

# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News Jan., 2016

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, DIANA LINKOUS

Our Warren County Genealogical Society would like to give a big THANK YOU for all the interest and support given to us this year through your memberships, donations, and projects. We reached a high of 296 members in over 40 states. Your support for the project of Digitization of the War of 1812 pensions was phenomenal. Your donations have totaled over \$1800.00 and we have matched the amount of \$500.00 that we set in January of 2015.

Our volunteers have worked in a variety of areas. Updating the Funeral Home Records is in progress. Obituaries continue to be clipped from the local papers. And since so many obits are online only, we have collected them from 6 Funeral Home's online notices for additional indexes. Cemetery records are continuing to be collected, with many new pictures posted on the Virtual Cemetery Tour. Some County School Records from the 1930's are being indexed, birth records copied, and more complete death records are being entered. We thank our volunteers for their time given to all our projects, as well as staffing the library. We welcome any interested new volunteers. There are opportunities to help with ongoing projects as well as new ones, or even just working on you family tree.

We are excited to announce the purchase of a new digital microfilm machine and computer system dedicated to running it. The ST Viewscan III system can handle 16 and 35 mm microfilm, microfiche and negatives. The images can be easily sent to the printer, saved to USB, Google Drive, Dropbox or email, etc.

35 YEARS!!! Yes, the Warren County Genealogical Society will celebrate its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. This society has grown and changed in so many ways. Our charter members would be amazed at all that has been accomplished. We began with a project to publish an every name index for the History of Warren County, Ohio by Beers, writing each name on an index card, alphabetizing them, and sending it out for publication. Member Betty Greer crocheted an afghan for a money making raffle. Our first early book purchases traveled in a box in someone's car. And our first office was a small room in the old Court House on Silver Street. The members placed the stacks of pages of our Heir Lines Quarterly on the table and marched around it, collating the pages, before stapling, and addressing the issues.

Since then, our members / volunteers have helped to preserve a number of records, indexed, abstracted, transcribed, and published many books. We have entered many records into databases for our web site as well as office use. We have a wonderful room for our library located on the lower floor in the New County Administration Building on Justice Drive, Lebanon, Ohio. We welcome researchers to our library. Our staff will help visitors with computer use, finding resources on our shelves, and in our files. Our volunteers continue to be our greatest resource, making it all possible. Thanks for a great year!

Diana Linkous, President, Warren County Genealogical Society

## 2016 WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

We are very happy to report that in 2015 we experienced a net gain in our membership rolls for at least the 4<sup>th</sup> straight year and thank our members for their continuing support of our society. We are grateful for the large number of our members who already joined or renewed their WCGS membership for 2016. If you haven't sent your membership in yet, we hope you will do so. Society membership is on a calendar year basis. Dues are \$10 (Individual), \$15 (family) or \$200 (life).

A 2016 membership form is attached as a pdf document.

## FIRST FAMILIES & EARLY SETTLERS OF WARREN COUNTY, OHIO

Lineage society applications must be received by March 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be considered for induction at our April banquet. We have recently updated our application forms that you may download from our website at

<http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/DownloadableForms.htm>

We would also be happy to mail or email you copy. Contact us by phone, email, etc.

### 2016 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

*Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month beginning at 7:30 PM in the Phillippi Meeting Room, the Campus Center at the Otterbein Retirement Community, 585 N State Rte. 741 (north of Rte. 63), Lebanon.*

16 Mar 2016 "Tracing Our Immigrant Ancestors" presented by Dana Palmer  
20 Apr 2016 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet – Lineage Society Inductions. Speaker will be Janice Lovelace.  
18 May 2016 to be announced  
21 Sep 2016 to be announced  
19 Oct 2016 to be announced  
16 Nov 2016 to be announced  
21 Dec 2016 Annual Christmas Gathering.

We thank **Linda Eckert** for all her work as our Program Chair.

### WARREN COUNTY, OHIO VIRTUAL CEMETERY PROJECT – DECEMBER ADDITIONS

[Miami Cemetery](#) - added photo for [Mae Cook](#) grave submitted by [Michael M. Harrison](#) and added photos for 20 recent burials submitted by [Ronnie & Sue Milby](#) - now have photos on line for 9712 of the 12270 known burials.

[Deerfield Cemetery](#) - added photos for 36 burials submitted by [LaVonne Smith](#) - now have photos on line for 3284 of the 3981 known burials.

[Woodhill Cemetery](#) – added photos 676 burials in Section 2 submitted by [Patty Corona](#) - now have photos on line for 4,736 of the 12,030 known burials with Sections 1, 2, 3 (lots 188-227), 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24 and 27 now completed

Our Virtual Cemetery Project now has photos on line for 62,415 burials in 95 cemeteries with over 5,200 of them added in 2015. See <http://goo.gl/YSRaS>

### WARREN COUNTY, OHIO PHOTO GALLERY

[Bessie Drake Retallick](#) - 15 images contributed by [Michelle Holmes](#)

- [Wedding Bible and Hankie](#)
- [Bessie Drake Retallick Hand Painted Book](#)

To contribute your vintage Warren County photos to our on line photo gallery, email them to [atrelvik@gmail.com](mailto:atrelvik@gmail.com) with some background information.

