



# WCGHA Newsletter

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**Come Join Us  
on September 17**

**For the next WCGHA Meeting**

**“Bobby Ray, Medal  
Of Honor Recipient”**

**By Mary Don Bixby**



We will meet in the Early Voting Room  
located at the back of the Warren  
County Administration building.

You will be required to sign in and ob-  
serve social distancing.

*Ann Brown, WCGHA President*

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

August was not the best month for the Brown family but we have the best group of office volunteers who kept the office running smoothly! We so appreciate Evelyn Wade, Bonita Mangrum and Mary Oaks for all they do for the Association. If you get a chance, be sure to thank them for their hard work and dedication!

We love to hear from our members. Check out Sharon Gammon's story on her brick wall success. It is encouraging to hear success stories from our members!

Mary Oaks has put together some interesting information on school records for research. Be sure to look over our inventory of school annuals. We would love to fill in those missing annuals!

If you missed our August Members Meeting, you missed a great and informative presentation on our new Tennessee State Library and Archives and how to find information on Warren County.

The Bulletin Committee is busy working on the Fall & Winter edition. I think it's going to be an awesome publication!

The Pioneer Family Committee has been busy processing new applications. We appreciate all the work they put into reviewing and verifying applications!

We are looking forward to this month's presentation on our hometown hero, Bobby Ray. Be sure to make plans to attend this month's meeting! Hope to see you there!

Ann

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sep 5th - Office closed for Labor Day

Sep 8th - Board of Directors Meeting

Sep 17th - Members Meeting

Program: Bobby Ray, Medal of Honor Recipient by Mary Don Bixby

Oct 6th - Board of Directors Meeting

Oct 15th - Members Meeting

Program: Cardwell Mountain and Native American Burial Grounds, by Phil Hodge, Director, TN Division of Archaeology

Nov 10th—Board of Directors Meeting

Nov 19th—Members Meeting

Program—Tennessee Maneuvers by Woody McMillen, Public Relations Officer for the TN Military Collector's Association on TN Maneuvers with a special exhibit of World War II posters from the collection of Robert Norton

**We need volunteers to plan our Christmas Program! If you are willing to help, please contact Douglas Woodlee or Ann Brown.**

## **Breaking Down Brick Walls -**

### **How I Confirmed the Name of my 4th Great Grandmother**

*Contributed by Sharon Gammon*

My connection to the Webb's of Warren County comes through my mother, Ethelene Curtis Head. Here is my line:

M) Ethelene Curtis (1917 OK-2018 TX) m. Walter Head (1918 OK-2006 TX)

GM) Dolpha Ella Hess (1898 MO-1990 OK) m. Wm Anderson Curtis (1895 AR-1970 OK)

GGM) Mary Eleanor Judkins (1875 MO-1976 OK) m. Wm Marion Francis Hess (1867 MO-1956 OK)

2GGM) Mary Denton Webb (1849 TN-1932 MO) m. John Thomas Judkins (1847 MO-1907 MO)

3GGF) Alexander Webb (1810 TN-1859 MO) m. Mary E. \_\_\_\_ (1816 TN-1865 MO)

4GGF) Townsend Webb (1790-1826 AR) m Nancy Kendrick (1793 KY-1825 AR)

5GGF) "Old" Jesse Webb (1765-1835 TN) m Didama Townsend (1765 VA-1847 TN)

Initially, we had no information of Townsend Webb's wife – no given name or surname. Based on an 1804 Lincoln County, KY marriage record for Townsend WEBB to Nancy KENDRICK, we had potentially accepted Nancy as Townsend's wife. The problem with this theory was that we had no evidence of the given or surname of Townsend's wife, so was this record really our Townsend Webb? Another bothersome fact was that the marriage was in 1804 but the first known child of Townsend was 1809. Why was there such a large gap between the marriage and the first child? Were there other children who died?

When I saw the August speaker for the WCGHA was Chuck Sherrill, it reminded me how his books, "Tennessee Convicts: Early Records of the State Penitentiary—Volume 1 1831-1850 and Volume 2 1850-1870", led me to confirm that Nancy Kendrick was indeed the wife of "our" Townsend Webb. Chuck is an avid genealogist and author of more than 20 books. You never know where you might find that "tidbit of information that will confirm or sometimes disprove your theory.

