

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION



Newsletter



July-August 2014

201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee

Show & Tell

Sharing those family treasures is always fun

The July 19 meeting of the Warren County Genealogical Association was devoted to the very popular "Show & Tell" program. This is a time when members and guests share their prized family possessions with everyone. Some items are books, pictures and family records while some are family heirlooms passed down from generation to generation.

Bonita Mangrum Shared...



Bonita is shown displaying a picture of her grandmother Agnes Mitchell Passons and an updated picture of her grave marker from Rowlett Creek Baptist Cemetery in McKinney, TX that was given to her by Glenda Cantrell who visited there recently.

Allen Jaco Shared...



In May 1974 I received a letter from a JACO friend living in Wheeling, WV. I had met John W. and Jan Jaco through mail and in person beginning in the 1950's, shortly after I began to research the JACO family. They became quite interested in the research, as I shared what I was finding about John's family, who had always lived in the north western part of Virginia (that which became WV during the Civil War), and SW Penn., and NW Maryland. (Following the Rev. War my Jaco ancestor came south, but his did not.)

The 1974 letter enclosed a copy of a Wheeling newspaper article that featured a lady who lived across the Ohio River from Wheeling, in Ohio, who was a collector of bottles. The included article had a photo of the lady standing in front of part of her bottle collection, and in the background one could easily see a 1909 calendar

advertising the store of a J.O. Jaco, of Grafton, WV. Jan discussed the J.O. Jaco with her husband, and he told her he thought J.O. (James Oscar) was the first cousin of his father (as it turned out it was the second cousin).

Jan Jaco had written a letter to the Mrs. Jeffries, the bottle collector, and had in return received a letter from a Mrs. Gress, a sister of Mrs. Jeffries, in which Mrs. Gress stated she had given the calendar to her sister and had kept two (of two other stores in Grafton, WV, with their monthly tear-off sheets intact, dated 1909 and 1910), given to her by a friend of hers, James H. Rutherford, a B & O Railroad man who had (along with several other RR men - 4 in the 1910 census boarded at the home of J.O. Jaco) boarded with the Jacos for many years. Ultimately Mr. Jaco retired, moved to Baltimore, was hit by a street car in 1942, and died at the age of 68. Meanwhile other Jaco family members lived in the Grafton house, died off, and the house was sold for the taxes owed, for \$37.00. Mr. Rutherford retired, moved to Bellaire, OH (across from Wheeling), brought the 3 mentioned calendars, a Civil War medal earned by one of the Jaco soldiers (I know where it is today! The closest I can get to it is that I have taken a photo of it. A younger Jaco has it and is not about to give it up.), to live with a sister and evidently gave these items to his sister, or perhaps to this Mrs. Gress (who did end up with them, giving the medal to a Jaco, the Jaco calendar to her sister, and still had the other two calendars). You can see that it has exchanged hands a few times.

Mrs. Gress told Jan she did not know if her sister would sell the calendar, or not. I wrote Mrs. Gress immediately upon receiving Jan's letter and information. She wrote me back on 3 Jun 1974, telling me her sister said she would sell the calendar to me for \$10.00. You can imagine how long it took me send her the money! This took place 3 years before we moved from Memphis to McMinnville. A bit later Barbara had it framed for one of my birthdays. That is the history of the calendar.

Now, the second object I exhibited, is the white framed print. This item is another coincidence. In July 2007 we had our annual Jaco in Chattanooga that year. Following the conclusion (started on Friday), on Sunday afternoon there were 3 Jaco couples who remained, to spend a third night. We were browsing an antique store located near the motel where we had the meeting. In the store I was separated from my wife, Barbara, and she called out for me to come to where she was. Once there she showed me the plastic framed print of the exact likeness two young girls that are on the calendar, obviously from the same original somewhere. The print is a "blown up" version, the color tint is slightly different, and of course the print is only a portion of what the calendar displays. The calendar was printed in 1908 (for the year 1909); I purchased the second print in 2007, 99 years after the calendar was printed! What are the odds? Now you can

help me learn of where the original painting is, by whom, and the name given to it.

Bonnie Davis Shared...



