

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION



Newsletter



August/September 2013

201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee



Mr. Bryan Kell

Bryan Kell Guest Speaker At August WCGA Meeting

Our guest speaker for the August WCGA meeting was Michael Bryan Kell, General Manager of PEG Broadcastings radio stations including WBMC 96.0 AM in McMinnville. He reviewed the Kell family history back to his 5th great-grandparents Howard and Lydia Kell from North Carolina in the late 1700s.

Bryan noted that the exercise of researching and preparing his family history for this occasion had gotten him “hooked” on genealogy and he became a member of the Association.

Accompanying Bryan at our meeting was his wife Kristen Cassell Kell, their son Logan, his mother Vickie Chastain Kell and his grandparents Marvin and Thelma Neal Kell.



Accompanying Bryan to our WCGA meeting are family members from left to right: Marvin Kell, Thelma Neal Kell, Kristen Cassell Kell, Logan Kell,

Bryan Kell and Vickie Chastain Kell. Marvin and Thelma are Bryan’s paternal grandparents, Kristen his wife, Logan their son and Vickie his mother.

Sharing our Family History

Allen Jaco Presented His Jaco Family Ancestors

The August Genealogy Presentation, presented by Allen Jaco, was an interesting review of his Jaco ancestors starting with John Jaco who was listed in the 1814 Warren County Land Records. He was a Revolutionary War soldier from Maryland, attached to a Virginia unit.

In 1783 his family moved into Union County, South Carolina and from there to Logan County, Kentucky about 1804, where in 1806 he married Thomas Boykin's widow, Elizabeth. In the same month his son Jeremiah married Elizabeth's daughter Frances Annie. John died in Warren County, TN about 1821.

Allen's ascending ancestral lineage is:

1. **John Jaco**

2. **Brooks B. Jaco** born in 1788 in Union County, SC and died in 1875 in Panola Co., MS. He served in the War of 1812 from Logan Co., KY. In 1813 he married Elizabeth H. Starnes in Warren Co., TN. and moved in the 1820's from Warren County, TN to Jackson Co., AL.

3. **John S. Jaco** born in 1817 in Warren Co., TN and died 1883 in Marshall County, AL. His wife was Lavinia Ray.

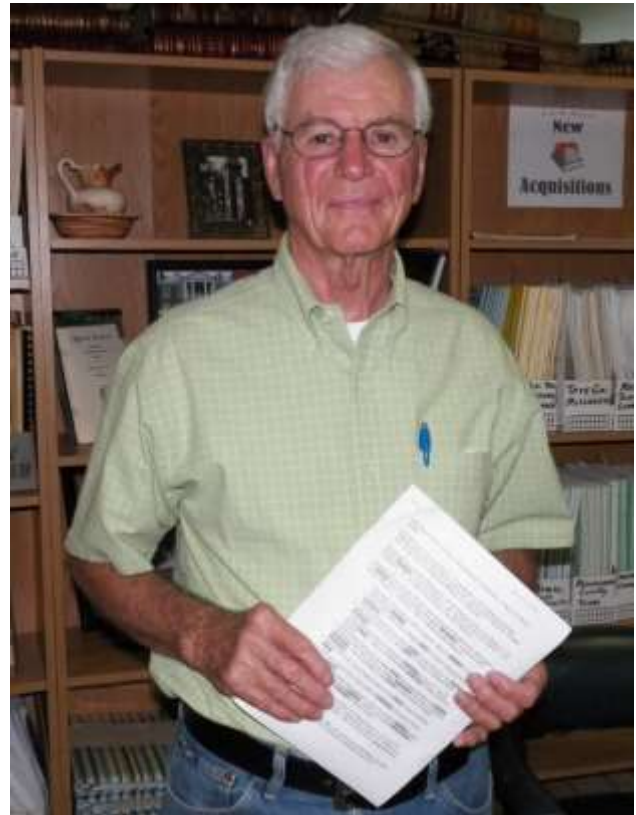
4. **William Brooks Jaco** born in 1853 in Marshall Co., AL and married Sarah Ann Word of Jackson Co., AL.

5. **William Wallace Jaco** born in 1875 in Panola Co., MS, married Polly Lee Fitts and died 1965 in Panola Co., MS

6. **Allen Alexander Jaco** born in 1910 in Panola Co., MS, married Ola Mae Bailey and died 1993 in Memphis, Shelby Co., TN.

