



WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

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201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee

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Join Us For Our Next Meeting

Elizabeth Foster Morris

Will present a program on the
Early Stage Coach Roads, the
building of the Railroad in
McMinnville and the Rocky
River Coal and Lumber Co.



Last spike being driven in a railroad track section
between Campaign and Rocky River. The section
was built for the Rocky River Coal and Lumber
Company about 1924. State Archive photo.

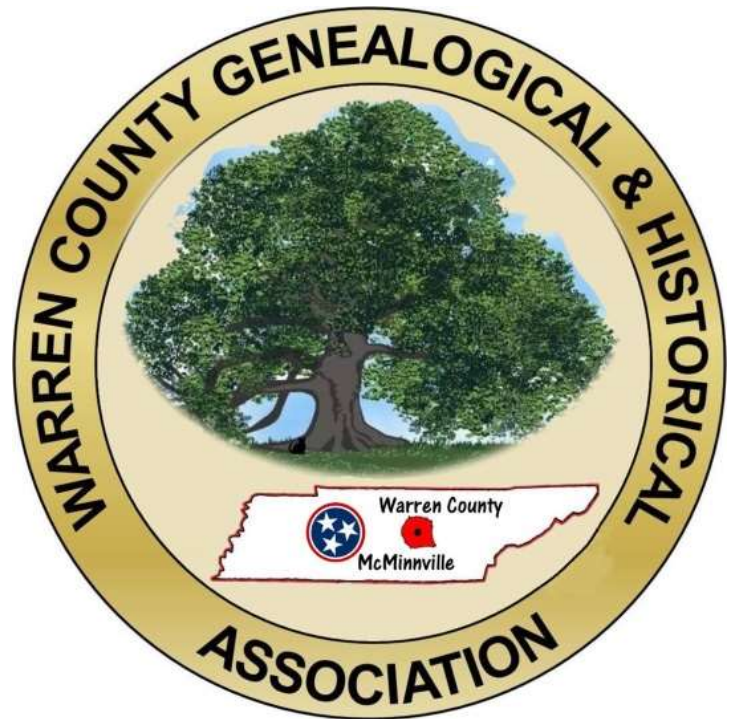
**Saturday,
September 15, 2018, 2:00 p.m.**

at the
WCGHA office located at
201 Locust Street in the basement of the
County Administrative Building

Our Name Has Changed

On August 10, 2018 the Warren County Genealogical Association officially became the Warren County Genealogical & Historical Association.

Our mission is to increase public interest in and raise the standards of genealogical and historical research through educational programs, workshops and publications, and to promote the collection and preservation of manuscripts, documents, and other material of genealogical and historical value.



Through this mission we hope to collect, preserve, index and make available genealogical and historical materials, especially those relating to Warren County, Tennessee and surrounding counties.

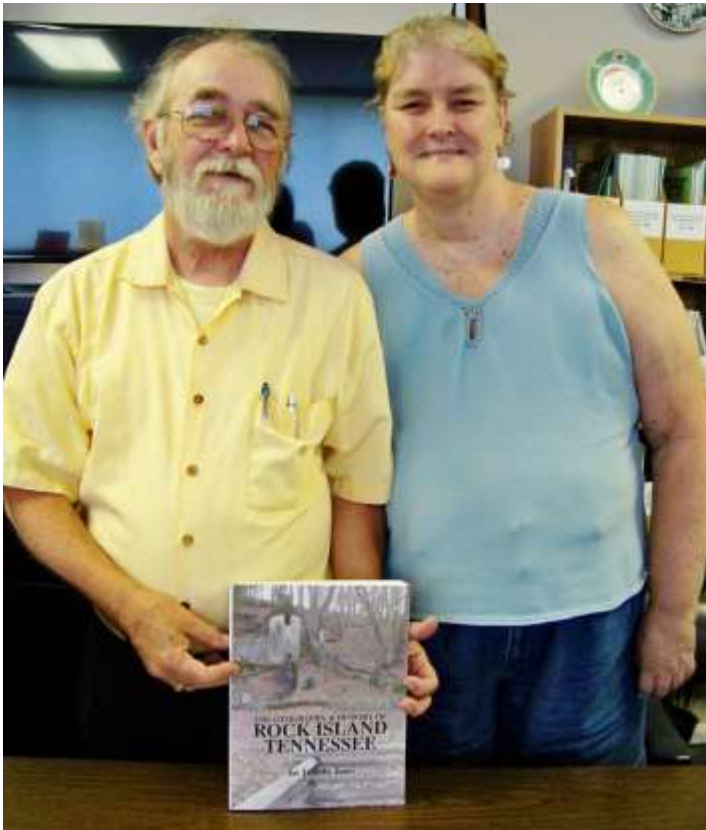
We all know that it's difficult to follow our genealogical roots and separate the history that is synonymous with this undertaking. Most of us who research our family ancestors not only have printed records but own "something" from those ancestors as well. It may be family records, photos, or several items they owned that are considered heirlooms. A lot of those items will become historical a few years from now and we are in hopes you will be encouraged to find a home for them to be preserved so our history isn't lost.

