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**COCKAYNE FARMSTEAD – GLEN DALE, WV** -- WWII History via Sam's Letters, "Lesson Plans" if you are a teacher/homebound, and a Victorian Christmas in the Parlor!!!

Please follow Kara Gordon's links below to "go back in time" to the historical "gem" that has been restored over the last 20 years. **Sam Cockayne died in 2001**, having lived in only two rooms of the Farmstead after his return from WWII. The "rest" of the house was intact from when it was a lively home, and it held the relics (now all cataloged) of a very prosperous and world-renown Merino wool farm.

**Several WAGS members participated in a project this summer to transcribe his WWII letters.** Tonight, I looked at the site to find my letters. If you want to read about a **local soldier's life**, and the importance of communications from home, start reading his (80+) letters. You'll also have a new appreciation for the quiet gentleman we'd see out working in his yard. He just wanted to be "home" to work and care for the land.

I want to invite ALL of you to spend a little time clicking on all the topics. The **History of the Farmstead, the Restoration, the Mound on this property**, the adjacent family house that is now a **Visitors Center** are detailed. AND if you are a teacher, or a new "at-home" teacher, there are several lesson plans and pictures, from K through 8. Note the family photos and find the many authentic family hats!!!

There is also a link for 2020 Victorian Christmas at the Farmstead Parlor.  
**BELOW ARE TWO EMAILS FROM KARA GORDON, SITE MANAGER, AT THE COCKAYNE**  
**Hello all,**

After some great volunteers successfully transcribed all of Sam Cockayne's World War II letters over the summer, we now have them available for anyone to read on our website! Visit [cockaynefarmstead.com](http://www.cockaynefarmstead.com) and click the Digital Collections section to view the whole collection. <https://www.cockaynefarmstead.com/digital-collections>

There are over 80 letters that capture Sam's personal experiences serving in the Signal Corps, and give great detail into the workings of the Cockayne farm back home. We're so glad to now have this important **historical collection** available to the community in a more accessible way. Make sure you check it out!

Best, Kara Gordon, Site Manager, Cockayne Farmstead, 1105 Wheeling Ave, Glen Dale, WV 26038 304-845-1411. **Walk-ins Welcome. Donations appreciated. 10am-4pm**

**Hello all,** Since we could not hold our Christmas Open House this year, we have put together a short video of the Cockayne girls celebrating a **Victorian Christmas in the North Parlor in 1884!** You can check it out on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eRx3yc8vr98>. All of us at Cockayne Farmstead would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## City Directories as a Source for Genealogists -- submitted by Jeanne Finstein

The value of city directories when doing genealogical research should not be overlooked. Most cities of any significant size had published directories that often date back 150 years or more, and Wheeling is no exception. The Wheeling Room at the Ohio County Public Library features print copies of directories as far back as 1839 and up to the present. There are many years missing, most likely because directories weren't printed every year.

Directories can be very helpful when trying to determine the relationships among members of the same large family. For example, the 1905 Wheeling directory shows Miss Elizabeth Stifel and Miss Laura Stifel boarding (bds) at 847 Main Street, the same address as Henry G. Stifel, suggesting that the two women are adult children of Henry. Next door, at 845 Main, is William F. Stifel. And Mrs. A.C. Stifel is listed as the widow of C.E., which could help if the death date of her husband was hard to find. Later directories list a wife's name in parentheses, following the name of her husband.

- 838. Weitzel, Frank J. (rear), (2d fl.)
- 840. Brockunier, C. W.
- 842. Beuter, G. A.
- 843. Isett, Wm. A.
- 844. Wheat, A. Allen.
- 845. Stifel, Wm. F.
- 846. Horkheimer, Louis.
- 847. Stifel, Henry G.
- 848. Stifel, Edw. W.
- 850. Moss, David M.
- 850. Hiener, L. H. (2d fl.)

