

# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION



## Newsletter



April-May 2014

201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee



Members of the McMinnville, Tennessee Silver and Gold Brass ensemble are, L-R, Bob Simonds, Jimmy Sabia, Charles Moore and Kenny Kominos.

### WCGA Is Host To Silver & Gold Brass Premiere Performance



Bob Simonds talks about the next selection to be played.

Our special guests at the April 19 meeting of the Warren County Genealogical Association were the Silver and Gold Brass ensemble from McMinnville. The four-person ensemble was just recently formed from the Silver and Gold Band.

Their premier performance included selections of patriotic favorites such as “My Country ‘Tis Of Thee” and a medley of Northern and Southern tunes arranged by D.E. Kemp. Those medleys included well-known selections such as “Dixie”; “Maryland, My Maryland”; “Twas At The Seige of Vicksburg”; “When Johnny Comes Marching Home”; “Tenting Tonight”; and “The Battle Hymn of The Republic”. The arrangement of “Dixie” brought some of our members to their feet.



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The music was not all pomp and circumstance with other selections such as “White City Waltz”; “Three Dances” and “Sarah Dear”, a Scott Joplin tune. Another entertaining tune was a Sonata written about 1684 by the famous composer A N Onymous. The program was concluded with “An Easter Fanfare” by Paul Edwards based on “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”.

The ensemble consists of Bob Simonds, band leader, playing trumpet; Jimmy Sabia on trombone; Charles Moore on French horn and Kenny Kominos playing trumpet.

If you’re interested in booking this group please touch base with Bob Simonds by email at 1966alfa@gmail.com.



Pauline and Bob Simonds are pictured with WCGA Vice President Marion Rhea Speaks at the April meeting of WCGA. The Silver and Gold Brass performed at the meeting.



Bonnie and Steve Davis were our guests who also enjoyed the music performance.



Tom Scott and Wanda Gant were deep in conversation about the list of people who had license to make Brandy in Warren County in the 1870s.

Do you have a relative or friend you would like to receive the WCGA Newsletter? We would be happy to add them to our list. Just send their name and email address to: [Speaksdm@charter.net](mailto:Speaksdm@charter.net)



Calvin Wallace, also a guest at our April WCGA meeting, is shown enjoying some of the great refreshments.

## The Radio Show Must Go On



Kelly Marlow, host of the "Behind The Mike" radio show, welcomed Marion Rhea Speaks, Ladye Jane Hunter and Cheryl Watson Mingle to the show on April 17. Members of our organization appear on the show each month on Thursday before our meeting on Saturday. This is a great opportunity to promote our organization. Tune in to radio station 96.0 AM in McMinnville on Thursday May 15 when the WCGA will be on the show again.

## Genealogy Workshop Begins

The McMinnville-Warren County Senior Center is host to a 6 week Genealogy Workshop that began on April 21. The free classes are an introduction to researching your family tree. Make plans to join the group on Monday's at 1:00 p.m.



Pat Berges, a member of WCGA, was the speaker at the introductory class for the Genealogy Workshop that recently began at the Senior Center.



### 2013 OFFICERS

President:	Cheryl W. Mingle
Vice Pres:	Marion Speaks
Secretary:	Scarlett Griffith
Treasurer:	Allen Jaco
Past Pres:	Ladye Jane Hunter

### WCGA Committee Chairmen

Membership:  
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### WCGA is now on Facebook!

Come visit us at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Warren-County-Genealogical-Association/135126859883450>

We're also on the web, visit us at:

[www.tngenweb.org/wcgate](http://www.tngenweb.org/wcgate)



**Refreshments are always good at our meetings and our April gathering was no exception. Several members attest to that following an enjoyable meeting.**

## The Birthing Tree Keepsake is Here



The Courthouse, McMinnville, TN  
(First in a series)  
First Methodist Church, McMinnville, TN  
(Second in a series)  
The Birthing Tree, McMinnville, TN  
(Third in a series)  
*All three 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 St.  
Open Fridays 1:00-4:00 p.m.*

## Membership Dues...

Your WCGA membership dues for calendar year 2014 were 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.

*Join us at the next meeting of the*

**Warren County Genealogical Association**

*Saturday, May 17, 2:00 p.m.*

Our office is in the rear of the  
Warren County Administration Building  
201 Locust Street, McMinnville, TN

Allen Jaco will present the Genealogy Report on his Jaco family line

Guest speaker will be author Melby Mooneyham who will talk about her recently printed book titled "Cedar Grove: A Place We Call Home, A Pictorial History of Our Community, Our Family, Our Friends, Our Neighbors".

Would you like to

"share your family history"

at one of our WCGA meetings?

I'm sure you have a story or two to share...

Get with Marion Speaks who is in charge of our Programs and schedule a presentation.

A few spots are open.

Do you have Civil War Ancestors?