7. **Allen Alexander Jaco, Jr.** was born in Quitman Co, MS and moved to Shelby Co., TN in 1942. He and his wife, the former Barbara Ann Byars, moved to McMinnville 36 years ago on August 17, the day after Elvis Presley died. They have 3 children: David Allen, Richard Scott and Ami Beth and are proud of their 5 grandchildren.

Allen does an outstanding job as our WCGA treasurer and enjoys research on the Jaco and Starnes family lines.



Allen Jaco

Join the Funfest on Senior Citizen's Day At the Warren County A & L Fair

Tuesday, September 10, 2013

Senior Citizens Beauty & Talent Show/Fun Fest Starts at 8:30 a.m.

You must be 60 or older to enter contest

Register in person at McMinnville Warren Co. Senior Center, 809 Morrison Street on or before Friday, Sept. 6, 2013. Registration will not be accepted on day of event.

NOTE: LIMIT 3 MINUTES PER EVENT

Funfest Awards for the following:

1. Hog calling for women
2. Hog calling for men
3. Most handsome man
4. Talent men
5. Prettiest woman
6. Buck dancing
7. Oldest man
8. Oldest woman
9. Rooster Crowing
10. Couple married longest
11. Men's sexy legs contest
12. Tall tales contest
13. Talent woman
14. Tallest man
15. Woman with longest hair
16. Cracker eating contest
17. Knotted knee contest
18. Woman with the prettiest legs
19. Talent group
20. Watermelon seed spitting
21. Fair Hat Contest (Hat designed with fair items/interest)
22. Dress-up (senior female dresses senior male BLINDFOLDED)



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



WCGA Committee Chairmen

- Membership:**
Allen Jaco
- Circulation Manager:**
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- Bulletin Editor:**
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- Newsletter Editor:**
Doyle Speaks
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Welcome our newest members

Patricia Burton Brown click@blomand.net
Researching: Burton, Quarles and Rockwell

Robert "Bob" Brown click@blomand.net
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Michael Bryan Kell BryanKell@PEGbroadcasting.com
Researching: Kell and Chastain

MINUTES IN BRIEF

From the August 17 Meeting

By Pat Berges



The regular meeting of the Warren County Genealogical Association was called to order by the President at 2:00 p.m. on August 17, 2013 in the WCGA office at 201 Locust Street, McMinnville TN with the following 25 members and guests present: Barbara Bates, Pat Berges, Christine Bouldin, Larry Boyd, Glenda Cantrell, Wilma Davenport, Jimmy Haley, Jean Hobbs, Martha Holt, Allen Jaco, Chris Keathley, Marvin and Thelma Kell, Bryan, Kristen, Logan and Vickie Kell, Bonita Mangrum, Bettye Pack, Tom and Carol Quillin, Bob and Bettye Sherwood, and Doyle and Marion Speaks.

Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved upon motion by Marion Speaks seconded by Wilma Davenport.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jaco reported July income of \$557.37, expenditures of \$467.38, and a treasury balance of \$3,716.65 as of July 31, 2013.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Allen Jaco advised that WCGA has 3 Complimentary members, 3 Exchange, 3 Honorary Life, 93 renewed, 3 new, and 14 people receiving the Newsletter only, for a total of 119 members as of July 31, 2013.

Programs – Chmn. Marion Speaks gave the following report on programs for the remainder of the year:

September Speaker: Steve West, History of High's Funeral Home
Genealogy: Bonita Mangrum

October: Regional Genealogy & History Conference
October 19, Nashville

November Speaker: Mark Dudney, Historic Preservation
Genealogy: Larry Boyd

December: Christmas Luncheon

Publicity – Cheryl Mingle is keeping our activities posted on local news media and Facebook.

Bulletin – Editor Chris Keathley advised the Bulletin is on schedule for distribution at the November meeting. He would still like to have photos, documents, stories, and historical information submitted for inclusion in the Bulletin.

Newsletter – Editor Doyle Speaks was congratulated on his outstanding newsletter. He asked for e-mail addresses for anyone that members would like to receive the Newsletter without charge in an effort to make our activities known to the public and encourage membership.

Refreshments – Chmn. Christine Bouldin announced that this month's refreshments are by courtesy of Evelyn Wade and Bettye Pack, while September's will be provided by Cheryl Mingle and Wanda Gant.