Stifel Mrs. A. C. (wid. of C. E.), res. 37 15th.  
Stifel Miss Alberta L., bds. 807 Main.  
Stifel Miss Clara, bds. 37 15th.  
Stifel Miss E. Sue, bds. 75 16th.  
Stifel Edward W. (J. L. Stifel & Sons), res. Pleasant Valley.  
Stifel Miss Elizabeth A., bds. 847 Main.  
STIFEL GEO. E., prest. Geo. E. Stifel Co., res. 807 Main.  
STIFEL GEO. E. CO. (Geo. E. Stifel, prest.; Fred C. H. Schwertfeger, vice-prest.; August G. Remke, secy. and treas.; Geo. H. P. Schmidt, mgr.), foreign and domestic dry goods, notions and wraps, 1152, 1154, 1156, 1158 and 1160 Main, through to 27 12th.  
Stifel Henry G. (J. L. Stifel & Sons), res. 847 Main.  
Stifel J. L. & Sons (Wm. F., Edw. W. and Henry G. Stifel), calico printers, Main, Fourth and West.  
Stifel Miss Laura H., bds. 847 Main.  
STIFEL LOUIS F., secy. Dollar Savings & Trust Co., prest. Ohio Valley Drug Co., and treas. Home for the Aged, res. 75 16th.  
Stifel Miss Louisa, bds. 37 15th.  
Stifel Miss Nellie E., bds. 807 Main.  
Stifel W. C., retired, bds. 37 15th.  
STIFEL WM. F. (J. L. Stifel & Sons), also prest. German Fire Ins. Co. of Whg., off. 4th and Main, res. 845 Main.

Wheeling directories beginning around 1901 include a separate section in the back that lists names by street addresses. On the left is a portion of that section in the 1905 directory. From these entries, it's easy to see who lived where. Not surprisingly, men who were business partners often lived near each other, and occasionally, a bride and groom apparently lived in the same neighborhood growing up.

Earlier and later directories can help follow residential moves and career changes over time. For example, in 1890 the Edward W. Stifel shown above "boarded" at 847 Main (the home of his father, Louis C. Stifel) when his occupation was shown as "dyer" at J.L. Stifel and Sons. His occupation is listed as "calico printer" in the 1892 and 1896 directories. By 1905, he (and wife Emily) had moved to what's now known as the Stifel Fine Arts Center, 1330 National Road. The 1924 and 1928 directories list his occupation as "vice president" of J.L. Stifel and Sons, and the 1932 directory indicates that he was then "president" of the same firm.

The earliest known Wheeling directory (1839) is available on the genealogy website of Linda Fluharty (<http://www.wvgenweb.org/ohio/history.htm>), and many more can be found on genealogy sites such as **Ancestry.com**, and **HeritageQuest.com** (which can be accessed from home with an **Ohio County Public Library** card number).

[Click <https://www.ohiocountylibrary.org/genealogy/7148> and scroll down for **HeritageQuest.com**, then search for a name in Wheeling. You can then pick individual years and browse. It looks like they have select years from 1864-1934.]

**NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:** WOW!!! Who knew how much different the world would be!!! Bye-Bye 2020!!!

This issue is labeled "December" in keeping with four issues a year. Frankly, there was "too much" going on, and I didn't have "inspiration" for a front page until tonight. An upcoming issue will cover the Library of Congress community "transcription," but the local Cockayne site and Victorian Christmas are perfect for now. We have the second installment of Scott Owen's series on Lutheran Ministers, and both the Nineteenth Century Trivia Quiz Questions AND Answers. [PS: It was not until proofing this final that I saw the Trivia Quiz references to "Cockayne." It is purely spirit-guided!!!]

And, real quick, **let's make some Valentine Cards** for the troops and veterans. It's the thought that counts, so "recycle" some paper, find your markers or crayons, enlist family if they're home....and turn them in **by Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>** to Wellsburg.

