

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News January 2022

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2022 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

We are planning to have a blend of virtual and in-person meetings in 2022.

Wed. 2 Feb 2022, 7:00 PM	Virtual Meeting	"I'll See You in Court (Records)!" Presented by Debbie Large
Wed. 9 Mar 2022, 7:00 PM	Virtual Meeting	"Just the Basics: Researching at the Archives" Presented by Jennifer Baker, MA, Deputy Archivist, Warren County Records Center & Archives

Program details and how to access them will be provided as we get closer to the meeting date.

2022 ELECTION OF SOCIETY OFFICERS

An online election of 2022 officers was held. Voting closed Friday, December 17, 2021, with the following results.

<u>Office</u>	
President	Linda Eckert
1 st Vice President	Deborah Osburn
2 nd Vice President	Arne Trelvik
Treasurer	Harriet Foley
Recording Secretary - Meetings	Vacant
Recording Secretary - Board Meetings	Deborah Osburn
Corresponding Secretary	Judy Everitt

2022 WCGS MEMBERSHIP

Memberships for calendar year 2021 expired on 31 Dec 2021. Membership fees for 2022 have been set at \$15 for both single and family memberships. Life memberships are \$200. You can join or renew your membership and pay online on the [Join or Renew](#) page of our website at <https://www.wcgsOhio.org/>.

A PDF copy of our membership application is included with this email as a separate attachment if you do not wish to renew your membership online. The membership form is also available on our website at <https://www.wcgsOhio.org/downloadable-forms>.

ALLEEN STEPHENSON DIGITAL NEWSPAPER PROJECT - WESTERN STAR ANALYTICS

Since the fall of 2018, our Alleen Stephenson Digital Newspaper Project, sponsored and maintained by the Warren County Genealogical Society, has provided free public access to digital images of the Western Star from 1807 through 1922 on the [Ohio Memory Project](#). Through the 4th quarter of 2021 we have had **325,494-page views** by **13,866 users**. The landing page for the project is <https://www.ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll84>

WARREN COUNTY LINEAGE SOCIETIES

Lineage Society applications must be received by February 1st in order to be considered for induction at our April banquet. Applications for “**First Families of Warren County**,” “**Early Settlers of Warren County**” and “**Civil War Families of Warren County**” may be downloaded from our website at <https://www.wcgsohio.org/lineage-societies>. Contact us by phone, email, etc., if you have any questions or need assistance in getting the applications. We would be happy to mail or email a copy of the application to you.

NECROLOGY

Mary Jane Phillips-Matz (30 January 1926-19 January 2013)

We just learned that Mary Jane Phillips-Matz, aged 86, passed away in 2013 at her home in Manhattan. She was born in Lebanon, Ohio, to William Mason Phillips (1882-1954) and Hazel Spencer Phillips (1896-1979). Mary Jane was an American biographer and writer on opera and a Life Member of the Warren County Genealogical Society.

You may read Mary Jane’s biography in Wikipedia at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Jane_Phillips-Matz

RECENT WARREN COUNTY VETERAN DEATHS

(send additions to atrelvik@gmail.com)

World War II:

Robert J. Barnett (1924-2021), **Warren Oliver Rugh** (1923-2018)

World War II and Korea:

Charles Virgil Pate (1927-2021)

Korea:

Mack J. Fields (1928-2019), **Muriel Richard Sorrell** (1933-2019), **Willie James Harrington Sr.** (1932-2019)

Vietnam:

Donald Earl Rummel Jr. (1945-2019), **Roger Allen Busch** (1940-2019), **Daniel Patrick Lovy** (1938-2006), **Donald Lee Brooks** (1941-2021)

Other Service:

Craig “Rick” Richard Pendleton (1937-2021), **Raymond Alden Harmon** (1962-2021), **Russell L. “Russ” Riddell** (1939-2018), **Dennis Edward Bledsoe** (1950-2018), **Theodore Earl “Teddy” Weaver** (1948-2018), **Grant Lee VanDemark** (1959-2021)

WCGS WEBSITE UPDATES

We are thrilled to announce that, thanks to the efforts of Arne Trelvik and Dale Grimm, the ENTIRE OHGENWEB SITE IS BACK, INCLUDING THE VIRTUAL CEMETERY! So, for now, our Virtual Cemetery actually is online in TWO places:

<http://warren.ohgenweb.org/Cemetery/burial.html>

<http://sites.rootsweb.com/~ohwarren/Cemetery/burial.htm>

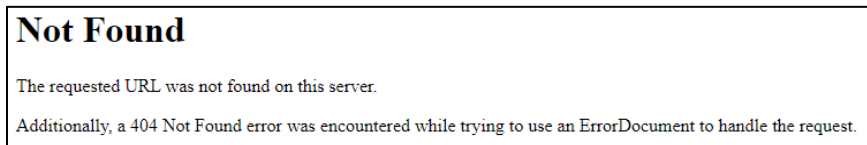
To give you some background, we had our main website (wcgsoh.org), which launched Spring 2002 and was kindly hosted (at no cost to us) on the county servers. It still exists, and though we are no longer able to access it or update it and some pages no longer load, is still a GREAT resource for information. We also had our Virtual Cemetery, which was part of the OHGenWeb Project and was hosted on the servers (again, at no cost to us) at RootsWeb. RootsWeb was purchased by Ancestry.com around 2000 and in 2017 had problems that resulted in all of RootsWeb being taken offline for a time. Sites were slowly brought back online, but our Virtual Cemetery was one that was never brought back. As you may know, the Virtual Cemetery is a VAST project, with many, many pages, and tens of thousands of images.

