

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION



Newsletter



201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee

Several More First Pioneer Families Certificates To be Awarded At the January 18 WCGA Meeting

The second installment of Certificates for the Warren County-McMinnville First Pioneer Families will be presented to several people at our next WCGA meeting.

The certificates are proof that their ancestors were here at the time Warren County was formed or within a few years thereafter.

Newly Elected WCGA Officers for 2014 Will Assume Duties At the January WCGA Meeting

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

Membership Dues...

Your WCGA membership dues for calendar year 2014 are 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



2013 OFFICERS

President:	Cheryl W. Mingle
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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

Annual Christmas Luncheon Was Fun, Festive and Entertaining

Photos from the collection of Cheryl Watson Mingle, Chris Keathley and Doyle Speaks



Several WCGA members and guests travelled on December 14 to Whitwell, TN and attended the Buttonwillow Church Civil War Dinner Theatre.

We were greeted by hosts Steve and Allison Gipson who were dressed in their Civil War time period outfits. The delicious southern meal was followed by the two-person performance of "Granddaddy's Watch" starring our hosts.

The play was both entertaining and chocked full of Civil War history and southern humor.



A superb performance by Steve and Allison Gipson



Most Southern Christmas trees were topped with a picture of Jefferson Davis.



The first Confederate flag

Warren County Genealogy Association Well Represented At Buttonwillow



Pictured at right, Yvonne Casey, Barbara and Robert Bates



Thomas and Cheryl Watson Mingle



Doyle and Marion Speaks



Chris Keathley and Monty Wanemaker



Scarlett and ? Griffith



Evans Baird and Pat Berges



Janice Boyd, Evelyn Wade, Bonita Mangrum and Pat Berges pose for a picture outside Buttonwillow.



Janice and Larry Boyd



Sam and Greta Dajani



Allen Jaco, Chris Keathley, Barbara Bates and Monty Wanemaker



Allen and Joyce Jaco



Evelyn Wade and Bonita Mangrum



And the play continued on the way home on the bus. Scarlett Griffith does her interpretation of former First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln.

2013 IN REVIEW

Some of the highlights from the WCGA Newsletter

JANUARY

- Officers were re-elected to lead WCGA
- Chris Keathly accepted the position of Bulletin Editor
- Show and Tell was entertaining
- Cheryl Watson Mingle presented the genealogy program on the General Society of Mayflower Descendants

FEBRUARY

- Robert Brown was guest speaker and talked about "Discovering Your Roots in Tennessee"
- Marion Rhea Speaks presented the genealogy program on her 11 generations of Andersons

MARCH

- Charles Norton, "The Flag Man", was guest speaker and presented a program on the observance of Memorial Day
- Pat Berges presented the genealogy program on her Coulson family
- The First Methodist Church, McMinnville, was introduced as our 2nd Keepsake

APRIL

- Our guest speaker, Rachel Killebrew, gave a talk about the Daughters of the American Revolution
- Reba Prater presented the genealogy program on her John VanHooser ancestor

MAY

- Local author Wayne Wolford was our guest speaker and talked about his new book "Through Wolf's Eyes, a history of blacks in Warren County since its formation in 1807"
- Barbara Bates shared her family history on the Francis and Judah Lebow Cardwell family

JUNE

- Reba Prater was our guest speaker presenting a program on the United Daughters of the Confederacy
- Christine Bolding presented the Family Ancestors program on the O'Neal family
- Chris Keathly introduced his first issue of the Bulletin
- The Pioneer Families committee makes final preparations for the presentation program in July

JULY

- A large crowd attended the program where McMinnville Mayor Jimmy Haley presented certificates to 34 descendants of Warren County Pioneer Families
- Brad Walker, Director of Magness Memorial Library, presented a brief history of Warren County
- Another popular "Show and Tell" was held

AUGUST

- Michael Bryan Kell, General Manager of PEG Broadcasting, was guest speaker and talked about his 5th great grandparents Howard and Lydia Kell
- Allen Jaco presented his Jaco family ancestors
- WCGA members Glenda Cantrell and Carolyn Lance honored with gold medals in the National Senior Games

SEPTEMBER

- Local artist and author Monty Wanamaker was guest speaker and presented a program on his John Wanamaker and Franz Coppingner families
- Bonita Mangrum shared her Samuel Mitchell Bratcher family history

OCTOBER

- Pat Berges shared her notes from the Regional Genealogy History Conference held in Nashville
- The annual Christmas outing was set for Dec. 14 at Buttonwillow Civil War Dinner Theatre in Whitwell, TN

NOVEMBER

- Mark Dudney, Historic Presentation Planner with the Upper Cumberland Development District, was our guest speaker. He presented a program on Heritage Tourism - Discovering the Upper Cumberland
- Larry Boyd talked about his Austin and Boyd ancestors

DECEMBER

- Several WCGA members traveled to Whitwell, TN and enjoyed the Buttonwillow Church Civil War Dinner Theater.

