



WCGHA Newsletter

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**Come Join Us
September 16,
2-4 p.m.**

**Tour of Hard
Times, USA**

We will meet in the Early Voting Room
located at the back of the Warren
County Administration building,
201 Locust Street

No refreshments will be served

Ann Brown, WCGHA President

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We enjoyed hearing Dr. Neil Schultz talk about preserving the history of Warren County. He has contributed so much to McMinnville and Warren County those who attended got a special treat.

We are catching a glimpse of that “fall is in the air” feeling occasionally with somewhat cooler nights. Hopefully, we will have a good day for our upcoming field trip.

It's taken us a few months to get here, but we are ready for a field trip. So put on your walking shoes and join us on the 16th!

Don't forget to stop by our booth at the Autumn Street Fair this year. Thanks to Mary Don Bixby for spearheading this event!

Also, remember to follow us on Facebook!

Ann

Calendar of Upcoming Events

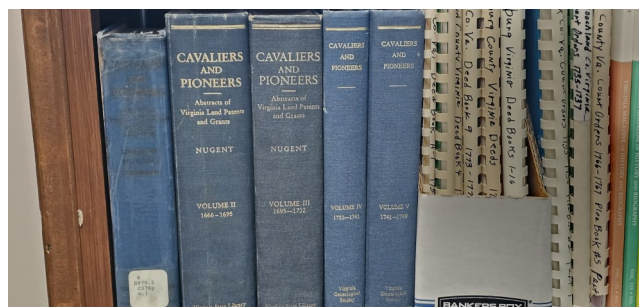
- Sep 2nd—International Bacon Day
- Sep 4th—National Labor Day
- Sep 7th—National Grandma Moses Day
- Sep 7th—**WCGHA Board of Directors**
- Sep 11th—National Day of Remembrance
- Sep 13th—Uncle Sam Day
- Sep 13th—**Town Talk on WBMC**
- Aug 17th—National Nonprofit Day
- Sep 16th—**“Hard Times, USA” Tour**
- Sep 17th—Constitution Day and Citizenship Day
- Sep 18th—Air Force Birthday
- Sep 20th—National Voter Registration Day
- Sep 29th—National VFW Day

Upcoming Programs

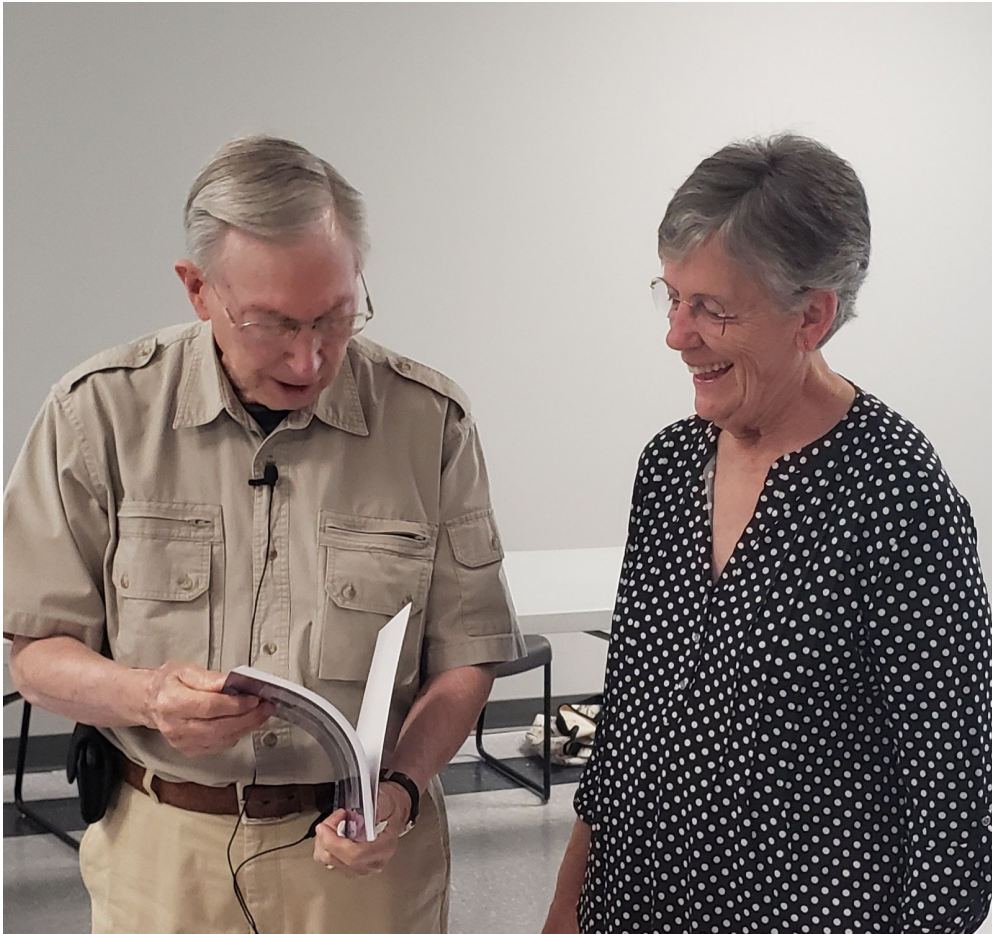
- Oct 7th—**Autumn Street Fair**
- Oct 21st—**Lucas Holt on The Barnes Brothers**

