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We hope you have enjoyed
this 102nd Reunion of the
Descendants of Morgan Morgan.
Next Year's Reunion will be
Aug. 14 at Prickett's Fort.



Schedule of

Events for

8 AUGUST 2009

Descendants of Col. Morgan Morgan —102nd Reunion— o p

Prickett's Fort State Park
Fairmont, West Virginia

Schedule & Items of Interest

- 9 am **Registration** at the Visitors Center
The Dulcimer ensemble *Wha-ke-we-nn?* will perform on the stage of the Amphitheater from 9:30 until 10:00
- 10⁰⁵ **General Assembly**
—in Amphitheater—
See next page for detailed program information
- 11:30 **Lunch** —catered by Cracker Barrel
Ham or Chicken [pre-selected],
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Roll, Dessert
You need your Lunch Ticket
- 1:00 **The Morgan Footprint in WV**
Slide presentation of Sites relating to the Morgans in our state—
Visitors Center
- Z A CD-Rom of all the photos & a brochure with a complete listing of sites is available for \$15. See page 4 for more information.
- P **Morgan Ancestry**—there will be a large board to display each Guest's order of ancestors back to Col. Morgan Morgan.
See page 4 of this booklet for more information.
- Other activities available throughout the day—
- k Tour the cemetery
 - k Tour the Fort—show your name tag when purchasing tickets to receive \$1 off your ticket price
 - k Browse the Morgan Memorabilia Display Area
 - k Visit the Museum at the Fort
 - k Visit the Gift Shop

We are pleased today to pay tribute to
Colonel Morgan Morgan
& his wife Catherine's third child —

David Morgan



Rebecca Durst, WVU Mountaineer Mascot

Rebecca Durst is the 60th Mountaineer and 2nd female Mountaineer in school history. She officially began her service as the Mountaineer Mascot in April of this year. We will soon see her inspiring the crowds at the WVU football games

Rebecca grew up in Point Pleasant, WV and is the daughter of Ron and Jody Durst. She is a junior pre-nursing major at West Virginia University and is active in the Student Government Association and Makeover Morgantown Activities.

Aaron Prunty

Aaron is a graduate of North Marion High School and is a member of the Marion County Special Olympics. He helps with Marion County Meals on Wheels and attends Trinity Assembly of God. Aaron is a descendant of David Morgan. He is a son of Paul and Barbara Prunty of Fairmont.

Jacob Miller

Jacob Miller is a recent graduate of East Fairmont, where he participated in the Civil War portion of their Follies Production. He is a music major at West Virginia University, where he is specializing in percussion. Jacob has been involved as a drummer with Civil War re-enactors since the age of 4. His parents are Lee and Kimberlee Miller. Jacob is a direct descendant of Jacob Prickett, Sr.

Robert Ellis

Robert Ellis, a native of Fairmont, grew up in a house built by his grandfather—and though he no longer lives there, that house is now Kerri's Korner bookstore.

Ellis participated in drama while in college, beginning with his portrayal of a lunatic in *Mousetrap* and a 1000-year-old-man in *Skin of Our Teeth*. He portrayed Capt. von Trapp in *Sound of Music* and Emile de Becque in *South Pacific*. His master's degree from WVU was in organ and church music.

After teaching at Farmington and Fairview high schools and Glenville State College, his post-graduate study was at the College-Conservatory of Music of the Univ. of Cincinnati. He then taught at Rygårds International School in Denmark before returning to Fairmont to become pastoral musician at Parish of St. Peter the Fisherman, an instructor at Fairmont Catholic School, and forming a music studio.

Ellis has recently received the "Excellence in Education" award from the Italian Heritage Festival and Marshall University.

Ellis is a 9th generation direct descendant of Col. Morgan Morgan and today portrays David Morgan. He is working on a musical based on David Morgan's involvement with Prickett's Fort, from a script written by the late William Prunty, also a Morgan descendant.

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201st Infantry/Field Artillery, West Virginia Army National Guard

The 201st traces its origins to CPT. Morgan Morgan, who formed the company on 17 February 1735 in what is now Berkeley County, West Virginia. It served with Washington's militia in Braddock's 1755 campaign during the French and Indian War. At the outset of the American Revolution, Gen. George Washington called upon these fighting men to "drive the invaders from our land". The oldest continuous serving military unit in our nation, the 201st has fought or trained men for every conflict involving the United States of America.

