

# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION



## Newsletter



September-October 2014

201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee



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Sponsored by TSLA and Ancestry.com

## Genealogy Event Well Attended by WCGA

A very well organized Researchers Day was held on Saturday, September 20, at the downtown Nashville Sheraton. Among the crowd of 750 were some of the members of the Warren County Genealogical Association.

The all day seminar was sponsored by the Tennessee State Library Association and Ancestry.com.

Speakers for the seminar presented programs on ways to help with your family research through Ancestry.com. Some of those subjects included:

1. Free Data Collections
2. Hidden Treasures
3. How to Search Successfully to Tell Your Story
4. AncestryDNA: Another View
5. Tips and Tricks to Identify the Right Resources.

A presentation was also given by Chuck Sherrill, State Librarian and Archivist on Your Ancestor's Lawsuit: Finding and Using Tennessee's Supreme Court Case Files.

The meeting ended with a question and answer session.



Some of our members shown at the Ancestry.com seminar are, L-R: Pat Berges, Scarlett Griffith, Martha Holt and Evelyn Wade.

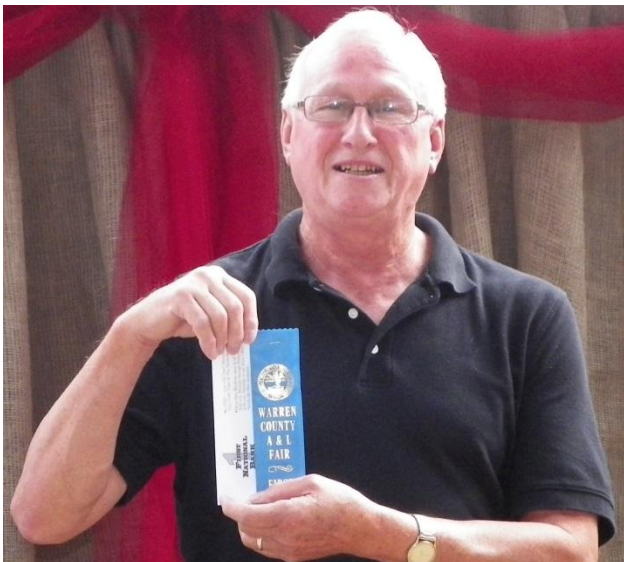
# WCGA Members Win At The Warren County Fair



Wanda Gant took honors as the Prettiest Woman.



Marion Rhea Speaks won a first place ribbon in Hog Calling for women.



Doyle Speaks displays his First place ribbon for Hog Calling for men.



Raymond Adcock, emcee is pictured with Cheryl Watson Mingle, who is Superintendent of the event.

## 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](mailto:Speaksdm@charter.net)

Our guest speaker for the Saturday, October 18 WCGA meeting will be:

**STEVE WEST**  
From High's Funeral Home

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



## Representing WCGA On The Radio



Doyle and Marion Rhea Speaks were guest for the "Behind The Mike" radio show on September 18. They are pictured with Kelly Marlowe who is host for the show on 96.0 AM radio in McMinnville.

## 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)

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

## Great Christmas Presents



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.*

## We're hoping you will Join Us On A Trip To Cannon County on Tues. October 14?

We will depart from the Senior Center in McMinnville at 8:30 a.m. Cheryl Mingle will drive the Senior Citizen's van for those who do not wish to drive. (A donation of \$10 for gas is appreciated)

Mike Jones from the Rutherford Historical Society along with Joe Davenport, President of the Cannon Co. Historical Society and Bobby Dutton from the Auburntown Historical Society will join us on the tour.

Our first stop is scheduled at 9:00 a.m. in the Genealogy Room located at Adams Library in Woodbury. Our second stop will be the Cannon County Art Center just west of the city of Woodbury.

Lunch is scheduled at 12:00 noon at the Gathering Place located in the Old Feed Store located behind the County Courthouse. Lunch menu will be announced and should run between \$10-\$13.

