

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION



Newsletter



November/December, 2013

201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee

Mark Dudney Addressed November WCGA Group

Mark Dudney, Historic Preservation Planner with the Upper Cumberland Development District, spoke at the November 16 WCGA meeting.

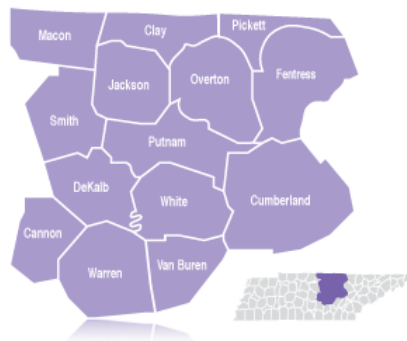
He presented a very informative powerpoint presentation on "Heritage Tourism – Discovering the Upper Cumberland". He highlighted many of the historic places that have been preserved and now serve as great places to visit in this part of Tennessee.

Rock Island State Park, along with Cumberland Caverns, are two of the gems we can be very proud of here in Warren County. Added compliments for the county are the historic Falcon Rest Mansion, Warren County Heritage Center & School of Photography Museum and the Southern Museum & Galleries just to name a few.



Mark Dudney

The Upper Cumberland Development District (UCDD) was created by the Tennessee General Assembly to provide regional planning and assistance to the following counties: Cannon, Clay, Cumberland, DeKalb, Fentress, Jackson, Macon, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, Smith, Van Buren, Warren, and White. It is our belief that the fourteen counties, along with the many municipalities contained within, are made stronger through regional cooperation and shared resources.



The UCDD is committed to these core principles:

1. We will promote the concept of regionalism through planning & coordination of resources.
2. We will serve as a resource to all communities in the Upper Cumberland.
3. We will promote long-term planning.

To read more about the UCDD log onto WCTE.org/tourism.



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

MINUTES IN BRIEF

From the November 16, 2013 Meeting

By Pat Berges



Call to Order

In the absence of President Mingle (who was ill), the regular meeting of the WCGA was called to order by Vice President Marion Speaks at 2:00 p.m. in the WCGA office at 201 Locust Street, McMinnville, TN, with the following 22 members and guests in attendance: Barbara Bates, Pat Berges, Christine Bouldin, Janice and Larry Boyd, Wilma Davenport, Mark Dudney, Norman Elrod, Wanda Gant, Scarlett Griffith, Martha Holt, Ladye Jane Hunter, Allen Jaco, Mary Jarrell, Chris Keathley, Carolyn Lance, Bonita Mangrum, Mary and Abby Oaks, Doyle and Marion Speaks, and Evelyn Wade.

Minutes

Since there was no October meeting, the September minutes were read and approved upon motion by Wilma Davenport seconded by Ladye Jane Hunter.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Allen Jaco presented an in-depth review of the Association's finances for the previous month, listing \$54 in income, \$323.52 in expenditures, and balance of \$3,302.70.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Allen Jaco reported no change in membership since September 31, 2013. The Association currently has 122 members.

Circulation – Chmn. Wilma Davenport distributed the Fall/Winter WCGA Bulletins to those present, indicating the rest will be mailed on Monday.

Programs – Chmn. Marion Speaks advised that the January 18 program will be Show & Tell as well as presentation of the remaining Pioneer Family Certificates. She requested members to be thinking about interesting items to bring for show and tell.

Publicity – President Mingle continues to keep local news media, including newspapers and radio announcements, abreast of our activities.

Research – Chmn. Bonita Mangrum noted that she had responded to two queries this month.

Office – Co-chmn. Evelyn Wade thanked Monty Wanamaker for the donation to our WCGA library of his book, *Born a Country Girl, the Life & Legacy of Dottie West*, as well as his 2014 Calendar featuring historic buildings in Warren County. These are for sale at Southern Museum.

Bulletin – Editor Chris Keathley announced that he plans to have the Spring/Summer Bulletin ready for distribution at the May meeting of the Association.

Newsletter – Editor Doyle Speaks was once again congratulated on his fine work on the Newsletter. He continues to ask for email addresses for anyone that members would like to add to the Newsletter distribution.

Webpage – Administrator Pat Berges mentioned that a dues reminder has been added to the webpage and encouraged members to check the webpage time to time for new information. She also asked if someone would volunteer to take over this responsibility as she is unable to continue in the coming year.

