

HALLOWEEN PUMPKINS

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September 17, 2011 Meeting-- Jimmy Reedy

WCGA was pleased to have Mr. Jimmy Reedy speak at September's meeting concerning Native American involvement in the Civil War. Mr. Reedy also discussed his own family history and the history of his tribe.



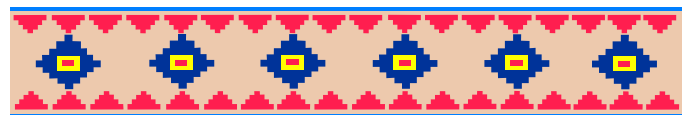
Mr. Jimmy Reedy, registered member of the Creek Nation.

Mr. Reedy discussed how many Southern Native Americans who were of mixed blood owned slaves and lived like their white neighbors. Many of the traditional Native Americans did not own slaves nor did they fight in the Civil War. Those who did fight enlisted in the "Colored" regiments alongside African Americans and Hispanic Americans.

Mr. Reedy also talked about his own family heritage. He discussed how he was registered with the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) as having 1/8 blood quantum with the Creek Nation when in actuality he was 1/4 Native American overall. He talked about having a CDIB card (Certification of Indian Blood) showing proof of his heritage.

He also talked about traditional ceremonies and customs that his tribe participates in each year. One ceremony is the "Green Corn" Ceremony which takes place at the start of each new year and emphasizes forgiveness of others and a new beginning. Another ceremony is the "Stomp" Dance where members of the tribe come together for a social gathering and to dance. It was revealed how the eagle feather is viewed as sacred in Creek tradition and whenever an eagle feather fell from a member's costume during a ceremony, it had to be picked up and cleansed by an elder who was also a veteran of war.

WCGA would like to thank Mr. Jimmy Reedy for speaking at our meeting. His program was very interesting and informative and gave a more detailed perspective on Native American history and Creek culture.





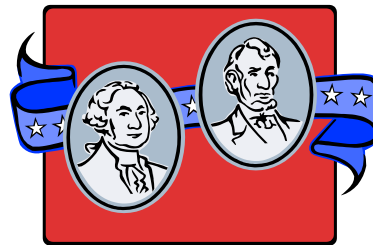
Scrapbooking.

Due to the large number of pictures and newspaper clippings that WCGA has accumulated over the years, the Board of Directors decided that it would be best if these artifacts of our group's history were preserved in a scrapbook or album of some kind. If anyone who is interested in scrapbooking or putting an album together using these photos/newspaper clippings, contact Jean Hobbs at jeanhobbs@blomand.net. Also, contact Jean Hobbs if you have any photos or newspaper clippings of past WCGA events or members that you would like to donate to the group,

Murfreesboro Road, the first red light you come to is Nolan Drive. Turn right on Nolan Drive. Go to stop sign, turn right and you are in the parking lot.

November 19th 2011—I still need a guest speaker for this meeting. If you have any suggestions for a program or guest speaker, email me at bcbarnes21@students.tntech.edu.

December 2011---Christmas social



Pictures of Past Presidents

The WCGA officers are wanting to put pictures of past WCGA presidents on the wall of the office on Locust Street. If anyone has any pictures of our past presidents, please email Brandi Barnes at bcbarnes21@students.tntech.edu or leave a message on the WCGA Facebook page. Photos that is either an 8x10 or large enough that it can be enlarged to an 8x10 without appearing blurry are needed.. We are hoping to make each picture an 8x10 copy so they can be framed and put on the wall.

WCGA is now on Facebook!
Come visit us at:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Warren-County-Genealogical-Association/135126859883450>



Upcoming Meetings.....

October 8th, 2011. Regional Conference of Middle TN Genealogical and Historical Societies held in the Smyrna Town Center in Murfreesboro. Directions: From 1-24 Murfreesboro-Exit 66. Go 4 to 5 miles. After you pass the overpass of



Book Donations

President Cheryl Watson-Mingle donated McMinnville at a Milestone: 1807-1960 in memory of Rev. F.L. and Eula Bond Watson



WCGA welcomes anyone interested in their family history to come by the office on Fridays where members will greet newcomers from 1pm to 4pm. The WCGA office is located on 201 Locust Street at the rear entrance of the Warren Co. Administrative Office.

Happy Halloween!

