

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News September, 2009

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SEPT 16, 2009 MEETING, 7:30 PM Phillippi Meeting Room, Otterbein Retirement Community, 585 SR 741

"THE BUSINESS OF FUNERALS IN THE INFORMATION AGE"

by Jennifer Hoskins Long of Hoskins Funeral Homes <http://www.hoskinsfh.com/>

In an industry that seems to be immune to change, the funeral business has been altered & stretched by advances in technology more than most would realize. Find out how doing business as a funeral director has changed in the last decade and how today's services compare to those 150 years ago. Also, learn how technology makes it easier for funeral homes to provide information to those doing genealogical research.

LEARN HOW TO RESTORE GRAVE MARKERS DURING DAYLONG CLINIC

September 26th, 2009 at Crosson Cemetery

The Warren County Genealogical Society is sponsoring an advanced cemetery restoration clinic on Sept. 26th at the Crosson Cemetery west of Butlerville, OH. This clinic for novices will empower participants, providing them with the tools they will need to document, preserve and restore grave markers. The clinic will demonstrate step-by-step how to preserve and restore a cemetery, with recommendations as to what lay people should and should not undertake.

The workshop will teach advanced techniques of gravestone repair and preservation, proper cleaning of gravestones, leveling stones, building new bases, repairing broken stones and respect for the sanctity of cemeteries. During the workshop and under the supervision of experienced professionals, participants will have the opportunity to work on actual grave markers. The clinic will include detailed handouts and carefully define the correct and incorrect ways to approach preservation and conservation. The clinic will be conducted by experienced professional cemetery restorers who have personally repaired over 10,000 grave markers. They have learned the principles of grave marker restoration and graveyard conservation as established and taught by the Association for Graveyard Studies of Greenfield, MA.

The Harlan Township trustees are committed to the maintenance and restoration of their cemeteries and are presenting this clinic so that the community may better respect this consecrated ground and more fully understand and appreciate the pioneer settlers and the early history of the surrounding area.

The clinic runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and includes a continental breakfast, a picnic lunch and extensive workshop materials. Cost is \$35.

For more details see

<http://home.roadrunner.com/~telos/CrossonCemetery/>

To sign up for the clinic see form at

http://home.roadrunner.com/~telos/CrossonCemetery/WCCGS_Restorations/Clinic_Registration.html

Email: CrossonClinc@cinci.rr.com

FALL MEETING SCHEDULE

Our Wednesday night meetings for the remainder of the year, starting at 7:30 PM in the Phillippi Meeting Room of the Campus Center at the Otterbein Retirement Community, 585 State Route 741 (north of State Route 63), Lebanon, Ohio. <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/meetings.htm>

October 14 "Digital Photo Albums" by Kris Croft

November 18 "Blood, Tears and Glory: The Civil War's Untold Story",
A lecture by Ohio author, James Bissland

December 16 Annual Christmas Party Social - No speaker

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sept. 12, 2009 @ 2pm Butler County Genealogical Society Meeting, Lane Fairfield Library, Fairfield, Ohio
Preserving Your History in the Digital Age by Dana Palmer

Sept. 19-20, 2009 Springfield Friends Meeting Bicentennial
beginning at 10AM at the meeting house on Todd's Fork Rd.

Oct. 3, 2009 Family History Month with the Experts at Cincinnati Public Library
10 AM "The Google Phenomenon – A Genealogical Goldmine" by Dave Vickers
11 AM to 2 PM Free Consultation with the Experts
2 PM. "Putting "Found" in your Search – Using Search Engines" by Dave Vickers

Oct 3, 2009 @ 9:30 MA – OGS 2009 Fall Seminar, "Researching Military Records in Ohio" at Shelby, Ohio
Reservations required – see website at <http://www.ogs.org/fallseminar2009.php>

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WARREN COUNTY VIRTUAL CEMETERY PROJECT

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

We have reached a milestone in August as we now have photos for over 30,000 gravestones from 74 different cemeteries on line in our Virtual Cemetery Project. See the new pages for the Brannock, Duttrow, Juterbock, and Miller Farm cemeteries that our volunteers have visited. Sadly these four are all abandoned or extinct with very few legible gravestones remaining. If you have information on burials in these cemeteries or old photos, please consider sharing them with us. Hundreds of additional photos have also been added for the Deerfield, Edwardsville, Lebanon, Miami, Tapscott and Springboro Cemeteries. We are grateful for the many volunteers who have contributed to this project.

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GRIFFY GRIFFIS, A HARD WORKING SCOUNDREL & CATHERINE MOORE GRIFFIS, HIS BETRAYED WIFE

Congratulations to WCGS member, Stanley Aultz whose article with the above title was published in the latest edition of Ohio Records and Pioneer Families (Vol. 50, No. 3) The article runs from page 142 to 152. The cover photo for the magazine is of a Griffis Family Reunion in front of the "Squatter's House" in Springboro. The building is now the home of the Springboro Historical Society. A copy of the article can be viewed at the WCGS library

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1883 CENSUS OF PENSIONERS, WARREN COUNTY, OHIO by Michael Elliott

The latest edition of the Ohio Civil War Genealogy Journal (Vol. XIII, No. 3) contains a list of 217 pensioners from Warren County on pages 147 -152. The author has expanded the original 1883 list by adding the unit served in along with birth death and cemetery information, when available. The author has also added the name of the deceased veteran for the 95 entries where the claimant was a widow or other dependant. Copies of both the article and the original publication can be viewed at the WCGS library.

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LIBRARY DONATIONS

Our thanks to Lurla Schultz who has donated a copy of the 2002 edition of the Miami University Alumni Directory to WCGS. This 1,946 page book is available in the Butler County section of our library.

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<http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/aboutus.htm#Membership>

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

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