

# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION



## Newsletter



201 Locust Street

February 2018

McMinnville, Tennessee



### 2018 OFFICERS

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Ann Brown

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Bonita Mangrum  
Bobby Brown

Office:  
Evelyn Wade  
Wilma Davenport

Refreshments:  
Christine Bouldin

Join Us For Our Next Meeting  
Saturday,  
February 17, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

Our guest speaker

**Marcia  
Marchbanks  
Ramsey**

McMinnville native and resident, will talk about her  
*Phillip and Ruby Spurlock Smith Family*

### Warren Co. Genealogical Association

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

Don't Forget Your

## Membership Dues...

Your WCGA membership dues for calendar year  
2018 were due January 1, 2018.

Annual dues are \$25 per calendar year for  
members within the 50 states. Foreign  
membership is \$30 per year.

*Please make your checks payable to the  
Warren County Genealogical Association and can  
be brought to our next meeting or mailed to  
WCGA, P.O. Box 411, McMinnville, TN 37111*

# 2018 WCGA Officers Installed

The Warren County Genealogical Association installed new officers for 2018 at the January 20 meeting. Pictured, l-r: Donna Sullivan – Secretary, Cheryl Watson Mingle – President, Marion Rhea Speaks – Vice-President and Allen Jaco – Treasurer.



*Bobby Bond photo*

WCGA Committee Chairmen, L-R, Marion Rhea Speaks – Programs; Bobby Bond – Research; Christine Bouldin – Refreshments; Evelyn Wade – Office; Chris Keathley- Bulletin Editor; Allen Jaco-Membership; Wilma Davenport-Circulation Manager; Bonita Mangrum-Research; Ann Brown-Publicity, Web Page, Facebook; and Doyle Speaks-Newsletter.

# Another Great Show & Tell

January's meeting of the WCGA was dedicated to the ever popular Show and Tell and, as usual, no one was disappointed. Ten members eagerly shared their possessions with our group.



**J. B. Brown** holds the framed sheep skin diploma that belonged to his grandfather Julius Caesar Webb. The diploma is dated 1907 and was from Pure Fountain College located in Smithville.



**Carolyn Lance** shared old post cards she was given by friend Joyce Milstead Mayes.



**Bobby Bond** proudly displays the little Cowan's "corn jug" he owns as part of his collection from the original Park Theatre. The theatre was owned by Cowan Oldham.



**Mary Oaks** shared the ice hooks used to handle blocks of ice at the Martens Bros. Ice & Coke plant in Maywood, Illinois. Photos of the plant (at the right) show the original plant before it burned and how it looked after rebuilding. The plant was owned by her great grand-parents and her father. Mary was the last of the great grandchildren to work there. The plant closed in 1960.

Welcome our newest member

Mary Ann Daly  
Bethesda, MD  
From the Mullican Family of Warren County



**Christine Bouldin** holds the Civil War memento that she purchased in the last few years. The stamp (bottom left) is a 100 year commemorative stamp of the battle of Shiloh. The 4 cent stamp was issued in 1962 and the battle was in 1862. The genuine bullet (center) was actually used in the Civil War. The 2011 commemorative quarter (at right) honors Gettysburg National Military Park, which is located at the site of the Battle of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.



**Barbara Bates** holds a copy of the newspaper story from her late mother's Cardwell line. The story was printed in January 2009 in the Southern Standard about the Cardwell family who had been subscribers to the paper since 1891. They were the longest continuous subscribers to the paper.



**Bonita Mangrum** proudly shared her framed certificate from the Tennessee Historical Society declaring her ancestor Nathaniel Austin to be one of the First Families of Tennessee.



**Larry Boyd** holds a gun and a photo of William Pleasant Anderson and his wife Mary Elizabeth Austin. William owned the double barrel gun and carried it in the Civil War. He was a Confederate soldier and served as a bugler. He was captured and held as a prisoner of war on a couple of occasions and was exchanged at a camp near New Orleans where he was allowed to return home on furlough.