With the launch of our current website (wcgsohio.org), we have also been exploring ways to keep the information (databases) from our old website online, but in a newer, more responsive, and accessible format. We needed to get the Virtual Cemetery back up and running so we could run a few tests to attempt to convert some of those pages to this newer, more responsive, and accessible format. The good folks at RootsWeb / Ancestry were kind enough to get it back online for us to try to do this. BUT they have informed us because of the size (and some other issues), they cannot keep it online, but would do their best to give us the time we needed to work with it.

Cut to Dale Grimm, the state coordinator for the Ohio GenWeb Project. When RootsWeb brought our Virtual Cemetery back online, it actually brought the whole <http://sites.rootsweb.com/~ohwarren/index.htm> site back online. Dale was able to copy this over to another, newer site (warren.ohgenweb.org), which can now be accessed and updated. This includes our Virtual Cemetery!

Things have not been updated since 2017 and it will take us a while to learn how to work with this and start to bring things current, but all-in-all, this is great news, and we are so happy to have these resources available again!

UPDATE: We have encountered a small glitch with the Virtual Cemetery hosted by Dale Grimm / OHGenWeb. It appears that certain pages did NOT transfer over. If you are searching, you may encounter this message:



One example would be:

<https://warren.ohgenweb.org/Cemetery/DicksCreek/DicksCreek4.html#GeorgeMell>

The same page CAN be found on the site hosted by RootsWeb / Ancestry:

<http://sites.rootsweb.com/~ohwarren/Cemetery/DicksCreek/DicksCreek4.htm#GeorgeMell>

One fix is to replace the beginning of the URL by replacing:

<https://warren.ohgenweb.org/> with <http://sites.rootsweb.com/~ohwarren/>

The rest of the address will be the same on both sites.

OR you may want to use the RootsWeb site until we get this fixed. Thank you for your patience!

PALATINES to AMERICA GERMAN GENEALOGY SOCIETY OHIO CHAPTER
German Community Forum January 22nd – Strategies for Reading German Church Records

Join the speaker, **Deb Cyprych**, as you can gain valuable information from German church records without being an expert in reading German script or understanding German.

This FREE Zoom presentation (10 a.m. to noon EST) will cover the tools and strategies that can help you learn how to navigate records, zero in on names, and use aids like typeface sites, context, phonetics, name and vocabulary lists, reverse indexes, gazetteers, and other place tools, to increase your skills and comfort level in reading German church records.

To register visit our <https://oh-palam.org/events.php> or email ckfsmail@gmail.com with your name and email address in the email.

All German Community Forum sessions are free and open to the public. Please feel free to share and invite anyone you know who may be interested.

Clues to Use

By Linda Eckert

The Records Were Lost in the Court House Fire

How many times have we visited a court house and we have been told that the records we are requesting were lost in a court house fire. All is not lost! Keep searching. Below is a list of substitute records we can use to find the missing information:

- Family Sources
- Church Records
- Town Vital Records
- State Vital Records
- Newspapers
- Federal Land Records
- School Records (Both 1-12 & College)
- Census Records (Federal, State & Special Censuses)
- Bounty Land Records
- Military Records
- Pension Records (State & Federal)
- Cemetery Records
- Employment Records
- Diaries & Manuscripts
- Appellate Court Records
- County & State Archives
- Biographies

Happy Researching!

[ROOTSTECH 2022](#) – March 3-5, 2022

The World's Largest Family History Conference

100% Virtual, 100% Free.

Registration for RootsTech is now open at <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/> so you can enjoy:

- Inspiring keynote speakers
- Unlimited access to over 1,500 sessions
- Expo Hall with companies from around the world
- Playlists, chat, and much more

OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY <https://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. As an OGS member, Vivid-Pix <https://vivid-pix.com/> will provide ten free fixes with no credit card required. OGS members who decide to purchase the program after the trial period will receive a 20 percent discount off the retail price of \$49.99. In return, OGS will receive a donation from Vivid-Pix. We hope you will enjoy this new member benefit. To start your free trial, follow this link: <https://www.ogs.org/join/affiliate-information>

“JAZZ IT UP” 2022 OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

27 April 2022 – 30 April 2022

Great Wolf Lodge, Mason, Ohio

<https://www.ogsconference.org/>

Questions? Email ogsconference@ogs.org

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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The upcoming [NGS 2022 Family History Conference](#), **Our American Mosaic**, will be held in Sacramento, California, May 25-28, 2022. Attendees will have an opportunity to choose from more than 150 lectures by the nation's premier genealogical speakers. The conference will feature lectures and workshops for family history researchers at all levels, from beginner to professional, as well as luncheons and banquets with socializing time, and an Expo Hall.