Today, the 1st Battalion, 201st Field Artillery battalion is headquartered in Fairmont, with firing batteries in Morgantown, Keyser, Elkins and Lewisburg. Their Forward Support Company is located in Kingwood. The 201st is equipped with the M109A6 Paladin, which is a self-propelled, 155mm howitzers, capable of firing high explosive rounds over 18 miles.

In addition to their Field Artillery role, the battalion can also perform a wide variety of non-traditional missions; ranging from providing convoy escort and security as they did during Operation Iraqi Freedom 2, to crowd control during the 2009 Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C.

Closer to home, the 201st continues to support our local communities during state duty emergencies such as floods and wildfires.

The Battalion Commander is Lieutenant Colonel Clay Coatney, the Battalion Executive Officer is Major Thomas Randall Batiste and the battalion Command Sergeant Major is Command Sergeant Major Robert Cales.

Wha-ke-we-nn?

This group was formed in 2000 at the Central United Methodist Church in Fairmont, WV, under the tutelage and mentorship of well-known musician Patty Looman. Patty Looman has taught students all over the eastern United States to play Old Time music on both the hammered dulcimer and the mountain (lap) dulcimer. Old Time music is learned by hearing, rather than by printed music.

At first the dulcimer group was known as "Sonbonnet Strings", but as they grew in number and more musical instruments were added, they changed their name to Wha-ke-we-nn?. The musicians are in great demand for all types of gatherings where they entertain, educate and share their love of Appalachian Heritage Music.

Performing today are: Faith Bowyer and Norma Rittenhouse (hammered dulcimer), Dawn McClain (fiddle), Chuck McClain (guitar) and Bob Kozul (harmonica).

General Assembly 10:05

AMPHITHEATER

The WVU Mascot will signal the Beginning of the Assembly with the firing of her Musket. . Caution—*loud noise!*

Presentation of Colors

201st WV National Guard
Jacob Miller, drummer

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Aaron Prunty

Please join in the singing of

Led by Raymond E. Morgan

The Star-Spangled Banner

Invocation

The Rev. William Morgan

Greetings from the President

Gary D. Sweeney

Greetings from Prickett's Fort director

Melissa May

History of the Militia

Maj. Thomas Batiste,
201st WV National Guard

A Visit with David Morgan

Group Singing of Country Roads

Led by Maj. Batiste, the WVU Mascot, & 'David Morgan'

Business meeting

Benediction

The Rev. William Morgan

Y If you pre-ordered the Morgan coin [David Morgan], you may pick up your copy in the Visitors Center. There may be a few remaining coins if you did not pre-order.

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Our Morgan Heritage...

Although we are a very diverse group, the common thread that links all of us together is our shared ancestor, Colonel Morgan Morgan. We are proud of this remarkable man and his descendants, and all that they have contributed to our nation.

Today, each Morgan descendant is invited to complete a simple Morgan lineage chart (found in your packet) if you have not already done so. We have provided a large lineage display area inside the Visitor's Center as a means of connecting those sharing a common ancestor. We hope these lineage charts will also be useful to any who are struggling to fill in the blank lines on their own lineages.

Finding a person you have never met who also descends from your great-great-great grandfather is an exciting moment for us die-hard genealogists! Your participation in providing this information is essential for our display.

Please visit this genealogy display area to make new friends and to learn more about the Morgan family that we are so proud of!

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...and the Morgan Footprint

Following lunch today will be an opportunity to see a slide show presentation entitled, "*The Morgan Footprint in West Virginia*". Please join us in the Visitor's Center to view about 100 images that are part of our heritage. At the conclusion of the presentation, a CD and accompanying booklet will be made available so that you might take home with you. All of the photos on the CD are accessible to print or use in any way you wish. Cost to purchase is \$15.

Country Roads

Almost heaven, West Virginia,
Blue Ridge Mountains, Shenandoah River.
Life is old there, older than the trees,
Younger than the mountains, growin' like a breeze.

Country Roads, take me home,
To the place I belong:
West Virginia, mountain momma,
Take me home, country roads.

All my mem'ries, gather 'round her,
Miner's lady, stranger to blue water.
Dark and dusty, painted on the sky,
Misty taste of moonshine, teardrop in my eye.

Country Roads, take me home,
To the place I belong:
West Virginia, mountain momma,
Take me home, country roads.

I hear her voice, in the mornin' hours she calls me,
The radio reminds me of my home far away.
And drivin' down the road,
I get a feelin' that I should have been home yesterday,
Yesterday.

Country Roads, take me home,
To the place I belong:
West Virginia, mountain momma,
Take me home, country roads.

Take me home, country roads.
Take me home, down country roads.

Lyrics & Music by Bill Danoff, Taffy Nivert and John Denver