This photograph is of Bonnie Davis' great grandfather Monroe Davis with his Stradivarius fiddle was taken and hand printed by Dr. Peery circa 1952. It is a black and white silver gelatin photograph on fiber base paper with a sepia toning. Dr. Peery won a photo contest with this photograph. Part of this Photographic Prize was that the photo would be included in a National Archive. Dr. Clarence Eugene (C. E.) Peery (correct spelling) came to practice in McMinnville around 1947. The fiddle still exists.

Cheryl Watson Mingle Shared...



Cheryl is shown with this German JYDSK PILLAR TELEPHONE, 1920's. This model replaced the earlier skeleton style and was probably manufactured by Telefonfabrikker of Horsons. For JydsK (Jutland). Telefon Aktieselskab marked on the front.

Christine Bouldin Shared...



Christine Bouldin talked about her book Tennessee Convicts: Records of the State Penitentiary.

Evelyn Wade Shared...



Evelyn Wade shared the Tommy Webb book she purchased at the Woodbury Feed Mill.

Pat Berges Shared...



The photo at the left is my grandfather David Harrison Sain as a young man. The photo to the right is of his parents, James E. Sain and Hester Ann Brown Sain.



Photo at the left is James E. Sain's mother Zepharina Sain. The photo at the right is one I found years ago in a box of old family photos my mother and I were going through. When I asked her about it, she said it was a photo of my grandfather, David H. Sain, with his first wife, Myrtle Cunningham, in their buggy. Mother told me Granny (his second wife, Mattie Myers) didn't like it, so she cut them off ... but saved the horse.

Pat is holding a picture of her mother on the left, Willie Mae "Billie" Saine, and her sister, Edna Blanche "Boots" Saine.



Wanda Gant Shared...



Wanda Gant shared a picture of her grandparents William and Adelia Fults Scott. She also shared the John Wesley Fults family photo below.



John Wesley Fults family in front of the Fults home in Fults Cove. Back row, l-r, Milt McBride, Dock Scott, Blackie, Elie, John with Louisa in arms, Tom B. with Lorene in arms; 2nd row, a neighbor Cecil Lewis, Deamie McBride with daughter Ann, Iva Scott with Eugene, Anna Nunley Fults, Mary Nunley Fults, Lucretia Campbell Fults and John Wesley Fults; 3rd row, Etna, Hettie, HESSIE ROE SCOTT, Lydia Mae, Christine Audrey McBride (oldest daughter of Deamie and Georgia Lee the oldest daughter of Tom B. Fults).



Wanda shared the Jonathan Doll she has had since 1976 and the platter from her grandmother Iva Scott.

Wilma Davenport Shared...



Wilma Davenport shared her collection of butter molds with our group. The round molds belonged to her mother Louise Martin Cates and the rectangular molds came to her through her grandfather James Cates.

Join us

At the next meeting of the

Warren County Genealogical Association

Saturday, August 16, 2:00 p.m.

Pat Berges

Will hold a Genealogy Workshop

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



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Evelyn Wade, Martha Holt

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Evelyn Wade and Bonita Mangrum were in charge of refreshments for this month's meeting. From the looks of the photo below there was plenty to appease the appetite.



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.

Share our Newsletter

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

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/wcgatn

MINUTES IN BRIEF

From the July 19, 2014 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Mingle at 2:00 at the WCGA office.

Motion was made to accept the minutes as read by Wanda Gant and seconded by Wilma Davenport.

There were 17 members in attendance; Bernice Driver, Pat Burges Wanda Gant, Bettye Pack, Bonita Mangrum, Evelyn Wade, Cheryl Mingle, Chris Keathley, Martha Holt, Carolyn Lance, Allen Jaco, Scarlett Griffith, Carolyn Borum, Christine Bouldin, Larry Boyd, Bonnie and Steve Davis.

Treasurer Allen Jaco reported there was one expense of \$11.20 for postage, P.O. Box Current, bank balance for the month of June is \$4,293.61.

Membership: Allen reports there is no change in our number of members. There are still sixteen 2013 members that has not renewed for 2014.

Circulation: Wilma had nothing new to report.

Publicity: Cheryl continues with radio programs, newspaper, e-mail etc. to let people learn about our association and to reach possible new members.

