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Echoes of the Past
This marks my fifth issue as editor of Pioneer America Society Transactions. The last five years certainly have been eventful, and have brought some significant changes to PAST. In 2006, we put together a volume representing a meeting which was not held due to Hurricane Katrina. From 2006-2009, in an effort to reduce the backlog of unpublished book reviews intended for Material Culture, we moved a number of reviews to PAST. We experimented with photo essays for a few years. Perhaps most significantly, last year we successfully (though not without considerable effort, and thanks in large part to Deborah Slater’s hard work) moved PAST to an online-only format.

This year, PAST is returning to its roots, at least partially: the book reviews and photo essays are gone, leaving nothing more than four papers presented at the Pipestem, West Virginia meeting. At the same time the online format is proving invaluable in presenting these works. Between them, these four papers include 71 figures, most of them in color, and some of them featuring multiple images. In fact, we have had to find innovative new ways to present some of the photos so as not to detract from the articles they accompany — again, thanks in large part to Deb Slater.

In this issue, Jonathan Burns, George John Drobnock, and Jared Smith contribute an article about the search for Fort Shirley in Pennsylvania. Theirs is a part of a wider effort to locate the eighteenth-century fort, as suggested in a June 30, 2010 report by Emily Reddy for Pennsylvania’s WPSU Radio (which you can listen to here). Susan Martin Williams investigates how the role of the National Park Service as a federal partner is changing in response to the evolution of National Heritage Areas, and comes up with some insights that professionals are sure to find interesting and important. In “Sheet Music as an Indicator of Material Culture,” Ralph Hartsock takes us to nineteenth-century Missouri through the sheet music left by the Burrough family, while Marshall McLennan takes us on a well-illustrated tour through the evolution and diffusion of southwestern baroque parapet. I hope you enjoy reading the articles as much as I have.

I want to thank everyone involved in making this issue a reality, particularly Marshall McLennan, who worked so diligently to rework his illustrations and obtain permission for their use; George John Drobnock for pointing me to web sites relating to the Fort Shirley project (hence the link above); and the other authors, all of whom are great people with whom to work. Thank you also to Cara Holtry, Librarian at the Cumberland County Historical Society; Emily Reddy, WPSU Radio in State College, Pennsylvania; and of course, Deb Slater for her layout expertise, comments, great ideas, and willingness to experiment with PAST’s layout and format.

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P.S. I hope to see you all in Vermont for this year’s annual meeting!
Abstracts of Papers Presented

A Social Geography of Saltpeter
Katie Algeo, Western Kentucky University
Conventional treatments of the saltpeter trade during the early nineteenth century tend to emphasize political and economic factors. While not denying their importance, this paper adds a dimension to our understanding of linkages between Northern gunpowder manufacturers and Southern saltpeter suppliers by examining the social relations behind the saltpeter trade. A case study of saltpeter purchases by the DuPont Company, at the time the largest US manufacturer of gunpowder, emphasizing their attempts and ultimate failure to establish a reliable Southern saltpeter supply, is used to illustrate the importance of networks of acquaintances and business associates, relations of trust, and business competency in creating and maintaining trade relations. Data is derived from the archives of the DuPont Company housed in the Hagley Library of Wilmington, Delaware, and numerous other primary and secondary sources. I argue that it was a failure of social relations and not a change in international trade laws that led to the demise of the Southern saltpeter industry following the War of 1812. Read the article.

The Invisible Streetscape: Vernacular Buildings and Being in 1850s Wheeling
Dan Bonenberger, Eastern Michigan University
Three dimensional computer modeling of the past, or virtual heritage, typically emphasizes great buildings rather than vernacular architecture. If this fledgling pursuit is to gain acceptance among disciplines that study the past, it must acknowledge the importance of the world beyond monumental architecture. Common building forms, landscapes, and invisible things such as sounds, smells, ideas, stories and rituals are essential components of human experience. Recent work in cultural geography, architectural history, preservation, philosophy, and other fields can provide some guidelines for integrating these realities into virtual heritage. This paper examines the tangible and intangible components that characterize the urban environment of American cities. From popular building forms, infrastructure and people, to terrain and wildlife elements, the author presents a conceptual model of the objects, rituals, and ideas that constitute the “life-world” of a city in the antebellum United States. The model is explored in a case study set on Webster Street in Wheeling, (West) Virginia in the 1850s, through the perspective of Rebecca Harding, a young writer about to challenge the literary status-quo.

Toward Small Town Revitalization in the Middle Susquehanna River Valley: Re-Assessing Historic Resources and Regional Landscapes for Collaborative Development
Caru Bowns, Pennsylvania State University, and Alison Stevenson, SEDA-Council of Governments
Both maligned and romanticized, small towns comprise a significant segment of the American settlement landscape but are not perceptibly considered an administrative category politically comparable to “cities” for the purposes and benefits of government policies and funding. This may be due to the independent spirit associated with most small towns or the regional differences that distinguish “towns” in New England from “towns” in New Mexico. Even before the current economic downturn, a common thread many towns share is the challenges they face for their communities’ economic and social survival. Some towns are shedding their
centuries-old persona of rugged individualism. They are re-assessing historic and cultural assets for communal betterment that transcends local and regional boundaries. This study celebrates collaborative revitalization efforts taking place in the Middle Susquehanna River Valley of Pennsylvania. This region is part of the greater Appalachia cultural landscape and is within the eastern reaches of America’s Industrial Rust Belt. The study provides the context for issues associated with economic loss and depopulation in small towns in Pennsylvania’s “Rust Belt” region. A case study of MSRV towns illustrates capacity-building efforts to preserve existing assets and to re-purpose the region’s civic and cultural landscapes for sustainable economic development.

Preserving the Lonaconing Silk Mill
Richard J. Brand, Maryland Historical Trust

At the turn of the twentieth century, several entrepreneurs decided to look for a cheap labor supply for their industry. They found it in the Appalachian coal fields. Mining was a difficult and poor paying job. Miners were recruited from the newest immigrants to America and mining became a family tradition. Businessmen realized that mining families needed extra money and knew that women, young boys, and men who were not physically fit to work in the mines would be a ready source of cheap labor. Thus began the silk thread industry in Appalachia. Factories were located in Cumberland and Lonaconing in Maryland, and in other places in West Virginia and Virginia. The Klotz Throwing Company or Lonaconing Silk Mill was established in 1905 and closed its doors in 1956 after a strike over pay and working conditions. The Lonaconing Silk Mill still stands today, virtually unchanged from that fateful day in 1956. It is believed to be the only fully preserved historic thread factory in the United States. Not only is the building intact but the machinery used to make silk thread for the garment industry is still there just like it was. You can almost trace the evolution of the industrial era from wooden thread winders to aluminum and plastic bobbins.

Moving Coal to Market: Anthracite, Gravity Rail, Roebling, and the Delaware and Hudson Canal
Wayne Brew, Montgomery County Community College

The mineral wealth of the Anthracite Coal Region of northeastern Pennsylvania was explored and mapped in the early nineteenth century by Philadelphia businessman William Wurts. He and his brothers started buying large tracts of land in the region in 1812 to mine the coal, but found it was very difficult to get the coal to market on the crude roads and not very navigable rivers. The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company was chartered in Pennsylvania and New York in 1823, and the canal was completed in 1828. To get the coal out of the Wyoming Valley a gravity railroad was constructed from Carbondale to Honesdale, Pennsylvania. The canal was constructed from Honesdale, using (and crossing) four river systems, to Kingston, New York, on the Hudson River. In the 1840s, John Roebling (of Brooklyn Bridge fame) designed four aqueducts over the major streams which cut travel time by several days. This presentation will discuss the history and geography of the Delaware and Hudson canal, and will be illustrated by maps and pictures of the ruins of the canal. Roebling’s suspension structure aqueduct over the Delaware River is still in service as an automobile bridge.

Croghan at Aughwick: Maps, History, and Archaeology Collide in the Search For Fort Shirley
Jonathan Burns, AXIS Research, Inc., George John Drobnock, Huntingdon Borough, and Jared Smith, Juniata College

Fort Shirley was an important colonial era frontier site erected by George Croghan as a trading post but later reconfigured as a provincial fort in October of 1755 to facilitate trade and to protect English colonists against
the aggressions of the French and their Native American allies. The archaeological remains of the fort lies somewhere in the agricultural fields north of the town of Sheriesburg, Pennsylvania; however, its exact location remains a mystery. Local historical accounts differ from period land surveys and maps. Much more than just an outpost, the site was a hub of activity for travelers, traders, and emissaries of the commonwealth and Native Americans; therefore it is mentioned often in historic accounts. A few early attempts to locate the fort have been made in the past based from journals and manuscripts, but modern scientific techniques been never been applied towards the goal. This research demonstrates how archaeology may be used to complement and even correct the historic record, as confounding historical references collide with archaeological inquiry to locate the traces of the fort. The historical record can be a paradox for researchers as it is often proven that the past was not necessarily as it was recorded. Read the article.

The Johnson-Marquis House: A “Cajun Cottage” in Appalachian Ohio
Kevin Coleman, Intrepid Historical Services
It is rare to find a French-American house type in Ohio, but a house on a rural hilltop in south-central Ohio appears to be one. With incised front and rear “galeries” under a side-gabled roof, two front doors, and a loft stairway in a front porch-room, this “grenier house” fits the definition of a Cajun or Grenier House. However, it began as a one-story double-pen cottage probably in 1840, which was enlarged and probably moved in 1907-12 into its current form. Investigation is still underway, but a family with a possibly French surname owned the property when the alterations appear to have begun. Similar houses in the area include a now-lost galeried 2.5-storey house built about 1820, and mid-nineteenth-century “Georgian Cottages” in the county to the west, with incised porches and possibly Pennsylvania German origins—but otherwise Johnson-Marquis House is unique in the area, except for two others very similar to it that have recently been discovered deeper in Upland South Ohio. Now the object of a preservation effort, the building accents the natural attractions of its surrounding “Buzzard’s Roost” preserve with its unique ethnic connection and historic presence.

Sheet Music as an Indicator of Material Culture
Ralph Hartsock, University of North Texas
During the nineteenth century music printing, like book printing, increased due to the introduction of steam power. People of means collected music (solo piano music, songs for voice and piano). Many hired printers to bind these together subsequent to their purchases. Some even numbered the pages of the entire “book.” The University of North Texas Libraries, like other libraries, has collected and accessed these various collections. Jacob Burrough, an attorney, was on the first board of regents for what is now Southeast Missouri State University. His daughter Rachel Ida, born about 1858, performed at the college’s inauguration, and collected this music. Several pieces, compliments of William Barr Dry Goods Store, St. Louis, included its catalog of nonmusical merchandise on the back cover. Their advertising forms the nucleus of this study of 19th century material culture as communicated on sheet music covers. Materials studied are from two collections of music, piano music collected by Ida Burrough Coit of Cape Girardeau, now housed at the University of North Texas, and published sheet music at Washington University in St. Louis. Read the article.

