



WCGHA Newsletter

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**Come Join Us
on August 17**

**“Farewell Speeches
of Generals from the
Civil War”**

By Dr. Michael Bradley

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

Dear Friends,

We were happy to see you at Show and Tell in July. We had great stories from so many of you. Freda Clifton, Larry Boyd, and Allen Jaco always have something very interesting, educational and even funny to tell us. We hope to see many more of you in December for Show and Tell and for every meeting in between.

A big thank you goes to Mary Oaks who has scheduled such entertaining and educational programs in 2024. The home tour in May was delightful, and our next two programs promise to be more of the same. Dr. Michael Bradley will visit with us at our August meeting and will tell us about farewell speeches of the Civil War. Speeches from the South and the North will be discussed. Barbara and Bob Bates say that he is terrific

Then, in September, Debbie Sain will tell us all about the history of the McMinnville Electric System. As you know, McMinnville and Warren County have produced many impressive and successful companies, and MES is certainly one of them. I can't wait to hear from Debbie.

Stay tuned on our project of featuring school pictures in the Southern Standard. We continue to get great response from the community in identifying students in their school pictures. Keep up the good work!

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the August meeting. We're back in the Early Voting Room.

Mary Don

Calendar of Upcoming Events

August 8th—**WCGHA Board of Directors**

August 14th—**WBMC's Town Talk**

August 17th—**Farewell Speeches of Generals from the Civil War", by Dr. Michael Bradley**

SHOW & TELL July 20, 2024



SHOW AND TELL

We had 25 members of the WCGHA gather for one of our favorite programs of the year, "Show & Tell." Everyone looks forward to seeing what family treasures will be brought in to share. Thirteen members brought in items and related the historical significance or story behind how they came into their possession.



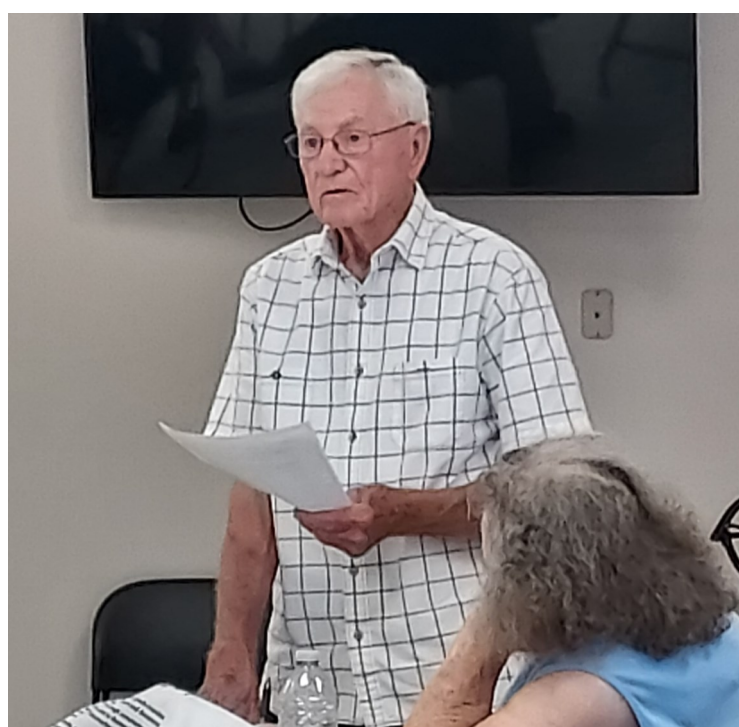
Earl Blair with 100 year old bound copies of the National Geographic magazine that belonged to his uncle.



Marie Blair with book on Thaddeus Stevens dated December 1968, bought at Stokeley-Etter auction about five years ago.



Mary Oaks with a boxing program from 1927 for a match between Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney.



Allen Jaco showed pages from a newspaper dated May 11, 1929 with ads and prices for various items (during the Depression).



Richard Myers brought a cheese slicer used in the store owned by his Dad and uncle, Taft and Myers, in Newtown.



Bill Smallman showed off two walking sticks; one belonged to M. D. Smallman and the other, W. H. Magness.



Karen Carr showed a notebook containing items from Ethel Morgan: a grade school certificate dated July 1, 1918, a copy book for learning to write, and a photo.



