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201 Locust Street in the
basement of the County Administrative Building*

Our WCGHA meeting

Scheduled for
Saturday, September 18, 2021

HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Our Board of Directors met on Thursday, September 9 and made the decision to cancel our September 18, 2021 meeting.

With the increase of cases of the Covid virus we felt it in the best interest of our members and the public not to have an organized public meeting at this time.

A decision to have an October meeting will be made closer to the first of the month, depending on the status of the virus. This is our effort to help stop the spread of the Corona virus.

Cheryl Watson Mingle, WCGHA President



**Our office is
Closed until further
Notice.**

**Come Visit Us
When we re-open**

Our hours are

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&
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**WCGHA's Old Warren
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American Indian DNA

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WCGHA Newsletter Editor

If you didn't attend the August WCGHA meeting, you missed an opportunity to learn a great deal of information on the American Indian DNA.

Paul Matheny was once again our guest speaker at the August meeting. His presentation on the American Indian DNA drew a large crowd.

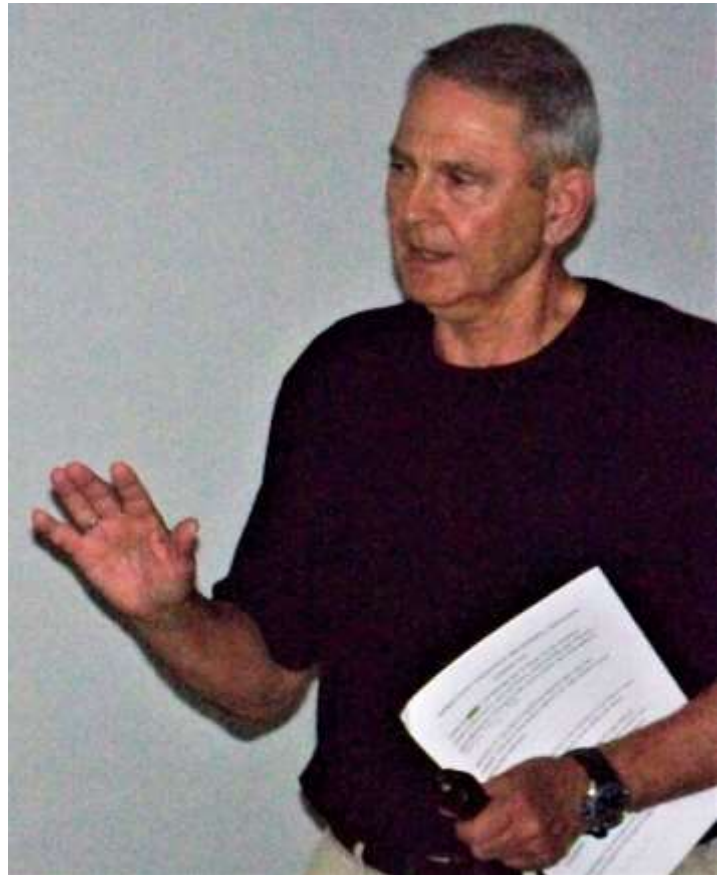
A lot of people have a desire to prove their Indian heritage and find that a difficult thing to prove. Most American tribes do not accept DNA as proof of membership. To be accepted, one must demonstrate a direct bloodline connection to someone in a particular tribe. This could be a parent, grandparent, great grandparent and so on. This is not an easy task since Indian genealogical records are mostly non-existent.

Mr. Matheny emphasized the need to make yourself familiar with the following DNA definitions when doing research:

1. HAPLOGROUP – A genetic population group of people that share a common ancestor on the mother or father's side.
2. MITCHONDRIAL DNA – Is passed down from mothers to daughters and sons.
3. Y CHROMOSOME – Is passed down from father to son
4. AUTOSOMAL DNA – Contains segments of DNA you share with everyone to whom you are related on both mother and father's side.

In doing your research keep in mind the Federal tribes, such as Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and the Kentoowah Band use the DAWES roll as their base membership roll. The Eastern Band of Cherokee use the BAKER roll as their base membership roll.

The National Archives www.archives.gov/research/native-americans/dawes/ identifies The Dawes Rolls, also known as the "Final Rolls", as the lists of individuals who were accepted as eligible for tribal membership in the "Five Civilized Tribes": Cherokees, Creeks, Choctaws, Chickasaws, and Seminoles. (It does not include those whose



Paul Matheny

applications were stricken, rejected or judged as doubtful.)