And if you don't make the Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> deadline, look around your neighborhood, find a friend, share a card!!!

You can Google "Valentine Day free printables" and **print free or view cards for ideas!!!!** There are tons!!!!

Wendy Elswick

Remember last year when the **104-year-old Retired Marine** from California **ASKED for Valentines?** He received **over 300,000 cards** from around the world! And celebrated his 105<sup>th</sup> on July 31, 2020.



**OPERATION VALENTINE! Let's help a local cause for military troops and veterans!!!**

Officials with Chambers and James Funeral Homes are once again putting the "heart" in **Valentine's Day for some troops serving abroad**. Now through Feb. 5 (Fri.) volunteers can participate in **OPERATION VALENTINE** by dropping off personalized Valentine cards to send to a hero overseas. Eric Fithyan, owner and funeral director of both locations, explained he is passionate about the annual project because it connects with the community. The funeral homes have sent 18,000+ cards thus far. "We start by sending the letters to troops overseas, then we give to centers for veterans, like the VA Hospital." **The cards can be handmade or store bought, and volunteers do not need to buy stamps or envelopes.** Those who wish to contribute can drop the cards off in a red box outside either funeral home. Valentine cards may be dropped off from now through February 5<sup>th</sup>, between 10 am and 4 pm at Chambers Funeral Home, 1030 Main Street, **Wellsburg**, WV 26070 or James Funeral Home 1245 Main Street, **Follansbee**, WV 26037. If we are not here, please drop into red bins on the front porches of either location. We are proud to be always serving and always caring. (Content from WTRF, Herald-Star and Wellsburg Chamber of Commerce)

NOTE: Another website I read about "sending letters to the troops" said things you may want to consider: (1) **do not** include your last name; (2) **do not** include your mailing address or email; (3) **not to seal the envelope**, but for this, an envelope is not needed. Do not include candy.

As a plan-ahead thought, you could buy "leftover" cards on sale, and write messages "during the year" and be ready in 2022. **ALSO, this is another project for "kids stuck at home" or inside!!!**

**YOU CAN GO ONLINE, TYPE "VALENTINES DAY FREE PRINTABLE" and PRINT free cards – of all kinds and designs!!!**

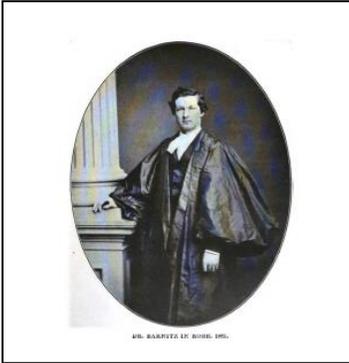
DON'T LIVE CLOSE TO WELLSBURG/FOLLANSBEE? You could put several cards in an envelope and mail (addresses above) or you could Google for a "local" collection point for veterans (or a nursing home).

**WAGS CELEBRATED 50 YEARS THIS FALL.** Carol Bell compiled the Celebration activities and newsletter to document and commemorate the founders and their dedication. We could use some "new" volunteers. You interested??

(Photo courtesy of Parson, pg. 36.)

### Series Part II.

### Reverend Samuel Bacon Barnitz, D.D. [1838-1902]:



Samuel Barnitz was born on May 12, 1838 in York, Pennsylvania [south central part of the commonwealth]. His father, Samuel McClean Barnitz\* [1800-1874] and mother, Sarah Demuth\* [Barnitz] [1803-Unknown] were descendants of earlier German immigrants. Samuel's father was a lawyer. Interestingly, his grandfather, Jacob Barnitz\* [1758-1828], was an American Revolutionary War ensign, for American liberty.<sup>1</sup> In 1853, Samuel left public school to work in his uncle's dry goods business. His uncle was Alexander Demuth\* [Unknown-Unknown]. Samuel worked in the dry good store for nearly four years. Supposedly one-third of Samuel's clerk salary was encumbered for future studies at college. Meanwhile he was baptized in Spring of 1856.<sup>2</sup> Feeling confident, Samuel wanted to continue his education; and he enrolled at York County Academy. He was counting on his uncle's monies to enter college. However, in February, 1858, Alexander's business failed [perhaps due to the Panic of 1857]. Samuel's education was in jeopardy.<sup>3</sup>