Freda Clifton brought a 1939 edition of "Collection of Edgar A. Guest Poems" that belonged to her grandmother, Ethel Grandey.



Bob Bates shared a book, “The Medical Assistant”, published in 1867. He also shared some of the medical conditions of the time listed in the book that are unfamiliar to us today.



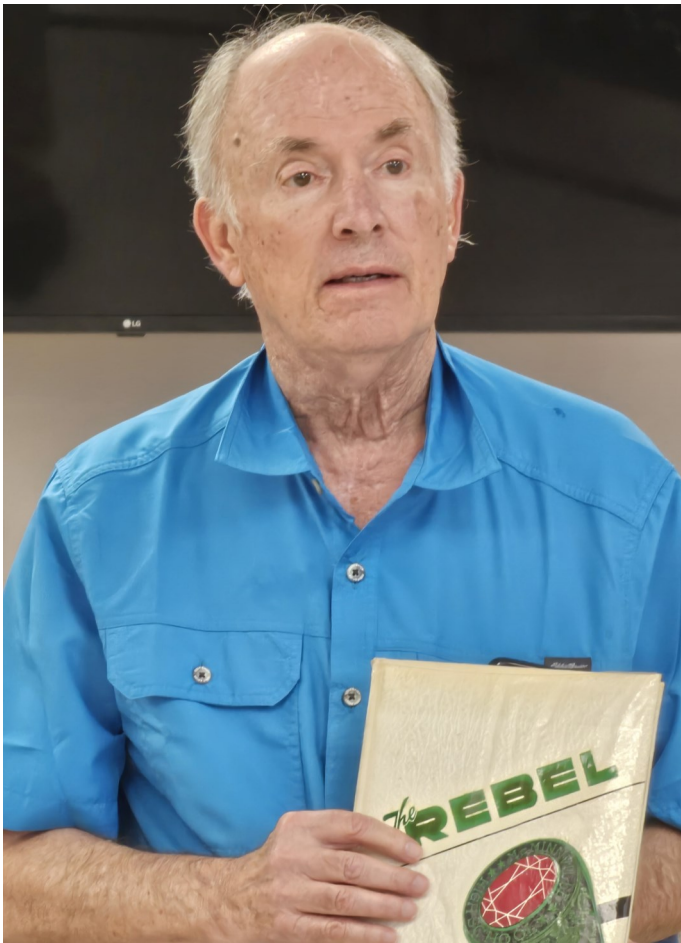
Barbara Bates brought two pictures belonging to her grandmother Cardwell: a picture of a 1920’s businessmen’s meeting at the Sedberry Hotel, and her grandmother’s 1908 class picture.