Research: Bonita has a lady coming to the office next Friday to do research on the Rock Martin line.

Office: Evelyn and Martha are working to get the most from the space we have in the WCGA office, utilizing the new file boxes for the many Bulletins.

Bulletin: Chris will have the Fall and Winter Bulletin ready for November. He is seeking items of interest to our members for the 2015 Spring and Summer issue.

Newsletter: Doyle and Marion Speaks are traveling. They were not able to be with us for the July meeting. He will have the newsletter out on his always timely manner.

Webpage: - No report

OLD BUSINESS

Allen reports the 501 (c) 3 application is pending. The search for a fireproof safe or safes, continues. He has had some response from radio advertising He went to see one that was a gun safe. The fire rating on it was that it would withstand 125degrees for protection up to 4 hours. The price for it was \$500.00. It would require 3 men to move it. It was discussed to possibly look into getting 2 smaller safes so they can be moved easier. Pat Burges suggested that an inventory be taken of what needs to be kept in a fireproof safe to know better how much space we would need. Also, that old documents be scanned and put on disc for their safe keeping. Motion was made to do this by Pat and seconded by Cheryl.

No new keepsake sales or Pioneer Family applications were reported. Discussion followed on which landmark would be used for the next one. The following places were suggested: Statue of "Hebe" Adrian Northcutt plantation home, Old McMinnville Medical Clinic, Park Theater, Blue Building, Magness Library, City High School, and Central High School. It was decided to bring pictures of the old schools to the next board meeting. Chris Keathley brought to our attention that in November of this year it will be 100 years ago that the statue "Hebe" was brought to Warren County. It will be 100 years as of May 2015 when it was dedicated.

NEW BUSINESS

Day trips to surrounding counties. Many that went on the trip to Beersheba and other points of interest gave a brief report so those that didn't get to go could hear about it and know how much it was enjoyed. There are other dates the "Argo" home has events scheduled, and it was decided to plan another trip to the mountain for "A Taste of Autumn". A sign-up sheet was passed around. The date for this is September 27. A trip to Cannon County is being planned for sometime in the Fall.

There will be no regular monthly meeting in August for the WCGA. A genealogy workshop is planned for that date and time at the WCGA office. Pat Burges will be teaching this and will be on "Behind the Mike" with Kelly Marlowe on WAKI along with member Glenda

Cantrell for our scheduled time August 14, at 10 a.m.. An ad will be in the paper advertising this, and anyone will be able to sign-up to attend the class by calling Chris Keathley at "Southern Museum and Treasures". Phone: (931) 507-8102 Several of our members will be on hand to help with one on one assistance. Those wishing to attend need to register by August 10. Members will provide refreshments for this as well.

A one day seminar is to be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Nashville on September 20 by ancestry.com. Classes on how to best use your ancestry membership for research will be taught by professionals. Registration is online. It is \$30.00 for the day (9 to 4), \$15.00 for lunch (has to be pre-ordered) or you may take your own. If there is at least 8 that would like to go in the Senior Centers van, Cheryl will drive. A donation of \$10.00 is required for the use of the van for gas purchase.

It was decided to purchase all occasion cards and stamps to be kept at the office so everyone could sign them when the need arises. Cards to our guest speakers have been sent as well as thank you notes to the places we visit. Sympathy and get well cards are also sent.

Cheryl announced the Christmas party for the WCGA members needs to be planned. She told about the Christmas gala the Senior Center has, and ask if the group would like to attend this. Everyone thought this was a good idea, especially since the money raised from this benefits the Center. Cheryl is the director and secretary Scarlett Griffith is on the Senior Centers BOD. Tickets are \$30.00 per person may be purchased from any board member or director. It will take place at the Center, Saturday night, November 22. An excellent menu has been planned. This year it will be a "Victorian Christmas". Our meal, decorations and entertainment will all be geared toward the Victorian era. Our entertainment will also include Christmas carols sung by costumed carolers, with Victrola music during the meal. The tables are set with china, crystal and silver with beautiful center pieces. Victorian dress is optional. Each table will have a host or hostess and its own server, to "cater" to your request. Last years gala was a huge success.