Refreshments – Chmn. Christine Bouldin noted that Wilma Davenport and Martha Holt provided the refreshments for today's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Pioneer Families

The remaining certificates will be issued at the January meeting of the Association. The Board of Directors has discussed the viability of leaving this option open-ended so that at any time in the future, anyone could apply for and receive a certificate by mail if qualified. No further ceremonies would be planned. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Wanda Gant, seconded by Ladye Hunter, to continue issuing these certificates as long as anyone is interested.

Birthing Tree Keepsake

Approval has finally been received from Mayor Haley to use the birthing tree as our next keepsake. Pat Berges presented a proof of the proposed keepsake. General consensus was that the keepsake should be larger (in line with our other keepsakes), the ground under the tree should be flat, and the lower branches should droop more. Pat will follow up with the supplier to make these changes and a revised proof will be requested.

Methodist Church Keepsake

There seems to be some question about the church purchasing all of these keepsakes. It was decided we should ask the church to announce the keepsakes in their member newsletter, and we should also issue public notices in the local news media about them.

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Party

Reservations are needed now for everyone who plans to attend the Christmas luncheon and Civil War play at Buttonwillow Church in Whitwell on December 14. Members were asked to send their checks as soon as possible to Treasurer Allen Jaco in the amount of \$37 for each person, with an end-of-November deadline.

Membership Dues

Member renewals are due January 1 for 2014. Pat Berges distributed a calendar of meetings scheduled for 2014.

Election of Officers

The following slate of officers for next year was unanimously approved:

OFFICERS

President: Cheryl W. Mingle

Vice Pres: Marion Speaks

Secretary: Scarlett Griffith*

Treasurer: Allen Jaco

Past Pres: Ladye Jane Hunter

Bulletin Editor: Chris Keathley

Newsletter Editor: Doyle Speaks

Webpage Admin.:

COMMITTEES

Membership: Allen Jaco

Circulation Manager: Wilma Davenport

Programs: Marion Speaks

Office: Evelyn Wade

Martha Holt

Publicity: Cheryl Mingle

Research: Bonita Mangrum

Refreshments: Christine Bouldin

*At the end of the meeting, Scarlett Griffith agreed to take the Secretary position. A volunteer is still needed for the Webpage Administrator.

Book Donations

Donations were requested for family genealogies, books about the history of Tennessee, Warren and surrounding counties, and any other interesting anthologies to help build our WCGA library and research capabilities. Memorial donations are always appreciated.

Genealogy Presentation

Larry Boyd offered a brief review of his Austin family history, primarily covering the family of Nathaniel Austin, who came to Middle Tennessee from Charlotte County, VA in the early 1800s.

He also recited several memories of his ancestor F. C. Boyd Sr.

PROGRAM

The guest speaker for today's meeting was Mark Dudney, who presented a most interesting Power Point program on "Heritage Tourism – Discovering the Upper Cumberland." He reviewed information about the fourteen counties included in the Upper Cumberland area and discussed (1) the Civil War Trail in Upper Cumberland, (2) small heritage museums, (3) state parks, and (4) tourism and economic development in the area. His presentation was most enjoyable and appreciated by all who were there. More information can be obtained from wcte.org/tourism.

Adjournment

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Berges, Secretary

**It's not too late
to get your certificate!
Applications will be accepted
through December 31, 2013
Join the 34 recipients who received
Certificates in July 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.

Don't delay, certificates will be presented once again at the January 18, 2014 meeting of the WCGA.

Officers for WCGA Elected for 2014 term

President	Cheryl Watson Mingle
Vice President	Marion Rhea Speaks
Secretary	Scarlett Griffith
Treasurer	Allen Jaco
Past President	Lady Jane Hunter

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



Larry Boyd

"The paper in my hands tells of Papa Boyd's kindness toward young people. I got these stories from those who had experienced his generosity and wisdom. For several years on or about his March 7 birthday, I interviewed his children or friends and shared stories of him which I collected with my son and a few others. This was my last formal one."

Sharing our Family History

Larry C. Boyd talks about His Austin, Boyd Ancestors

Larry Boyd presented a brief review of his Austin and Boyd families at the November meeting. Nathaniel Austin, his maternal side of the family, came to Middle Tennessee from Charlotte County, VA in the early 1800s eventually connecting with the Boyd family here in Warren County.

He recited several memories of his grandfather F.C. Boyd Sr. and a couple of those are as follows:

A Memory of F.C. Boyd Sr.

