



# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

# Newsletter

**December 2021-January 2022**

201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee

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**Ann Brown**

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County Administrative Building*

**Come Join Us  
on January 15**  
*For the next WCGHA Meeting*

**We will have**

**Installation of  
Officers and  
Committee Chairs**

**Also**

**Show & Tell**

*It's a lot of fun!*

*What can you bring to share with us?*

We will meet in the early voting room located in the rear of the Warren County Administration building. You will be required to sign in and observe social distancing.

(Refreshments will not be served)

*Cheryl Watson Mingle, WCGHA President*



## **Come Visit Us**

**Our hours are**

**Monday  
&  
Friday  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
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## **Committees**

### **Membership:**

*J. B. Brown*



### **Circulation Manager:**

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### **Programs:**

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### **Bulletin Editor and Web page Editor:**

*Ann Brown*



### **Research:**

*Bonita Mangrum*



*Mary Oaks*



### **Newsletter Editor:**

*Doyle Speaks*



### **Publicity:**

*Brad Walker*



### **Refreshments:**

*Christine Bouldin*



### **Office:**

*Evelyn Wade*



*Mary Oaks*



### **Historian:**

*Brad Walker*



## November Meeting

# Brad Walker Presented A Program On Preserving Your Family Bibles

Another large crowd gathered for the November meeting of the Warren County Genealogical & Historical Association meeting and enjoyed Brad Walker's program on Preserving Your Family Bibles.

Most people do not realize how important that old family heirloom can be until you need those records for proof of ancestry. Thankfully we now realize your Family Bible can become a legal document.

Unless you're an only child, or if you didn't inherit the family Bible, you're left without original family records. Those records can become legal proof of birth and death dates if they are scanned and legally notarized.

This process became a much needed document when a person didn't have a recorded birth certificate. This was more prevalent with older persons when home births were not legally recorded by midwives. Thus, the need for proof and the need for the original family Bible records became an issue.

In recent years family research organizations have accepted notarized copies of Family Bible records. The Bible must be scanned in color and include the cover, the inside cover page that includes the date and the records inside. Those pages must be notarized with dates and witness signatures.

If you're fortunate to inherit your family Bible, have your records legally scanned and share with the rest of your relatives.

A special thanks to J. B. Brown who scanned Bibles for several who attended the program.

**Our guest speaker, Brad Walker, is Director of Magness Memorial Library in McMinnville and WCGHA Historian**



**Brad Walker is pictured with Katharine Goodson who shared her Family Bible with our group. Brad and Katharine share the same family lineage. The Bible, dated 1799 is from the John J. Walker Sr. family from Virginia of which Katharine is a direct descendant. Brad descends from James Walker who was a brother to John.**



**J.B. Brown is shown scanning family Bibles for some of our WCGHA members. Donna Sullivan, left, watches at J.B. scans the Micajah Dodson Walker Bible. Born on February 7, 1862 and died on Nov. 11, 1956 at the age of 94, he was from the Cain Creek and Belk area of Van Buren County and eventually moved to Warren County. His father, with the same name Micajah, died in the Civil War in 1862. Mary Oaks, right, brought her Family Bible on the Elliott family to have it scanned. The Bible belonged to her great grandfather John Tyler Elliott. He was born in 1851 and died in 1928. The “study” Bible was from her maternal side of the family.**

**The Cemetery Committee held their meeting in November with five of the eight members present. Pictured, l-r, are Ann Brown (inset), Mary Oaks, Evelyn Wade, Bonita Mangrum and Debra McBride. ANN BROWN PHOTO**



## Our Newly Elected WCGHA Officers and Committee Chairs for 2022 to be Installed

*The slate of officers and committee chairpersons presented to the members at the November 20 meeting was elected and will be installed at the January 15, 2022 meeting. They are:*

### OFFICERS:

President	Ann Brown
Vice President	Douglas Woodlee
Secretary	Barbara Bates
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### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

