

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION



Newsletter

July/August 2013



201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee



Everyone's all smiles as they display their Pioneer Families Certificates. Pictured from L-R, first row: Allen Jaco, JoAnn Webb Sandlin, Shirley McGee Douglass, Bonita Bratcher Mangrum, William Roberts, Shayna Marquee Jacobs and Cheryl Watson Mingle. Second row, L-R: Bobby Lance, Maxine Tenpenny Bates, Trina White, Barbara Bates, Glenda Stubblefield Cantrell, Marion Rhea Speaks, Isaac Roberts, Bobbie G. Woodlee, Joyce Round Matney and Norman Elrod. Third row, L-R: Paul Hobbs, Paul E. Sanders, Brad Walker, Bettye Smith Pack, Chris Keathley, Marie Ponder and McMinnville Mayor Jimmy Haley who presented the awards.

A Successful Kickoff for Pioneer Families

McMinnville Mayor Jimmy Haley presented Certificates to thirty four direct descendants of Warren County Pioneer Families at the July meeting of the Warren County Genealogical Association.

A large crowd attended the July 20 ceremony held in the Magnolia Room at the County Government building. The certificates are proof that their ancestors were here at the time Warren County was formed or within a few years thereafter.

This was the first of two awards programs scheduled for recipients. Those who submit their entries between June 29 and December 31 will receive certificates at the January 2014 WCGA meeting.

The Pioneer Families committee consisting of Marion Speaks, Jean Hobbs, Bettye Pack, Bonita Mangrum and Carolyn Lance meet weekly to review and respond to those who submit entries.

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 if you wish to have it mailed. 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. Box 411, McMinnville TN 37111.

A list of recipients can be found on the following page.

***It's not too late
to get your certificate!
Applications will be accepted
through December 31, 2013***

Pioneer Family Certificate Recipients With Their Direct Descendant of Pioneer Settlers

Cheryl Watson Mingle – William Nunley & Jean Miller Nunley
Cheryl Watson Mingle – Benjamin & Frances "Fanny" Ukn Levan
Shirley McGee Douglass – John McGee & Ester Clendenon McGee
Shirley McGee Douglass – Leroy & Mary "Polly" Hampton Hammons
Bonita Bratcher Mangrum – Archibald Hicks & Ruth Blanton Hicks
Bobbie G. Woodlee – Obediah Jennings & Elizabeth Dodson Jennings
Cheryl Watson Mingle – Ebenezer Snow & Sally Wicker Snow
Cheryl Watson Mingle – John Ferrell & Jane Ann Ukn Ferrell
Trina White – Elisha Pepper II & Margaret Morrow Pepper
Paul Hobbs – Ezekiel Hobbs & Callie Sara Ellen Gooch Hobbs
Brad Walker – James Walker Sr. & Mary Polly Campbell Walker
Isaac Roberts – Frederick Stepp & Mary Clindenbeard Stepp
William Roberts – Frederick Stepp & Mary Clindenbeard Stepp
Barbara Bates – Jeremiah Jaco & Frances Ann Boykin Jaco
Marie Ponder – Harrel Byars & "Jennie" Gill Byars
Norman Elrod – Andrew Blair & Ukn Walker Blair
JoAnn Webb Sandlin – John Byers Webb & Mary Ukn Webb
Shirley McGee Douglass – James Hennessee & Jane McGee Hennessee
Betty Higginbotham – Aaron Higginbotham & Mary Brooks Allen Higginbotham
Chris Keathley – Aaron Higginbotham & Mary Brooks Allen Higginbotham
Allen A. Jaco, Jr. – John Jaco & Ukn Ukn Jaco
Glenda Stubblefield Cantrell – George Stubblefield & Mary Jeffries Stubblefield
Paul E Sanders – Peter Countiss & Martha Burt Countiss
Marion Rhea Speaks – Moses Rhea & Hannah Ritter Rhea
Bobby Lance – Thomas Gribble & Hannah Shanks Gribble
Joyce Round Matney – Thomas Gribble & Hannah Shanks Gribble
Maxine Tenpenny Bates – Richard Tenpenny & Barbara Shuman Tenpenny
Vickie Barnes Bouldin – Richard Tenpenny & Barbara Shuman Tenpenny
Bettye Smith Pack – Richard Tenpenny & Barbara Shuman Tenpenny
Willie Cunningham – John Cunningham & Sarah Jane Swindle Cunningham
Larry C. Boyd – Joseph Vicars & Hannah Ukn Vicars
Cheryl Watson Mingle -- Barlett Wright & Nancy Hogan Wright
Shayna Marquee Jacobs – Benjamin & Frances "Fanny" Ukn Levan
Shyera Rayne Jacobs – Ebenezer Snow & Sally Wicker Snow

A brief history of Warren County was presented by Magness Memorial Library Director Brad Walker.