Excavating Memory: Mining History, 1931
William M. Hunter, Heberling Associates
In 1931, the National Miners Union (NMU), a radical alternative union, deployed politics of hunger and the wage to organize miners and disrupt production in the eastern Ohio coalfields. The NMU chose specific nodes in the networks of production as sites for direct action, a strategy intended to disrupt temporarily
sensitive chains of production throughout the integrated coal, ore, shipping and steel industries. They were met by the power of the state activated through the coal operators, the county government, and civil society, and roundly defeated. This paper examines the NMU attempt to realize this strategy at the New Lafferty mines of Hanna Coal Company; the response of the company, miners, their families, and the local authorities; and the suppression of the radical union. It examines how landscape, hunger and scale factored in the strategy of the “Bolshevik insurrection,” its suppression, the expulsion of the NMU from the eastern Ohio coalfields, and the erasure of historical memory in this forgotten prelude to Bloody Harlan.

Spatial Patterns of Recent Native American Body Proportions: Climate or Colonization History?
Claire Jantz, Shippensburg University, Paul Marr, Shippensburg University, Richard Jantz, University of Tennessee

On a global scale, human populations exhibit body morphology that correlates with climate as expected under the Bergmann-Allen ecogeographical rules, which predict that cold-adapted populations will have compact bodies and shorter limbs. Native American populations generally fit Bergmann-Allen expectations, but few studies have clearly documented this supposition. This paper examines body measurement-climate correlations and spatial trends in Native North Americans using a data set collected by Franz Boas between 1890 and 1901. We examined the relationship between mean annual temperature and the following measurements: height, sitting height, leg length, arm length, shoulder breadth, and three indices (relative sitting height [cormic index], relative arm length, and relative shoulder breadth). The absolute dimensions show that larger, wider bodies are found in warmer temperatures, the opposite of expectations. Relatively longer legs in warmer climates agrees with Bergmann-Allen expectations. However, spatial trend surface analysis shows that cormic index increases from the southeast to the northwest, indicating a strong east to west trend rather than the expected north to south trend with temperature. We conclude that body measurements provide little evidence of climate patterning. Rather, the patterning is more likely to reflect colonization history of the continent.

The Alvis Partin Farm: Memories of a Farm in Bell County, Kentucky
Jon Kay, Indiana University

The Alvis Partin Farm can serve as a lens through which one can view elements of traditional regional agricultural techniques, community life and cultural experience. The farm references not only a pattern of agriculture, but also a complete way of life common during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century in rural Bell County, Kentucky. This paper describes fifteen resources present at the farm that reflect a traditional way of life, once integral to this community. The molasses mill and evaporator were the centerpieces of “stir-offs,” the walnut crib, potato holes and bee gums point toward regional foodways; and the worn pathways and foot-logs that connect the buildings to the lay of the land speak about past and contemporary patterns of daily life on the farm. Through the use of oral histories, I discovered that the Partin Farm is more than words on a deed or buildings on the landscape; it is a complex system bound with memories, experiences, words, wood, stone, nails and dirt, all of which point toward the cultural, historical and individual meaning of this farm.

The Power of Place
Margaret J. King and Jamie O’Boyle, Center for Cultural Studies & Analysis

We rarely think in any systematic way about the fact of place itself: our situational awareness and the factors that affect its power over the brain and mind as thematic cognition. However, human thinking and behavior
is highly situational. Where we find ourselves at any given moment determines what we think about, and how we process that thought. This process is driven by social surroundings (who we are with), the cultural imprint of place (meaning) along a behavioral range (action within place), and the potential and outcomes of what happens in various venues (expectations, values, and decision making). Cultural studies can define and analyze these factors to explore the potentials of a variety of settings and their effects—from simple seating to complex theme parks. Considered will be the five senses, especially sight and sound, in gauging the setting’s physiological DNA and its ties to perception and meaning. The role of place is a rich example of cultural software as an IIS, integrated information system, that accommodates and facilitates the many venues encountered as everyday experience.

Uncovering Sundown Towns in Southern Appalachia
James W. Loewen, Catholic University of America

Between 1890 and 1968, thousands of towns across the United States drove out their black populations or took steps to forbid African Americans from living in them. Thus were created “sundown towns,” so named because some posted signs typically reading, “Nigger, Don’t Let the Sun Go Down On You In Salem,” a town in north central West Virginia that boasted such a sign, according to oral history. Sundown towns are rare in the South, but they spread across Appalachia from 1890 to 1940. Whole counties went sundown, driving out their black populations and maintaining themselves as all-white for many decades. Counties that did so near Pipestem include Giles County, Virginia, about fifty miles west; and probably Webster County, West Virginia, seventy miles north. Wide stretches of Appalachia went sundown, including almost the entire Cumberland Plateau, seven contiguous counties in north Georgia, and entire river valleys in Pennsylvania.

Finding Fort Morris: The Search for Shippensburg’s Elusive Colonial Fort
Paul Marr, Shippensburg University

On July 31, 1755 following the defeat of General Braddock’s army in western Pennsylvania, Governor Robert Morris commissioned the construction of two stockade forts, one in Carlisle and one in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. Built by Colonel William Burd, Shippensburg’s Fort Morris was one of a line of frontier defenses erected to protect local settlers and garrison provincial troops. While the location of the fort at Carlisle is well documented, there has been much confusion over the location of Shippensburg’s small fort. While contemporary documents concerning the fort exist, they do not pinpoint its location and in some cases offer conflicting information. For over one hundred years historians have argued about the exact location of the fort without reaching consensus, to the point that there are now three locations recognized by various state agencies and local organizations as the site of the fort. Through the use the available historic evidence and geo-spatial techniques a site was proposed as being that of the historic Fort Morris. Ultimately an archaeological excavation at the proposed site was conducted and fort-period artifacts and structures were found... but was this Fort Morris?

The Evolution of Mountain Top Removal Sites
Chris Mayda, Eastern Michigan University

In 2005-06 I spent my summers in West Virginia investigating mountaintop removal. I lived with people from Coal River Mountain Watch and recorded their attempts to get the world to notice what was happening in their communities. This is a small portion of what I learned at two different MTR sites.

The Baroque Parapet: Cultural Diffusion and Sense of Place in the American Southwest
The intent of this paper is to trace the diffusion and vernacularization of the baroque parapet from seventeenth-century Spain to Mexico and thence to the American Southwest. High style baroque cathedrals and churches, among them the Spanish rococo baroque variant called churrigueresque, were introduced to and constructed in Mexico. In Mexican territories later to be acquired by the United States, frontier mission churches incorporated simplified vernacular renditions of the baroque parapet, whereas churrigueresque details barely gained a foothold. During the second half of the nineteenth century, some secular buildings began to utilize vernacular forms of the baroque parapet in the American Southwest. A more self-conscious use of the baroque parapet, within the context of the Mission and Spanish-Revival styles, emerged early in the twentieth century as a regional expression of the colonial-revival architectural fashion. Domestic, commercial and public forms of popular architecture made use of the baroque parapet, and thereby embellished the regional sense of place in the Southwest. Key elements of the baroque parapet include curved and/or stepped gables, bell screens, corner pinnacles and piers, statuary niches, and circular or quatrefoil windows. Read the article.

The Case for Coalwood, WV: Historic Preservation and Economic Development in Appalachian Coal Mining Towns
Lisa Mroszczyk, City of Frederick Planning Department

This paper looks at the role historic preservation can play in the economic development of the former coal mining company town of Coalwood in rural McDowell County, primarily through a series of interviews with members of varying levels and agencies of government, non-profit organizations working on the state, county, and local levels, and long-time residents of Coalwood, as well as field visits. The paper will present the history and significance of Coalwood and the issues presently hindering its preservation and economic development, and assesses how historic preservation can enhance current plans for economic development. From this information, a historic preservation proposal is presented that addresses all of the major issues in an attempt to bring a viable alternative economic base and a long-term solution.

Coal Patch Communities in Indiana County, PA: Industrial Age Urbanity in Rural Appalachia
Kevin Patrick, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

When Indiana County was founded in 1803 it was literally on the frontier. The seat of Indiana was centrally located at the junction of the county’s two most important Indian paths. Forests were cut, farms planted, and to this day the land use beyond the borough limits of every town is decidedly agricultural. The exploitation of Indiana County’s agricultural resources created a rural landscape of small crossroad villages. The exploitation of the county’s coal resources, however, created miniature city systems dependent on the export oriented infrastructure of railroads located relative to the county’s topography, hydrology and underground geology. Although small, the high density coal patch communities were decidedly urban, and assembled hierarchically into a network of larger towns. A cluster of semi-isolated coal patch communities made up the base of the hierarchy. These clusters were tributary to conveniently located market towns. Indiana, with its public administrative and private headquarters functions, higher order retail goods and services, well developed infrastructure, and social elite, was at the top of the county hierarchy. These communities have survived into the post-industrial present, but they are no longer connected through the production of coal and coke. Ironically, 21st century Indiana County’s links to even larger metropolitan places has stimulated construction of new infrastructure to import coal into power generating facilities.
Graveyard Traditions in Southern West Virginia and Southwest Virginia
J. Daniel Pezzoni, Landmark Preservation Associates

The presentation, an outgrowth of research on the folk graveyards of the South, focuses on interesting aspects of form, material, symbolism, and ethnicity in selected cemeteries of the region. Discussion includes the Pocahontas Cemetery, notable for its Hungarian and Italian grave markers; the exceptional folk Germanic gravestone tradition of southwest Virginia; cemeteries in Lewisburg, West Virginia, and Blacksburg, Virginia, containing work signed by or attributable to the German-influenced carver B. F. Spyker; and modern trends.

Transportation Costs and Social Change in Western New York, 1800-2010
Tom Rasmussen, Gainesville State College

Transportation costs have declined steadily in rural western New York for 200 years. Improvements that have transformed social life include the quality of foot paths and later, roads on the frontier; construction of railroads in the 1850s connecting western New York farms and eastern seaboard cities; invention of the automobile which transformed rural life in the 1920s; and construction of the interstate highway system after World War II. Transportation costs shaped where the first European migrants chose to settle; why farmers abandoned subsistence production for cash crop farming; why farm dwellers steadily moved to village and city; how social status and economic opportunities for women improved; and how vernacular housing style evolved over 200 years.

Rediscovering Rural Appalachian Communities with Historical GIS: A Case Study of Summers County, WV
George Towers, Concord University

From the late nineteenth century until World War II, agrarian southern Appalachia was a patchwork of small, close-knit farm communities. This historic rural settlement pattern is locally recorded in community case studies by ethnographers and historical geographers but has not been mapped systematically. This paper explores the hypothesis that GIS analysis of historic topographic maps adequately identifies the boundaries of bygone southern Appalachian agricultural neighborhoods. Using the ArcGIS cost allocation analysis function, least cost regions are generated around neighborhood nodes based on the energy cost of foot travel relative to distance and slope. These prospective agricultural neighborhoods closely match ethnographers’ and historical geographers’ spatial descriptions. Mapping historic Appalachian agricultural neighborhoods provides an important basis for comparison with past and present settlement patterns. The research method is significant because it is easily replicated and may be extended across Appalachia and the past century.