OLD BUSINESS

Pioneer Families Project

Applications are still being accepted through the end of December. Members were reminded they may apply for certificates based on more than one ancestor. Everyone was pleased with the turnout and presentation of the certificates at the meeting in July.

Birthing Tree Keepsake

President Mingle announced that she had spoken with Mayor Haley about permission to use the birthing tree as our next keepsake. He will discuss the matter with the Aldermen. A motion was made by Larry Boyd, seconded by Bonita Mangrum, and unanimously approved to share the proceeds 50/50 after all expenses have been paid with the Birthing Tree Maintenance Fund.

It was also noted that 1st Methodist Church keepsakes are still available, but have not sold particularly well. This was thought to be due to a lack of public knowledge about them. More publicity will be offered.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Recognition

The organization congratulated members Glenda Cantrell and Carolyn

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MINUTES continued

Lance who recently won gold medals for basketball at the National Senior Olympic Games. Glenda played for the Tennessee Amigos and the Shooting Stars, while Carolyn played for the McMinnville Bulldogs.

Family Genealogy Files

Members were reminded that WCGA maintains a collection of family genealogy files to be available to researchers seeking family history information on Warren County ancestors. Anyone who has not submitted family genealogy was asked to do so as soon as possible to bring our files up to date. Family group sheet forms were made available for this purpose.

Christmas Luncheon

The subject of when and where to hold our Christmas luncheon was brought up. Following a brief discussion, the date of Saturday, December 14, was chosen. Pat Berges suggested we consider a field trip to Buttonwillow Church – a Civil War dinner theater in Whitwell TN, which has an outstanding program and wonderful food for \$37 per person, tax and 10% tip included. After considerable discussion, this site was selected. Since most of us would prefer not to drive that distance at night, we would like a matinee performance, which requires a minimum of 20 participants. A signup sheet was circulated and, to date, the following members have registered to attend:

Pat Berges (2); Allen Jaco (2); Larry Boyd (2); Barbara Bates (2); Glenda Cantrell (); Jean Hobbs (2); Chris Keathley (2); Martha Holt (1); Evelyn Wade (1); Doyle Speaks (2); Bonita Mangrum (2); Cheryl Mingle (2).

Everyone interested in going is asked to send their check to Treasurer Jaco c/o of the WCGA office at P. O. Box 411, McMinnville TN 37111-1411.

Genealogy Presentation – Allen Jaco presented an interesting review of early Warren County Jacos and their spouses, beginning in 1813 with Brooks Jaco and his wife Elizabeth Starnes (from Logan County, Kentucky) and then his brother Jeremiah and their father John in the 1814 land records. He related the history of the descendants of John Jaco.

PROGRAM

The Association welcomed Michael Bryan Kell and his family, including his wife Kristen Cassell Kell and son Logan, his mother Vickie Chastain Kell and his grandparents Marvin and Thelma Neal Kell. Bryan noted that the exercise of researching and preparing his family history for this occasion had gotten him “hooked” on genealogy and he became a member of the Association today. Bryan reviewed the Kell family history back to his 5th great-grandparents Howard and Lydia Kell from North Carolina in the late 1700s.

Adjournment

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Berges



Our New Keepsake (Second in a series) First Methodist Church, McMinnville, TN

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

Join the 34 recipients who just received Certificates for Warren County – McMinnville First Pioneer Families

To qualify for a 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, WCGA office at 201 Locust St., or the Senior Center at 809 Morrison St. and should be submitted to Warren County Genealogical Association, c/o First Pioneer Families, P. O. Bo 411, McMinnville TN 37111.

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

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013

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

**Our guest speaker will be Steve West
Who will speak on the History of High's Funeral Home**

WCGA Member Glenda Cantrell

Claims gold at National Senior Games



Members of the gold-medal winning Tennessee Shooting Stars are, from left, Madge Susong, Carolyn Landreth, Sylvia Smith, team captain Mary Kelley, Peggy Ballard, Helen Armstrong and Glenda Cantrell.

By JAMES CLARK
Editor for the Southern Standard
McMinnville, Tenn

Glenda Cantrell needed some excitement in her life when she retired from the Warren County Sheriff's Department. Since she no longer had to wrestle with inmates, she decided to start playing basketball.

Some five years later, Cantrell is now a gold medalist after winning first place at the National Senior Games as a member of the Tennessee Shooting Stars. The team competes in the 70-74- year-old division and is composed of members from Middle and East Tennessee. Cantrell is the only member from Warren County.