We challenge each of you to take a look at your own genealogical records and heirlooms and make sure they are placed in the proper care to be preserved for generations to come.

Cheryl Watson Mingle, WCGHA President

Joe Timothy Jones Talked About

Historic Rock Island Tennessee



The Warren County Genealogical and Historical Association welcomed local author Joe Timothy Jones at our August 18 meeting. He presented a program on his book about Rock Island Tennessee.

The book entitled **The Geography & History of ROCK ISLAND TENNESSEE** is 230 pages filled with a collection of stories and pictures from Rock Island and surrounding areas.

Today's visitors to the Rock Island area, mainly Rock Island State Park and the Great Falls Lake, most likely do not know the history of the area. The sleepy little town of Rock Island was at one time the county seat of White County.

Early industry for the area was mostly lumber production. Several saw mills and grist mills popped up on all of the rivers that flowed into Rock Island. The Railroad came to this area when the line, under new ownership of Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad Co. extended the line from McMinnville to Rock

Island in 1881 and to Sparta in 1884 and eventually on to Bon Air, Tennessee. A "stop" was scheduled at the country store of Joseph Campaign where a community sprang up and later became the home for the Rocky River Coal and Lumber Company. The Caney Fork & Western Railroad now maintain and operates freight service on these tracks.

If you visit the Rock Island State Park area you will come in contact with the Fall City (Great Falls) Cotton Mill that was built in 1892. Across from the Cotton Mill is the Spring House that is the setting for many artists and special events.

The Great Falls Lake is made up of waters from the back up of Great Falls Dam. Four rivers provide water to this dam, Calf Killer, Caney Fork, Collins and Rocky River. Calf Killer is the only one that does not border the Rock Island community.

This story is a brief excerpt of the history you will find in the book.

This area is the destination to thousands of people who come to the area for fishing, camping, boating, hiking and horse-back riding. If you come to Warren County for a visit, it would be hard to find anyone who would not recommend a trip out to Rock Island, Tennessee.

*Photo at top: Joe Timothy Jones
With wife Denise Jones*

Doyle Speaks
Newsletter Editor
Rock Island, Tennessee

Our Collection continues to grow

Our members and community continue to gift the WCGHA with historic documents and family possessions.

In the photo below Bob and Betty Sherwood are pictured with the large photo of the surviving members of Co. C Sixteenth Tenn Regiment taken in front of the Warren County Courthouse in 1900.

In the photo to the immediate right, Pat Bryan is pictured holding military uniforms from her father Charles Norton. This is just part of her large donation to the Association.

In the bottom photo at right, Allen Jaco is pictured with the gift of a program from the 1926-27 Bulletin of First Baptist Church in McMinnville and the 1948-1949 Smart Elementary School yearbook donated in honor of George Smartt and Teresa Smartt Barrett.

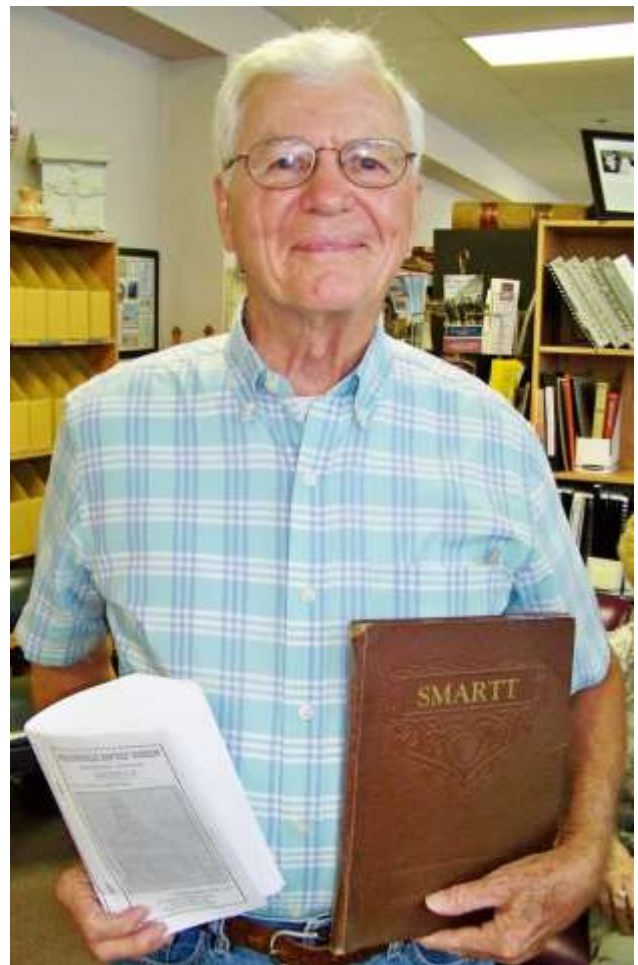


Pat Bryan
Cheryl Watson Mingle photo



Bob and Betty Sherwood

Those identified in the photo at the State Reunion from left to right, back row: Jasper Martin, W.A. Bell, Dr. A.F. Claywell, Dr. Thomas Black and David Ramsey. Front row: V.S. Ross, James C. Biles, E. S. Rowan, H. G. King, John Rutledge, Thomas B. Biles and D. B. Hoover.