Speak, Landscape: Conversation with a North Carolina Textile Mill Village’s Nodes, Edges, Paths and Landmarks
Julie K. Trotter, Alamance Community College

Interviews and oral histories collected from former Southern textile mill workers often solely reflect what no longer exists—mill village life while the mill was operational. When the direction of inquiry primarily looks backwards, without the balance of also looking at the present, accounts of mill life appear frozen in past time, as one book title suggests (and laments) that My World is Gone. What can we learn from the present-day mill village landscape that might offer insight into what is important to current people who reside there, and what might have impacted the tight-knit mill village life of yesteryear? Using Kevin Lynch’s framework for
organizing elements of a city he identified in his classic book *The Image of the City*, the current landscape of a former thriving textile mill village, Bynum, North Carolina, will be analyzed to look for indicators of how place affects people’s lives. Studying the current topographical landscape of a former mill town serves as a connecting agent; it grounds our understanding of social relationships in the physical world where they take place, it creates a bridge from past to future, and it offers an awareness of how the landscape figures in everyday cultural life.

**Exploring the National Park Service as a Federal Partner in National Heritage Areas: Perceptions and Practices Over Time**

*Susan Martin Williams, Concord University*

Using case study analysis, this qualitative research project explored National Heritage Areas’ perceptions about the role of the National Park Service as a Federal Partner over time. An evolutionary model resulted, showing that the role of the NPS as Federal Partner changes as National Heritage Areas evolve as interorganizational domains. This information is especially important as public, private and non-profit sectors are forced to rely on partnerships and collaboration to withstand increasingly turbulent economic environments, avoid competing for common resources and duplication of efforts. **Read the article.**
2009 Awards

**Henry H. Douglas Distinguished Service Award**
*Honors an individual who has made significant contributions in furthering the goals of the Pioneer America Society*
Dawn S. Bowen, Associate Professor of Geography at the University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, Virginia

**Fred B. Kniffen Book Award**
*Recognizes a best-authored book in the field of North American material culture*

**Allen G. Noble Book Award**
*Recognizes a best-edited book in the field of North American material culture*

**Warren E. Roberts Graduate Student Paper Award**
*Recognizes excellence in original graduate student fieldwork, documentary research, and writing in the area of traditional North American material culture*
Jonathan E. Kay of the Department of Folklore at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, “The Alvis Partin Farm: Memories of a Farm in Eastern Bell County,

**Hubert G. H. Wilhelm Student Research Award**
*Awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student to recognize excellence in student fieldwork, research, and writing in the material culture of the Americas*
No award was given in 2009.

**PAS:APAL Historic Preservation Award**
*Established in 2000, recognizes the preservation, interpretation, instruction, celebration, or exhibition of North American material culture*

**Historic Preservation Award**
Cockayne Historic Preservation Committee for its project, first, to preserve the Cockayne Farmstead in Glenn Dale, WV, and secondly, to create an educational and cultural center at the farm that will benefit all West Virginians. http://www.cockaynefarm.com/

**Historic Preservation Certificates of Merit**
Historic Beverly Preservation in recognition of its outstanding efforts to preserve, restore, and interpret four historic downtown buildings for use as the Beverly Heritage Center, Beverly WV. http://www.historicbeverly.org/bevhcent.htm

Don C. Wood and the Berkeley County Historical Society in recognition of their outstanding efforts to promote preserve, restore, and use the Belle Boyd House in Martinsville, WV, as an archive and research center. http://www.bchs.org/civilwar.html
Croghan at Aughwick: History, Maps, and Archaeology Collide in the Search for Fort Shirley

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Introduction
During the mid-1750s, the mountainous Ridge and Valley section of southern central Pennsylvania was an important theater for colliding European and Native American cultures. The “no-man’s land” of the time, these unsettled forests were located between colonial Philadelphia to the east and the Ohio Country to the west (Wainwright 1959, 69-85). The area that is located in the southeastern part of modern-day Huntingdon County lay along new trade routes through the mountains. In 1753, George Croghan, an Irish immigrant referred to as the “King of the Traders,” made his home in the fertile fields along Aughwick Creek, just north of the modern-day town of Shirleysburg (Volwiler 1926). Aughwick was chosen as a prime location to keep a safe distance from the French at Fort Duquesne, who put a price on his head, as well as the authorities back east, who would arrest him for bankruptcy since his trading activity was interrupted by the start of the Seven Years War (figure 1).

![Figure 1. Map of Pennsylvania showing approximate locations of both Fort Shirley and Fort Lyttleton. All images courtesy the authors unless otherwise noted.](image)

It was here that a well-populated settlement, Aughwick Old Town, sprang up adjacent to George Croghan’s homestead and trading post. Because of Croghan’s presence, the location became an important council place between Natives and the provincial government of Pennsylvania. After Major General Edward Braddock’s defeat in the summer of 1755, Croghan fortified his position at Aughwick (then in Cumberland County) at his own expense; this was done in order to protect his stores and the 200 Iroquois that had fled there after George Washington’s defeat at Fort Necessity. Croghan’s fort was strengthened by provincial troops and
officially named Fort Shirley early in 1756 by the British under Hugh Mercer. This fort became an important link in the chain of provincial British forts that protected the frontier from the French and their Native American allies. Fort Shirley served as Colonel John Armstrong’s advanced post for the raid on Kittanning in the fall of 1756; and although the expedition was viewed as a success, this garrison was abandoned by Provincial forces later that September (Waddelle and Bomberger 1996, 24).

Frequent mention is made of Fort Shirley in historic letters, records, and accounts; however, there is no modern above-ground evidence of the fort. Despite the text on the Pennsylvania State Historical marker located just north of Shirleysburg, the exact location of the palisade fort is unknown. This report assembles and evaluates the historical evidence for the fort’s location in preparation for subsequent archaeological investigations. Our research team explored leads pertaining to the fort at Aughwick in the Pennsylvania Colonial Records, historical accounts, maps, deeds, and aerial photos (figures 2-6).
Figure 2. Early survey map of Croghan's land conducted by J. S. Africa. Courtesy Africa Engineering Associates Inc., Huntingdon, PA.
Figure 3. Copy of record of land survey from 1762 of “the Old Town of Aughwick.” Copy produced in 1810. Courtesy Cumberland County Historical Society, Carlisle, PA.
Figure 5. Circa 1762 Warrant map showing location of village of Aughwick, site of Croghan’s Fort, later Fort Shirley. Courtesy the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/land_records /3184/land_warrant_applications/387338.
Fort Shirley on the Cultural Landscape
Located in Southern Huntingdon County, Aughwick Creek is a tributary of the Juniata River, providing a travel route through the rugged mountains of Pennsylvania’s Ridge and Valley Province. The land north of present-day Shirleysburg occupies prime agricultural ground on the eastern bank of the Aughwick, where the floodplain is wide along the bend in the creek. A small tributary stream, named Fort Run, joins Aughwick Creek at the northern end of a farmed corn field. The story of Fort Shirley cannot be told without elaborating on the life of its “high profile” founder, George Croghan, who likely had his eye on this land as early as 1747 during his expeditions as a trader. He built a house and trading post here in 1753 after moving from the Cumberland Valley of Maryland. Weiser (1916) writes, “This famous valley heretofore referred to as Aughwick, is described as being in the extreme southern part of Huntingdon County, one of a series of valleys through whose entire length ran the celebrated path from Kittanning to Philadelphia, being the great western highway for footmen and packhorses” (573).

The Evans Map, dated 1749, guided trade and travel from Philadelphia and Lancaster to the central mountains of Pennsylvania (figure 7). Of specific interest is the westward route labeled “new trail” that ends just past Black Log. Croghan’s homestead was off the map to the west. Always pushing the envelope of the western frontier, Croghan states in a letter written to Sir William Johnson dated September 10, 1755, “I Live 30 Miles back of all Inhabitation on ye fronteers...” (Volwiler 1926, 48). By 1755, Croghan was essentially “hiding out” in the back country of the province, since he lost many assets provisioning Braddock’s expedition, in addition to his losses in the Ohio Country during the previous year.
An early map of south-central Pennsylvania was produced by John Armstrong in 1755, and showed the proposed chain of forts to protect the western frontier (Waddell and Bomberger 1996, 18-19). Darlington’s 1882 map was copied from Armstrong’s map on file at the Public Record Office in London. Croghan was commissioned by the Provincial governor to manage the establishment of this line of forts in 1755, and used his existing fort for the defensive location at Aughwick.

The European concept of lines of forts was no doubt influenced by local topography, in that their presence facilitated the movement of goods and people through travel arteries and provided fortified refuges in times of hostility. A similar situation is documented in colonial Massachusetts, wherein a chain of frontier forts traversed a straight line distance of 38 miles over the rough terrain of the northern Berkshires. Coe (2006) writes, “[a]ll construction in them was timber, with no masonry beyond chimneys and chimney bases, and no earthworks” (5). One of Coe’s archaeological case studies was also called Fort Shirley, by the same namesake. Another similarity lies in the pioneering activities of the local leaders and the speculation of “wild lands.”

**Croghan’s Trading Post and Aughwick Oldtown**

To reveal the location of Fort Shirley, it is necessary to understand the cultural and geographical significance of the settled land adjacent to the fort. A substantial settlement, Aughwick Old Town, developed around George Croghan’s homestead, a place where Native Americans and whites conducted trade and found refuge. In a letter dated August 16, 1754, Croghan wrote to the governor of the province that the Half King and his fellow Mingo Seneca people had been staying with him at Aughwick since Washington’s defeat (Hazard 1853, 140-41). In a deposition given on August 27, 1754 on file in The British Public Records Office, some Native American allies of Washington informed a Captain John B. W. Shaw that they were going to “Jemmy Arther” for protection. The reference to Jemmy Arther is likely an early reference to the trading post of Jerhemia Wardner, employer of George Croghan. Having no place to go after losing their village at the Forks of the Ohio, the Half King expected his people to be harbored and protected by the provincial government of Pennsylvania. Croghan pleaded to the governor that he could not provide for this many families alone and
Conrad Weiser visited Croghan's homestead at Aughwick on September 3, 1754 to investigate the situation and reported to Governor Hamilton that Croghan had a plentiful bounty of butter, milk, squash, pumpkins, and ample acres of the best Indian corn he had ever seen. Included in the Pennsylvania Colonial Records, Weiser also reported that “...he had encountered about twenty cabins about Croghan's house, and in them at least 200 Indians, men, women and children...” (149). From announcements regarding runaway slaves near the frontier, we know that Croghan was listed as a contact person for their return. Croghan attracted quite a population with his entourage of partners, employees, servants, slaves, and pack teams, when widespread violence and military actions disrupted his thriving business.