After lunch and our visit to the Old Feed Store, we will journey to Auburntown to visit the McKnight House.

You never know where else we may stop. There are several antique stores in the Woodbury area. Should be fun, hope you will join us.

Please call Scarlett Griffith at 473-6281 or cell 931-808-6711 to register to attend. You may also email to [scarlettanngriffith@gmail.com](mailto:scarlettanngriffith@gmail.com)

# QUERIES

## From the Warren County Genealogical Association's timeline on Facebook

### Roger Arrick

"Does anyone research Stephen Ford or Lizzie Colbert who married in 1892? Witness is M.C. Orrick. Stephen's first wife is Wineford Green who died in 1884. Stephen then marries Celethia Orrick 1884. Stephen is father of Mary Harriet Ford. Harriet was married many times to Bates, Duleu, Worley, possibly Sanders and others. Stephen's father is Edmund Ford. Who is this Lizzie Colbert and what happened to her/buried?"

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### Ron Hanson

I am trying to locate information on my grandparents. Their last name was Herndon or Hernden, first names were apparently Albert and Martha or Mary. They had three children: James, Clarence and Alta, who were born 1903-1907. Also apparently they lived in or near Morrison. Please reply to ronhanson2003@yahoo.com Thank you.

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### Nicole Cagle

Hello there. My name is Nicole Cagle and my husband is a descendant of Edmond S. Cagle who was born in Sept 1, 1865. His father who may have adopted him was Preston A. Cagle. They both lived in Warren County, TN. I have hit a brick wall in my research and was wondering if you could advise me in a direction to look for more information on them. I am open to purchasing materials from you or lookups. I don't know where else to look since I am stuck in Wisconsin for the time being and have exhausted the ancestry.com and TNgenweb searches to get past my wall.

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### Peggy Simons Koster

Does anyone remember where Yager's Grocery Store was in McMinnville, back in the 1940's??? When did it close? It was owned by my gr grandmother's only brother Edward Yager. My gr grandmother was Addie Yager Simons, who raised my daddy and uncle Jack after their mother, Ellen Butcher Simons died. I was very small when we used to get groceries there, and can't remember at all where it was located.....one of my sweet childhood memories!

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### Sharon Mason

I'm looking for information on William Mason and Fanny Penn (spelled various ways), said to be my first Mason ancestor living in Warren County, possibly as early as 1836. I'm especially interested in establishing a link between them and my direct line ancestors Jeremiah Mason and Mary Purcer (spelled various ways). John Mason, son of Jeremiah and Mary, who moved to Texas and died young is my great-grandfather. Any help you can give me would be very much appreciated.

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### Pamela Firpo

Hello Genealogy Association! I do not know if you help with Warren county research or not, but I am trying to solve a problem in my family tree and did not know who I should ask. My family descends from Levi Rogers of Warren county. I descend from Levi to John born 1803 NC who married Mary Polly ? born about 1813 SC. I know that there was also a John

born 1830 who married Mary McGregor, daughter of Jehu McGregor. This John was the son of Josiah Rogers. All the trees I have looked at have both men married to Mary McGregor which cannot be right. Do you have any information on this or can you direct me to someone who would be able to help? I am trying to find out who the Mary is that married John, born in 1803. Thank you so much for any help.

## From our mailbag

I am trying to document my lineage through the Cope family. I have received information indicating that my 5x great-grandfather, James B. Cope was a pioneer settler of Warren County. Does anyone have information about that family and their ancestors and/or decedents that might be willing to share? Thanks! Meeganburton@gmail.com

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I am the daughter of Eva June (Johnson) and Norman Lusk, who grew up in McMinnville, TN. My mother took me back to McMinnville a couple of times, although they moved to Portland, Oregon in 1940 in search of jobs, and stayed here. I met many family members from "back east", and mother left me a fair amount of research she had done over the decades before her death. I have a couple of family Bibles, and I even have the letters their family wrote from 1940 through the decades (there are several shoeboxes of them!) While in McMinnville for a high school class reunion, my mother bought a copy of a book titled "McMinnville at a Milestone", and some issues of histories of the area. I look forward to your CD, (which I ordered) that may give me some newer discoveries. I am especially looking forward to seeing if there is additional information on the Lusk, Clark, Safley and Drake families at this time.

