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WCGHA Newsletter

FEBRUARY
2024



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**Come Join Us
on February 17**
For the next WCGHA Meeting

“Show and Tell”
(rescheduled due to snow)

Due to early voting, we will meet in the
Magnolia Room located in the War-
ren County Administration building,
201 Locust Street

No refreshments will be served.

Mary Don Bixby, WCGHA President

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members:

Mother Nature once again let us know who's boss! As you know, we had to cancel our January meeting because of extremely cold temperatures. We were all disappointed because "Show and Tell" was scheduled.

The good news is that we were able to plan for "Show and Tell" at our upcoming February meeting. Please note that the early voting room will be occupied, so we will meet in the Magnolia Room on the main floor of the County Administration Building. I do believe that our two annual "Show and Tell" meetings are a favorite of many of us. Remember to invite friends and prospective members for these most interesting meetings.

The Association volunteers are working on many interesting projects: indexing our Family Files; photo identification of students attending early Warren County schools; transcribing William Thompson Newby's diary describing his journey to and the founding of McMinnville, Oregon, to name a few.

Mark your calendars! This is an election year, so we will be meeting in the Magnolia Room in February, July, and October, 2024.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday!

Mary Don

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Feb 8th—**WCGHA Board of Directors**

Feb 14th—**WBMC's Town Talk**

Feb 17th—**Show & Tell**

BRING YOUR FAMILY TREASURES



Postcard

A man writing at the post office desk was approached by an older fellow with a post card in his hand. The old man said, "Sir, I'm sorry to bother you but could you address this post card for me? My arthritis is acting up and I can't even hold a pen." "Certainly, sir," said the younger man. He wrote out the address and also agreed to write a short message and sign the card for the man. Finally, the younger man asked, "Now, is there anything else I can do for you?" The old fellow glanced at the card a moment and said, "Yes, at the end could you just add, 'PS: Please excuse the sloppy handwriting?'"

Pioneer Ancestors Verified as Warren County Residents during 1807-1820 are now listed on the WCGHA website. Go to the Pioneer Ancestor Application under Projects and Resources:

<https://tngenweb.org/wcgatn/pioneer-families-of-warren-county/>

A new addition to our website has an alphabetical listing of the established pioneers and the recipients of the certificates for those ancestors. Scroll down

and click on the link:

[Click here to view a list of verified pioneer ancestors and their recipients.](#)

Take a look and see if you might descend from one of the 64 listed ancestors. You may also recognize names of some of the recipients of certificates and know that you are related. Files containing information and documentation furnished by the recipients are available in the WCGHA office. Those files may help you in establishing your line of descent from the ancestor. Office volunteers are available to assist you.

Recently, while researching the Ancestors of Brenda Mayes Cothren as a descendant of Rev. Jesse Dodson, the discovery was made that Rev. Jesse's grandson, Eli Dodson, married Jane "Jensie" Ware. Jensie was the daughter of

Isham Ware who had been established as a Pioneer Ancestor by Lucas Holt.

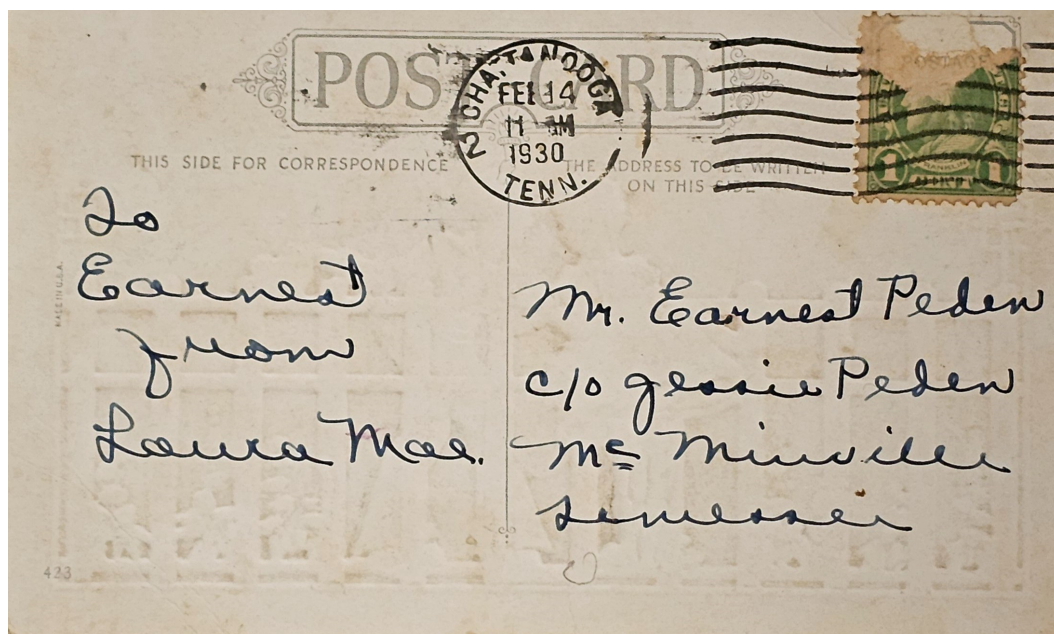
Brenda was not aware of her connection to the Ware family. As a surprise, she was presented 2 Pioneer Ancestor certificates. Those certificates were for Rev. Jesse Dodson, Brenda's 5th great grandfather and Isham Ware, her 4th great grandfather.