As the political climate was abruptly changing during the time leading up to the French and Indian War, Croghan emerged as a colonial militia leader and the most capable Indian Agent. Croghan scouted for and supplied Braddock's failed expedition during the summer of 1755; in fact, he and his seven scouts made the first engagement with French forces. Had Braddock accepted the help of the Seneca, Mingo, and Oneida warriors rallied by Croghan, the results may have been much different; however, only seven of the 40 warriors that traveled with him from Aughwick took part in the expedition due to Braddock's distrust of them. After Braddock's death and upon returning to his home, Croghan received credible intelligence reports that war parties from Kittanning were planning to attack the frontier from the West. Rather than waiting for provincial funding, Croghan erected a stockade fort at his own expense during the fall of 1755 to protect his stores and the settlement at Aughwick Old Town.

The Fort
A cunning frontiersman, Croghan had no doubt thought out his homestead's defenses, so when the time came to formally fortify his position during the fall of 1755 he likely incorporated existing buildings into the stockade enclosure. He was quite familiar with the fighting tactics of Native American war parties, and was looked to by the provincial government as an expert on fort construction. In addition to his fort at Aughwick, Croghan laid the plans for and oversaw the beginning of the construction of Fort Lyttleton.

The situation at Aughwick was somewhat different from the erection of military forts, as Croghan's fort was built after his cabin and store houses, implying that those structures influenced the positioning of the stockade. He is reported to have completed the construction with the help of his men and local labor. Originally referred to as “Croghan's fort,” it was taken over by provincial forces and renamed “Fort Shirley” in January, 1756. Croghan was commissioned by the Governor as a captain and commanded Fort Shirley for the first three months of 1756 until Captain Mercer assumed command of the garrison of 75 men. In a letter written by Governor Morris to General Shirley, dated February 9, 1756 (and published by in the Pennsylvania Archives in 1853), Hazard writes:

"...about twenty miles northward of Fort Lyttleton, at a place called Aughwick, another fort is erected something larger than Fort Lyttleton, which I have taken the liberty of naming Fort Shirley. This stands near the great path used by the Indians and Indians traders, to and from the Ohio, and consequently the easiest way of access for the Indians into the settlements of this Province (569)."

The fort remained active as a key outpost until its abandonment was ordered by the governor in 1756. Weiser (1916) writes, "We see thus that Fort Shirley during the times of Braddock's disastrous venture was an important post to and from which bodies of armed men under Provincial authority were being constantly
directed...” (573). Due to its advanced location, Colonel Armstrong and his troops set off from Fort Shirley on August 29, 1756, during the Kittanning Expedition in reprisal for the destruction of Fort Granville. As is written in the minutes of the Provincial Council of Pennsylvania, “As Fort Shirley is not easily defended, and their Water may be taken possession of by the Enemy, it running at a Foot of a high bank Eastward of the Fort, and no well Dugg, I am of Opinion, from its remote situation, that it can’t serve the country in the present Circumstances...” (Hazard 32-33).

According to Hunter, “Except that it was a stockade fort and that it was ‘something larger than fort Lyttelton,’ little is definitely known about the structure of this defense” (Hunter 1960, 394). General Forbes described Fort Lyttleton and Fort Louden as measuring 100 feet square; thus providing a minimum size for the stockade of Fort Shirley.

**Using Clues from the Historic Record**

**Court Cases and Deeds**

The ownership of the tract where the fort once stood can be tracked by using deeds and surveys available on the PHMC website and other sources. Croghan was the first owner of the land where the fort stood after the area was opened up for settlement. In fact, he is said to have purchased the Aughwick tract from the Onondaga rather than from the Penn family; and therefore, this transaction was a point of contention with the provincial government.

Ownership of Croghan’s land at Aughwick was contested in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in a case heard in Huntingdon in 1799. In this case John Armstrong’s sons, James and John Jr., were defending their ownership of the land along with Thomas Duncan against John Morgan, the plaintiff (Supreme Court of Pennsylvania 1871, 529-30).

After a visit to the local survey company, Africa Engineers, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, we believe that we have found the map of the survey ordered (if not done by) John Armstrong (figure 2), who had a vested personal interest in the property at Aughwick as he owned the deed to one of the three tracts (also redrawn and reprinted in Africa 1883, 342a).

The parcel appears again in the records when the land is deeded to James Fowley in 1773. Rev. Philip Fithian, who was commissioned to survey the Presbyterian churches scattered about Pennsylvania in 1775, wrote about the fort and his stay at the Fowley’s home. Published by the Huntingdon County Historical Society, he writes in his diary: “We crossed Ofwick (Aughwick) Creek and arrived ...at Mr. Fowley’s who lives within the walls of old Fort Shirley” (No author 1937, 16). Ownership of the parcel is then transferred to Paul Warner in 1776 and recorded by another survey map.

In 1783, an Irish immigrant named Samuel McCammon came to Shirleysburg from Bucks County and bought the tract that included the fort stockade. This is perhaps the most important account of the change of ownership, as Mr. McCammon is reported to have built his house from the round logs of the old fort house (Jordan 1936, 716). From this, we know that the fort stockade was still visible at this time. It is possible that all the usable wood from the stockade and structures was scavenged for use in the construction of cabins and out buildings, leaving only subsurface features and artifacts to reveal the fort’s location. Any mention or surveys after this period would have been done without visual reference to the stockade.

**Written Accounts**

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There are multiple accounts, from both primary sources and historical interpretations, regarding the location of Fort Shirley; and each of these come along with their own specific complications and contradictions. The first account for the location of Fort Shirley after the Colonial Period appeared in a newspaper called The Standing Stone Banner (published 1853-1855) that was edited by J. Simpson Africa and Samuel G. Whitaker. The Banner’s description appeared in the Pennsylvania Archives (Hazard, 458) during the first attempt to locate the frontier forts of Pennsylvania.

In his history of Huntingdon County, Lytle states:

... (I am) indebted to Samuel McVitty, ESQ., formerly of Shirelsburg, now of Clay Township, this county, with reference to the natural surroundings in its immediate vicinity. The site of the fort has been frequently pointed out to him by those who had seen it, and by Isaac Morgan, who claims to have forted in it in his boyhood days. It was a log fort of considerable strength and size, standing on the edge of the plateau, south of the fort run and west of the road entering Shirelsburg from Mount Union (sic) Aughwick was situated about half-way between the fort and Aughwick Creek, where the depot of the East Broad Top Railroad now stands. Mr. McVitty spent many hours of his youthful hours in gathering arrow-heads, stone tomahawks, beads, and musket balls from this historic ground” (Lytle 1875, 64-65).

Africa writes in his history of Huntingdon County:

The fort stockade was located on the left or south bank of Fort Run, about half-way between the Benjamin Leas house and the farm of Nelson Barton, and a little south of a line drawn between the two. The house of Capt. Croghan, who was in command of the fort, stood a little west or southwest of the fort, near a large pine-tree then, and for three-quarters of a century after, standing near where the station of the East Broad Top Railroad now stands” (Africa 341-342).

A report on the frontier forts was published by Weiser, but according to Waddell and Bomberger it was assembled without critical analysis or organization. However, according to Weiser:

The writer, after an inspection of the site found it on an elevated plot of ground, where now stands the Shirelsburg Female Seminary, within the limits of the borough of Shirelsburg and on the east side of it about one-fourth of a mile from Aughwick. A small stream passes southwest through Germany Valley between the spot where the fort was located and the end of Owing’s Hill, and empties into Aughwick Creek” (567-566).

The reference to an “elevated plot of ground” is unclear, as the seminary location is set back from Fort Run and its confluence with Aughwick Creek. The report also states that the fort supposedly stood opposite a high ledge of rocks used for target practice; however, modern highway construction impacted this hillside so that it cannot be used as a reference.

Another historian, Charles Hannah, presents a photo of the field from 1909, labeling it as the field where Fort Shirley Stood (Hannah 1911, 253). The Huntingdon Borough Sesquicentennial publication from 1938 repeated Lytle’s 1875 description of fort while Samuel McVitty recounts of local elders talking about the fort’s size and recalls collecting military and Indian artifacts in the field as a child thus reinforcing an oral account of the fort’s location.
One of the oldest parcel maps documenting the tract where the fort stood is dated November 23, 1762, and was obtained through the Hamilton Library Collection in Carlisle; unfortunately, the fort location is not indicated. Next we have Surveyor General Armstrong’s survey map of the parcel apparently dated 1761; this, was obtained at the local engineering office and it does show a location for the fort. The map indicates that the parcel that includes the fort was deeded to Jeremiah Warder and Company in right of George Croghan. This map was later redrawn for a plate published by Africa (342a).

At first glance, the scale and proportions seemed to be relatively accurate when compared to modern aerial photographs and topographic maps of the site. Therefore, we wanted to check to see if the mapped location of the fort could mark the spot. To evaluate the accuracy of the map we went to the Huntingdon County Mapping Office (figure 8) where we had the map overlaid onto the GIS database (figure 9). While fitting the maps, we discovered that the survey from Carlisle was close to 100 perches too short along one of the survey legs (one perch is equivalent to 16.5 feet). This may explain why there is another survey map dated November 25. While it is a more accurate survey map, the date is difficult to decipher, complicating our understanding of the timeline of events surrounding the surveys and court documents. Using distinct features as control points we attempted to match the survey maps to the modern aerial image. We then re-surveyed the three-mile-long tract using the survey notes to reveal that the boundaries match up best nearest along Aughwick Creek, while distortion and inaccuracy occurs along Owing’s Hill and Fort Run. From the GIS, we know that the symbol used to represent the fort measures 600 by 400 feet, which is much too large to have been drawn to scale. Additionally, the overlay places the fort on the steep hill and in the middle of Route 522, so we know that the placement of both the fort and Fort Run are skewed. The GIS is flexible in the different view options as shown in this figure; with the redrawn parcel boundary over the areal on the left, and the parcel boundary over a hill-shade surface on the right.

Figure 8. On a visit to the Huntingdon County Mapping office the authors worked with local personnel to overlay maps found in the colonial record onto more recent maps. Courtesy Huntingdon County Mapping Department, Huntingdon, PA.
The Need for Archaeology

After reviewing the maps and assembling the written clues, we now need archaeology to confirm or refute the plausible location of Fort Shirley. The presence of a palisade fort and the activities of the troops garrisoned there would produce specific features and distributions of artifacts that should allow the determination of its presence archaeologically. When chosen by Croghan, the location was appealing as a good spot for a homestead rather than defensible ground for a fort. Bearing this in mind, we must consider the fact that the

Figure 9. An outline of the J.S. Africa Map (red) on a modern Shirleysburg (black). Courtesy Huntingdon County Mapping Department, Huntingdon, PA (with assistance from Brian Young, Huntingdon County Mapping Department).
1750s landscape may have been transformed by geomorphologic processes (for example, by flooding, erosion, and stream channel migration) as well as subsequent farming activity. After visual inspection of various air photo series, there are few (if any) apparent effects on the vegetation coverage from subsurface features. At first glance, we are faced with a seemingly featureless cornfield; but by using clues from the written record and the maps, we have targeted up to four localized areas for investigation.