### ALEXANDER CRAWFORD, APPLICATION FOR NATURALIZATION, APRIL 1834 TERM

Warren County, Ohio, Series A, Box 91; recorded Common Pleas Volume 14, page 394

[Click here](#) to see image.

The State of Ohio, Warren County

War. Com. Pleas, April Term 1834 Application for Naturalization

On the 21st day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared in open court **Alexander Crawford** and applicant for naturalization who on being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that it is his bona fide intention to become a citizen of the United States of America, that he will support the constitution of the United States, that he doth hereby absolutely and entirely renounces and abjures all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty whatever an particularly he renounces all allegiance and fidelity to his majesty William the IV. King of the United Kingdoms of Great Britain, Ireland, Scotland &c. to whom he was heretofore a subject; and the said Alexander Crawford also saith that he has never borne any hereditary title, or been of any of the order of nobility in any country whatever and further saith not.

Alexander Crawford [signature]

Sworn to & subscribed in open court this day & year aforesaid.

[J. K. Wilds](#) clk.

**WARREN COUNTY MILITARY HERITAGE** <http://goo.gl/uWutD>

=> **VETERAN PHOTOS AND DOCUMENTS:**

No veteran photos were added to our Warren County Military Heritage site in December.

Email your veteran photos to [atrelvik@gmail.com](mailto:atrelvik@gmail.com) if you would like to add them to our Military Heritage pages.

## => WAR OF 1812 PENSION FILES:

In December, the pension files for Ohio on line at Fold3 again stop at that for **Simeon Moore** as has been the case for many months now. We know of about 83 pension files containing 2,977 pages that have been digitized for soldiers with a connection to Warren County.

**Michael Bannon** (1788-1870) - no pension file was found.

- Warren County, Ohio [Marriage records 1803-1852 vol. 1 page 72 image 344 of 556](#)  
# 555 **Michael Bannon** and **Nancy Clark** were married 31 Dec 1812 by **P. Kitchel** J.P.
- Private Michael Bannon is listed on the Roll of Captain [Theophilus Simonton's Company](#) which served from March 23, to October 1, 1813.
- From Beers History of Warren County page [716](#), The Methodist Episcopal Church at Deerfield is built upon ground donated to the society by **William Heaton** in 1827. The trustees of the society, at the time of the execution of the deed of gift by **William and Rachel Heaton**, were **William Worley, William Vannote, George Wager, George Foglesong, James Clark, Michael Banon, Brice Worley, John Shephard and Ephraim Ludlum**. "Ohio, County
- [Bounty Land Warrant #409](#) for 80 acres under the Act of 1850 issued in favor of **Michael Bannon**, Private in [Captain Simingtons Company](#), Colonel Millers Regiment Ohio Militia, War of 1812. He assigned it to **James P. Crouse** who was issued a patent for 80 acres in Pulaski County, Kentucky of 3 Mar 1859.
- [Bounty Land Warrant #4039](#) for 80 acres under the Act of 1855 issued in favor of **Michael Bannon**, Private in [Captain Symington's Company](#) of Ohio Militia, War of 1812. He assigned the warrant to **John Dever** who assigned it to **David Putman** who was issued a patent for 80 acres in Guthrie County, Iowa on 1 Sep 1857
- [Life story for Michael Bannon 1788-1870](#) - Ancestry.com (subscription required)
- [Find A Grave Memorial# 120617892](#)  
**Michael Bannon**  
died Feb 3. , 1870  
aged 81 years 6 months & 2 days  
buried Old Prospect Cemetery, Saratoga, Randolph County, Indiana  
*born 1 Aug 1788 Neville Island, Neville Twp., Allegheny County, Pennsylvania*  
*married Nancy Clark 31 Dec 1812 at Warren County, Ohio*  
*died 3 Feb 1870, Deerfield, Randolph County, Indiana*
- **Chester F. Mack, Jr.**, became member #14 of [First Families of Warren County](#) in 1986 by proving his descent from **Michael Bannon** and **Elizabeth Clark** who were proven to be in Deerfield Township by 1812.

## => CIVIL WAR WIDOW'S PENSION APPLICATIONS available on Fold3.

We have listed known Civil War Widows' Pension Applications pertaining to Warren County at

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/military/cwwidow.htm>

Complete pension files are now on line for widow certificate numbers up to about 148,100.

The pension file for [Dr. Francis Dunlevy Morris](#) was located in the last month.

"[Civil War Widows' Pension Applications.](#)" [fold3.com](#).

