



WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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Our next WCGHA meeting

Scheduled for
Saturday, March 21

HAS BEEN CANCELLED

With the health and well-being of our members and the public, the WCGHA Board of Directors felt it best not to gather for our March 21 meeting. This is our effort to help stop the spread of the Corona virus.

A decision on the April 18 meeting will be made as soon as the public health officials feel the virus has been detained.

We will notify you of our plans for this upcoming meeting as soon as possible.

Continued prayers for everyone

Cheryl Watson Mingle, WCGHA President

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&
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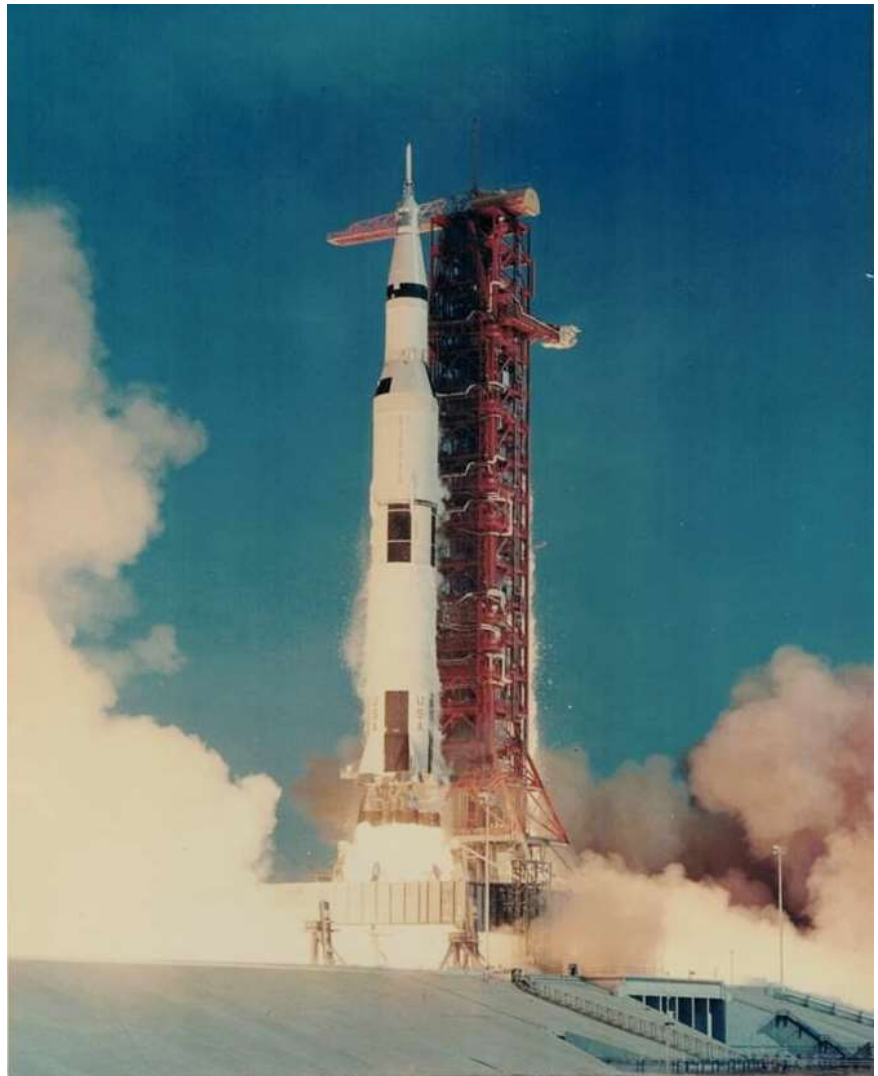
“My most exciting day”

Saturn V

Apollo Moon Program



Rachel Elkins Killebrew



The Warren County Genealogical & Historical Association was once again treated to a great program, thanks to Rachel Elkins Killebrew. She was our guest speaker at the February 15 meeting where she shared her experiences while working with the Saturn V Apollo Moon Program.

It was more than a challenge for our McMinnville native. With a Master's degree in Mathematics and German, she found herself as the only female alongside a team of fifteen men assigned to the IBM Contract and Launch of the Saturn 1B and Saturn V/Apollo projects from Kennedy Space Center. “I know there were women

at Houston and Huntsville and other locations that I never got to meet”.

Rachel was twenty five years old at the time of the Saturn V launch. She had interviewed with IBM and was accepted into their Space Launch Team in 1964. “We trained for a year at Huntsville under famed German Scientist Von Braun who came to the U.S. after WWII”. After Huntsville she moved to Kennedy Space Center where she helped write programs for several functions of the Saturn V program.

Living and working in an environment set up primarily for men was a challenge. There were no restroom facilities for women and IBM's dress code

for women was suit and heels. Climbing on the equipment in this attire was cumbersome and very hot.

