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WCGHA Newsletter

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**Come Join Us
on March 16**

For the next WCGHA Meeting

**“Miniature Car and
Truck Collection”**

By Morris Hillis

We will meet in the Early Voting
room located in the Warren County
Administration building,
201 Locust Street

No refreshments will be served.

Mary Don Bixby, WCGHA President

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello everyone! We have certainly needed the recent rains, but it does make for some dreary days. Dreary days outside. As most of you know, the WCGHA's office is somewhat underground and has very high shaded windows. Much of the time we can't tell if it is a dreary day outside. But inside is a different matter! There, there is much activity: digitizing, researching, copying, filing, and lots more. It is a fun and extremely productive operation. Want to help on a project? Call us!

Speaking of productive, earlier today I attended a meeting of the Pioneer Families Committee. Members are Marie Blair, chair, and Bonita Mangrum, Bettye Page, Ann Brown and the newest member, Freda Clifton. The next time you see any or all of these women, please thank them for the work that they do. It was a two-hour meeting, and my head hurt when it was over. The attention to detail and examination skills shown by these folks is incredible, and everyone was smiling when we ended (or perhaps because we ended). Thank you to each of you for your wonderful contributions to WCGHA and to history.

Hope to see you at the upcoming meeting!

Mary Don

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Mar 7th—**WCGHA Board of Directors**

Mar 13th—**WBMC's Town Talk**

Mar 16th—**Morris Hillis, Local Hobbyist**

Apr 7th—**WCGHA Board of Directors**

Apr 17th—**WBMC's Town Talk**

Apr 20th—**George McGlothin, "Falcon Rest"**

Transparent Pie (from the mid-1800's)

Set oven at 300 degrees.

1-1 pound box of light brown sugar

1/4 pound real butter (1 stick)

1/4 tsp salt

5 eggs

1/2 cup milk

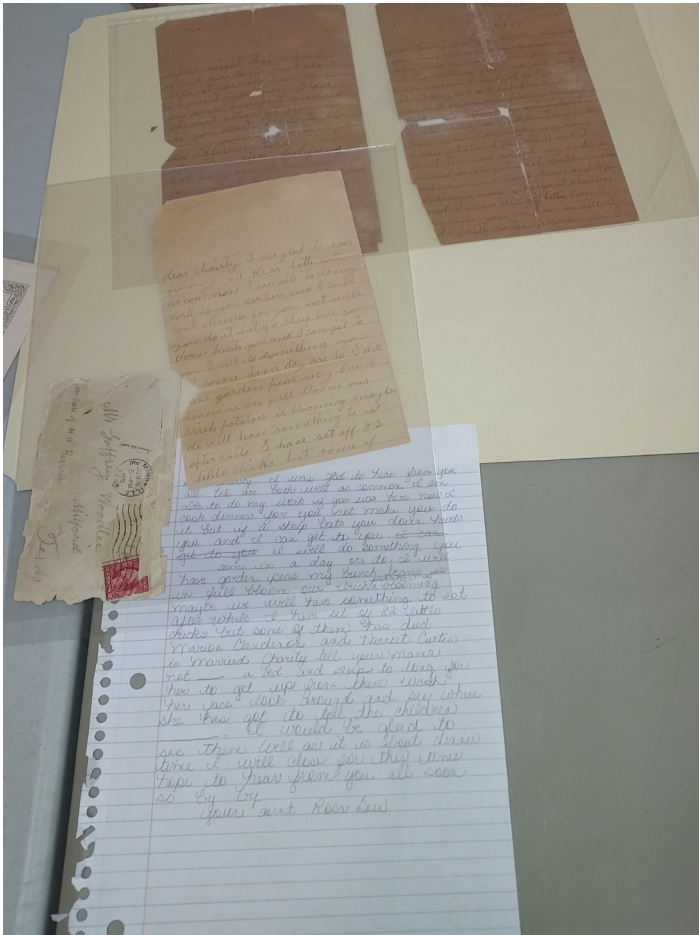
1 tsp vanilla

Fill 2 pie shells and sprinkle top with cinnamon before baking. Bake for 35 minutes.

Welcome New Members!

