



WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

September 2019

201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee

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201 Locust Street
In the basement of the
County Administrative Building*

Our next meeting

Will be September 21
2:00 p.m.

201 Locust Street
Located in the basement of the
County Administration Building, McMinnville, TN

*Our guest speaker
McMinnville native*



Charles Priest, DMA

Will present a program on
**Musical Works of
Charles Faulkner Bryan**
Who was a McMinnville native and a pioneer
in the study of American folk music.

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**Our office
is open**

Monday &

Friday

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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www.tngenweb.org/wcgatn

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Warren County is Rich in Civil War History

The large crowd who attended the August 17 meeting of the Warren County Genealogical and Historical Association enjoyed a program presented by WCGHA member and Civil War Historian Robert Bates.

His presentation dealt with the local and regional involvement of the Civil War and how it affected the Warren County area.

The following story is a brief summary of Bob's presentation. The number of people from the area involved in the Civil War are too numerous to include in this summary.

Life in Warren and surrounding counties was a challenge during this time period. Stating your allegiance in public to the Union or Confederate states was risky business since the political winds changed almost weekly.

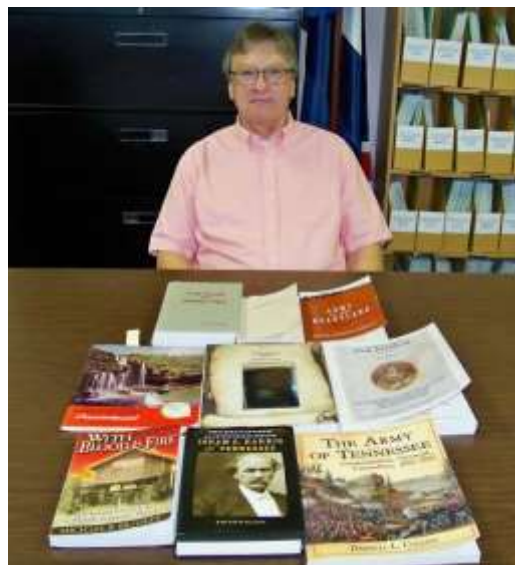
Democrat Isham G. Harris was elected governor of Tennessee and took office in 1857. He felt very strongly about Tennessee succeeding from the Union and shortly after the election of Abraham Lincoln as President, he ordered a statewide referendum to consider secession. The referendum was defeated by 9,000 votes with 90 percent of Warren County voters who voted for succession.

The firing on Ft. Sumpter on April 12-13 1861, brought forth a demand by President Lincoln of 50,000 troop from Tennessee to help build the Union Army. This request was refused by Governor Harris and the state legislature voted for him to enter into a compact with the Confederate States of America. This brought the wrath of the Union Army on the State of Tennessee.



Two Confederate Tennessee Regiments were formed. Colonel Benjamin Jefferson Hill was elected to lead the 5th TN Regiment. The "Lion of Ben Lomand" was assigned to Cleburne's 2nd Division in Bowling Green, KY. He was later promoted to Brigadier General and Provost for Tennessee. Five of the companies in the 5th were raised in Warren County. He was mayor of McMinnville at one time, was CSA Provost Marshall for the state of Tennessee and was promoted to General.

Colonel John Houston Savage was Warren County's most experienced soldier and was elected to lead the 16th TN Infantry Regiment. They were sent to western Virginia. Four of the ten



companies of this regiment were formed in Warren County. The other six companies of the 16th were raised in nearby counties of White, Coffee, Grundy, DeKalb, Van Buren and Putnam. Camp Smartt near the Liberty Cumberland Presbyterian Church was the muster grounds for many Warren County units.

The Battle of Shiloh, located in Hardin County, Tennessee happened on April 6 & 7, 1862 was eventually won by the Union troops who were commanded by Ulysses S. Grant. This battle was fought in hope of keeping the Union forces out of the Confederate strong hold of upper Mississippi.

