



WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

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201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee

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County Administrative Building*

Our next meeting

Will be August 17
2:00 p.m.

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

Our guest speaker for August



Robert Bates

Will present a program on
**McMinnville and Warren County
In the Civil War**

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Come Visit Us

**Our office
is open**

Monday &

Friday

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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www.tngenweb.org/wcggha

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WCGHA's Old Warren
County, TN Family
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We are now a 501c3 Association

For the past several months our officers and Board of Directors have put into motion plans to secure 501c3 status for the Warren County Genealogical & Historical Association.

That plan has come to fruition as of June of this year.

On May 9 our Board of Directors met with Angela McCormack to hear her presentation on “Why You Need to Be A 501c3 Association”. Her presentation was quite convincing and we contracted with her shortly thereafter to help us apply and receive this status. Angela is an Enrolled Agent with Pure Logic Tax Service and she is quite knowledgeable in the field of IRS tax codes.

What is a 501c3?

The term is used to define a charitable organization, named after Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), which gives such organizations tax-exempt status.

A majority of 501c3s are nonprofits. An organization with 501c3 status does not pay income taxes related to its nonprofit mission and purposes, is able to receive tax-deductible contributions, and is eligible for foundation grants. By law 501c3 organizations are required to not participate in any political or lobbying activity,

Wikipedia defines a 501c3 organization as:

A 501(c) organization, or simply a 501(c), is a tax-exempt nonprofit organization in the United States. Section 501(c) of the United States Internal Revenue Code provides that 29 types of nonprofit organizations are exempt from some federal income taxes. Sections 503 through 505 set out the requirements for attaining such exemptions. Many states refer to Section 501(c) for definitions of organizations exempt from state taxation as well. 501(c) organizations can receive unlimited contributions from individuals, corporations, and unions.

Exemption Requirements

To be tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, an organization must be organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes set forth in section 501(c)(3), and none of its earnings may inure to any private shareholder or individual. In addition, it may not be an action organization, i.e., it may not attempt to influence legislation as a substantial part of its activities and it may not participate in any campaign activity for or against political candidates.

The organization must not be organized or operated for the benefit of private interests, and no part of a section 501(c)(3) organization's net earnings may inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual. If the organization engages in an excess benefit transaction with a person having substantial influence over the organization, an excise tax may be imposed on the person and any organization managers agreeing to the transaction.

Our 501c3 Helper



Angela McCormack, an Enrolled Agent with Pure Logic Tax Service, was contracted to help us become a 501c3 Association that we received in June 2019. She donated her time and expertise. If you have an interest or are in need of her services, she can be reached at 931-507-7008, email: angela@purelogictax.com.

Five More Pioneer Family Certificates Awarded



Pioneer Family Certificates were awarded at our July meeting to: L-R, David Scott Brown, Cheryl Watson Mingle holds the certificate awarded to Sherry Leigh Reno Virgen, Marion Rhea Speaks holds the certificate awarded to Shaleen Scheel Tillman, Gwendolyn J. Brown Krofssik holds her certificate and Margaret Van Arsdale holds the certificate she received. All were awarded through their Absalom Brown relative. This brings a total of 90 certificates awarded.

There's still time for you to make your connection

To qualify for a Warren County First Pioneer Family 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).

Proof can be established by submitting copies of an official record, i.e. birth, marriage, death, probate or will, church, cemetery, funeral or obituary, land records, tax records, court records, military records, census, newspaper, or family Bible records written before 1970, for each generation, including the applicant.

If your application is based on a previously approved application (such as a parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, etc.) it is not necessary to resubmit documentation for overlapping generations. You need only send proof of descent for generations needed to link you to the previously approved applicant.

There is a \$10 application fee if certificate is to be picked up at the WCGHA office. An additional \$3.50 will be added if certificate is to be mailed. All applications and verifying material become the property of the Warren County Genealogical & Historical Association.

Current Tennessee residency is not necessary.

Applications may be obtained on line at
www.tngenweb.org/wcgatn
<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**

We Never Get Tired of Show & Tell



Wanda Gant was all smiles as she shows her very detailed map of the East part of the U.S. The map shows Sullivan County and the First settlement in TN.



Susan Driver is all smiles as she shares her Dutch Door Stop with our group. They started making the highly collectible item in 1910 and it has been in her family for several years. It's cherished and has a permanent place in her home.



J.B. Brown proudly displayed a picture of his maternal great grandparents Joel B. Holder and Nancy Elizabeth Walker Holder. The picture is a treasure and the beautiful gilded frame makes it complete.

More Show & Tell



Thomas Shirley Anderson's 1905 Ledger was shared by his great granddaughter Marion Rhea Speaks. The prices of listed items included in the Ledger is a shock when compared to similar items we purchase today.



Doyle Speaks shared some of the items he was given from his great grandfather Solomon Whitaker. Solomon was a Civil War Veteran and

the metal box contained some items he used to load his musket.



