

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION



Newsletter



January-February 2014

201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee

WCGA Awards Several More First Pioneer Family Certificates At the January 18 Meeting

The second installment of Certificates for the Warren County-McMinnville First Pioneer Families was awarded to 10 additional recipients at the last meeting of the Warren County Genealogical Association meeting.

This makes a total of 54 certificates that have been awarded since its inception in early 2013.

Those awarded certificates in January 2014, at our meeting or by mail are:

Name	Ancestor	Spouse or maiden name
Glenda Cantrell	John Miller	Catherine Carson
Glenda Cantrell	William M. Hays	Temperance McDaniel
Cheryl Mingle	William Thomas Bond	Martha Tolbert Walker
Larry C, Forrest	James Gilmore Forrest	
Glenda Cantrell	Richard Crouch	Charity Adams
Glenda Cantrell	Stephen Masey	
Glenda Cantrell	Jenkins Reynolds	Margaret "Peggy" Greer
Angela Douglas Brock	Leroy Hammons	Mary Hampton
Angela Douglas Brock	James David Hennessee	Jane McGee
Angela Douglas BPirock	John McGee	Esther Clendenon
Allison Victoria Brock	Leroy Hammons	Mary Hampton
Allison Victoria Brock	James David Hennessee	Jane McGee
Allison Victoria Brock	John McGee	Esther Clendenon
Jonathan Hunter Brock	Leroy Hammons	Mary Hampton
Jonathan Hunter Brock	James David Hennessee	Jane McGee
Jonathan Hunter Brock	John McGee	Esther Clendenon
Brenda Sue Pack Blisk	William Neal	Hannah Jones
Gary Bruce Pack	William Neal	Hannah Jones
Wilma Davenport	Elijah Dodson	Sallie McGregor
Wilma Davenport	Jacob Martin	Catherine Myers

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

Join the 54 recipients who received their certificates. 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. Box 411, McMinnville TN 37111.



Pictured, proudly displaying their newly received Warren County-McMinnville First Pioneer Family Certificates are, l-r, Shirley McGee Douglas, Wilma Davenport, Glenda Cantrell and Cheryl Watson Mingle.

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



The third in a series of keepsakes, The Birthing Tree, located in McMinnville, TN has been approved and ordered. They should be available at the February 15 WCGA meeting. The price is \$18.

MINUTES IN BRIEF

From the January 18, 2014 Meeting

By Scarlett Griffith



The regular meeting of the WCGA Board of Directors was called to order by Vice President Marion Speaks at 2 a.m. in the WCGA office, 201 Locust Street, McMinnville, TN with the following members in attendance: Scarlett Griffith, Martha Holt, Allen Jaco, Chris Keathley, Bonita Mangrum, Cheryl Watson Mingle, Evelyn Wade, Wilma Davenport, Carolyn Lance, Marion Speaks, Doyle Speaks, Wanda Gant, Bonita Mangrum, Shirley Douglas, Mary Jarrell, Bettye Pack, David Pennington, Norman Elrod, Larry Boyd.

Minutes

The minutes of the November members meeting were read and approved upon motion by Bonita Mangrum, seconded by Marion Speaks.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Allen Jaco presented his usual precise documentation of the Association's income and expenditures for the December and year to date, indicating a balance in the treasury of \$3,666.55 as of December 31, 2013. WCGA dues are due as of January 1, 2014. \$20.00 per member.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership - Chairman Jaco reported that memberships total 124, including 5 new members.

Circulation - No Report

Programs - Chairperson Speaks reported the February speaker will be author James E. Sandlin. He will be discussing his new book, "Clod Buster, U.S. Marine, Cumberland Presbyterian, Manufacturing Engineer".

Family Genealogy -- The Elrods, by Scarlett Griffith

Publicity - Chairperson Mingle reported announcements will be made on Facebook and radio, newsletter and The Warren County Chamber of Commerce.

Research - Chairperson Mangrum reported she had received a request from Steve Hill for information on Reeds Ferry which operated in the 1800's and queries from McMinnville, Oregon on the Lowry and Pope Families.

Office - Nothing new to report.

Bulletin -- Chris Keathley reported the Spring-Summer bulletin will be ready for distribution in May

Newsletter - Doyle Speaks editor of the newsletter, request interesting stories pertaining to the members be submitted for inclusion in the newsletter

Webpage - Chairman needed. Scarlett Griffith will mention this to member Bryan Kell, to see if he would take this position.

OLD BUSINESS

501c3

Allen Jaco reported we do not have tax exemption status as yet. He has had to go back 5 years in the records, with 2012 missing. This is one of the years required. He is working on this.

Birthing Tree Keepsake

The latest image for the birthing tree keepsake was accepted by the members on motion from Marion Speaks, seconded by Pat Burgess.

