



WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

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201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee

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The July 18, 2020 Meeting of WCGHA

HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Covid-19 continues to control a lot in our lives. Every day we find ourselves re-arranging and rethinking our daily schedule.

After 4 months of confinement we had begun to see the light at the end of the tunnel. With a great deal of disappointment we're finding that light to be a bit darker than we had hoped for.

Once again our State and County guidelines find us cancelling our WCGHA meeting. We miss being with you all but your health and safety is our top priority. Our hope is that everyone is staying clear of the virus and we will be able to meet again on August 15.

Continued prayers and concern for everyone

Cheryl Watson Mingle, WCGHA President

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Come Visit Us

**Due to Covid-19
Our office is
Presently closed**

**Our normal
hours are**

**Monday
&
Friday**

**9 a.m.-3 p.m.
931-474-4227**

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www.tngenweb.org/wcgatn

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

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FROM YOUR EDITOR:

Dear Members,

It's been 5 months since our last meeting and I will be the first to say that I have had a difficult time with the rules layed out for us by our local and state officials. I've missed visiting with you all. But, following those rules is a small price to pay to stay clear of the Covid-19 virus.

Although I have not physically been involved in WCGHA activity in the past month, but the mind never quits working when you contemplate another issue of the Newsletter. I can't say that about several of our members who have diligently and safely continued to work on projects.

Since we are not having a July meeting with a Show and Tell program, I thought it would be nice to include in this issue a few of the presentations from previous programs.

I hope you enjoy the story in this issue on Donna Sullivan who has a unique hobby playing her limberjack dancer. I'm always looking for interesting stories for the Newsletter. Do you have a unique hobby you would like to share with our readers; perhaps a story about growing up on a farm or a photo of a heirloom you cherish?

I would like to include it in some of our upcoming issues of the Newsletter.

Please contact:

Doyle Speaks, Newsletter Editor

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Cemetery Road Sign Project Announced

Story and Photo by Ann Brown

As part of our Cemeteries of Warren County Project, we would like to get road signs placed for as many of our cemeteries as possible. We believe these signs will promote interest in the preservation of our cemeteries and provide a physical reminder of the location of these cemeteries. To reach that goal, the Association will accept donations to purchase and install the signs. Donations may be made to purchase a sign for a specific cemetery or just a general donation to be used for the purchase of signs.



This is a picture of the road sign that we placed to mark the location of the Old Brown Cemetery.

We have over 200 cemetery locations identified in our project but we still have quite a few to complete. The current situation with Covid19 has slowed our progress. However, our committee members are continuing to identify and locate the remaining cemeteries on our list. There are several cemeteries in Warren County that have been completely destroyed and plans to mark these locations are under consideration.

We are working to finalize the cost of the signs but anticipate that they will fall in the range of \$35 to \$50. We are also working to get an agreement with the County to install the signs.

The following list, although not complete, provides a guide to cemeteries that need road signs.

Cemetery	Donated by:
Adcock Cemetery	
Atkinson Cemetery	
Bailey Cemetery	
Bonner Cemetery	
Boren Cemetery	
Campaign Cemetery	
Capshaw Cemetery	
Cardwell Cemetery	
Cotton Cemetery	
Crisp Cemetery	
Douglas Cemetery	
Elder Family Cemetery	
Evans Cemetery	
Flatwoods Cemetery	

Foster-Scurlock Cemetery	
Fountain Spring Cemetery	
Fuston-McGee Cemetery	
Garmon Cemetery	
Goodson - Mullican Cemetery	
Green Cemetery	
Hammer Cemetery	
Hash Cemetery	
Hash Cemetery	
Hulett Cemetery	
Johnson Cemetery	
Kell Cemetery	
King Cemetery	
Lance Cemetery	Bobby & Carolyn Lance
Leesburg Cemetery	
Macedonia Cemetery	
Marbury Cemetery	
McKey Cemetery	
McWhirter Cemetery	
Neal Cemetery	
New Rocky Cemetery	
Old Concord Cemetery	
Old Philadelphia Cemetery	
Old Rocky Cemetery	
O'Neal Cemetery	
Overton Cemetery	
Ramsey Cemetery	
Sanders Cemetery	Dewey & JoAnn Cantrell In Memory of Lee Cantrell
Shellsford Cemetery	
Slaughter Cemetery	
Smith Cemetery	
Street Family Cemetery	
Wagner Cemetery	