After Shiloh, McMinnville was shocked to see train loads of sick and wounded, such as Jack Mars with his amputated leg, as they began to arrive at Depot Bottom.



The capture by the Union of Nashville and eventually the Battle of Murfreesboro left an uneasy feeling for the residents of Warren County. McMinnville was occupied by the Union and Colonel Henry Gilbert arrives as Provost. He was from Michigan and prior to the war he and his family were excommunicated by the Presbyterian Church due to his fascination with the occult. He seemed to relish public executions and often held citizens as hostages.

Warren county residents endured many years of looting and destruction of their homes and farms by both the Union and Confederate forces. Central Cotton Factory in Falkner's Spring was burned to the ground along with Depot Bottom. Residents of the area were vigilant in trying to protect their farms, crops, livestock and main sources of food. By the end of the war little food or livestock was left in the county.

A most enjoyable presentation, thank you Bob!

Photo identification: Top right, Robert Bates, shown with many of his favorite books on the Civil War. Top left, Confederate General Benjamin Jefferson Hill, photo from Magness Library in McMinnville. Middle right, Confederate Colonel John Houston Savage, photo also from Magness Library. Bottom left, Union Colonel Henry Gilbert.



We have extended hours

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

Fridays 9:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Except Holidays

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

Donna Sullivan Wins at the Warren County A&L Fair



Donna Sullivan, Secretary of WCGHA competed in the karaoke competition on Senior Day at this year's Warren County Fair. She placed 3rd with her rendition of Merle Haggard's "Sing Me Back Home". She may have placed 3rd but we all think she is number 1. She performs at the Senior Center in McMinnville every Wednesday and sometimes on Thursday evenings.

Our 501c3 Helper



Angela McCormack, an Enrolled Agent with Pure Logic Tax Service, was contracted to help us become a 501c3 Association that we received in June 2019. She donated her time and expertise. If you have an interest or are in need of her services, she can be reached at 931-507-7008, email: angela@purelogictax.com.

Warren County Genealogical & Historical Association

Members Meeting Agenda

September 21st, 2019

2:00 p.m.

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Christine Bouldin

- Call to Order – President Cheryl Watson Mingle
- Reading of Members Meeting Minutes – Donna Sullivan
- Treasurer’s Report – Allen Jaco

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Membership – Allen Jaco
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- Publicity – Ann Brown
- Research – Bonita Mangrum
- Office – Evelyn Wade & Wilma Davenport
- Bulletin – Chris Keathley
- Newsletter - Doyle Speaks
- Webpage - Ann Brown

OLD BUSINESS

- Cemetery Project
- Contributions
- Scanning Update
- Christmas Dinner
- Signs

NEW BUSINESS

- Property Labels
- Pioneer Family

PROGRAM

***September 21st – Charles Faulkner Bryan
Presented by Charles Priest***

WBMC 960 AM & 977 FM Town Talk – September 19th at
8:00, Marion Speaks

Adjournment

Refreshments: Larry Boyd & Glenda Cantrell

Webpage:
www.tngenweb.org/wcga

Our New Signs



WCGHA President Cheryl Watson Mingle and Past President Ann Brown are shown with the new signs recently donated to our Association by SIGNS By Genia. The sign was recently installed by employees of the Warren County Administration Building.



Check these folks out, they do great work

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Turn Your Radio On



Representing WCGHA as a guest on the August 15 "Town Talk" radio program was Marion Rhea Speaks. The show is broadcast on radio WBMC 960 AM-FM in McMinnville and is co-hosted by Kelly Marlow and Jason Hillis. Kelly Marlow is pictured with Marion. "Town Talk" is broadcast Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Tune in on Thursday, September 19 at 8:15 a.m. when WCGHA will again be a guest on the show.