1st Methodist Church Keepsake

These will continue to be sold, and advertised along with the birthing tree keepsake.

NEW BUSINESS

Allen Jaco volunteered to be checking into the purchase of a fireproof safe. Other means of storage for copies of information important to the association was discussed, one being the possibility of using a bank vault.

Program

Presentation of additional Pioneer Families certificates by Marion Speaks:

Glenda Cantrell was presented 5 certificates for the following families John Miller and Katherine Carson; William Hayes and Temperance Page; Richard Crouch and Charity Adams; Stephen Masey; Jenkins Reynolds and Margaret Peggy Greer

Cheryl Mingle -- William Thomas and Martha Walker Bond

Larry C. Forrest -- James Gilmore Forrest

Brenda Sue Pack Blisk -- William Neal and Hannah Jones

Gary Bruce Pack -- William Neal and Hannah Jones

Wilma Davenport -- Elijah Dodson and Sallie McGregor; Jacob Martin and Catherine Myers

Angela Douglas Brock -- Leroy Hammons and Mary Hampton; James David Hennessee and Jane McGee; and John McGee and Esther Clendenon

Allison Victoria Brock -- Leroy Hammons and Mary Hampton; James David Hennessee and Jane McGee; and John McGee and Esther Clendenon

Jonathan Hunter Brock -- Leroy Hammons and Mary Hampton; James David Hennessee and Jane McGee; and John McGee and Esther Clendenon

JANUARY 2014 "SHOW and TELL"

Allen Jaco brought a framed very old picture of ancestors (not direct) of Jeremiah Jaco and Amada Evans. A very interesting presentation about their families followed. Also shown was a beautiful quilt made by Amanda Evans, in 1868, and a Bible dated 1859, that began with the New Testament instead of the Old Testament.

Cheryl Mingle shared two family land grants with the group. "Attic documents" was an 1824 grant to Jacob Rinck and January 1819 grant to James Tate.

Larry Boyd brought an old book written by Hamlin T. Penney from Irwin, TN. The author was a very thoughtful and caring man. He visited the hospitals regularly with ceramic blue birds he made. He took Theology courses and taught neighborhood Bible study. Larry did a memorial book for him on his death. He then donated Mr. Penney's book to the WCGA

Mary Jarrell brought a letter from Clay Faulkner (Faulkner Woolen Mill) dated March 1878. Mr. Faulkner was the great-great grandfather of Mr. Lemuel Wright.

Glenda Cantrell shared old photographs and belongings of her great-grandmother. They included one of Martha Jane Russell Gibbs, one of Martha and two of her daughters, and Martha, her parents and siblings. The items for display included Martha's dough bowl, apron and meat platter.

Carolyn Lance also had a picture of her great-grandmother, and a 200 year old chatelaine with initials HRV, for Hannah Rosanne Varn, Carolyn is the 6th generation to own it.

Wanda Gant brought her first baby doll. She had chewed the fingers off **Marion Speaks** brought a 1896 photo of her grandparents Willie Smith Durham, and Eva Jane Anderson She also brought his coin purse and Eva's wedding hat and bag.

Doyle Speaks brought a 100 year old set of wool and cotton carding combs, inherited from his mother, Zella Hash Speaks of Pulaski Co, Kentucky. The family raised sheep and grew cotton for yarn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

Welcome New Members

Roger Arrick, Tyler, TX

Phila Harders,

Researching Hammons and Mills

Phila Behrendt, Bishop, CA

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Queries from our Facebook page

Jason Crews is seeking information on James Bynum, his 5th great grandfather and Susannah Childers, his 5th great grandmother who were married in McMinnville, TN on 25 Dec 1810.

Steve Hill is seeking information on the John Reed family who lived in the area around 1800. He operated the Reed's Ferry on the Collings River between McMinnville and Sparta, name later changed to Black's Ferry in 1833. It was said to be located one mile up river from the present WFW on Sparta Rd. in 1986.

Show & Tell *Is Also Sharing*

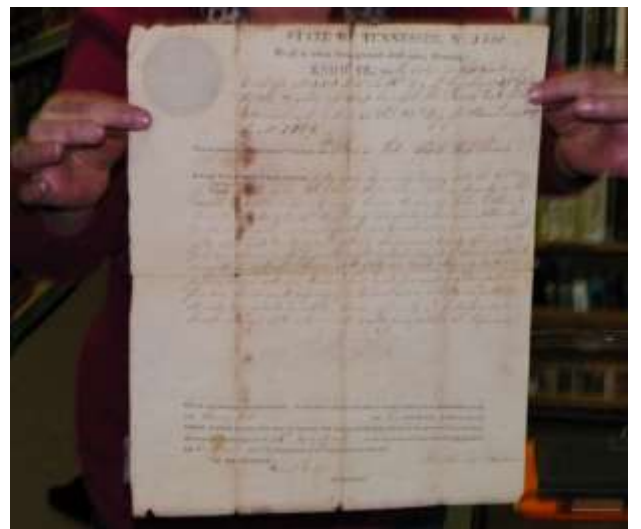
The January meeting gave several of our members the chance to share some family treasures. Show & Tell is a very popular program held in January and July.



