



# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

# Newsletter

**July 2019**

201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee

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## **Our next meeting**

Will be July 20  
2:00 p.m.

201 Locust Street  
Located in the basement of the  
County Administration Building  
McMinnville, TN

*Our program this month is*

## **Show & Tell**

**Bring one of your family treasures or  
heirlooms and share with our members.**



J.B. Brown with his son J.B. Brown, Jr., left, and grandson Wesley Brown, right, proudly displayed his 54 caliber percussion rifle at the Show and Tell program in January.

Join us at the  
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## Committees

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*Evelyn Wade*



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*Come Visit Us*

**Our office  
is open**

**Monday &**

**Friday**

**9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**931-474-4227**

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WCGHA's Old Warren  
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L-R: Betty Ware, Alma Shoemaker, Jan Suczynski, Larry Boyd, Susan Driver, Dr. Beau Driver, Rian Driver, Bonita Mangrum, Rickey Burks, Lucas Holt, Cheryl Watson Mingle, Barbara Bates, Robert Bates, Marion Rhea Speaks, Kenneth Stoner, Vickie Stoner, Allen Jaco, Doyle Speaks and Mary Oaks.

# Cemetery Tour Well Attended

The program for the June 20, 2019 meeting of the Warren County Genealogical and Historical Association was a tour of part of the Mountain View Cemetery in McMinnville.

Our tour guide was Rickey Burks, who is a Mountain View historian, a local minister and is associated with the Prater Auction Company in McMinnville.

It was a warm afternoon and the constant breeze

was a welcome relief by the well-attended group.

Mr. Burks explained that the land where the cemetery is located was in the general vicinity of Cherokee Indian hunting grounds.



**Rickey Burks**

In 1817 a house was built on the land known as “Hickory Hill”. It was the home of Leighton Ferrell, who was an early sheriff of Warren County.

By 1835-36 the house was bought by Samuel H. Laughlin. He was a lawyer, politician, newspaper editor and senator for Warren County. The house was torn down and another built for the caretaker. This is where Alan and Cleo Ware lived.

Mr. Laughlin, along with Joseph Towles were instrumental in blocking the proposed Faulkners Spring Pike road.

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WCGHA member Larry Boyd stands by the family tombstone where his grandparents Fernando C. and Sarah Jane Boyd are buried. They were founders of Boyd Nursery.

# Cemetery Tour

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The cemetery's original name was Mountain View Cemetery established by the Mountain View Cemetery Company. It was later known as Mt View Cemetery and is now officially Mountain View Cemetery LLC. It was chartered in February 1924. Officers elected were T.R. Clark, M. J. Bass, F.C. Boyd, R. G. Hutchins, Joseph Gessler, B. E. McElroy, W.A. Passmore, G. M. Smith, and John Willis, who was added in March 1924.

T.R. Clark sold 132 acres of land to the cemetery board on February 18, 1924 for \$12,000. All but the existing 32 acres of land was later sold.

The first plots bought were in lots Sect. 2 #46-47, by F. L. Kirby and Thomas Chastain. The first burial was confederate veteran F. C. Lowery.

Mountain View is well known as the final resting place for country recording star Dottie West who was originally from the area. She was born Dorothy



Marie West and was buried on September 4, 1991. Her mother Pelina Marsh is buried beside her.

Civil War veterans buried here are Confederate soldiers Fesington C. Lowery, William T. Earles, Jasper Martin and Hamilton M. Hennessee.

Other people of interest discussed on this tour that are buried at Mountain View include:

Fernando C. and Sarah Jane Boyd – Founders of Boyd Nursery

T.Q. Martin – Former minister of Central Church of Christ

R. A. Reams – Former editor of the Southern Standard

Sheriff Haston – Former sheriff of Van Buren County who was murdered

The Elkins family – Elkins Hardware owners

The Molloy family – Molloy Dry Cleaners owners



Betty Ware submitted these photos

Betty M. Ware



Alan Bryan and Cleo Curtis Ware  
Parents of Betty M. Ware



Caretaker's Home for the Mt. View Cemetery



Alan Ware was Mt. View Custodian before 1948 until 7  
This photo taken in October, 1966

**Alan Ware was caretaker of Mt. View for several years. He and his wife Cleo Curtis Ware lived in the house located on the cemetery grounds. Their daughter Betty Ware grew up here.**

E. L. Groves – Army Air Cadet killed in a training mission in Alabama

Amy Croft – Former servant of the Sedberry Hotel

C. M. Clark – Murdered Sheriff Haston

B. E. McElroy – One of the original stock holders of the cemetery, former post master of Van Buren Co. He was hit by a truck and killed in front of High's Funeral Home

Dr. Maloney – Well known McMinnville physician

Cowan Oldham – Original Park Theatre owner

J. J. Walker – Former Mayor of McMinnville

Charles Faulkner Bryan – American composer

Leonard Smith – Owner of Powermatic

“Dixie” Roberts – Vanderbilt University football star

Franklin “Chick” Brown – was press secretary for Gen. Douglas McArthur and was former Director of WBMC.