Submit your Civil War Veteran for entry in upcoming issues of the WCGA Bulletin." You may obtain an entry form on our web site at [www.tngenweb.org/wcgatn](http://www.tngenweb.org/wcgatn)

*See you at the next WCGA meeting May 17, 2014*

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## MINUTES IN BRIEF

From the April 19, 2014 Meeting

By Scarlett Griffith



The Warren County Genealogical Association met in the Magnolia Room of the Administration Building on April 19, 2014 with the following in attendance: Evelyn Wade, Tom Scott, Wanda F. Scott, Martha Holt, Marion Speaks, Doyle Speaks, Bettye Pack, Kenny Kominos, Jim Sabia, Chris Keathley, Bob Simonds, Pauline Simonds, Steve Davis, Christine Bouldin, Shirley Douglass, Bonita Mangrum, Mary Jarrell, Bob Sherwood, Carolyn Lance, Pat Berges, Polly Minyard, Calvin Wallace, Larry Boyd, Scarlett Griffith, Allen Jaco, Tom Kominos, Glenda Cantrell, Bonnie Davis and Ladye Jane Hunter.

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by Vice President Marion Speaks in the absence of President Cheryl Mingle. Secretary Scarlett Griffith read the minutes from the March meeting. Motion was made to accept the minutes as read by Pat Berges and seconded by Wanda Gant.

Treasurer Allen Jaco read the treasure report: Total expenses for March - \$431.95, Income for the month - \$453.35 and the balance as of March 31, 2014 - \$4,766.78.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Membership** – Allen Jaco reported the current membership of 101 with 4 renewing in March.

**Circulation** – No report

**Programs** – Marion Speaks welcomed the four-member “Silver and Gold Brass” ensemble who are members of the Silver and Gold Band in McMinnville. The Watson Family Genealogy was not able to be given today due to Cheryl Watson Mingle being unable to attend. The program speaker for May will be Melba Mooneyham. She will talk about the book she recently authored titled “Cedar Grove: A Place We Call Home, A Pictorial History of Our Community, Our Family, Our Friends, Our Neighbors”. The Genealogy Report will be given by Allen Jaco on the Jaco Family.

**Publicity** – The “Behind the Mike” radio program is going really well. Allen Jaco will present a brief history of his Jaco family on the next scheduled program scheduled for Thursday, May 15, 10:00 a.m. and again at 5:15 p.m. on 96.0 am.

**Research** – No report

**Office** – Upright file boxes will be obtained to store our WCGA Bulletins.

**Bulletin** – Chris Keathley indicated that the Spring – Summer issue of the WCGA Bulletin should be available for distribution at the May 17 meeting.

**Newsletter** – Doyle Speaks requests anyone having friends or family that would like to receive our monthly

Newsletter, please get their name and email addresses to him.

**Web Page** – No report  
**OLD BUSINESS**

**Tax Exempt Status:** Allen Jaco reported that the 501(c)3 work is still in progress.

**Fire-proof Safe:** Allen Jaco checked on the possibility of the association using a bank safe deposit box and decided they would be much too small.

**Keepsakes:** Sales are going well

**Pioneer Families:** Applications are available at the WCGA office and may be picked up on Fridays from 1-4 p.m. 63 people have received their certificates.

### NEW BUSINESS

The Genealogy Workshop begins Monday, April 21 at 1:00 p.m. at the Warren County Senior Center. Pat Berges will present a program on how to get started. This will be held each Monday at this time and place for the next 6 weeks.

Chris Keathley is giving a gift of “Fold 3” membership to the Warren County Senior Center.

A trip is planned on June 27 to Beersheba Springs and various points of interest, including lunch at Tracy City Bakery. Cheryl Watson Mingle will be driving the van and those that want to ride with her should call 473-6559 to reserve a seat.

Our guest “Silver and Gold Brass” was introduced by Marion Speaks. The newly formed ensemble, who are members of the Silver and Gold Band, include: Bob Simonds, Kenny Kominos, Charles Moore and Jim Sabia.

They gave a brief history of the group. The Silver and Gold Band was founded in 1871. It is the oldest, active group of this kind in the country. Ladye Jane Hunter brought a copy of a picture of the Band taken in 1879.

The ensemble played a variety of patriotic tunes as well as other tunes dating back to 1684. They closed with an Easter fanfare “Christ the Lord Has Risen Today”.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Scarlett Griffith



WCGA was well represented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Genealogy Workshop at the Senior Center. L-R: Marilyn McGee, Carolyn Borum, Scarlett Griffith, Cheryl Watson Mingle, Marion Speaks, Willie Brown and Carolyn Lance.

**Who Do You Think You Are**

# Trying To Connect To Warren County?

**61 people have proven it!**

They received Certificates for

## Warren County – McMinnville First Pioneer Families

**There's still time for you** to make your connection by submitting copies of an official record linking you to Warren County before 1820. Those records can be birth, marriage, death, probate or will, church, cemetery, funeral or obituary, land records, tax records, court, military records, census, newspaper, or Bible for each generation, including the applicant.

*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).*



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.

**Current Tennessee residency is not necessary.**

Applications may be obtained on line at

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

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Warren-County-Genealogical-Association/135126859883450> Facebook page

or may be picked up at

WCGA office at 201 Locust St.

Also available at the Senior Center at 809 Morrison St.

They should be submitted to

Warren County Genealogical Association,  
c/o First Pioneer Families,  
P. O. Bo 411,  
McMinnville TN 37111.