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Jonathan Womack August Guest Speaker



Jonathan Womack

Jonathan Womack, of BLTV and the Lucky Community delighted the membership and many visitors at our August WCGA meeting. He was the guest speaker for the group. He blended his presentation about the Lucky Community and his work with Ben Lomand Television in a very informative manor that taught us all much we didn't know about both. His view on the importance of "heritage" is what our group is all about. Jonathan's family ties and roots are from this area of Warren County. He started his presentation telling about his "dual" roles in the workforce. He and his wife Shelley, sing together at many events, an employee of McMinnville Electric System, in addition to radio and TV. The couple have two children. Very active in church work, he is the pastor of Plainview Baptist Church in Cannon County. He works consistently to preserve all of Warren Counties heritage, he said," history has human

ties". "We have to learn from our past to provide for our future". Jonathan's interest in history came about by finding, in a box, in the corner of an old barn, land deeds. Not only land deeds, but that they were from 1813 and 1817, signed by Joseph McMinn and John Sevier. Mention was made in these deeds that the land had been surveyed by Daniel Boon. We have no way of knowing if this was the famous explorer of the early 1800's but the dates show it very well could be. From then on, Jonathan was bit by the history bug! Also liking broadcasting, he put the two together. He was first involved with radio doing the history of gospel groups. Bud Godwin was one of the announcers Jonathan met and liked what he learned from him. Bud also sung with gospel groups, which was of great interest to him. The Warren County radio audience listened to Bud Godwin for the local news at 12 noon. He had a steady and consistent voice, and was considered "the voice of the Warren County Fair". Bud passed away in 2007.

Jonathan became interested in the Lucky Community Center and soon became an officer. He put a eight page news letter together to perk interest in the community. This was his first project. He and Shelley began visiting around the county to learn the history from folks who could tell them about the people and history of the past. People began giving them pictures and telling them all kinds of history. A digital archive was put together in 2005, titled "Way Back When". Another project was soon begun to have a "Homecoming at Lucky", a celebration of their community. This took place and was a huge success, it now takes place every year. We were fortunate that our guest speaker brought the film with him to show and narrate. He presented the WCGA with a copy.

The area was named "Lucky" after the first settler there, in 1806. This was the same year Warren County was formed. A two story log structure was built by Joe Lynn Blair. The building changed hands several times throughout the years. By 1899 it had been an Inn and store. The first church was Providence Baptist at Mt. Creek. Their 150 year celebration was held in 2006. The church was established in 1856, with 6 members, and Elder Henry Bass. Lucky was taken over by the Union forces in the Fall of 1863. Behind the store was J.T. Hayes, Blacksmith. The first school was built in February 1910 at the present site of the Lucky Community Center. It burned in the early 40's. The pavilion is named after Magnolia Jones, long time resident.

Since 2012, Jonathan and Shelley have been meeting and interviewing people to do "personal programming for "The Community Spotlight". They have commercials. The first one was in black and white, using the side of the building that housed Dugan's grocery for years. A large ad using Dr. Pepper was the background for a little boy and girl sitting on a bench dressed in old time clothing, drinking Dr. Pepper. This changed to color, with

a modern older couple, same ad and bench, drinking Dr. Pepper. This was courtesy of our local Dr. Pepper Bottling Co. and Mr. Doug Milner. This also focusing on "even as time moves forward and changes, some things stay the same."

The then, CEO of Ben Lomand, Levoy Knowles, ask Jonathan if he would put together a program, once a month for BLTV, our local channel 6. It would be called "Community Insider". This too in the film, "Way Back When", Jonathan had parts of his interviews with numerous old timers. One of these was the colorful mayor of Centertown, Mr. Arthur Lorance. Upon asking the question about his profession other than farming, he said "I made molasses for 70 years. It was 15 1/2 cents a quart or 30 cents a gallon. On the question about attending church and school, He said "YES SIR, I went to church, Centertown Methodist. I went to a one teacher school 'till 1924, then I went to Centertown." Jonathan ask him about military service. His answer was, "They wouldn't have me. I guess I was too little, or just wasn't sharp enough." This was for WWI. On changing times: "I survived the Depression. I've seen farming go from plowing with a mule, one acre a day to a tractor, 50 acres a day."

One lady told about the Morrison bank robbery in 1925. A Mr. Clifton Cotten was active at the Lucy school and a very up standing gentlemen. She told how shocked and saddened the community was when they learned he had a part in this. Dr. C. M Clark prominent physician in McMinnville was shot and killed during the robbery.

