

# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News May 2013

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## QUAKERS and the UNDERGROUND RAILROAD: MORE THAN YOU MAY THINK!

By Ruth Brindle Dobyns, Curator of the Meriam R. Hare Quaker Heritage Center and an Adjunct Professor of Public History at Wilmington College

*Wednesday, 5 May 2013, Phillippi Meeting Room of the Campus Center at the Otterbein Retirement Community, 585 N State Rte 741 (north of Rte 63), Lebanon, Ohio.*

While the Religious Society of Friends is often associated with Underground Railroad activity, Quaker involvement in the anti-slavery movement went far beyond the UGRR, and was often a contentious subject within the Quaker community. Ruth Brindle Dobyns will discuss the range of Quaker attitudes toward, and involvement in, the 19th century anti-slavery movement.

## 32<sup>nd</sup> ANNIVERSARY BANQUET; INDUCTION OF MEMBERS IN 1<sup>ST</sup> FAMILIES AND EARLY SETTLERS

Our April banquet and program were a great success. Congratulations to Barbara Proctor, Chester Dunn, Richard Dunn, Jeffrey Dunn, Heidi Dunn, Roger Dunn, William Dunn, Chaille Lazar, John Raya and Judith Woolley who were all inducted into 1<sup>st</sup> Families of Warren County, Ohio. Banquet photos may be viewed at

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/15663136@N08/sets/72157633271415157/>

## 2013 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 of the Campus Center at the Otterbein Retirement Community, 585 N State Rte 741 (north of Rte 63), Lebanon, Ohio.*

15 May 2013: **Quakers and the Underground Railroad: More Than You May Think!** By Ruth Brindle Dobyns

14 Sep 2013: **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Cemetery Restoration Clinic** to be held at Dicks Creek Cemetery in Franklin Township. Watch for details

Our fall meetings will be held 18 Sep 2013, 16 Oct 2013, 13 Nov 2013 and 18 Dec 2013. Additional details will be provided as it becomes available. We thank Linda Eckert for all her work as our Program Chair.

## 2013 SUMMER GENEALOGY CLASS SCHEDULE

Dana Palmer has released the schedule for her ever popular Summer Genealogy Classes. They will be held on the dates indicated from 2 to 3 pm in our resource library at 406 Justice Drive. The fee for the series of 8 sessions is \$40 and will include a detailed workbook, and CD.

Advance reservations are not required but would be greatly appreciated for planning purposes. For more information, contact the society at 513 695 1144 or [wccgs@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:wccgs@co.warren.oh.us)

05 Jun 2013: Getting it Together: Organizing Your Family Research

12 Jun 2013: Using the RootsMagic Software

19 Jun 2013: Online Genealogy Resources (Message Boards, USGenWeb, World Connect)

26 Jun 2013: Basic Search Strategies at Family Search

10 Jul 2013: Advanced Search Strategies at Family Search

17 Jul 2013: Census Research at Ancestry.com

24 Jul 2013: Finding Local Records

31 Jul 2013: Court Research. <http://www.rootsworld.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/>

## WARREN COUNTY, OHIO VIRTUAL CEMETERY PROJECT

In April, we added photos for 317 burials in [Deerfield Cemetery](#) and photos for 115 burials in [Woodhill Cemetery](#).

With these additions, the Warren County Virtual Cemetery Project has photos on line for 47,305 burials in 94 cemeteries. See links to other cemeteries at <http://goo.gl/YSRaS>

## DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY OF AMERICA

The Digital Public Library of America was launched on 18 Apr 2013 and may be found at <http://dp.la/>

The intended goal is to connect together, the content of the nation's libraries, museums and archives. Partners include the National Archives, Smithsonian, Internet Archive, David Rumsey Map collection, NY Public Library and a host of other regional and university libraries.

## **Dr. GEORGE WILLIAM VAN HARLINGEN, SR. (1923-2013)**

We regret to report that Dr. George William Van Harlingen, Sr. passed away on Tuesday April 9, 2013 and was buried in [Lot 529 of the Corwin Addition](#) at Lebanon Cemetery. George was a World War II veteran, an OSU grad and practiced medicine in Lebanon for forty years from 1951 to 1991. He and his wife Pat have been long time members of the Warren County Genealogical Society. George was the great great grandson of Dr. John Van Harlingen (1792-1886) who came from New Jersey and settled in Warren County in 1817.

His obituary may be viewed on the Hoskins Funeral Home website at

[http://www.hoskinsfh.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o\\_id=2058970&fh\\_id=13201](http://www.hoskinsfh.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=2058970&fh_id=13201)

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

=> **War of 1812 Pension Files:** In April, Fold3 put pension files on line up to the **COX** surname in Ohio. Those added in April from Warren County (that we know of) were [Henry Bunnel/Bonnel](#) (35 images), [John Conrey](#) (22 images), [Sylvanus Cornell](#) (55 images) & [Judge James Cowan](#) (57 images).

