

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION



Newsletter



March-April 2015

201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee

It's Our Own

March Madness

An Inspiration for all of us

The group attending the March 21 meeting of the Warren County Genealogical Association celebrated their own March Madness.

They were entertained by Senior Basketball players and WCGA members Carolyn Lance and Glenda Stubblefield Cantrell.

Both ladies have won gold medals in the National Senior Games. Carolyn played in the 75-80 year old division and won Gold in 2009 and 2011 as a member of the McMinnville Bulldogs. Glenda collected gold in 2013 as a member of the Tennessee Shooting Stars who are in the 70-75 year old division.

Carolyn began her basketball career in the early 1950s at McMinnville Central High. Glenda played for Irving College High.

To add to our March Madness program, Bonita Bratcher Mangrum shared several pictures of her mother Nina Mae Passons Bratcher who was basketball coach at Centertown in 1938 and 1939.



Bonita Bratcher Mangrum is all smiles as she shared one of several photos of her mother, Nina Mae Passons Bratcher, who taught school at several places in Warren Co. and was basketball coach for the Centertown ladies team in the 1938 and 1939.



Carolyn Lance is proud of her two gold medals won in the National Senior Games. The first was in 2009 in California and the second in 2011 in Texas.



Glenda Stubblefield Cantrell entertained our group by displaying part of her souvenirs she has collected over the years while playing basketball. Her most prized possession is the gold medal she won in the National Senior Games held in Cleveland, Ohio. In 2013.



Glenda Stubblefield Cantrell and Carolyn Lance were guests of Kelly Marlowe, center, on the March 19 "Behind the Mike" radio show in McMinnville. Our organization appears each month on Thursdays prior to the Saturday meeting. Tune in to 96.0 AM in McMinnville on April 16 when WCGA will once again be guests on the program.

Refreshments are Always Good



Providing refreshments for our March meeting were Marion and Doyle Speaks. Tom and Wanda Scott and Larry Boyd also contributed.

Refreshment Assignments Announced By Committee Chairman Christine Bouldin

- April – Martha Holt and Evelyn Wade
- May – Glenda Cantrell and Carolyn Lance
- June – Barbara Bates and Cheryl Mingle
- July – Larry Boyd and Scarlett Griffith



2015 OFFICERS

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

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Christine Bouldin

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Warren County Genealogical Association
WCGA home page.
And

WCGA's Old Warren County, TN Family History/Photos
A place where you can view history and old photos of
Warren County. You are urged to contribute as well
We're also on the web, visit us at:
www.tngenweb.org/wcgatn



Our Next Keepsake

The Davis Memorial Fountain (Hebe) is located between Main Street and the south door of the Warren County Courthouse. Our model keepsake of Hebe measures 7" high by 3 1/4" wide should be available for purchase by the May meeting.

WCGA Interviewed for Ben Lomand Connect story



Patrick Smith, left, interviewed Marion Rhea Speaks, Cheryl Watson Mingle and Scarlett Griffith for an upcoming article in the Ben Lomand Connect magazine. The article will feature the WCGA as one of several organizations that serve the members in the Ben Lomand network. Patrick is Content Manager for WordSouth, a Content Marketing Company from Rainsville, Alabama who produce the magazine.

In Loving Memory

Mary Colleen Garner Jarrell

(November 25, 1927 - March 6, 2015)

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Mary Colleen Garner Jarrell who passed from this life on March 6, 2015 at the age of 87.

The daughter of Verner Allen Garner and Jane Wright Garner, Mary grew up in Viola and was a resident of Morrison.

Mary had a long career as a teacher in the Warren County School system, teaching algebra, geometry, physics and chemistry, and impacting the lives of thousands of students.

After retirement, she volunteered her time to various community causes, including the Morrison Public Library and the Black House. She served as an alderman for the town of Morrison. She continued to tutor students in math until her final illness.

She was also a member of the Warren County Genealogical Association for many years.

A graveside service and interment was held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2015 in Shady Grove Cemetery, Coffee County, TN.

Donations in honor of Mary may be made to the Morrison Public Library, Animal Rescue, or the charity of your choice.

Judy Hunley McGrath

Our sympathy is extended to member Pat Berges. Her sister, Judy Hunley McGrath, passed away March 14 after a lengthy illness in Florida.

Facebook Navigation Workshop Was Needed



Participants in the March 20 Facebook Navigation seminar held at the McMinnville Warren County Senior Center are, l-r: Allen Jaco, Bobbie G. Woodlee, Marilyn McGee, Willie Brown, Scarlett Griffith, Vickie Derriso, Cheryl Watson Mingle and Marion Speaks. Sitting up front are Evelyn Wade and Martha Holt. The class was presented by Doyle Speaks and co-sponsored by the Warren County Genealogical Association and the McMinnville Warren County Senior Center, Inc.

