do so. Visit the website below for more information. Be sure to read *Frequently Asked Questions* for a detailed discussion and in particular *When And How Can I Start Looking At These Records?* for how these records can be put online at no cost to the taxpayer: <http://users.rcn.com/timarg/PaHR-Access.htm>



The WAGS Projects Update ...



Unscheduled needs: We are in need of individuals willing to give a few hours from time to time on various projects for the good of the organization. Please consider helping a little to make lighter work for others. Contact us at wagswv@gmail.com

Scheduled needs: We are in need of individuals that could work specific hours in the Wheeling Room. It greatly helps individuals who are doing research to have someone point them in the general direction of information that we have available. Please consider helping out. Contact us at wagswv@gmail.com

CEMETERIES ...

We are in the process of getting all cemeteries merged together into one source for all interments. We currently have over 26,000 names in our starter database. This will allow us to better serve people doing research and getting them pointed into the right direction for their deceased loved ones. This will allow us to printout by name, cemetery, date etc.

Additionally, those working on this project will gather informally on the last Monday of the month in the Wheeling Room (provided the Library is open).

OBITUARIES ...

We are continuing to maintain the Obituary Files in the Basement of the Library. We have recently gotten some additional help on this project, and it is getting close to being caught up.

1940 CENSUS PROJECT ...

It has been decided that we as an organization will work on the 1940 Census with Familysearch.org. If you are interested please e-mail wagswv@gamil.com for more information.

WHEELING AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership in the Wheeling Area Genealogical Society is \$10.00 per individual for the year from January 1 to December 31. Membership includes the newsletter, *LOOKOUT*, published in March, June, September and December. Back issues of the membership year will be mailed on receipt of dues. Inquiries \$1 a surname to non-members, free to members. Meetings are 2nd Saturday of the month at 1:00pm at the Ohio County Public Library, Wheeling WV. There is NO December meeting. Make checks payable to WHEELING AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 6450, Wheeling WV 26003-6450

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