Womack has done numerous interviews with various groups, clubs, community service and many individuals. Our own WCGA has been featured. Allen Jaco and Cheryl Watson Mingle told about our association, and what our purpose is. A new series is being discussed on emergency services called "Code Red".

We had a very informative afternoon with a very talented young man. Jonathan Womack: all around "good guy".

Submitted by: Scarlett Griffith
WCGA Secretary



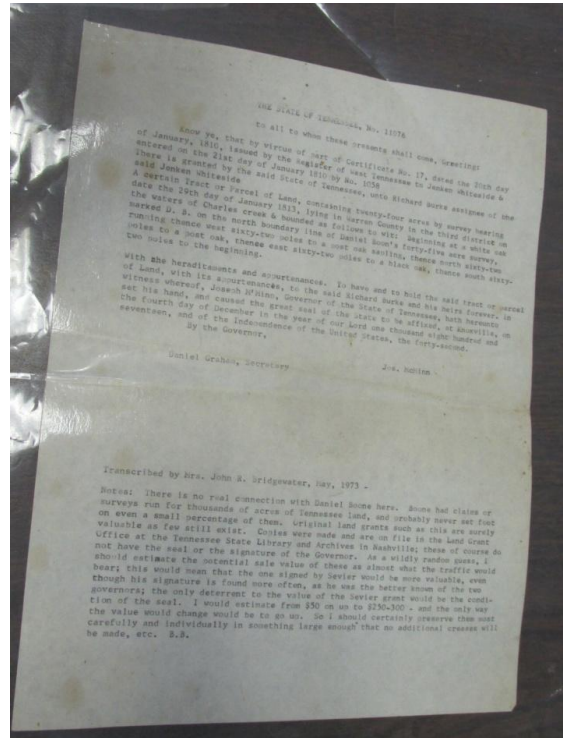
Vice President & Program Chair Rachel Scott Hillis introduces Jonathan Womack to the group.



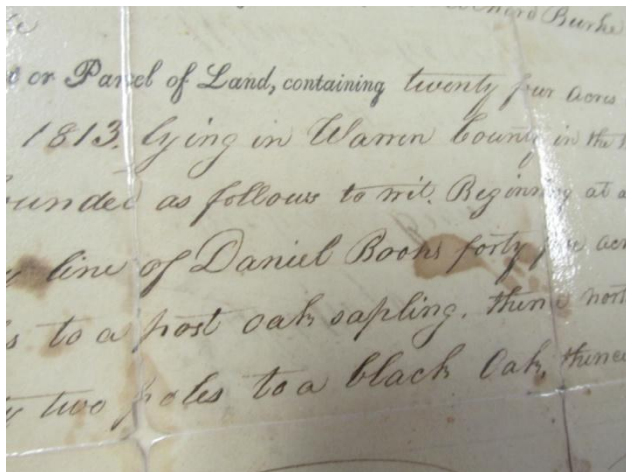
The WCGA members and guests awaiting the very informative presentation provided by Jonathan Womack.



Deeds dating from 1813 till 1817 with Daniel Boone mentioned as surveyor, not sure if that is the popular Daniel most may think off the most important signature on the deeds are Joseph McMinn as Governorthe deeds were found on some of Jonathan Womack's' family's property in a box in an old barnit was a unique thing that had got Womack wanting to learn more history.



Documents from Jonathan Womack's collection



Daniel Boone



Warren County Archivist Jean Hobbs and Martha Holt with Jonathan Womack enjoying refreshments.



L to R -Jonathan's father John T & his mother Sharon Womack, wife Shelly & their son Collin, Jonathan Womack and cousin Bobby Bond.



WCGA Secretary and Member Scarlett Griffin speaks at the Auburntown Historical Society in Cannon County, Tennessee on her ancestor Christopher Cooper.



Warren County A & L Fair
September 11 - 19, 2015



About Labor Day

The first Labor Day was held in 1882. Its origins stem from the desire of the Central Labor Union to create a holiday for workers. It became a federal holiday in 1894. It was originally intended that the day would be filled with a street parade to allow the public to appreciate the work of the trade and labor organizations. After the parade, a festival was to be held to amuse local workers and their families. In later years, prominent men and women held speeches. This is less common now, but is sometimes seen in election years. One of the reasons for choosing to celebrate this on the first Monday in September was to add a holiday in the long gap between Independence Day and Thanksgiving.