Welcome New Members

Kenneth K. Crabtree

Raleigh, NC
kcrabtree@ipass.net

Timmy & Boyce Montgomery

Pauls Valley, OK
timothymontgomery@me.com

Researching:

Justice – William S. and Mary E. Wilkerson Justice

Membership Dues For 2015 were 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

MINUTES IN BRIEF

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WARREN COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION
March 21, 2015

Call to Order

In the absence of the President (who was ill), the regular meeting of the Warren County Genealogical Association was called to order by Vice President Marion Speaks at 2:00 p.m. at the WCGA office in the Warren County Administration building. The following 20 members and guests were in attendance: Barbara Bates, Pat Berges, Christine Bouldin, Larry Boyd, Glenda Cantrell, Wilma Davenport, Bernice Driver, Martha Holt, Ladye Jane Hunter, Allen Jaco, Chris Keathley, Carolyn Lance, Bonita Mangrum, Joyce Maybery, Bettye Pack, Tom and Wanda Scott, Doyle and Marion Speaks, and Evelyn Wade.

Minutes

There was no review of minutes since the previous meeting was a genealogy workshop.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Allen Jaco presented a current report of the Association's finances, indicating income for the past month of \$365.50, expenditures of \$125.00, and a current balance in the treasury of \$5,097.35 as of the end of February.

OLD BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership

Allen Jaco reported 2 new members (Ann Brown and Dr. Neil Schultz), 3 complimentary, 2 honorary life members, 3 exchange, 65 current members, and 15 people receiving the newsletter only, for a total membership of 90.

Programs

Vice President Speaks listed the following speakers and programs for upcoming meetings:

April -- Stanley St. Clair, author of books on the Civil War and old sayings

May -- Chris Keathley, photo exhibit of 100 years of the Hebe statue. (This meeting will be held in the Magnolia Room.)

June -- Not yet decided

July -- Show and Tell

Marion also announced that April will be her last meeting as Vice President, as she and Doyle will be moving to Indiana and traveling during the summer months. This also will leave us with a vacuum in the position of Newsletter Editor, and we are still seeking someone to fill the vacancy for Webpage Administrator.

Publicity

Credit was given to President Mingle and Doyle Speaks for the fine job of keeping the public informed by radio, newspaper and newsletter of our activities.

Research

Research Editor Bonita Mangrum announced that she had seven people from Oklahoma and North Carolina visit WCGA for assistance in research the Snipes family.

Office

Cochairman Evelyn Wade advised that Book 4 of the Warren County Cemetery books is available from the author, Betty Majors, at a cost of \$50. Upon motion by Ladye Jane Hunter seconded by Christine Bouldin, it was approved to purchase this volume. A report is still pending from Scarlett Griffith regarding construction of additional bookshelves.

Bulletin

Editor Chris Keathley noted that the Bulletin is on schedule for publication in May. He continued to request articles and information for inclusion in the Bulletins.

Newsletter

Editor Doyle Speaks reported that the next newsletter, coming out at the first of the month, will include two pages about the field trip to Coffee County. Five new emails have been added to the distribution

list. Doyle was congratulated on his excellent newsletter, considered to be the best historical society newsletter in the state.

Genealogy Workshop

The recent genealogy workshop was considered to be a success with 40-50 people attending, including a troop of boy scouts who were introduced to family history research.

Pioneer Families Committee

Marion Speaks reported that a meeting of this committee will be scheduled soon, with date to be announced.

NEW BUSINESS

Field Trip

Members who participated in the recent field trip to Coffee County enjoyed a day of fun and entertaining activities and a wonderful lunch at the Patch House. Marion asked for suggestions for the next field trip to adjoining counties.

Warren County Family Website Workshop

A large group attended the recent workshop at the Senior Center to learn how to navigate on Facebook and upload photos to the Warren Co. Family website.

Refreshments

Christine Bouldin, Refreshment Committee chairman, presented the following list of members responsible for meeting refreshments:

April -- Martha Holt and Evelyn Wade

May -- Glenda Cantrell and Carolyn Lance

June -- Barbara Bates and Cheryl Mingle

July -- Larry Boyd and Scarlett Griffith

Ladye Jane Hunter

Ladye thanked everyone for the many kind birthday wishes and also asked for a moment of silence in honor of Mary Jarrell, a longtime member who passed away recently.

PROGRAM -- "MARCH MADNESS"

Bonita Mangrum showed a scrapbook with photos of Owen Bratcher, who was allowed to attend an extra year of high school so he could play basketball. The album also included photos of her mother, who coached the 1938 and 1939 girl's team to the state semi-finals in Centertown.

Carolyn Lance and Glenda Cantrell appeared in their Senior Olympics basketball uniforms and presented a most interesting history of their active participation at state and national levels. They were heartily congratulated on their outstanding success.

Carolyn played on a team aged 70-75 called the McMinnville Bulldogs, which won the 2001 Ladies Senior League title, earned a silver medal at the 2005 Nationals in Pittsburgh, a gold medal at the 2009 nationals in San Francisco, and a gold at the 2011 games in Houston. The team finally retired in 2013.