Somehow, through an answered prayer, Samuel enrolled at Pennsylvania College [later called Gettysburg College] in Spring, 1858, to enhance his business acumen. However, Samuel felt called into ministry. Shortly thereafter, he "transferred" to the nearby Lutheran Seminary on the other side of town.<sup>4</sup> While at the seminary, Samuel seemed to excel with theological dogma. He quickly met the requirements and earned his Doctor of Divinity degree [D.D.]. A "doctorate," in the nineteenth century, was bestowed as an "honorary degree." However, it was awarded for completion of advanced coursework. Today, the equivalent degree, not viewed simply as "honorary," is the Doctor of Ministry.<sup>5</sup> He graduated in 1861 and received his minister's license on October 1, 1861 at Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.<sup>6</sup> [Note: the author was not able to locate academic information at each institution].

Between December, 1861 to April, 1862, Dr. Barnitz traveled to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Baltimore, Maryland, and Washington City [D.C.] seeking employment.<sup>7</sup> It was Reverend William M. Blum in York, Pennsylvania who convinced Dr. Barnitz to accept a mission calling to **Wheeling**, Virginia. This calling was approved by Dr. W. A. Passavant of Pittsburg[h], Pennsylvania. Dr. Passavant reminded Reverend Barnitz that the mission only had 14 members, no church building; and there was only \$150 "pledged" to initially support his missionary status.<sup>8</sup>

To digress for a moment, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of West Pennsylvania [later known as the Pittsburg[h] Synod] was created in 1825; and in 1835 they formed the Central Missionary Society to establish new churches [considered "home missions" and ministers were often referred to a "missionaries"], since this was less expensive than supporting foreign missions. An additional synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States, was formed in 1812 in Somerset, Ohio.<sup>9</sup>

Likewise, the General Synod of the Lutheran Church in Hagerstown, Maryland [a "border state" synod claiming to represent all Lutherans nationwide] in 1860 announced they had "26 member synods, 864 ministers, and a reported 164,000 communicants...[and] at the time of the Civil War, when hopes ran high that the General Synod would form a solid national body, a schism occurred that was not healed for half a century. The slavery question and doctrinal differences occasioned the break."<sup>10</sup> On a more practical matter, internal dissension was ongoing about procedural matters.

Dissent arose over the choice of languages for sermons. English was the primary "American" language. Historically, Lutherans were German speaking. At some point by the mid-nineteenth century, and as a

compromise measure, the Western Pennsylvania Synod [Pittsburg[h]] sanctioned English "...to deal with the world outside the church, but continue worshipping in German as long as possible"<sup>11</sup>; and their reasoning was founded on the importance of reinforcing the bond "with the old country" and the promulgation of a "pure Lutheran tradition."<sup>12</sup>

Furthermore, it was the General Synod that was largely responsible for the establishment of English-speaking Lutheran churches; and "...the longer a congregation stayed with German, the more likely they would become a congregation of the joint Synod of Ohio."<sup>13</sup> Although this was primarily true in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, it is plausible that **Wheeling** congregations felt similarly. However, more measurable data is needed to validate which synod(s) were more influential in the development of Lutheran congregations in **Wheeling**.

