



# WCGHA Newsletter

JULY  
2023

201 LOCUST ST., MCMINNVILLE, TN 37100



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**Come Join Us  
JULY 15,  
2-4 p.m.**

**“Show and  
Tell”**

We will meet in the Early Voting Room  
located at the back of the Warren  
County Administration building,  
201 Locust Street

No refreshments will be served

*Ann Brown, WCGHA President*

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

June was jam packed with cemetery decorations and family reunions!

You know what July brings—Show & Tell! So dig through those keepsakes and find an item to share with the group.

The Association Office has been hopping with activity this month. We've received several new contributions and added items to our photo archives and resource library. We appreciate all the support that our members provide to the Association.

You are always welcome to stop in and browse through our library or just visit.

Mark your calendar for the 15th. Be sure to invite a friend!

Ann

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Jul 4th—Independence Day

Jul 6th—WCGHA Board of Directors

Jul 11th—Cow Appreciation Day

Jul 12th—**Town Talk on WBMC**

Jul 15th—**Show & Tell**

**(Bring an item to share with the group!)**

Jul 16th—National Ice Cream Day

Jul 20th—National Moon Day

Jul 25th—National Hire a Veteran Day

Jul 27th—National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

Jul 31st—National Mutt Day

### Upcoming Programs

Aug 19th—Hard Times, USA Tour

*If you have ideas for programs, Mary Don would love to hear from you!*

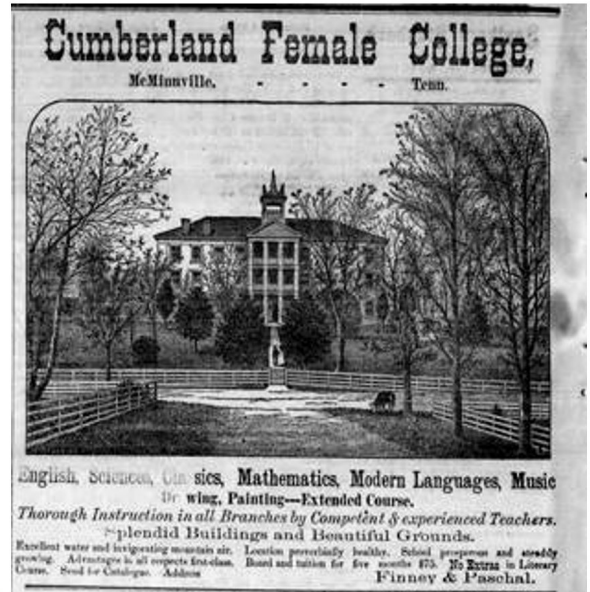
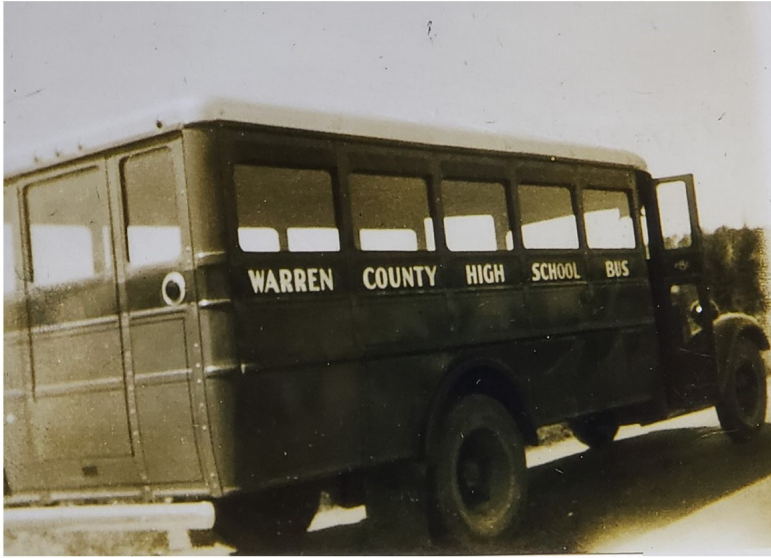


