

CLUES TO USE

Submitted by Linda Eckert, WCGS President

Check out our Special Collections! (Part 6)

This month, we are featuring the Evelyn Preest collection.

Evelyn Lusetta (Hall) Preest was a member of WCGS and contributed a great deal to our Society. She was born December 7, 1916, to parents Frank Clifford and Mabel Loretta (Hutchinson) Hall on a farm near Lebanon, Ohio. Evelyn attended our local schools and graduated from Lebanon High School. She worked in several restaurants including the Golden Lamb, Graham's Restaurant, and another restaurant on Main Street. During this time, Evelyn stayed with an aunt in Lebanon. She met Ralph Preest from Crooksville, Ohio, and they were married in 1936. Evelyn was truly a Renaissance woman, helping to build their house on Tylersville Road and teaching Sunday School for 25 years. She served as curator of the Alverta Green Museum for the Mason Historical Society. Evelyn was a retired employee of David's Buffet. Her husband Ralph passed away in 1968 and Evelyn passed May 19, 1990, at Bethesda North Hospital. She was survived by three brothers, Kenneth Hall and Ralph Hall of Middletown and Earl Hall of Lebanon. Evelyn was buried beside Ralph in Rose Hill Cemetery in Mason, Ohio.

Evelyn's collection is located in the Special Collections area on Bookshelf 57. Also on Bookcase 57, there is an Alphabetical Card Index that Evelyn created for the Rose Hill Cemetery.

Other books written by Evelyn Preest:

Mason Families – Bookcase 57

Red Lion Cemetery – Methodist Church – Bookcase 3

Warren County Deaths 1888-1969 – Bookcase 15

John Thomas Hall 1753-1837 – Bookcase 39

Surnames included in the collection:

Ayers	Compton	Lowe
Beedle	Crane	Miller
Bennett	Hall	Montfort
Bishop	Hathaway	Mulford
Brow	Hutchinson	Randolph
Burt	Liggett	Simpkins

NEW WEBSITE PAGE ON LAND RECORDS

Submitted by Jo Roth, WCGS Treasurer and Webmaster

We are contacted quite often with questions about how to research Land Records. The good news is that Warren County has a wealth of online records! To help with your research, we have created one handy website page to serve as a guide.

<https://www.wcgsohio.org/landrecords>

About three-quarters of the way down the page, there are two new maps that may interest you, both of which hang in our Resource Library. The **Warren County Township, Range, and Section Map**, and the **Warren County Cemeteries Map**. Our thanks to the wonderful people in our GIS office who provided us these files to share with you.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR WCGS?

Do you have an interest in genealogy? Whatever your skill level, we could use you! Whether you have been researching for years or are just considering starting to work on your family tree, you can help. **We are always looking for more volunteers!** You do not have to live locally to help. Volunteers are currently needed in the following areas, with those that need to be local indicated as such:

- **Monthly Newsletter (*e-News*) Editor and Help**
 - We could use help with content, layout, and proofreading for our monthly *e-News*. Our *e-News* is published the first Friday of every month following the Board Meeting, meaning that some months it might occasionally go out on the second Friday.
- **WCGS Resource Library (LOCAL)**
 - We are seeking help with the overhaul and maintenance of our library holdings, including shelving books, labeling books, and maintenance of Subject and Family files. Knowledge of and experience with LibraryThing is a plus, but not required.
- **Indexing Records**
 - WCGS works in conjunction with the Warren County Records Center & Archives in preserving and digitizing records. These records need indexed, and in some cases, the index needs updated. Experience with computers and using spreadsheets is needed for this.
- **Cleaning the Resource Library (LOCAL)**
 - Do you like to keep things neat and tidy? Do you love to dust, vacuum, and keep things clean? We all help, but having someone keeping this performed on a regular schedule would be wonderful!
- **Accounting / Bookkeeping / Treasurer**
 - Our current Treasurer is happy to familiarize you with the requirements for nonprofit organizations in Ohio, whether you want to utilize these skills here or for another organization.
- **Scanning (LOCAL)**
 - We have recently completed our Society inventory and have an entire closet of records, photos, and other things that need to be scanned.
- **Cemetery Help (LOCAL)**
 - We are seeking another person to work with our Cemetery Chair who would like to make the documentation and preservation of Warren County cemeteries their main focus and help with the Cemetery Restoration Workshops. This person should know or be willing to learn the Ohio laws applying to cemeteries and establish relationships with the people who are involved in the oversight and maintenance of Warren County cemeteries, both public and private.
- **WCGS Historian (LOCAL)**
 - Just think scrapbooking! Who knew that you could help us preserve our history by doing one of America's best-loved hobbies?
- **Website and Social Media Assistance**
 - Our website is one of the main ways people find out about us. We could use another person who has knowledge of how websites operate, or is willing to learn, to help with or take over responsibility for our website and social media. In addition, we need help with:
 - Scanning missing issues of *e-News* to be added to the page. (LOCAL)
 - Scanning missing issues of *Heir Lines* to be added to the page. (LOCAL)
- **Email and Mailing List**
 - In addition to those requesting we use postal mail for communication, we use Mailchimp to reach our members and email subscribers. Someone is needed to create and send emails and printed communications and maintain the mailing list for WCGS in Mailchimp and the Labels program. Proficiency with computers is required, and we can provide training for the rest.
- **Membership (LOCAL)**
 - Is your passion keeping membership records in order? Do you enjoy using email and regular mail to keep in touch with a group? We have a great group of members that could use an organized soul to help with renewals, new memberships, keeping contact information updated, and so much more. This position tends to be a bit busy during the renewal period (late fall through early in the year), but does have activity all year long. Being comfortable on the computer and with Google applications is a plus.

OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Samuel D. Isaly Library, 611 State Route 97 West, Bellville, Ohio 44813
Telephone 419-886-1903 <https://www.ogs.org>

2024 OGS Annual Conference: “Rockin’ Around Your Family Tree”

April 10-13, 2024 – In-Person
Kalahari Hotel and Resorts, Sandusky, Ohio
<https://www.ogs.org/2024-conference/>

2025 OGS Annual Conference: “Light Up Your Genealogy”

Save the Dates – April 30-May 3, 2025 – In-Person
Kalahari Hotel and Resorts, Sandusky, Ohio
Speaker proposals are now being accepted through May 31, 2024. Please submit to ogsconference@ogs.org.
<https://www.ogs.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/OGS-Call-For-Papers-2025.pdf>

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

6400 Arlington Blvd., Suite 810, Falls Church, VA 22042-2318
Telephone 703-525-0050 or 800-473-0060 <https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>

2024 Virtual Family History Conference: “Expanding Possibilities”

May 16-18, 2024 - Virtual
<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

ROOTSTECH 2024

<https://rootstech.org>
RootsTech 2024: “Remember”
Thursday, February 29, 2024 – Saturday, March 2, 2024 – In-Person and Virtual
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/rootstech-2024-registration>

*They have a new feature that allows you to plan your schedule, whether attending in-person or virtually. Very nice!
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/rootstech-2024-schedule>

FAMILY HISTORY JAMBOREE 2024

<https://fhj1.org/general-info/>
Saturday, March 23, 2024, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM – In-Person
901 East Whipp Road, Centerville, Ohio
Instructors: **Kelli Bergheimer (WCGS Member!)**, Michael Garrambone, Dick Gault, Peggy Clemens Lauritzen, **Dana Palmer (WCGS Member!)**, Janet Parker, Jim Phillabaum, and Anne Wachs.
2024 Handouts are available for download: <https://fhj1.org/downloads/>

36TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF GENEALOGICAL AND HERALDIC SCIENCES

2024 Congress: “Origins, Journeys, Destinations”

September 24-28, 2024 – In-Person
Being held in the United States for the 1st time in its 93-year history!
Hosted by American Ancestors and FamilySearch: <https://www.americanancestors.org/>
The American Ancestors Research Center, 99-101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116
<https://www.americanancestors.org/icghs-2024>

GENEALOGY WEBINARS

You need to pre-register. See websites below for complete lists of webinars being presented.

Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana

Please check under the “News & Events” heading for upcoming webinars. <https://www.acgsi.org/>

Allen County Public Library

Events can be found on the Events page for the ACPL Genealogy Center:

<https://acpl.libnet.info/events?r=days&n=30&t=Family+History+%26+Genealogy>

American Ancestors by New England Historic Genealogical Society

Check the boxes for “Online only” and “Free” to see their list of webinars for the month.

<https://www.americanancestors.org/events>

Florida State Genealogical Society

Scroll down the Home page to find “Poolside Chats: A Genealogy Webinar Series.” <https://fsgs.org/>

International Society for British Genealogy and Family History

Their Winter Webinar Series resumes in November 2023. Webinars will be listed here:

<https://isbgfh.com/winter-webinars/>

Legacy Family Tree Webinars

LFT Webinars makes the webinar recording available for FREE for 7 days to those who register. To get the handouts, you must join and pay a yearly membership fee. <https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars/>

National Genealogical Society’s Conference Keeper

Virtual Events Live & Online

<https://conferencekeeper.org/virtual/>

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WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

WCGS has more than 160 Warren County Genealogical publications available for purchase. These can be purchased from the [Shop and Support](#) page of our website or you can download an order form:

<https://www.wcgsohio.org/downloadable-forms>.

Membership is \$15 for a regular membership (single or family) or \$200 for a Life Membership. Please visit the [Join or Renew](#) page on our website or you can download a Membership Application:

<https://www.wcgsohio.org/downloadable-forms>.

