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Join Us On
Saturday, October 20, 2018



Ann Brown

Will present a program on
DNA for Beginners

This presentation will focus on analyzing your DNA results at Ancestry, how to use these results in your genealogy research, and tools and methods to increase your productivity and manage your DNA matches.

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



Guests at our WCGHA meeting were John and Elizabeth Foster Morris along with her aunt, Tonya Foster.

Elizabeth Foster Morris Was Our Guest Speaker

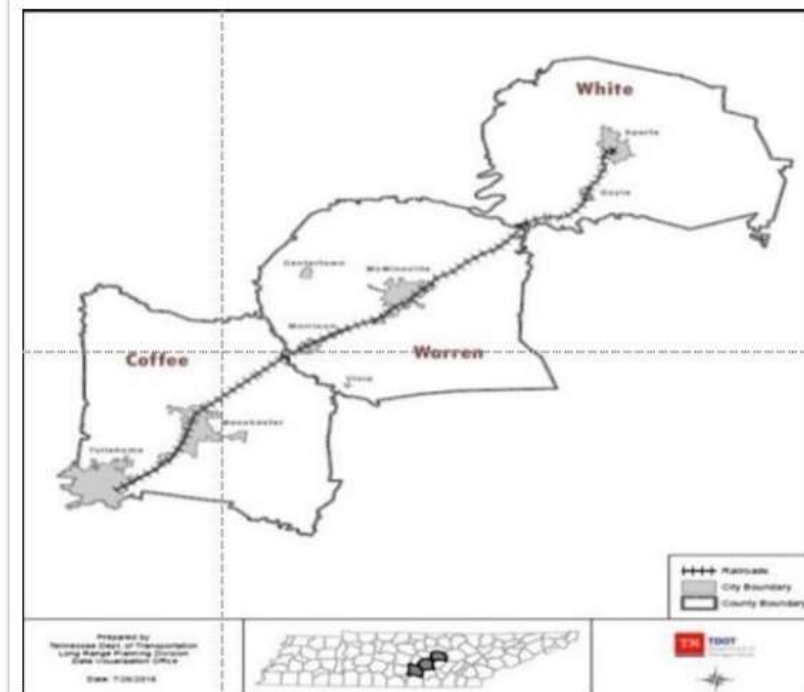
Warren County native, Elizabeth Foster Morris was our guest speaker for the large crowd who attended the September 15, 2018 meeting of the Warren County Genealogical and Historical Association. She grew up in the Irving College area.

She received two undergraduate degrees from Tennessee Technological University. Those degrees were a Bachelor of Science in History and a Bachelor of Arts in English. She received her Master's in public history at Middle Tennessee State University in May 2018. She and her husband John reside in Montgomery, AL. Elizabeth's presentation was based on her thesis "Transportation and Transformation in Tennessee's Cumberland Plateau: The Rails and Roads of Warren and White Counties, 1870-1940".

She talked about the Warren and White County portion of the different modes of transportation between 1870 and 1940. Stage coach, horseback or horse and wagon enabled people to get from one place to another. They were cumbersome in delivery of freight thus the river systems in the area were used as the major means of transporting farm products and timber for more than a century. The Barren Fork, Caney Fork, Collins River, Rocky River and Calfkiller River are the main rivers of this area.

The rivers provided access to larger markets but they were not always dependable. Low levels of water, flooding conditions and freezing water were some of the factors that caused delays.

The introduction of railroads into our area came about with the completion of the line between Chattanooga and Nashville in the mid 1850s. By 1884 a line was completed



For eighty years the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad Company controlled the lines from Tullahoma to Sparta. They sold to Louisville & Nashville Railroad in 1957 and in 1983 it was sold to the present owners Caney Fork & Western Railroad.

from Tullahoma to Sparta. This much needed boost in transportation brought many jobs to the area with the rich timberlands and farm products being shipped out to other parts of the country. The communities of Morrison, McMinnville, Campaign, Rock Island, and Walling grew enormously during this time. Along with jobs added to the area came the need for housing our new families. The introduction of company housing, schools, and stores was a quick way to satisfy those needs. The railroad line is presently operated by the Caney Fork & Western Railroad and still delivers freight into and out of those areas.

