

# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION



## Newsletter



October/November 2013

201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee

### NOTES FROM THE REGIONAL GENEALOGY-HISTORY CONFERENCE

By Pat Berges



The Warren County Genealogy Association was well represented at the fourth Annual Regional Genealogy Conference hosted by the Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society, Inc. located in Nashville, Tennessee. Attending were Pat Berges, Bettye Pack, Martha Holt, Evelyn Wade, and Bonita Mangrum.

WCGA Secretary Pat Berges shares some of the highlights from the conference:

**Publications:** Connecting with Readers and Researchers (Chuck Sherrill, State Librarian & Archivist, TSLA)

- Newsletter distribution and content
    - MyEmma – design and manage, \$25 mo., get feedback (how many read it), has a professional presentation
    - Content – feature events, photos, short articles, members and report finances of organization
  - Journals
    - Who writes the articles – one person or contributors?
    - Layout and publication – use simple software, easier for next editor
    - Visual appeal
    - Continuing sections: “Old News is Good News” – old newspaper articles, legislative petitions
    - Quality control – have a good proofreader
    - Report organization’s finances
    - What’s included – reprints
    - Theme articles – Civil War soldiers, Mother’s Day memories
    - Series of articles on one source
    - Illustrations and copyrights – get permission – pre 1922 is public domain, post 1922 is not, government websites okay to copy
    - Indexing – critical, must have index, consider “Sky” indexing program, but best method is still manual indexing
    - Ideas
      - Transcription = verbatim, Abstract = selected info, be sure to indicate which
      - Feature historic houses
      - Include some genealogy – but add biography or stories to make more interesting
      - Methodology – how to research, e.g., deeds
  - Publishing
    - Profit – balance investment and return, consider presale of special publications
    - Choosing topics
    - Marketing and distribution – get list of libraries mailing info/labels from TSLA
    - Advertise on eBay or Amazon
    - Indexing – include names, topics, places, consider a cumulative index, put your index online
  - Send info about events and sales to MTGS for their newsletter
- The Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society, Inc. will host the conference again next year.



### 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:**  
Evelyn Wade, Martha Holt

**Refreshments:**  
Christine Bouldin

**Warren County Genealogical Association  
Christmas Party  
11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 14, 2013**  
(Sign in at Buttonwillow at 10:45 a.m.)



**Buttonwillow Civil War Dinner Theater**  
Whitwell, Tennessee

**Fabulous Civil War dinner show with a delicious meal**  
**\$37 per person**

Carpooling arrangements to be determined later.  
Please sign up with Allen Jaco no later than December 1.  
No cancellations after December 7.

Send your check to Treasurer Allen Jaco,  
WCGA, P. O. Box 411, McMinnville TN 37111-0411  
For more info: [www.buttonwillowchurch.com](http://www.buttonwillowchurch.com)

... MENU ...

Savannah Baked Chicken  
Louisiana Bayou Cornbread Stuffing  
Charleston-Style Green Beans  
South Carolina Sweet Carrots  
(prepared with Alabama molasses)  
Plantation Pan Biscuits  
Low Country Blackberry Cobbler  
served with  
Blockage-Runner Tea and  
Mr. Lincoln's Coffee  
(Vegetarian plates & low-sugar desserts available)  
Sign Up Now! Don't Miss This Wonderful Outing!

**This month's guest speaker**

Our guest speaker for the November 16 meeting of the Warren County Genealogical Association will be Mark Dudney, UCDD Historic Preservation Planner.

Mr. Dudney will do a powerpoint presentation about Heritage Tourism in the Upper Cumberland area.

The presentation will include the Upper Cumberland Civil War Trail, heritage museums, state parks and their cultural resources, and the diverse heritage of the region and how selected communities leverage their past to promote tourism.

**Our Genealogy Presentation will be presented by Larry Boyd.**

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

**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](http://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.

**WCGA slate of officers for 2014  
To be elected November 16**

|                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| President      | Cheryl Watson Mingle |
| Vice President | Marion Rhea Speaks   |
| Secretary      | *(Open)              |
| Treasurer      | Allen Jaco           |

\*A search is in progress for the position of Secretary as well as anyone interested in becoming the Webpage Administrator.

**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](http://www.tngenweb.org/wcgatn)



**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.

Both Great Christmas Presents

Take home a piece of  
Warren County history!

**WARREN COUNTY KEEPSAKES**

**THE COURTHOUSE**  
(First in a series)

**\$18 each**

Available at Southern Museum  
210 E. Main Street, McMinnville  
&  
Warren Co. Genealogical Association  
County Administration Building  
201 Locust Street  
(open Fridays 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.)

**Fun at the Warren County-McMinnville Senior Center**



Two of our WCGA members were winners at the Hoe Down Fall Festival and Chili Cook Off Contest held recently at the Senior Center. Pictured from L-R are winners of the Rooster Crowing Contest: 2nd place Donna Brady, 1st place Cheryl Watson Mingle and 3rd place Larry Boyd.

**Membership Dues...**

Just a friendly reminder that it will soon be time to pay your WCGA membership dues. The annual membership fee for calendar year 2014 is due January 1, 2014.

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 WCGA, P.O. Box 411, McMinnville, TN 37111

See you at the next WCGA meeting  
November 16, 2013

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