Barbara Lynn Lance Alldaffer, Maple Grove, MN; Joanne Blair, Christiana, TN; John and Chaundra Gunter Elliott, Readyville, TN; Suzi Boyd Green, McMinnville, TN; Teresa Blair Hyatt, McMinnville, TN

SHOW AND TELL



Gail Woodlee - Old letters belonging to Rosa Bess (cir. 1920)



Alma Shoemaker - Aluminum pistol made by her father (.22)



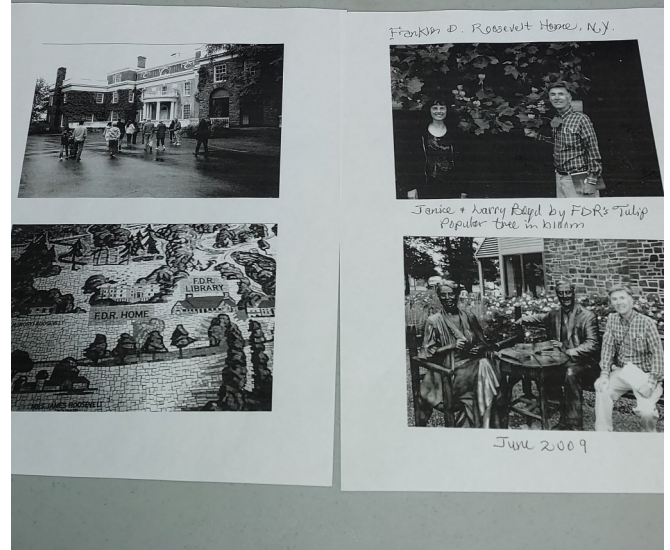
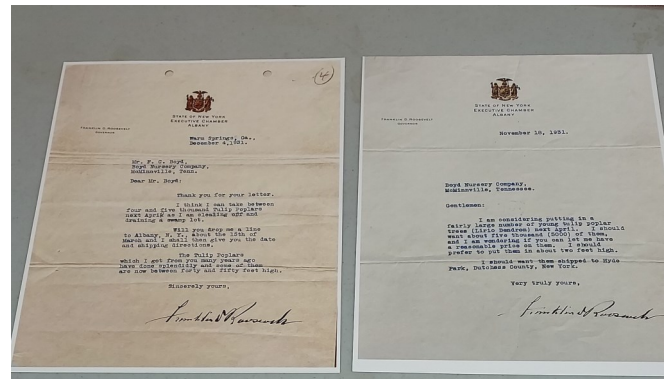
Marie Blair - Pair of shoes made at Genesco by her dad's co-workers, and a dress made by her aunt, when Marie was a toddler



Bob Bates - Picture of Wm Baldwin (Barbara's uncle who owned a men's store) and other prominent men of McMinnville taken at the Sedberry Hotel (cir 1920's)



Freda Clifton - Leather pouch full of land deeds, auction notices, lists of personal belongings, etc. that belonged to her grandfather, Isaac John Grizzle, Sr.



Larry Boyd - Pictures taken at Hyde Park in 2009 (FDR bought nursery stock from his great-grandfather and they wrote to each other. Has visited many presidential libraries and mentioned the 1st one was Rutherford B. Hayes' in OH.



Susie Boyd Greene (Larry's cousin) - Medallion from the Order of Odd Fellows, Irving Lodge. The organization started in England in the 18th century, and performs charitable work



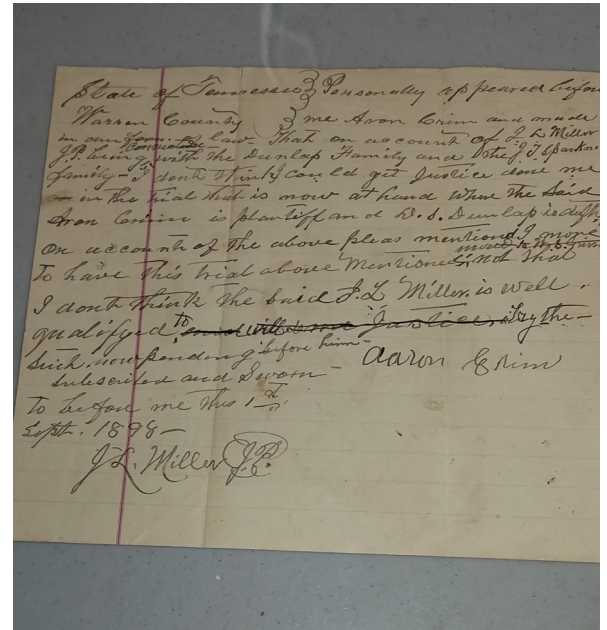
Evelyn Wade - Picture made by her neighbor in Jacksboro, Judy Hoover, of a Scaly-bark Hickory tree