Cherokee Rolls: Baker Roll - All Things Cherokee www.allthingscherokee.com/baker-roll identifies the BAKER roll as the final roll of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. It was named after Fred A Baker who oversaw the enrolling commission and finalized the results. There were 3,146 persons accepted onto the Baker Roll. Today, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians bases their enrollment on the Baker Roll of 1924. To be eligible you must have a direct lineal ancestor on the Baker Roll, and must possess at least 1/16 degree of Eastern Cherokee blood.

Of interest to a lot in attendance was the Elvis DNA study. A lot of people have a desire to be "connected" to the famous singer. Proving this is no

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AMERICAN INDIAN DNA

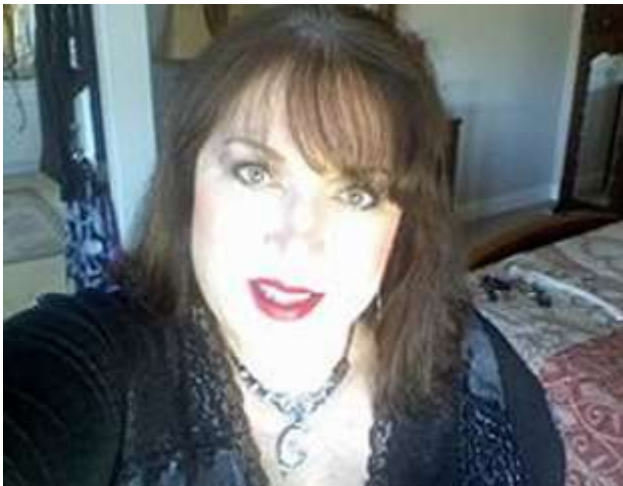
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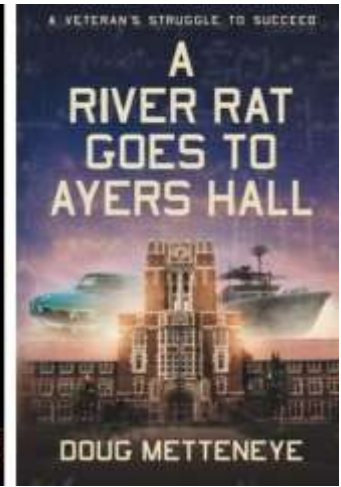
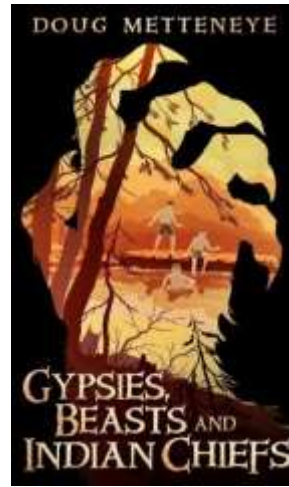
easy task. The only “supposedly” DNA from Elvis was taken from a blood spot found on his bed sheet from a Kansas City motel on one of his concert tours. This happened from a small cut he received while staying there. The blood and semen-stained sheets were purchased by famous female private detective Bobbi Bacha of Blue Moon Investigations. She states this was a chance of a lifetime purchase. She attended a celebrity auction

and put in the winning bid for the nearly 20-year-old bedsheets. This information is found on www.dnaconsultants.com/elvis-dna.

This DNA study indicated he was of Cherokee as well as Jewish descent. Elvis’ genealogy research has also stated that Presley was not his surname, instead it was “Wallace”.



Bobbi Bacha, the famous female Private Detective who purchased the bedsheets containing the Elvis DNA. The price paid for these sheets has not been provided but is said to be quite substantial.



Mr. Matheny recently wrote two new books. “Gypsies, Beasts and Indian Chiefs” and “A River Rat Goes To Ayers Hall”. He talked about the research for those books and offered them for sale at the meeting. Both books are a great read and I’m happy to own both. His pen name is Doug Metteneye (French for Matheny).

This story written, in part, from the Power Point presentation provided by Paul Matheny.

Paul Matheny and his wife Victoria Green Matheny are natives of Warren County and both taught at Warren County Senior High School. He is a retired United States Navy Commander. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Business from the University of Tennessee, a Master’s Degree in Education from Middle Tennessee State University and a Master’s Degree in Business Management from the Naval Post Graduate School. He is an author and frequent lecturer on the Removal of the Southeastern Indians and the Trail of Tears.

