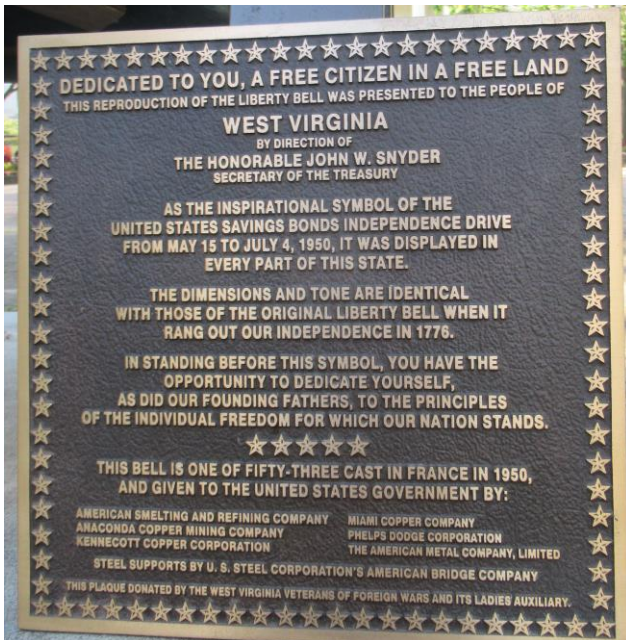
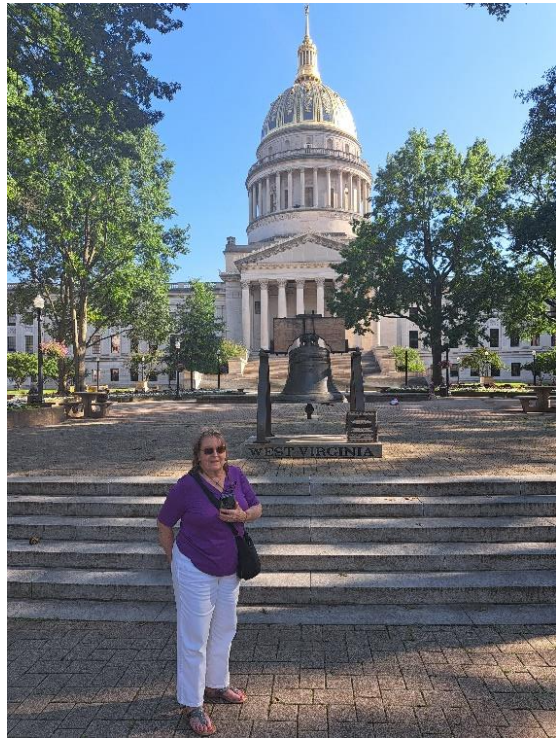


WEST VIRGINIA REPLICA LIBERTY BELL

Visited October 7, 2024, and June 20, 2025



I learned the story of the Replica Liberty Bells on one of our ABA Chapter Zoom meetings, and that is when I decided to add them to our list of things to see when we travel. This meeting was after our convention in Charleston, WV, in 2022. We first visited the West Virginia Replica Liberty Bell in October 2024 on our way home from Laurel Lodge. I believe that I took the photo of the crown and shoulder engraved with the 7's then. I didn't know about the numbering at this visit. Doing some research after I returned home I came across a website called Liberty Bell Museum (closed in 2023).

It listed the West Virginia bell as number 34, so I disregarded the 7's as perhaps graffiti. I received an email from a woman who had read about the bell being number 34 in my September-October president's message and informed me that the West Virginia bell is actually number 7. She had communicated with Tom of [Liberty Bell replica locations and stories](#) who confirmed it. On our return visit in June, I looked everywhere but didn't find the 34 OR see the 7's again. Based on the photo that was published in the September 2022 issue of The Bell Tower, it looks like the crown has been replaced and perhaps refurbishing the bell could have removed any engraved numbers. The number is embossed on all the other bells that I have photographed so far. If anyone visits the West Virginia Replica Liberty Bell and is able to find and photograph its number, please send the information and picture to websitecoordinator@americanbell.org It is located on the mall in front of the capitol building at 1900 Kanawha Blvd E, Charleston, and there is metered parking in the area.