

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION



Newsletter



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201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee



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Join Us For Our Next Meeting

Saturday,
July 21, 2018, 2:00 p.m.
at the
WCGA office located at
201 Locust Street in the basement of the
County Administrative Building

It's

Show & Tell

One of our most popular meetings



Bonita Mangrum, pictured here at the July 2013 Show & Tell program, shared an ancestor's antique bonnet, shawl, purse and an old photo album of family pictures she had received as a gift.

Come join us, I'm sure you will have a good time.

“Shot” Nunley Took Us to Mt. Zion

Charles “Shot” Nunley, our guest speaker for the June WCGA meeting, presented a program on the history of the Mt. Zion and surrounding area.

When you think of the Mt. Zion Decoration - Homecoming the name “Shot” Nunley usually



comes to mind. After all he has been involved with the organization for over 70 years.

The celebration started in 1916 with people coming to the all-day event from communities throughout Warren and surrounding counties. The event was,

and still is a time to decorate family graves, relax and visit with family and friends. A stage with live music, a shelter house to rest in the shade and a concession stand where you can buy hot prepared food adds to the popularity of the event. The fact that revenue from the sale of food, an auction and the ever popular cake walk have helped to make the second largest cemetery in Warren County become self-sufficient. This event has always been well attended with crowds estimated at 4,000 still celebrating as late as midnight in earlier years.

Groups performing Country and Blue Grass



music have always been vital to the event. Mr. Nunley told the story of a great musician who, one evening some 35 years ago, showed up with a group on motorcycles and requested to jam with the band. He

(name not known) was from Florida and had a bag full of harmonicas. He entertained for several hours. Found out he was on his way to audition with the Grand Ole Opry. He got the job.

Mt. Zion is located between Irving College and Viola Valley. It is part of the land used for hunting



Patti and Charles “Shot” Nunley

expeditions 300-400 years ago by the Cherokee from NC and Creek Indians from north Alabama. They came to the area in groups of 4,000-5000 and stayed for up to four months. They were not enemies and lived peacefully among each other sharing their needs for water from several cave springs.

By the late 1700s and early 1800s Cedar Grove was the main community of the area. Sadly, it does not exist today. The need for expanding families to move from the mountain community to more accessible farm land made for the exodus.

“Shot” spoke of the families who arrived in the area by wagon train. One such family was his ancestors William and Jean Nunley who arrived in 1804. This is where the William Nunley Mountains got its name.

Hammonds Tavern was a very popular gathering place that generated large crowds from the wagon trains on the Kentucky and Hills Trace roads. Uncle Tom’s General Store, originally an old church building, was located across the road from where the present church now exists.

The Mt. Zion Decoration & Homecoming is always held on the first Saturday in August. This year’s date is August 4. Come out and enjoy a hamburger, visit with family and friends and enjoy the activities. You’re likely to have a good time.

Doyle Speaks, Newsletter Editor

WCGA Joins Jr. Master Gardeners for “Roots” Day



Ann Brown and Cheryl Watson Mingle are shown helping some of the Jr. Master Gardeners with their pedigree charts as an introduction to their genealogical “roots”.



J. B. Brown, Ann Brown and Cheryl Watson Mingle held a genealogical workshop recently with the Warren County Jr. Master Gardeners who are pictured to the right.

Photos provided by Cheryl Watson Mingle.



Happy Birthday to our Circulation Manager Wilma Davenport who recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

Bonnie Blue Inn Bed and Breakfast Chosen for 2018 Christmas Luncheon



WCGA members have chosen the Bonnie Blue Inn for their annual Christmas luncheon. More details will follow for the December 8 gathering.



This months refreshments were provided by Jean Hobbs and Barbara Bates. On tap for July are Cheryl Watson Mingle and Glenda Cantrell.

Give a piece of Warren County History



The Courthouse, McMinnville, TN
(First in a series)

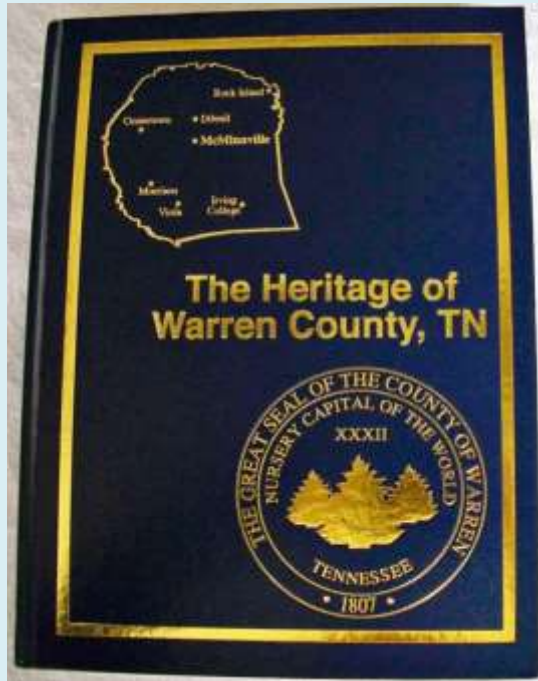
First Methodist Church, McMinnville, TN
(Second in a series)

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*

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 9-3 p.m. 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 or
Cheryl Watson Mingle @ ctmingle@blomand.net.

Turn Your Radio On



Kelly Marlow, host of the "Behind The Mic" radio show, welcomed Charles "Shot" Nunley (left) and Marion Rhea Speaks (right) to the show on June 14. Tune in to radio station 960 AM McMinnville, Thursday, July 19 when the WCGA will be on the show again.



Charles "Shot" Nunley discusses family genealogy with Pam Odineal.

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

SURNAME REGISTRY FORM AND GUIDELINES

Name:	RESEARCHING:
Address:	
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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 Brown¹, John Wesley Brown (b.1915)² (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



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

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.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