Now, we return to Reverend Barnitz's time in **Wheeling**, [West] Virginia. He was called to **Wheeling**, Virginia and arrived on June 16, 1862.<sup>14</sup> Interestingly, when Reverend Barnitz came to **Wheeling**, he was immediately welcomed by **Capt. John List**, and his wife. Apparently, Mrs. List and the reverend's mother were former school friends.<sup>15</sup> It is not clear whether the Lists were part of the early congregation. However, when the first Sunday came for the reverend to preach he found "...a congregation of not more than twenty persons in an old dilapidated, dirty church building, in one of the most wretched sections of the city. The church had been leased, and was to be the future home of the mission."<sup>16</sup>

As evidence of his presence in **Wheeling** after the Civil War, the reverend was listed in a June, 1865 newspaper with his church, "1<sup>st</sup> Eng. Evan. Luth. Rev. S. Barnitz"<sup>17</sup>

Since the **Wheeling** congregation was very small, it was common to rent other church or community facilities due to the lack of capital. However, at some point a church, like people, wanted a consistent address; and the logistics of moving, etc. became impractical. To make matters more difficult, the **Civil War** was ongoing; and long-term capital was not readily available. Therefore, like any small business, church members raised short-term capital often through donations. With determination, the congregation raised \$3,900 and purchased a corner lot, of which \$2,400 was raised in Pennsylvania by Reverend Barnitz.<sup>18</sup> This occurred on August 18, 1867; and nearly a year later "the cornerstone was laid on November 14, 1868"; and the "church was completed and dedicated on December 18, 1870."<sup>19</sup>

In addition, when secular help was needed, congregations petitioned legislators to rewrite laws granting them the ability to raise capital. However, the completion of the church building was previously contingent upon the church's appeal to the West Virginia legislature. On February 24, 1869 the trustees [George Keline and George Fricker] of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church [lot 16 at the **corner of Fourth and John streets**] were granted authority to borrow money, secured by deed of trust, exempt from taxation, "...for the purpose of erecting a church building."<sup>20</sup>

In 1874, the church building was enlarged; and it was completely rebuilt by early 1898.<sup>21</sup> However, the total cost of the original church building is not known. Of interest, the corner lot still houses the First Evangelical Lutheran Church at the intersection of Chapline and 16th streets.<sup>22</sup> Now some of Dr. Barnitz's **Wheeling** community interests are discussed.

While in **Wheeling**, Reverend Barnitz was enthusiastic about the Young Men's Christian Association [Y.M.C.A.]. To reflect back, after Dr. Barnitz graduated from seminary, he met George H. Stuart, the President of the Y.M.C.A. Mr. Stuart would later become the head of the Christian Commission during the Civil War.<sup>23</sup> It is no coincidence that Dr. Barnitz felt an attachment to this Christian outreach program. Years later, it came as no surprise, in 1863, at the annual meeting of the local **Wheeling** chapter, Samuel was elected President. The **Y.M.C.A.** met at the corner of Monroe and Main Streets.<sup>24</sup> Today, the location is Twelfth Street and Main Street, which is a parking lot south of the United Bank building.<sup>25</sup>

Dr. Barnitz was also passionate about orphaned children and their well-being. He, and many other influential people, were instrumental in the founding of the **Childrens' Home**. The genesis of the home can be traced back to a February, 1870 meeting of the **Y.M.C.A.** where Reverend Barnitz offered board resolution to establish a committee to study the feasibility of creating a home for orphans.<sup>26</sup> Interestingly, their endeavors are still being rewarded as the Childrens' Home is extant, less the beautiful original, ornate building(s) erected for the orphans.<sup>27</sup>

Later in 1870, Reverend Barnitz was enumerated in the transcribed Census of 1870. He was living in the **Fourth Ward** with his family. His wife, Eliza (age 29) and baby daughter, (age 7 months) named Sue, along with a domestic servant named Mary Tieney, age 20. The house was near the **St. Joseph Convent**.<sup>28</sup> However, there is a problem. According to the West Virginia Vital Research Records, there is no entry for a girl named Sue. Also, in 1874, Reverend Barnitz suffered two losses in his family. On July 15th, his wife Eliza died; and then on September 14<sup>th</sup>, a baby boy, listed as S. L. Barnitz, died of "inanition" [exhaustion from lack of nourishment], at only four months of age.<sup>29</sup> Interestingly, there are no death records found online within the West Virginia Vital Research Records for Eliza even though she died in **Wheeling**, Ohio County, West Virginia.

