

# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News Apr. 2014

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## 33<sup>rd</sup> ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

*Wednesday, 16 Apr 2014, Phillippi Meeting Room, the Campus Center at the Otterbein Retirement Community, 585 N State Rte 741 (north of Rte 63), Lebanon*

The banquet is again only \$10. Call 513 695-1144 or use the attached form to make your reservation by April 9<sup>th</sup>. Gather at 5:30 pm, dinner served at 6:00 pm. Program begins about 7:00 pm and is open to the public.

The following members will be inducted into our 1<sup>st</sup> Families and Early Settlers Lineage Societies:

**Gene L. Baker, Mary Christine Berwanger, Barbara Jeanne Bunnell Proctor, Colleen Marie (Cornett) Blessing, Donald William Harper, Shelley Marie Harper, Daryll Glen Harper, Shirley Ann (Gustin) May and Eric Allan Koch.** Collectively, they have documented their descent from 21 pioneers who settled in Warren County between 1798 and 1838.

## Program: "I am Samuel Brice Walker (1779-1845) of the Murdoch Community in Hamilton Township.

"I Am Samuel Brice Walker," written by Anne Fritz, a direct descendent of Samuel Walker, is a first person presentation of the life of this early Ohio territory pioneer. Walker was a young restless teenager who wished to see more of this great country than his rural Pennsylvanian home. He set off on foot across the Allegheny Mountains of Western Pennsylvania and found his way to Hamilton Township, Warren County, where his heart told him to set his roots. Walker was one of the dozen pioneer settlers who founded Bethel Murdoch Presbyterian Church which this year celebrates 200 years of service to the Murdoch community. Walker also donated the land where the current church is located.

"I Am Samuel Brice Walker" will be presented by Rev. Gary Brose, who served as Interim Pastor of Bethel Murdoch Presbyterian Church several years ago. Rev. Brose has appeared in several stage productions with Mason Community Players and Loveland Stage Company. He currently serves as Chaplain with Crossroads Hospice.

## 2014 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 Apr 2014 Annual Banquet, "Samuel Walker & the Murdoch Community" by Gary Brose & Anne Fritz.

21 May 2014 "DNA" by Kathy Reed

17 Sep 2014 "Researching Kentucky Ancestors at the Kenton County Public Library" by Elaine Kuhn

15 Oct 2014 "Hessen Research" by Bob Rau

19 Nov 2014 "Using Church Records" by Jeff Herbert

17 Dec 2014 Annual Christmas Gathering

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

## NECROLOGY

We are saddened to report the death of the following members.

- **Dorothy McHenry** of Toledo, Ohio. Notification by Barbara Craig in March, 2014.

- **Alta Charlene Collins Murphy** (August 19, 1943 – July 20, 2013). Notification by her husband, Frederic A. Murphy.

Charlene passed away at the Hospice of Orange City, Florida and will be interred at Rose Hill Cemetery in Mason.

Charlene and Fred were married on Nov. 15, 1959.

- **Dr. David Arthur Otto** of Fort Mill, South Carolina (February 19, 1934 - January 16, 2014)

## 12 APRIL 2104 ANNUAL SEMINAR, CINCINNATI, OHIO

Sponsored by Hamilton, Butler, Clermont & Warren County chapters Ohio Genealogical Society

Mill Race Banquet Center on Sharon Road in Winton Woods

Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 8:30 am to 4: pm.

Presenter is the nationally known expert, Dr. Michael D. Lacopo, DVM

Many of us had the opportunity to hear Dr. Lacopo at the 2013 OGS Conference. We are fortunate to have him return to Cincinnati for our Chapter Education Seminar. He will speak on the following topics:

- How to Overcome Brick Walls in German-American Research:
  - Part 1: 18th Century Germans in Pennsylvania
  - Part 2: Later German Immigrants
- Deconstructing Your Family Tree: Re-evaluating the Evidence
- Incorporating Social History Into Your Research

Genealogy vendors will be onsite. Go to <http://hcgsohio.org/eventListings.php?nm=142&ec=4&tf=12> for further details.

Registration is \$35 for members of sponsoring chapters and includes continental breakfast, lunch and handouts. You can

download the mail in registration form at <http://hcgsohio.org/upload/files/Events/SeminarFlyer2014.pdf>

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

- [Miami Cemetery](#) – A special thanks to [Ronnie & Sue Milby](#). In 2013, they went through the entire cemetery again to photograph all new and missed gravestones not already included in our virtual cemetery project. They also updated our copy of the Register of Interments. This effort added photos for an additional 731 burials in the cemetery. We now have photos on line for 9,596 of the 12,272 known burials in Miami Cemetery which should be complete through 2013.