Attending the meeting were James Edmon Sandlin, JoAnn Webb Sandlin and their daughter Teresa McCurry. JoAnn was a recipient of a certificate recognizing her Pioneer Family of John Byers Webb and Mary Unk Webb.



A variety of refreshments were provided by Wilma Davenport, Bonita Mangrum, Bettye Pack, Christine Bouldin, Martha Holt, Pat Berges, Evelyn Wade, Cheryl Watson Mingle and Marion Rhea Speaks.



Shirley McGee Douglass, Bobby Lance, Earl Blair and Bobby Bates are deep in discussion. Bobby Lance received a certificate recognizing his Pioneer Family of Thomas Gribble and Hannah Shanks Gribble.

Welcome Our Newest Member

Ernest David Pennington
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Researching William Martin Farless and Omega Overall

A presentation of Certificates by Mayor Haley



Cheryl Watson Mingle –
William Nunley & Jean Miller Nunley
Benjamin Levan & Frances “Fanny” (unknown)
Levan
Ebenezer Snow & Sally Wicker Snow
John Ferrell & Jane Ann (unknown) Ferrell
Bartlett Wright & Nancy Hogan Wright



Trina White -
Elisa Pepper II & Margaret Morrow Pepper



William Roberts -
Frederick Stepp & Mary Clindenbeard Stepp



Shirley McGee Douglass –
John McGee & Ester Clendenon McGee
Leroy Hammons & Mary “Polly” Hampton
Hammons
James Hennessee & Jane McGee Hennessee



Paul Hobbs -
Ezekiel Hobbs & Callie Sara Ellen Gooch Hobbs



Barbara Bates -
Jeremiah Jaco & Frances Ann Boykin Jaco



Brad Walker -
James Walker Sr. & Mary Polly Campbell Walker



Marie Ponder -
Harrel Byars & Jennie Gill Byars



Bonita Bratcher Mangrum –
Archibald Hicks & Ruth Blanton Hicks



Isaac Roberts -
Frederick Stepp & Mary Clindenbeard Stepp



JoAnn Webb Sandlin -
John Byers Webb & Mary (unknown) Webb



Bobbie G. Woodlee –
Obediah Jennings & Elizabeth Dodson Jennings



Norman Elrod
Andrew Blair & (unknown) Walker Blair

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Come visit us at

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More Certificates Presented by Mayor Haley



Chris Keathley -
Aaron Higginbotham & Mary Brooks Allen
Higginbotham



Allen A. Jaco, Jr. -
John Jaco & (unknown) (unknown) Jaco



Glenda Stubblefield Cantrell -
George Stubblefield & Mary Jeffries Stubblefield



Our Mission Statement

"The mission of the Association is to increase public interest in and raise the standards of genealogical research through education programs, workshops and publications, and to promote the collection and preservation of manuscripts, documents and other material of genealogical and historical value."



Paul E. Sanders -
Peter Countiss & Martha Burr Countiss



Marion Rhea Speaks -
Moses Rhea & Hannah Ritter Rhea



Bobby Lance -
Thomas Gribble & Hannah Shanks Gribble



Joyce Round Matney -
Thomas Gribble Hannah Shanks Gribble



Maxine Tenpenny Bates -
Richard Tenpenny & Barbara Shuman Tenpenny



Bettye Smith Pack -
Richard Tenpenny & Barbara Shuman Tenpenny



Larry C. Boyd -
Joseph Vicars & Hannah (unknown) Vicars



Shayna Marquee Jacobs -
Benjamin Levan & Frances "Fanny" (unknown)
Levan



**Brad Walker, Magness Library Director, and
Paul E. Sanders discuss Warren County
historical documents.**

The Ever Popular

Show & Tell



Barbara Bates displayed a beautiful horsehair carriage blanket.



Maxine Tenpenny Bates presented two beautiful and intricate scrapbooks about the Tenpenny family.



Wanda Gant exhibited some school books printed in the 1870s.

Do you own a special gift that belonged to one of your ancestors?

Why not share it with us at our next "Show & Tell" program in January 2014.



Bonita Mangrum showed an ancestor's antique bonnet, shawl, purse and an old photo album of family pictures she had received as a gift.



Pat Berges brought a religious medal that went down with a Spanish galleon off the coast of Dominican Republic several hundred years ago. She also showed an 1863 pocket Bible.



Marion Speaks presented her grandmother's doll and homemade doll clothes.



Allen Jaco shared several antique items, including a family geography book, a tea strainer spoon, a hearing device, and a spinning wheel attachment.



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JOIN US

At our next meeting of the
**Warren County
Genealogical Association**

Saturday, August 17

2:00 p.m.

