



WCGHA Newsletter

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**Come Join Us
on December 10
Christmas Social
2-4 p.m. at 107 Ross Avenue**



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The final meeting of the WCGHA is in the books and it was a great one! If you missed it, you missed some great displays of World War II memorabilia as well as an awesome display of World War II posters from the Charles Norton Collection.

We will be giving our volunteers a much needed break during the final two weeks of December but we will be back in the office on January 2, 2023 and looking forward to another year!

There have been some exciting developments in the office lately. Most notably is the donation of the "Sedberry Table" by Chris Keathley which provides addition space for visitor seating. It is quite an honor to research your history while sitting at such a historical piece of Warren County History.

As we close down this year, we want to wish all our members a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends. Merry Christmas!

Ann

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Save the Date!

December 10th—WCGHA Christmas Social
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.— Contact Mary Don Bixby at wcgaha.tn@gmail.com if you plan to attend.



2023 is just around the corner!

Jan 12th—Board of Directors Meeting

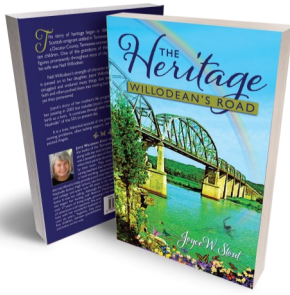
Jan 18th—Town Talk on WBMC

Jan 21st—Show & Tell



World War II Posters from the Charles Norton Collection

The Heritage — Willodean's Road



This story of heritage began in 1847 when a Scottish emigrant settled in Tennessee, married a Decatur County, Tennessee woman and raised ten children. One of the grandsons of this emigrant figures prominently throughout most of the story and his wife was Nell Willodean. Nell Willodean's strength of character and survival is passed on to her daughter, Joyce Willodean. Both struggled and endured many things that tested their faith and often pushed them into making bad decisions, yet they persevered.

Joyce's story of her mother's life progresses through several stages until her passing in 2003 but includes Joyce's own growth and struggles from her birth as a twin. It continues through their lives, with many references to "old Nashville" of the 50's to present day.

It is a true, historical account of the growth of two strong women, overcoming problems, often lacking support, yet often receiving help from unexpected Angels.

JOYCE WILLODEAN STOUT was born in a country house on the banks of the Tennessee River in Perryville, Tennessee, along with her twin brother David in 1949. From the house was a beautiful view of the Alvin C. York Bridge. At age five, when their parents divorced, they were moved to Nashville by their mom. They were blessed with many wonderful, caring teachers that served as outstanding role models and a hard-working, determined mother. Their grandparents also sacrificed to help provide a roof over their heads.



After graduating from East Nashville Senior High School, she then worked her way through nursing school and college and spent over 49 years in the nursing profession. She absolutely knew it was her calling. Although she made many bad choices along the way, she began her healing with Restore Ministries after age 50.

She also began over 17 years of being single, growing in her faith and experiencing a joyful life of adventure and happiness. She now lives with her wonderful husband of over six years. Together, they share five children, thirteen grandchildren and twins on the way.

[The Heritage / Willodean's Road - Get My New Book](http://getmynewbook/product/the-heritage/)

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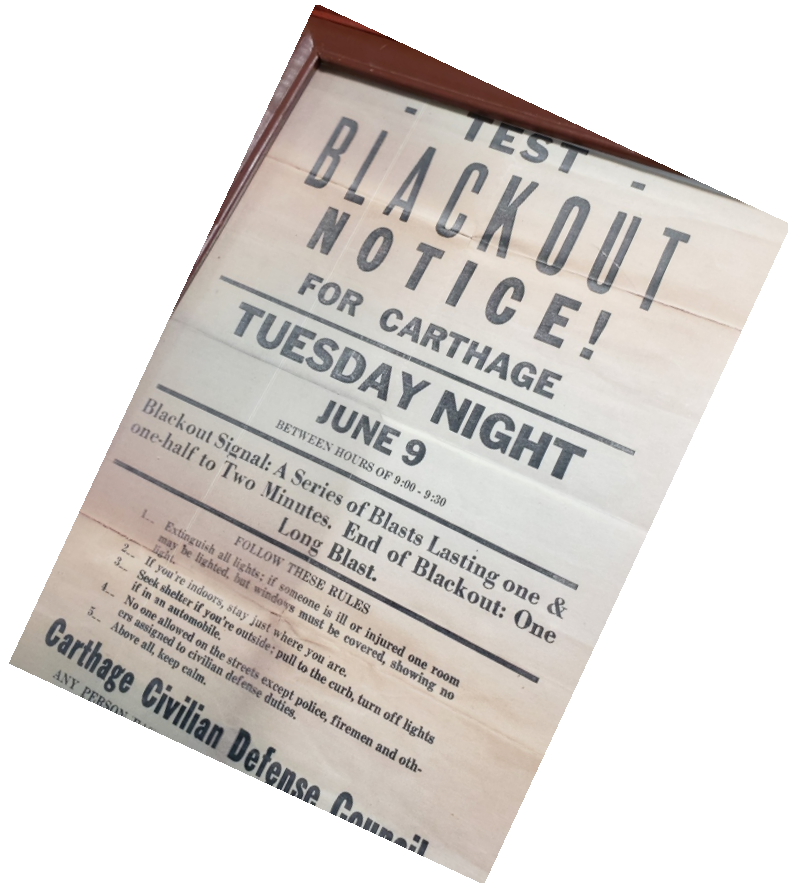
Joyce is a member of the WCGHA and the wife of Douglas Woodlee.

