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James Rumsey, of Berkeley County, began experimenting in steam navigation in the year 1774. The first public trial of his steamboat took place December 3, 1786, at Shepherdstown, in the presence of General George Washington, General Wm. Darke, General Horatio Gates, and others from Washington. Crowds lined the banks of the Potomac River, and when the vessel left her moorings the excited multitude cried "She moves"; "She moves." Rumsey succeeded in driving his boat at the rate of four miles an hour against the current. This was ten years before Fulton's boat was built.

Berkeley County leads in the production of apples, and Hampshire County in the production of peaches. The oldest peach orchard of record in the State was planted in Berkeley County by William Bartlett, on land leased to him by George Washington, March 18, 1774, and West Virginia has gradually grown to be one of the leading peach-growing States of the Union.

The West Virginia Hills.

Words by Mrs. Ellen King.

Composed by H. E. Engle.

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1

Oh, the West Virginia hills! How majestic and how grand, With their summits bathed in glory, Like our Prince Immanuel's land. Is it any wonder, then, That my heart with rapture thrills, As I stand once more with loved ones On those West Virginia hills?

2

Oh, the West Virginia hills! Where my girlhood's hours were pass'd; Where I often wonder'd lonely, And the feature tried to cast; Many are our visions bright Which the future ne'er fulfills; But how sunny were my day-dreams On those West Virginia hills.

6

Oh, the West Virginia hills! How unchang'd they seem to stand, With their summits pointed skyward To the Great Almighty's Land! Many changes I can see, Which my heart with sadness fills, But no changes can be noticed In those West Virginia hills!

4

Oh, the West Virginia hills!
I must bid you now adieu;
In my home beyond the mountains
I shall ever dream of you;
In the evening time of life,
If my Father only wills,
I shall still behold the vision
Of those West Virginia hills!

REFRAIN.

Oh, the hills (beautiful hills), Beautiful hills (beautiful hills), How I love those West Virginia hills

(beautiful hills);
If o'er sea or land I roam
Still I'll think of happy home,
And the friends among the West Virginia hills.

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Origin of the Society.

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Prior to 1914 West Virginians residing in Washington frequently expressed a desire that there should be a West Virginia Society organized in the city, and in the spring of that year Messrs. J. William DeGrange and D. W. Gall each circulated a paper, the purpose of which was clearly set forth in language as follows:

"We, the undersigned, West Virginians, residing in the District of Columbia, either permanently or temporarily, agree to meet for the purpose of forming a temporary organization, when notice of such meeting is received, at such place and time as has been designated by the person or persons making

the call."

Mr. DeGrange obtained the signature of fifty West Virginians to his paper and Mr. Gall the signature of twenty-eight West Virginians. and the first meeting was held September 12, 1914, at which there was a fair attendance, and temporary organization effected as follows: J. William DeGrange, Chairman; W. E. Braithawaite, Secretary, and John F. Green, Treasurer.

The second meeting was held Friday. September 25, 1914, at which twelve new members were elected and permanent organization effected as follows: D. W. Gall. President; C. M. Shinn. First Vice President; H. S. Baker. Second Vice President; R. E. Lowe, Third Vice President; Rolla Camden, Fourth Vice President; H. C. Duncan, Fifth Vice President; W. A. Braithawaite, Recording Secretary: Wm. T. George, Corresponding Secretary; H. A. Baker, Financial Secretary; J. Wm. DeGrange, Treasurer, and Joseph E. Hart, Historian, Following this organization the first Constitution and By-Laws were adopted.

The third meeting of the society was held at Comstock's Studio October 9, 1914, which was the first meeting largely attended. At this meeting thirty-six new members were elected and the following persons addressed the society: Hon. W. E. Chilton, Hon. Howard Sutherland, Hon. William G.

Brown, and Judge George W. Atkinson.

The fourth meeting of the society was held on November 6, at which time there were thirty-four new members enrolled and arrangements were made for the holding of a West Virginia "get-together" meeting on December 11, 1914, at which West Virginia apples and cider and other refreshments were served, and those present were further entertained by a literary and musical program and dancing. This meeting was a decided success and seventeen new members were added to the roll.

