

LOCAL HISTORY TRIVIA

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Have you ever noticed an ancient building in the Parkersburg area and wondered about its history? What was that building used for yesterday? How is it being used today? Read on, for the answers to those questions.

Parkersburg, An Early Portrait

by James Dawson & Gary Null

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Trivia 1: In the earliest years of Parkersburg, the justice system carried on many of the means of punishments from those laws enacted by the English. Women were punished for offenses as well as men. However, one particularly crude method of punishment that was mainly administered to women was what?;

- a. the woman being dipped into a pool of foul smelling and stagnate water;
- b. the woman being tarred and feathered;
- c. the woman's hand being burnt; or
- d. hard labor in the oil fields.

Trivia 2: When driving North on Murdoch Avenue in the vicinity of 13th Street, you will notice a beautiful brick building on the hill that currently houses the Mid-Ohio Valley Ballet Academy. It is the oldest school building that is still being used as a school today. The name of this school was originally established by a highly respected educator in Parkersburg. What was the original name of the school in the 1900s?

- a. Nash School;
- b. Willard School;
- c. Nash School and Willard School; or
- d. All of the above.

Trivia 3: The City of Parkersburg was enclosed by roadways of water that consisted of the Ohio River, Kanawha River and the Worthington Creek as well. The best way for most citizens to travel from one side of the rivers to the other was by the use of ferries. Which ferry is considered to be the second ferry that focused mostly on linking citizens between Ohio/West Virginia from the late 1870s to 1900?

- a. Nina Paden;
- b. Magnolia;
- c. Maggie Paden; or
- d. J. C. Shaw.

Trivia 4: Prior to the 11 WV Infantry and US Army Engineers building Fort Boreman in the Civil War. What was the that, promontory overlooking the City of Parkersburg known as ?

- a. Mount Murdoch
- b. Fort Hawkins
- c. Mount Logan
- d. Fort Kanawha

Trivia 5: What year was the first tavern licensed to operate in Wood County, called the “House of Entertainment” ? What prominent citizen owned it? .

- a. 5 May 1766 and Ezikial Mount
- B. 8 April 1799 and Henry Dils
- c. 30 Sept 1788 and Robert Thornton
- d. 4 September 1789 and Hugh Phelps

Answers can be found on the next page

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Trivia 1: a

Trivia 2: d

Trivia 3: c

Trivia 4: c

Trivia 5: d