To sponsor a road sign, please contact:

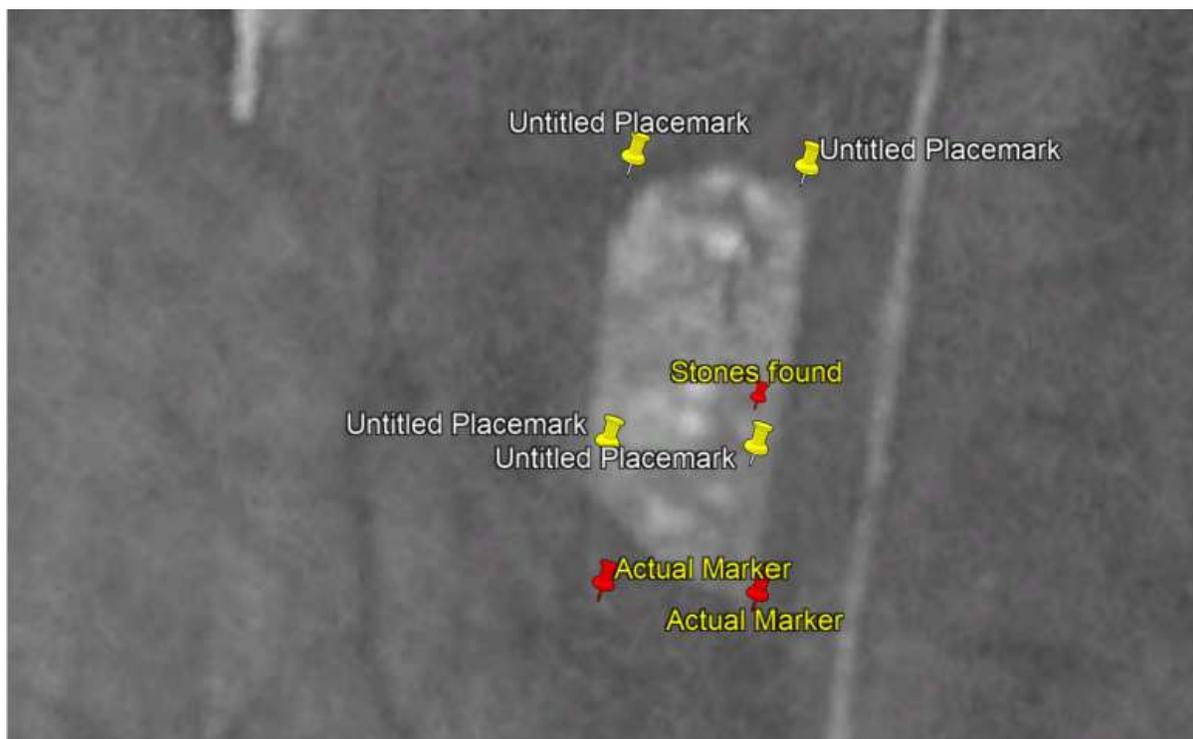
JB Brown at 931-607-3446, email at jbbrown3446@gmail.com or

Ann Brown at 931-205-0451, email at farmerbrownsgardens@gmail.com

A Cemetery Re-Discovered

Story and photo by J.B. and Ann Brown

Our Cemeteries of Warren County Committee is seeking information about a destroyed cemetery on Foster Road. The cemetery was excluded in a deed to S. R. Mullican from W. J. Mullican dated April 18, 1911 but no name was given for the cemetery. Our committee was contacted by Betty Bryant who remembers gravestones at the location approximately 50 years ago but those have been destroyed. The cemetery is located about 1.1 mile on the right from the intersection of Lucky Rd and Foster Rd. This map from 1997 clearly shows an area that is believed to be the cemetery. We located several graves with the use of divining rods in this area when we visited the site.



Foster Road Cemetery-Destroyed

35.818383,-85.844988 is center of cemetery. In the middle of a field. Flat stones were found. Cemetery is believed to be 280 ft long x 120 ft wide. 25 June 2020.

Additional research has discovered a descendant of Mary Catharine Nealy Goff who remembers visiting the site of his Great Great Grandmother when he was a child. Mary Catherine was born in 1838 and died in 1880. He remembers the cemetery being called Goff Cemetery. It is believed that Goffs and Haleys are buried here. We are seeking information from the community about the name of the cemetery and/or person(s) who were buried there.

