

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION



Newsletter



November-December 2014

201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee



Brad Walker, Director and Genealogist of the Magness Library in McMinnville, is shown addressing the November 15 meeting of the Warren County Genealogical Association.

“Brad Walker Could Have Talked Forever And Still Had a Crowd”

The rich history of the Walker ancestors in Warren and surrounding counties was the main topic of Brad Walker’s very informative and detailed presentation to our group.

His years of research and documentation helped to make this an impressive program. There’s hardly a surname in the county that he isn’t able to provide some information about their connections to the area.

Brad’s parents are William Walker and Iris Wanamaker and his Walker line descended from the James Walker and wife Mary Polly Campbell.

Other family lines with extensive research by Mr. Walker are Wanamaker and Bond. Those are just a few of the names he discussed.

You can find most of the research for those family lines, along with many other Warren County surnames, at the Magness Library located downtown McMinnville.

A Reminder to all WCGA Members

*Join Us
For a*

“Pitch-In” / “Covered-Dish” Luncheon

*Friday, December 12, 2014
Noon-2:00 p.m.*

**Magnolia Room at the
Warren County Administration Building
201 Locust St., McMinnville, TN**

(Bring something to eat in that covered dish)



Books filled with copies of family Bibles and other highly sought after documents for family trees has been carefully catalogued in the many books Brad has on several of his family trees. Great examples for all of us.



2013 OFFICERS

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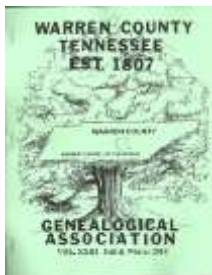
Publicity:
 Cheryl Watson Mingle

Research:
 Bonita Mangrum

Office:
 Evelyn Wade, Martha Holt

Refreshments:
 Christine Bouldin

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Attn: WCGA Members
 Editor Chris Keathley just finished another excellent issue of the Bulletin. It should already be in your possession. If not, please send a message to Wilma Davenport at wilmadavenport@yahoo.com



Pictured l-r are WCGA President Cheryl Watson Mingle, Genealogist and Director of Magness Library Brad Walker and Katharine Goodson owner of the John Jones Walker/Elizabeth Harper family Bible that she shared with our group at the November 15 meeting. The Bible printed in 1752 has an entry dated in 1799 for James and Agnus Harper who descended from the John Jones Walker and Elizabeth Harper line. Katharine is a direct descendant of John Jones Walker.



Refreshments for the November 15 meeting were provided by Scarlett Griffith and Larry Boyd.

The Warren County Genealogical Association does not meet in December. The next regular meeting will be held on January 15, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the rear of the Warren County Administration Building, 201 Locust Street, McMinnville, TN

A Victorian Gala

WCGA Celebrates At Senior Center



The annual WCGA Christmas outing was celebrated at the Senior Centers' annual Gala. Those attending are: Janice and Larry Boyd, Cheryl Watson Mingle, Bonita Mangrum, Chris Keathley, Martha Holt, Evelyn Wade, Monty Wanamaker, Ladye Jane Hunter, Pat Berges, Norman Elrod, Allen Jaco and Scarlett Griffith.



Scarlett Griffith and Cheryl Watson Mingle are all decked out for the Victorian themed Gala. The table hosted by Scarlett Griffith was chosen as the most elegantly decorated.



Janice and Larry Boyd looking festive for the event and celebrated an early wedding anniversary.

Thanks to Cheryl Watson Mingle for the Gala photos

More Gala



Bonita Mangrum, Evelyn Wade and Martha Holt sparkle as they pose for a quick picture.



Monty Wanamaker, Chris Keathley and Ladye Jane Hunter are enjoying the very fine meal.



Judy and Norman Elrod looking sharp for the event.



Pat Berges, looking so elegant, says "thanks for a marvelous evening."



Jim Haley, WCGA member and Mayor of McMinnville, TN enjoying the Gala.

Thanks to Cheryl Watson Mingle for the Gala photos



Morris and Scarlett Griffith are all dressed up and happy to share a smile.

Query

I hope you can help me. I am trying to find where my great-great-grandmother is buried. I found a Sallie Tate on Find A Grave buried in the Armstrong Church Cemetery, Irving College, TN with dates that are very similar to the ones we have, but our GGG grandmother's entire name is Sarah (Sallie) Lockhart Tate.