At the January meeting others were elected to membership in the society and a committee was appointed to make arrangements for the holding of a banquet. The committee reported at the February meeting and the banquet was held at the Powhatan Hotel February 17, 1915, which was attended by practically all the members of the society, as well as

other visiting West Virginians.

At the meetings for February, March and April, respectively, more West Virginians were elected to membership.

At a meeting of the Board of Governors in May, 1915, a committee was appointed to make arrangements for the holding of a picnic at Great Falls, which was held on July 17. There were four hundred and sixty-four tickets sold for the picnic, and the crowd in attendance made it one of the largest picnics ever held by a single organization at Great Falls.

Early in July, 1915, the Board of Governors appointed a committee to make arrangements for the entertainment by the society of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic from West Virginia visiting the city during the forty-ninth annual encampment of the G. A. R., from September 27 to October 2, 1915. Headquarters were established at the Powhatan Hotel, where a record was kept of all visiting members of the G. A. R. from West Virginia, and during that week three hundred and ten old soldiers registered there. The old soldiers were also given a camp fire and banquet at the old Masonic Temple on September 28, at which practically all of the visiting soldiers from West Virginia attended and listened with pleasure to a musical and literary program and enjoyed themselves at the banquet table. Ex-Governor George W. Atkinson opened the camp fire by welcoming the veterans, and introduced the Hon. N. B. Scott as Toastmaster for the evening.

A special meeting of the society was called for and held on September 10, when twelve more West Virginians were elected to membership in the society, and notice was given that at the October meeting officers for the ensuing year would be elected. This meeting was held on October 8 and officers elected as herein set out.

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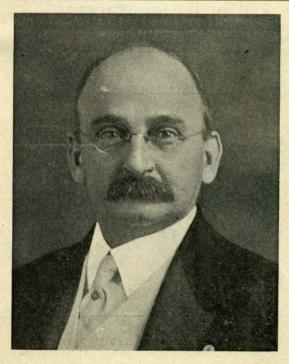


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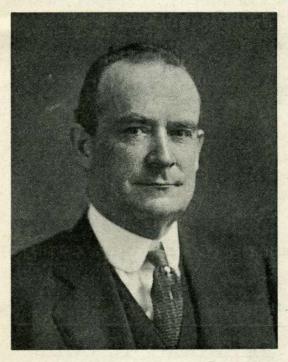


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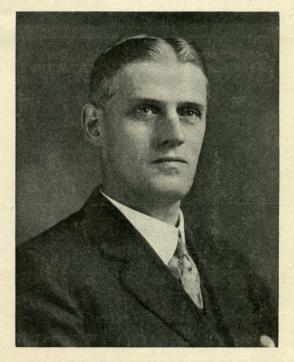


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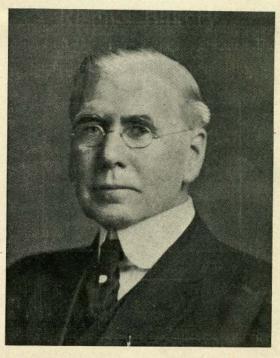
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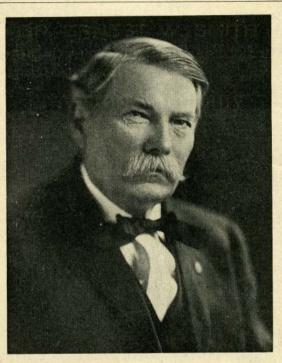


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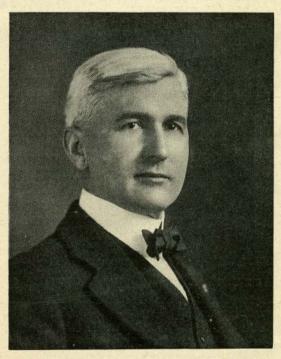


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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this organization shall be The West Virginia Society of the District of Columbia.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of the Society shall be to foster and encourage a fraternal spirit among the West Virginians of the National Capital.

ARTICLE III.—OFFICERS.

Section 1. All officers of the Society shall be a President, SIX Vice Presidents, one from each Congressional District; Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian, who shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected.

SEC. 2. The officers shall be elected at the regular meeting

in October of each year.

SEC. 3. The term for all officers shall be one year, except in the case of those elected to fill unexpired terms.

ARTICLE IV.—COMMITTEES.