2023 Brown Reunion

Do you have a reunion photo that you would like to share with the group? Send them in: [wcgaha.tn@gmail.com](mailto:wcgaha.tn@gmail.com)

# TRANSPORTATION

# SCHOOL ADS



1932 – First Steel Bus in Warren County (owned by Fred Biles)

Southern Standard, May 27, 1882

# SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

# 1925 CAVE SPRING

June 13, 1935

- 25 Bus Drivers
- Pay ranged from \$37.50 to \$125.00
- 11 Wagon Drivers
- Pay ranged from \$20.00 to \$30.00



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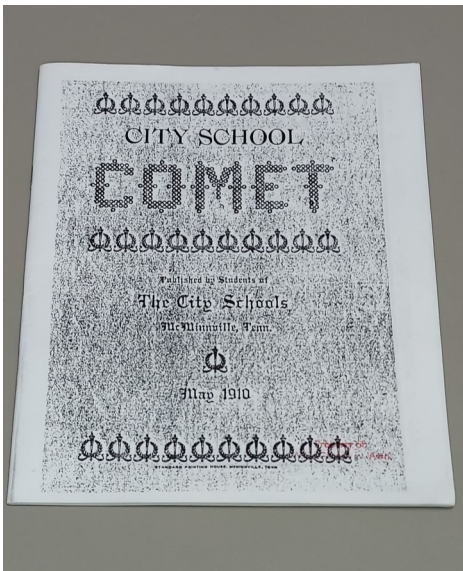


Miss Fannie Delma Massie, Teacher  
 WCGHA Bulletin, 2016, Vol. XXV, Spring & Summer