Ann Brown - old hair clippers made at Oster plant



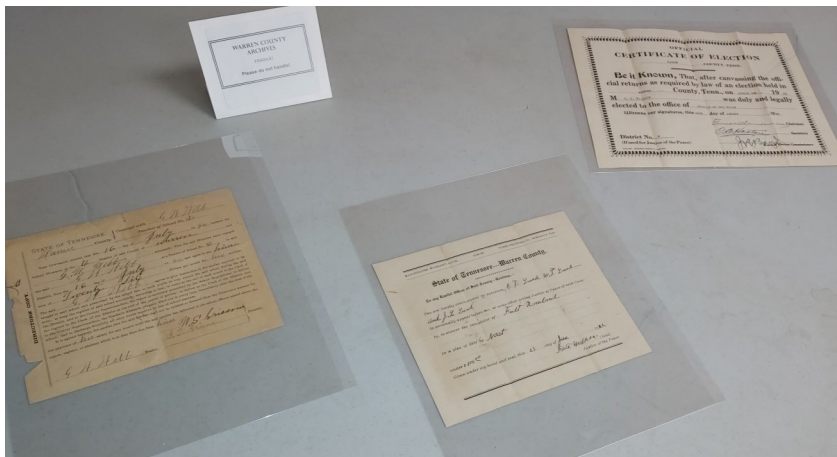
Richard Byars - Picture taken in 1946 of garage run by his uncle, Bill Taft in Newtown (added gas and groceries)



Documents from archives



Mary Oaks - Cardboard gift box made in 1930's. She keeps a collection of eyeglasses in it



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Saint Patrick's Day, or the **Feast of Saint Patrick** is a religious and cultural holiday held on 17 March, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick (c. 385 – c. 461), the foremost patron saint of Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian feast day in the early 17th century and is observed by the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion (especially the Church of Ireland), the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Lutheran Church. The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, and, by extension, celebrates the heritage and culture of the Irish in general. Celebrations generally involve public parades and festivals, céilithe, and the wearing of green attire or shamrocks. Christians who belong to liturgical denominations also attend church services and historically the Lenten restrictions on eating and drinking alcohol were lifted for the day, which has encouraged and propagated the holiday's tradition of alcohol consumption.

Saint Patrick's Day is a public holiday in the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador (for provincial government employees), and the British Overseas Territory of Montserrat. It is also widely celebrated in the United Kingdom, Canada, Brazil, United States, Argentina, Australia, South Africa, and New Zealand, especially amongst Irish diaspora. Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated in more countries than any other national festival. Modern celebrations have been greatly influenced by those of the Irish diaspora, particularly those that developed in North America. However, there has been criticism of Saint Patrick's Day celebrations for having become too commercialized and for fostering negative stereotypes of the Irish people.





Saint Benin's Church, Ireland



Saint Patrick Catholic Church, Junction City, Ohio

Saint Patrick was a fifth-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland", he is the primary patron saint of Ireland, the other patron saints being Brigid of Kildare and Columba. Patrick was never formally canonized, having lived before the current laws of the Catholic Church in these matters. Nevertheless, he is venerated as a saint in the Catholic Church, the Lutheran Church, the Church of Ireland (part of the Anglican Communion), and in the Eastern Orthodox Church, where he is regarded as equal-to-the-apostles and Enlightener of Ireland.

The dates of Patrick's life cannot be fixed with certainty, but there is general agreement that he was active as a missionary in Ireland during the fifth century. A recent biography on Patrick shows a late fourth-century date for the saint is not impossible. According to tradition dating from the early Middle Ages, Patrick was the first bishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland, and is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland, converting a pagan society in the process. He has been generally so regarded ever since, despite evidence of some earlier Christian presence.