Rachel laughed at the assumption that since she was the only woman scientist working on this Saturn V project she would know how to make coffee. That first pot was not up to par.

Testing the engines for the Saturn V project created some dangerous working conditions. The heat from the firing of the engines created a more than usual amount of rattlesnakes in and around the area.

The first launch was unmanned and took place on November 9, 1967. It was the first flight of the seven and one-half million pound-thrust Saturn Five vehicle with the Apollo 4 spacecraft. The mission lasted almost nine hours and was a success.

It was a year and a half later on July 16, 1969 when the Apollo 11 spacecraft was launched by a Saturn V rocket from Kennedy Space Center on Merritt Island, Florida. It was the fifth crewed mission of NASA's Apollo program and the first manned mission to land on the Moon. The first steps by humans on another planetary body (at the Sea of Tranquility) were taken by Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin on July 20, 1969. The astronauts returned to earth on July 24, 1969 with the first samples from another planetary body.

Five more manned Apollo missions (12, 14, 15, 16, and 17) made landings on the moon and returned a wealth of scientific data and almost 400 kilograms of lunar samples.

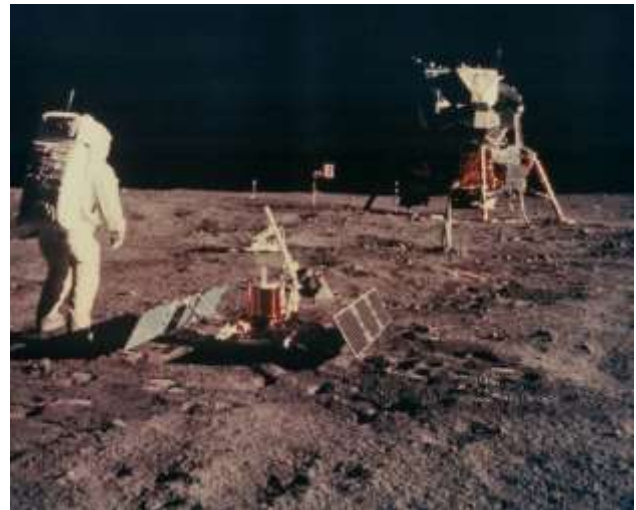
"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind" would not have happened without the sixteen Saturn V programmers. Thank you Rachel Elkins Killebrew, for being one of them.

This story was written in part from a Final-Oral History Paper about Rachel Killebrew presented on April 16, 2014. The interview titled "Exploding the Moment" was by Rachel's granddaughter Katy Denton.

Rachel Elkins Killebrew grew up on Main St. in McMinnville and graduated from City High School. She received a bachelor's degree in Math and German from Tennessee Tech. She acquired an MBA in Finance and Management from Rockhurst, a Jesuit College in Kansas City, MO.



It was a long way out to the launch pad.



Moon Walk on July 20, 1969



Astronauts Neil A. Armstrong, Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr. and Michael Collins.

Hopewell Cemetery

Clean-Up Project Phase III



Posing for a picture while on a quick break are Alma Shoemaker, Carl Shoemaker, Donna Sullivan and Susan Driver.

It was a beautiful but chilly day for volunteers at the third clean-up day for Hopewell Cemetery. Several WCGHA members and people from the community gathered on Saturday, February 29 to remove more undergrowth and limbs from the cemetery. Debra McBride, Chairman of the Cemetery Preservation Project, along with members Donna Sullivan, and Alma Shoemaker expressed their gratitude to the large crowd who showed up and did so much. The project is not complete and additional follow-up work days will be scheduled in the near future.



Carolyn Davis, Susan McBride, Carol Taylor and Glenda Cantrell teamed up to remove a tarp filled with debris.



Carol Taylor is pictured at the grave of her great grandfather Alfred H. Duncan who was a Civil War veteran with Co. D, 4th TN Calvary. Carol is happy to be a part of this clean-up project.



Once again thanks are in order to the McBride Tree

Trimming & Removal service who graciously supplied their unit to chip up the brush. Shown operating the unit are Toby McBride and his assistant.



More Clean-Up Photos



McMinnville resident Carolyn Davis carries another tree limb to the chipper.



James Allen Gooch from the Rutherford County Historical Society is headed to the chipper with another arm full of debris.



This is thought to be where the Church house was located.



Carl Shoemaker lends a hand with his rake and chainsaw.



McMinnville Middle School 6th grader Colton Young was a great help.



This photo was taken by J.B. Brown and shows the GPS location for this grave. It is accurate within 4 foot of the object.



Ann Brown with another wheelbarrow load.



McMinnville Middle School 8th grader Jon Young with another arm full.