Slide show of school pictures

## ARCADIA SCHOOL (MIRROR, DATE UNKNOWN)



Made in 1908, Robert B. Pepper, grandson of Elisha Pepper

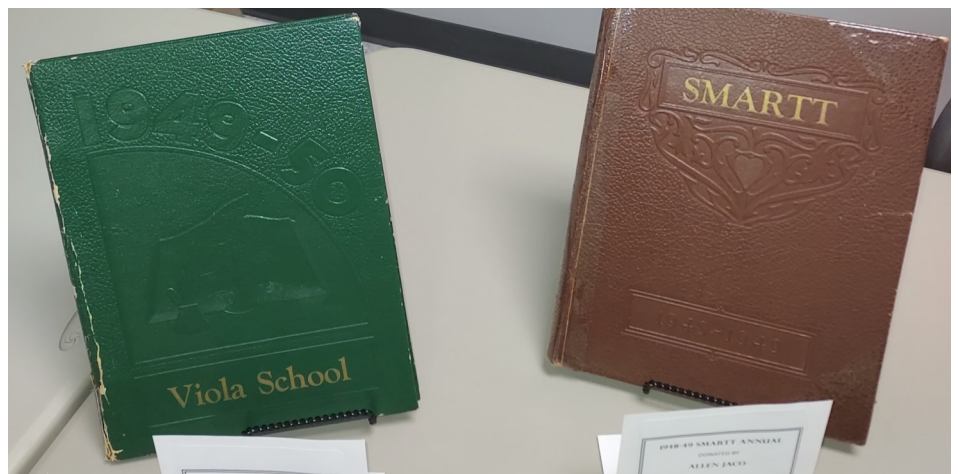
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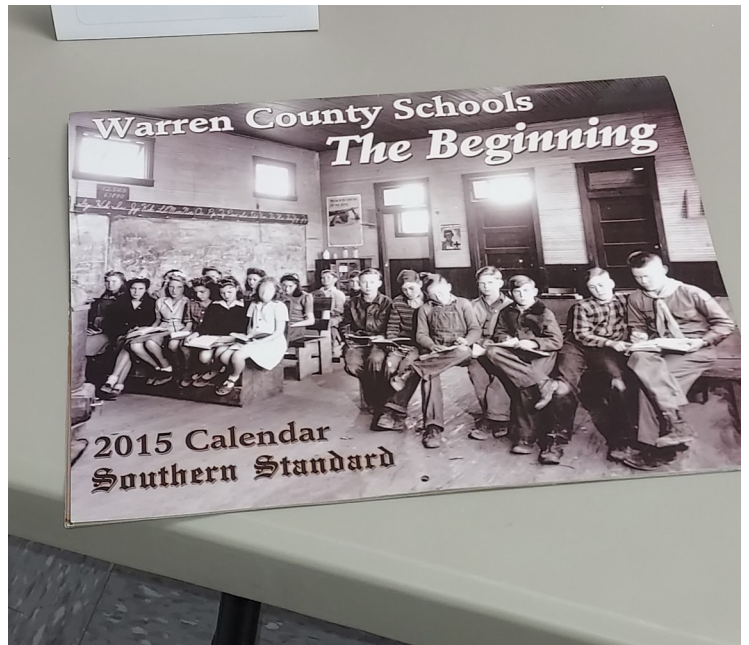
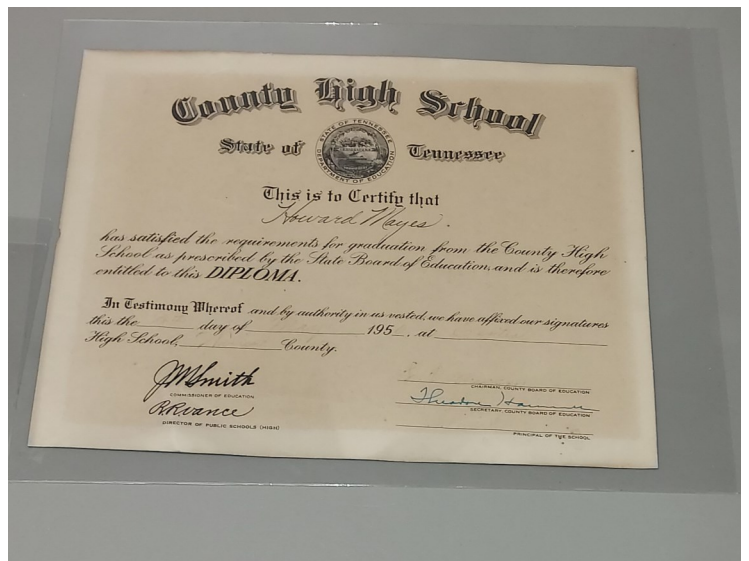
