

# Warren County Genealogical Association

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## May 19, 2012 Meeting—Woody McMillan “In the Presence of Soldiers”

WCGA had a special meeting in the Magnolia Room located just inside the front entrance of the Warren County Administrative Building on Locust Street on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Members and guests were seated facing two tables full of World War II memorabilia and artifacts brought by Mr. Woody McMillan, long time collector and historian of World War II history.

After the meeting was brought to order, the group’s business was discussed before Mr. McMillan was introduced and allowed to present his program. Mr. McMillan talked about War maneuvers that were held in Tennessee during the World War II years. During this time, Mr. McMillan said that soldiers all over the United States came to Middle Tennessee and practiced for the battlefield. Such practices included looking for hidden mines that were placed in open areas such as cow pastures, pretending that a bridge was blown up and learning how to “rough it” in the open elements.

Mr. McMillan talked about his book “In the Presence of Soldiers” which is a very interesting read about the war maneuvers of WWII. This book can be purchased from Woody McMillan for \$30. This book was a “labor of love” as Mr. McMillan phrased it that lasted two years. It is very in-depth and has some wonderful pictures from the WWII period in it.



Various letters and ads from WWII



Woody McMillan speaks with WCGA members and signs his books!



“Sweetheart pillowcase” from WWII



### 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](mailto: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,

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



### Upcoming Meetings.....

**June 16, 2012—Jimmy Haley will present a program on Civil War**

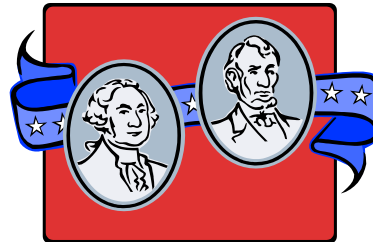
**July 2012—Open**

**August 2012—Open**

**September 2012—Rachel Killebrew**

**October 6, 2012 (tentative) Regional Genealogy/Historical Society Convention in Shelbyville, TN**

**November 2012, Montie Wanamaker and Chris Keathley**



### 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](mailto: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 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.

## 1920 Census Project


The 1920 census project has been on the WCGA agenda for completion for awhile without being completed. This project needs a chairperson who can devote the necessary attention it needs to be done well. If anyone would like to volunteer to be over the project of completing the 1920 census for publication in book form please contact Brandi Barnes as [bcbarnes21@students.tntech.edu](mailto:bcbarnes21@students.tntech.edu).

This project involves transcribing the contents of the 1920 Warren County census onto a Word Template. It is not hard work, but it takes some time to transcribe each name and the information for each individual from the actual census to the template. Census records can be found online at Magness Memorial Library website and can be accessed there for free when you set up an account or you can go to a library to get the census as well. Others will need to be involved in the transcription because, although it is not hard work, it does take time. Please let me know if anyone is interested in helping with this project!

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&  
Warren Co. Genealogical Association  
County Administration Building  
201 Locust Street  
(open Fridays 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.)

## 1940 Census Is Here!!

The 1940 US Census is now available to view online for FREE on Ancestry.com! These records are not indexed, however, so in order to see your ancestor's name, you have to know which district or townshiep they lived in (i.e. Morrison, Campaign area, outside Viola, etc). Here is a link to the site's 1940 census database!

<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2442>

