

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION



Newsletter



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201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee



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Join Us For Our Next Meeting
Saturday,
March 17, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

Our guest speaker

**Linda
Henry**

Massachusetts resident, will talk about
"John Lusk and His Music - A Warren
County Treasure"

**Warren Co. Genealogical
Association**

Meeting held in the rear of the
Warren County Administration Building
201 Locust Street,
McMinnville TN 37110

Don't Forget Your

Membership Dues...

Your WCGA membership dues for calendar year
2018 were due January 1, 2018.

Annual dues are \$25 per calendar year for
members within the 50 states. Joint membership is \$35 for
two people living at the same address. Foreign
membership is \$30 per year.

Please make your checks payable to the
Warren County Genealogical Association and can
be brought to our next meeting or mailed to
WCGA, P.O. Box 411, McMinnville, TN 37111

Marcia Marchbanks Ramsey was February WCGA Guest Speaker



Marcia Marchbanks Ramsey

There are some things we all learned from them and a few they tried to teach us. From Phillip three things come to mind: (1) Never borrow and never lend; (2) Always pay your bills on time; (3) If it doesn't look right or smell right, don't eat it. One family member commented "If grandpa won't eat it, don't give it to me." From Ruby we got (1) Love your enemies; (2) Forgive and forget; (3) Turn the other cheek and (4) If you go fishing on Sunday, you'll catch the devil.

Ruby was a homemaker and did washings and ironings for other folks and helped with their spring cleaning. She was the easy going one and always went to church. She enjoyed going to visit the sick with her friends on Sunday. She had a green thumb and grew some of the prettiest flowers you ever saw. She could take old scrap pieces of material and make a beautiful quilt. She could make some of the best bread, rice and tomato puddings and fried pies you ever tasted. Later in life she babysat for several of her grand and great grandchildren.

Phillip raised a garden every year as well as hogs and chickens. After retirement he got up early and walked daily. He also loved to fish and he and his buddies were known as "Cool and the Gang".

Since their union in 1917 the Phillip and Ruby Smith family has grown to 23 grandchildren, 40 great grandchildren and 17 great great grandchildren.

Phillip died in 1988 and Ruby in 1989. They are buried at Gardens of Memory cemetery in McMinnville.

Sisters Joyce Marchbanks and Marcia Marchbanks Ramsey



We often have guest speakers who talk and inform us about their ancestors, but we aren't always entertained as well. Marcia Marchbanks Ramsey did just that while talking about her Smith and Spurlock families.

She is the daughter of the late Ione and Joe Marchbanks who was the fourth child of Phillip 1896-1988 and Ruby Spurlock Smith 1897-1989, both born in Warren County. They were descendants of Button and Marie Burks Smith and Billy and Mary Snelling Spurlock.

Phillip and Ruby were married in 1917 and were the parents to 9 children with 2 passing at very early ages.

During the depression Phillip worked on roads for the WPA and in later years was a custodian for First Baptist Church and later Central Church of Christ in McMinnville. In 1936 he and oldest son Billy built the family home that still stands today.



Organizing our files have been an ongoing project for the past couple of months.

WCGA Office Volunteers are Making Changes

The addition of file cabinets to our room is being put to good use. Evelyn Wade, Wilma Davenport and Ann Brown have worked diligently organizing and adding files to our library. They are always looking for additional volunteers. Our office is open to the public on Mondays and Fridays from 9-3. Come on down and lend a hand.



Ann Brown and Wilma Davenport



Evelyn Wade



There's lots of space for anticipated family and historical files.



Meet our youngest guest 10-year-old Jonathan White, son of Scotty and Trina White, pictured with his mother Trina at the February meeting. He is a Boy Scout with Troop 309.



Jacklyn Grissom, one of our newest members, is pictured with Marion Rhea Speaks at the February meeting. While discussing their family research it was discovered they share the Rhea family line. Jacklyn also researches the Guest and Lusk family.



Delicious refreshments were provided by Allen Jaco and Wilma Davenport. On deck for the March meeting will be Bettye Pack and Christine Bouldin.

**Welcome our newest members
and families they research**

J. B. Brown

*Brown, Buchanan, Hagewood, Henry, Murphy,
Parks, Pinegar, Redmon, Webb, Warren*

Jacklyn Grissom

Guest, Lusk

Billy Higginbotham

None listed

Linda Irby

*Burden, Carrick, Doyle, Hollins, Mitchell,
Worthington*

Marcia Ramsey

Marchbanks, Smith, Spurlock

Doyle Speaks

*Eaton, Hash, McFarland, Speaks, Tompkins,
Whitaker, Whitson*

I'm looking for members
who have unique hobbies or
collections that they could
share with our readers...
I would like to do a picture/story
for our Newsletter.

Contact: Doyle Speaks, Editor
931-743-7188 or speaksanddm@aol.com

Join us for the next meeting of the
Warren County Genealogical Association

March 17, 2017

Meeting starts at 2:00 p.m.

In the rear of the County Administration Building
201 Locust Street, McMinnville, Tennessee

Bring a friend

Turn Your Radio On



Kelly Marlow, host of the "Behind The Mic" radio show, welcomed Marcia Marchbanks Ramsey and Marion Rhea Speaks on February 15. Tune in to radio station 96.0 AM McMinnville, Thursday March 15, when the WCGA will be on the show again.

