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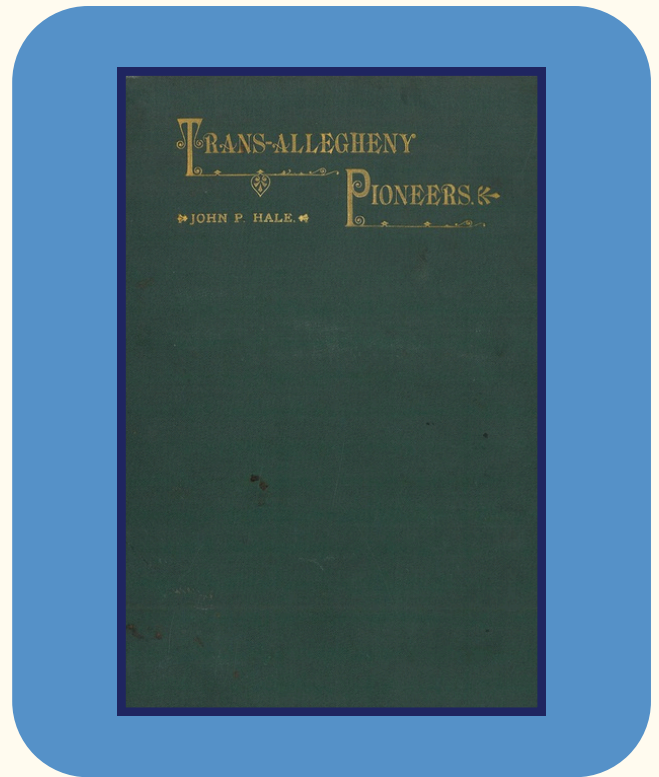
THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WEST VIRGINIA SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COMMISSION

It's finally October, which means it's time for the commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant! The October 2024 edition of Mountaineers are Always Free highlights recent commission activities and events, books you should read, and more events coming up this Fall.

REVOLUTIONARY READINGS

Published by The Graphic Press of Cincinnati in 1886, John P. Hale's *Trans-Allegheny Pioneers: Historical Sketches of the First White Settlements West of the Alleghenies* offers much insight into life during the early days of the Virginia frontier.

Providing detailed accounts of the lives of those who settled along the frontier and events that occurred in its early days, including the Battle of Point Pleasant, Hale's work provides great detail of life in Virginia (and what would later become West Virginia) during the colonial period. Take some time to visit the Archives Library at the Culture Center to see what you can learn from John P. Hale's *Trans-Allegheny Pioneers*!



A COMMEMORATION TO REMEMBER

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) will team up with communities across the Mountain State and higher education institutions, October 9-11, to remember our state's history and recognize the key events that contributed to our nation's independence. A conference at Marshall University exploring West Virginia's impact, with participation from other state higher education institutions, will conclude the state's commemoration.

The activities will kick off Wednesday, October 9, with a lantern convoy traveling from the Greenbrier County Courthouse to Tu-Endie-Wei State Park in Point Pleasant. The conference will begin that evening on Marshall's Huntington Campus, with a keynote lecture from West Virginia University professor Dr. Max Flomen. On Thursday, October 10, Governor Jim Justice and members of the West Virginia America 250th Commission will join participants at the annual Battle Days observance in Point Pleasant.

The conference activities will also include a student concert that evening and will conclude Friday, October 11, with a panel discussion examining Appalachia's influence on the American Revolution, focusing on industry, agriculture, transportation and people.

A full schedule of events is available at: <https://america250wv.org/upcoming-events/>.

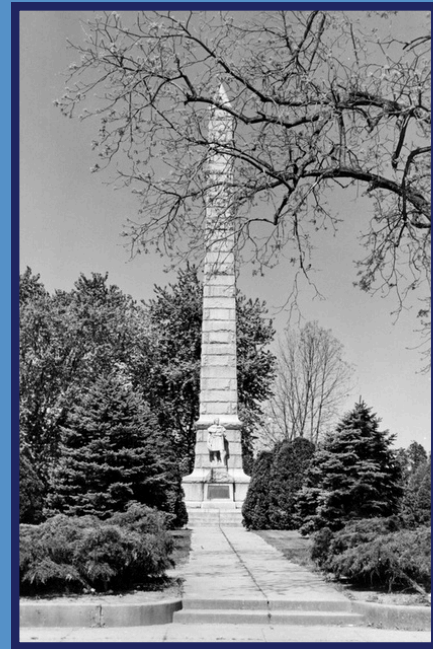
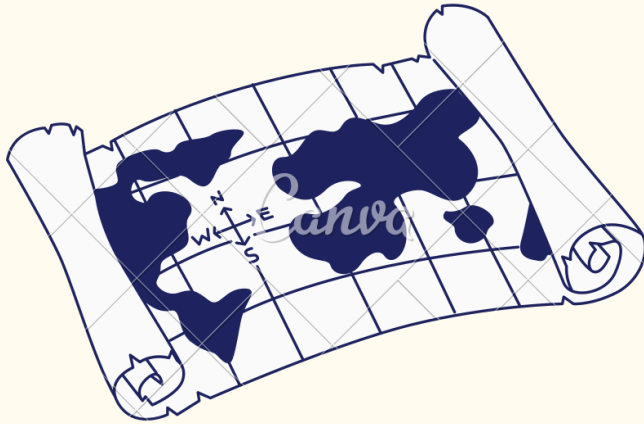


Photo credit: Battle of Point Pleasant Monument at Tu-Endie-Wei State Park, Point Pleasant, West Virginia, n.d., West Virginia Historical Education Foundation Collection, West Virginia State Archives



Photo credit: Renderings of the railroad transportation section of the new outdoor exhibit to be installed at the State Capitol.



