

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION



Newsletter



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By Pat Berges

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Meet Our Newest Member

Barbara
Bates



Researching the Cardwell and Baldwin family lines.

From Our President

Cheryl Watson Mingle



I'm pleased to serve a second year term as the president of the Warren County Genealogical Association.

Our mission is:

- to increase public interest in and raise the standards of family history and genealogical research through educational programs, workshops and publications;
 - to encourage and instruct members of the community and the Association in the standards and techniques of genealogical family history research;
 - to acquaint the members of the Association with sources of material and to serve as a medium of exchange of genealogical information;
 - to promote through the Association's publications and otherwise, the collection, preservation, and utilization of manuscripts, documents, and other material of genealogical and historical value.
- We welcome new members.

February is celebrated as Black History Month. Here's a tidbit of Warren County Black History researched by Warren County Historian James Dillion. Just who was the first person of African descent to come to Warren County is unknown. However, we do know something of the first blacks to be in our section of Middle Tennessee. From Tennessee history we learn that in 1776 a group of "long hunters" composed of Captain James Smith, Daniel Boone, William Baker, Uriah Stone, Joshua Morton and his slave, and a black named Stone traveled extensively in the area, especially along the upper reaches of a river later named for Uriah Stone. The upper reaches, or headwaters, of Stone's River were later included in the new county of Warren. There are several references in our history that indicate that Joshua Norton's slave was the first black person in Middle Tennessee. We know nothing further of the "free black" named Stone. It is possible he was an emancipated former slave of Uriah Stone or his family.

It is known that emigrants traveling into the future State of Tennessee brought their slaves with them. Among those bringing slaves were the Smartts, Colvilles, Hopkins, Ethers, Towles, Mills, Bonners, Englands, Durleys, Strouds, Ramseys, Stubblefields, Woods, Gwynns, and Martins.

William White moved to Warren County in 1810 to build our first permanent Court House in the center of the park. It was noted in Samuel Laughlin's diary that he brought his slaves, who did most of the construction, indicating that many of his slaves were craftsmen, especially brick makers, carpenters, stonemasons.

A study of the census records, prior to the Civil War, indicate that the black population of Warren County did not exceed 10% of the total population. This was due in part from the fact that many whites in the area did not believe in slavery, largely from a religious standpoint. Another factor was the terrain, which was not conducive to large scale farming. The majority of farms in Warren County never exceeded 200 acres.

Just out a new book called Thru Wolf's Eyes by Wayne Wolford on Warren County's Black History. A book signing is in the works.

Sharing our Family History

Marion Rhea Speaks Talks About Eleven Generations of Andersons



Marion reads a story about her great great grandfather Capt. Frances Marion Anderson from the book "Lend An Ear" Heritage of the Tennessee Upper Cumberland.

The story was about the two sons of Capt. Anderson, Tom and Henry, who as teenagers were arrested for the murder of their brother-in-law Isaac Jacquess at the fairground in Cookville, Putnam County, Tennessee.



Jacquess had killed their brother Silas David Anderson resulting from a dispute over an Anderson steer getting into Jacquess's corn field. The two brothers were arrested for murder and held at the county jail in awaiting trial.

The brothers, Tom and Henry, were accomplished musicians, Tom played the fiddle and Henry the banjo. Large crowds gathered around the jail to hear the boys play, thus building up public sentiment to them.

Most people of that time and place probably were sympathetic to the boys who "avenged a wrong to their family". Their dad, Capt. Frances Marion Anderson, who had an Army pension and large land holdings hired the famous lawyer Henry Clay Snodgrass from Sparta to defend the boys. After many days of testimony and long speeches delivered by Snodgrass, the boys were acquitted. Tom was Marion's grandfather, Thomas Shirley Anderson.

Francis Marion Anderson 1827-1903 (inset photo) was a U.S. Civil War Soldier. He was a Captain assigned to the 1st Regiment, Tennessee Mounted Infantry (Union). He was married to Frances Almeda Richie 1834-1928 and is buried in the Bloomington Springs Cemetery in Putnam County.

Her Anderson lineage runs 11 generations back to James Anderson from England born between 1600-1629.

The genealogy presentation in March will be given by Pat Berges on her Coulson ancestors.

MINUTES IN BRIEF

From the February 16 Meeting

By Pat Berges



Twenty-three members and guests were present. Treasurer's Report - \$3,694.88 current funds. \$20 dues for 2013 are due now.

New WCGA website is now up and running. Check out <http://tngenweb.org/wcga>. Suggestions welcome. If you subscribe, you'll be notified by email when new information is posted.