By Robert Clendenon

When I was a boy, we lived on my grandfather's farm across the road from Mr. F.C. Boyd's nursery. In the fall his nursery bought seed to plant. My buddy and I thought we'd make us a little spending money by collecting seed. We got my little red wagon and filled it up with peach seed from Grandfather's farm. Then we headed down Morrison Road, as it was then called, pulling the little red wagon toward the nursery packing barn.

Arriving at the nursery, we looked for the man in charge of buying seed. Mr. Jesse Nunley was usually the man who checked and approved the new seed purchases. When we found him and told him what we had, he abruptly stated, "We've bought all the peach seed we need this year." Our spirits sank. It seemed that we had done all that seed collecting for nothing. Then Mr. Boyd walked up, patted me on the shoulder and said, "Now Jesse, we are going to buy Bobby's seed." Our spirits were renewed, we sold our seed and we walked home with our pockets jingling with the seed money. Mr. Boyd was a fine man."

--told to LCB by Mr. Clendenon, January 2004

The Promise

When Austin Boyd was a young lad, his father, F.C. Boyd, promised him a horse if he did not drink any coffee until he was 21 years of age. Austin agreed and remembered that promise. Years later, when he reached the age of 21, he no longer wanted a horse. He wanted a car! So, his Papa helped him buy his first car, a new green 1936 Pontiac coupe.

--told to LCB by JAB several times in recent years

Remembrances of Papa Boyd on the 116th anniversary of his birth, March 7, 2004 by Larry C. Boyd





Our guests at the last meeting were Mary Oaks and her granddaughter Abby Oaks.

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

The WCGA will not meet in December. A trip and lunch at the Buttonwillow Civil War Dinner Theatre at Whitwell, TN on Sat., Dec 14 will replace the meeting.



Martha Holt and Wilma Davenport provided refreshments at the November 16 meeting.

Have you bought your keepsake?



The Courthouse, McMinnville, TN
(First in a series)
First Methodist Church, McMinnville, TN
(Second in a series)

Great Christmas presents at \$18 each

Both available at
Southern Museum

201 E. Main Street, McMinnville
Open Wed., Fri., Sat. 10:00 a.m.-4 p.m. and
Warren Co. Genealogical Association
County Administrative Building
201 Locust Street
Open Fridays 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Querie

Mike Dunn, 801 Iron Workers Rd., Clarksville, TN 37043
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Seeking information on David Benton Sr. and David Benton Jr.

Some of our members and the families they research:

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Mullican, Holland, Jones, Russell

Steven Rogers--

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Rogers, Cope

Norma Austin--

Forrest, Rhea

Ida Blake--

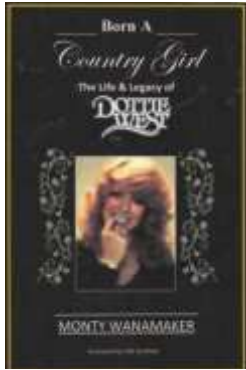
Blake, Cotton, Moss, Pigg, Stewart

Barbara Gail Margeson--

Tatorsnana65@yahoo.com

Arnold, Cotton, Glenn, Henderson, Peek, Roberts, Waites and Wright

A Gift To WCGA



Local author, artist and WCGA member Monty Wanamaker recently donated a copy of his book “Born A Country Girl: The Life & Legacy of Dottie West” and the McMinnville & Warren County TN Landmarks 2014 Limited Edition Calendar to the Association. The book is a 400 page hardback book chronicling the native Warren County country singers life, normally priced at \$44.95 it is on sale now through New Years for \$30.00 . The calendar contains paintings and drawings by Monty featuring two drawings of the Blue Building and sells for \$20.00. Both are available for purchase at the Southern School & Galleries of Photography, Culture & History 210 E. Main Street, 931-507-8102 .

Christine Bouldin donated her research on the Wilson, Garner, Hulett and Hammons families to the Association as well.

The Association is always looking for donations of family genealogies, books about the history of Tennessee, Warren and surrounding countries, and any other interesting anthologies to help build our WCGA library and research capabilities. Memorial donations are always appreciated.



January is Show and Tell Time Join Us...It's Lots of Fun



Bonita Mangrum shows several gifts at the July meeting that she has received as family treasures. Make plans to join us and participate.

May the beauty of the Christmas Season remain with each of you throughout the 2014 New Year