OLD TIME COUNTRY COOKIN'

Potato Cakes



Mash potatoes, just boiled. Add salt, pepper, butter, and cream, then make into cakes. Fry on both sides until golden brown.

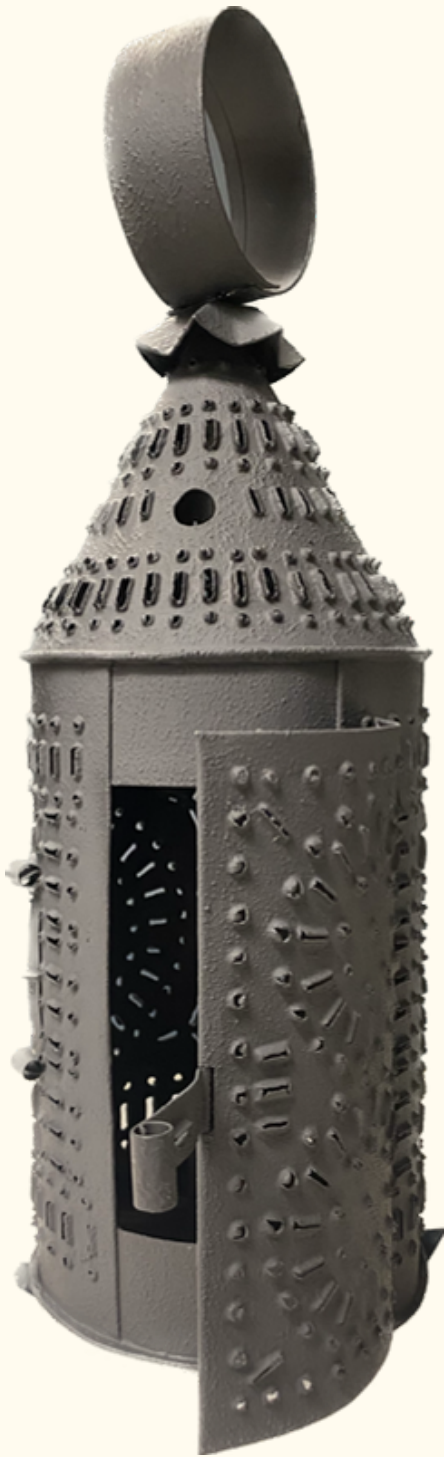
Original recipe can be found in: *Housekeeping in Old Virginia* by Marion Cabell Tyree, Published by John P. Morton and Company, Louisville, KY, 1879

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Work continues on the construction of “West Virginia: Nature Designs a State That Fuels a Nation,” a new outdoor exhibit located outside the Culture Center on the Capitol Complex. One industry that will be focused on in the exhibit is railroad transportation. This section of the outdoor exhibit will prominently feature a fireless steam locomotive, which can be seen in this rendering.

Speaking on the new exhibit, Governor Jim Justice has said, “This exhibit will showcase how our rich land and hardworking people have contributed to national and global advancements, ensuring that West Virginia will continue to power the world with pride for generations to come.”

THE LANTERN CONVOY



Prior to the commemorative conference beginning on October 9. A lantern convoy will travel from the Greenbrier County Courthouse to Tu-Endie-Wei State Park in Point Pleasant. The schedule for the lantern convoy is as follows:

8 a.m. Greenbrier County Courthouse

9:05 a.m. Summers County Courthouse

10 a.m. Raleigh County Courthouse

10:50 a.m. Fayette County Courthouse

12:30 p.m. Charleston State Capitol Building (Lincoln Plaza)

1:40 p.m. Putnam County Courthouse

2:45 p.m. Tu-Endie-Wei State Park

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 9, 2024

Lecture Series at Marshall University
Concerning the Battle of Point Pleasant
6PM, Marshall University
Huntington, WV

October 10, 2024

250th Commemoration of the
Battle of Point Pleasant (Battle Days 250)
10:00 AM, Tu-Endie-Wei State Park
Point Pleasant, WV

“Was the Battle of Point Pleasant the First
Battle of the American Revolution?”
2:00 PM, Marshall University
Huntington, WV

October 11, 2024

Battle of Point Pleasant
History Panel Discussion
Marshall University
Huntington, WV

October 13, 2024

249th Birthday of the United States Navy
2PM, WV Capitol Complex
Charleston, WV

November 8, 2024

Submission deadline for:

“West Virginia Wildlife” INSPIRED Series
The Culture Center
Charleston, WV

November 10 2024

249th Birthday of the United States Marine
Corps
WV Capitol Complex
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