

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION



Newsletter



June/July 2013

201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee



The committee met recently at the WCGA office to review the first entries for the Pioneer Families project. Fifteen entries were reviewed and approved for early certificates to be awarded at our July 20 monthly meeting. The committee pictured L-R are: Marion Rhea Speaks, Bettye Pack, Jean Hobbs, Bonita Mangrum and Carolyn Lance.

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.

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.

To qualify for a Warren County – McMinnville First Pioneer Family

***Applications will be accepted
Through December 31, 2013***

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/wcgatn or Facebook page and should be submitted to Warren County Genealogical Association, c/o First Pioneer Families, P. O. Bo 411, McMinnville TN 37111.

MINUTES IN BRIEF

From the June 18 Meeting

By Pat Berges, WCGA Secretary



The regular meeting of the WCGA was called to order by President Mingle at 2:00 p.m. at the WCGA office, 201 Locust Street, McMinnville TN with 20 members and guests in attendance.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Allen Jaco's report indicated a balance of \$4,561.12 in the treasury as of May 31, 2013. Membership - 119.

Programs - The July program will be "Show and Tell." Members were asked to bring something interesting to share with the group. This could be a deed, court document, correspondence, historic object, tool, weapon, clothing, or anything that would be of interest. The July meeting will include presentation of the Pioneer Family certificates.

Office - Co-Office Manager Martha Holt showed off the Association's new printer which will enable us to do more printing at the office.

Bulletin - Editor Chris Keathley has begun work on the December issue. He asked for articles to be submitted and would like to receive more Civil War soldier questionnaires.

Webpage - Editor Pat Berges reminded members to subscribe to the WCGA webpage www.tngenweb.org/wcgatn in order to receive email notifications when new information is posted.

Wedding - President Mingle announced the wedding of WCGA member and former officer Brandi Barnes to Jason Gann at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, June 29, at Central Church of Christ. All WCGA members are invited to attend this happy event.

Pioneer Families - Carolyn Lance reviewed the Pioneer Family project that will provide honorary certificates to anyone who can prove an ancestor who lived in Warren County before 1820. Applications are available through the WCGA office or on the Facebook page and WCGA webpage. A \$10 application fee is required and certificates will be presented at the July 20 meeting. A \$3.50 shipping charge should be included so the certificate can be mailed if the applicant is unable to attend the presentation ceremony.

Next Lasting Landmark - Several suggestions were reviewed and it was decided that the next keepsake will be the birthing tree.

Genealogy Review - Christine Bouldin displayed a beautifully prepared scrapbook with many photographs along with the genealogy of the O'Neal family which she had prepared for her stepchildren Mike and Charlotte Bouldin to preserve the history of their mother's family.

Program - Reba Prater presented a history of the John H. Savage Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, dedicated to men of brilliant courage and devotion to their cause during "the War of the Invasion," 1861-1865.



McMinnville resident Reba Prater

Addresses WCGA Talks About the UDC

Picture and story by Pat Berges

The history of the John H. Savage Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was presented to those attending the June meeting of the WCGA. The UDC is dedicated to men of brilliant courage and devotion to their cause during "the War of the Invasion," 1861-1865.

The Tennessee organization of the UDC was formed in September 1894 in Nashville. Membership is open to ladies age 16 and over who are blood descendants in a direct line from a Confederate soldier.

The local chapter dues are \$24/year and meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday monthly at Magness Memorial Library.

Reba reviewed the activities of the UDC, including educational efforts and scholarships, recording of Confederate tombstone data, visiting Confederate battlefields, book donations to the library, graveyard cleanup, memorials, and contributions of food and clothing to local benevolent groups.

**Have a Happy
4th of July
And a Great
Summer**



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

**Saturday, July 20, 2013
2:00 p.m.**

*Certificates will be awarded
To the early entries of
Warren County Pioneer Families*

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

Sharing Our Family History

Christine Boulding Presents The O'Neal Family Ancestors

By Pat Berges



Christine Bouldin displayed a beautifully prepared scrapbook with many photographs along with the genealogy of the O'Neal family which she had prepared for her stepchildren Mike and Charlotte Bouldin to preserve the history of their mother's family. This included photos of a very old log cabin, originally owned by Audley Harrison and

purchased by William and Parmelia O'Neal in 1850, where they raised their eight children on Dark Hollow Road near Cumberland Caverns. The cabin was eventually donated to the Warren County Fair. All the ancestors listed in this scrapbook are buried in Van Buren or Warren County.

Photos by Cheryl Mingle and Pat Berges



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



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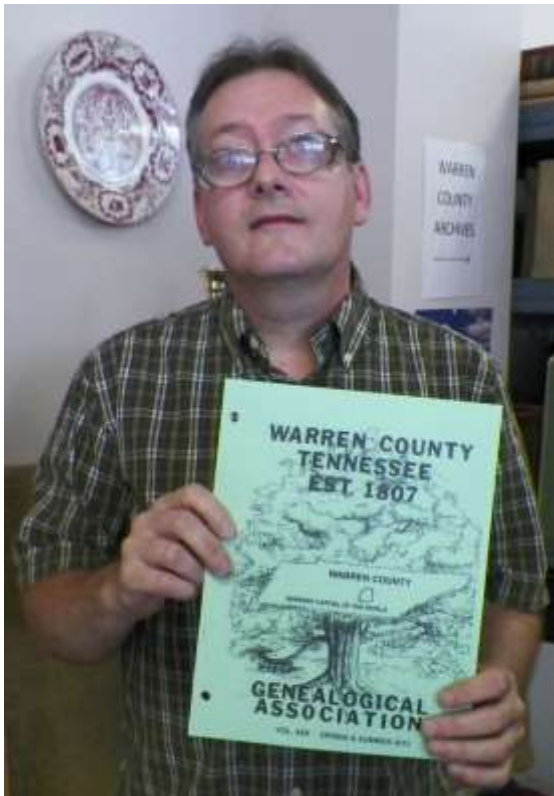
**Our New Keepsake
First Methodist Church**

(Second in a series)
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.



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BULLETIN Editor Chris Keathley poses with the Spring & Summer issue that was distributed to all members in early June. He has begun work on the December issue and asked for articles to be submitted. He would also like to receive more Civil War soldier's questionnaires.

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Office Committee co-chairmen Martha Holt and Evelyn Wade are proud of the new copy machine they recently purchased for the WCGA office. The new machine will be cheaper to operate and enable us to do more printing at the office.

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