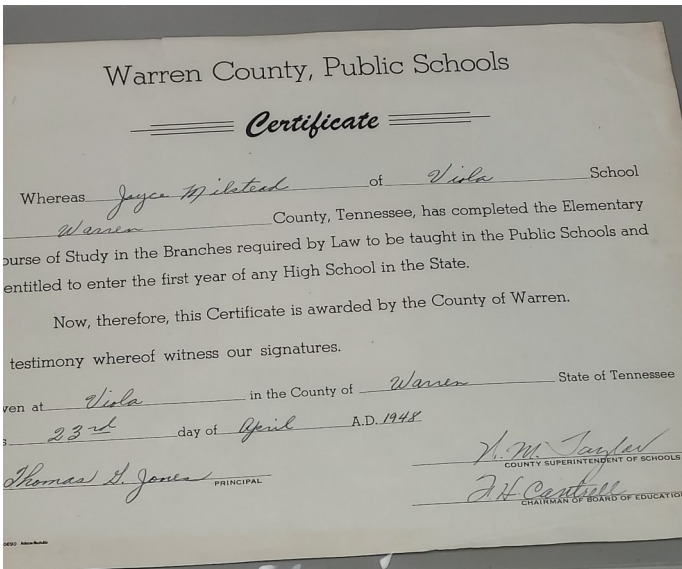
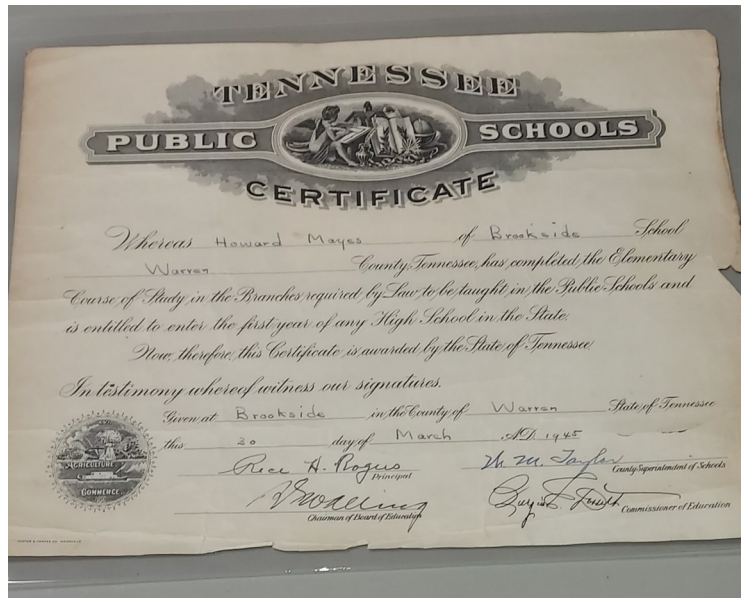
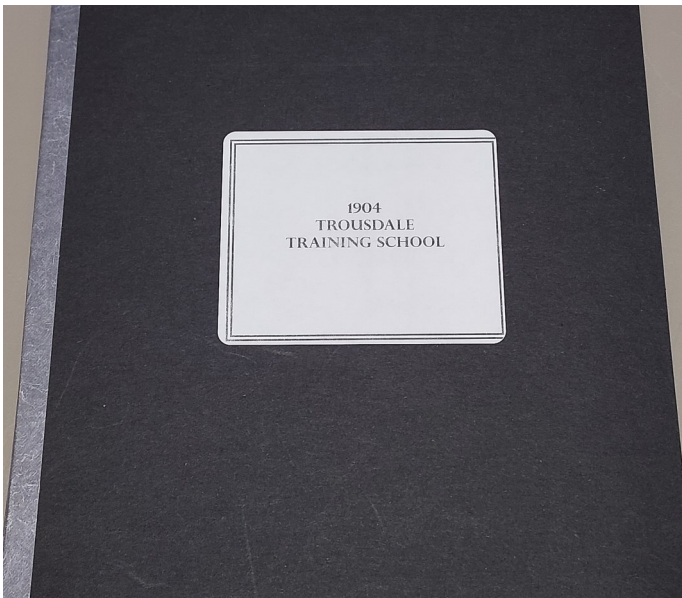
Report of *Martha Tombrant*  
 Department \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 For Term Ending \_\_\_\_\_, Teacher  
*Theresa Bessler*