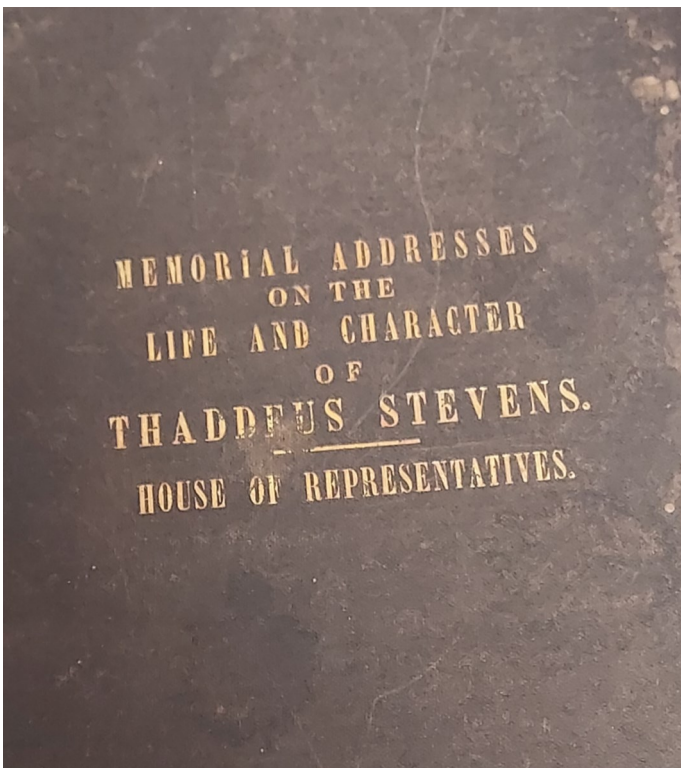
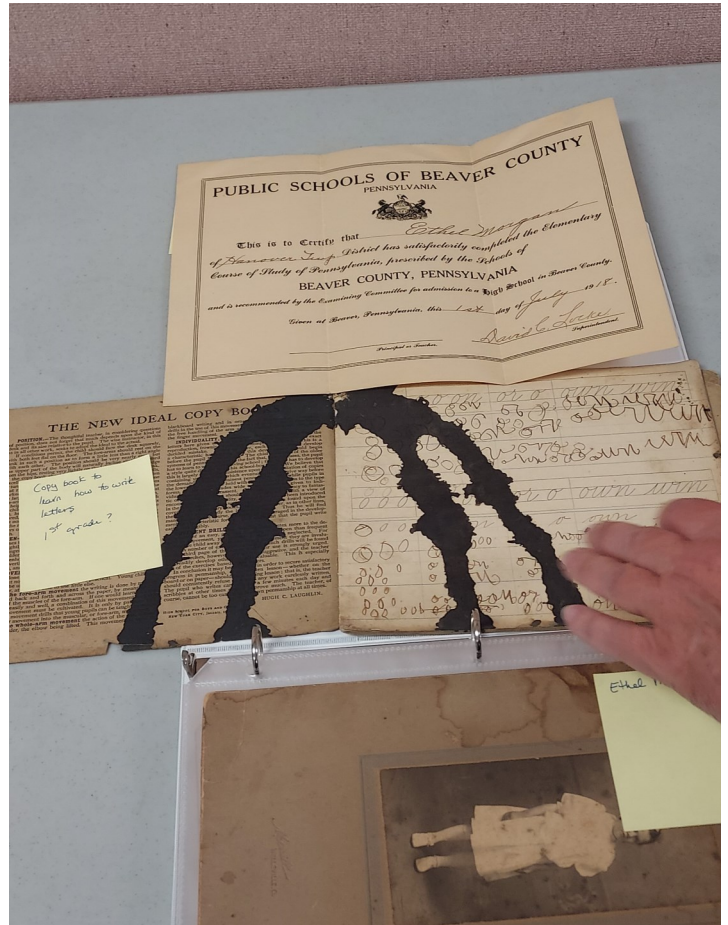
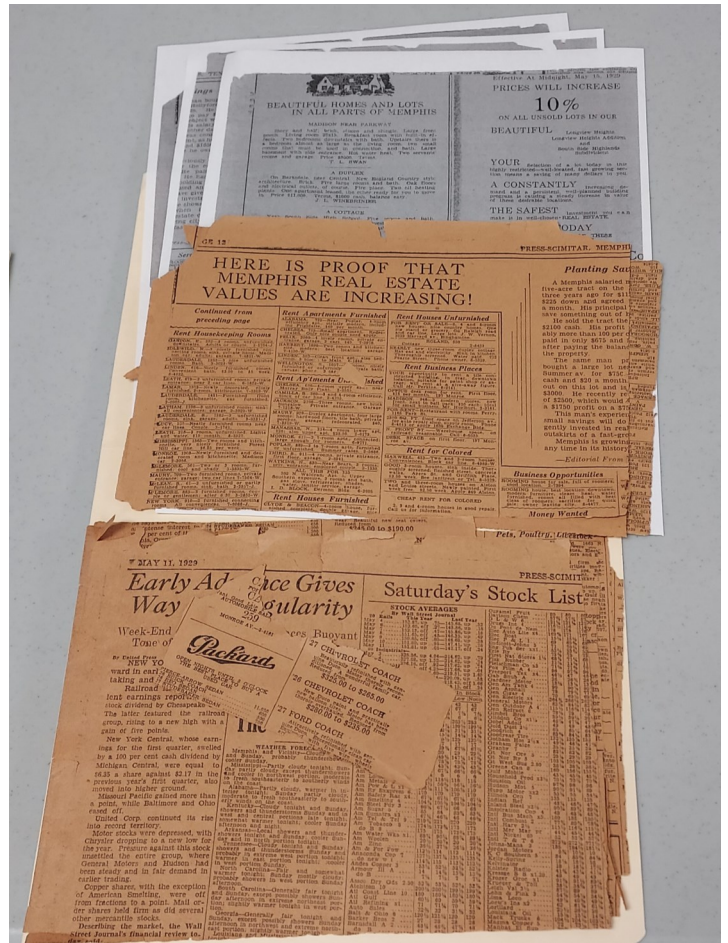
Charlotte Hanby showed off two quilts made by her great-great aunt (possibly friendship quilts, done in “crazy quilt” pattern), with initials sown on them.