*Scheduled as our next speaker is
Bryan Kell who will give a presentation
about the local radio station 960AM*

**WCGA Office & Library
201 Locust St. McMinnville**

MINUTES IN BRIEF

From the July 20 Meeting

By Pat Berges, WCGA Secretary



The regular meeting of the Warren County Genealogical Association was called to order by President Mingle at 2:00 p.m. on July 20, 2013, in the Magnolia Room at the County Administration building. The following 50 members and guests were in attendance: Barbara Bates, Bobby Bates, Maxine Bates, Pat Berges, Earl Blair, Marie Blair, Christine Bouldin, Larry Boyd, Angela Brock, Louise Brown, Glenda Cantrell, Yvonne Casey, Wilma Davenport, Shirley Douglass, Norman Elrod, Wanda Gant, Jimmy Haley, Jean Hobbs, Paul Hobbs, Martha Holt, Allen Jaco, Barbara Jaco, Shayna Jacobs, Mary Jarrell, Chris Keathley, Leonard Keel, Bobby Lance, Carolyn Lance, Teresa McCurry, Bonita Mangrum, Joyce R. Matney, Cheryl Watson Mingle, Bettye Pack, Marie Ponder, Isaac Roberts, James T. Roberts, Will Roberts, Judy M. Roland, Paul Sanders, Terry Sanders, James Sandlin, Jo Ann Sandlin, Doyle Speaks, Marion Speaks, Evelyn Wade, Brad Walker, Jonathan White, Lydia White, Trina White, Scotty White, and Gail Woodlee.

Founding Families of Warren County

No formal business session was held inasmuch as the purpose of the meeting was to present Founding Family certificates to direct descendants of Warren County's earliest pioneers. Applicants for the certificates had completed a three-page questionnaire that included information and proofs of each generation back to the founding family. A review committee composed of Carolyn Lance, Marion Speaks, Bettye Pack, Bonita Mangrum and Jean Hobbs reviewed and approved the applications.

Welcome

President Cheryl Mingle welcomed the enthusiastic crowd and thanked them for participating in this opportunity to honor our founding fathers during the month of July, which has been declared Genealogy and History Month in Tennessee.

History of Warren County

President Mingle then introduced Brad Walker, Magness Library Director, who presented a review of Warren County's history, formation and development. He explained that Warren County was originally known as Indian Lands, made up mostly of canebrakes. Settlers generally located along creeks or the edges of mountains, and by 1806, there were 300 families, and the Baptist Church had been established. McMinnville was incorporated in 1810, and there were 1,000 signatures on the 1812 tax list. Several other religious denominations were in place by 1816. The early nursery industry began with apple growing. Brad mentioned that early newspapers are available in the library, going back to the Mountain Echo in 1816, and they provide a great deal of interesting detail about daily life during that time.

Mission Statement

President Mingle read the WCGA mission statement and invited everyone to become a member of WCGA:

"The mission of the Association is to increase public interest in and raise the standards of genealogical research through education programs, workshops and publications, and to promote the collection and preservation of manuscripts, documents and other material of genealogical and historical value."

Presentation of Certificates

Mayor Jimmy Haley was on hand to present the Pioneer Family certificates, with names being read by Vice President Marion Speaks. Certificates were presented to 34 recipients listed on page 2 of this Newsletter.

Show and Tell

Bonita Mangrum, Maxine Tenpenny Bates, Allen Jaco, Pat Berges, Barbara Bates, Marion Rhea Speaks, and Wanda Gant participated in this very popular event.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. to delicious refreshments provided by members of WCGA.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Berges, Secretary



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.



Getting ready to enjoy some of the great refreshments are Glenda Stubblefield Cantrell and Trina White and family.

Upcoming Cemetery Decoration Days (Copied from the Spring Summer WCGA Bulletin)

MT. ZION CEMETERY	Near Viola at Mt. Zion Methodist Church	1st Saturday in August	Viola Market c/o Tom Thaxton, 34 Park Street, Viola, TN 37394
OAK GROVE CEMETERY at Barren Fork	At Barren Fork Baptist Church	1st Saturday in August	Oak Grove Cemetery, Barbara Page, Secretary & Treasurer 3072 Ivy Bluff Trail, Murfreesboro, TN 37137
CENTER HILL CEMETERY on Hills Creek	Off Hwy 56 on Hills Creek Road, Irving College Community	2nd Saturday in August	Center Hill Cemetery c/o Gene Rhea 990 Hills Creek Rd. McMinnville, TN 37110
OLD BYBEE CEMETERY	Off Hennessee Bridge Rd. on Old Bybee Rd.	2nd Sunday in August	
ASBURY CEMETERY	Asbury Road off Hennessee Bridge Road	3rd Saturday in August	Phillip Gribble (931) 686-2669
CRAIN HILL CEMETERY	Crain Hill Community, Van Buren Co.	3rd Saturday in August	Milton Russell, 15436 Rocky River Road, Rock Island, TN 38581
WHITE HILL CEMETERY	Van Buren County	1st Saturday in September	Nina Johnson, 153 Uncle Billy's Lane, Rock Island, TN 38581

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