

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION



Newsletter



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201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee

Local Author Wolford Addresses WCGA Group

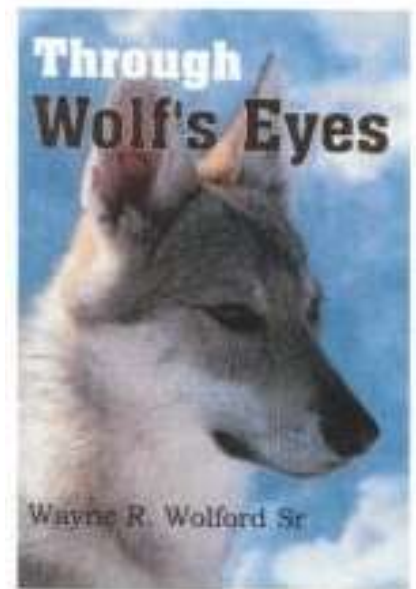


Local Author Wayne Wolford

Our speaker for the May meeting of the WCGA was local author Wayne Wolford. He introduced his new book *Through Wolf's Eyes, a history of blacks in Warren County since its formation in 1807*. The book contains personal, group, military and church histories along with many photographs of county residents through the years.

Mr. Wolford is also a career Army man, historian, teacher, coach and community leader. He answered many questions from members and signed copies of his book. His presentation was enjoyed by all.

Photos and story by Pat Berges



MINUTES IN BRIEF

From the May 18 Meeting

By Pat Berges, WCGA Secretary



The meeting was held May 18, 2013, with nineteen members and guests in attendance.

Treasurer's Report -- Current balance in treasury \$4,428.60 with 117 current members, including 3 complimentary, 3 honorary life, 3 exchange, 92 current, 2 new, and 14 receiving newsletters only.

Programs -- June -- Reba Prater with information about the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Christine Bouldin will present a genealogy report.

July -- Show & Tell -- members are asked to bring an interesting item (artifact, weapon, article of clothing, document, book) to share with the group. No genealogy report this time.

Suggestions are needed for August and September programs.

Research -- Bonita Mangrum announced that a fully documented P.O.W. record from World War II for William Magness Jordan had been discovered behind the seat of an old pickup truck. The record is being turned over to the Archives.

Bulletin -- Editor Chris Keathley distributed and was congratulated for his first issue of the WCGA Bulletin -- an outstanding effort.

Keepsakes -- "Lasting Landmarks" Warren County courthouse and 1st Methodist Church are available for \$18 each through the WCGA office or Southern Museum.

CDs -- Updated, fully searchable CD containing all WCGA past Bulletins is available for \$25.

Founding Pioneers -- Cheryl Mingle has received approval from county administration to go ahead with plans for the Founding Pioneer Certificates. Details will be announced shortly.

Genealogy -- Barbara Bates presented an interesting history of her g-g-grandparents Francis and Judah Lebow Cardwell, who were the first Cardwells to settle in Warren County on what is now known as Cardwell Mountain, arriving here between 1823 and 1825 from Claiborne County and before that from Virginia.

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Program -- The Association welcomed local author, career Army man, historian, teacher, coach, and community leader Wayne Wolford, who introduced his new book, *Through Wolf's Eyes, a history of blacks in Warren County TN since its formation in 1807*.

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Join us at the next meeting of the WCGA
Saturday, June 15 - 2:00 p.m.
Our guest speaker will be Reba Prater who will give a talk on
The United Daughters of the Confederacy

Sharing Our Family History

Barbara Bates Talks About Her Cardwell Ancestors



WCGA member Barbara Bates presented a most interesting history of her g-g-g-grandparents Francis and Judah Lebow Cardwell, who were the first Cardwells to settle in Warren County, on what is now known as Cardwell Mountain. They arrived here between 1823-25 from Claiborne County and before that from Virginia. Their

migration was probably by way of the Wilderness Road from Pennsylvania and Virginia to westward lands. Barbara recently had an opportunity to visit Cardwell Mountain and discovered the burial place of Judah Cardwell in 1867 in a small cemetery encircled by a rock wall, a spot which Barbara believes Judah selected in the woods close to the home she loved on the mountain she refused to leave after her husband died 23 years before. One of Judah's sons, Major Jeff Cardwell, returned from the Civil War and continued homesteading on the mountain as he developed the orchards which were in operation until around 1980.