Debra McBride, Chairman of the Cemetery Preservation Project is hard at it and is once again proud of the great community turn out.

Volunteers Working For You

WCGHA Has Active Cemetery Projects



Our Cemetery Projects Committees are off to a strong start for this year. Pictured, l-r, Bonita Mangrum, Bettye Pack, Cemeteries of Warren County Committee Chair J.B. Brown, Ann Brown, Donna Sullivan, Cemetery Preservation Project Committee Chair Debra McBride, Carolyn Lance, and Mary Oaks. Pictured to the left are Evelyn Wade and Alma Shoemaker.

By Ann Brown
WCGHA Past President

After a couple months off for weather and holidays, The Cemeteries of Warren County Committee held their first 2020 meeting in January. Also attending were members of the Cemetery Preservation Committee. Over the past year, the committee has visited many cemeteries throughout the county, getting exact locations, evaluating the condition, and working to locate cemeteries that might not have been listed in the Warren County Cemetery Books or new cemeteries that have been established.

The current focus of the committee is to complete an accurate list of cemeteries (including a cross-reference when a cemetery is known by multiple names) along with an assessment of the condition of the cemetery. Cemeteries will be classified as active (currently in use and maintained), inactive (maintained but no longer actively used), endangered (not maintained, no sign for cemetery) and destroyed (no cemetery markers remain). From this list, we will identify cemeteries that need to be cleaned and cemeteries that need road signs to mark their locations.

The Cemetery Preservation Committee has already identified approximately 35 cemeteries from our list that will be considered for clean-up projects.

The Cemeteries of Warren County Project was established just over a year ago with the following goals:

- Provide an accurate list of cemeteries in Warren County
- Classify (active, inactive, endangered, and destroyed)
- Develop accurate Driving Instructions
- Collect data (contacts, decoration dates, deeds, plats, historical information)
- Identify Needs (Signs, cleaning, etc)

We currently have 200+ cemeteries identified with 104 Active, 42 Inactive, 28 Endangered, and 14 Destroyed. These numbers will change as we continue to refine and correct the list. We actually started with over 300 names that were compiled from the Warren County Cemetery Books, Find-A-Grave, and several other

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Cemetery Projects

reference lists. It's not unusual to find that a cemetery is known by 2 or even 3 names.

Some of our current goals are:

- Map of Warren County Cemetery Locations

- Road Signs Marking Locations of Cemeteries through donations and/or grants

- Historical Markers for Destroyed Cemeteries

- Restoration of Tombstones

Future goals and plans will be developed to determine how this information is maintained and distributed.

Currently, this information is being collected in folders at the Association's office. Also for consideration will be identification and mapping of individual graves.

Members of the Cemeteries of Warren County Project are J.B. Brown – Chairman, Ann Brown, Carolyn Lance, Mary Oaks, Betty Pack, and Evelyn Wade.

The Cemetery Preservation Project was established last fall to organize and encourage community involvement in the preservation of our cemeteries. The committee's first project is Hopewell Cemetery. With two clean-up sessions under their belt and the third scheduled, they are off to a good start.

Members of the Cemetery Preservation Project are Debra McBride – Chairman, Donna Sullivan, and Alma Shoemaker.

These two committees are working together to identify, document, and preserve the cemeteries of Warren County and honor our ancestors who are buried there.



WCGHA President Cheryl Watson Mingle meets our guest and newest member Harvey Clarke.



We always have great refreshments at our meetings and our February meeting was no exception. Robert Bates and Carolyn Lance prepared the treats. On board for the March meeting are Donna Sullivan and Cheryl Watson Mingle.

Turn Your Radio On



Once again the WCGHA appeared on WBMC radio 960 AM-FM McMinnville on February 13 as guests of "Town Talk". Pictured, l-r are Marion Rhea Speaks, host Kelly Marlow and Rachel Killebrew. "Town Talk" is broadcast Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Tune in on Thursday, March 19 at 8:00 a.m. when our organization will again be a guest on the show.

Attention -- 2019 Memberships Expired on 2/29/2020
We don't want to see you go! 2019 Memberships must be renewed by March 31, 2020 to continue to receive WCGHA benefits.

Finding Our Dean family history

By Jim Dane/Dean

If I hadn't got into finding our family history, I would have lost SO much!

My father was raised during the beginning of the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression. My grandfather never had that fireplace moment of telling our story. They were living in a tent near cotton fields they were working and literally starving to death in California. My dad was only told 2 things: 1- Grandfather was born in Wayne Co., KY., 2- We have always been farmers. My grandfather was the only male Dean/Dane to leave Texas for California.

So beginning seventeen years ago, I was on a quest to uncover as many stories as I could of our past.

I left California every year for a week to visit everyplace we lived in Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee and visit every small town court archives, every little library, local historical societies to find my ancestors.