Allen Jaco

Donor Form Available for the Convenience of Our Members and the Public

Warren County Genealogical and Historical Association

P. O. Box 411

McMinnville, TN 37111-0411

Contribution Form

DONOR (please print)	
DATE: _____	
NAME: _____	
ADDRESS: _____ (Street)	_____ (City)
	_____ (State) (Zip)
PHONE: _____	EMAIL: _____
ITEM(S) DONATED	
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By donating these items to the Association, the donor agrees to allow the Association to use, copy, or reference items for genealogical and/or historical activities of the Association as allowed by copyright laws.	
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In Memory of () In Honor of () : _____	
Donated by: _____	

**Congratulations to our WCGHA Member
Ronnie Elrod**

**VOLUNTEER
SPOTLIGHT**
*Ronnie
Elrod*



Fair Board member Ronnie Elrod has served the Fair for more than a quarter century, having been appointed to the Fair Board in 1993, and is a central figure in the Chastain Chicken House at the Warren County A&L Fair. Ronnie serves tirelessly each day of the Fair, educating visitors, especially young people, about the animals in this part of our Fairgrounds. He also plays a vital role in making sure that the chickens, ducks, rabbits, and other animals within this building are healthy, safe, and well-cared for during their stay at the Fairgrounds.

Ronnie is the youngest of five brothers, also having two sisters. He is retired and resides with his wife in the Morrison community of Warren County.



Refreshments were provided by Carolyn Lance and Christine Bouldin. On schedule for our September meeting are Debra McBride and Donna Sullivan.

Turn Your Radio On



Kelly Marlow, host of the "Behind The Mic" radio show, welcomed Marion Rhea Speaks and Cheryl Watson Mingle (right) to the show on August 16. Tune in to radio station 960 AM McMinnville, Thursday, September 13, when the WCGHA will be on the show again.

**WCGHA is now on Facebook!
Come visit us at:
[http://www.facebook.com/pages
/Warren-County-Genealogical &
Historical
Association/135126859883450](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Warren-County-Genealogical-Historical-Association/135126859883450)**

**Or visit us on the web at:
www.tngenweb.org/wcgatn**

From the Facebook files of

WCGHA's Old Warren County, TN Family History/Photos



This is the second in a series of photos from *WCGHA's Old Warren County, TN Family History/Photos*. The Public Group site was organized several years ago and is co-administered by Cheryl Watson Mingle, President of the Warren County Genealogical & Historical Association along with Ann Brown, Past President.

You're invited to join our Facebook group, comment and submit photos and history.



J.C. Hillis Grocery at Irving College, 1950. On cart, Mildred Roberts Barnes, Wallie Gross, Ruby Barnes, David Hobbs. Back, Blache Stubblefield, Lucy Roberts Cunningham, Lena Hill, Marcus Hobbs, Bethia Hobbs on tractor.

J.C.Hillis Grocery at Irving College, Submitted by Tommy D. Fairbanks

Midway, TN- A crowd gathers for the dedication of the new consolidated school here in north Warren county. Local and county leaders in front are, from left, Squire Alva Sanders, farmer of Green's Cross Roads, Squire Clarence Womack, TVA carpenter of Derigo; Dr. E.L. Mooneyham, Rock Island, ex-board of education member and retired physician, Theodore Hammer, former Warren school head; Miss Bessie Lee Mason, county school supervisor; Mrs. Earl Dunlap and Mrs. Nellie Garrett, teachers here; O.H. Moore, principal; and Mrs. Fred Bell, local home demonstration club president.



First Day Midway School - 1952

The TENNESSEAN Newspaper Sept 12, 1952.

Submitted by Lynette Womack Moore.

Welcome Our Newest Member

Jackie Stuart

McMinnville, TN

Researching: Brown, Pepper

Email: jackiestuart@gmail.com

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 & Historical
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 WCGHA 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 WCGHA and mail to: WCGHA, P.O. Box 411, McMinnville, TN 37111. Or come by the WCGHA 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:

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or

Cheryl Watson Mingle @ ctmingle@blomand.net.

SURNAME REGISTRY FORM AND GUIDELINES

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

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Guidelines for WCGHA Surname Registry

The purpose of the WCGHA 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(1), John Wesley Brown b.1915(2).

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)

If the WCGHA becomes aware that a person submitting entries is deceased, the address, phone number, and email will be removed and the entry flagged.

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 WCGHA office at 201 Locust Street in the rear of the Administrative Building
- b) or mail to: WCGHA, P.O. Box 411, McMinnville, TN 37111-0411
- c) electronic submissions: email to farmerbrownsgardens@gmail.com



WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL 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 & Historical Association (WCGHA)** and mail to

WCGHA, 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 WCGHA 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