Future programs and guest speakers were discussed. Our Vice President is in charge of this, and she was not able to be there. August is taken care of with the genealogy workshop being that day. Pat Burges and Glenda Cantrell will be guests on the "Behind the Mike" radio program. It was suggested that Mary Ann Bishop, long time employee of High Funeral Home, be ask to be a future guest speaker for an upcoming meeting. This suggestion will be passed along to our Vice President, Marion Speaks for consideration. She is in charge of programs.

"Show and Tell" is the program today by the WCGA members and guest.

Those who participated and their presentation were:

Cheryl Mingle: A heavy box type German telephone that looks to be at least 60 years old. It was a desk phone with the hand crank.

Bonita Mangrum: A very old picture album that had pictures of her ancestors with her great-great grandmother. It was carefully laid out, using all types of old backgrounds on heavy paper. The pictures were amazingly clear. She also had a beautifully framed picture.

Allen Jaco: A 1909 framed calendar was Allens treasure today. Not just because it was over a hundred years old, but also because it was from J.O. Jacobs Grocery "Dry Goods Shoes and Notions". This was an ancestor of his from West Virginia. He had to do some calling around and talking to end up with it. The lady that ended up with it offered it to him for 10.00 and he was more than glad to pay it. This was in 1974. Oddly enough he and his wife were at a family reunion in Chattanooga looking around at an antique store and Barbara (Allens wife) called for him to come and look at something. It was an exact copy of the beautiful Victorian looking cherub or (little girl) and rose print that was on his 1909 calendar. It was in an ornate table top frame. This was 33 years later in 2007.

Evelyn Wade: A Tommy Webb book, found by accident at the Old Feed Mill store and restaurant in Woodbury. She gave the story behind the book.

Bonnie Davis: Pictures from The McMinnville Camera Club of many years ago. Long time McMinnville physician, Dr. C.E. Peery was a member and photographer. She had photos of her great-grandfather with his fiddle made by Dr. Peery. Newspaper clipping about the group were also shown. Dr. Peery had made a picture of an old locomotive he entered into a competition and won top honors.

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Christine Bouldin: A book on Tennessee Convicts: Record of 1831-1850. 133 prisoners built the first State Penitentiary. The book was very detailed, giving a complete description of each inmate. Boys, in their early teens, were housed just as adults. Sentences were very harsh. No mail, no visitors and not allowed to speak throughout their sentence. The term "bread and water" was literally true. She gave hand-outs that told of some of the crimes and sentences. The books are available at the Morrison Library.

Wanda Gant: A huge octagon shaped, heavy platter "Fults and Scott" maker on the back, and pictures of her mother and grandmother. Also a tiny doll, she named it her "Jonathan Doll" after her son.

Pat Berges: Enlargements, that looks to be on special paper in charcoal or pencil of her grandfather when very young. Also of her grandparents and great-grandparents. There was a picture of her grandfather with his first wife taken in a buggy pulled by a mule. Later when he remarried, this lady became Pats grandmother. She cut the first wife off, and left the mule! She had a beautiful enlargement of her mother and aunt as little girls.

This ended another good "Show and Tell" program.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 and wonderful refreshments followed.

Respectfully submitted by
Scarlett Griffith, Secretary

Query

In search of article written by James Dillon on 3/22/2008

My ancestor was under the command of Col. Leroy Hammons and Mr. James Dillon in his article "Warren County Militia created 200 years ago" mentions that the records indicate Hammons was with Jackson during the Battle of New Orleans.

I am wondering which records Mr. Dillon is referring to and if it is possible to get a copy.

I have always thought that there was a possibility that some of Col Hammons men were there due to my ancestor taking the Natches Trace back to TN but this is the first evidence I have found by a noted historian.

Let me know if you can help. I am always glad to pay for any services and/or copies.

Thanks,

Will Franklin

P.S.-My ancestor, Jordan Chavis, was in the 2nd Regiment West TN Militia

If you can be of help to Mr. Franklin, please respond in kind to mrgoretex@gmail.com

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**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

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

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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.



Join us for a

"Taste of Autumn"

Luncheon

September 27, 2014

At the Argo House

Bersheeba Springs, TN

Information to follow

Who Do You Think You Are

Trying To Connect To Warren County?

63 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.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.