Through the help of many people and elders, I have uncovered our Dean family history back to Northern Ireland in 1715 and our arrival in Maryland about 1740. During the American Revolution Joshua Dean was fighting for Virginia and received military land in Wayne Co., KY. Amazingly, all the families that received military land that we were friends with during and after the American Revolution are still living in Wayne Co., KY!

By 1797 Joshua Dean is living in Wayne Co./Pulaski Co., KY but in 1807 he decides to head out on the Old Kentucky Trail and plans on following the Bible Restoration Movement into Warren County, TN. Hundreds to thousands of people were also following the Price Brothers and the new ideas of the Old Philadelphia Church in Warren Co., TN.

Coming with our Joshua are two sons, Michael and Francis and a daughter Elizabeth and their spouses and children. Michael Dean is married to Lucy Sanders and a few other Sanders of Wayne County, KY are joining them. Elizabeth Dean is married to the well-known Joshua Todhunter Jones of Wayne Co., KY. Together they buy hundreds of acres along the Collins River, Mountain Creek, Rocky River, Caney Fork and Muddy Creek.

What is very frustrating is I have records of them all dying in Warren County, however, there is no known burial site. Most likely they are buried on their land near where Mountain Creek intersects the Collins River, a land record states they were living here. It could be very possible that over two hundred years their small headstones could have been plowed over and this happened frequently throughout Kentucky. The two old Dean cemeteries back in Wayne Co., KY are both on old lands we owned.

If anyone reading this has information about possible Dean cemeteries please contact me at jimbodane@gmail.com.

After just 5 years of exploring I WAS HOOKED ON THESE AREAS WE CAME FROM! I have always felt out of place in California. It is too overcrowded and too overpriced and too much cement. Yes, there are gorgeous places in California, but even more gorgeous are the areas around here! And most importantly, my heart feels at home here. We moved two years ago to Knoxville because we are on the border of North Carolina, Virginia and Kentucky. That makes it easy for road trips and exploring!



Jim Dane/Dean

Three national parks: Great Smoky Mountains, Cumberland Gap National Park and Blue Ridge National Parkway are only an hour away now and just breath-taking.

Our pioneer hearts were always keeping our Deans (like most pioneers) on the move from Northern Ireland, to Maryland, to Virginia, to North Carolina, to Kentucky, Tennessee and to Texas. If they perceived a better opportunity, they moved. And with the same pioneer heart, the opportunities are now far greater by coming back home to Tennessee!

To me this whole journey has been more of a spiritual journey than a history lesson. Thank you God!

This article was submitted for publication by Jim Dane/Dean from Knoxville. He is the author of "Finding Yesterday" and writes for Outlook Newspaper. He is a Genealogist & Past President of Sons of the American Revolution- Yosemite Chapter.

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**WCGHA's Old Warren County, TN Family History/Photos
MONTHLY INSIGHTS
January, 2020**

4,391 Group Members (+76 this month)

Gender: 68% Women – 32% Men

172 Posts	454 Comments	4,359 Reactions
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Top Contributors

Lucas Holt
Sarah Smith Covert
Tommy D Fairbanks
Connie Talley Tuggle
Billy Taliaferro

Top Post

David Cope: A couple of pictures of my great uncle Leon Green. Served bravely and honorably in Vietnam. He sadly lost his life for the cause on May 8 1969 in Ben Hoa South Vietnam..
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WCGAoldwarrencountytntfamilies/permalink/2651577084958989/>

Comments: 13
Likes: 107
Shares: 7
Reactions: 1,900

Peak Time: Sunday, 7 p.m.

Don't forget to follow our Facebook page at
Warren County Genealogical & Historical Association
for information about our Association, upcoming events, and posts and links relating to genealogy
and history

**WCGHA Resource Library and Contributions Report
For February 2020**

Submitted by Ann Brown

Resource Library Additions (February 2020)	
Cedar Grove A Place We Call Home	
Our People including Tombstone Inscriptions of VB County Updated	purchased
The Woodleys of Isle of Wright County, VA	

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.

ALL-TOURNAMENT GIRLS' SQUAD SELECTED



District 16 all-tournament girls' team, selected at the conclusion of last week's tournament here, are pictured in the above photo. Members of the squad, are, kneeling, Shirley Eaton, Betty Stanley and Jan Myers, McMinnville; Lucille Mullican, Dibrell. Standing, from left, Elizabeth Stacey, Manchester; Louise Barnes, Morrison; Sarah Sullivan, Spencer; Nancy McGovern, Mona Sweeton and Gayle Meeks, Grundy county. Not present when the photo was made were Jean Hildreth, Dibrell, and Ernestine Womack, Spencer.

Submitted by Tommy D. Fairbanks, March 1955