If you have ideas for programs, Mary Don would love to hear from you!

We now have all five volumes of Cavaliers and Patriots in the Resource Library!



AN HISTORIC OLD SPRING



Dr. Schultz with WCGHA President, Ann Brown

The guest speaker for our August 19th meeting was Dr. Neil Schultz. He gave extensive details on a historic spring located across the road from the current McMinnville Farmer's Market. Originally, the spring had a large stone outcropping or ledge that provided shelter to many travelers. In later years, it fell into disuse, and was considered dangerous by local owners in Depot Bottom. The only access was between two buildings, and that access was blocked off. Soon it was all but forgotten, except for Dr. Schultz!

He and some associates purchased the property to gain access to the spring. Along with other volunteers, the area was cleared of years' worth of trash and debris. Did I mention the cave? It is believed that the entrance to the spring may connect to caves running beneath the City of McMinnville. The entrance is currently blocked, but it is fascinating to think that one day it might be open for exploration.

Guidelines to help the genealogist when asking questions of the archivist

- ⇒ Be as specific with your request as possible. The more specific your question is, the better the archivist will be able to help you.
- ⇒ Please don't ask "I want everything for the Smith family". This question will not be beneficial to you or the archivist. It will only serve to make the process of searching for records more difficult.
- ⇒ Call Ahead! Ask the archivist about specific records such as vital records, deed records, court records, etc. and what the archive has available. Understanding if the archive has the records you are looking for before you even step foot in the facility will save you precious research time.
- ⇒ Ask the archivist about Vertical Files. This records collections is one that I find many genealogists just don't know about or know to ask for.

Ask the archivist about Manuscript Collections. Remember that these records are stored in back rooms and will need to be requested.

The next time you are visiting an archive, talking with an archivist on the phone or sending an email, communicate your needs to the archivist.
Source: *It's Not All Online, Researching in Archives*

<http://legacy.familytreewebinars.com/?aid=1202>

Picture Postcards



Picture postcards were popular "back in the day". We wanted to share one of our recent additions to our postcard section of our Photo Archives.

These two children from an Anson Trail postcard are adorable. We would love to identify who they are.



\ We have a postcard section in our Photo Archives. Many of the older postcards provide a glimpse into the history of McMinnville and Warren County. Donations are always welcome!

A SNEAK PEAK AT WHAT YOU MIGHT EXPECT TO SEE AT
OUR SEPTEMBER 16TH MEETING....



Office News

Volunteer hours keep us moving forward and this month the Pioneers of Warren County Committee has worked diligently to add their process to the Policies and Procedures manual and to update the application and forms! Special thanks to Chair Marie Blair and committee members Bonita Mangrum, Bettye Pack, Cheryl Mingle and Ann Brown. Other volunteers included Mary Don Bixby, Mary Oaks and J.B. Our total hours for the month are 203 1/4.

Research

Melissa Hulett

Contributions

National Genealogical Society Quarterly	Resource Library	Kathy Finn
Photos and postcard (digital)	Photo Archives	Carolyn Lance
Photos and Trousdale Academy Brochure (digital)	Photo Archives	Christine Bouldin
Trousdale Academy photos and clippings	Photo Archives	Doris Clendenon

We are thankful to everyone who is contributing to our Photo Archives. Many of them will help us build our School Files and as time permits, we will be posting individual photos from our collection. We will need your help in identifying unknowns.

Membership

Membership totals are now 124! We are thankful for ALL our members!



Come Visit Us

**Our hours are
Monday & Friday
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
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**WCGHA's Old Warren County, TN
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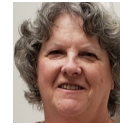


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