According to Patrick's autobiographical *Confessio*, when he was about sixteen, he was captured by Irish pirates from his home in Britain and taken as a slave to Ireland. He writes that he lived there for six years as an animal herder before escaping and returning to his family. After becoming a cleric, he returned to spread Christianity in northern and western Ireland. In later life, he served as a bishop, but little is known about where he worked. By the seventh century, he had already come to be revered as the patron saint of Ireland.

His feast day is observed on 17 March, the supposed date of his death. It is celebrated in Ireland and among the Irish diaspora as a religious and cultural holiday. In the dioceses of Ireland, it is both a solemnity and a holy day of obligation.

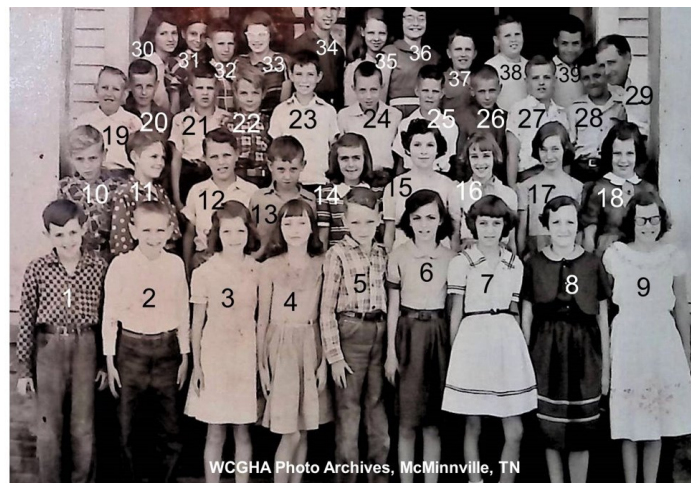
Do You Remember

Here are the school photos published in February in the Southern Standard.

Center School (year unknown)



(1) Frank Chastain; (2) Frank Boyd; (3) Rilda Jane *Lamb* Higginbotham; (4) Lois Evans; (5) Dortha Jane Evans; (6) Edith Hale; (7) Josephine Smith; (8) Gordon Smith; (9) Ola *Lamb* Smith; (10) Alma *O'Neal* Warren; (11) Minnie Lee *Bottoms* Hillis; (12) Hazel *Chastain* Bottoms; (13) Martha Lou *Bottoms* Scott; (14) Bill Evans **OR** Calhoun 'Hoss' Bottoms; (15) Kenneth Chastain; (16) Louis Johnson; (2024.02.10)



(1) Lyndon Bottoms; (2) Wade Melton; (3) Agnes Hitchcock; (4) Clema Curtis; (5) Andy Myers; (6) Betty Jean Ware; (7) Brenda Green; (8) Treva Bottoms; (9) Nancy Keel; (10) Glen Brady; (11) Junior Smith; (12) Forest Cooley; (13) Bobby Joe Shields; (14) Linda Christian Cope; (15) Hilda Barnes; (16) Mary Frances Hughes; (17) Gladys O'Neal; (18) Mary Janice Evans; (19) Lonnie Joe Roberts; (20) Asa Ferrell; (21) Roy Bouldin; (22) David Smith; (23) Kenneth Priest; (24) Jimmy Passons; (25) Davis Bouldin; (26) Houston Green; (27) Billy Whiteaker; (28) Clifford Starkey; (29) Vernon Passons; (30) Paulette Hale; (31) Wanda Roberts; (32) Leonard Keel; (33) Carrie Jane Pyburn; (34) Carl Fults; (35) Carolyn Summerall; (36) Ruth Roberts; (37) Woody Byars; (38) Jimmy Morton; (39) Tommy Smith; (2024.02.18)