The President at the beginning of his term of office shall appoint the following committees:

An Entertainment Committee of seven members, whose duties it shall be to prepare musical and literary programs as

directed by the Society.

A Reception Committee of eleven members, whose duty it shall be to receive and introduce all visitors who may attend the meetings of the Society.

A Committee on Speakers of three members, whose duty it shall be to arrange for such speakers as may be deemed

necessary by the Society.

An Auditing Committee of three, who shall audit the accounts of the financial officers during the last quarter of each year, unless otherwise ordered by the Society.

ARTICLE V.—BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

The President, the six Vice Presidents, and the Recording Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute a Board of Governors, of which Board the President of the Society shall be the chairman.

The Board of Governors shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Society and arrange for its meetings and for such entertainments as may be suggested by the Society

or by the Entertainment Committee.

ARTICLE VI.—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Any person who is a legal resident of West Virginia, or who has at any time held legal residence in the State, and the members of his family shall be eligible to membership in this Society.

SEC. 2. Applications for membership shall be made in writing, and shall contain a statement of the residence, business, and the former West Virginia address of the applicant. Applicants shall be admitted by a vote of not less than three-fourths of the members present at any regular meeting.

Sec. 3. Members in arrears for as much as one year's dues, after due notice of same, may be dropped by a majority vote at any regular meeting, and not be reinstated until all arrear-

ages have been paid.

Sec. 4. Any person may become a life member of the Society by the payment of the sum of ten dollars and thereafter

shall not be required to pay any assessments or dues.

Sec. 5. Any resident or former resident of West Virginia may be elected an honorary member of this Society by majority vote. Other persons may be elected to honorary membership under a suspension of the rules.

ARTICLE VII.—AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed at any regular meeting of the Society and shall be acted upon at the next regular meeting. Amendments shall be adopted by a vote of not less than three-fourths of the members present.

Sec. 2. Any provision of the Constitution may be suspended at any regular meeting by unanimous vote of the members

present.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. The regular meetings of the Society shall open at eight o'clock p. m. on the first Friday in each month unless otherwise provided for by vote of the Society.

Sec. 2: Special meetings may be called by the President at any time upon the written request of five or more members, and the object of the meeting shall be stated in the call.

SEC. 3. Ten members shall constitute a quorum at all meet-

ings.

- SEC. 4. The order of business at regular meetings shall be:
 - 1. Call to order.
 - 2. Roll call of officers.
 - 3. Reading of minutes.
 - 4. Report of Financial Secretary.
 - 5. Reports of Committees.
 - 6. Election of new members.
 - 7. Unfinished business.
 - 8. New business.
 - 9. Entertainment.
 - 10. Adjournment.

Sec. 5. Initiation fees and annual dues shall be: For men. initiation, 50 cents, dues one dollar; for women, initiation, 25 cents, dues 50 cents, payable to the Financial Secretary in advance.

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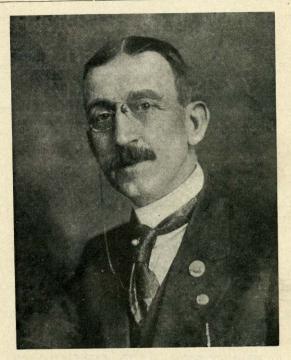


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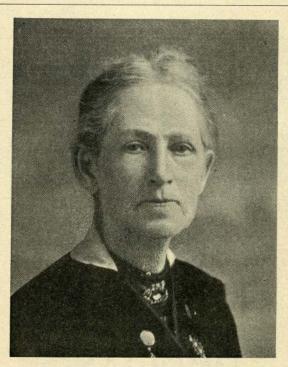


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BY W BURDETTE MATHEWS

The settlement of the first town in the territory which is now West Virginia was made in 1727 by Germans from Pennsylvania at New Mecklenburg, now Shepherdstown.

Many others soon followed.

In 1751-52 Christopher Gist explored the Ohio River north of the Great Kanawha River, and the Ohio Company, in whose employ he labored, endeavored to establish the fourteenth col ony with the name "Vandalia." In 1776 Congress was peti-tioned to establish a State beyond the Alleghenies, to be called "Westsylvania."

When the Virginia constitution of 1829, requiring property qualifications for suffrage, and allowing three-fifths of the slave population to be counted in legislative representation, was submitted every county beyond the Alleghenies except

one voted to reject it.