The introduction of automobiles brought about the need for good roads. Those

roads often followed along the railroad paths. The efficiency of the automobiles brought about a decline in the passengers on railroads and has, in most instances, except for some of the larger cities, left them to deliver freight.

With the increase in population and the number of vehicles came the need for bigger and better roads. Tennessee expanded their state roads and began the process of building Interstate roads in the 50s. The trucking industry along with the airline industry has eaten up a big portion of the railroad freight and passenger business.

Elizabeth's thesis, donated to the WCGHA, is an excellent research and a wonderful piece of history. You should drop by our office and ask to read it.

Information, in part, for this story was taken from Elizabeth Foster Morris's thesis.

Doyle Speaks

The WCGHA Cemetery project is underway



Committee members of the Cemetery Project have had two planning sessions. Attending their first meeting on Monday, September 17 were, L-R, Bettye Pack, Mary Oaks, Bonita Mangrum, Ann Brown, J.B. Brown, chairman, Carolyn Lance and Evelyn Wade. Work sessions have been scheduled for the first four Mondays in October. We still have room for volunteers if you would like to participate. This project will be ongoing so there will be plenty of time to participate. Our goal is to:

- Create a set of files containing pertinent information about our cemeteries.
- Create cross references to publications, books, web sites, etc.
- Develop a system to keep our information up to date.

New Surnames Added

A special thanks to these members who submitted entries to our Surname Registry: Earl Scott Blair, Marie Woodlee Blair, Sharon Gammon, and Gail Woodlee.

New Surnames added include: Blair, Brown, Jennings, Mayes, McCorkle, Pearson, Scott, Watson, Webb, Woodlee. We now have over 200 unique surnames in our registry.

We encourage everyone to submit their family surnames so we can provide a broader network for researchers.

Turn Your Radio On



Kelly Marlow, host of the “Behind The Mic” radio show, welcomed Marion Rhea Speaks and Doyle Speaks (right) to the show on September 13. Tune in to radio station 960 AM McMinnville, Thursday, October 18, when the WCGHA will be on the show again.



Refreshments were provided by Donna Sullivan and Debra McBride. On schedule for our October meeting are Allen Jaco and Wilma Davenport.

Our Collection continues to grow

We recently received the following gifts for our historic collection:

Young Arithmetic Dictionary 1847
Workhouse Records 1900-1902 belonging to William VanDorn Miller
Gifted by Susan Miller Foote
In honor of Raleigh B. Miller, Jr.
Donated by the Family of Raleigh B. Miller, Jr.

Transportation & Transformation in Tennessee’s Upper Cumberland – a thesis by Elizabeth Foster Morris
Gifted by Elizabeth Foster Morris

Welcome Our Newest Members

Susan A. Driver McMinnville, TN
Susandriver801@gmail.com
Researching: Gradey, Golden, Green and Driver

Nancy Calhoun Muskogee, OK
ninnnac@yahoo.com
Searching: Black, Byars, Gribble, Miller, Milraney, and Smith

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

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			
BOOKS: _____			
PUBLICATIONS: _____			
FAMILY FILES: _____			
CONTRIBUTION: \$ _____ SPECIFIED USE: _____			
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: _____			

From the Facebook files of

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



This is an ongoing 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.

Cantrell's Shoe Shop, McMinnville. Submitted on August 31 by Yvonne Goff Hamilton.



McMinnville Street Scene believed to be around 1946. Submitted on August 14 by Carolyn Lance.



The Pioneer Families Committee recently met to confirm the requirements to grant certificates to applicants 79 and 80. Pictured, l-r, are Marion Rhea Speaks, Carolyn Lance, Bettye Pack and Bonita Mangrum. Jean Hobbs is also a committee member but not able to attend this meeting.

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.

Who Do You Think You Are

Trying To Connect To Warren County?

80 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.

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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

WCGHA office at 201 Locust St.

Also available at the Magness Library on Main St.