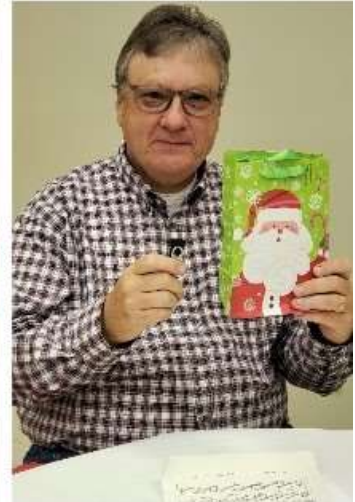
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# WCGHA Christmas Celebration Held on December 11



Several members gathered in the fellowship hall of the McMinnville Christ Family Church for the annual Christmas get-together. Everyone enjoyed the games along with an abundance of great food. The event is held each year in lieu of a December meeting. Special thanks are extended to the committee pictured l-r, Ann Brown, Susan Driver and Mary Oaks who organized the event.

# Door and Game Prize Winners



Door prize winners, in the top photo, l-r, Kathy Finn, Marion Rhea Speaks, Barbara Jaco and Bonita Mangrum. They all took home table decorations. In the bottom photo, l-r, J. B. Brown, who was the local history game winner; Barbara Jaco, Joyce Wallace and Robert Bates tied for the Christmas Carol game. Robert Bates won a 1992-1996 Bulletins on a thumb drive, Barbara Jaco won a 12 generation pedigree chart and Joyce Wallace won the last table decoration. In the photo to the left Douglas Woodlee proudly displays the Methodist Church Keepsake he won in the Christmas song drawing.

# One More Stocking from Great Grandma!



WCGHA member Christine Bouldin added another Christmas stocking to her family collection. She recently finished this one for her newest great grandson Issac Bouldin. The newest addition to the family was born this past summer and will be called "Ike". He is the son of Jameson and Emily Bouldin from Charlotte, Tennessee and the grandson of Mike and Vickie Bouldin from the Verville community. She buys Herrschners kits, and other than sewing the liners in by machine, she assembles them by hand. They make for a great display on her mantle every Christmas.





# First Issue of Bound Bulletins Arrive

J.B. and Ann Brown are shown with the first volume of bound bulletins which will be placed in our Resource Library. The Association received 5 volumes, each containing two years of bulletins, covering 1992 through 2001. Plans are to bind the remaining twenty years in the near future. This will allow us to reduce the number of printed bulletins and provide space for additional research material. The first 20 years of bulletins have been scanned and placed on thumb drives. As printed inventory for those years is depleted the Association will only offer digital versions of the bulletins. Thumb drives, covering 5 years each, for the years 1992 through 2011 are available to the public for \$10 each.



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## From the Editor

During the late fall of 2012, I started attending the Warren County Genealogical Association meetings with my wife Marion when I wasn't scheduled to work. Being an outsider, I knew very little history of the area other than the multitude of my wife's relatives I had gotten to know and love.

It didn't take me too long to realize there was a need to continue the communication among the members of the Association. Having worked in the newspaper industry for 35 years taught me that people (the workers) were best motivated when recognized for their contributions.

I began to put together a new design for what eventually became the "Newsletter". After presenting my idea and example to the powers to be, they quickly encouraged me to go forward. And on December 2012 my first edition was sent out by email to the members.

Nine years later, after 78 editions, I'm finally completing my last one. I took a break from June 2015 until January 2018 when Marion and I thought we missed living in Indiana. Cheryl Watson Mingle took over the reins for 30 issues. Little did we know, we missed Warren County and made the move back to God's country.

I can't say it has always been a pleasure and fun to produce each issue. Each one was a challenge and at times it was difficult to get information from people reluctant to share. But, Warren County is rich in history and offers a lot to genealogy researchers and history buffs. This is an area I often pursued to fill up pages.

I gladly pass the torch on to our new editor Kathy Finn and wish her nothing but the best in continuing this very much needed public relation and communication tool for the Association.

Happy Trails,  
Doyle Speaks, Newsletter Editor