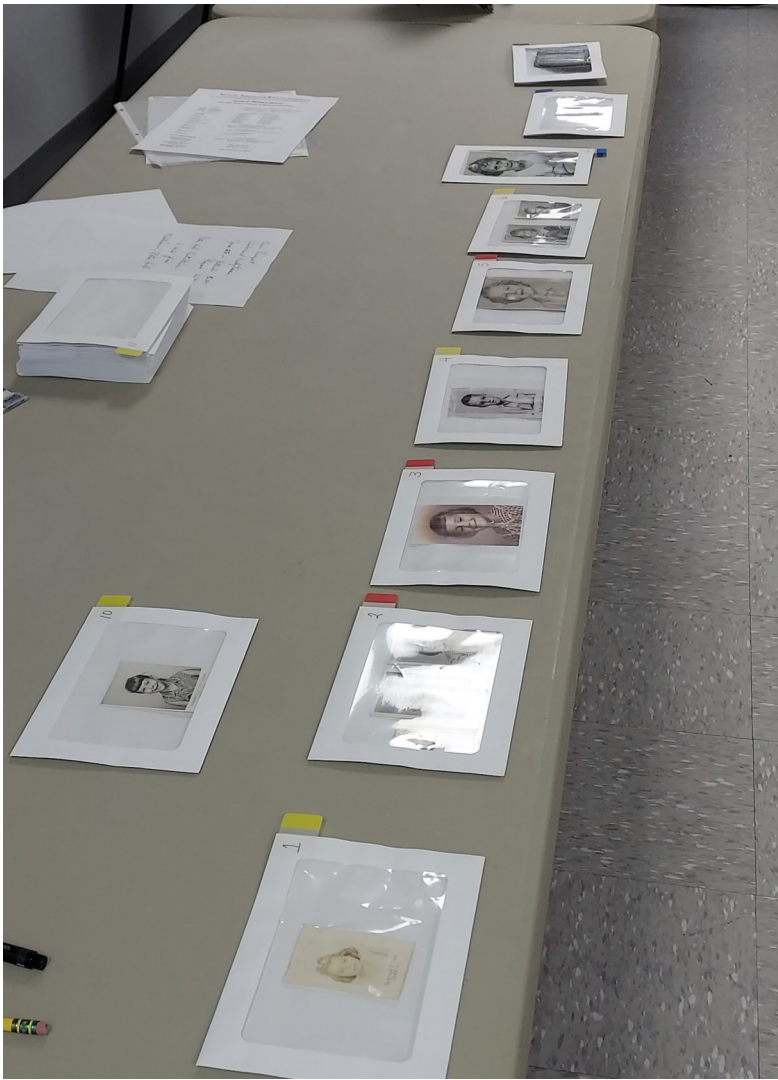
STUDIES	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Term	Avg.
Reading	90	85	80	75	70	80	80
Spelling	95	90	85	80	75	85	85
Arithmetic	80	75	70	65	60	70	70
Geography	85	80	75	70	65	75	75
Grammar	80	75	70	65	60	70	70
Penmanship	85	80	75	70	65	75	75
History	80	75	70	65	60	70	70
Physiology	85	80	75	70	65	75	75
Algebra	80	75	70	65	60	70	70
Geometry	85	80	75	70	65	75	75
Trigonometry	80	75	70	65	60	70	70
Latin	85	80	75	70	65	75	75
Bookkeeping	80	75	70	65	60	70	70
Men's Science	85	80	75	70	65	75	75
Civil Gov't	80	75	70	65	60	70	70
Rhetoric	85	80	75	70	65	75	75
Eng. Literature	80	75	70	65	60	70	70
Botany	85	80	75	70	65	75	75
Chemistry	80	75	70	65	60	70	70
Geology	85	80	75	70	65	75	75
Physics	80	75	70	65	60	70	70
Astronomy	85	80	75	70	65	75	75
Vocal Music	80	75	70	65	60	70	70
Oral Arithmetic	85	80	75	70	65	75	75
Drawing	80	75	70	65	60	70	70
Days Absent	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Times Tardy	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Behavior	90	85	80	75	70	80	80
Neatness	85	80	75	70	65	75	75