Glenda noted that her great aunt Betty Stubblefield started the first women's basketball team in Warren County in 1923. Glenda played in the 65-70 age category and won the 2013 nationals in Cleveland, Ohio. She displayed her numerous gold and silver medals and noted that her team had visited the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville as well as presenting a number of exhibition games in the local area, including the Irving College Homecoming.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m. to refreshments provided by Marion and Doyle Speaks, Tom and Wanda Scott and Larry Boyd.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Berges

for Scarlett Griffith, Secretary

Please Join Us For these upcoming WCGA Meetings

April 18-- Stanley St. Clair, author of books on the Civil War and old sayings

May 16-- Chris Keathley, photo exhibit of 100 years of the Hebe statue. The exhibit will contain approximately 100 photos. (This meeting will be held in the Magnolia Room.)

Our visit to Coffee County

Pat Berges was host to several members of the WCGA on a recent field trip to Coffee County. Our tour included a visit to the Coffee County Historical Society where we were greeted by Coffee County Historian Jess Lewis, Joanna Lewis, President of the Historical Society and Evans Baird, former president of the Society. Our tour included a visit to Chancery Courtroom, Coffee County Archives, First Methodist Church, Coffee County Library, Coffee County Archives and the Confederate Cemetery at Beech Grove. We enjoyed a delicious meal in the tea room at the Patch House.

Those attending the trip were: Cheryl Watson Mingle, Martha Holt, Evelyn Wade, Marilyn McGee, Bonita Mangrum, Allen Jaco, Doyle and Marion Speaks, Pat Berges, Scarlett Griffith, Jean Hobbs, Chris Keathley and Monty Wanamaker.



Our group poses for a quick photo outside of the Patch House. We enjoyed a wonderful meal in the Tea Room.



The Coffee County Historical Society is located on the ground floor of the beautiful old Coffee County Courthouse.



Monty Wanamaker says lunch was almost as good as the dessert.



Jess Lewis, Coffee County Historian, gave an interesting talk on the history of Coffee County



Evans Baird presented a history of the First Methodist Church.



Part of our group pictured in the Chancery Court room located in the old county courthouse.

Items Needed for the Bulletin

Chris Keathley, Editor of the WCGA Bulletin, is looking for information on annual cemetery decoration days to be included in the Spring/Summer issue. Please include the cemetery name, location of cemetery, date of decoration, contact information and any additional information.

Chris is also looking for queries to include in the publication as well as Civil War Veterans. You may obtain an entry form on our web site at www.tngenweb.org/wcgatn

Please send your information to Chris Keathley at southernmuseum@frontier.com.



Judy Phillips, Coffee County Archivist, proudly displays the 1836 Coffee County Court Minutes book.



L-R Bonita Mangrum, Evelyn Wade, Martha Holt, Marilyn McGee and Marion Rhea Speaks in deep discussion at the Coffee County Library.



The oldest stone in the Fountain Springs Cemetery located on the Old Shelbyville Road.



Martha Holt, Marion Speaks, Chris Keathley, Marilyn McKee and Jean Hobbs pose for a photo at the entrance to the Confederate Cemetery in Beech Grove.



The Hoo Doo Cemetery located on the Old Shelbyville Road just out of Beech Grove in Coffee County.

Who Do You Think You Are

Trying To Connect To Warren County?

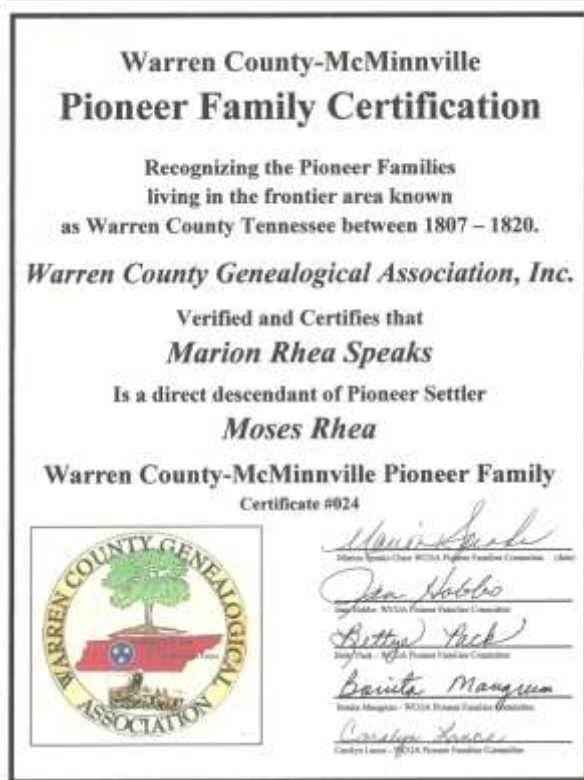
66 people have proven it!

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.