

# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION



## Newsletter



December 2015 - January 2016

201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee



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### Christmas Lunch at the Corners Readyville Tennessee



The Corners

Historical Location of the Warren County Genealogical Association 2015 Christmas Tour and Lunch December 11 with 21 in attendance.

In 1802, Charles Ready purchased a large tract of land on the east fork of Stones River from Revolutionary War hero, and Rutherford County namesake, Gen. Griffith Rutherford.

At the establishment of Rutherford County in 1803, Ready was appointed one of the justices of the peace, and presided at the first Rutherford County Commission meeting.

Ready also was one of seven commissioners appointed by the Tennessee Legislature in 1811 to choose a permanent county seat, which located to Murfreesboro. He went on to serve as mayor of Murfreesboro later.

In 1812, Ready built a dam on the Stones River, near his home and erected a mill.

Readyville is located on the East Fork of the Stones River, 12 miles east of Murfreesboro on Highway 70 South, which was the original Stage Coach Road from Knoxville to Nashville, also called "The

Immigrant Trail” and one of the routes for the Trail of Tears passed by the Ready home.

In a letter written in 1829 by his son-in-law, James Holmes, who married his daughter Mary, says, “Mr. Ready plans to build an elegant house, the bricks for which are now ready.”

The brick house was one of the first such houses built in the eastern part of Middle Tennessee. It was large, three stories high, with walls 18 inches thick. Ready named it The Corners because it was located in the corner where two roads crossed in Readyville, which is located on the Rutherford and Cannon county line. For some years, Ready ran an inn at his house, and it is said that Andrew Jackson sometimes stopped there on his way to and from Washington.

When the Old Stage Road was built in 1811, a post office was established at the Ready house, with Charles as postmaster. It was then that the place was given the name of Readyville.

The Ready’s house was known as a center of refinement unusual on the frontier. When Ready died in 1859, his daughter Jane and her husband, Peter Talley, bought the house.

During the Civil War, Jane Talley served dinner to Lt. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest, who served in the Confederate Army, and his Raiders on July 13, 1862. After the Battle of Stones River, Col. William B. Hazen’s Brigade retreated to Readyville and took The Corners as a headquarters. The original mill and other property of the Ready’s was burnt or destroyed during this occupation.

After 86 years, in 1886 The Corners left the Ready family.

The house has changed ownership several times, with Karen Ford serving as the new caretaker of this county historic treasure. Ford is the owner of Goodness Gracious Restaurant and Catering and will expand her operations to include her new venue,

The Corners On The River, in Readyville. Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities placed a historical marker on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013 at the “The Corners,” in Readyville.

The Corners is located at 1990 Readyville St., Readyville, Tennessee 37149



L to R Barbara Jaco, Bonita Mangrum, Elaine Campbell, Evelyn Wade, Martha Holt & Allen Jaco.



L to R: Glenda Cantrell, Julia Carter, Michelle Manning, Morris Griffith & Scarlett Griffith



L to R: Cheryl Watson Mingle, Chris Keathley, Monty Wanamaker, Pat Berges, Debra McBride & Donna Sullivan



Wanda Gant, Carolyn Lance, Shirley Douglass, Leticia & Jim Boyd.



Photos touring The Cornors



# SHOW & TELL

WCGA next meeting  
Saturday, January 16, 2 p.m.

**This is always one of our most fun and interesting meetings, so be sure to be there!**

**Please bring something to share with everyone ...**

**an old book, Bible, document, deed, photograph, tintage, article of old clothing or jewelry, weapon, tool, farm article, Civil War relic, quilt, horse blanket, old kitchen item, recipe, anything you can carry or trundle.**



## Representing WCGA On The Radio



WCGA was the guest for the "Behind The Mike" radio show on December 17. Pictured is Kelly Marlowe who is host for the show on 96.0 AM radio in McMinnville along with Monty Wanamaker of Southern Museum & Photography and Cheryl Watson Mingle.

## Do You Have CIVIL WAR SOLIDERS who lived in WARREN COUNTY before, during or after the war?

Submit your Civil War Solider for entry in our upcoming Warren County Civil War Soliders BOOK'S

You may obtain forms on our Facebook Page or at the Magness Library Genealogy Department

## WCGA is 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 Gifts



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)  
Hebe, McMinnville, TN  
(Forth in a series)  
*All four 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

# Do You Think You Are Trying To Connect To Warren County?

**67 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.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 on Main St.

They should be submitted to  
Warren County Genealogical Association,  
c/o First Pioneer Families,  
P. O. Box 411,  
McMinnville TN 37111



## WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Meeting held in the rear of the  
Warren County Administration Building  
201 Locust Street, McMinnville TN 37110

### Membership Renewal & Information Update Form

Annual membership fees for 2016 are due on January 1, 2016

Please make checks payable to **Warren County Genealogical Association (WCGA)** and mail to  
WCGA, P.O. 411, McMinnville, TN 37111

**Print Name and Address as desired on Membership Record:**

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**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check one:**

Dues for year \_\_\_\_\_ Individual Member, \$20 year \_\_\_\_

Other Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you like to receive our monthly Newsletter by E-Mail?** \_\_\_\_\_ yes

**Our Bulletin is mailed two times each year**

**FAMILY NAMES I AM RESEARCHING:**

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We may be able to help you with your genealogy, so come by and visit our office. We are open on Friday from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and we're located at the rear of the Warren County Administration Building, 201 Locust St. McMinnville, TN.

*Thank you!*