Welcome New Member

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Pictured at the August 18 meeting of the Bulletin Committee are, l-r, Bonita Mangrum, Brad Walker, Cheryl Watson Mingle, Bette Pack and committee chairwoman Ann Brown (inset).



114TH PIONEER FAMILY CERTIFICATE AWARDED – Douglas Delano Woodlee is shown with Marion Rhea Speaks, left, and Cheryl Watson Mingle, right, holding the Pioneer Family Certificate awarded to him for his Warren County Pioneer Settler John Woodley.

Our New Signs Have Arrived

J.B. Brown is shown holding one of the new signs recently purchased to help direct people to the location of our meeting room.



Ann Brown photos



This banner was a gift from Signs by Genia and will hang on the railing outside the Early Voting Room on meeting days when they are held here during the Covid virus rules for gatherings.

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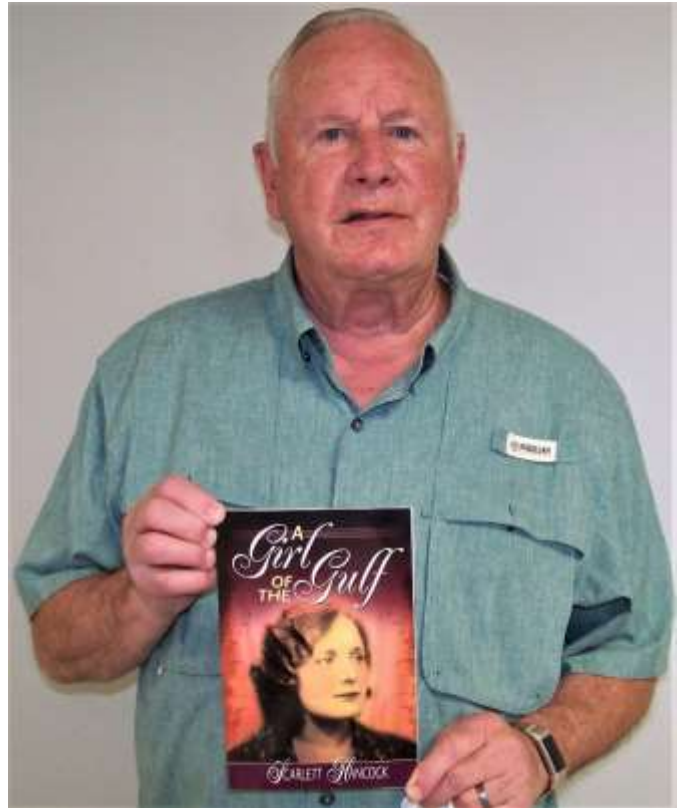
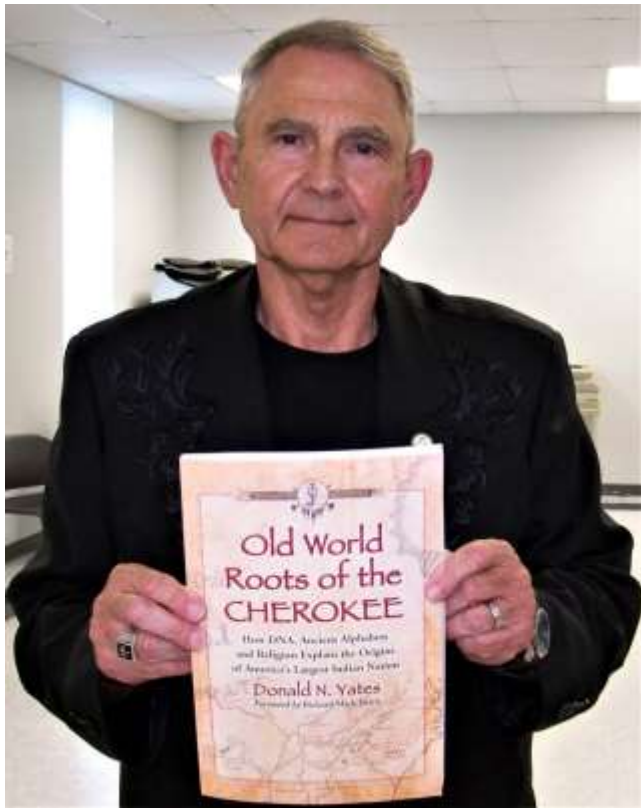
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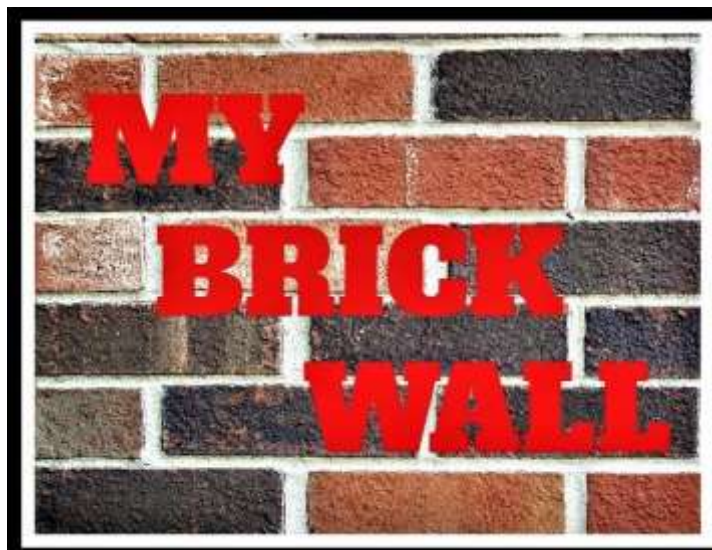
Paul Matheny, in the photo to the left, recently donated the book "Old World Roots of the Cherokee" to our library. The book was written by Donald N. Yates. Douglas Delano Woodlee is pictured in the photo to the right with the book "A Girl of The Gulf" he donated to our library. It is a book about his mother Shirley Marie Curtis Woodlee who grew up in the mountains of Spencer, TN and was written by his niece Scarlett Hancock.