There are no obvious traces of the fort or any other structures from Croghan’s homestead visible on the aerial photographs of the site. Adding to the complications is the fact that old Route 522 could have impacted the fort and village sites. One way to focus the search for a compound structure such as Fort Shirley is to use geophysical prospecting techniques to detect any traces of subsurface features such as foundations, the palisade wall, and the powder magazine. After narrowing our search using the written record, maps, and GIS; a geophysical survey was started in November with the help of Indiana University of Pennsylvania. A site grid has been established and the test blocks have been staked-out using a laser total station; then, ground-penetrating-radar and resistivity equipment were use to collect data during close interval traverses (0.5 or 1.0 m). The geophysical data will be interpreted further to help guide subsequent archaeological testing.

In lieu of professional archaeological excavations, conventional wisdom suggests that the site is somewhere near the Female Seminary or Leas House. In 1984, a frizen and a .30 caliber lead ball were recovered using a metal detector (approximately 20 ft.) directly behind the Leas house (figure 10). This location is nearer the old railroad station mentioned in the latter accounts of the fort, but further from the mapped location suggested by the Armstrong survey. Military and Native American artifacts are rumored to have been collected from this part of the field over the past 100 years or more; but, these accounts should be substantiated with informant interviews.

![Figure 10. A sample of preliminary artifacts uncovered around the presumed site of Fort Shirley.](image)

**Conclusions**
As it fades from recollection and slips into obscurity, it is clear that Fort Shirley’s location north of Shirleysburg will not reveal itself with the passage of time; rather, it is time for informed archaeological
testing to confidently locate this colonial-era stockade. From the historic record, we know that important events transpired at Aughwick between 1753 and 1756 related to George Croghan’s presence there. With Aughwick Oldtown factored in, it is evident that the search for Fort Shirley is complicated by the fact that the location was much more than just a military fort. The historic accounts, with all their contradictions and exaggerations, have taken us as far as possible in this search. In cases like this, it takes archaeology to set the written record straight. Fort Run was the obvious reference for the fort’s location on the survey map; however, we have revealed the limitations of the mapping techniques used 250 years ago. To aid in the search for Fort Shirley, a geophysical survey was conducted by Dr. Beverly Chiarulli (Indiana University of Pennsylvania) using a GSSI Sir 3000 Ground Penetrating Radar Unit with a 400Mhz antenna. The location of the survey block, measuring 20 by 70 meters, was based on the historic map and accounts, and the data were collected at 0.5 meter intervals to detect possible fort-related artifacts and features. Although the results are preliminary, potentially meaningful patterning was evident and will help guide archaeological investigations during upcoming summer fieldwork. The data were processed using a computer program (GPR-SLICE) to provide detailed graphic displays of the survey results. In short, variable microwave velocities indicate zones of reflectivity in the subsurface block. The highest reflective zones likely indicate rock concentrations or other features that may have been associated with the fort. Archaeological excavation, however, is needed to explore these potential cultural features. The survey produced 20 incremental slices to a depth of one meter (figure 11). The combination of all 20 slices (figure 12) resulted in a detailed view of the spatial data, making the patterns of subsurface anomalies more visible. Dr. Chiarulli pointed out at least two geometric anomalies of interest in the survey block, which will be explored in future excavation as possible cultural features.
Figure 11. Twenty GPR slices in 4 ns 50% overlapping views. The surface slice is found on the upper left while the deepest slice is on the lower right. Courtesy Dr. Beverly Chiarulli, Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Figure 12. The combination of all twenty GPR slices collected by Dr.
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Sheet Music as an Indicator of Material Culture (Economics)

A Case Study of the Barr Dry Goods Store in St. Louis, and the Collection of Ida Burrough Coit, Cape Girardeau

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Introduction
During the nineteenth century, music printing, like book printing, increased due to the introduction of steam power. Annual sheet-music production rose from 600 titles in the 1820s to 5,000 in the early 1850s (Cornelius 2004, 18-20). Boston publisher Oliver Ditson had an inventory of 33,000 piano pieces; by the 1870s this had increased to 200,000 (Blumhofer 2005, 151).

People of means purchased pianos and other instruments, and collected music (solo piano music, songs for voice and piano). Those buying pianos began using installment credit in 1854 (Lynn 1957, 420). In 1866, Americans purchased 25,000 new pianos at a total cost of $15 million. Production increased each year, and by 1890, 232,000 pianos were manufactured in the United States (No author n.d.[a]). Many hired printers to bind their music together subsequent to their purchases. Some even numbered the pages of the entire “book.” The University of North Texas Libraries, like those of Library of Congress, Eastman School of Music, Indiana University, and others, have collected and accessed these various “binder’s collections” (figure 1).
In this paper I will outline the regional influence in southeastern Missouri of the Burrough family. I will describe the component parts of one specific binder’s collection (that of Ida Burrough Coit), a separate collection in St. Louis surveyed for this study, and the companies that advertised on sheet music and other communicative venues. I will also chart the materials advertised and discuss their material-cultural values.

**Music and Music Collectors**

Although several genres of music are represented in binder’s collections, most are the popular music of the period, fantasies or variations on known opera themes, minstrel songs and tunes, and other dance forms, such as polkas, quadrilles, waltzes, and schottisches. Genteel women learned the basics of piano playing, and practiced and performed these pieces in their homes. It was thought at the time that women could not absorb the abstract content of the higher musical genres, such as sonatas and symphonies, either as composers or performers. Sheet-music production in the United States reached its pinnacle in the 1890s and early decade of the 1900s. At that time, local department stores would hire a pianist, often a young female, to play these popular songs.

**Ida Burrough Coit**

Jacob H. Burrough (1827–1883), an attorney from Cape Girardeau, Missouri, was on the first board of
regents for what is now Southeast Missouri State University. His daughter, Rachel Ida, was born in 1858 (age 12 at the time of the 1870 census), performed at that college’s inauguration, and collected piano music. Her brother, Frank E. Burrough (1865-1903), was a prominent prosecutor in the area in the late nineteenth century.

The genesis of what became Southeast Missouri State University occurred in St. Louis, on October 28, 1873. A board determined that a school should be established in Cape Girardeau, and appointed Jacob Burrough to the executive committee of the Missouri Normal School (Cape Girardeau), the third such college in Missouri. On June 25, 1874, a public program to inaugurate the college was held in Turner's Hall; this program included music, oration, and the reading of essays (Douglass 1912, 424-25). Following a chorus, an oration by Alex. H. Miller, and an essay by Belle Green came music presented as a duet by Ida Burrough and Mary Ross (figure 2). They sang “In the Starlight,” most likely composed by Stephen Glover around 1860 (Glover 1860a, 1860b). Later in the program was an untitled instrumental duet by Ida Burrough and her sister, Emma (born 1862). A short time later, Ida read an essay on Mary, Queen of Scots. In spring of 1875, Ida Burrough was among the first students to complete the elementary course, a series of classes from various disciplines: geography, composition, vocal music, and philosophy, to name a few.

![Figure 2. Ida Burrough Coit, 1880s. Private collection.](image-url)
On February 25, 1886, Ida Burrough married John Clinton Coit (1858-1941), in Denton, Texas (see figure 3). The son of John Taylor Coit (1829-1872), John C. Coit was born December 25, 1858, in Cheraw, South Carolina. In 1859 J.T. Coit left South Carolina for Texas, and settled a 320 acre homestead on what is now the Dallas/Collin County line. John C. Coit attended Austin College in Sherman, Texas, and after his marriage to Ida, spent most of his life in Denton, in banking and real estate (Dallas County Pioneer Association, Stories).

Collections surveyed in the study are the Coit collection at the University of North Texas, and the Supplementary Sheet music collection of Washington University, St. Louis. The Coit collection consists of 42 pieces collected by Ida Burrough Coit. Several pieces, compliments of William Barr Dry Goods Store, St. Louis, included its catalog of nonmusical merchandise on the back cover. Their advertising forms the nucleus of this study of 19th century material culture as communicated on sheet-music covers.

Advertising on Sheet Music
The first perspective one may gain from viewing this sheet music is the relative place in society occupied by Barr Dry Goods Company. William Barr founded his business in 1849 (No author n.d.[b]). They describe themselves as the people “who keep the largest stock and make the lowest prices in the west” (Freeman 1884). The population of the United States during this time was 50,189,209. The center of population was a few miles southwest of Cincinnati, Ohio, in Kentucky (U.S. Census Bureau). The address for the Wm. Barr Dry Goods Co., as listed on several title pages of this music, was Sixth and Olive, to Locust, St. Louis, only blocks from what we know today as Gateway Arch.

As previously noted, the sample for this study includes three scores from the University of North Texas Music Library, and sixteen from the Music Library of Washington University in St. Louis. All music examined was published and sold during the 1870s and 1880s. Some advertisements included patent dates in the mid-
1880s. Forty-six different companies are represented in this sample by 242 separate advertisements, most from the textile industry, with others from cosmetics, food, and household items (Table 1).

**Table 1. Industries listed in sampled sheet music.**

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<td>Cosmetics: cologne, freckle lotion, soap, dental care, hair restoration</td>
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<td>Decorations: lamps, interior</td>
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Some of the concerns in the era were similar to those of today – outward appearance, anatomical silhouette, and hair loss. Other advertisements reflect the weather of the region and time, with a definite winter season occurring annually. In one title, Enoch Morgan had an entire page of narrations, similar to a comic strip, all to sell their soap product, Sapolo. The top six specific advertisers were: Star shirts, J&P Coats, silks from Briggs & Company, interior decorations from Arabesque Hollands, linens from Gilbert, and underwear from Star (Tables 2-3).

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Parallels to material culture of today can be seen, particularly in the cosmetics (figure 4). Sozodont renders teeth pearly white. H.W. Taylor uses pure vegetable oil for hair restoration. Professor Byrne sold genuine Florida water. There was also a sense of self-sufficiency required for living on the frontier. Thus, Gilbert Manufacturing Company sold patterns that could be sewn by those living in what was called “the west.”

Barr was not alone in this method of advertising (figure 5). Stine’s Department Store in Chicago issued a store directory on the back page of their Dime Series Popular Music (Wrighton 1878).
Conclusion
A large amount of knowledge about material culture may be gleaned from artifacts of artistic expression: music, film, paintings, sculpture. Two of my colleagues have shown how much research can be performed on our cultural heritage. Garth Tardy of the University of Missouri, Kansas City, has cataloged music, with colorful pictorial art on the title pages and sheet music covers. These include animals, landscapes, artifacts (such as clothing), and various other concepts (extra-terrestrials, war, nature) (Tardy 2009). Patrick Loughney, formerly the head of the Moving Image Section of the Library of Congress, and now chief of the Library’s Packard Campus for Audio-Visual Conservation in Culpeper, Virginia, noted that early films of Thomas Edison are being examined not only by film enthusiasts, but by scholars in various disciplines – sociology and history (Museum of Modern Art, Library of Congress 2005). Like the sheet music and printed materials of the time, the films present a record of culture during the early 20th century, such as lifestyles, attires, buildings that no longer exist, and technology used at the time, such as horse-drawn fire engines. There is room for more research into American culture of the late nineteenth and early 20th centuries through its music, art, and media materials.

