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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Beginning with the 2018 year, annual WCGA Membership Dues have been increased to \$25.00 a year. Individual Bulletins will be increased to \$12.50 each plus shipping, if applicable, for WCGA members, and \$15.00 each plus shipping, if applicable, for non-members.

This issue of the WCGA Bulletin contains a Cemetery Spotlight article on Bolden Green Cemetery, a Black-American Cemetery located just north of the Faulkner Springs Community. It has been suggested that in a future WCGA Bulletin Finger Chapel Cemetery be included as a Cemetery Spotlight article. Therefore, since no other cemetery has been suggested, Finger Chapel Cemetery will be profiled in the Spring & Summer 2018 issue of the Bulletin. It is requested anyone with any information on either Finger Chapel Cemetery, Bolden Green Cemetery or any other Warren County, Tennessee cemetery to contact the editor. Suggestions for a cemetery to be profiled in a future issue of the WCGA Bulletin is also requested.

In August of this year the large and historic Victorian home of John Douglass on West Main Street in McMinnville, Tennessee was severely damaged by fire. The home, located behind Hardee’s Restaurant, was not occupied and was filled with antiques which Mr. Douglass had collected for many years. Many of these antiques were purchased by Mr. Douglass at estate auctions, yard sales and flea markets. He had been for the last couple of years selling several items from the home, personally, and through auctions. Several items, which related historically and genealogically to McMinnville and Warren County, Tennessee were purchased by me to be used in the WCGA Bulletins. Items I have purchased from this house included several McMinnville newspapers from the 1930s (most of which have not been microfilmed), books, scrapbooks, canning labels, yearbooks, documents, postcards, receipts, etc. Several of these items have already been included in previous issues of the WCGA Bulletins with more items to be included in future issues. Antiques in the home at the time of the fire which did not burn suffered damage by smoke or water or both. The home was so badly damaged parts of the home which survived the fire were salvaged, such as doors, windows, gingerbread trim, and lumber, and the remainder of the picturesque house was leveled in September. As of October the grassed lot is now empty and there is no sign a house was ever there. (See the following page for the announcement of the fire from the *Southern Standard*).

For additions and corrections or for contributions of genealogical and/or historical items to be included in future issues of the WCGA Bulletin please contact me.

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