WCGA members Christine Bouldin, Wilma Davenport & Betty Pack provide refreshments at the August meeting.

Coconut Cake Recipe from the Southern Standard March 20, 1880



1 cup sugar
1/2 cup butter
2 eggs,
1/2 cup milk
2 cups plain flour
2 teaspoons baking power
Bake in thin layers.

For icing, beat together the whites of two eggs, and one cup powdered sugar. Spread a layer of this on the cake, and strew it thickly with grated and sugared coconut. Place another layer of cake on that, and proceed as before; on top put only icing.

The next meeting of the Warren County Genealogical Association will be held Saturday, September 19, at 2:00 p.m.

Our meetings are held in the rear of the Warren County Administration Building
201 Locust Street, McMinnville

September meeting September 19, 2015
Guest Speaker Rachel Scott Hillis
"Preserving Your Family Keepsakes"



and
History of the Warren County Fairs by
Cheryl Watson Mingle



WCGA members interview Kelly Marlowe on his own show *Behind the Mike*



Kelly interviewed Jonathan Womack as his guest on the "Behind the Mike" radio show that was broadcast on August 13. Mr. Womack spoke on BLTV and the Lucky Community. Tune in to 96.0 AM in McMinnville at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 17 when representative Rachel Scott Hillis will be the guest of the show.



Our four keepsakes are, L-R: The Birthing Tree, Hebe Statue, Warren County Courthouse and First Methodist Church in McMinnville. Get yours today. They make great gifts.

Do You Need Help With Your Family Research?

Bonita Bratcher Mangrum, WCGA's Research Chairman, with over 45 years of experience, has graciously helped hundreds of people with their family genealogy searches. You can find her at the WCGA office on Friday afternoons from 1-4. If you live outside the Warren County area, you can make an appointment to meet with her at the office by calling 931-939-2154. She also researches other TN county records by phone or mail for people who can't travel here.



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MINUTES IN BRIEF

The July meeting of the WCGA was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Cheryl Mingle. Members present were: Bonita Mangrum, Evelyn Wade, Chris Keathley, Wilma Davenport, Cheryl Mingle, Bettye Pack, Glenda Cantrell, Allen Jaco, Tom Scott, Wanda Scott, Carolyn Lance, Barbara Bates, Larry Boyd, Scarlett Griffith, Wanda Gant, and Grace Sparkman. Scarlett Griffith, Secretary, read the minutes of the June meeting and they were approved. Treasurers report was given by Allen Jaco. Balance for month of June was 4,427.73 Allen then gave membership report, which stands at 102. Wilma Davenport reported she has mailed out one more journal for the month. Programs: In the absence of our new V. President and program director, Rachel Hillis, Cheryl gave the program report. August speaker will be Jonathan Womack. He will be speaking on the Lucky community of Warren County and BLTV. He will also be the "Behind the Mike" for August. Office: Nothing new to report. Newsletter: Cheryl will be taking care of the monthly newsletter until a new newsletter editor can be found. Her first one was for June, and did a great job with an interesting and informative content. Old Business:

Chris Keathley, our Bulletin editor donated several prints of three different designs from the "Hebe" collection he had at his photography shows for the WCGA to sell at \$12.00 each. Proceeds going to our organization. His July 4th show at the Chamber Building brought \$111 to our group. This also included sales of a keepsake and pictures with frames. A total of \$129 was deposited from sales at the show.

New Business:

Another photography show is planned during the Autumn Street Fair at the Lively Museum. The WCGA was asked to participate in this. Motion was made by Lady Jane Hunter for us to take part and seconded by Wilma Davenport. We then passed a sign-up sheet for members to sign that would be willing to split the times up, so as to have someone there during the street fair. Those signing were: Allen Jaco, Bonita Mangrum, Wilma Davenport, Carolyn Lance, Bettye Pack, Lady Jane Hunter, and Scarlett Griffith. A schedule will be worked out later.

The Auburntown Historical Society-AHS has ask for the WCGA to provide a speaker for their August meeting. Scarlett Griffith will be speaking to them on some of the early settlers of that area, having at least 5 great and great-great grandfathers and mothers from the Sanders Fork, Auburntown Community.

Topic centered around Christopher Cooper, Revolutionary soldier and patriot. This will be Thursday night, the 20th, 7:00 at the Church of Christ in Auburntown.

