

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION



Newsletter

April/May 2013



201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee



Rachel Killebrew is holding the picture of her grandmother Josephine Savage Smart Elkins.

WCGA Program for April Presented by Rachel Killebrew

Our speaker for the April WCGA meeting was Rachel Killebrew. She spoke about the Daughters of the American Revolution of which she serves as Regent for the local chapter.

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Rachel also presented information about the application process to become a member of the D.A.R.

WCGA MINUTES

From the April 20 Meeting

By Pat Berges



Call to Order

In the absence of President Mingle, who was ill, the regular meeting of the Warren County Genealogical Association was called to order by Vice President Marion Speaks at 2:10 p.m. with the following 23 members and guests in attendance: Barbara and Robert Bates, Pat Berges, Christine Bouldin, Larry Boyd, Wilma Davenport, Bernice Driver, Scarlett Griffith, Jimmy Haley, Jean Hobbs, Martha Holt, Ladye Jane Hunter, Allen Jaco, Mary Jarrell, Chris Keathley, Rachel Killebrew, Carolyn Lance, Bonita Mangrum, Bettye Pack, Reba Prater, Doyle and Marion Speaks, and Evelyn Wade.

Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved upon motion by Bonita Mangrum seconded by Reba Prater.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Allen Jaco presented an in-depth year-to-date review of the Association finances, revealing a balance in the treasury of \$4,080.60 as of March 31, 2013.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Allen Jaco reported 20 renewals and one new member in March. We now have 3 complimentary, 3 exchange, 3 honorary life members, 89 current (including 2 new) and 13 people receiving newsletters only, for a total of 113 members. Allen asked all members to complete a membership form so that our records could be updated as to address, telephone, e-mail and names of families being researched.

Programs – Chmn. Marion Speaks advised that the May meeting will feature Wayne Wolford speaking about his new book, *Through Wolf's Eyes*, while Barbara Bates will present her family's genealogy. In June, Reba Prater will tell us about the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Christine Bouldin agreed to present genealogy information about the O'Neal family in June. Bonita Mangrum volunteered to present genealogy information for July with Allen Jaco volunteering for August.

Publicity – Chmn. Mingle is keeping all media sources notified of our activities. In addition, Marion Speaks and Allen Jaco were recently featured on local radio with a program about WCGA.

Research – Chmn. Bonita Mangrum commented that she has recently visited Cocke County's archives and found that their records extend back only to 1870. She noted that Warren County is fortunate to have so many archival newspapers and records going back much farther.

Office – Evelyn Wade presented information about available printers to be considered to replace our office printer. A decision on this will be taken up by the Board of Directors.

Bulletin – Editor Chris Keathley announced that the June Bulletin will likely be available by the time of the May meeting.

Newsletter – Editor Doyle Speaks told the group he will be adding a column featuring names of members and the families they are researching to promote sharing of information among members. This information will also be added to future Bulletins.

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Webpage – Administrator Pat Berges reminded everyone that we now have a new webpage and asked everyone to subscribe so they will be notified when new information is posted at <http://www.tngenweb.org/wcga>.

OLD BUSINESS

501(c)3 Application

Allen Jaco reported that the application has been completed except for a few remaining financial reports to be attached.

Methodist Church Keepsake

Our second keepsake, the 1st United Methodist Church building, has arrived and several members purchased one at the meeting. These are available at the WCGA office and at Southern Museum for \$18 each.

CDs of Past Bulletins

Many thanks to Darryl Norris, who has updated our searchable CDs of Past Bulletins to include all Bulletins from 1992 through 2012. These are available at the WCGA office for \$25 each.

NEW BUSINESS

Founding Families Certificates

In view of President Mingle's continuing illness over several months, it was not known whether this project ever got off the ground. Vice President Speaks will look into the matter. Pat Berges announced that Coffee County Historical Society will be presenting Founding Families certificates in July at a special ceremony at the historic courthouse in Manchester. Applications are available with a \$15 application fee.

Genealogy Presentation

Reba Prater presented a most interesting history of her g-g-grandfather, John Van Hooser, and the very unusual events of his military service in the 16th TN Infantry Regiment CSA during the Civil War. He re-enlisted after having been wounded three times and captured three times.

PROGRAM

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Adjournment

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. to refreshments provided by Bonita Mangrum and Martha Holt. Refreshments for the May meeting will be provided by Wilma Davenport and Marion Speaks.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Berges, Secretary

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

Sharing our Family History



Reba Prater talks about her John VanHooser Ancestor

Reba presented a most interesting history of her g-g-grandfather, John VanHooser, and the very unusual events of his military service in the 16th TN Infantry Regiment CSA during the Civil War.

John VanHooser was born on Nov. 21, 1837 and died November 24, 1929. He first enlisted on May 18, 1861 with the Donaldson Brigade, 4th Battalion, Co. (A) – E C.S.A. at Camp Harris, in Murrays Co., TN. This regiment was in 14 major skirmishes in 1861.

He suffered an arm wound on October 8 in Perryville, KY. and on June 13 he was promoted to Sargent. He was captured at Hillsboro, TN on June 28.

He spent 9 months as a POW and in February 1864 became part of an exchange of prisoners and was sent to Decatur, GA for instructions.

He suffered a foot injury in the battle of Atlanta and was captured again on November 29 at Central R.R. and escaped.

Once again he suffered an injury in the leg and was captured overnight only to be rescued by the Calvary the next morning near Murfreesboro, TN.

At the time of the surrender in 1865 he was in Greensboro, NC where he was paroled. He never took the oath of allegiance then or later.

In 1866 he lost 150 acres of his land to carpet baggers and in 1868 he lost his remaining 200 acres.

John VanHooser is buried at the Webb Cemetery in Warren County, TN.

Our Newest Member



Jimmy Haley,
Mayor,
City of McMinnville, TN
Researching the Haley, Martin, Berryhill
and Watson families.



WCGA Committee Chairmen

Membership:

Allen Jaco

Circulation Manager:

Wilma Davenport

Programs:

Marion Rhea Speaks

Bulletin Editor:

Chris Keathley

Newsletter Editor:

Doyle Speaks

Publicity:

Cheryl Watson Mingle

Research:

Bonita Mangrum

Office:alln

Evelyn Wade, Martha Holt

Refreshments:

Christine Bouldin



Our New Keepsake

(Second in a series)

First Methodist Church McMinnville, TN

Available for purchase at the WCGA office, 201 Locust Street, also at the Southern Museum & Galleries, 210 E. Main Street, McMinnville. The price is \$18 each.

First in a series of WCGA members and the families they research

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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:

www.tngenweb.org/wcgate

*Join us
at the next meeting of the
Warren County Genealogical Association*

Saturday, May 18, 2013, 2:00 p.m.

*Our guest speaker will be Wayne Wolford who will speak
about his new book "Through Wolf's Eyes"*

*WCGA Office and Library
201 Locust Street
McMinnville, TN
(located in the rear of the
Warren County Administration Building)*