After Dr. Barnitz's wife died, he remarried between 1874 and 1877. His second wife was Ann Eliza Park [Barnitz] [1841-1909]. Two boys came from this union. David Park Barnitz [1878-1901] and Fred Bacon Barnitz [1881-1963].<sup>30</sup> Additional research is needed to understand the reverend's "second family."

In retrospect, Reverend Barnitz served the **Wheeling** community from **1861 to 1882** according to the Lutheran Almanac of 1903. The initial calling to **Wheeling** differs by one year. When he left **Wheeling**, he represented the Lutheran Church from 1882 to 1902 as "Secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States."<sup>31</sup> In another version, Dr. Barnitz was elected as the Western Traveling Missionary, or Western Secretary at the Altoona, Pennsylvania Synod meeting in June, 1881. He accepted the calling on August 4, 1881. Since **Wheeling**, West Virginia was the current state capital [until May, 1885], many community members, ministers, and politicians came to wish him farewell.<sup>32</sup> Upon leaving **Wheeling** Dr. Barnitz branched out into other ecclesiastical endeavors.

Dr. Barnitz continued his Lutheran community outreach efforts by promoting the Chautauqua Movement [training of Sunday-school teachers], and becoming one of the founders of Midland College [now a university], and Western Theological Seminary.<sup>33</sup>

Midland College [originally named Luther College in 1883] was established in Atchison, Nebraska [later moved to Fremont] in 1887.<sup>34</sup>

In July of 1884, Dr. Barnitz submitted a detailed, twenty-two page report with the heading: "Report of Western Secretary: Board of Home Missions Gen'l Synod Evan. Lutheran Church in U.S." He toured many states and reported on various congregational activities. In the section on West Virginia, he commented about visiting **Wheeling** for several days and noted the congregation's debt and losses suffered, but he did not mention anything about a "flood."<sup>35</sup> A major flood occurred in February of **1884** along much of the Ohio River; and it devastated **Wheeling Island** and most of **Wheeling's** downtown and southern wards. It was the highest recorded flood at that time.<sup>36</sup>

As this brief snapshot of Dr. Barnitz closes, it seems that the business experiences learned in his uncle's dry goods store prepared him to run one of the hardest businesses of all, a church congregation. Summarizing his **Wheeling** mission years after leaving **Wheeling**, Dr. Barnitz stated "...the mission paid for the lot and taxes three thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars; for chapel building thirteen thousand one hundred and seven dollars; for addition to school nineteen hundred dollars; local objects seventeen thousand four hundred and

twenty three dollars; for various benevolent objects six thousand dollars; making a grand total of \$42,395.81. In other words, the mission had itself provided more than twenty-one thousand dollars in actual cash for its own improvement...a creditable showing for a little group of 'eleven women and four men' who were to give the missionary [only] one hundred and fifty dollars the first year."<sup>37</sup>

Reverend Barnitz died on June 12, 1902 at the early age of 64; and he was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Des Moines, Iowa.<sup>38</sup> Additional research is needed to examine the intriguing life of Dr. Barnitz. The author continues to examine documents found in the digital collections of the United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. They are easily recognizable as the "Samuel B. Barnitz Collection."<sup>39</sup>

[\*Note: There are many discrepancies between some of Dr. Barnitz's biographies / memoirs and "findagrave.com." For instance, the Parson account lists Jacob Barnitz as a general, but "findagrave.com" stated he was an ensign. Also, Samuel's uncle was not locatable. The connection with Samuel's mother led nowhere. More concerning was Samuel's father in the Parson recollection. He was mentioned as having died when Samuel was nine, but "findagrave.com" stated he lived until 74 years of age. More research is needed to validate some of these retrospective writings.]

