June 18–19, Henderson Hall was the site of a Civil War reenactment. The annual event, held the weekend prior to or immediately following the celebration of West Virginia Day grew both in participants and spectators since its inaugural event a year ago.

Approximately 150 reenacters invaded Henderson Hall. They began arriving on Thursday evening and by Friday afternoon, the field directly behind the hall was filled with Civil War soldiers, tents, and fire-pits. It was like stepping back in time to an era when soldiers left their loved ones to fight in the most horrific war ever fought on American soil.

If you ask any of the reenacters why they would spend a weekend without a TV, microwave, or other modern conveniences their answer always seemed to involve the words “fun” and “history”.

In addition to soldiers, men and women referred to as “settlers”, set up tents and sold and displayed time period artifacts, clothing, and memorabilia.

Spectators were free to walk through the camp and talk to the soldiers and other folks who were available to discuss any aspect of the Civil War. There were cannon demonstrations as well as two battles. The participants included infantry divisions, artillery, and Calvary.

The battles were amazing to watch and took spectators back to a time when brothers and friends faced off on a real battlefield and thousands of lives were lost. Some were overheard talking about how horrible this would have been had it been real and how sad to have lost so many brave Americans in the Civil War.

Thanks to Carlin’s Battery D, and Henderson Hall, at least for one brief weekend, many had the opportunity to remember those who sacrificed so much and to learn a bit of History.

Mother Nature did not cooperate with Henderson Hall and the Pioneer Antique Auto Club in May. However, our antique car show is rescheduled for Saturday, July 23 from 9:00 until 3:00. Last year’s show was a great start to our annual car show, and this year promises to be bigger and better than last year.

Di Carlos Pizza and Sand Hill United Methodist Church will be on hand for food and drinks, and as last year, musical entertainment will be provided by The Proclaimers, an outstanding local gospel group.
On Saturday, June 4, Henderson Hall hosted its second annual Ladies Tea. Nancy Daugherty, organizer of the event worked countless hours to make sure that everyone who attended had a great time. The tables were filled with delicious helpings and desserts, along with tea and other drinks of course. Over 40 people purchased tickets and attended.

Feedback from our guests was all positive. Everyone seemed to have a great time.

The event included a style show of Henderson clothing and a tour of the hall. The style show went over extremely well and being able to bring clothes out of hiding for people to see, was exciting.

Comments about the food being delicious, the clothes being awesome, and the hall being amazing filled the day. There isn’t room here to thank all of the volunteers who made the day such a huge success and so enjoyable, however, at the end of the day it was obvious they will be back to do it again next year.

We’ll see you there!

HENDERSON REGIONSAL CLAN MEETING

On October 15, the Henderson Regional Clan meeting will be held at Henderson Hall. This is the first meeting of the Henderson Clan in the state of West Virginia. According to Steve Henderson, from Fairfax, VA, director of the event, they could not have picked a more appropriate setting. We totally agree! This will be exciting to have over 100 Henderson Clan members on hand. Plans for the event are still being discussed, but we will open the hall for the day from 10:00—5:00 to accommodate those in attendance. Mr. Henderson recently returned from a 22 month tour of the lower 48 states. He is a very interesting gentleman!

Ed’s favorite floor is the third floor and he loves telling stories of the ball room. Ed is one of the youngest docents, yet has more experience than anyone. It goes without saying that during his 24+ years at HH, he has seen more changes than anyone. He truly loves HH and that is obvious!!
On Saturday, June 25, Henderson Hall hosted the Mid Ohio Valley Americana Music Tribute Series. Folks who attended the event were asked to bring an item to donate to the flood victims of the recent devastating flood affecting southern West Virginia. In addition, an optional monetary donation was used to support the Children’s Home Society of West Virginia. Jeff Fox, a local music event coordinator put together a wonderful show, consisting of Nashville star, Irene Kelley, accompanied by the 2016 National Mandolin picker national champion, Nate Lee. Irene Kelley has written songs for Alan Jackson, Tricia Yearwood, and Ricky Skaggs. In addition, she has appeared with many country music superstars. Her performance was all original material consisting of songs from the heart depicting life growing up in Latrobe, PA.

Opening for Ms. Kelley, was the amazing Megan Bee, from Athens, Ohio. A well known singer and song writer in her own right, Megan recently returned from a United States tour and opened the show with a medley of original music accompanied by her acoustic guitar. The folks who attended the show sat on the beautiful grounds of Henderson Hall and enjoyed a very relaxing summer evening of great Music. Plans are already being made for a monthly music series beginning the summer of 2017. We’ll keep you posted!

**HENDERSON HALL CLOTHING ROOM TO OPEN SOON**

The long awaited Henderson Hall clothing room will be open very soon! The display cabinets are ready to be carried to the top floor, the numerous articles of clothing, shoes, and hats have been carefully sorted and identified and shoes and hats have been placed on shelves waiting to be revealed to the public. All of this was made possible by the generous grant provided by the James Wood chapter of the DAR. Without this grant, this room would never had been possible.

Oren Lockhart, a local cabinet maker completed the five display cases that will be enclosed in tempered glass. Mannequins have been purchased of all sizes, clothes steam cleaned and ready to come out of years of hiding in drawers, closets, and trunks and all are being put in place. Following is but a small and incomplete list of what will be exhibited.

- Some general items of interest: many items in very good condition; unusual to find men’s and children’s clothing of this age in such good condition; unusual to find so many clothing items of one family preserved.

- There are quite a few early 19th century men’s shirts. These served as both underwear (worn under waistcoat and coat), and as outerwear (when at home or during work). Many men of some wealth had dozens of these, and would sometimes change them twice a day.

- There are several early to mid 19th century men’s waistcoats (vests) and tail coats. A man’s outfit would have consisted of shirt, neckcloth, waistcoat, tail coat, and trousers.

- There is a wide range of men’s hats, the oldest being a circa 1830s wide brim straw hat. There is a straw boater hat, a derby hat, and several 1940s fedora hats.

The opening of the clothing room will be the last room in Henderson Hall to be made available to the public.

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**UPCOMING EVENT SCHEDULE**

- **July 23**: Pioneer Antique Auto Show
- **August 6**: Steam and Power engine show
- **July 15–16**: Henderson Hall Yard Sale
- **October 15**: Henderson Regional Clan Meeting at HH
- **Dec.**: Special Musical Christmas Tours
  - First three Saturdays in December (6:00—8:00)

More information will be forthcoming about each of these events with contact info/
This is a picture of the second home of the Henderson’s in what was known as Cow Creek, in Pleasants County, West Virginia. The house can still be seen from the Ohio River and is located on property currently owned by Cytec. Several Henderson family members are buried in the Episcopal cemetery located nearby.