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The Baroque Parapet: Cultural Diffusion and the Sense of Place in the American Southwest

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This paper traces, through the twin processes of diffusion and simplification, how the baroque parapet with a curvilinear or stepped gable devolved from the high-style rococo-baroque cathedrals of late seventeenth- and mid-eighteenth-century Spain (image on the left in figure 1) to simplified, minimal vernacular baroque parapets, which characterized the nineteenth-century American Southwest (upper right image in figure 1; figure 2). Early twentieth-century revival styles reinvigorated use of the baroque parapet. At the same time, in the context of popular architectural fashion, the Southwest-style baroque parapet migrated northward throughout ranching country, where it is sometimes referred to as “cowtown baroque” (lower left image in figure 1).

In Spain baroque architectural expression reached an emotional peak in the hands of the Churriguera family between 1680 and 1760, where it was characterized by extravagant, intricate foliated sculptural surface decoration known as “Churrigueresque.” In figure 1 we see one of the finest Spanish examples of the style, the Santiago de Compostela Cathedral. For purposes of this paper, however, we are more interested in the morphological characteristics of the Spanish baroque parapet than in the decorative details. The Iglesia Castrense de Madrid provides an example of an uncluttered baroque parapet and central gable for examination (figure 3). The gable is curvilinear and, in this instance, contains a bell niche. Another common feature of the baroque parapet is that it terminates at the building corners with some sort of elevated architectural detail. In this example, pedestals, comprising extensions of corner pilasters, support urns.
When the cathedral or church lacks a bell tower, a bell screen is usually integrated into the parapet gable. Such an integrated parapet facade is called an espadaña. In the baroque idiom it is usually curved, often in a stepped or tiered manner and has one or more bell niches (figure 4). Another common parapet feature comprises projecting corner ornaments, which take a variety of forms from simple finials or urns to small shoulders, pedestals, pillars, cones, turrets, or corner crenellations (merlones) (figure 5).

The late 1600s saw the Churrigueresque rococo-baroque style take root in Mexico (figure 6). However, Churrigueresque base-relief ornamentation began to lose favor in the latter part of the eighteenth century. This decline in use of intricate base-relief exterior wall surfaces can be viewed as the first step in design simplification. Mexican church builders turned to using flat stucco exterior wall surfaces. They nevertheless continued to adhere to the morphological basics of baroque design while incorporating Native American and Moorish decorative elements. Mexican churches became even more aesthetically florid and colorful than in Spain. This stylistic tradition has continued into the present, and is often referred to as “Mexican baroque” (figure 7). The parapet gable frequently contains one or more statuary niches, perhaps a circular decorative feature, and, sometimes, a belfry or bell screen (figure 8). Finally, a series of finials, urns, pinnacles or similar raised objects usually stand upon the parapet cap (figure 9).

Although not part of the actual parapet, we should also take note of the choir window in the central facade of Mexican baroque churches of the colonial period. The choir window, located along the central vertical axis of the façade, took one of several shapes. Three designs, an oval; a hexagon, sometimes attenuated; and a lobed floral mouth (figure 10), shaped as a combined quatrefoil and star (Pierson 1976, 197), once reformatted and relocated into the parapet gable, became important features in the early twentieth-century development of the baroque parapet gable in the American West.
Just as the Church was the instrument by which baroque architectural design was carried from Spain to Mexico, events played out in similar fashion in what was to become the American Southwest. The priests who supervised the construction of mission churches in New Mexico, West Texas, Arizona, and California brought with them mental images of baroque design, but by necessity, they needed to rely upon local Indian habits of construction. Except in California, most of the earliest mission churches have not survived, but there is evidence that second and third generation churches built in the eighteenth and the nineteenth centuries usually emulated if not imitated the morphology of their predecessors.

The Franciscans established a mission at Tesuque Pueblo, New Mexico, in 1598. The mission church depicted in figure 11 was built before 1750, replacing an earlier church, but collapsed in 1880. It possessed a stepped parapet gable situated between twin bell towers. Although exceedingly simple, its execution remained true to the baroque parameters of its progenitors. The replacement church, constructed in the 1880s, lacks bell towers, but has a bell screen embedded in the shallowly stepped and rounded central gable, the motif called an espadaña (figure 12). Both parapet gable examples are elemental offspring of baroque progenitors.

The next example, also from New Mexico, is the Sta. Clara Pueblo church, built in 1758 to replace an earlier structure (figure 13). This photo was taken in 1899, six years before the church collapsed under the weight of a new roof. It had a central espadaña, and, instead of church towers, corner pinnacles. It is a clear vernacular expression of folk simplification.
The mission church at San Ildefonso Pueblo, New Mexico also illustrates design continuity in successor churches (figure 14). Churrigueresque decorative elements gained only a minimal foothold among the missions of Mexico’s northern frontier. The two best examples are the San Jose mission church outside San Antonio, Texas, built in 1768 (figure 15), and San Xavier de Bac, erected in the 1790s near Tucson, Arizona (figure 16).

Other examples of Spanish missions incorporating elements of baroque central gable and parapet design for New Mexico, Texas, and California are illustrated in figures 17, 18 and 19 respectively. Unique to California were the use of bell walls or campaniles. Two examples, Mission Santa Ines and San Juan Bautista, are included in figure 19. Also note in figure 19 that the choir window of the Mission San Carlos Borromeo provides an example of the lobed floral mouth motif.
Even after the Southwest territories and California, were acquired by the United States, many local churches continued to be designed utilizing a simplified baroque idiom in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Commonly use of a bell screen was dispensed with in favor of a curvilinear parapet gable, which in Texas is frequently called an “alamo parapet” (figure 20). Another development was the reconfiguring of the attenuated hexagonal and lobed floral mouth choir window into a quatrefoil design. An example is seen below the statuary niche of the Doña Ana church, upper right in figure 20, erected in Las Cruces, New Mexico, around 1850.

In figure 21 we see a chapel in Terlingua, Texas, in which the architectural form is so basic that the Spanish baroque idiom is evoked only by a belfry minimally curvilinear in form.

The baroque parapet roof profile was not limited to religious structures. During the nineteenth century, it also appeared, in vernacular form, on secular buildings. A *cantina* since 1934, El Patio is one of the most historic buildings in La Mesilla, New Mexico. This adobe structure was erected in 1854, and between 1858 and 1860 housed the local headquarters of the Butterfield Overland Stage Company, which operated a stage route between St. Louis and San Francisco (figure 22). The parapet, with its rounded faux bell screen and corner crenellations, is designed in the tradition of an *espadaña*, but here is expressed as a simple vernacularized folk baroque parapet.

Even the historic plaque on the cantina wall emulates a common baroque choir window form (figure 23). Use of a symbolic bell screen on a secular building is unusual before the Mission style emerged early in the twentieth century. Although this building dates to the mid-nineteenth century, the espadaña motif may be a later contrivance.
Other examples of nineteenth-century secular buildings bearing vernacular baroque parapets are illustrated in figure 24. The Kit Carson adobe (built in 1825), lower left (figure 24) as illustrated in an early twentieth-century postcard, features a shallow curvilinear parapet. (The parapet has subsequently been modified by the U.S. Park Service into an even gentler set of steps than portrayed in the above illustration.) Conversely, the Castroville building retains corner pillars but utilizes a raking angle capped by a flat apex to the parapet, and the O. K. Corral employs only a simple flat-stepped parapet. In Europe the use of flat-stepped parapets predates the emergence of the baroque style, however, in the Southwest it can be interpreted as a vernacular or folk remnant of the baroque architectural idiom. In a number of cultural traditions the circle symbolizes perfection and the square, in turn, stands in as a simplification of the circle. Similarly, in the Southwest, in the process of folk simplification, a square-stepped parapet, with its greater ease of construction, frequently has been substituted for a baroque curvilinear stepped parapet.

These examples attest that in the frontier Southwest the high-style baroque gable and parapet of Spain and the Mexican heartland was vernacularized and reduced to the simplest expressions of its elemental forms, what we might term, “folk baroque.” The rounded or stepped roof profiles stand in strong contrast to the peaked gables characteristic of Anglo material culture traditions in much of the United States, and, together with flat-roof ranch and pueblo style buildings, they convey to the Southwest a distinct sense of place.

However, this is not the end of the story. When the colonial revival movement swept into architectural fashion in the United States beginning in the 1890s, the region stretching from California to West Texas turned to its own distinct colonial past and developed a style loosely based on provincial baroque frontier mission architecture. Shepley, Rutan and Coolidge’s design for Stanford University (1887-1891) is generally regarded as the starting point for the Mission Revival style, although it was blended with strong doses of Richardsonian Romanesque. Richardsonian influences were dispensed with in the design and construction of the Casteñada (1898), one of the first of the Harvey House railroad hotels. Its design was loosely based “on a provincial extension of the Spanish baroque culture” (Henry 1993, 141; figure 25).
With its curvilinear stepped central gable, the Owls Club mansion erected in Tucson, Arizona in 1901-2 is very much an ambitious example of the new Mission style, and even features a faux Churrigueresque *retablo* frontispiece (figure 26). Initially, large homes predominated, and established the parameters of the Mission style (figure 27).

Three window and niche configurations became emblematic of the style, the quatrefoil, the bell niche, and the circle (figures 28, 29, and 30). A three-bell triangle motif became particularly popular.

The Mission and closely related Spanish and Mediterranean styles quickly filtered down the social scale to middle class housing, once again revealing a process of morphological simplification. The examples are from Arizona and California (figure 31). They display a diversity of gable configurations, but all have “corner bump-ups” emulating the pedestals and crenellations of the past.

During the early twentieth century, the baroque parapet also was used extensively in commercial and public
architecture executed in the Mission or other related styles. It lends a degree of architectural interest and even monumentality to these buildings. In the Southwest the baroque parapet continues to be utilized to the present day because it is associated with the regional cultural landscape and sense of place.

Figures 31 and 32.

Figure 32 provides glimpses of Mission-baroque style stores and theaters in Silver City, New Mexico, and Marfa, Texas. The theater in Silver Springs has two baroque parapets superimposed upon an otherwise neo-pueblo style building, while the theater in Marfa flavors the baroque parapet with an Art Deco zest. The Brite Building in Marfa, Texas, illustrated upper-center in figure 33, is in a Pueblo-Deco style, but is capped by a stylized stepped parapet, which in the Southwest can be attributed to the regional Spanish baroque tradition.

Figures 33 and 34.

The railroads played an early and important roll in popularizing the Mission style and its Spanish baroque mannerisms (figure 34). Many of the Harvey House railroad hotels, in addition to the aforementioned Casteñada, were designed in the Mission style. Among these was the famous Alvarado Hotel in Albuquerque, demolished in the 1970s, seen lower right in figure 35. The arched central gable has been preserved in the Albuquerque Museum.