Have you bought your keepsake?



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

Great 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.

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

The next meeting of the
Warren County Genealogy Association
will be
Saturday, January 18, 2014
Located in the rear of the
Warren County Administration Building
201 Locust Street
**Certificates will be presented to descendants of
Warren County Pioneer Families and once again
another installment of the
Very popular Show and Tell**

Join Us...It's Lots of Fun

Jaco retires after 10 years as public safety officer

(Reprinted with permission from the November 29, 2013 edition of Southern Standard newspaper, McMinnville, Tennessee)

By Lisa Hobbs

Staff Reporter for the Southern Standard
(McMinnville, Tennessee)

McMinnville Police Department's Public Safety Unit has lost one of its charter members. PSU officer Allen Jaco has retired after 10 years.

"I absolutely enjoyed my time as a PSU officer," said Jaco. "I felt I was doing something worthwhile for the city. It was interesting. I really enjoyed it."

Very active while in the program volunteering above what was expected of him, Jaco now plans to dedicate his time to landscaping his yard and devoting more time to his favorite pastime, travel.

Jaco was one of the original members of the PSU organization which was started 10 years ago by then-Mayor Royce Davenport.



Allen in uniform

Among other things, PSU officers help direct traffic, act as funeral escorts, help with stalled vehicles, assist emergency personnel, give directions to motorists, deliver paperwork, and patrol city parks. In doing those jobs, PSU members allow patrolmen to focus on their more important duties.

PSU officers are not certified police officers, but they are specially trained in various areas of emergency and non-emergency services. In order to perform the duties that are required, each applicant must possess certain skills and abilities. They must also meet certain requirements and be able to undergo and pass background and fingerprint checks.

While performing their regular duties, PSU officers keep an eye out in the community. They report criminal activity, fires, and accidents to police officers.

Once reported, they step up and lend a hand in many of the situations.

PSU officers must sign on for a year and promise to commit at least four hours a week to the city. During their time in the organization, they must continue to participate in mock scenarios and training.



Mike Baus photo

Public Safety Unit officer Allen Jaco has retired after 10 years of volunteer service with McMinnville Police Department. Jaco was given a retirement celebration this month. Pictured, from left, are McMinnville Police Chief Bryan Denton, Jaco and Royce Davenport, who was mayor when the Public Safety Unit was formed.

Allen is Treasurer of the Warren County Genealogy Association and will begin his 3rd term in January 2014.

This list reprinted from the Fall Winter edition of the Bulletin

BOOKS FOR SALE WARREN COUNTY TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION P. O. Box 411, McMinnville TN 37111-0411

Birth, Death, Funeral Records

Warren County Funeral Notices 1878-1919 by Ladye Hunter	\$15.00
Warren County Death Certificates & Death Records 1914-1925	\$25.00
Warren County Births & Deaths 1926-1938, compiled by Ladye Jane Hunter	\$20.00
Funeral Home Records Jacobs & Jarrell Store & Funeral Home, Morrison TN, 1902-1904	\$15.00
Some Early Coffee Co. Deaths & Guardianship Book 1838-1869	\$ 8.00
Van Buren County TN Death Records 1914-1919	\$10.00

Census Records

Warren County Census 1860	\$25.00
Warren County Census 1880	\$25.00
Warren County 1891 Tax Record (subst. for 1890 census)	\$20.00
Warren County Census 1900 by A. C. Hillis Jr.	\$25.00

Marriage Records

Warren County Marriages 1852-1900	\$25.00
Warren County Marriages 1900-1950	\$25.00
Warren County Marriages 1950-1975	\$25.00

Miscellaneous Titles

John Hammons Lawsuit	\$15.00
Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1809-1930	\$ 8.00
Old Philadelphia Church History by James A. Dillon, Jr.	\$ 5.00

Tour Books

Plainview Tour Book (2007)	\$12.00
Rebel Hill/McMinnville Original Lots Tour	\$ 8.00
Viola Tour Book (2005)	\$10.00
All Three Tour Book	\$25.00
(Plainview, Rebel Hill/McMinnville Original Lots, Viola)	
Riverside Tour by Rachel Hillis	\$ 5.00

Searchable CDs

WCGA Bulletins 1992 through 2012	\$25.00
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SHIPPING AND HANDLING — \$3.00 first book/CD, \$1.75 each additional book/CD