Phone: 513-695-1144 Email: wcgsoh@gmail.com

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

WCGS OLD Website (has broken links, but also GREAT databases): <http://www.wcgsoh.org>

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

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

Western Star Digitization Project: <https://www.ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll184>

Warren County OHGenWeb Site: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/>

RESOURCE LIBRARY HOURS: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The WCGS Resource Library is open to the public. We are a FamilySearch Affiliate Library.

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KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Support WCGS each time you check out by participating in the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

- Visit <https://www.kroger.com> and sign into your Kroger account.
- Click the icon above your name to access “My Account” and look for Community Rewards on that page.
- Select Community Rewards and search by Organization Name or Number and enroll in the program:
 - Organization Name – Warren Co Chpr of the Ohio Genealogical Soc
 - Organization Number – SU662

Then, every time you shop and use your Kroger Plus card, Kroger will make a small donation to WCGS!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following people and organizations who have made a monetary or materials donation to WCGS recently. Our Society and Resource Library Catalog continues to expand because of your generosity!

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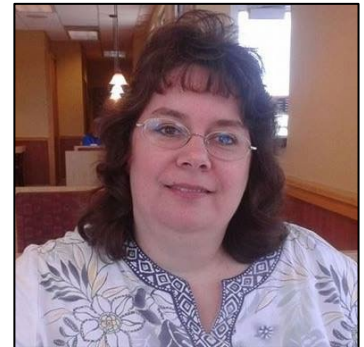
Marcia Holstrom
Mary Hummell
Kathy Johnson
Lois Milligan
Linda and Ron Roaks
Arne Trelvik

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Virtual Meeting and Program via Zoom Starting at 7:00 p.m.

“That’s in the Archives: Digging Deeper Into the Archive Records”

Genealogists use archives every day to locate records about their ancestors. Are there records that you are not accessing because you don’t know they exist? Not all records are online, indexed, or microfilmed. Digging deeper into the local and state archives to find unique and relatively unknown records might be the next step in your genealogy research.



Presented by Melissa Barker

Melissa Barker is a Certified Archives Manager and Public Historian currently working at the Houston County, Tennessee Archives & Museum. She is affectionally known as *The Archive Lady* to the genealogy community. Melissa lectures, teaches, and writes about the genealogy research process, researching in archives and records preservation. She conducts virtual presentations across the United States and other countries for various genealogy groups and societies. Melissa writes a popular blog entitled [A Genealogist in the Archives](#) and is a well-known published book reviewer. She has been a Professional Genealogist for the past 20 years with expertise in Tennessee records and has been researching her own family history for the past 34 years.

This “free” presentation is open to the public. Everyone is welcome!

No reservations are necessary, but you must be on our email list to receive the Zoom invitation.

You can sign up for our email list at the bottom of any page of our website: <https://www.wcgsOhio.org/>

For more information, please contact WCGS at 513-695-1144 or wcgsoh@gmail.com.



Annual Seminar:

DANA PALMER

Mill Race Banquet Center

April 20, 2024 - 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

HCGS is pleased to welcome Dana Palmer as special guest speaker for our 2024 annual seminar at the Mill Race Banquet Center at Mill Golf Course in Winton Woods Park.

Dana Palmer, CG®, CGL(SM) specializes in lineage society applications, publishing family books, and Midwestern research – specifically Ohio. In addition to her client work, she reviews military repatriation cases, is part of the Mayflower Silver Books team, and lectures at RootsTech and the National Genealogical Society (NGS) conferences.

(read Dana's full bio at treasuredlineage.com)

SEMINAR TOPICS

Buckeye Research: Using FamilySearch to Find Ohio Records - FamilySearch has a treasure trove of Ohio records for genealogists. Come learn how to access these records.

Researching in Southern Ohio - Southern Ohio has an abundance of genealogy resources. Be successful in finding your ancestors by knowing what is available and where to find it.

When Your Research Hits a Brick Wall – Have you ever hit a genealogy brick wall? Come learn techniques to help you bust your brick walls and discover your family.

Using Ohio Tax Records to Find Family – Tax records could be crucial to connect your family. Come learn about tax records available in Ohio and how to use them.

ACCESSIBLE, AMPLE PARKING
Mill Race Banquet Center
At Mill Golf Course in Winton Woods Park
1515 West Sharon Road, Cincinnati 45240
(West from Winton Road)
(513) 825-6467

Reservations are required by April 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
Pay online at <https://hcgsohio.org/cpage.php?pt=144>
-or- mail a check with the form below.

Reservation	
Name:	_____
Address:	_____
City:	_____
State and Zip:	_____
Additional names of those attending:	_____

Reservation includes continental breakfast, buffet lunch and handouts. Price: \$45.00 per person	
Number of reservations:	_____
Amount enclosed:	_____
Make checks payable to: Hamilton County Chapter, OGS	
Mail to: Hamilton County Genealogical Society P.O. Box 15865 Cincinnati, OH 45215-0865	