[Miami Valley Memory Gardens](#) – All photos taken by Aric Harrison in the Garden of the Apostles section of the cemetery for his Eagle Scout project have been added. We now have photos on line for 1,515 of 13,871 known burials in this cemetery.

The project now has photos on line for 53,009 burials in 94 cemeteries. See <http://goo.gl/YSRaS>

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

=> **Veteran Photos and Documents:** photo of [PFC William G. Eltzroth](#) (1933-1987), US Army, Korea provided by his brother James Eltzroth

=> **War of 1812 Pension Files:** In March, Fold3 had pension files on line up to the **GONDER** surname in Ohio. From what we can tell, none of the new files are related to Warren County. Available pension files for Warren County soldiers with links to their pension & bounty land files are listed at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/military/1812pension.htm>.

=>★ **Warren County Civil War 150 Roll of Honor, Apr. 1864** ★ - 4 casualties: 4 dead, 0 wounded, 0 POWs.

**Killed in Action:** [Dr. Stephen A. Fairchild](#) (6<sup>th</sup> Kansas Cavalry) & [Adam Jack](#) (28<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry)

**Died from Disease or Other Causes:** [James Argadine](#) (83<sup>rd</sup> OVI), [Lewis H. Bone](#) (4<sup>th</sup> OVC)

=> **Civil War Widow's Pension Files** available on [fold3.com](http://fold3.com) – Complete pension files are now on line for widow certificate numbers up to about 130,690. It does not appear that any new files were added in March.

Pension file for [Mary O'Neil, mother of Edward O'Neil Jr.](#) (40 pages)

[The Warren County Edition of Hardesty's 1886 Military History of Ohio has "Edmund O'Neill" listed as a Warren County Civil War Soldier but no other connection to this county has been found]

Edward O'Neil enlisted as a 19 year old Private at Camp Dennison, Ohio on 3 Jun 1861 for 3 years or during the war and was mustered into Co D, 10th OVI on the same day. He was wounded on 8 Oct 1862 at the battle of Chaplin Hills (Perryville) by a gunshot wound to the right arm. He received a disability discharge at the 3rd Street Hospital in Cincinnati on 6 Jan 1863. His discharge certificate indicated that he was born in Ireland, was 5' 8" tall, fair complexion, grey eyes, dark hair and by occupation when enlisted a moulder.

Edward filed for an invalid pension while living at 23 Abigail St. in Cincinnati and on 9 May 1864 He was awarded a pension of \$8 per month commencing 22 Jan 1864 by Certificate #28316 dated 12 May 1864 and was paid to 4 Sep 1864.

Edward reenlisted at Cincinnati on 2 Oct 1864 to serve one year and was mustered into service as a Private in Captain Worth's Co D, 183rd OVI. He received a \$400 bounty, most of which he gave to his mother. He mustered out "for pay" at Salisbury, NC on 17 Jul 1865. The following day, he was returning to camp from picket duty at Greensboro, NC and fell while descending a hill, injuring his old wound which became inflamed. He was admitted to the US General Hospital where he died on 22 Jul 1865 by reason of amputation of his arm by Surgeon Mulford who was then in charge of the hospital. He is buried at [Raleigh National Cemetery](#), Section 4 Site 22

Mary O'Neil, aged 58, living at 51 East 8th St. in Cincinnati, completed an "Application for Mother's Army Pension" on 7 Sep 1865 (Application #107,024) as the mother of Edward O'Neil Jr., Pvt, Co D, 183 OVI. Mary was dependent on her son's wages after she had been left a widow with two young daughters when her husband, Edward O'Neil Sr. died on 7 Jun 1862.

Mary was awarded a pension of \$8 per month (Certificate #84,924 dated 8 Oct 1866) commencing 22 Jul 1865. She was last paid on 4 Jun 1878 and dropped from the rolls on 4 Sep 1881 for failure to claim her pension.

Go to <http://goo.gl/Vcvm6> to see a list of other [Warren County Pension Application Files](#) that are available on line with links to over 100 different pension files. If you know of more, please let us know.

=>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 West, Bellville, Ohio 44813. Phone (419) 886-1903. [Annual membership](#) includes home access to <http://www.heritagepursuit.com> (Ohio County Histories).  
◁ 30 April–3 May 2014 [53<sup>rd</sup> Annual OGS Conference](#) at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Sandusky, Ohio.  
◁ 9 Aug 2014, [29<sup>th</sup> Annual Chapter Management Seminar](#), Lebanon, Ohio.

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**OTHER EVENTS**

◁ 7-10 May 2014 “**NGS Conference**” Richmond, Virginia. Hotel Reservations at <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/accommodations>  
◁ 27-30 Aug 2014 “**FGS Conference**” San Antonio, Texas. Reservations: <https://aws.passkey.com/g/20192270>

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**WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

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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: [wags@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:wags@co.warren.oh.us) Website: <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/>  
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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