1897 Crossroads
(located at Centertown)

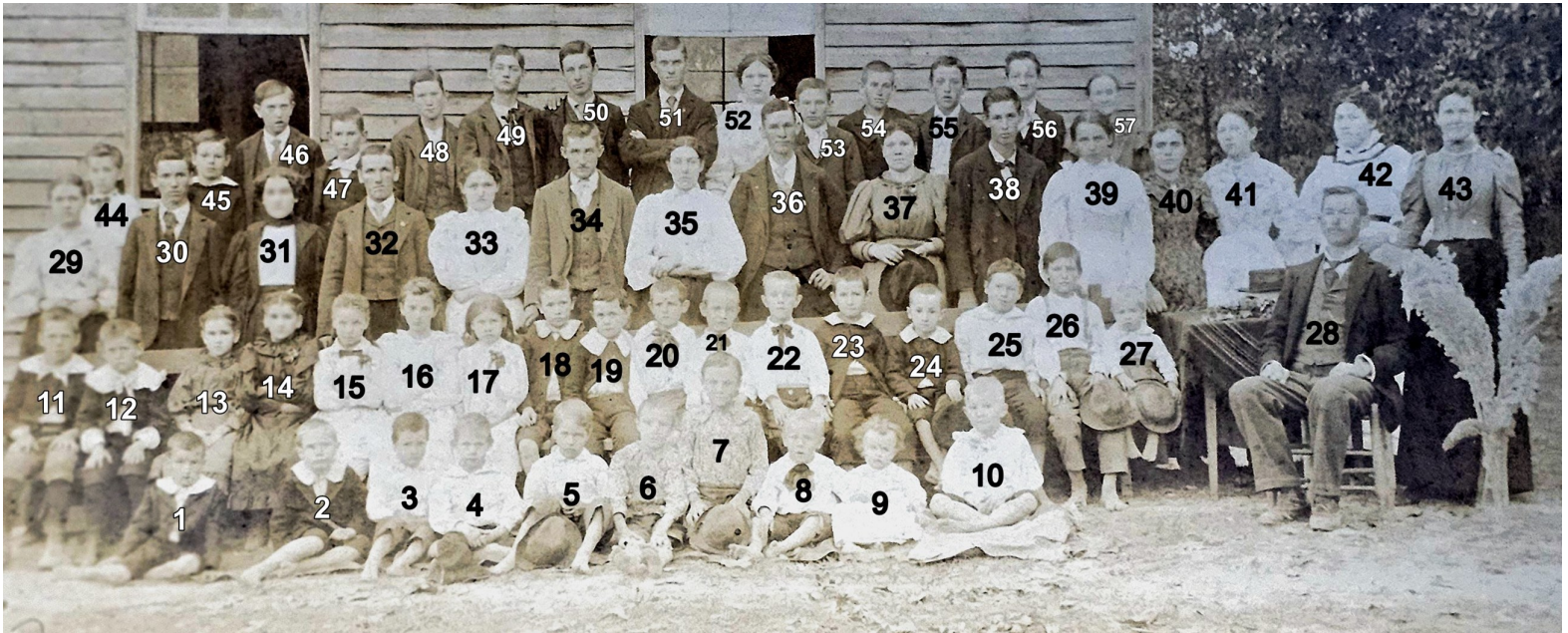


Photo belonged to Lilburn Elam

1939 Pike Hill Seniors



(6) Maureen Crim Simpson

You can view all the photos on our web page at:

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

Office News

Our volunteers racked up 168 3/4 hours in the month of February! Our committees have been busy and the office has seen several visitors in this months.

Research

We had visitors researching the Daylight Post Office, Centertown School, Fairview School, and surnames Lance, Bates, Davenport, Prater, Pack, King and others. One of our visitors was here all the way from Minnesota—thanks to Carolyn Lance and Bettye Pack who helped here with her research.

Contributions

George Nicholson Photo Collection	Photo Archives	Nicholson Daughters
Dibrell school photo and other memorabilia		Grace Davidson
Casey family file	Family Files	Judy Hoover
Taft & Myers ESSO Station Photo	Photo Archives	Richard Myers
Boyd Nursery Company Letters	Business Files	Larry Boyd
Topo Maps, 1862 McMinnville Map	Archives	Carolyn Lance
Southern Standard Magazines	Archives	Rachel Killebrew
History of Viola	Community Files	Linda Prater

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

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**WCGHA's Old Warren County, TN
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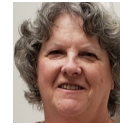


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