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## Nineteenth Century History Trivia Questions

Wheeling Area Genealogical Society

For *The Lookout* Newsletter -- by Scott Bradley Owen, President -- Created May 25, 2020

1. When did aged General Lafayette [and his son], of the American Revolutionary War fame, visit Wheeling, Virginia?
2. When was Wheeling, Virginia incorporated as a city?
3. Who was the first library director of Wheeling, West Virginia? When did he serve?
4. What was the name of the first mill to exclusively make cut nails in Wheeling? What year?
5. Who was Wheeling's first mayor? Dates served?
6. When did Wheeling, West Virginia officially begin generating electric power for lighting?
7. Who built the first western rivers steamboat in Wheeling, Virginia? The boat name? When built and launched?
8. When was the first electric trolley car placed into service in Wheeling, West Virginia? By whom?
9. When was Mount Wood Cemetery in Wheeling, Virginia incorporated? When did it accept the first interments?
10. When did steamboat Captain [master] John McLure die? Where is he buried?
11. When was the Wheeling and Belmont [Wire Suspension] Bridge dedicated? Who was the bridge engineer?
12. When was telephone service established in Wheeling, West Virginia?
13. When was the J. H. Hobbs, Brockunier & Company glassworks formed in South Wheeling, Virginia?
14. What were the names of the first and second banks established in Wheeling, Virginia? What year were they formed?
15. Name four historically significant people buried in the Brooke [County] Cemetery.
16. What two Cockayne brothers divided their father's land, upon his death in 1854, to create large farms in Marshall County [near present day Glendale, W.V.]?
17. Where is Bennett Cockayne [1805-1875] buried?
18. When did the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad complete its track to the Ohio River? Where was the track joined to finish the project?
19. What architectural significance does the Wheeling Custom House [now West Virginia Independence Hall] contain? When did it open for business?
20. When did Jesse Cail Burkett [1868-1953], of Wheeling, West Virginia first play professional baseball? When was he inducted in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York?
21. What was the name of the first nursing school in West Virginia? Which hospital was it affiliated with? What year did it open?

## Nineteenth Century History Trivia Answers

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**West Virginia History Hero 2020 nominee – Wendy Elswick**

I am honored to be nominated by WAGS for the 2020 WV History Hero. The recognition will be March 1, 2021, but there will not be an in-person ceremony this year in Charleston, so watch for the "next" issue of *The Lookout*.

**WAGS officer Jeanne Finstein submitted the following 100-word summary for the nomination:**

Wendy Elswick has taken a leadership role in the Wheeling Area Genealogical Society. As the Editor of the quarterly newsletter, *The Lookout*, she provides not only program and research information, but also other interesting reading. She continues to promote local historical information, for example, gaining copyright permission of a 1942 booklet on the history of Wheeling. Her desire to preserve the "original" Ohio County Courthouse was ultimately unsuccessful. However, her concerted efforts brought awareness of the history of that building to many. Limited by 2020 pandemic issues, research she has begun in many areas will be used in future programs.

**WAGS Board holds a "first" – a Zoom meeting – so watch for "potential" Zoom genealogy classes, meetings...**

Yes, we – Scott, Jeanne, Wendy, Lou and Carol – signed on for a Zoom meeting January 15th. That was the first step.

There are details to be worked out for holding "group" meetings, classes, workshops, etc., but as the ongoing "uncertainty" of future meetings continues, we are trying to be proactive to the "new" possibilities. If you are reading this and have NOT submitted your email address to WAGS, please forward your name and email to: [wagswv@gmail.com](mailto:wagswv@gmail.com).



**If you are reading this and have a "particular interest" in participating in a Zoom genealogical workshop, please send an email with "Zoom Workshop 1" in the Subject Line, along with your name and phone number.**

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