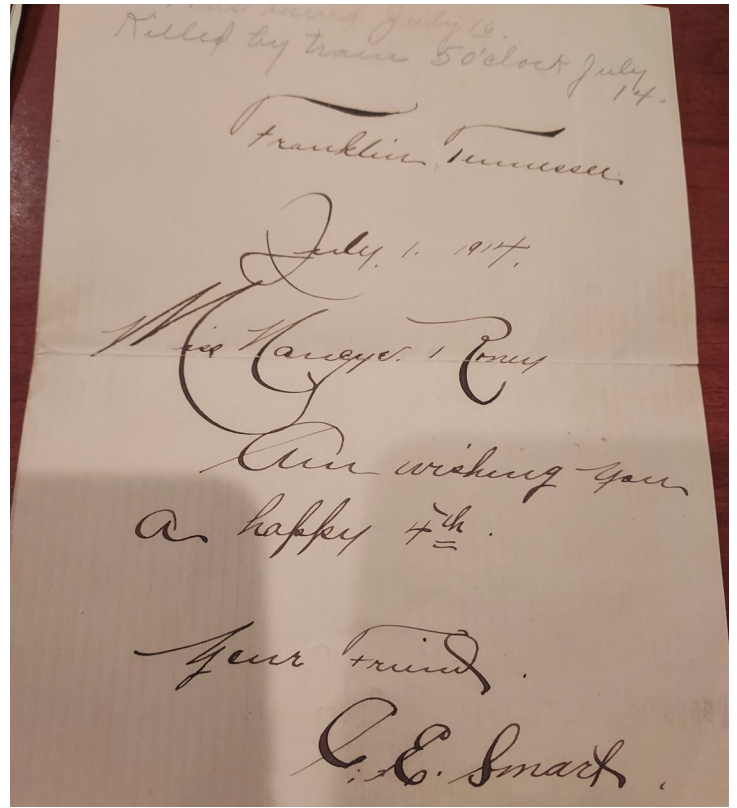


Susan Driver shared a letter dated July 1, 1914, from C.E. Smart of Franklin, TN, and addressed to Ms Nancye Roney in Cotton-town, TN. Mr. Smart was hit by a train July 14 and died.



Larry Boyd showed a copy of the 1962 Rebel yearbook that he received from a classmate, Dean Anderson, who recently died. Larry is donating it to the WCGHA archives!





THANKS FOR SHARING!

Genealogy Tips

Gems you might find in probate records:

- **Full Name** - often the middle name is a challenge to find while researching, but it likely is found in either the will or probate documents
- **Date and Location of Death**
- **Name of Spouse** - and likely ex-spouses if they were a parent of your children
- **Children's Names** - and possibly their birth date and location
- **Children's Spouses' Names**
- **Grandchildren's Names**
- **Siblings**
- **Other Heirs** - may be nieces or nephews, but also close friends or associates, and if the deceased had home workers
- **Occupations**
- **Businesses Owned** - if a partnership business arrangement, the names of the partners
- **Citizenship Status** - and possibly naturalization information
- **Residences** - this may include old residences and possibly those of their children
- **Real Estate Property Owned** - including their locations and value
- **Deaths of Other Family Members** - possibly including siblings and children, or parents, depending on the age of the deceased
- **Adoptions and/or Guardianships**
- **Inventory of items Owned by the Deceased**
- **Debts of the Deceased**
- **Household Items**
- **Executor/Trustee for the Estate** - and alternates should the Trustee be deceased
- **Guardianship of Minor Children** - should both parents be deceased
- **Deceased's Signature** - if on a will.
- **Witnesses to the Signing of the Will**
- **Feelings of the Deceased toward Family Members** - this can be deduced if not stated explicitly, by the amount of the estate that is bequeathed in relation to that of others.
- **Specific Bequests** - if not to a person specifically; may be to a charity, or church, or other organization. May also specify an amount for care of a minor child.
- **Wills of Slaveholders May Name Slaves Owned**

