

# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION



## Newsletter



June 2018

201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee



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### Join Us For Our Next Meeting

Saturday,  
June 16, 2018, 2:00 p.m.  
at the  
WCGA office located at  
201 Locust Street in the basement of the  
County Administrative Building

Our Guest Speaker

**Charles Nunley**

Will talk about the



**Mt. Zion  
Reunion  
&  
Decoration**

### Warren Co. Genealogical Association

Warren County Administration Building  
201 Locust Street,  
McMinnville TN 37110



We have new extended  
hours

Mondays & Fridays

9:00 - 3:00 p.m.

# A Visit To Avery Curtis's "The Skillet"



Our May meeting of the Warren County Genealogical Association held a short meeting at the Administration office and headed out to visit Avery Curtis's "Skillet Rock".

Our crew arrived at 53 Mountain Top Lane in McMinnville and was greeted by Avery Curtis, who along with his wife Teresa own the property.

Our destination was just beginning as we loaded onto a trailer, pulled by his farm tractor, and began the final journey to the site. It is located about 200 meters southeast of the lake dam behind Mr. Curtis'



house.

The skillet impression is known as Bedrock mortar and is a set of manmade circular depressions in a rock outcrop or naturally occurring slab. They were used by early people for grinding of grain, acorns or other food products. There are often a cluster of a considerable number of such holes in proximity indicating women gathered in teams to conduct food grinding in prehistoric cultures. Correspondingly the alternative name 'gossip stone' is sometimes applied, indicating the social

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**WCGA President Cheryl Watson Mingle stands in the "Skillet". To her left is Mr. Curtis who is also standing by the "skillet" in the photo above.**

## “The Skillet”

context of the food grinding activity. Typical dimensions of the circular indentations are approximately 12 centimeters in diameter by 10 centimeters deep, although a considerable range of depths of the cavities have been documented. The bedrock mortar has been identified in a number of world regions, but had been particularly intensely documented in the Americas. An alternative term for the bedrock mortar site is bedrock milling station. Source: Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.

Trip photos by Cheryl Watson Mingle and Bobby Bond

## TV Purchased by WCGA



Cheryl Watson Mingle and Ann Brown are responsible for the purchase and installation of the new wifi TV for our room. It is needed to help with Power Point presentations so often requested by our guest speakers and gives us the ability to share photos and videos from our computer.



**Chris Keathley has just finished another excellent issue of The Spring and Summer 2018 Warren County Genealogical Association BULLETIN and it has been mailed to our members.**

## 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 May 17. Tune in to radio station 96.0 AM McMinnville, Thursday, June 14, when the WCGA will be on the show again.

## Give a piece of Warren County History



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

## Scanner Training Has Started



Training on the use of The GPX Portable Docking Scanner has begun for several of our members. J. B. Brown, left, is shown with Alan Jaco who attended the first training session.

## It's Show n Tell Time For the July 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting

Plan to attend our July meeting for the always popular Show n Tell program. We hope you will bring an item to share with everyone. Glenda Cantrell shared the dough bowl that belonged to her great-grandmother



Martha Jane Russell Gibbs at our January 2014 meeting.

## Resource Library Contributions For the Month of May

The following documents were donated to WCGA and placed into our Library. We're always looking for historical items to add to our growing collection. We encourage you to donate your items to be considered for our files.

5/11/18 June Huckleby

Museum items and various papers including deeds, tax receipts, road orders, miscellaneous receipts, letters, postcards, pictures from Johnny Moffitt and his father W. D. Moffitt. These items have been inventoried. Paper items will be scanned and cleaned for archival. Copies will be placed in family files. Plans are to present to the Association at some future date.