See the [announcement brochure](#) for additional details.

GENEALOGY WEBINARS

You need to pre-register. See websites below.

*Note: [Legacy Family Tree Webinars](#) understands that you cannot always attend the live webinars, which is why they make the recording available to you to **view for the 7 days following the webinar for FREE!** Watch it as many times as you would like. You can pause it and take notes during the free period. If you want all of the materials, including the instructor's handouts you must join and pay a yearly membership fee.*

“Researching during the Slave Era (1817-1865)”

Presented by Dr. Shelley Viola Murphy

Friday, January 7, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar at:

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/researching-during-the-slave-era-1817-1865/>

“Using Servant Records for Genealogy”

Presented by Margaret Fox

Saturday, January 8, 2022, 11:00 a.m. Eastern standard time

International Society for British Genealogy and Family History

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Qgb1gYvQSDiTGSL-TUn00Q

“DNA Labels”

Presented by Ran Snir

Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar with Legacy Family Tree Webinars at

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/dna-labels/>

“A Thousand May Fall: An Immigrant Regiment’s Civil War”

Presented by Brian Matthew Jordan, Professor of History at Sam Houston State University

Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar with the American Ancestors by New England Historic Genealogical Society at

<https://hubs.americanancestors.org/brian-matthew-jordan-a-thousand-may-fall>

“How to Progress from Inherited Research”

Presented by Ann Lawthers, Genealogist

Thursday, January 13, 3:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar with the American Ancestors by New England Historic Genealogical Society at

<https://hubs.americanancestors.org/inherited-research>

“Welcome to the New, FREE, Periodical Source Index (PERSI)”

Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 2:30 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar with the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana at

<https://acpl.libnet.info/event/6009522>

“They Drew a Crooked Line and Formed a Border”

Presented by J. Mark Lowe, FUGA

Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 8:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar with Legacy Family Tree Webinars at

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/they-drew-a-crooked-line-and-formed-a-border/>

“Fireside Chat – Legal Genealogy”

Presented by Genealogy Center Staff & Attorney, David Singleton

Thursday, January 13, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar with The Genealogy Center – Allen County Public Library at

<https://acpl.libnet.info/event/6009687>

“Explore the Research Indiana Index”

Presented by Vicki Casteel, Indiana State Archives

Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 2:30 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar with the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana at

<https://acpl.libnet.info/event/6009867>

“Using Historical Fiction and Social History to Support Your Narrative”

Presented by Beth A. Stahr, CG

Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 8:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar with Legacy Family Tree Webinars at

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/using-historical-fiction-and-social-history-to-support-your-narrative/>

“An Additional 50 Websites Every Genealogist Should Know”

Presented by Gena Philibert-Ortega

Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar with Legacy Family Tree Webinars at

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/an-additional-50-websites-every-genealogist-should-know/>

“Family Research in Germany”

Presented by Sven Grewel

Thursday, January 20, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar with the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana at

<https://acpl.libnet.info/event/6010562>

“Mexican Catholic Parish Records, Part I: Baptisms, Confirmations & Burials”

Presented by Colleen Robledo Greene, MLIS

Friday, January 21, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar with Legacy Family Tree Webinars at

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/mexican-catholic-parish-records-part-i-baptisms-confirmations-burials/>

“New Records on MyHeritage”

Presented by Mike Mansfield

Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar with Legacy Family Tree Webinars at

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/new-records-on-myheritage-2/>

“Researching Scots-Irish Ancestors”

Presented by John Beatty

Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 2:30 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar with the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana at

<https://acpl.libnet.info/event/6010585>

“An Introduction to Tracing Your Greek Ancestry”

Presented by Gregory Kontos

Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar with Legacy Family Tree Webinars at

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/an-introduction-to-tracing-your-greek-ancestry/>

“Genealogy Resources at the Missouri State Archives”

Presented by John Dougan, Missouri State Archivist

Thursday, January 27, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar with the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana at

<https://acpl.libnet.info/event/6013737>

“Irish Workhouses”

Presented by Clare Doyle

Saturday, January 29, 2022, 11:00 a.m. Eastern standard time

International Society for British Genealogy and Family History at

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MtzEvK97SQSF9hAZL7B_Mg

“Education in Australia”

Presented by Cathie Sherwood

Tuesday, February 1, 2022, 8:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar with Legacy Family Tree Webinars at

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/education-in-australia/>

“CensusGenie: Down to the Wire 1950 Census Prep”

Presented by Dear MYRTLE

Wednesday, February 2, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar with Legacy Family Tree Webinars at

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/censusgenie-down-to-the-wire-1950-census-prep/>

“The Trifecta: The Secret Sauce of Researching the Formerly Enslaved”

Presented by Nicka Smith

Friday, February 4, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar with Legacy Family Tree Webinars at

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/the-trifecta-the-secret-sauce-of-researching-the-formerly-enslaved/>

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WCGS Website: <https://www.wcgsohio.org/>

WCGS Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/262311627671559/>

Western Star Digitization Project: <https://www.ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll84>

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.]

Starting July 1, 2021, our Genealogy Resource library is open to the public. No appointment is needed.