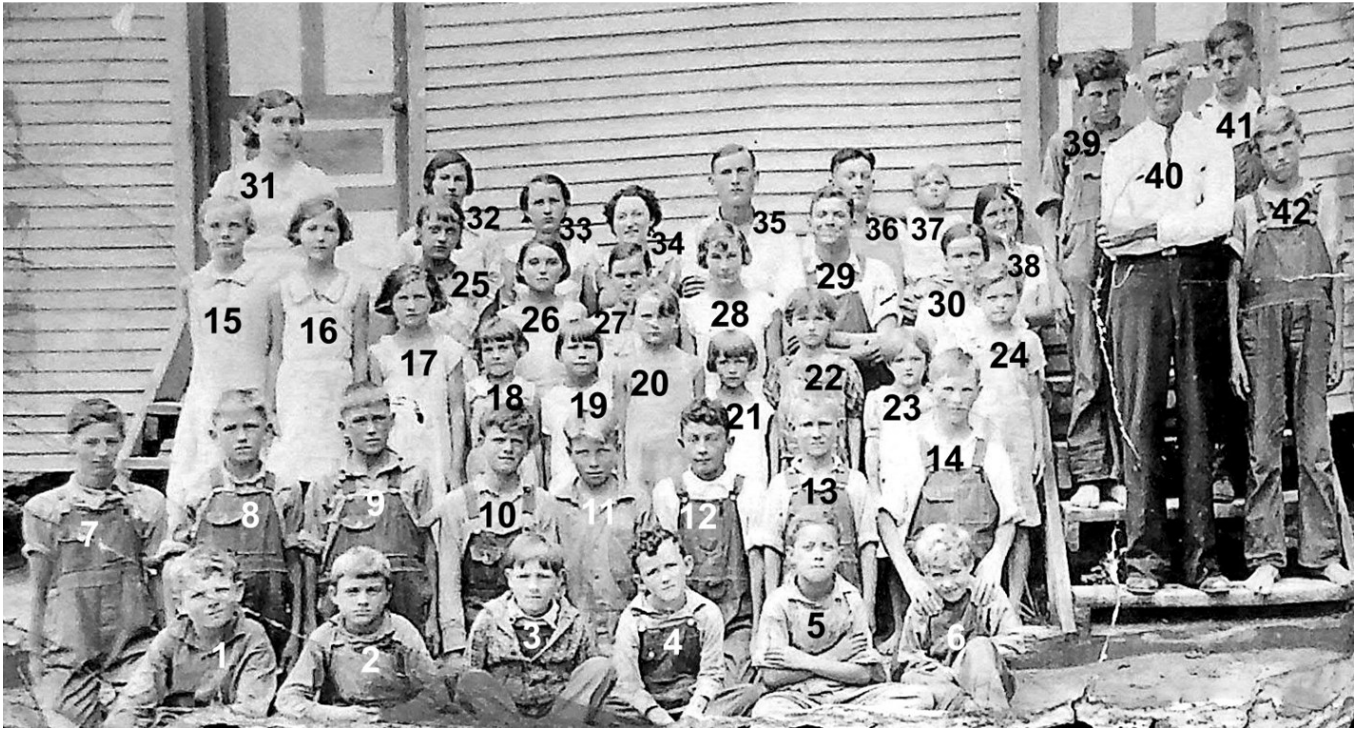
To research online probate records and wills that are available for free for the U.S. please go to The Ancestor Hunt's Probate and Wills page. A curated list of links to over 8,000 free collections are presented by state. Click on [Probate and Wills](#), and select the state you wish to search.

Source: www.theancestorhunt.com

July—Do You Know?