**Allen Jaco** shared several articles from his family collection. Included in that group were a couple off snuff bottles, a pair of scissors that belonged to his grandmother, an old oil lamp and a pair of reading glasses.  
**Bobby Bond photo**

**Refreshments for the January meeting were provided by Carolyn Lance and Ann Brown.**



**Cheryl Watson Mingle** shared a photo and story on the Faulkner Spring Hotel and a key to room 50. The hotel was across the road from Falcon Rest and was originally the Clay Faulkner Mountain City Woolen Mill where he manufactured Gorilla Pants (so strong even a gorilla couldn't tear them apart). Around 1896 he discovered mineral waters on the factory property which he credited with curing his kidney ailments. He later remodeled the factory building creating the Faulkner Spring Hotel. The hotel contained a skating rink, dining room and 20 guest rooms to accommodate patrons seeking cures from the waters.

### Pioneer Families Committee Meets



The committee to research and approve applications for the Warren County Pioneer Families recently met. Pictured, L-R, Bettye Pack, Marion Rhea Speaks and Carolyn Lance gave approval for the 77<sup>th</sup> recipient. The certificate was granted to Charolette E. Madewell Adams whose approval was granted through ancestor Richard Crouch and wife Charity Adams.



*Searching for information on our next Spot-light Cemetery.*

### Fingers Chapel Cemetery

Located in the Smartt Station Area of the Warren County 9th Civil District.

*Please contact*  
**Chris Keathley**, Bulletin Editor  
 at [southernmuseum@frontier.com](mailto:southernmuseum@frontier.com).

## Turn Your Radio On



Kelly Marlow, host of the "Behind The Mike" radio show, welcomed Marion Rhea Speaks and Ann Brown on January 18. Tune in to radio station 96.0 AM McMinnville on Thursday February 15 when the WCGA will be on the show again.



**We have new  
extended hours**

**Mondays 9:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Fridays 9:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

*Weather permitting*

WCGA is now on Facebook!  
Come visit us at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Warren-County-Genealogical-Association/135126859883450>

Or visit us on the web at:  
[www.tngenweb.org/wcgatn](http://www.tngenweb.org/wcgatn)

## We Say Goodbye to Longtime WCGA Member and Great Artist Monty Wanamaker

Monty Clell Wanamaker, age 79, of McMinnville, TN, passed away on January 23, 2018 at St. Thomas River Park Hospital. Monty was born in Grundy County, TN, the son of the late Clifton and Louella Roberts Wanamaker.

He was a self-employed artist/entrepreneur, whose art has been exhibited in numerous galleries, universities and museums since 1962, including Magness Library. At the age of 23, his first exhibit was in 1962 at the Parthenon Museum galleries in Nashville, TN, where he became the youngest curator. He was a member of the staff at The Phillips Collection, the country's premier gallery of Modern Art.



While living in New York City in the late 60's, Monty studied at the Art Students League and had 2 successful solo shows. Art critics proclaimed him a "master craftsman" and a "mythical symbolist." Also as a poet, Monty presented multi-media concerts, including one presented in 1979 at New York's Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine. His most current work, developed over a 25-year span, was first shown in 1999, at the Hunter Museum of American Art in Chattanooga, TN, where his multi-dimensional collages/assemblages were labeled "Visual Poems" by Chattanooga Times critic Ann Nichols.

His works also included a book written about Warren County native, Dottie West.

Monty is survived by two sisters, Betty (Jesse) Betschart of Monteagle, TN and Kathy (John) Higgs of Altamont, TN; nephew, Jason (Lesa) Scott of McMinnville, TN; great-nephews, Landon and Brayden Scott; several cousins; a special friend, Chris Keathley; and a lot of special friends all over the country. Memorial donations may be made to Southern Museum, 210 East Main Street, McMinnville, TN 37110 or Magness Memorial Library, 118 W. Main Street, McMinnville, TN 37110.

He operated Southern Museum and Galleries of Photography, Culture and History with Chris Keathley. He was a long-time member of the Warren County Genealogical Association who was generous to our group. He shared with our group his knowledge of the Wanamaker and Coppinger families and presented a wonderful program on the research and eventual production of his book about Warren County native Dottie West. He often donated space in the Museum to display many of our products for sale.

His wishes were to be cremated and no memorial services.

*"Monty was a wonderful artist and has contributed much to the preservation of Warren County history.*

*He will be greatly missed."*

*— Sharon Bonner*



## WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION

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### Membership Information Form

Annual membership fees are \$25

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, \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Would you like to receive our Members Newsletter by E-Mail? Join the WCGA now.  
Our Bulletin is mailed two times each year to members.**

**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 Monday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.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*

Do You Think You Are

# Trying To Connect To Warren County?

**77 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