I know my father grew up at a location known as "Rebel Hill". My mother took me there in 1967. I remember it as a place, but can't seem to find further information about it. I was under the impression that it might somehow be associated with some kind of a land grant or from the Revolutionary War? Is that even possible? If so, might you give me any hints on how I might search for that information? I have a feeling that it might help me get inroads into the life/parentage of my ancestor John D. Lusk, born about 1846. He and his wife Luvisa(?) Clark Lusk seem to appear out of nowhere. I'd like to figure out their parents. I'm hoping I might get some insight through something in your Bulletins or here in the Newsletter. Thank you so much!

Lucy Lusk Foster, 1102 La Tosca Ct NW, Salem, OR 97304

## Welcome Our Newest Member

Kerry M. Smith      Klamath Falls, OR  
SmithK1956@gmail.com  
Researching Smith and Taylor

*The annual Christmas outing*  
will be held on November 22, 6:00 p.m. at the  
McMinnville-Warren County Senior Center.

The price is \$30 per person.  
This is the Senior Center's annual Gala  
Contact Scarlett Griffith at 473-6281 or cell 931-808-6711 to  
make your reservation or email to  
scarlettanngriffith@gmail.com

# Down Memory Lane



**OAK GROVE SCHOOL 1920**

**Can you identify anyone?**

*Submitted by Scarlett Griffith*

## **MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING ON 9-12-2014**

The Board of Directors of the WCGA met September 12 with President Cheryl Mingle, Vice President Marion Speaks, Treasurer Allen Jaco and Secretary Scarlett Griffith. Also attending was Newsletter Editor Doyle Speaks, Office Chairwomen Evelyn Wade and Martha Holt, Circulation Chairwoman Wilma Davenport, Bulletin Editor Chris Keathley and Research Chairman Bonita Mangrum.

President Mingle called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Scarlett Griffith. The treasurer's report was given by Allen Jaco: End of August funds, \$4,593.71; Expenses \$68.00 for PO Box rental; Net Income \$94.95.

Membership Chairman Jaco reported 3 new members: Marie Blair, Bob Roberts and Gail Woodlee. Our numbers now total 115. One of the Association's honorary life members, Leona Hillis, passed away.

Circulation Chairwoman Wilma Davenport reported on the printing of previous Bulletins concerning the mailing errors as well as price increases. It was decided to seek additional bids to compare pricing for the printing production of upcoming Bulletins.

Program Chairwoman and Vice President Marion Speaks reported that the September 18 "Behind the Mike" radio program will be Doyle and Marion Speaks.

The October 16 "Behind the Mike" radio program will be Steve West or Mary Ann Bishop, secretary to High Funeral Home for 45 years, and Scarlett Griffith.

The November 13 "Behind the Mike" attendees are to be announced.

The December 18 radio program will be Allen Jaco and Wilma Davenport.

Our guest speaker for the October 18 meeting will be Steve West from Highs Funeral Home along with Mary Ann Bishop.

Our scheduled speaker for the November 15 meeting will be Brad Walker, Director of the Magness Library.

There will be no regular December meeting, but a "pitch-in" covered dish luncheon will be held on Friday, December 12, noon-2:00 p.m. in the Magnolia Room.

The annual Christmas outing will be held on November 22, 6:00 p.m. at the McMinnville-Warren County Senior Center. The price is \$30 per person. This is the Senior Center's annual Gala.

Publicity Chairwoman and WCGA President Cheryl Mingle stated that we still are receiving good coverage through the local radio station and newspaper.