Photos can be viewed at: <https://tngenweb.org/wcgatn/photo-archives/>

1930s Cherry Springs

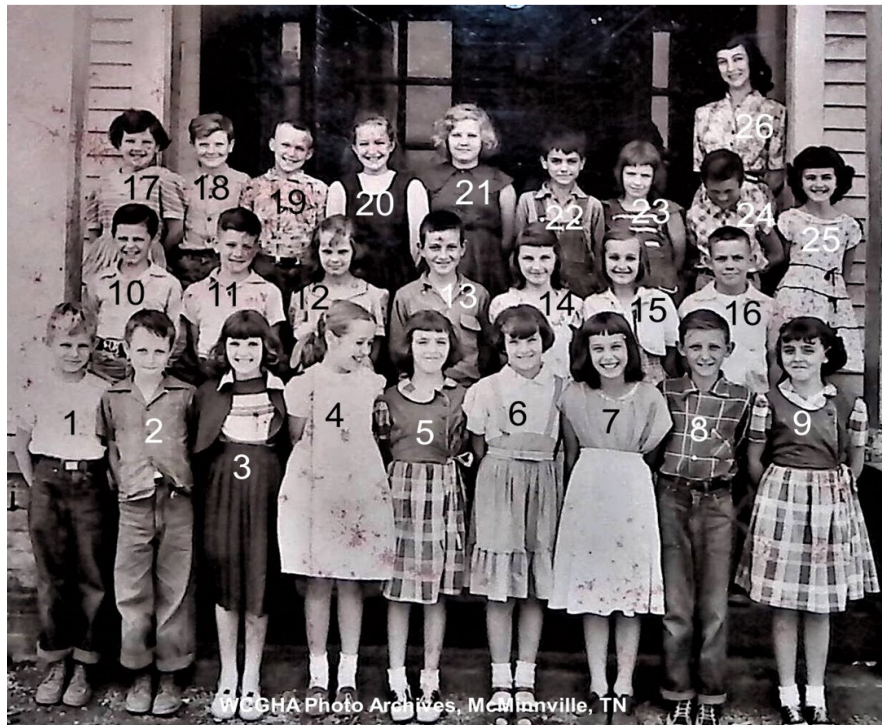


Identified: (31) Nina Mae Passons, teacher; (40) Edward Sutton Vinson, teacher; (41) Ed Newt McKnight.

Included in picture but not identified: William Newby; Aileen Smithson; Flora Dell Prater; Roena Newby; Johnnie B. Prater; James Prater; Tom Watson (little); Ruth Watson; ? Miller; ? Ima Watson; ? Watson; ? Prater; ? Ella Newby; ? ise Jones; ? Smith; ? Smith; ?reeman Prater; Rudolph Newby; Ch?; Henry ?; Treva Melton; Leota Newby; Ethel Robinson; Oma Lee Masey; Cecil Freed?; Alice Jones; Paul Newby; Alton Robinson; Burley ?; J. W. Watson; Hoyte Prater; Homer Robinson; Richard Melton; Ray Melton?

Do you have an ancestor or family member who attended Cherry Springs (most likely 1934 or 1935)? Look closely at the names of students that have not been identified and let's put names to faces!

April, 1955 Fairview School – Class # 5



#15 Ann Christine Brock

1897 Ivy Bluff School



(1) Annie Lance?; (2) ?; (3) Knox Carr; (4) ?; (5) Calvin Lance; (6) Alice Lance; (7) ?; (8) ?; (9) ?; (10) ?; (11) ?; (12) ?; (13) ?; (14) ?; (15) ?; (16) ?; (17) ?; (18) ?; (19) ?; (20) ?; (21) ?; (22) Lou Lance Foster; (23) ?; (24) ?; (25) ?; (26) ?; (27) ?; (28) Otis Elijah Carr; (29) Thomas Oscar Carr; (30) ?; (31) Daisy Campbell Youngblood; (32) ?; (33) Mary Sue Carr; (34) ?; (35) Lucy Carr; (36) Warren Lance; (39) ?; (40) ?; (42) Betty Ann Carr; (43) Jim Carr; (44) ?; (45) ?; (46) ?; (2024.07.19)

April, 1955 Fairview School – Class # 7



WCGHA Photo Archives, McMinnville, TN,

(1) Marlene Malone; (2) Ruthie Pendergraph; (3) Clayta M. Taylor; (4) Kenneth Walker; (5) Gene Hale; (6) Clifford Walker; (7) Charles Chisam; (8) Ronnie Smith; (9) Larry Bottoms; (10) Jesse Robert 'Pinky' Bond; (11) Joyce Taylor; (12) Ann Clark; (13) Josephine Savage; (14) Lois Lewis; (15) Glenda Dixson; (16) Bud Curtis; (17) William Bain; (18) Avery Curtis; (19) Terry Smith; (20) Raymond 'Buster' Pegg; (21) Joyce Hillis; (22) Willa Dean Evans; (23) Carolyn Roberts; (24) James Brock; (25) William Priest; (26) Billy Carl Butcher; (27) Roosevelt Chisam; (28) John Chisam; (29) Carl Adcock; (30) Hershel Hillis; (31) Ronnie Arnold; (32) Mrs. Jack (Winona) Clark (2024.08.02)

