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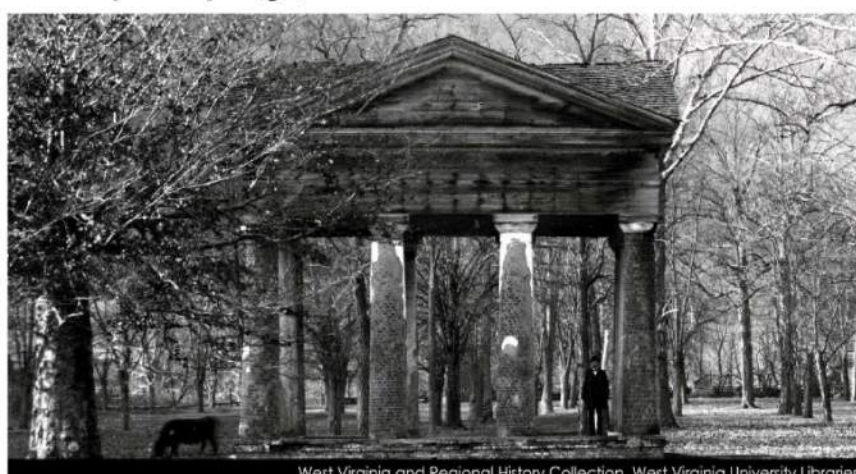
Welcome to another issue of Building Blocks and our connection to you on the news and events of the Mills Group.

We look forward to your comments and input on our newsletter.

Michael J. Mills

PROJECT PROFILE

Blue Sulphur Springs, WV



West Virginia and Regional History Collection, West Virginia University Libraries

The Friends of the Blue Committee at the Greenbrier County Historical Society selected the Mills Group to conduct a historic structures report and execute restoration documents for the pavilion at Blue Sulphur Springs. This Greek Revival style pavilion was constructed ca. 1834 to serve the visitors who came through the Virginia springs seeking cures for ailments such as arthritis, intestinal issues, cholera and dysentery. The building is situated in a rural area of Greenbrier County and was once surrounded by numerous structures all dedicated to caring for visitors to the springs. Such notables as General Robert E. Lee and Presidents Andrew Jackson and Martin Van Buren all visited the springs. The property became a school in 1859 and was used as a hospital for both the Federal and Confederate armies during the Civil War until 1864 when Union troops destroyed the complex. The pavilion sat alone along the banks of Kitchen Creek amid a cattle pasture for nearly 150 years before the Greenbrier County Historical Society acquired the pavilion and two acres of land in order to interpret the site, allowing future generations to understand the significance of this structure.

In order to understand the historic positioning of the pavilion, the Mills Group researched historic maps and photographs which were then used by designer Jared Gorby to produce a three-dimensional understanding of the pavilion and how it changed over time. Jared used a software tool called Lumion to prepare this realistic rendering. Check out the video on [YouTube](#).

Wesley United Methodist Church - Morgantown, WV

The pastor and building committee of the Wesley United Methodist Church tasked the Mills Group with increasing the accessibility of their building to create a more comfortable arrival experience. In order to create better circulation between the original church and gymnasium addition, the team designed a new entrance, an interior arrival space and elevator to allow access throughout the building. Mills Group also suggested different uses for existing spaces, using conceptual designs to illustrate better movement and function to the congregation. The Mills Group is currently drawing the construction documents and this project is anticipated to go out to bid on September 3.



Snowshoe Spa - Snowshoe WV



The Mills Group was excited to design a spa at the Snowshoe Resort. The 3,800 square foot space started out as an open room with an unfinished concrete floor. With guidance from the Snowshoe team, Mills Group transformed the space into a beautiful and calm retreat for the resort guests. Our team added hardwood flooring, curvilinear walls, warm earth tones and organic textures to create this peaceful atmosphere. The Spa at Snowshoe will include a manicure/pedicure area, fitness center, treatment rooms, beauty salon and a retail area.



<http://www.snowshoemtn.com/>

Preservation Alliance of West Virginia

The Mills Group is honored to host a book signing, sale and reception on Friday, September 20, 2013 for the Preservation Alliance of West Virginia (PAWV). PAWV acquired a portion of the Institute for the History of Technology and Industrial Archaeology's book and document collection. In an effort to continue the preservation of West Virginia's built environment, the Mills Group will host a wine and cheese reception at 5:30-7:30pm at the office at 206 High Street, Morgantown where visitors can peruse and purchase the institute's materials. Proceeds will go toward continuing preserving WV's heritage.



PO Box 3371 - Charleston, WV 25333 - www.pawv.org

In addition to the bibliophile's dream, we will also be hosting the authors of Living Monuments: The Courthouses of West Virginia. Purchase your own autographed copy signed by authors and PAWV supporters Deb Warmuth and Patti Hamilton. West Virginia's Living Monuments-the Courthouses is a project of the West Virginia Association of Counties and the Walkabout Company and features all 55 of West Virginia's courthouses with over 500 beautiful pictures!

This event is the evening reception for the statewide Preservation Mini-Conference. Tickets to this memorable event can be purchased for a \$12 donation through Preservation Alliance's website at www.pawv.org or at the door. All proceeds are tax deductible and go toward PAWV and the continued preservation of West Virginia's historic resources.

In addition, check out the exciting events planned for the next day's conference with world renowned expert Donovan Rypkema who will be speaking on the economic benefits of Historic Preservation.

Summer Internship



Mills Group welcomed back Adam Clark of Wheeling, WV. Adam joined the Mills Group once again in the role of summer intern. He is currently a graduate student at Miami University pursuing his Master of Architecture degree. He was recently involved in a Passive House workshop where he traveled to Germany and Malta studying sustainable building principles. When not in school, he enjoys expanding his global perspective by means of travel. Adam is excited to be back in the office and looks forward to collaborating with the staff on future projects.

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