Some hotels like the Trost and Trost-designed El Paisano (1930) in Marfa reached back to the more complex Churrigueresque baroque designs of the Mexican heartland for their inspiration (see figure 35). Another Trost and Trost hotel, The Gage (1927) in Marathon, Texas (figure 36), is conceptually subtle in its stylistic allegiance, but the faux statuary niche in the rounded parapet gable makes its case (figure 37). Many public buildings such as courthouses (figure 38) and schools (figure 39) constructed during the early decades of the twentieth century also utilized the Mission style. Banks, office buildings, libraries, warehouses, and gas stations also were designed in the Mission baroque style.
Is the Mission style with the baroque gable and parapet confined to the Southwest (and Florida)? No. But, elsewhere in the U.S. its appearance is as an exotic, with one regional exception. Wherever cattle ranching spread, to the High Plains, the Black Hills, and the Rocky Mountains, a sense of attachment to cowboy culture took root and was mythologized. The main streets of nineteenth-century western frontier towns were originally populated by false-front structures. If these buildings possessed any stylistic details, it was Italianate bracketed cornices, not Spanish baroque parapets.

The twentieth century, however, saw the main streets of this region enthusiastically embrace Mission-style facades as iconic statements of their Western ranching heritage. Just as Spanish baroque parapets had long been associated with Hispanic folk culture in the Southwest, at the beginning of the twentieth century, they were embraced within the popular culture of Western ranching country (Henry, 148). To quote Carla Davidson, writing about turn of the twentieth century Fort Worth, Texas, and its association with historic cattle drives, “flaunting a style variously called Cowtown Baroque, Mission, or Spanish Revival, all these buildings have a presence and an aura that goes beyond their homely functions. Their parapets, bell towers,
cupolas, shaded verandas, red tile roofs, and graceful railings, their height and breadth and airy interior spaces, seem to express perfectly the pride that drove Fort Worth at just that time and place” (Davidson 1990).

It might be argued that Fort Worth, self-labeled as “Cowtown, U.S.A.,” is the nexus through which Southwestern Spanish baroque was recast as “cowtown baroque” (figure 40). The earliest structure built to facilitate the Fort Worth stockyards was the Livestock Exchange, erected in 1902 in the Mission-Revival style. The symbolic linkage between Spanish baroque architecture and cowboy culture was achieved by the placing of a Texas longhorn bust in the Mission-style baroque gable over the entry to the Fort Worth Live Stock Exchange building (figure 41).

Figures 40 and 41.

Some commercial examples of Mission style or Cowtown Baroque in the American West lying outside the true Southwest are illustrated in figures 42, 43, and 44. In several instances the only feature suggesting a derivative relationship from a regional baroque heritage is a stepped parapet. In figure 43 the two commercial buildings with their angular parapet profiles probably have less of a derivative relationship to Mission Revival than to late nineteenth-century folk baroque. The Elk Canyon Downtown Pub and Grill, illustrated lower center in figure 44, captures the expedient fabricated appearance of a late twentieth-century cowtown-baroque facade. The roofline comprises a simple one-step parapet, while the commercial sign is formulated as a curved central gable. In a real sense what we are seeing here is faux baroque.

Figures 42 and 43.
Homes were also designed and built in the Mission-Revival style throughout the rangelands during the early decades of the twentieth century. The Triangle Ranch farmhouse in Jackson County, South Dakota, which replaced the original log cabin homestead, is exemplary. Basically a foursquare built in 1922, it is the Alhambra model from a 1917 Sears catalog. It came with an accompanying bunkhouse, originally a garage, also in the Mission-Revival style (figure 45). Even the circular vent in the bunkhouse gable is derived from the Spanish baroque vocabulary.

Two other examples are taken from Durango, Colorado, a Mission-Revival design making sophisticated use of statuary niches (figure 46), and from Buffalo, South Dakota, possessed of a fine baroque parapet complemented by simple recessed diamond panels (figure 47).

Some ancillary architectural and landscape features also acknowledge the Southwest’s baroque heritage. Window voids occasionally ape the outline of a baroque parapet (figure 48). Or, as with the Elk Canyon Pub and Grill, signage may emulate the curvilinear profile of a baroque parapet (figures 44 and 49). In California state historic markers use the baroque profile, as is also the case with some highway signs in New Mexico (figure 50). Finally, it would be difficult to overlook that the baroque parapet gable with bell screen has been appropriated as a franchise logo by Taco Bell (figure 51).
Summation

In tracing the journey of the baroque parapet and gable from seventeenth-century Spain through Mexico to the American Southwest and the broader regional sphere of cattle country, we can observe the playing out of two cultural processes, vernacularization and simplification in architectural practice. Churrigueresque, an elaborately decorative version of rococo baroque church architecture, was carried from Spain to Mexico during the second half of the seventeenth century. The first step in simplification was one of façade ornamentation. By the late eighteenth century, the use of Churrigueresque façade detailing was in decline in Mexico, replaced in preference by smooth stucco or tile walls. The sophistication of construction and the baroque façade profile of the earlier churches, however, were both retained.

With few exceptions the mission churches established on the northern frontier were more rudimentary in
scale and construction and features like the bell towers, espadañas, parapet crenellations and pinnacles were more crudely executed than in Mexico’s heartland. Only in a few instances was Churrigueresque appliqué employed on a mission church exterior, and in those instances was limited to the retablo area of the façade. In the urban villages of the nineteenth-century Southwest, simple baroque-derived but vernacularly expressed stepped or curved parapets made the transition to secular buildings.

The Southwest, including California, is a transition zone between two culture regions, Hispanic and American. Historically it has been a zone of cultural encroachment of the latter upon the former, although initially nineteenth-century American immigrants to the Southwest found that their material culture was, in many ways, maladaptive to the arid environment. Consequently, many American landholders learned the ways of cattle ranching from their Hispanic neighbors. In architectural terms a slow symbiosis unfolded during the second half of the nineteenth century, giving rise to the “Territorial style,” encompassing climatically preadapted Hispanic building practices with American stylistic flourishes.

When the colonial revival architectural fashion swept the United States at the turn of the twentieth century, Americans living in the Southwest found romantic inspiration in the region’s Hispanic past. The baroque architectural idiom was resurrected from its vernacular slumber with the emergence of the Mission-revival style. Given impetus by high-style designs for railroad stations and hotels, and a variety of public and commercial buildings, the Mission style quickly became a fashionable choice for the homes of upper class Anglo-American and Hispanic citizens (figure 52). The Mission style and the baroque idiom soon permeated down to middle class dwellings, main-street commercial establishments, and as travel by automobile grew, to the motels and gas stations of the Southwest.

During the decades preceding World War II, examples of the Mission style, with its baroque gable and parapet, materialized here and there throughout the country as exotic architectural expressions, but throughout the American West, beyond the Southwest itself, wherever the cattle industry was part of the local heritage, the mission style was embraced in the twentieth century as part of that heritage. And in truth, both Spanish baroque architectural forms and the cowboy cattle-ranching complex are Hispanic cultural intrusions within the American cultural fabric (Jordan 1993). So-called “cowtown baroque” ranges from self-conscious curvilinear gables in the tradition of Hispanic churches and missions to the more vernacular stepped gables derived from nineteenth-century secular folk-baroque buildings of the Southwest.

Finally, from World War II until the present, the baroque parapet and gable has often been simplified to a vernacular mannerism, to a profile, utilized as little more than a billboard or a token acknowledgement of regionalism and a romanticized past.
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The National Park Service: Federal Partner in National Heritage Area Interorganizational Domains

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Introduction
Increasingly, sustainable tourism finds strength and longevity in the tourism partnerships that occur on a local, state, or regional level. Community leaders, managers, policy makers, and stakeholders view tourism partnerships as a means of leveraging both monetary and human resources to address the uncertainty and turbulence brought about by economic constraints, globalization, and population attrition. Additionally, tourism partnerships play a vital role in the conservation and preservation of significant cultural, natural, and historical landscapes (Barrett, 2003; Daly, 2003; Eugster, 2003; Gunn, 1994; Jamal and Getz, 1995; Selin and Chavez, 1995; Vincent and Whiteman, 2004).

The concept of tourism partnerships as a vehicle for conservation has evolved, both internationally and within the United States, beyond the traditional concept of protected areas as exclusively nature-based to not only encompass the human presence, but also acknowledge the interdependence between man and the environment (Judd, 2003; Minteer and Manning, 2003; Mitchell, 2003; Phillips, 2003; Stowkowski, 2003; Vivanco, 2003). While stakeholders value an area’s cultural, historical, or natural aesthetics, tourism provides the economic value and often the impetus for cross-sectoral cooperation and involvement (Gunn, 1994; Selin and Chavez, 1994). Such management models are found in the United Kingdom’s national parks, France’s regional parks, and other protected areas throughout the world. In the United States, National Heritage Areas (NHAs) symbolize these new trends in policy and theory.

Since 1984, Congress has recognized 49 NHAs while numerous other areas seek designation. Meanwhile, increasing public scrutiny parallels the program’s rapid growth and calls for a thorough knowledge of NHA as interorganizational partnerships. Park planners, managers, policy-makers and stakeholders must be equipped with a comprehensive understanding of the interorganizational dynamics of NHAs in order to make efficient and effective management, partnership and policy decisions. Additionally, although each NHA is inherently unique, they share the commonality of some level of partnership with the National Park Service. This study explores the role of the National Park Service as a federal partner over time as NHAs evolved as interorganizational domains.

Methodology
Literature from management sciences and partnership theory was used to create an a priori model of the evolutionary stages of NHAs as interorganizational domains (i.e. Gray, 1985; Waddock, 1989; Long and Arnold, 1995; Selin and Chavez, 1995; Caffyn, 2000; Wondolleck and Yaffee, 2000). An emergent model was then elaborated and specified using data from case study analysis (Yin, 2003) of the developmental histories of five NHAs: the Illinois and Michigan National Heritage Corridor, designated in 1984; the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, designated in 1988; the National Coal Heritage Area, designated in 1996; the Shenandoah Battlefields National Historic District, designated in 1996; and the Lackawanna Heritage Valley National Heritage Area, designated in 2000. The sites were selected using purposeful sampling to represent a variety of management structures, years in existence, geographic location, and willingness to participate in the study.
Research took place between November, 2006 and January, 2007. A data triangulation method was employed to collect multiple sources of data to control for biases caused by the researcher being the sole observer (Patton, 2002). Data sources for each case study included semi-structured interviews with key stakeholders; enabling legislation; Management Plans; administrative documents (by-laws, meeting minutes, letters, annual reports, brochures, publications); NPS research, reports and documents; and press clippings. Individuals with a rich knowledge of a particular NHA’s interorganizational evolution and partnerships over time were selected using purposeful sampling (Patton, 2002). Beginning with the current Executive Director of each NHA, the researcher then identified and located other current or former personnel, political advisors, board members, or stakeholders. Interview participants were selected based upon their willingness to participate in the study and their ability to offer an historic perspective of the site’s evolution. Additionally, care was taken to identify negative cases, where interviewees were sought based on their ability to provide alternative perspectives or opinions for a more credible and holistic view of the NHA’s evolution (Patton, 2002).

