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Newsletter



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Join Us For Our Next Meeting
Saturday,
April 21, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

Our guest speakers

**Rita Baker, Judy Taylor Fuson
& Carol Denson Williams**

Authors of the book

Under the Lake

**Warren Co. Genealogical
Association**

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



Margaret Hobbs photo

From the March 2, 2018 issue of the Southern Standard
Graduate student Linda Henry, at left, and genealogist and WCGA
President Cheryl Watson Mingle gather research information on John
Martin Lusk for Henry's degree from the University of Massachusetts.
Cheryl was instrumental in securing Linda as our March meeting
speaker.

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Linda Henry talked about how John Lusk was a WC Treasure



How fortunate it was to have Linda Henry as our guest speaker for the March meeting of the WCGA. The overflow crowd gathered in the Magnolia Room of the Warren County Administration building to hear her talk about John Lusk who was from Campaign, TN. He was a great musician who played both the fiddle and banjo. He was one of three great African American musicians who were descendant of slaves from the area. The trio consisted of John Lusk on fiddle, Murphy Gribble on banjo and Albert York on guitar. The group was known as “Gribble, Lusk and York”. A retired nurse and old time fiddler, Linda Henry is now an American Studies graduate student at University of Massachusetts, Boston. Her focus is on the historiography of black Appalachian fiddlers, as well as their tunes and archaic fiddle tunings. A native of Aurora, Colorado, she’s now lives in Massachusetts.

Descendants of the John Lusk family who attended the WCGA meeting are pictured with our guest speaker Linda Henry. They are, L-R, Sylvia Lusk, grand daughter of John Lusk, Linda Henry, Frances McKinley, grand daughter, Katrina Lusk, Louise Lusk, Kurt Lusk, Charles Lusk, grandson and Harold Lusk also a grandson.



Sylvia Lusk, is all smiles because she is the “keeper of the fiddle” that was once owned by her grandfather John Lusk. The fiddle was handed down to Sylvia from her father Robert Lusk who was one of the seven children of John.



Boy Scout Troop 309 Announces Plan To Help Clean Up Local Cemetery



Brian Tucker, Scoutmaster of Troop 309, is pictured with Jonathan White, a member of his troop. Brian announced to our group the troops intention to help clean the grounds of the Fingers Chapel Cemetery. Help is needed from members of our WCGA group for the Saturday, April 14, 9-12 noon date.



Scotty and Trina White, along with daughter Lydia and son Jonathan, attended the WCGA meeting in support of Jonathan's Scout troop who are planning to help clean the Fingers Chapel Cemetery.

Fingers Chapel Cemetery Clean Up Date is Set

Scoutmaster Brian Tucker and his Boy Scout Troop 309 are partnering with the WCGA to clean up the Fingers Chapel Cemetery located at Smartt, TN. This is a scout project for this troop.

The clean-up date is Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

If you are willing to help with this project just come with your garden tools, gloves, etc. We also need a few strong folks with chain saws to cut up some of the fallen limbs.

Bridgestone owns the property and Mr. Tucker works at Bridgestone and is going to see if maybe they could help assist in keeping it clean after this project is complete.



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.



J.B. Brown, Bobby Bond and Ann Brown are shown demonstrating the new scanner purchased for the WCGA office. The GPX Portable Docking Scanner loads scanned files on a chip that can be downloaded into your personal or our office computer. This will allow you to have information downloaded to your personal files.

Turn Your Radio On

Kelly Marlow, host of the "Behind The Mic" radio show, welcomed Marion Rhea Speaks and Cheryl Watson Mingle to the show on March 15.



Tune in to radio station 96.0 AM McMinnville, Thursday, April 19, when the WCGA will be on the show again.



Our delicious refreshments for the March meeting were provided by Bettie Pack and Christine Bouldin. On deck for next month are Bonita Mangrum and Evelyn Wade.

Membership Changes

Edwin Roberts

Added additional family research: Austin, Brown, Ford, Hale, Holton, Lewis, Roberts, Scott, Swindell

Sharon Bonner (Renewed from 2016)

New email: sfbon403@gmail.com

David Hennessee has named the WCGA as the recipient of his extensive family research papers.



We have new extended hours

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

The Heritage of Warren County, TN Available Again!



The Heritage of Warren County, TN, published in 2005, is now available for sale again. Recently the WCGA purchased from the publisher, County Heritage, Inc., the last of these informative, hardback books, which were thought to be out of

print. This book can be purchased for just \$72.00 plus \$7.00 shipping and makes a nice gift. Make checks out to WCGA and mail to: WCGA, P.O. Box 411, McMinnville, TN 37111. Or come by the WCGA office on Mondays or Fridays 9-3 p.m., County Administrative Building, 201 Locust St., McMinnville, Tennessee.

Information on the Heritage Book:

- 618 pages
- 48 pages of Index
- 29,840 +/- names in Index
- Approximately 1,715 photos
- 1,730 numbered articles
- 6.2 pounds (weight)
- 12 3/8 x 9 1/4 x 2 inches (size)

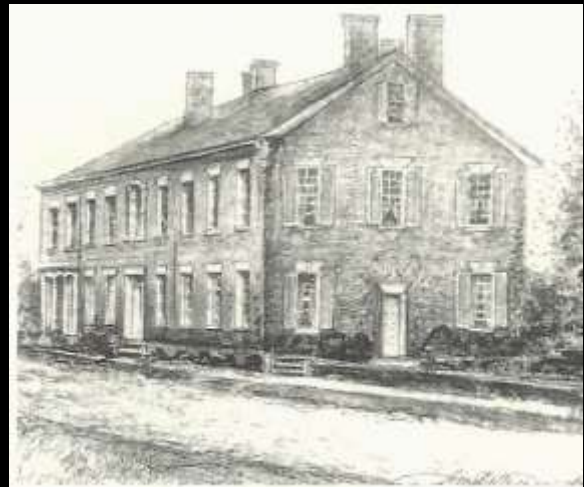
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CAIN HOUSE
WEST MAIN STREET, MCMINNVILLE



John & Beersheba Cain House



John and Beersheba Cain

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Southern Museum & Galleries of Photography, Culture &
History, 210 E. Main St., McMinnville, TN 37110
Sources: Southern Standard; McMinnville at a Milestone
by Walter Womack, 1960. Beersheba Springs and The
Natches Trace by Blanche Spurlock Bentley circa 1930.

You will find this great story
among the more than 1700
photos and articles in this book.

**Would you like a piece of
Warren County History?
*Our Keepsakes are a
great way to have it***



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 and may be purchased at
Warren Co. Genealogical Association
County Administrative Building, 201 Locust St.
Open Mondays and Fridays 9:00-3:00 p.m



WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION

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

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:

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please check one:

Dues for year _____ Individual Member, \$25 _____ Joint membership for 2 persons living
in the same household, \$35 _____

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:

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. – 3:00 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.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