If you have information contact:

JB Brown at 931-607-3446, email at jbbrown3446@gmail.com or

Ann Brown at 931-205-0451, email at farmerbrownsgardens@gmail.com.

Cemetery Art



This is the Cemetery plot for Robert E. Titus 10 Dec 1815 - 3 Sep 1843. It's located in the Old City Cemetery in McMinnville, TN.

This is the first in a series of unique grave markers you will find in some of our local cemeteries.

Let me know if you run across one of interest.

Our Own Vaudeville Act



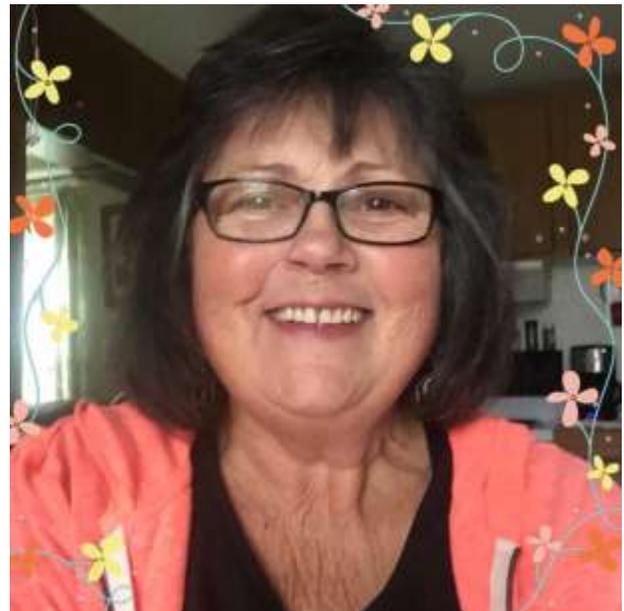
Our very own multi-talented Donna Sullivan, secretary of WCGHA, is shown playing the harmonica and limberjack dancer at her daughter Angela's birthday party previously held at Capilano's Restaurant. This introduction act was the highlight of the Vaudeville Show!

Quote from her daughter:

"The O' Sullivan Curse is still strong! Yep, this is where I get it folks!"

Angela Cantrell McCormack

Music has always been an important part of Donna's life. She is a very good karaoke singer and performs often at the Senior Center and at family functions.



Donna has been a limberjack player for several years. "It's not as easy as it looks, and is even more difficult when you are singing or playing the harmonica when doing it." It's great entertainment for both adult and children.



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.



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Submitted by Tommy D. Fairbanks
October 19, 2019

WCGHA's Old Warren County, TN Family History/Photos
MONTHLY INSIGHTS
June, 2020

4,507 Group Members (+20 this month)

Gender: 68% Women – 32% Men

46 Posts	169 Comments	917 Reactions
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Top Post

Top Contributors

Marion Rhea Speaks
DonaldandJeannine Miller
Lucas Holt
Tommy D Fairbanks
Jamie Franklin Golden

Cole Croney: Our chapel in northcutts cove! There is a cemetery out back, wondering if anyone knows anything about this chapel?
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WCGAoldwarrencountytnfamilies/permalink/2914953691954659/>

Comments: 29
Likes: 38
Shares: 2
Reactions: 1.9

Peak Time:
Monday, 8 p.m.

Don't forget to follow our Facebook page at
Warren County Genealogical & Historical Association
for information about our Association, upcoming events, and posts and links relating to genealogy and history

Be Safe...

Wear a mask

Honor the 6 ft. distance rule

Avoid crowds

Stay home when possible

Entries from some of our previous Show & Tells



January 2015 -- Wilma Davenport is shown talking about her grandfather's coffee grinder. She also shared her grandmother Bess Cates' tiny oil can used for oiling her treadle sewing machine.



January 2018 --Allen Jaco shared several articles from his family collection. Included in that group were a couple off snuff bottles, a pair of scissors that belonged to his grandmother, an old oil lamp and a pair of reading glasses.



January 2018 -- Larry Boyd holds a gun and a photo of William Pleasant Anderson and his wife Mary Elizabeth Austin.

William owned the double barrel gun and carried it in the Civil War. He was a Confederate soldier and served as a bugler. He was captured and held as a prisoner of war on a couple of occasions and was exchanged at a camp near New Orleans where he was allowed to return home on furlough.