I ordered a copy Alexander Webb's penitentiary records. In these records, Alexander stated that he was "brought up in Phillips Co., AR, ...near Helena, where John Burris now lives, who [Burris] married my [Alexander's] aunt. She was formerly married to ...Sylvanus Phillips and lived on the same farm as now." The Arkansas record of Sylvanus Phillips' marriage shows he married in 1818 to Miss Rebecca KENDRICK!! So, that indicates that the 1804 KY marriage IS in fact 'our' Townsend WEBB and Nancy KENDRICK is indeed Alexander's mother-- her given name AND her maiden name!

Now we are trying to identify Nancy and Rebecca KENDRICK's parents and their place of birth. [Townsend died 2 Apr 1826 in Phillips Co., AR, but his obituary from the "Arkansas Gazette" newspaper (Tue, 11 Apr 1826, Vol. VII, No. 15, p. 2, col. 3) does not name his wife as a survivor, but does mention 'his children'-- 7 sons, no daughters.] "Since Townsend's wife Nancy KENDRICK Webb appears to be deceased, I looked closely at the children and discovered that the last son Austin was born sometime in 1825/26 AR. I speculate that perhaps Nancy KENDRICK, who is deceased by 2 Apr 1826 according to her husband's obit, died in childbirth with the last son Austin, who was born either (1) in 1825 or (2) before 2 Apr 1826. We continue to search for a record of Nancy's decease and/or burial as well as any information on Mary E., wife of Alexander Webb.

# School Records for Research


Contributed by Mary Oaks

Have you considered school records in your research? There are all types of records that you may not be aware of or thought would be of benefit to you. Enrollment records may contain the names of family members, students, or teachers. They can prove age, spelling of names, achievements, or extra school activities to name a few.

Perhaps someone served on the school board. Their meeting minutes contain much information. They might list school employees, nurses, janitors, coaches, teachers and more.

If your ancestor was a teacher, you might find a record of their teaching certificate. These can show where they were certified to teach and how long the certificate was good for. This certificate dated 1884, good for two years, is from the Mississippi Public Schools. It also shows what grade levels the teacher is qualified to teach. Note the signature of the superintendent.

**MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

Teacher's Certificate,  Second Grade.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, THAT *S. M. Oaks*

Known as a person of good moral character, and having passed a satisfactory examination, (entitling *him* to this *Grade Certificate*), is recommended and authorized to teach the branches specified below, in any of the Public Schools of *Jefferson* County, for twelve months from this date.

SPELLING.....	<i>7</i>	GRAMMAR.....	<i>9.5</i>
READING.....	<i>8</i>	GEOGRAPHY.....	<i>5</i>
WRITING.....	<i>7</i>	ELEMENTS OF BOOK-KEEPING.....	
ELEMENTARY BRANCHES OF ARITHMETIC.....	<i>9</i>	NATURAL PHILOSOPHY.....	
WRITTEN ARITHMETIC.....	<i>8</i>	HIGHER BRANCHES OF ENGLISH LITERATURE.....	

*J. W. Jordan* County Superintendent.

*W. H. Williams* County, Miss.

*1884*

EXPLANATION.—The grade of attainment ranges from 1 to 10; ten being the highest; one the lowest.

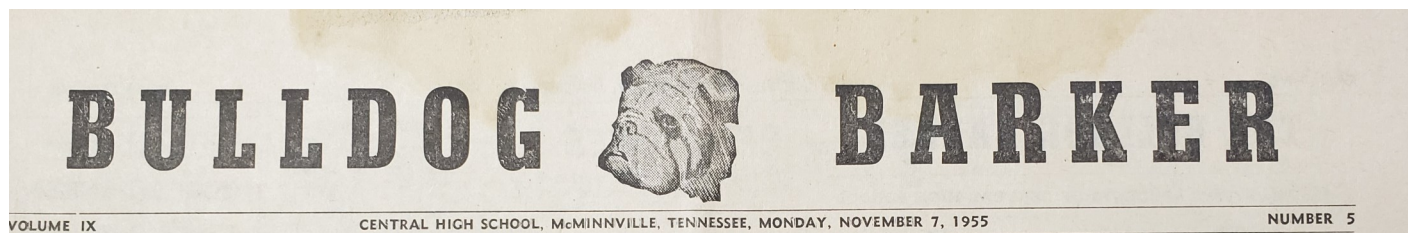


County school records can be very useful. In this record from Knox County Kentucky, children of school age had to be registered by a parent. Notice the parents name followed by a list of their children. Their names and birth dates are listed in the order of their birth. How many times have you wished you had that information?