SCALE OF MARKING—100 means perfect progress; 90, very good; 80, fairly well; below 60, deficient; below 50 VERY deficient and unsatisfactory. (over)

Price: 25c. Retailer: Geo. McMillanville, Press.







Our meeting opened with another fun activity by Mary Don. Ten of our members answered the call to bring childhood pictures of themselves for us to try to identify. Those pictured are Bonita Mangrum, Evelyn Wade, Ann Brown, JB Brown, Marie Blair, Bettye Pack, Gail Woodlee, Earl Blair, Carolyn Lance and Wanda Gant.

As promised, below are the answers to last month's quiz.

1. In 1858 Hickerson school was moved to a church and named:

Answer: **Mt. Zion School**

2. By 1914 there were \_\_\_\_\_ schools in operation in Warren Co.

Answer: **69**

3. Warren County was originally part of Smith, Jackson, White, and possibly?

Answer: **Davidson**

4. From the Southern Standard, Saturday, May 26, 1888: It is a fact not generally known that if one holds his breath, \_\_\_\_\_ can be handled with impunity.

Answer: **bees and hornets**

## Trivia Quiz (continued)

5. From the Southern Standard, 1881, What will McMinnville refuse next?

Answer: **A sulfur well**

6. From the City School Comet the \_\_\_\_\_ left on the 2:12 train for Sparta.

Answer: **Swatters**

7. What business was first located in the Lively Building on Main Street?

Answer: **Dad Lively's first studio**

8. Much timber shipped by railroad from "Old Fields: in Warren County went to \_\_\_\_\_?

Answer: **Singer Sewing Machine Co.**

9. From the Warren Co. Times and New Era on Friday, June 5, 1908: \_\_\_\_\_ offered all kinds of fruits and ice cream and meals delivered to all parts of town. "Forget about housekeeping cares. Give the cook a holiday."

Answer: **Jap's Cafe**

10. What was originally located on the sites of Locke's and King's?

Answer: **The Opera House**

**What ails you?** Can you guess the modern name for these common ailments?

Coryza – **a cold**

Canine madness – **Hydrophobia or Rabies**

Camp Fever – **Typhus**

Aphonia – **Laryngitis**

La Grippe – **Flu**

Lung fever – **Pneumonia**

Green Sickness - **Gout**

# Can You Remember



...the old Wayside School in the late 1920s and the early 1930s? The picture was made in 1931 when Mrs. Mary Cantrell and Mrs. Eula Douglas were the teachers. Forming the student body in that year were, from left to right:

First row: Everette Haley, Bud Childress, Clifton Pennington, Bill Chisam, Elois Hennessee, Bonnie Chisam, ..... Kirby, Bertha Alma Cantrell, Alice Golden, Laurel Grandey, Betty Jo Cook, Clyde Pennington and Ray Pennington.

Second row: Lonnie Haley, Howard Childress, I.J. Grizzell, Brackett Cantrell, Fannie Mai Safley, Mary Lou Adcock, Wilma Chisam, Mildred Chisam and Roberta Merritt.

Third row: Jack Safley, Pauline Golden, Harold Grizzell, Clyde Smith, Phillip Grandey, Graden Pryor, Lenore Chisam, Eva Mai Chisam, Carl Parker, Arthur Golden, Ruth Kirby and Nell Safley.

Fourth row: Mrs. Mary Cantrell, teacher; Lucille Bales, Allie Mai Redmond, Aline Reno, Mazell Roller, Irene Haley, Dorothy Grizzell, Thomas Parker, Henrietta Golden, Erlene Reno, Junior Grandey, J.B. Haley and Mrs. Eula Douglas, teacher.



Front Row:

Eddie Martin, Quinten Grandey, Magness Garmon, Clanton Cook, Wayne Pryor, Walter Grandey, Edwin Golden, and Austin Golden.

Second Row:

Jeffrey Golden, Larry Cook, Doyle Pryor, Hubart Golden, and Golden Cook

Standing:

Don Golden and Ronald Green



## From Our Photo Archives



Centertown School (Earl Blair's First Grade): #1 ?; #2 ?; #3 ?; #4 Carl Tobitt; #5 ?; #6 ? #7 Glen Earl Bell?; #8 Colonel Brown Wilson; #9 ?; #10 ?; #11 ? Mitchell; #12 Roy Lance; #13 Jewell Wilson?; #14 Ralph Holder; #15 Orris Holder; #17 Earl Blair; #18 ?; #19 ?; #20 ?



Centertown School—Can you identify the year or anyone in the photo?

Do you have school photos that you would like to add to our photo archives? I can imagine that our future grandchildren and great-grandchildren would love to see these photos some day, just as we love seeing the photos of our parents and grandparents as children in school.