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/wcgatn

Files donated to WCGA

Longtime member Darrall Lawson announced that he and his wife are moving to Las Vegas, NV.

In the process of packing, he decided to donate a number of books and historical documents to The WCGA's library. He described several photo albums he had found and researched before presentation to descendants of those families. The group wished him well and thanked him for his contributions to the society in the past.

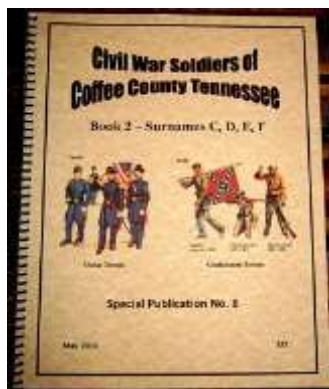


Our New Keepsake

(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.



2nd Civil War soldiers book (over 400 pp.) for Coffee County is going to the printer next week.

The book sells for \$25.

Members Regular Discount: \$20

Non-Members: \$25

Please add \$3.50 shipping and handling if your order is to be mailed.

Let us know whether you prefer a book or a searchable CD.

Mail your check to Coffee Co. Historical Society
101 W. Fort Street, Box 2
Manchester TN 37355

We think you'll love the book!

A State Sponsored Genealogical Adventure

WCGA to Honor Pioneer Families

From Warren County – McMinnville

In connection with July having been designated History & Genealogy Month in Tennessee, the Warren County Genealogical Association is honoring Pioneer Family descendants with Certificates of proof that their ancestors were here at the time Warren County was formed or within a few years thereafter.

To qualify for a Warren County – McMinnville First Pioneer Family certificate suitable for framing, the applicant must directly descend from an ancestor (male or female) who was in Warren County no later than the 1820 census (this includes the boundaries of the original formation of Warren County from White county).

Proof can be established by submitting copies of an official record, i.e. birth, marriage, death, probate or will, church, cemetery, funeral or obituary, land recodes, tax records, court, military records, census, newspaper, or Bible for each generation, including the applicant. Current Tennessee residency is not necessary.

There is a \$10 application processing fee + \$3.50 shipping for the certificates. All applications and verifying material become the property of the Warren County Genealogical Association.

Applications may be obtained on our web-site at tngenweb.org/wcga or Facebook page and should be submitted to Warren County Genealogical Association, c/o First Pioneer Families, P. O. Bo 411, McMinnville TN 37111.

Applications approved before June 29, 2013 can receive their certificate in the official ceremony of Warren County – McMinnville Pioneer Families on Saturday, July 20, 2013, 2 p.m. at the WCGA, Warren County Government Administration Annex, 201 Locust St, rear entrance, McMinnville, TN. For more information, contact the Warren County Genealogical Association.

Tennessee's earliest settlers are the ancestors of tens of millions of 21st century Americans. Historians have referred to Tennessee as the "seedbed of the west," and many brave Tennesseans who fought in the Battle of New Orleans, at the Alamo, or on either side during the Civil War have numerous descendants in all 50 states.

National leaders from Tennessee include Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, Andrew Johnson, Cordell Hull, and more recently Howard Baker, Bill Frist, Al Gore, and Lamar Alexander.

Well known authors, including Mark Twain (his father ran a hotel in Gainesboro, TN) and Alex Haley are also a part of Tennessee's past. The Carter Family recording their first record in Bristol, TN on August 1, 1927 and Elvis Presley moving to Memphis in 1946 are two events that forever changed the history of Tennessee.

Winchester TN native, Sir John Templeton, was one of Wall Street's most successful investors and founded the Templeton Library in Sewanee TN. In 1987 he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.

Genealogy is one of the fastest growing hobbies. Thousands of Americans would like to visit the land of their ancestors and discover an ancestor who was a part of our rich heritage. The State of Tennessee is encouraging local residents and citizens of other States to search for lost ancestors, thus bringing tourism dollars to Tennessee. One way to achieve this goal is for counties and cities to identify the earliest settlers and other notable past residents and make their names available at libraries, museums, on the web, and by local news media.