WCGA will be researching and compiling a book on Civil War soldiers from Warren County. The book will include any individual who had lived in Warren County, Tennessee before, during, after, or died in the war time period and had served in any unit, Federal and Confederate. A committee has signed to work on this project. Suggested front and back covers for this publication by Ladye Jane Hunter are Civil War Flags, "Stars and Bars" and others.

What are the benefits of members? This has been brought up. There needs to be certain benefits for members keeping their dues current. One: is that they receive the Bulletin twice a year. This is time consuming and expensive. Chris does an outstanding job being our editor. He and Wilma Davenport work to distribute these in a timely manner. This is something our dues pays for. Every member, whether their dues are current or not has been receiving the monthly Newsletter. They are both very informative and interesting as well. It was voted 8 to 3 that a member would not receive the Newsletter unless they are current in their dues. We are in hopes that this will encourage each one of us, to keep current. Dues are 20.00 yearly, and include all publications. This will help keep the WCGA active and operating.

Board meeting for August has been moved one week earlier to the 7th.

Program today is "Show and Tell". Glenda S. Cantrell brought a wooden trunk. Very old, it was her great Aunts, and was from the early 1800's. It was full of beautiful clothing belonging to her mother and other ancestors.

Barbara Bates brought a self portrait of her grandmother, Molly Cardwell. The painting was beautiful. She married a Baldwin. She also brought letters written by Robert L. Baldwin, an Uncle, to his mother during WWII.

Larry Boyd brought an interesting book sent to him from Canada, from a distant cousin, W. Davis on genealogy.

Bonita brought a 1948 "Echo", her Centertown High School annual.

Meeting adjourned.

Refreshments today brought by Larry Boyd and Scarlett Griffith.

Refreshment Assignments Announced By Committee Chairman Christine Bouldin

September – Barbara Bates & Glenda Cantrell

October - Jean Hobbs & Carolyn Lance

November - Martha Holt & Evelyn Wade

Fall Hunting for Snipes in Tennessee

After a "scouting" visit to Warren County, Tennessee, last spring, the Snipes Family of American will return to Middle Tennessee Friday October 16th through Sunday October 18th to broaden a search for Snipes ancestors who migrated there from North and South Carolina and Virginia during the 19th and 20th centuries.

The last SFA Board of Directors' trip to Warren, Rutherford and Cannon Counties involved a working conference, cemetery visitation and a search of valuable resources, especially the archives maintained by Research Director Bonita Bratcher Mangrum and her associates at the Warren County Genealogical Association in the county's administrative offices in McMinnville.

Now, a general SFA membership meeting is scheduled for Friday October 15th through Sunday, October 18th in McMinnville and, hopefully, notice of the meeting will draw Snipes descendants in middle Tennessee to the program. Currently, SFA has a total membership of 705 and about 183 active members from many areas of the United States, Main to Florida.

The Snipes Family of America, Inc., was organized as a non-profit organization in 1979 by a group to coordinate the efforts of individuals doing genealogical research on the Snipes and related families. SFA research still extensively uses courthouse data, but is now on the cutting edge employing the newest genealogy research tools such as DNA testing.

The SFA current database documented globally is 88,000 plus. The Snipes have been traced to an early concentration in the Yorkshire/Leeds area of the British Isles and have been tracked to the Western Hemisphere by way of Barbados and the Southern United States. SFA Vice President Kenneth Crabtree (1-919-608-2751) has arranged for the "Snipes Family of America" headquarters at the Best Western Tree City Inn (931-473-2159) in McMinnville. Please call Kenneth Crabtree now for more information about lodging, the meeting days, times and agenda at 1-919-608-2751 (cell) or e-mail him at kcrabtree@ipass.net for more information.

An SFA member and prospective member dinner is planned for Friday at 6 PM in McMinnville. More information about the weekend's program can be sent to anyone wanting to attend, so please tell Kenneth or SFA President Britt Norwood (brittnorwood@bellsouth.net) or 1-919-942-4106) and the SFA Board of Director the best way to reach you with the fall meeting details.

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).



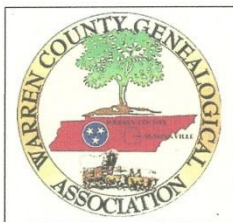
Warren County-McMinnville Pioneer Family Certification

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
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Bonita Mangrum
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Carolyn Lance
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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 Magness Library.

They should be submitted to

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