Content analysis identified patterns, or themes, within the participants’ responses about the NPS role as a federal partner within the NHA domain and were categorized topically under the broad headings of “NPS Regional Office as Catalyst” and “NPS as Local Partner.” It is important to note that, although the NPS is involved with the NHA program on many levels (such as serving as the conduit through which NHA funds flow), their partner relations occur on two levels: with the regional office and with local NPS units.

**Illustrating the NPS Role as Federal Partner**

The role of the National Park Service as federal partner changes over time. The NPS regional office is heavily involved during the NHA’s initial phases and then diminishes as the NHA matures. Local NPS units are less likely to be involved during initial phases but become more involved as the NHA matures. Figure 1 illustrates the evolutionary stages NHA’s pass through as interorganizational domains and how the role of the NPS as a NHA federal partner change over time. As seen in figure 1, the role of the NPS changes over time. The NPS regional office is heavily involved in the early stages of each NHA’s interorganizational development; however, its role as catalyst is temporary and the partnership shifts to include local NPS entities as project partners as the NHA matures and becomes a stand-alone, institution.

Model of NHA Interorganizational Domain Development and Role of the NPS as Federal Partner
It is important to note that the role of the regional office does not completely diminish and may experience periods of resurgence. For example, in the case of the I&M Canal National Heritage Corridor, the NPS regional office’s role changed minimally over time since the Commission was staffed with NPS employees; however, the new management authority, the Canal Corridor Association, is currently involved in writing its updated management plan and is working closely with the NPS mid-western office for guidance and technical assistance.

**NPS Regional Office as Catalyst**

Early in an NHA’s existence, the NPS role as an NHA partner focuses on providing information, advice, recognition, technical assistance and planning. The partnership occurs between the NHA and its respective regional NPS office and serves to lay the groundwork for the NHA’s future. During an NHA’s initial planning process, the NPS regional office helps develop the vision, relationships, and workable plan for a successful future (DiBello, 2003; Vincent and Whiteman, 2004). Research participants describe the NPS as being heavily involved in the beginning of the NHA’s formation. One research participant described the regional office as “critical” during the NHA’s initial stages.

As a NHA matures and evolves, the relationship with the regional office diminishes. Congress expects NHAs to become self-sufficient over time and the NPS role as “catalyst” is considered temporary (Tuxill and Mitchell, 2001, 11; Vincent and Whiteman, 2004, 7). Research participants describe contact with the regional office as transitioning from occurring frequently to on an as-needed basis. One interviewee stated, “they’re not as accessible and they’re not as engaged as they once were;” however, this is not viewed negatively since research participants view their NHAs as having “weaned” themselves from the high level of assistance required during the organizing phase. Another explained, “we’ve really sort of become a stand-alone entity.” Hence, while the partnership does not dissolve, NHA’s dependency upon the NPS regional office for planning and technical support decreases.

**The NPS as Local Partner**
Content analysis of the participants’ responses revealed that, as the NHA matures, the partnership with the NPS regional office declines, but the partnership shifts to local NPS units (if any) and becomes more project-oriented. The relationship between the NPS and NHA becomes more centered on the local level.

This role shift or refinement usually occurs after the NHA’s Organizing Phase. One interview participant stated, “[...] in the planning process [the NPS staff person] was very, very effective;” however, as the NHA began implementing projects, the relationship waned.

As stated in the literature, constantly refining partners in response to new environmental factors is a key to successful partnerships (Gray, 1985; Waddock, 1989; Selin and Chavez, 1995). Moreover, as the NHA reaches the Institutionalizing Phase, its credibility within the community is established; hence, it is positioned to form new partnerships and assume different roles (Gray). One interviewee explained, “They own a little bit of land [locally...] and the Park Service is intimately involved with that part [...]”

Local NPS units are more likely to realize interdependence with the formally organized NHA and both organizations perceive mutual benefits from the relationship (Gray, 1985; Waddock, 1989). One research participant explained that the NHA had become a local source of expertise: “[The NHA] has been involved with the National Park Service in setting up the [new local NPS unit]. We have a place at the table on that advisory committee.” Thus, the NPS role as partner shifts from one of guidance from the regional office to become one of project partner on a community level as the NHA evolves.

**Findings**

The research suggests that the role of the NPS as a federal partner changes over time as the NHA matures, but also elucidates the details of the transformation. The NPS regional office is heavily involved in the early stages of the NHA’s interorganizational development. The NPS regional office serves as a partner as the NHA develops its vision, relationships, and management plan (DiBello, 2003). Research participants described the NPS as being heavily involved during the NHA’s organizing stage. Subsequently, as the domain moves forward through its evolution, the partnership with the regional office declines. Congress envisioned the regional office’s role to be one of a catalyst to assist NHAs to plan and organize (Hill, 2004; Vincent and Whiteman, 2004) and that vision is reflected by the research participants who stated that the relationship, although intense in the beginning, waned as NHAs matured and no longer needed the level of guidance and assistance required during their organizing phase.

As NHAs mature and move through the redirecting stage, renewal or reorganization may cast the NHA into a new organizing phase; hence, the relationship with the regional office may rekindle and intensify. For example, when the I&M Canal National Heritage Corridor was reauthorized with a new management authority, the NPS regional office resumed its role of providing technical assistance and planning as the new management entity began a fresh cycle of developmental evolution. Hence, although the role of the NPS regional office diminishes over time, the relationship is iterative and does not completely dissolve. It remains available to provide assistance should the need arise.

In addition, the findings suggest that as the NHA gains credibility on the local level and becomes a stand-alone institution, partnership opportunities with local NPS units increase. The NHA may serve on a local NPS unit’s advisory board, offer technical assistance or expertise, or provide funding for projects and programs.

Hence, the role of the NPS shifts from one of heavy involvement from the NPS regional office during the
early stages of NHA interorganizational development to one of local partner as local NPS units become more involved as the NHA matures and institutionalizes.

Limitations of the Research
This research project focused on five NHAs’ evolution as interorganizational domains and the role of the NPS as federal partner. Because only five NHAs were analyzed, the results of this research cannot be generalized with precision to represent all NHAs. Additionally, the rapid growth of the NHA movement and the newness of the NHA initiative make these findings more difficult to generalize to all NHAs since the initiative itself continues to evolve and change.

Although care was taken to select a variety of participants and viewpoints, respondents may have provided “inflated” depictions of their NHAs evolution, either out of bias or vested interest. The results are further limited by the researcher’s ability to accurately interpret and analyze them and could be subject to other interpretations.

Management and Policy Implications
The findings from this research project suggested that NHAs as interorganizational domains exist within an inherently fragile environment and are subject to a variety of turning points and environmental forces (Gray, 1985; Waddock, 1989; Selin and Chavez, 1995). The research also begins to identify characteristics within each stage of interorganizational development and to analyze the role of the NPS as a federal partner over time.

The NHA model of interorganizational domain development and role of the NPS as federal partner imply that the characteristics of the evolutionary stages are identifiable and, therefore, manageable. Equipped with an understanding of the processes and forces effecting their NHA’s development, decision-makers are empowered to be adaptive and pro-active in the evolution of the domain. Rather than responding reactively to the circumstances and forces within each phase, decision-makers can anticipate and plan for them. Moreover, knowledge of the components of each stage allows managers and decision-makers to streamline their efforts and strategically plan for long term projects and the partner commitments needed to implement them.

This knowledge also serves as a source of dialogue between existing partners and with potential partners. Clearly communicating each anticipated phase with partners and stakeholders helps create and maintain trust, as well as realistic expectations. This knowledge also stabilizes partner relations and contributes to the domain’s longevity.

For heritage areas seeking NHA designation, this research serves as a tool for understanding the impact NHA designation may have upon existing partner frameworks and how they may change over time.

On a national level, a model of NHA interorganizational domain development contributes to our understanding of the NHA movement. The NHA initiative as a whole continues to evolve and change. This research will help address the public scrutiny that has resulted from the program’s growth, as well as provides a starting point to address congressional inquiries about NHA accountability, evaluation, and NHA policy (Hill, 2004). Because these findings offer an explanation about how NHA partnerships operate at the domain level and how they evolve over time, they may contribute to the development of consistent standards, processes for accountability, and evaluation measures as the NHA program matures.
Likewise, an understanding of the NPS role over time enables decision-makers, policy-makers, stakeholders, and partners to have clear expectations about the NPS as the federal partner. Understanding the changing NPS role as federal partner over time allows both the NHA and the NPS to make effective and efficient management decisions that are timely and constructive.

**Research Implications**

This study explored the role of the NPS as a federal partner during NHAs evolution as interorganizational domains. It extended theory from the management sciences and organizational behavior by analyzing the process of NHA evolution and identifying conditions necessary to propel the domain through stages of development while analyzing the role of the NPS as federal partner during each stage.

Much remains to be learned about NHAs and many future research opportunities exist. This research was exploratory and preliminary, suggesting a theory of NHA interorganizational development that can be expanded by further analysis and detail. This may be achieved through case study analysis of NHAs and longitudinal research designs to provide additional insight about NHAs as complex partnership systems. The emergent model of NHA interorganizational domain development requires further testing and future examinations could expand the sample size to include other NHAs.

Other research inquiries may look at developing indicators of successful NHA partnerships or the barriers to their success. Creating a typology of partners within NHA domains may be another line of inquiry. As the number of NHAs continues to grow, the importance of understanding their interorganizational dynamics becomes more important.

The model suggested here is an attempt to create a theoretical framework to help practitioners as well as the academic community to understand NHAs and the NHA movement; however, management sciences and partnership theory could be further expanded by exploring other domains, such as international, state or local heritage areas, and the circumstances that governed their formation and subsequent evolution.

In conclusion, although the project focused on the NPS as a federal partner, a NHA cannot be discussed without acknowledging the importance of local people in the visioning, management, and maintenance of NHAs. Hopefully this research will help harness their passion and provide a tool for framing their natural, cultural, and historic heritage in such a manner that enriches our identity as a nation and instills a sense of local empowerment and pride, not only for the past, but for the present and future as well. A quote from an anonymous research participant illustrates this sentiment:

People share and work together. And, that’s what’s so special about our community and that’s one of the things we treasure about our heritage. That we had all these different ethnic groups and different socio-economic groups coming to this area in, in ways, or simultaneously, instead of fighting with each other, they each developed their own little ethnic enclave but they respected and worked together, and, you know, learned about each other. So we don’t like to call it a melting pot, we call it a quilt. Because people kept their own identity but we’re still all tied together. And that’s true to this day. And our biggest challenge has been to get people to understand, through the depressed times, that they should be proud of being from here....a place of greatness.

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