In the Virginia convention of 1861, which adopted the ordinance of secession, only nine of the forty-six delegates from what is now West Virginia voted in its favor. When submitted to the people, 40,000 of the 44,000 in the western

counties voted against the ordinance.

A "Reorganized" government of Virginia was established at Wheeling, June 19, 1861, with Francis H. Pierpont as Governor. But the times were now ripe for the long contemplated new State between the Allephanies and the Ohio. Accordingly, the State of West Virginia was created June 20, 1863, and Arthur I. Boreman was its first Governor. The

present constitution was adopted in 1872.

The area of the State is 24,170 square miles. The scenery is superb. The State has a range of over 4,000 feet in altitude and hence has a wonderful variety of climate and agri-cultural products. The eastern section is devoted to stock raising and the western to crop raising, mining and manufacturing. In minerals, it is rich beyond computation. Pennsylvania alone outranks her in coal. Petroleum ranks second to coal in the State's resources. The abundance of cheap gas is causing many manufactories to spring up in many sections

of the State, and its development apparently is only begun. In 1910 the population was 1,221,119. The increase in the past five years has been exceedingly large. From 1810 to 1850, inclusive, the center of population of the United States was within the limits of West Virginia.

The State, though young, has been honored in the political life of the Nation by three Cabinet appointments. General Nathan Goff was for a short period Secretary of the Navy under President Hayes; Stephen B. Elkins was Secretary of War under President Harrison, and W. L. Wilson was Postmaster General under President Cleveland. Hon. Henry G. Davis was the Democratic candidate for Vice-President in 1904. Judge Geo. W. Atkinson is at present a member of the United States Court of Claims, and Hon. John W. Davis is Solicitor General.

No State in the Union has a better quality of citizenship, or a brighter outlook for future growth and development in

all fields of human endeavor.

Eminent West Virginians.

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Someone has said that an essential element of greatness is patriotism. If this be true, let it be not forgotten that upon the soil of West Virginia was struck the earliest blow for freedom. She gave the first soldier of the Union (Bailey Brown was killed at Fetterman) to offer a libation of his life blood upon the altar of his country. The first battle of the Civil War and the first and the last of the Revolution (first regular battle of Civil War, Philippi, June 3, 1861, and the first battle of the Revolution, Point Pleasant, Oct 10, 1774; last battle of Revolution, Wheeling, Sept. 11, 1782) were fought within her borders, and soldiers from her territory were upon almost every battlefield of liberty. It is a well-authenticated story that when Washington was asked what would have been the consequences had the Patriots failed at Yorktown, he replied that with but a banner left and the means to reach West Augusta, he would have "rallied around him the men who would lift their bleeding country from the dust and set her free."

A West Virginian took the native ore from our mountains and made the cannon balls with which Commodore Perry smashed the British fleet on Lake Erie, and in that same battle Captain Elliott, a former Wheeling boy, commanded the Niagara, to which Perry transferred his flag when his own vessel, the Lawrence, was wrecked and at the mercy of the waves. Captain Chadwick, a Morgantown boy, commanded the flagship New York, when the Spanish fleet went down at Santiago. It was a West Virginian (Commander Jesson) in command of an American war vessel, cruising in Chinese waters, during the late conflict between Russia and Japan, who stood sentinel at his guns, under the flag of the Union and compelled the belligerents to respect the law of nations

and the rights of neutrals.

Again, it has been held that a great people must be propagandists, diffusing the blessings of Christianity and the light of knowledge. Let the roll of West Virginians be called. A minister from Pocahontas county preached the first Protestant sermon beyond the Sierras, and the Rev. Andrew Monroe, who went from Hampshire county, is called the "Father of Methodism beyond the Mississippi." Alexander Campbell, who established Bethany College, was the leader of a successful religious reformation and the founder of the Christian church. Mary McFarland went from Brooke county and established the Missions of ice-bound Alaska. We gave the Methodist Episcopal church Bishops Hamilton, Anderson and Hughes, and the late Dr. John W. Carter, a West Virginia Baptist, was often called the Spurgeon of America. Dr. John Mitchell, whose name is familiar to the medical fraternity of two continents, lived in Jefferson county.