Research Chairwoman Bonita Mangrum is researching George Humphries that lived in the area in the 1890s.

Office Co-chairwomen Evelyn Wade and Martha Holt reported that labels were printed by Chris Keathley for the file boxes here in the room. The WCGA office now has possession of the Mary Barnes research files. A decision will be made on how those papers will be stored in the room.

Bulletin Editor Chris Keathley indicated the next issue of the Bulletin is coming along on a timely basis.

Newsletter Editor Doyle Speaks indicated a new addition to the Newsletter began with the past and upcoming issues of old pictures needing identification. We received an email from Chuck Sherrill, State Librarian and Archivist, complimenting us on having a very active organization covered well in our Newsletter.

In Old Business Allen Jaco reported the 501c3 is ongoing and we are still in search of the safes.

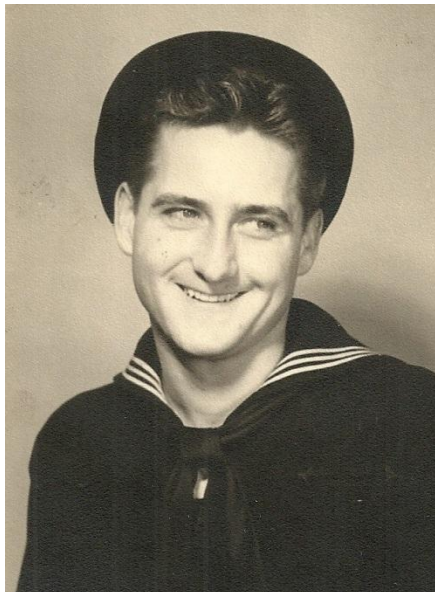
In New Business a decision was made to seek approval from members at the next WCGA meeting on our next Keepsake. The board decided to suggest the Hebe Statue. The statue, was dedicated in May 1915.



# Unidentified Soldier Pictures

## We would like to find them a Home

These soldier pictures were found in a box of family research and we would like to identify them and find a home. If you would like these original photos, please contact Scarlett Griffith at 473-6281 or cell 931-808-6711 or email to [scarlettanngriffith@gmail.com](mailto:scarlettanngriffith@gmail.com) All of these men were friends of Dorothy Elrod Foster. She was a student at Dibrell High School in the early 1940s.



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### Election of 2015 WCGA Officers Set for November

Election of officers for the 2015 calendar year is set for the November 15 meeting.

If you have an interest in becoming active as an officer with our organization, please contact Vice President Marion Rhea Speaks at 931-743-7188 or email to [speaksdm@aim.com](mailto:speaksdm@aim.com).

We need candidates for the following offices:

President  
Vice President  
Web Page Administrator  
Newsletter Editor

**Who Do You Think You Are**

# Trying To Connect To Warren County?

**65 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).*



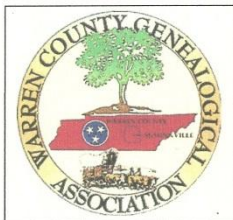
### Warren County-McMinnville Pioneer Family Certification

Recognizing the Pioneer Families  
living in the frontier area known  
as Warren County Tennessee between 1807 – 1820.

*Warren County Genealogical Association, Inc.*

Verified and Certifies that  
**Marion Rhea Speaks**  
Is a direct descendant of Pioneer Settler  
**Moses Rhea**

Warren County-McMinnville Pioneer Family  
Certificate #024



*Marion Speaks*  
Marion Speaks Chair - WCGA Pioneer Families Committee (date)  
*Jan Hobbs*  
Jan Hobbs - WCGA Pioneer Families Committee  
*Betty Pack*  
Betty Pack - WCGA Pioneer Families Committee  
*Bonita Mangrum*  
Bonita Mangrum - WCGA Pioneer Families Committee  
*Carolyn Lance*  
Carolyn Lance - WCGA Pioneer Families Committee

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.