This proud smile from Carolyn Lance is all about the photo of the log cabin owned by Henry Balum Lance who was her husband Bobby's grandfather. The cabin was built by his great grandfather Clayton Lance. Bobby Lance was born in this cabin. The picture containing the unfolded card is one sent by Bob's mother to her mother (his grandmother).

Cheryl Watson Mingle was happy to share the cobalt blue eye wash cups she has owned for several years. The common use of eyewash cups can



be traced back to the 16th century before there were eye drops. Even today, eye wash cups can ensure cleaner, healthier eyes and remove harmful irritants and debris.

More Show & Tell



Jean Hobbs shared the beautiful framed picture of her husband Paul's mother Callie Sarah Ellen Gooch Hobbs. She also showed a picture of Paul's dad, Henry Hobbs. His picture frame was oblong with a round top with round corners. The photos and frames were ordered through a traveling salesman. The round frames are difficult to find, especially with the peach inset.



Barbara Bates is shown with a copy of the 1937 Memorial High School Southerner. She also shared the 1938 yearbook as well. Her mother is included in the books.

Barbara also shared a copy of the 1999 Homecoming book "A Part of Me" #4.

Larry Boyd proudly displays this mid 1920's picture taken at the Sedberry Inn. His grandfather Fernando C. Boyd is included in the photo. Larry graciously donated this photo to the Warren County Genealogical and Historical Association.



Marie Blair shared a letter written in 1935 From Louise Biles Hill from her Mapleside home in Morrison, TN to Mrs. Sally Etter of Viola, TN. The letter, in part, was a thank you for a wonderful day spent at Sally's Magnolia Hill home. The Viola Women's Improvement Club was holding their Fall meeting at Sally's home on that day and it offered the opportunity to meet with several old friends.

More Show & Tell



Ann Brown shared with our group a copy of the 1941 Sedberry Inn Recipe Book. The book has been reprinted in the past few years and is available for purchase at Womack Printing in McMinnville.



Great Refreshments were provided by Debra McBride and Donna Sullivan. On schedule for the August 17 meeting are Marion and Doyle Speaks.

Turn Your Radio On



Representing WCGHA as guests on "Town Talk" for the July 20 program were Marion Rhea Speaks and Doyle Speaks. 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, Kelly Marlow, Marion Rhea Speaks, and Doyle Speaks. "Town Talk" is broadcast Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Tune in on Thursday, August 14 at 8:15 a.m. when WCGHA will again be a guest on the show.



We have extended hours

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

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

Except Holidays

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:

Allen Jaco, Treasurer @ allenjaco@blomand.net

or

Cheryl Watson Mingle @ ctmingle@blomand.net



We welcomed Melissa Goray to our meeting in July. She and her husband Leland Goray are new members to the WCGHA. They are the new owners of the Bonner House in Viola and have begun restoring the home.

Newest Members

Melissa Goray
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Leland Goray
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lelandgoray@gmail.com

Kerry Smith
541-810-0036
smithk1956@gmail.com

Lucas Holt
743-5827
Lucasholt95@icloud.com

Scott White
668-2932

Recent Donations to WCGHA



Larry Boyd donated this photo of a group taken in the mid 1920's at the Sedberry Inn in McMinnville, TN. His grandfather Fernando C. Boyd is included in the photo. Just one of several items recently donated to the WCGHA.

Other items donated in the month of July:

James & Lanita Boyd, Photos, Battleground Academy Annuals, and newspaper clippings.

Walter Pitt, Sedberry Hotel Recipes

Wanda Gann, map

Allen Jaco, Tennessee Tech Annuals

Members Meeting Agenda

August 17th, 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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Membership – Allen Jaco
- Circulation – Wilma Davenport
- Programs – Marion Speaks
- Publicity – Ann Brown
- Research – Bonita Mangrum
- Office – Evelyn Wade & Wilma Davenport
- Bulletin – Chris Keathley
- Newsletter - Doyle Speaks
- Webpage - Ann Brown

OLD BUSINESS

- Contributions
- Scanning Update
- Christmas Dinner

NEW BUSINESS

- Pioneer Family
- Cunningham Cemetery
- Bulletin Donations to Van Buren

PROGRAM

August 17th – Robert Bates on the Civil War

WBMC Town Talk – August 15th at 8:00, Marion Speaks
Adjournment

Refreshments: Marion & Doyle Speaks

Webpage:
www.tngenweb.org/wcga

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.



Stoner's Drive In 1956. This photo was in one of the Southern Standard calendars and was incorrectly captioned as Hillis Grocery in Depot Bottom. In the photo is Vondia and her dad Vernon Stoner.

Some of the comments:

About 1 1/2 mile past Irving College on the right of the road.

Cool, that looks like an early R2D2

I can remember as a kid hearing that jukebox playing on Friday and Saturday nights and the road was always covered in black marks from the cars spinning tires