[Elizabeth Y. Reeder \(Certificate #40399\)](#) widow of **Dr. Francis D. Morris**, 35th OVI [31 images]

[Francis Dunlevy Morris](#) was the son of [Jacob Morris](#) (1799-1868) and **Jane Burnett Dunlevy** (1803-1842). His mother was the daughter of [Judge Francis Dunlavy](#) and **Mary Burnet Craig**. He was married to **Elizabeth Yeatman Reeder** by Rev. **William MacMillan** on 7 Jul 1859 in Butler County, Ohio. They had one child, **Francis D. Morris Jr.** born 19 Aug 1863 in Butler County.

**Francis D. Morris**, age 30, first served as the Assistant Surgeon in the 19<sup>th</sup> O.V.I. (3 months) from 13 May to 31 Aug 1861. He was commissioned as Assistant Surgeon in the [35th O.V.I.](#) on 24 Sep 1861, received a disability discharge on 6 Aug 1862 and reenlisted on 1 Nov 1863 when he was promoted to Surgeon. The doctor contracted chronic diarrhea at Kennesaw, Georgia on 1 Jun 1864, was still suffering from the disease at Chattanooga on 25 Aug 1864. While home on sick leave he contracted erysipelas and died at Hamilton on 21 Sep 1864 while in the care of **Dr. Joseph L. McNeeley**.

on 4 Oct 1864, **Elizabeth Y. Morris** of Hamilton, made a declaration in Butler County Probate court for the purpose of obtaining a widow's pension under the Act of 1862 (Application #70242). She was awarded a pension of \$25 per month commencing 21 Sep 1864 by Certificate #40399 dated 7 Feb 1865. She received an additional \$2 per month commencing 25 Jul 1866 for her son **Francis D. Morris** until he reached the age of 16 on 18 Aug 1879. She was living at 18 Beach Street in Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, when applying for a pension increase on 12 Sep 1873. Her brother-in-law, [W. J. Morris](#) attested to her Walnut Hills residence with her child Francis D. Morris. She was last paid \$25 to 4 Jun 1895 and dropped from the rolls due to her death on 19 Aug 1895 as reported by **Frank D. Morris** of Mt. Auburn, Ohio.

Supporting testimony for her claim was given by **Caroline A. Follin**, over 30, of Newport, Campbell County, Kentucky; **Nathaniel S. Reeder**, over 25, of Kemper Lane, Walnut Hills. It is believed that they were Elizabeth's siblings. Other testimony was provided by **General Van Derver** and Major [Joseph L. Budd](#).

=>See <http://goo.gl/uWutD> or <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/warsmain.htm> for information about other Warren County veterans. Please email us if you know of any that we may have missed.

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**OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** <http://www.ogs.org>

The Ohio Genealogical Society is located at the Samuel D. Isaly Library, 611 State Route 97 West, Bellville, Ohio 44813. Phone (419) 886-1903. [Annual membership](#) includes home access to <http://www.heritagepursuit.com> (Ohio County Histories).  
◁ 28-30 Apr 2016, “**Tracking Your Ancestors,**” 2016 OGS Annual Conference at the Great Wolf Lodge, Mason, Ohio. On line registration is now available at <http://www.ogsblog.org/2015/11/online-registration-is-now-available.html>

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**OTHER EVENTS**

- ◁ [Butler County Genealogical Society](#) email: [BCOGS@butlercountyogs.org](mailto:BCOGS@butlercountyogs.org)  
“**Advanced Search Strategies at FamilySearch**” Presented by Dana Palmer  
January 19, at 7:00 P.M. at the West Chester MidPointe Library, 9363 Centre Pointe Drive, West Chester  
check website for more details. <http://www.butlercountyogs.org>
  
- ◁ [Clermont County Chapter, OGS](#) E-mail: [ccovalcine@gmail.com](mailto:ccovalcine@gmail.com)  
*Programs sponsored by the Clermont County Genealogical Society are held at the Doris Wood Library, 180 S. 3rd St. in Batavia, Ohio, on the first Saturday of the month at 1:00 pm unless noted otherwise. They are free & open to the public unless otherwise noted. For more information see [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohclecgs/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohclecgs/) or call 513-723-3423.*  
“**Tracing Your African American Roots**” by Mary Allen  
Saturday, February 6, 2016, 1:00 pm  
**New Richmond Branch Library** 103 River Valley Blvd. New Richmond, Ohio
  
- ◁ [Rootstech 2016](#), 3–6 Feb 2016, Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- ◁ [National Genealogical Society](#), 4–7 May 2016 Family History Conference, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
- ◁ [Federation of Genealogical Societies](#), 31 Aug – 3 Sep 2016, 2016 National Conference.

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WCGS has over 150 Warren County Genealogical publications available for purchase. Visit our website for a list of books and an order form. <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/publications.htm>  
Membership is \$10 for a single membership, \$15 for a family membership or \$200 for a Life Membership.  
Membership application forms are available at <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/aboutus.htm#Membership>  
Phone: (513) 695 1144 email: [wccgs@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:wccgs@co.warren.oh.us)  
WCGS Website: <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/>  
Warren County OHGenWeb Site: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/>  
**LIBRARY HOURS:** Mon-Fri from 9am to 4pm [subject to closing for inclement weather, volunteer illness, etc.]