Abel, Prichard	James Brattard	Feb	16	1877
" " "	Harry H. "	July	7	1881
" " "	H. Wade "	Aug	27	1863
" " "	Edward C. "	Apr.	18	1866
" " "	Elizabeth "	Apr	4	1867
" " "	Ella "	Apr	10	1869
" " "	Clarence "	May	23	1891
" " "	Bora "	"	"	"

Source: Enumeration of White Children for School Purposes for the Year 1898, Knox County, KY.

Perhaps the school printed a newspaper. We recently received several issues of the “Bulldog Barker” donated by Allen Jaco that will be scanned and made available to researchers in the Association office.



We are also building our photo archives and of course, don't forget our school annuals. Stop by the Association office and check our collection of annuals and look through our school files. We are busy adding new schools from the early school ledgers that were recovered from the Blue Building beginning as early as 1898.

Other useful ideas can be found at the following link:

[www.agenealogistinthearchives.blogspot.com/2022/08/finding-school-records-in-archives-even.html](http://www.agenealogistinthearchives.blogspot.com/2022/08/finding-school-records-in-archives-even.html)

## WCGHA School Annuals

Central High School—The Southerner	1936-38, 1940, 1944-1959, 1966-1967
City High School—Rebels	1958-1969
Fults School—The Chatterbox	
Irving College—The Valley Recall	1935, 1940, 1946
Morrison—Memoirs	1947
Morrison—The Eagle	1963-1969
Northside Elementary	1992, 2003
Smartt School	1949
Southside—Rebel	1972, 1975, 1977
Viola School	1950
Warren County High School—Pioneers	1969-1986, 1989-2005, 2007
Warren County Junior High—Pioneers	1975, 1978, 1980
Warren County Middle—Pioneers	1996-2000, 2002-2003
West Elementary—Wizards	2003

Do you have a photo from one of the early schools of Warren County or an annual that is missing from our collection? We are grateful to all those who have contributed to our school files and collections and helped us to preserve this history of Warren County and welcome contributions to our growing school files.

The WCGHA wishes to extend our sympathy and prayers to the Bond family.



Joyce Ann Hillis  
Bond

May 26, 1951 - August 22, 2022

McMinnville, TN resident and Warren County, TN native Joyce Ann Hillis Bond, age 71, was born May 26, 1951 and died August 22, 2022 at her residence following an extended illness.

A retired employee from Oster and member of Word of Life Ministries, she was the daughter of the late Martin and Elmer Savage Hillis. She was married to Bobby Bond of McMinnville, TN on April 9, 1988. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by brothers, Joe Hillis and Jerry Hillis and sister, Jerlene Hillis.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Bond is survived by son, David Byars of McMinnville, TN; daughter, Connie Byars of Smithville, TN; step-daughter, Amanda Lucille Rosa of Burlington, NC; grandchildren, Hannah Pease, Tiffany Pease, Cody Byars, Rango Byars and Lindsey Byars; brother, Don Hillis of McMinnville, TN; sisters, Pearline Baker and Elizabeth Adcock, both of McMinnville, TN and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 24, 2022 in High's Chapel with Jeff Vandagriff officiating. Burial will follow at Providence Cemetery in Warren County, TN. Visitation will be Monday from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Tuesday from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. until time of service at High's.

Online condolences may be made at [www.highfuneralhome.com](http://www.highfuneralhome.com).

High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# IN MEMORIAM

## Martha Lou Holt

March 2, 1935 - September 8, 2022



Morrison, TN resident and Warren County, TN native Martha Lou Holt, age 87, was born March 2, 1935 and died September 8, 2022 at her residence following an extended illness.