They should be submitted to
Warren County Genealogical & Historical Association,
c/o First Pioneer Families,
P. O. Box 411,
McMinnville TN 37111

Application for Certificate Pioneer Family of Warren County

Important: Fill in all blanks. Instructions on page 3.

Type or print all information.

Mail to: Pioneer Family of Warren County
% Warren County Genealogical & Historical Association
P. O. Box 411
McMinnville TN 37111-0411

**Enclose a check or money order for \$10.00 payable to:
Plus \$3.50 postage**

Warren County Genealogical & Historical Association

Check must accompany the application, the direct line of descent page and the proof of descent page. (3 pages)

A. Applicant name

(Your name as it will appear on the certificate)

(Mailing address: street address)

(City, state, zip)

(E-mail and phone number with area code – for contact)

B. Name of Warren County Pioneer Ancestor (1806 Petition, Second 1806 Petition, 1807 Grant or Deed, census up to 1820 census.)

(Name of qualifying ancestor - as name will appear on the certificate)

Birth _____ Death _____
(Date) (Place) (Date) (Place)

Married: _____
(Date) (Place) (Married by - name of Rev. or J. P.)

Ancestor's spouse _____
(Given name) (Maiden name)

Birth _____ Death _____
(Date) (Place) (Date) (Place)

Residence _____
(Not required but if you know – the District or area of residence in the newly formed Warren County)

Source of proof for Pioneer Family _____

WCGHA Committee use only

File number: _____

Ancestor's
Name: _____

Date received: _____

Date more:
information requested: _____

Date completed: _____

Certificate # _____

Signatures: of committee

Family Direct Line of Descent Chart

Important: the Line of Descent Chart must be filled in for **all generations**, beginning with **you as #1** and working back to the **pioneer ancestor**. For each generation, the **direct line** (whether male or female) should be listed to **the left**. **Each step must be proven.** (Please **number** photocopy proofs to correspond to **generation numbers**.)

Important: Keep a copy of this page. If we need additional information, you will need this page as reference.

1. I _____ was born _____
(your name) (date)

at _____
(city) (county) (state)

I married _____
(name of spouse) (date of marriage) (place of marriage)

2. Child of _____ married _____
born place
married place
died place

3. Child of _____ married _____
born place
married place
died place

4. Child of _____ married _____
born place
married place
died place

5. Child of _____ married _____
born place
married place
died place

6. Child of _____ married _____
born place
married place
died place

7. Child of _____ married _____
born place
married place
died place

8. Child of _____ married _____
born place
married place
died place

Add addition generations, if needed to the back or on another page

List Sources of Proof as to Descent

page 3

Documentation must be submitted to prove each generation of descent.

Please **number** photocopies of proof to correspond to generation numbers. Example: You are number 1

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Signature of applicant/submitter

date

Address if different from page one (1)

Instructions for Pioneer Family application

Eligibility: The applicant must be directly descended from an ancestor who settled in Warren County prior to 1820. The applicant must be able to prove descent from the ancestor (male or female) by an official record or records for each generation, including proof for the applicant. Current Tennessee residence is not necessary.

Application: We will continue to accept applications.

Page one (1) asks for information about the applicant and the Warren County ancestor.

Page two (2) is the line of descent chart. Page three (3) is the documentation to prove your descent.

Proofs: Applications must be based on credible genealogical research such as, birth, marriage, death certificates, obituaries, census records, wills, court records, family Bible records written before 1970.

If your application is based on a previously approved application (such as a parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, etc.) it is not necessary to resubmit documentation for overlapping generations. You need only send proof of descent for generations needed to link you to the previously approved applicant. It is still necessary to **fully complete** page (1).

Submitted Materials: All applications and documentation will be kept on file by the Warren County Genealogical Association A and used as valuable documentation material in establishing descent for descendants of early Warren County-McMinnville pioneers. Send a photocopy of pertinent materials. **Do not send original records.**

It is not necessary to resubmit documentation for overlapping generations. You need only send proof of descent for generations needed to link you to the previously approved applicant. It is still necessary to **fully complete** page (1).

SURNAME REGISTRY FORM AND GUIDELINES

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

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

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