New Members

Cody Prince

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 McMinnville, TN 37110
 703-1879
codyprince1@hotmail.com

Brad Walker

P.O. Box 7381
 McMinnville, TN 37111
 473-2428

Marion Rhea Speaks and Doyle Speaks provided refreshments for the August meeting. On board for September are Larry Boyd and Glenda Cantrell.



**WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY SUMMARY CONTRIBUTIONS/RESOURCE LIBRARY REPORT**

Month: September, 2019

Contribution	By	Status
The Legend of Dixie	Bobby Newby	Library
1930 Cannon County Tennessee Federal Census Shady Grove Cemetery First Edition 1997, 98, 99 The History and Mystery of The Black House World War II Veterans of Dekalb County A Bicentennial History of Dekalb County Early Virginia Settlers The Redmon and Turner Families of Dekalb County Center Hill Reservoir - 1942	Glenda S Cantrell	Library
Central High School - The Southerner 1949 Central High School - The Southerner 1950 Central High School - The Southerner 1952 Central High School - The Southerner 1953 Central High School - The Southerner 1954 Central High School - The Southerner 1956 Central High School - The Southerner 1957 City High School - Rebel 1961 City High School - Rebel 1968 City High School - Rebel 1969 Morrison - The Eagle 1963	Ricky Burks	Library
Miller Times (2 copies)	Susan Miller Foote	Library
Tennessee Tech, The Eagle 1979 Tennessee Tech, The Eagle 1980 Tennessee Tech, The Eagle 1981 Tennessee Tech, The Eagle 1982 Tennessee Tech, The Eagle 1983 Tennessee Tech, The Eagle 1985 Tennessee Tech, The Eagle 1999 Tennessee Tech, The Eagle 2000	Allen Jaco	Library

From the Facebook files of



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

This is an on-going 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.



Can You Remember...

... when the late J. Logan Molloy, who gained widespread fame as a revenue officer, served as sheriff of Warren County? If you can, you're getting along in years. It was from Sept. 1, 1926, to Sept. 1, 1928. This picture of Sheriff Molloy and his staff was taken in the dining room of the old Sedberry Hotel, which stood where the McMinnville headquarters of Mid-South

Bank & Trust now stands. Sheriff Molloy is seated at the head of the table, and members of his staff, clockwise from left, were Bill Morris, Doc Myers, Carroll Neal, J. Louis Lovett (jailer), George Romans, Frank Locke, C.F. (Creed) Grissom, Bob Byford and John L. Turner. The picture is the property of Lloyd Turner, who submitted it for publication.

Submitted by Tommy Fairbanks, September 11, 2019

**WCGHA's Old Warren County, TN Family
History/Photos
MONTHLY INSIGHTS
August, 2019**

4,166 Group

Gender: 68% Women – 32%

0.2	4.1	11.8	17.0	19.1	23.0	24.7
%	%	%	%	%	%	%

80% Active

206 Post	757 Comment	5,707 Reactions
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**Top
Cities**

1. McMinnville
2. Rock Island
3. Murfreesboro
4. Morrison
5. Manchester
6. Nashville
7. Smithville
8. Sparta
9. Cookeville
10. Woodbury

Top Contributors

- Tommy D Fairbanks
DonaldandJeannineMiller
David Cope
Cody Prince
Sara J. Wilson
Mildred Simmons
Ricky Burks
Gwen Hildreth
Sandra Myers Bellflower

**Top
Countries**

1. Australia
2. Nigeria
3. Italy
4. Japan
5. Germany
6. Columbia
7. Morocco
8. Ecuador
9. Phillipines

Top Post

David Cope: My name is David Cope and I'm visiting from California to research my family history. I'm a descendant of Copes that came from Warren and DeKalb Counties. My second great grandmother was a Magness, my third great grandmother was a Webb, and I have

Comments: 103
Likes: 191
Reactions: 2,100

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WCGAoldwarrencountytntfamilies/permalink/22576990643>

**Peak Time
Saturday at 8 p.m.**