Civil War Soldiers - Bulletin Editor Chris Keathley needs more information on members' Civil War soldiers to be published in the coming Bulletins. A questionnaire will be emailed to members and posted on our WCGA webpage.

Members' Genealogy - Marion Speaks gave an interesting presentation about her Anderson family going back eleven generations, including Capt Francis Marion Anderson, USA. Next month's genealogy presenter will be Pat Berges on her Coulson family history.

Lasting Landmarks Keepsake - Our 2nd keepsake, 1st United Methodist Church, has been ordered and hopefully will be available for sale by the March meeting @ \$18 each.

Speaker Robert Brown presented "Discover Your Roots in Tennessee," revealing that July has been declared History and Genealogy Month. Cities, counties, and historical/genealogical organizations are encouraged to identify and recognize earliest settlers in each area.

March Program will be Charles Norton with information about flags.

TSLA Scanning Civil War Artifacts - Tennessee State Library representatives will be at the County Administration Building from 10:00 to 3:00 on April 17 to scan and digitize Civil War artifacts (anything related to the Civil War). It's free - for more info, contact civilwar.tsla@tn.gov.

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Have You Paid Your Dues?

Just a friendly reminder that it is time to pay your WCGA membership dues.

Annual dues are \$20 per calendar year for members within the 50 states. Foreign membership is \$28 per year.

Please make your checks payable to the Warren County Genealogical Association and can be brought to our next meeting or mailed to Warren County Genealogical Association, P.O. Box 411, McMinnville, TN



Our Office Committee Co-chairmen Evelyn Wade and Martha Holt keep things in very good order.

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Bonita Mangrum is our Research Chairman.

Charles Norton

Will be our guest speaker

For the March 16 WCGA Meeting

The topic for his discussion

American Flags

WCGA is now on Facebook!
Come visit us at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Warren-County-Genealogical-Association/135126859883450>

Or visit us on the web at:

<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/tn/county/warren/>



- The second Lasting Landmark, First United Methodist Church, has been ordered. Hopefully they will be available for purchase at our next WCGA meeting.

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Celebrate

St. Patrick's Day is March 17

Saint Patrick's day is in honor of the Patron Saint of Ireland, who brought christianity to the Emerald Isles, as Ireland is known. Are you Irish perchance!?! Well, the saying goes everyone is a little Irish on Saint Patricks's Day.

Roots of Tradition: Saint Patrick's day is held in honor of Saint Patrick, the missionary who brought christianity to the Irish people in the 400's AD.

Erin Go Braugh is perhaps the most common Irish term you will hear. It means "Ireland Forever"

Did You Know? Over 34 million Americans are of Irish descent. That's almost nine times the populaton of Ireland!

Traditional Irish Stew Recipe

Yield: 4 servings

Irish Stew Ingredients:

2 pounds lamb shoulder, cubed
8 medium potatoes, sliced, unpeeled
3 onions, sliced
2 carrots, peeled, sliced into wheels
2 tablespoons chopped, fresh parsley
1 tablespoon chopped, thyme or 1 teaspoon dried thyme
1 Bay Leaf
2 cups water
Salt and pepper, to taste

Trim excess fat from meat. Then, cut meat into cubes.
Put sliced potatoes, onions, carrots and celery into a large stew pot.
Add cubed meat.
Add parsley, thyme, bay leaf, salt and pepper.
Add water to pot.
Cover the pot and bring contents to a boil.
Reduce heat to simmer.
Stir occasionally.
Simmer stew until meat is tender, about 1 1/2 hours.
Add a little water to keep the broth level up.
Remove from heat and serve hot.

Did you know

March is Women's History Month?

The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of women whose commitment to nature and the planet have proved invaluable to society.

About Women's History Month

Women's History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28 which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week." Throughout the next five years, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as "Women's History Week." In 1987 after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9 which designated the month of March 1987 as "Women's History Month." Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1995, Presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month."

From the Law Library of Congress' guide to the legislative history of Women's History Month.

About This Year's Theme

Women's Education – Women's Empowerment
Although women now outnumber men in American colleges nationwide, the reversal of the gender gap is a very recent phenomenon. The fight to learn was a valiant struggle waged by many tenacious women—across years and across cultures—in our country.

Queries

Hello. I found your organization in the Warren county fact book. We are interested in tracing my husbands family tree but have no idea where to start. Both his grandparents are gone so we don't have access to any good information from family members. could you point me to some good places to start my search?
Thanks so much for your help!!!!

Sherie Womack

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March 16th is "Bring a Friend" to the WCGA meeting