Allen Jaco shared a beautiful quilt made in 1869 by Amanda Evans, a beautiful framed print of ancestors of Jeremiah Jaco and Amanda Evans and a Bible dated 1859 that began with the New Testament.



Cheryl Mingle shared two family land grants. One was a 1824 grant to Jacob Rinck and the other a 1819 grant to James Tate.



Mary Jarrell, pictured at left, brought a letter from Clay Faulkner (Faulkner Woolen Mill) dated March 1878. Mr. Faulkner was the great-great grandfather of Mr. Lemuel Wright.

See you at the next WCGA meeting February 15, 2014

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More Show & Tell



Glenda Cantrell shared old photographs belonging to her great-grandmother. They included photos of Martha Jane Russell Gibbs, Martha and two daughters and Martha with her parents and siblings. She also brought Martha's dough bowl, apron and meat platter.



A



Photos for this issue of the Newsletter
By Doyle Speaks and Cheryl Watson Mingle

More Show & Tell



Carolyn Lance holds a framed 200 year old chatelaine for Hannah Rosanne Varn with the initials HRV inscribed on it. Carolyn is the 6th generation to own it. She also shared a picture of her great grandparents Laura Ann Cornelia Breland and Pharius Jacob Brunson.



Wanda Gant holds her first baby doll all dressed up for Christmas.

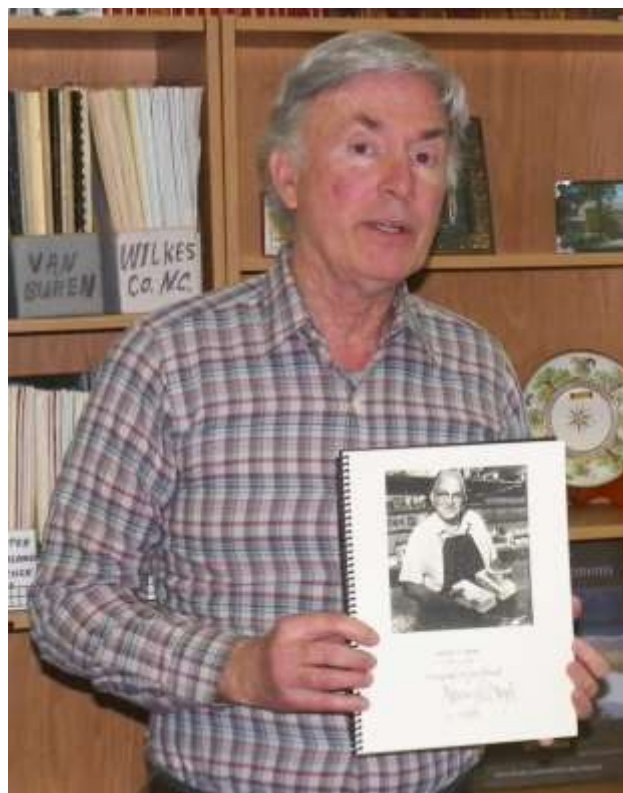
And More Show & Tell



Marion Speaks holds a purse and hat worn by her grandmother Eva Jane Anderson at her wedding. The 1896 photo at the bottom shows wedding picture of her grandparents Willie Smith Durham and Eva Jane Anderson.



Doyle Speaks holds a 100-year-old set of Wool and Cotton Carding Combs that belonged to his grandmother Mary Frances Whitaker Hash. They raised sheep and grew cotton for yarn.



Larry Boyd holds a memorial book he prepared for Hamlin T. Penney who was from Irwin, TN. Mr. Penney was a very thoughtful and caring man who visited hospitals and taught neighborhood Bible study in the Warren and surrounding areas. He made ceramic Blue birds and often gave them away during his visits. Larry donated this book to the WCGA.



2013 OFFICERS

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Have you bought your keepsakes?



The Courthouse, McMinnville, TN
 (First in a series)
First Methodist Church, McMinnville, TN
 (Second in a series)
Both available for \$18 each 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.



Refreshments for the January meeting were provided by Carolyn Lance.

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 Genealogical Association
 Will be
 Saturday, February 15, 2:00 p.m.
 Our office is in the rear of the
 Warren County Administration Building
 201 Locust Street, McMinnville, TN
 Guest speaker will be author James E. Sandlin