She was married to Robert Hood Tate, who we believe was a commissioner for the city of Altamont mid 1800's. Her father in law was Major James Tate who is buried between Beersheba Springs and McMinnville near the Collins River.

I am trying to reach someone at the church or cemetery to find out if they have any info on Sallie Tate besides what is on the headstone. I can't seem to find or obtain a phone number for anyone at the church or cemetery.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Mick Tate
Turlock, California
ctateread@att.net

Welcome Our Newest Member

James E. Sandlin, researching Sandlin and Taylor lines.

sanjamjoa@blomand.net

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

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.

Membership Dues For 2015 are due Jan. 1, 2015

Annual dues are \$20 per calendar year for
Members within the 50 states.

Foreign Membership is \$28 per year.

Make checks payable to the
Warren County Genealogical Association
Mail to: WCGA, P.O. 411
McMinnville, TN 37111

This is a great Christmas gift suggestion
From your grandchildren

Down Memory Lane

Can you identify anyone in this old picture
from Dibrell School, Warren County, TN.

Submitted by Scarlett Griffith



MINUTES IN BRIEF

The November 15, 2014 meeting of the WCGA was called to order by President Cheryl Mingle at 2:15 p.m. with the following in attendance: Cheryl Mingle, Bonita Mangrum, Dean Brewer, W.C. Chilton, Wilma Davenport, Ronald Elrod, Christine Bouldin, Doyle Speaks, Marion Speaks, Carolyn Lance, Allen Jaco, Norman Elrod, Martha Holt, Evelyn Wade, Gail Woodlee, Katharine Goodson, Larry Boyd, Pat Burgess, Brad Walker, Jonathan Chisam, Tom Scott, Scarlett Griffith, and Shirley Douglas.

Minutes

Minutes were read by Secretary Scarlett Griffith and approved on motion by Wilma Davenport, seconded by Christine Bouldin.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Allen Jaco who reported the end of month/ year funds available are \$ 4,434.81.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Allen Jaco reported a total of 117 members as of October 31, 2014.

Circulation: Wilma Davenport distributed the new Fall and Winter Bulletin. Chris Keathley was not able to attend the meeting, but had again done a wonderful job.

Programs: Marion Speaks reported on the guest speakers for upcoming months including guest for "Behind the Mike". Larry Boyd will be the WCGA representative for the radio program for December.

We will not have a board or regular meeting in December, but will meet for a "pitch-in" pot-luck meal on Friday the 12th, Magnolia Room, Administration Building at 12:00 noon for a "Holiday Gathering." All members and interested individuals are invited. Please bring a covered dish (preferably with food in it)! Plates, cups, napkins etc. and beverages will be provided.

The following programs have been scheduled for 2015:

January: We will have our twice a year "Show and Tell".

February: Pat Berges will host another very popular genealogy workshop.

March: We hope to have speakers on DNA.

Research: Bonita Mangrum is researching the Watkins family for Maybelle Lance King from Houston, Texas. A cemetery has been located on the Polly Moffitt farm.

Office: Evelyn Wade and Martha Holt had nothing new to report.

Newsletter: Doyle Speaks, newsletter editor, asked for e-mails of anyone who might be interested in receiving the Newsletter. He is always ready to accept articles of interest to be included.

OLD BUSINESS

A new keepsake was discussed, and a motion was made by Larry Boyd to make the statue of "Hebe" our next keepsake. It was seconded by W.C. Chilton.

NEW BUSINESS

Officers for 2015: All current officers will remain for 2015. Our Vice-President and program director Marion Speaks along with our newsletter editor/photographer Doyle Speaks will remain in this capacity until they leave us in the Spring.

Members will be attending the Senior Center Christmas Gala for our annual outing.

Another surrounding county excursion is planned for March 3, 2015. Pat Burgess will be our coordinator for Coffee County. Lunch will be enjoyed at "Miss Audrey's Patch Manor".

PROGRAM

An excellent program on the Walker and other family ancestors was presented by Brad Walker who is a genealogist and Director of the Magness Library in McMinnville.

Prepared by Scarlett Griffith, secretary

Who Do You Think You Are

Trying To Connect To Warren County?

66 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.