The Pioneer Ancestor Committee approved 16 certificates during 2023. Help us approve more applications this year by researching and honoring your Warren County early ancestor.



Happy Valentines Day!

We wanted to share this cute little 1930 valentine from our Post Card Archives. We hope you enjoy this blast from the past donated by Bettye Pack.



To
Earnest
from
Laura Mae.

Mr. Earnest Pedew
c/o Jessie Pedew
Mc Minnville
Tennessee

Do You Remember

We are really excited about the response we are getting from our school photos published in the Southern Standard. But, we still have a lot of unidentified school children. You can view and/or download these photos from our website at:

<https://tngenweb.org/wcgatn/photo-archives/>

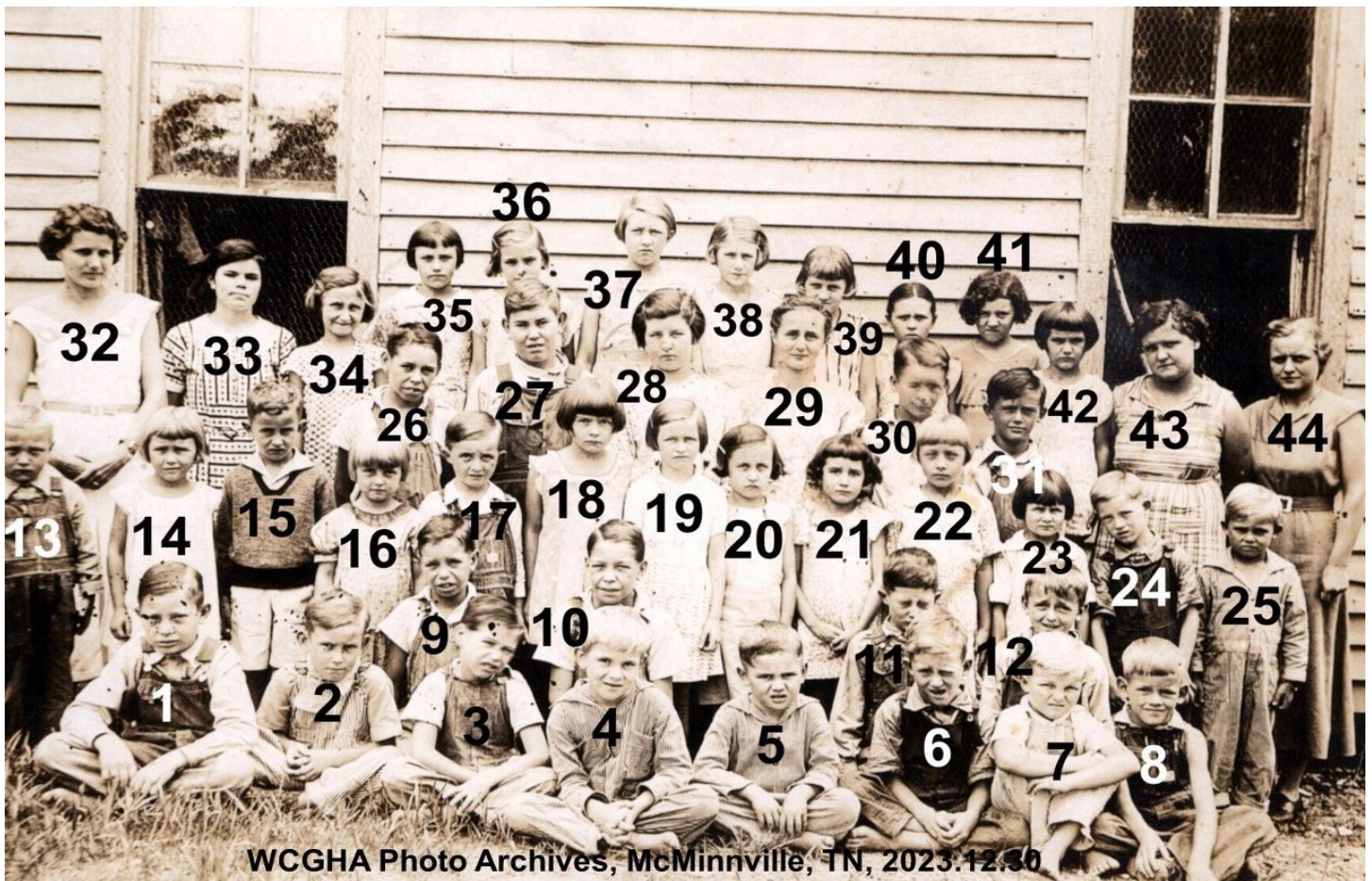
We will continue to update these photos until all students have been identified. The date of the latest revision of the photo will be indicated at the bottom of the photo. Feel free to share these photos with friends and relatives who might recognize one of the children. You can email your updates to us at:

wcgaha.tn@gmail.com.

Be sure to include the school name, year, and number of each child being identified.

We added five new photos to our archives in January.

1936 Oak Grove School



WCGHA Photo Archives, McMinnville, TN, 2023.12.30

(18) Wilma Cates Davenport; (37) Mary Sue Cates; 2023.12.31

1929-30 Pike Hill School



WCGHA Photo Archives, McMinnville, TN

(4) Maurine Crim Simpson; (5) Nellie Crim; (20) Naomi Green;
(25) Annie Mildred Askew Herndon; (26) Dorothy Green; (27) Will Crim (2024.01.25)

1916 McMinnville High School – Football Team



WCGHA Photo Archives, McMinnville, TN

2024.01.27

Wayside School



WCGHA Photo Archives, McMinnville, TN

(1) Floyd Merle Grizzell; (2) Lloyd Earle Grizzell; (10) Laurel Grandey Grizzell; (17) I.J. Grizzell, Jr. 2024.01.25

April, 1955 Fairview School – Class # 3



Warren County Archives, McMinnville, TN

(1) Arryl Wayne Ward; (2) Carl Weddington; (3) Faye Byars; (4) Alda Nunley Bandy; (5) Terry Jones; (6) Ronnie Neal?; (7) Helen Tenpenny; (8) Carolyn Riner Moffitt; (9) Danny Johnson; (10) Frankie Bottoms; (11) Layton Bell?; (12) Frankie Johnson; (13) Brenda McCormick; (14) Carolyn Byars Bickford; (15) Janice Holland; (16) Frances Hillis Rutledge; (17) Diann Hillis; (18) Katie Barnes; (19) Lillie Shields; (20) Danny Hale?; (21) Bobby Keel; (22) Jesse Roberts; (23) Brenda Hillis; (24) Russell McGee; (25) Brenda Evans; (26) Ronnie Scott; (27) Danice Taylor; (28) Judy Gann; (29) Roger McGee; (30) Juall McGee; 2024.02.02

Office News

Snowy weather kept our volunteers at home this month but we still managed to log 141.5 volunteer hours. Mary Don, Mary, Evelyn, Bonita, J.B. and Ann, Bettye, Lynette, Gail and Marie were in the office working on various projects. We would love for you to stop by in February and visit with us!

Research

Marie Crawford, Lucas Holt and James Clendenon stopped by researching Weaver, Coppinger and Clendenon.

Contributions

1967 Warren County Map	Archives	Carolyn Lance
1971 McMinnville City Map		
Assorted Photos		

It's time to renew your 2024 Membership!

2024 Membership dates are March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025.

If you have already renewed, thank you for your support! Membership dues are the primary monetary support for the Association which fund our bulletins and office requirements. Our volunteers are the resources which make all this possible!

Paypal invoices have been sent to all members with a valid email address. Payment can be made with any credit or debit card through Paypal. If you do not wish to pay electronically, you can mail a check to: WCGHA, PO Box 411, McMinnville, TN 37111



Come Visit Us

**Our hours are
Monday & Friday
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On Facebook:
Warren County Genealogical
& Historical Association
and

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

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in the lower level of the
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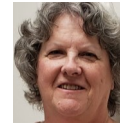


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