[Henry Bunnel/Bonnel](#) (c1794-1856) enlisted at Lebanon on 14 Sep 1812 and served one month in Capt. David Reeder's Company of Ohio Militia. Henry married Christian/Christina Fox on 5 Apr 1814 in Warren County and appears to have remained in the county until his death on 25 Aug 1856. His place of burial has not been determined. His widow received [Bounty Land Warrant #54469](#) in 1856 for 160 acres under the act of 1855. She assigned it to William Bunnell who then assigned it to Charles Frost who used it to obtain a patent for a quarter section of land in Page County, Iowa in 1860. It appears that Christina moved to Monroe in Butler County after her husband died and lived with her son, Isaac Bunnell until her death on 7 Apr 1879. She had obtained a widows' pension of \$8 per month beginning 9 Mar 1878. After her death, Isaac Bonnel filed for reimbursement of her final expenses including \$3.50 to the sexton of the Mound Cemetery in Monroe. The file contains a paper by [George W. Frost](#) dated 26 May 1879 saying that he thought Isaac would be filing for reimbursement and that he wanted to see the papers before action was taken on the request.

[John Conrey](#) (1792-1864) was drafted at Williamsburg, Clermont County, Ohio on 28 Apr 1812 as a Sargeant in Capt. Jacob Boerstlers' Company in Col. Lewis Cass' Regiment. Boerstler was mortally wounded at the [Battle of Brownstown](#), (now Gibraltar, Michigan) commanded by [Major VanHorne](#). Lieutenant Thomas Kain was then elected Captain of the Company. Conrey became a prisoner of war when Gen. Hull's [surrendered Detroit](#) in August 1812. Conrey was exchanged at the expiration of his term of service on 15 Sep 1812. John Conrey married Margaret Martin on 2 Mar 1813 in Warren County. She died 12 Mar 1847 and he married again to Mary Hutchinson (widow of Samuel Paxton) on 5 Apr 1848. John died 29 Nov 1864 and is buried in the [Methodist Graveyard](#) at Lebanon with his first wife. His 2<sup>nd</sup> wife died on 29 Nov 1885 as is buried in the [Lebanon Cemetery](#). [Bounty Land Warrant #27675](#) for 80 acres was issued to John Conrey, Sergeant, Captain Kain's Company, Ohio Militia under the act of 1850. He assigned the warrant to Eliphalet Easton who received a patent for 80 acres in Richland County, Illinois on 10 Sep 1853. Under the act of 1855, [Bounty Land Warrant #27340](#) for an additional 80 acres was issued to John Conrey who assigned it to George C. Barnitz who received a patent for 80 acres in Vernon County, Missouri on 2 Jul 1860. Mary Conrey received a widow's pension of \$8/month beginning 9 Mar 1878 (Application #28885, Certificate #7833).

[Sylvanus Cornell](#) (1791-1879) served as a substitute for James Kelsey in Capt. George Kesling's Co. of Dragoons, Col. Trimble's 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Ohio Militia from 27 Sept 1812 to 20 Oct 1812. On 4 Sep 1813 he was drafted at Lebanon, Ohio, into Capt. John Spencer's Co., Col. Zumwalt's Regiment, Ohio Militia, served 6 months and was discharged at Upper Sandusky on 3 Mar 1814. Sylvanus was married in Warren County to his 1<sup>st</sup> wife, Sarah Florer, on 21 Nov 1816 by Joshua Carman. Sarah died 12 Dec 1848 at Mt. Holly. He married his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Hannah \_\_\_ (widow of Elihu Swain who died in 1839), on 16 Jul 1850 in Union County, Indiana. Sylvanus died 31 Oct 1879 in Warren County and was buried with his first wife in the Spring Valley Cemetery in Greene County, Ohio. Hannah died 9 Oct 1886 and is buried in the Salem Friends Cemetery in Union County, Indiana. [Bounty Land Warrant 11699](#) for 80 acres was issued in favor of Sylvanus Cornell for service in companies of Capt. Kesling & Capt. Spencer. He receive a patent on 10 Apr 1852 of 80 acres in Putnam County, Ohio. [Bounty Land Warrant 42193](#) for 80 acres was issued in favor of Sylvanus Cornell which he assigned to Thomas B. Smith who was issued a patent for 80 acres in Dade County, Missouri on 3 Jan 1860. Sylvanus received a Survivor's Pension of \$8/month commencing 14 Feb 1841 (Application #13036, Certificate #9786). His widow, Hannah, received a widows' pension of \$8/month commencing 1 Nov 1879.