TURN YOUR RADIO ON

Representing the WCGHA this month on WBMC 960 AM-FM "Town Talk" was Vice President Marion Rhea Speaks (left) and Past President Ann Brown. (right). They are shown with Jeff Barnes (center) who is co-host of the talk show. A WCGHA representative appears monthly on radio WBMC 960 AM-FM on the 2nd Wednesday morning each month at 8:30 a.m. to give a talk on the upcoming meeting. You may also tune in on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/RadioWBMC97.7FM> WBMC



Do You Have a Brick Wall?



We're speaking here about genealogy research brick walls

Most genealogy researchers are confronted with that place in their pedigree chart where you just can't go any further with that line of research. That is known as a brick wall.

Space is being allocated to post information on your "brick wall" in hopes of receiving help from other researchers.

This is the second month for this new feature in our Newsletter.

TAKE ADVANTAGE, IT'S FREE!

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One of my great-great grandmother's was Louisa Jane Tilly? or Leuaser?. According to the 1850 and 1860 census records, she was born about 1827 or 1828 in North Carolina and apparently died in childbirth on August 11, 1864. She was the second wife of John William Pinegar. John was born December 7, 1819 in Dekalb County and died February 20, 1906 in Dekalb County. John's first wife was Mary Kerr and his third wife was Mary Jane Eden Turner.

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William Gothard, born about 1800 in Virginia and Rachel Williamson, born about 1799 in Maryland were JB's 3rd great grandparents. William apparently died between 1860 and 1870.

Rachel apparently died about 1884. They had three children: Edward, Charlotte, and James.

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One of my Brick Walls is: My 3rd great grandmother Mourning Ann Alsup – born about 1819 and died 1865 in Wilson County, Tennessee. She was married and divorced to James Patrick Florida (1813-1870). Her father was Asaph Hill Alsup and her mother was Mary Hill 1787-1834. I would like to find out where she (Morning) is buried.

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Another Brick Wall is my great-great grandfather Watson Durham (1815-1870). I have no confirmation or information if this being his full name and where he might be buried. He was married to Martha Young (1815-1870).

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DO YOU HAVE A BRICK WALL?

Perhaps we can help

Send your inquiry to be included in future issues to

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All inquiries must be signed and an email or telephone number for contact.

Due to Covid Restrictions
Discover Your Heritage Workshop

Co-sponsored by
Warren County Genealogical & Historical Association
and Magness Public Library

Has Been Cancelled

The event scheduled for
Saturday, October 9, 2021
9:00 am. to 3:00 pm.

Will be rescheduled at a later date

*With the increase of the Covid virus
And the restrictions needed to accommodate a
large anticipated crowd, we felt it best to
reschedule this event when it is safer to our
members, vendors and the public.*

Always at your service
Brad Walker, Director, Magness Public Library
Cheryl Watson Mingle, President, Warren County Genealogical & Historical Association