Come in We're
OPEN

**We have new
extended hours**

Mondays 9:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Fridays 9:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Weather permitting

WCGA is now on Facebook!
Come visit us at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Warren-County-Genealogical-Association/135126859883450>

Or visit us on the web at:
www.tngenweb.org/wcgatn



Searching for information on our next Spot-light Cemetery.

Fingers Chapel Cemetery

Located in the Smartt Station Area of the Warren County 9th Civil District.

Please contact

Chris Keathley, Bulletin Editor
at southernmuseum@frontier.com.

Give a piece of Warren County History



The Courthouse, McMinnville, TN
(First in a series)

First Methodist Church, McMinnville, TN
(Second in a series)

The Birthing Tree, McMinnville, TN
(Third in a series)

Hebe, McMinnville, TN
(Forth in a series)

*All four available for \$18 each at
Southern Museum*

201 E. Main Street, McMinnville
Open Wed., Fri., Sat. 10:00 a.m.-4 p.m. and
Warren Co. Genealogical Association
County Administrative Building 201 Locust St.
Open Fridays and Mondays 9:00-3:00 p.m

The Heritage of Warren County, TN Available Again!



The Heritage of Warren County, TN, published in 2005, is now available for sale again. Recently the WCGA purchased from the publisher, County Heritage, Inc., the last of these informative, hardback books, which were thought to be out of

print. This book can be purchased for just \$72.00 plus \$7.00 shipping and makes a nice gift. Make checks out to WCGA and mail to: WCGA, P.O. Box 411, McMinnville, TN 37111. Or come by the WCGA office on Mondays or Fridays 9-3 p.m., County Administrative Building, 201 Locust St., McMinnville, Tennessee.

Information on the Heritage Book:

- 618 pages
- 48 pages of Index
- 29,840 +/- names in Index
- Approximately 1,715 photos
- 1,730 numbered articles
- 6.2 pounds (weight)
- 12 3/8 x 9 1/4 x 2 inches (size)

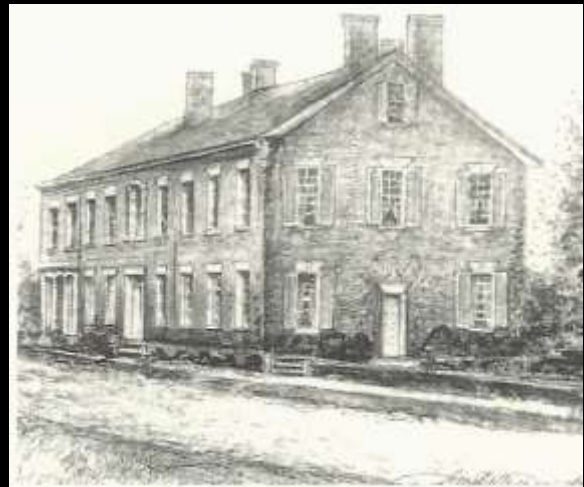
For more information contact:

Allen Jaco, Treasurer @ allenjaco@blomand.net

or

Cheryl Watson Mingle @ ctmingle@blomand.net.

17 JOHN AND BEERSHEBA PORTER
CAIN HOUSE
WEST MAIN STREET, MCMINNVILLE



John & Beersheba Cain House



John and Beersheba Cain

Submitted by: Monty Wanamaker and Chris Keathley-
Southern Museum & Galleries of Photography, Culture &
History, 210 E. Main St., McMinnville, TN 37110
Sources: Southern Standard; McMinnville at a Milestone
by Walter Womack, 1960. Beersheba Springs and The
Natches Trace by Blanche Spurlock Bentley circa 1930.

You will find this great story
among the more than 1700
photos and articles in this book.



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Membership Information Form

Annual membership fees are \$25

Please make checks payable to **Warren County Genealogical Association (WCGA)** and mail to
WCGA, P.O. 411, McMinnville, TN 37111

Print Name and Address as desired on Membership Record:

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please check one:

Dues for year _____ Individual Member, \$25 _____ Joint membership for 2 persons living
in the same household, \$35 _____

Other Donation \$ _____

**Would you like to receive our Members Newsletter by E-Mail? Join the WCGA now.
Our Bulletin is mailed two times each year to members.**

FAMILY NAMES I AM RESEARCHING:

We may be able to help you with your genealogy, so come by and visit our office. We are open on
Monday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and we're located at the
rear of the Warren County Administration Building, 201 Locust St. McMinnville, TN.

Thank you

Do You Think You Are

Trying To Connect To Warren County?

77 people have proven it!

They received Certificates for

Warren County – McMinnville First Pioneer Families

There's still time for you to make your connection by submitting copies of an official record linking you to Warren County before 1820. Those records can be birth, marriage, death, probate or will, church, cemetery, funeral or obituary, land records, tax records, court, military records, census, newspaper, or Bible for each generation, including the applicant.

To qualify for a certificate, suitable for framing, the applicant must directly descend from an ancestor (male or female) who was in Warren County no later than the 1820 census (this includes the boundaries of the original formation of Warren County from White county).

There is a \$10 application processing fee + \$3.50 shipping for the certificates. All applications and verifying material become the property of the Warren County Genealogical Association.



Current Tennessee residency is not necessary.

Applications may be obtained on line at

www.tngenweb.org/wcgafn

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Warren-County-Genealogical-Association/135126859883450> Facebook page

or may be picked up at

WCGA office at 201 Locust St.

Also available at the Magness Library on Main St.

They should be submitted to
Warren County Genealogical Association,
c/o First Pioneer Families,
P. O. Box 411,
McMinnville TN 37111