PIONEER ANCESTOR COMMITTEE IS BUSY

GOAL FOR DECEMBER 31, 2024----APPROVE 16 more certificates so Certificate # 175 can be issued by the end of this year. PLEASE HELP US!!

Pioneer Ancestor Committee approved Certificate # 157 for Lucas Holt as a descendant of Isaac Smith & wife, Brittania Savage. Isaac Smith appears on the 1812 Tax List and in the 1820 Census for Warren County He was born in 1787 in North Carolina and died in Warren County after 1860. Isaac Smith married Brittania Savage on 25 Dec 1811 according to some family Bible information. Brittania was also born in North Carolina in 1793. She was the daughter of Sterling Savage who was born in 1760 in North Carolina and died in Edgecomb County, North Carolina in 1794. Brittania also had a brother, Sterling Savage, who came to Warren County. Isaac & Brittania are listed in Warren County Cemetery Book 2, page 161 for the Hill's Creek Cemetery, aka Center Hill Cemetery.

The Committee also approved Certificate # 158 for Marie Woodlee Blair as a descendant of William Armstrong. William Armstrong is on the 1812 Tax List and the 1820 Warren County Census. He was one of Warren County's early lawyers and also a Warren County Clerk. Marie descends from William Armstrong's daughter, Nancy, who was born in 1816 and married James Jefferson Woodlee.

William Armstrong was born in Henry County Virginia about 1772 and died about 1865 in Grundy County, Tennessee. He was a large land owner and deeded land to several of his children and grandchildren.

Certificate # 159 was approved as a gift to a friend from Carolyn Lance. Her friend descends from Thomas Gribble's son, Samuel. Thomas Gribble had been established previously as a pioneer by other certificates. The Gribble family has many John's and Tom's or Thomas's in their descendant list. A few other members of the family have established their lines of descent from Thomas. Files are available at the WCGHA office to help others establish their connections. Since we are not sure when the gift will be made, we have given few details in order not to ruin Carolyn's good deed.

In Memory Of



WILLOW DEAN HELTON
SEPTEMBER 27, 1924— JUNE 18, 2024



Remembered by:

Gail Woodlee on July 1, 2024

In Memory Of



JAMES A. DILLON, JR.
APRIL 18, 1928— JULY 12, 2024



Remembered by:

J. B. & Ann Brown on July 15, 2024

Office News

July was a busy month, we logged 231.25 volunteer hours this month. Participating were our office staff: Bonita, Mary, Mary Don, Evelyn and Ann. Others who contributed their time were: J.B., Marie, Freda, Bettye, Gail, Chris and Carolyn.

Contributions

June 2024 Pathfindeer, Grundy County	Resource Library	Grundy County
Tennessee Historical Quarterly	Resource Library	Barbara Bates
1962 Rebel Annual	Resource Library	Larry Boyd
5 books on North Carolina & Mississippi	Resource Library	Bonita Mangrum
White County Past Finder, Apr—June	Resource Library	Justin Reed
Guide to Monuments, Greensboro, NC	Resource Library	Mary Oaks

Research

We have eight visitors this month:

Lucas Holt—(Smith family)

Christine Cummins—(Jeanne Vick)

Mark & Kelly Clifton (Byars, Webb, Grizzell & Saunders)

Linda Gilbert—(City Bakery and Wm. T. Newby)

Tanner Cantrell—(Gabriel m. Elkins)

Wanda Walker—(Crouch & Burch)

Jimmy & Mary King (Bibles)

John Mergendoller (McGiboney)

Welcome Our New Member!

Michael David Pennington from Cane Ridge, TN.



Come Visit Us

**Our hours are
Monday & Friday
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
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and

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

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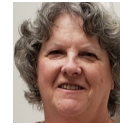


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