"If you just keep going, you can do a lot more than you think you can," said Cantrell, who noted one member of the Shooting Stars is a cancer survivor while others have overcome other health problems. "You just patch it up, keep going and do what it takes."

Cantrell played for Irving College while in high school. She stayed active throughout her life, although she didn't return to the basketball court until about five years ago.

The Shooting Stars have won gold at the National Senior Games in 2009, 2011, and 2013. Nationals are held every other year. This is the First gold medal with

Cantrell as a member of the squad. This year's nationals were held in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Shooting Stars had to mount a dramatic comeback to win the championship game after falling behind 14-1 to a team from Michigan. It was 18-9 at the half before the Shooting Stars went on a 17-2 rally to bring home the gold.

"The crowd was stunned and thrilled by the comeback," said Shooting Stars coach Pat Murphy. "The Shooting Stars displayed the heart of champions to come back in defense of their title."

Murphy noted the Shooting Stars were the only women's team to successfully repeat as senior champs.

In addition to the team from Michigan, the Shooting Stars beat teams from Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Connecticut.

"These ladies are inspired by the success of the Tennessee Lady Vols and believe Tennessee belongs at the top in all levels of ladies basketball," said coach Murphy. "In their 70s, they still work hard to improve their game and they can drive hard to the basket, make 3-pointers, pass and play great defense."

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Carolyn Lance is WCGA Member

Lady Bulldogs hang up their sneakers

James Clark
Editor, Southern Standard
From the August 8, 2013 edition

It took 80 years, but members of the McMinnville Lady Bulldogs have decided to retire from competitive basketball.

The group of senior ladies called it quits after the National Senior Games last week in Cleveland, Ohio. The Lady Bulldogs earned a fourth-place finish in the tournament and leave celebrated careers with two national titles over the past 12 years.

“At 80 years old, it’s time to slow down,” said Jo An Cantrell, one of four team members. “We like the basketball, but we’ll miss each other more than anything. I never dreamed I’d be playing this long.”

Other team members are Blanche Cook, 84, Wanda Shanks, 80, and Carolyn Lance, 79. All are from Warren County except for Shanks, who lives in Buffalo Valley.

“We’ve enjoyed playing ball together,” said Cook. “It got harder every year, especially for me at 84. They have four or five more years before they figure that out.”

Added Lance, “I don’t want to play with anyone else so we’re going out together. It was a great run.”

The women got their start on the basketball court as young ladies. Cook played for Central High School in the late 1940s, while Lance and Cantrell played together on the same team at Central in the early 1950s.

The ladies began playing together as seniors in 2001 at the Tennessee state tournament. By 2003, they were good enough for their first national tournament in Virginia. The National Senior Games are held every other year.

The Lady Bulldogs won national titles in 2009 in California and in 2011 in Texas.

The fourth-place finish this year came despite much adversity. For starters, Cook didn’t even make the trip to Cleveland because of the health of her husband, Clayton.

She said being away from him for nearly a week, or having him make a trip, were two options that were not possible.

To add to the teams troubles, Cantrell was injured during the final practice before the trip to nationals. Her feet got tangled up during a play and she fell to the floor, hitting her head hard. The injury caused extensive bleeding and forced her to play more tentatively.

Once tournament play began, Lance suffered a hamstring injury early in the very first game. She was forced to hobble around at half speed the entire tournament.

Considering all those factors, the Lady Bulldogs still managed to go 2-3 at nationals.

“We were playing some new, fresh teams that were just coming up into the age group so we did pretty good,” said Cantrell.

Because Lance is 79, the Lady Bulldogs had to compete in the 75-79 age division even though the other team members are 80 or older.

Teams compete in 3-on-3 format and play half court. Most of the action takes place inside the 3-point line. Games are 24 minutes long with 12 minutes per half.

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2011 Senior Games Gold Medal Winners



Gold Medals shown are from 2011 Senior Games held at Houston TX. We were the gold medal winners in 3 on 3 basketball 75+ (age). Coach - Dewey Cantrell; players #18 - JoAn Cantrell; #16 - Wanda Shanks (she is from Putman County - Buffalo Valley) #20 - Carolyn Lance; #10 - Blanche Cook. We also won gold medal in 2009 held at San Francisco CA same age group.

Have a Safe and Enjoyable Labor Day!

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