*This is the first of 3 planned tours of Mountain View Cemetery by the WCGHA. The size of the cemetery makes it difficult to tour the entire cemetery in the time frame allotted for our monthly meetings. Watch for additional dates to be announced.*

*Thanks to Ann Brown, Larry Boyd and Marion Speaks for their contributions to this story.*

## Turn Your Radio On



Representing WCGHA as guests on “Town Talk” for the June 13 program were Marion Rhea Speaks and Rickey Burks. The show is broadcast on radio WBMC 960 AM-FM in McMinnville and is co-hosted by Kelly Marlow and Jason Hillis. Pictured, l-r are Marion Rhea Speaks, Rickey Burks and Kelly Marlow. “Town Talk” is broadcast Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Tune in on Thursday, July 18 at 8:15 a.m. when WCGHA will again be a guest on the show.

## QUERY

### Attention W. H. Askew Relatives

Hello,

While organizing our large collection of photographic negatives, we found two of the 60th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Askew taken in 1948. The negatives' envelope also has **McMinnville** on the identifying information.

We were wondering if WCGHA knew anyone in the Askew Family who might be interested in a copy of these photos. If you do, just have them contact us by email or phone.

Wonderful photo of a couple married in 1888!

Coffee County Historical Society  
101 W. Fort St.  
Manchester TN 37355  
(931-728-0145)

## Welcome Special Guests



Top photo, WCGHA member Susan Driver brought her son Dr. Beai Driver and his daughter Rian Driver to the meeting. Samantha Barnes was guest of Doyle and Marion Speaks. Betty Ware shared family photos of her parents Alan and

Cleo Ware. Alan Ware was caretaker of Mountain View cemetery for several years.

## Meet the Newest Member of Our Research Team



Mary Oaks has been appointed to our WCGHA Research team. She is proficient in the use of computers and online research. She joins the team of Bonita Mangrum and Bobby Bond.

## Roderick Dioramas on display At Morrison Public Library

You're invited to come see two new original dioramas (never before seen) created especially for display at Morrison Public Library.

Artist and Dioramast, Andrew Goodman Roderick was born in Ronceverte, West Virginia. He graduated Marshall University Magna Cum Laude.

Andy has been building dioramas for approximately nine years.

Featured on Tennessee Crossroads, his work has been on display at the Lane Motor Museum in Nashville, Tennessee.

He currently has his large display of 19 dioramas in the "Days Gone By" Museum in Portland, Tennessee.

Morrison Public Library is open Monday through Friday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM Central Time.

Bonnie Davis, Library Director  
Morrison Public Library  
138 West Maple Street  
Morrison, TN 37357  
931-635-2060



## 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 WCGHA 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 WCGHA and mail to: WCGHA, P.O. Box 411, McMinnville, TN 37111. Or come by the WCGHA 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:

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## Members Meeting Agenda

**July 20th, 2019**

**2:00 p.m.**

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- Call to Order – President Cheryl Watson Mingle
- Approval of Previous Members Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer’s Report – Allen Jaco

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#### OLD BUSINESS

- 501c3 Update
- Scanning Update

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Christmas Dinner
- Crisp Springs Cemetery

#### PROGRAM

**July 20<sup>th</sup> – Show & Tell**

Webpage: [www.tngenweb.org/wcga](http://www.tngenweb.org/wcga)

WBMC Town Talk – July 18th at 8:00, Marion Speaks  
Adjournment  
Refreshments: Debra McBride & Donna Sullivan

## From the Facebook files of



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

This is an on-going series of photos from *WCGHA's Old Warren County, TN Family History/Photos*. The Public Group site was organized several years ago and is co-administered by Cheryl Watson Mingle, President of the Warren County Genealogical & Historical Association along with Ann Brown, Past President.

You're invited to join our Facebook group, comment and submit photos and history.



### 1969 Central Grads

Members of the last graduating class at Central High School gathered Oct. 27 at the Warren County Junior High School cafeteria for a tenth year reunion. Approximately 90 members and their guests attended the reunion. Present were, front row from left, Garry Potter, Jim Farris, Aaron Hester, Chucky Grissom, Steve Pelham, Douglas Hale, Harold Hyatt, Ted Creek. Second row, from left, Phyllis Cantrell Stanley, Becky Burks Moore, Coletta Hendrix, Diane Elledge Starkey, Judy Maxwell Braxton, Gaye Woodlee Womack, Vicki McHugh Augustine, Sharon Smith Drewer, Faye Passons Trapp, Pamela Pack Hobbs, Jana Locke Phillips. Third row, from left, faculty members, Hulon D. Flatt and Roscoe R. Foutch; Robbie Robinson

Hitchcock, Mildred Smith Draper, Carolyn Martin, Tamara Womack Franks, Rita Hill Perdue, Nancy Standifer, Deborah Huntley Barlow, Gail Pugh Turner, Shirley Killebrew Hyder, Ellen Rogers Nichols, Karen Prater Potter, June Monneyham Spivey, Karen Watson Carden, Diane Bouldin Raymond, Rhonda Madewell Roberts. Fourth row, from left, faculty members, Pedro Paz, Tony Morton, Sidney Matheny, Jim Braxton, Paul Hillis, Donald Moore, Wendell Pennington, Donald Hitchcock, Louis Crawford, Norris Boren, Steve Woodlee, David Hobbs, Gary Judkins, Randall Couch and Estel Vaughn. (Photo by Gordon Mayfield)

From the 1979 Southern Standard  
Submitted by Tommy D. Fairbanks, June 25, 2019