5/18/18 Magness Memorial Library

The Tennessee Civil War Veterans Vol One

Federal (Acuff - Wood) Confederate (Abbott - Byrne)

The Tennessee Civil War Veterans Questionnaires - Vol Two

Confederate (Caldwell - Fuston)

The Tennessee Civil War Veterans Questionnaires - Vol Three

Confederate (Gailbraith - Kyle)

The Tennessee Civil War Veterans Questionnaires - Vol Four

Confederate (Lackey - Quarles)

The Tennessee Civil War Veterans Questionnaires - Vol Five

Confederate (Rainey - Young)

5/18/18 Bonita Mangrum

The North Carolina Historical Register Vol 3 No 1

American Colonists in English Records 1st and 2nd Series  
The Jackson Purchase

Graves, County KY 1830 Census, Series 1, No 2

Colonial Bertie County, NC Vol VI Abstract of Deed Book  
H 1753-1757

5/21/18 Chris Keathley

Knoxville

The Appalachian Trail

1850 Census Washington County, VA

1830 Census East Tennessee

The Crossing - A History of White Pine, TN

History of Washington County, TN

## SIR NAME REGISTRY FORM AND GUIDELINES

Name:	RESEARCHING:
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Date Submitted:	

Name:	RESEARCHING:
Address:	
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Email:	
Date Submitted:	

### Guidelines for WCGA Surname Registry

The purpose of the WCGA Surname Registry is to provide an index of surnames that are being researched by our members and other researchers. Our goal is to connect those who might be researching the same lines.

You may submit an entry for each surname that you are researching. Start with yourself and list your ancestor line for that surname for each generation that you have. Include the year of birth if that information is available. Example: John Berry Brown<sup>1</sup>, John Wesley Brown (b.1915)<sup>2</sup> (See the first example below).

If the line includes ancestors who are female, be sure you list both their maiden name and married name. Example: Zora Eva *McKnight* Mingle (b.1891) (see the second example below).

If the WCGA becomes aware that a person submitting entries is deceased, the address, phone number, and email will be removed and the entry flagged (see the third example below).

Include your name and address. If you prefer to be contacted by email, you may leave your phone number blank (or vice versa). Include the date that the information was submitted.

Completed entries may be submitted to:

- a) paper copies: drop off at the WCGA office at 201 Locust Street in the rear of the Administrative Building  
or mail to: W C G A, P. O. Box 411, McMinnville, TN 37111-0411
- b) electronic submissions: email to [farmerbrownsgardens@gmail.com](mailto:farmerbrownsgardens@gmail.com)

# 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)

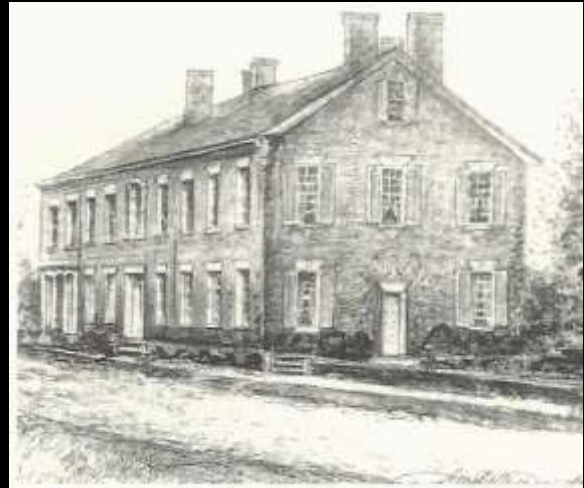
For more information contact:

Allen Jaco, Treasurer @ [allenjaco@blomand.net](mailto:allenjaco@blomand.net)

or

Cheryl Watson Mingle @ [ctmingle@blomand.net](mailto:ctmingle@blomand.net).

17 JOHN AND BEERSHEBA PORTER  
CAIN HOUSE  
WEST MAIN STREET, MCMINNVILLE



John & Beersheba Cain House



John and Beersheba Cain

Submitted by: Monty Wanamaker and Chris Keathley-  
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.



## 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:**

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**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:**

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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. – 3:00 p.m. and we're located at the  
rear of the Warren County Administration Building, 201 Locust St. McMinnville, TN.

*Thank you*

Who Do You Think You Are

# Trying To Connect To Warren County?

**78 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