## SPOTLIGHT ON Elisha Pepper II, Pioneer Ancestor of Warren County

Elisha Pepper II (1777-1869) is the Pioneer Ancestor (lived in Warren County between 1807-1820) with the most descendants being approved to receive a certificate establishing that they are his descendants. At this time, there have been 20 certificates issued to his descendants.

Some unverified and sometimes disputed historical accounts of Warren County say that he was the first permanent white settler in what would become Warren County which was formed in 1807. He is said to have arrived in 1800. His name appears on the 1812 Tax List on Christian Shell's list and he is also on the 1820 Warren County Census with ten household members. He is definitely a Warren County Pioneer.

Several folktale-like legends have evolved around his life along with his wife, Margaret Morrow (1782-1831).

The unverified list of the children of Elisha Pepper II and Margaret Morrow and their spouses are:

Joseph Butcher Pepper (1807-1875) married Eleanor Gibbs (1825-1873)

Elizabeth Pepper (22 Jan 1809-1 Jan 1862) married Caleb Talley ((1816-1905)

Mary "Polly" Pepper (1810-?) married William Morrision (1811-1895)

Janean Pepper (1813-1882) married John Talley (1814-1846)

Elisha Pepper III (1815-1869)

Robert M. Pepper (1817-1874)

Margaret P. Pepper (1822-1887) married Isham Clark Roach (1820-1907)

William Cheek Smartt Pepper (1820-1899) married Cynthia Allison (1843-1912)

John O. Pepper ((1823-1863) married Elizabeth Gibbs (1835-1896)

Aaron A. Pepper (1826-1864) married Clementine Allison (1838-1916)

Ann Payne Pepper (1830-1893)

If you descend from one of the Elisha Pepper II sons or daughters, perhaps you should research your lineage. Family files and other resources are available at the WCGHS office which might help. You may discover interesting facts and some legends that will enrich your family's history. Check the website for Office Hours. Volunteers may be able to help you with your research. Pioneer Ancestor certificates specific to your family members make great unique gifts.

## Office News

A whopping 201 1/4 hours were logged in May by our office volunteers and committee members. Thanks to Evelyn, Bonita, Mary, and Mary Don for keeping the office running smoothly. J.B., Allen and Kathy are keeping the scanners running. The Bulletin Committee is busy researching for our Fall & Winter issue and the Pioneer Committee has received two new applications to process! Thanks to all who help make our Association a success!

## Research

Nathan Lorance (Martin-Bonner)  
Gail Woodlee (Richardson-Pearson)  
Jimmy King (King)  
Lucas Holt (Ware-Deberry)

## Contributions

Centertown School Photos (digital)	Photo Archives	Marie Blair
Clark Motor Company (original photo)	Photo Archives	Marie Blair
Centertown School Photos (digital— (1960-61 5th grade; 1961-62 5th grade) Centertown School (digital)	Photo Archives	Bonita Mangrum
Southern Cumberland State Parks	Resource Library	Rachel Killebrew
From the desk of A. L. Guerard	Resource Library	Victor Guerard
North Carolina Genealogical Research	Resource Library	Bonita Mangrum
William Pickering & Barbara Woodlee Descendants of Charles Barnes & Charity Smith	Family Files	Douglas Woodlee

## Membership

We have 121 Members! That's an increase of 18 members over last year!

Thanks to all our members who faithfully renew each year and welcome to all our new members this year!



## **Come Visit Us**

**Our hours are  
Monday & Friday  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
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[www.tngenweb.org/wcgha](http://www.tngenweb.org/wcgha)**

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& Historical Association  
and**

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

**Our office is located at  
201 Locust Street  
McMinnville, Tennessee  
in the lower level of the  
County Administration Building**

## **Committees**

### **Membership:**

***J. B. Brown***



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### **Historian:**

***Chris Keathley***



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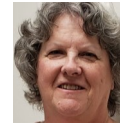


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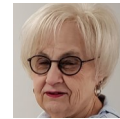
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