



Celeste: Discoveries at the Wheeling Historical Museum

Celeste first became involved with local history after becoming fascinated by people's ability to be curious about any town or area that they adopt as their own. Her pastime of gardening often leads to the discovery of fragments of jars and other items that offer snapshots of the previous owners.

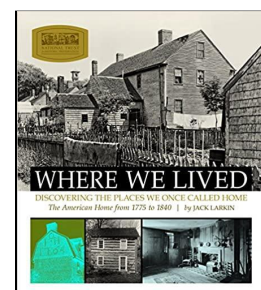
At the Wheeling Historical Society museum, you can find objects like this and similar artifacts, including a rattlesnake skin from local snake hunts, a jail cell and key, telephone switchboard, and Periolat Brewery bottles. Celeste also shared a handwritten ledger book from Henry Reeb (1899-1990) who ran the Wheeling Feed Mill. Flipping through the books, she was surprised to find a list of family names and birth dates. Over time, she got close to people she views as "infamous to her" from the Wheeling area, like the Adeline and Lucille Schneider sisters. These sisters have countless news articles of their adventures and the Wheeling Historical Society has Adeline's diary.

If you would like to become a member or volunteer with the Wheeling Historical Society, please [contact](#) them for more information.

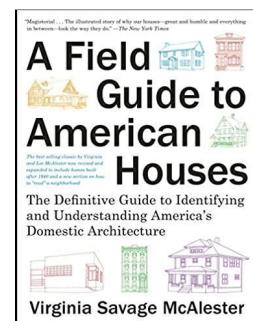
Resource Spotlight

Tina Beaird, presenter of our July program, [Brick by Brick: Tracing Your House's History](#), recommends the following books. One copy of each book will be available as a giveaway during the program.

[Where We Lived](#) by Jack Larkin follows the history surrounding houses built in the United States from 1775 to 1840 and how they fit into the daily lives of homeowners. The book includes photographs taken by the [Library of Congress Historic American Building Survey \(HABS\)](#) as well as first-person sources, like diaries, artifacts, letters and more.



[A Field Guide to American Houses](#) by Virginia Savage McAlester focuses on various architectural aspects that make up a house and neighborhood. *The New York Times Magazine* said the book is "excellent for the layperson who wants to wander about the neighborhood with a bit more authority, or perhaps for the homeowner who can't decide what kind of windows might look best."





Vivid-Pix offers a free 12-part webinar series titled "[Genealogy Librarian Education Series](#)." This webinar series is geared toward librarians, but it can still be an incredible resource for beginners, professionals and everyone in-between. The series includes topics on getting involved with local and national genealogy/ history organizations, recommendations for local and national resources and information on DNA testing. These webinars are also a great resource if you are looking to become a Genealogy Librarian!



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History remembers the celebrated; genealogy remembers them all. - Laurence Overmire

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