A West Virginia scholar (Mr. Thomas Mullady, of Hampshire county) was selected as tutor for a crown prince of Italy, and Dr. Humphreys, from Greenbrier county, is considered one of the world's most eminent philologists. Maxon Sommerville, formerly of Clarksburg, who died at Paris a

few years ago, was reputed to have been one of the world's greatest archaeologists. Joseph Ray, the Ohio county mathematician and author of Ray's Arithmetics, has been "ciphered" into the lasting affections of half of the States of the Union Dr. I. S. White, of Morgantown, is today regarded as one of the most eminent scientists in America; and among the first citizens of the Republic stands our own renowned soldier, statesman and jurist, Nathan Goff. Dr. Frank Carpenter, America's leading genealogist and a noted Denver mineralogist, was reared in Harrison county. Ida L. Reed, a Barbour county girl, is the author of "Christmas Bells," a song that has floated on the air from Maine to California. Professor Dolbear, in his room at Bethany, first worked out the principle by which the telephone was afterward made practical by Alexander Graham Bell, and it is said that Dr. Nicklin, of Tyler county, gave to Professor Morse a most valuable suggestion and discovery in connection with the perfecting of the magnetic telegraph.

Graham Hamrick, of Barbour county, discovered a method of embalming which seems a near approach to the lost method of the Egyptians. It won for him an honorary membership in the Inventory's Academy of France, and a gold medal from Paris. Frank Holme, founder of the Chicago School of Illustration and an artist and cartoonist of world-wide fame, was once the printer's "devil" of the Keyser Echo, in Mineral

county.

West Virginia has sent many famous actors to the great stage of life who cannot be mentioned in the time at my command. Our State sent Ohio four of her wisest and best governors. Alabama, Kansas, North Dakota and Maryland have each received from us an able chief executive. Beneath the creeping ivy in the old cemetery at Clarksburg sleep the first lovers married in the White House, the bride being a sister of Dolly Madison, the bridegroom the Hon. John G. Jackson, a one-time gallant Congressman from Harrison county.

Felix Grundy, the great jurist of Tennessee; Theodore Laidley, the artillerist of the Mexican War; John Stephenson, founder of Portland, Ore.: James Farley, the California United States Senator; Jesse Thornton, the Oregon Chief Justice, and Stonewall Jackson were all at one time West Virginia boys. Andrew Rowan, of Monroe county, who carried President McKinley's message to Garcia in Cuba, performed an act of heroism, says General Miles, "unequalled in the annals of warfare." The story of Rowan's courage was printed in nine langauges and had a circulation of sixteen million copies in three years. Speaker Champ Clark was at one time the head of the State Normal School at Huntington, West Virginia. Henry Sydnor Harrison, now one of America's most noted authors, lives at Charleston, West Virginia.

The late Dudley Evans, president of Wells-Fargo's, one of the largest express companies of the world, owned his old home farm in West Virginia up to the time of his death. Under the general management of Thomas Fitzgerald, a former Fairmont boy, the great Baltimore & Ohio Railroad reached the highest point in its history as measured by its

earnings and equipment for service. Henry Bigler, the explorer, who was with the party that discovered gold in

California, was a Harrison county boy.

Iowa is indebted to Monongalia county for her gifted United States Senator, the late Jonathan P. Dolliver, and to Wetzel county for John F. Lacey, one of her most brilliant

Congressmen.

A West Virginian organized the Egyptian army, drilling the Khedive's soldiers on the soil over which the sphinx and the pyramids cast a halo of mystery. Pennsylvania's dis-tinguished Senator, Philander Knox, the choice of his party in his State for the Presidency, and Governor Odell, of New York, who has helped to make Presidents, were formerly schoolboys in West Virginia, and it would be hard to persuade us that this experience could have been omitted in their preparation for great careers. We have sent many of our bravest and best to other States and other lands, but we have vet at home an army of noble men and beautiful woman-intellectually and morally the equal of any-who will guide our ship of state in the pathway of progress, honor and righteousness. How generous Pennsylvania and the other States have been with us! They have sent us splendid citizens, men of brains, brawn and wealth, upon whom it was an honor to pin the badge of West Virginia citizenship.

(This is an extract from the speech of Stuart F. Reed, Secretary of State of West Virginia, delivered by him at Pittsburgh.)

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