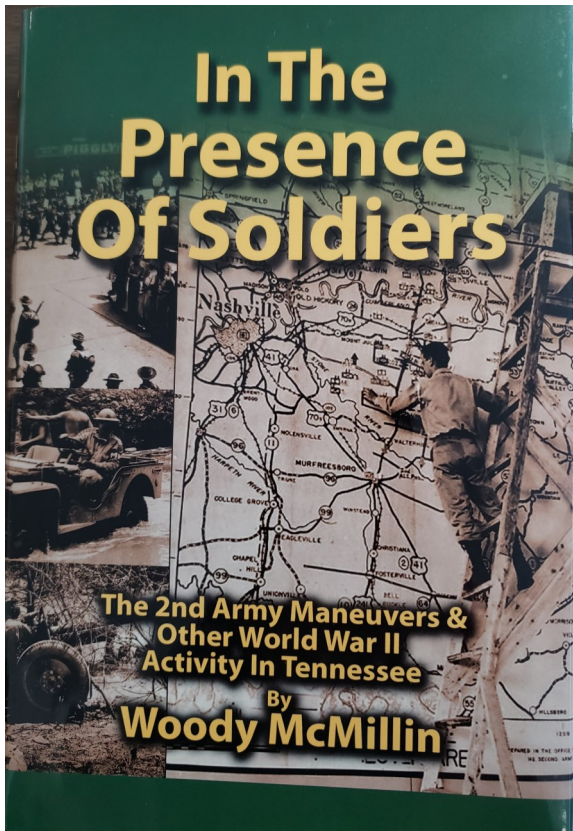
Highlights from "World War II Maneuvers in Tennessee"

Presented by Woody McMillin









This Book Presented To
The Warren County
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November 19, 2022
By The Author
In Recognition Of The
Outstanding Service Of
Major General Max Haston
75th Adjutant General Of The
State Of Tennessee

Woody McMillin



Marie Blair proudly displays the Medal of Honor for Good Conduct that belonged to her Dad, Robert Maloney Woodlee who served from June 13, 1942 to December 11, 1945.



Douglas Woodlee shared his photo of his father, Thomas Bascal Woodlee, in his World War I uniform. He enlisted in the Army in 1918 and was still in training when the



Earl Blair is standing at the corner of Blair Road where the soldiers camped in the woods within 100 feet of his family home. This was very exciting to four-year-old Earl and he went over to visit. One of the soldiers said, "Little boy, I bet your mother can make good cornbread." Back at home, Earl's mother had just baked a large pan of cornbread for the farm hands, so he generously carried it back to the soldiers. Earl says, his military career came to an end when his mother discovered the missing cornbread.

Earl also remembers playing in the orchard with his cousins and pitching apples to soldiers when they popped up out of the tanks in a convoy traveling down Bates Hill Road.

When the maneuvers were about to end, the military set up a large outdoor movie screen on the farm of Arthur Lorance. The entire community was invited to watch the movie and have donuts. The donuts were being cooked in a large pot with a fire under it. Earl thinks the soldiers

Office News

Thanks to our volunteers for the hours that they dedicate to keeping the Association Office staffed! Office: 150; Committee: 11; for a total of 161 hours worked this month!

Reminder: The Association Office will be closed from December 17th through the end of the year to give our volunteers a much need vacation. We will reopen on Monday, January 6th, 2023!

If you would like to volunteer, come by and see us!

Contributions

Memorable Historical Accounts of White County and Area donated by Bonita Mangrum in Memory of Yvonne Taylor donated by Bonita Mangrum.

The Sedberry Table



This beautiful table from the Sedberry Hotel was donated by our Historian, Chris Keathley. It is the first of two tables that we plan to add to the Association office to provide more space for visiting researchers. What a privilege to research on a table so rich in Warren County history! We will be adding a glass top to protect the surface and castors to raise the height but we just had to share with our members!



Come Visit Us

**Our hours are
Monday & Friday
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
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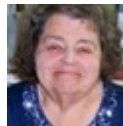
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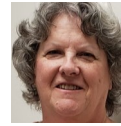


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