Retired from receiving at Carrier Corporation and a member of Grange Hall Church of Christ, she was the daughter of the late Bryan and Demma Roberts Bouldin. She was married to Rayburn Holt of Morrison, TN on June 1, 1955. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by brothers and sisters-in-law, Wilmus (Frances) Bouldin and J.C. (Rosie) Bouldin; sisters and brothers-in-law, Pauline (Lester) McCormick, Emma (Bernice) Pope and Berdie (Floyd) Grissom.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Holt is survived by special family friends, Tammy Moats, Teresa Stoner, Audrey Hillis and Martha Caswell; special sisters-in-law, Earlene Vickers and Wanda Bouldin and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great nephews.

Funeral service will be held at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, September 11, 2022 in High's Chapel with Ricky Burks and Stanley Roberts officiating. Burial will follow at Bascom Cemetery in Warren County, TN. Visitation will be Saturday from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. until time of service at High Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donation may be made to Avalon Hospice or Meals on Wheels.

Online condolences may be made at [www.highfuneralhome.com](http://www.highfuneralhome.com).

High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Martha was a Charter Member of the Warren County Genealogical & Historical Association. She was one of the team members who researched and published the Warren County Cemetery Books and until the last few years was a regular volunteer at the Association office. We extend our condolences to Martha's family.



## Office News

It has been another busy month! We had 158.25 office volunteer hours and 25 committee hours for a total of 183.25 hours. Allen Jaco has continued to scan High Funeral Home records for us. It is a tedious job and we appreciate his dedication to this project. We were happy to have Marie Blair, Carolyn Lance, and Cheryl Minge in for various activities this month.

## Research

Our visitors this month were:

Scarlett Griffith, McMinnville, TN researching Gedmatch utilities  
Lucas Holt, McMinnville, TN researching S. H. Brady  
Walter Hoover, Smyrna, TN donating Cunningham papers  
Linda Gilbert, McMinnville, TN researching Roland Goodson  
Wanda Moore Roh, Mt. Juliet, TN researching Albert, William & Frederic Moore  
David Jones, Northport, AL researching McFarlin/McFarlane/McFarland  
Dale Perry, Nashville, TN researching Perry  
Jimmy King, Manchester, TN researching Savage Cemetery  
Marie Blair, Smithville, TN researching Shell

## Contributions

We had so many contributions in this month that it's hard to list them all.

- school annuals for 1944 Central Southerner and 1992 North Elementary
- 10 copies of Central newsletter, "Bulldog Barker" 1955-1957
- Valley Leaves (historical journals), Huntsville, AL 1986-2001
- Dekalb County Administration Settlement
- From Saddlebags to Science—Memphis 1830-1930
- Supreme Court File—Grizzle
- Pathfinder, Grundy County Historical Society
- Kentucky Ancestors, Vol 25, # 3 and Vol 33, # 4
- Dekalb County 1850 U. S. Census and Slave Schedule
- Hillsboro, N.C. Historical Society Journal, Vol 1, # 1

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## Agenda for Members Meeting

September 17th, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the Early Voting Room

### OFFICERS

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Refreshments:  
Christine Bouldin

Call to Order – President Ann Brown

Reading of Minutes – Secretary Barbara Bates

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer J. B. Brown

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Newsletter -	Susan Driver
Webpage -	Ann Brown

### PROJECT REPORTS

Pioneer Families of Warren County – Marie Blair  
Cemeteries of Warren County – Ann/J.B. Brown  
High Funeral Home Records – J.B. Brown

### OLD BUSINESS

- School Files
- 1905 Post Office Ledger
- Christmas Celebration?

### NEW BUSINESS

- Welcome New Officers

### SEPTEMBER 17TH PROGRAM

**BOBBY RAY, MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT**

**MARY DON BIXBY**

### OCTOBER MEETINGS

**BOARD MEETING – THURSDAY, THE 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:00 P.M.**

**TOWN TALK, WEDNESDAY, THE 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 8:00 A.M.**

**MEMBERS MEETING – SATURDAY, THE 15<sup>TH</sup> AT 2:00 P.M.**



## **Come Visit Us**

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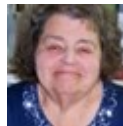
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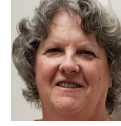


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