[Judge James Cowan](#) (1787-1873) enlisted on 14 Sep 1812 to serve for 30 days as a Private in Capt. Daniel F. Reeder's Company, Col. Samuel Finley's Mounted Regiment, Ohio Militia. On 7 Oct 1812 he and Benjamin H. Spinning were detailed by Col. Finley to remain at Fort Defiance to attend to a wounded man named Eleazer Lampson. Cowan remained there until his discharge on 5 Jan 1813. He married Mary French in 1814. She died in 1820 and was 1<sup>st</sup> buried in the Presbyterian Graveyard and later moved to Lebanon Cemetery. He married Lydia Mix on 2 Nov 1830 in Lebanon, Ohio. James died 25 Feb 1873 and Lydia died 4 May 1892. They are both buried in [Lebanon Cemetery](#). The pension file indicates that he moved to Warren County in the year 1800. [Bounty Land Warrant 7426](#) for 40 acres was issued in favor of James Cowan and assigned it to John P. Crothers who received a patent for 40 acres in Vermilion County, Illinois on 1 Mar 1854. [Bounty Land Warrant 22540](#) for 120 acres was issued in favor of James Cowan who assigned it to Wilson T. Keever who then assigned it to James Cowan who received a patent for 120 acres in Adair County, Iowa on 1 Sep 1859. James Cowen received a survivor's pension of \$8/month commencing 14 Feb 1871 (Application #8309, Certificate #17787). Lydia Cowan received an \$8/month widows' pension commencing 9 Mar 1878.

The complete War of 1812 pension files for Warren County soldiers [James Abbott](#), [Abraham Baker](#), [William Brandenburg](#), [Thomas Breeding](#), [Frederick Briney](#), [David B. Buckles](#), [Samuel Campbell](#), [Joshua Carman](#), [Susanna P. \(Swallow\) Cass](#), [Barzilla Clark](#), [Forgus/Fergus Clements](#), [Isaac Clements](#), [Samuel Coburn](#) and [William Guttery](#) are already on line.

## => **Veteran Photos and Documents:**

photo of [Jeniah Franklin St. John](#) (74 OVI) contributed by his great great grandson, [Richard A. St. John](#)

=> **Civil War Widow's Pension Files** available on [fold3.com](http://fold3.com) continue to grow and is now up to at least widow certificate number 120,690. [William H. Girton](#) (2 Ind Cav), [Robert Reiley/Reily](#) (75 OVI), [John W. Slagle](#) (1 OVI), [James Harrison McKee](#) (35 OVI), [Joseph W. Reeder](#) (79 OVI) pension files were added to the collection in April.

Go to <http://goo.gl/Vcvm6> to view our list of [Warren County Pension Application Files](#) that are available on line with links to 102 different pension files. If you know of others, please let us know.

=>★**Warren County Civil War 150 Roll of Honor, May, 1863**★ - 19 casualties: 13 dead, 2 wounded, 3 POWs.

**Killed in Action or Mortally Wounded:**

[Henry C. Jacobs](#) (5 OVI), [Owen McGinnis](#) (12 OVI), [Samuel Morrow](#) (40 OVI), [Robert Reiley](#) (75 OVI), [Conrad Wilmer](#) (75 OVI)

**Wounded:**

[Christian H. Smith](#) (62 NY Inf), [Hosea B. Tullis](#) (75 OVI)

**POWs:**

[Michael C. Liddy](#) (75 OVI), [Burton H. Parsons](#) (2 OVI), [Hosea B. Tullis](#) (75 OVI)

**Died from Disease or Other Causes:**

[Alex. M. Armstrong](#) (44 OVI), [Joseph K. Gaston](#) (83 OVI), [Charles H. King](#) (79 OVI), [Henry T. Lundy](#) (79 OVI), [Richard M. Skillman](#) (83 OVI), [Frank Snell](#) (79 OVI), [Francis M. Whitacre](#) (17 OVI), [Benjamin Whittlesey](#) (83 OVI)

Click on the names of the individual soldier to see additional information we have about them.

=>See <http://goo.gl/uWutD> or <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/warsmain.htm> for information about other Warren County veterans.

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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, Bellville, Ohio 44813. Phone (419) 886-1903.

[Annual membership](#) includes home access to <http://www.heritagepursuit.com> (Ohio County Histories).

10 Aug 2013: [Chapter Management Seminar](#): 32895 Cedar Road, Mayfield Heights, <http://www.ogs.org/events/2013chaptermanagement.php>

5 Oct 2013: OGS Fall Seminar features Genealogy Guys, George Morgan and Drew Smith. Call 419-886-1903 for reservations.

30 April-3 May 2014 [53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference](#) at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Sandusky, Ohio.

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**OTHER EVENTS**

<> 8-11 May 2013 "**NGS Conference**" Las Vegas, Nevada. Hotel reservations at <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/accommodations>

<> 21 - 24 Aug 2013 "**FGS Conference**" Ft. Wayne, Indiana. See <http://www.fgsconference.org/program/>

<> 6-8 Feb 2014 "**RootsTech Conference**" Salt Lake City, Utah. See <http://rootstech.org/home>

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

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Membership application forms are available at <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/aboutus.htm#Membership>

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Our 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.]

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