January 2015 - Marion Rhea Speaks shared with our group the history of her doll house that belonged to her mother Frances & aunt Eva Durham. It was built by a prisoner at

Abby Hollow ca. 1936, complete with curtains, wallpaper and furniture with door and gate that opened and a removable roof.

More Show and Tell



January 2019 -- Mary Oaks showed her heirloom photo of the 1916 Ringling Brothers Circus taken in Chicago. The original framed photo was passed down from her grandfather. Her great aunt Ester Risberg was in the circus chorus line and is in this picture. Written in the lower left part of the photo is: Ringling Bros Worlds Greatest Show, "Cinderella" Sensational Spectacle, Written & Reproduced by Charles E. Ringling.



July 2019 -- Susan Driver is all smiles as she shares her Dutch Door Stop with our group. They started making the highly collectible item in 1910 and it has been in her family for several years. It's cherished and has a permanent place in her home.



January 2014 -- Glenda Cantrell shared old photographs belonging to her great-grandmother. They included photos of Martha Jane Russell Gibbs, Martha and two daughters and Martha with her parents and siblings. She also brought Martha's dough bowl, apron and meat platter.



January 2020 -- Jean Hobbs shared the beautiful framed picture of her husband Paul's mother Callie Sarah Ellen Gooch Hobbs. She also showed a picture of Paul's dad, Henry Hobbs. The photos and frames were ordered through a traveling salesman.

EVIL is Among Us

Charles Creek the Baptist Church of Christ was vandalized and set on fire late Friday night June 20 or early Saturday morning June 21.

The church suffered fire damage to one pew and the area around it with smoke damage throughout the building. The fire did not spread and was already out when the crime was discovered on Saturday morning by a church member.

Two windows were broken and the accelerant was thrown through one window and it is believed the other window was broken on the other side of the church to create a draft.

The church is located just off Crisp Springs Rd. not far from Short Mountain Rd. in McMinnville, Tennessee.

A reward is offered in this case through the Tennessee Advisory Committee on Arson. Any information regarding this case please call The Warren County Tennessee Sheriff Dept. at 473-7863.

Photos and information provided by Jeff Hutson, along with excerpts from the story written by James Clark that appeared in the June 24 issue in the Southern Standard. Jeff Hutson was one of the persons who investigated the fire and is a Fire Investigator for Phillip Gentry Investigations.



BOOKS for SALE

Warren County Genealogical & Historical Association

WARREN COUNTY	Visitors	Members
The Heritage of Warren County (1807-2005)	\$72.00	\$57.60
BIRTH, DEATH, & FUNERAL RECORDS		
Warren County Funeral Notices 1878-1913	\$15.00	\$12.00
Warren County Death Certificates & Death Records 1914-1925	\$25.00	\$20.00
Warren County Births & Deaths 1926-1938		
Warren County Death Records 1927-1937	\$20.00	\$16.00
Funeral Home Records: Jacobs & Jarrell Store & Funeral Home, Morrison, TN 1902-1904	\$15.00	\$12.00
Some Early Coffee Co. Deaths & Guardianship Book 1838-1869	\$8.00	\$6.40
Van Buren County, TN Death Records 1914 - 1919	\$10.00	\$8.00
CENSUS RECORDS		
Warren County Census 1860	\$25.00	\$20.00
Warren County Census 1880	\$25.00	\$20.00
Warren County 1891 Tax Record	\$20.00	\$16.00
Warren County Census 1900	\$25.00	\$20.00
MARRIAGE RECORDS		
Warren County Marriages 1852-1900	\$25.00	\$20.00
Warren County Marriages 1900-1950	\$25.00	\$20.00
Warren County Marriages 1950-1975	\$25.00	\$20.00
MISCELLANEOUS TITLES		
John Hammon Lawsuit	\$15.00	\$12.00
Mt, Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1809- 1930	\$8.00	\$6.40
Old Philadelphia Church History by James Dillon	\$5.00	\$4.00
TOUR BOOKS		
Plainview Tour Book (2007)	\$12.00	\$9.60
Rebel Hill/McMinnville Original Lots Tour	\$8.00	\$6.40
Viola Tour Book (2005)	\$10.00	\$8.00
All Three Tour Books	\$25.00	\$20.00
Riverside Tour by Rachel Hillis	\$5.00	\$4.00
WCGHA Bulletins		
WCGA Bulletins 1992 thru current	\$15.00	\$12.50
Add Shipping: Heritage of WC: \$7.00 All others: \$3.00 for first book; \$1.75 each additional book.		