

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News August 2020

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2020 PROGRAM SCHEDULE <http://www.wcgsoh.org/meetings.htm>

Due to the COVID 19 VIRUS, our resource library remains closed until further notice. A small volunteer staff is at the library on weekdays to take care of mail, phone, email, projects, etc.

Our fall meeting schedule is listed below. No decision has been made yet about cancelling these programs.

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| 16 Sep 2020 | “UNESCO World Heritage Update for Ohio Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks” by J. Todd Stephenson |
| 21 Oct 2020 | CANCELLED |
| 18 Nov 2020 | “Greater Cincinnati Veterans Memorials” by a Cincinnati Museum Speaker |
| 16 Dec 2020 | “Annual Christmas Gathering” |

ZOOM Meeting – “So You Want to Join a Lineage Society?! Tips and Tricks” presented by Debbie Large.

To attend, click on the link below. NO PASSWORD is required

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/yv0IDL370mdLS6Od-X_QUL5wRoT-X6a8gygZ-fBfykoUVbFyWBWmwoxw9vjuYxfp

This recorded meeting will remain open until September 3rd.

Are you one of those marvelous people who wants to properly document, complete, and submit an application to join a lineage society? Congratulations on “thinking about” joining one! For some family historians, the thoughts of doing so are just too daunting to undertake. But successfully completing a lineage society application need not be too challenging or overwhelming. You simply need to follow some important steps for success. This presentation will focus on some basic techniques and highlight key websites that can help you submit a successful lineage application. Even if you’re not interested in joining, take a peek at some of the wonderful genealogical treasures available online from lineage societies. You just might find something that will help you with your own family history research!

Debbie’s passion for family history began with an undated photograph of her great grandparents and a simple question: Who were these people? That question led her into the puzzle-piece world of family history. She’s been exploring and documenting her family roots ever since through lineage society applications and memberships including First Families of Stark County, Ohio, OGS First Families of Ohio, Sons of the American Revolution and Daughters of the American Revolution. Debbie is an adjunct instructor for Sinclair Community College and a volunteer at the Warren County Genealogical Society where she serves as co-chair of the WCGS lineage societies. She continues to explore her deep roots in the US and abroad and enjoys helping others discover and learn about their ancestors.

NECROLOGY

Earl Vanderveer Gorsuch (1921-2020)

We are sorry to report the death of **Earl V. Gorsuch** who died at the age of 99. Earl has been a member of the Warren County Genealogical Society for over 25 years. In 2003, Earl was admitted into First Families of Warren County Ohio (FFWC #76), by proving his descent from his 3rd great grandfather **Tunis D. VanDerveer** (1881-1937) who had settled in Franklin Township by 2 Apr 1814.

Earl was married to **Wilda Lee Olwine** on 16 May 1942. Three months later, on 2 Aug 1942 he was inducted into the Army Air Force. He was discharged after the war as a Tech Sergeant on 7 Dec 1945.

On 29 July 2020, Earl was buried in the New Jersey Presbyterian Church cemetery next to his wife, **Wilda** and their son **John Earl Gorsuch**. You may read Earl’s obituary on the Anderson Funeral Home website at

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/franklin-oh/earl-gorsuch-9272879>

NATURALIZATION RECORDS -

Digitized images of 542 Warren County Naturalization Records are now freely available on line, thanks to the [Warren County Records Center Archives](#). To search the collection,

- 1 Go to the County Indexes page at <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/recordscenter/Indexes/Default2.aspx>
- 2 Select **Probate Court** in the **Department** drop-down box and then
- 3 Select **Naturalization Index** in the drop-down box

This will provide you with a browsable list of all the naturalization records in the collection arranged alphabetically by the 1st name of the individual. The database provides columns for the **Name, Type of Record, Court Recorded, Date, Location Recorded, Location of Origin** and **Age/Birthdate** of the individual plus a search box. Clicking on “**View Document**” on the far right of each record which will bring up a color pdf file containing color images of all of the papers in a particular record. Most records contain one or two images but others are longer and may contain a “**Declaration of Intention**”, “**Certificate of Citizenship**”, “**Proof of Residency and Character**”, “**Soldiers’ Certificate of Citizenship**” “**Soldier’s Declaration of Intention**”, “**Minor’s Certificate of Citizenship**”, etc.

The earliest records that we found was the 23 Aug 1821 Declaration of Intention of **William Hart** a native of Great Britain and the 7 Nov 1821 Declaration of Intention of **John Jacob Swiger** a native of Germany. Until 1925, admission to citizenship was handled by local courts and 39 of these cases were Declarations of Intents from jurisdictions outside of Warren County. In 1925, the handling of immigrant naturalizations was transferred from the local courts to the District Director of Naturalizations in Cincinnati. The early records typically would only give the name of the immigrant. Later records may include the name of the spouse and/or minor children. See the 8 Apr 1924 Record for [Adam Siwecki](#) which contains six images and names his wife and their three children plus the dates of birth for the children.

The other on-line indexed collections provided by the [Warren County Records Center Archives](#) are listed below. Many of these are not searchable anywhere else on the internet!

Commissioners

61 entries	Board of County Visitors Inventory (1893-1902)
6,085 entries	Commissioners' Journal Index Volume 1 (1803-1873, 1877-1880)
8,134 entries	Commissioners' Journal Index Volume 2 (1867-1892)
3,334 entries	Commissioners' Journal Index Volume 3 (1892-1898)

Common Pleas Courts

100 entries	Black & Mulatto Record Book (1804-1851) (with images)
8,845 entries	Clerk of Courts - Series A Civil Cases
9,315 entries	General Index, Court Records (1803-1870)
985 entries	Records of Commission Inventory
101 entries	Records of Mayor's Certificates
4,977 entries	State Cases Inventory

Coroner

1,575 entries	Coroner Inquests Index
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Engineer's Office

1,096 entries	Maps/Drawings Inventory
56 entries	Aerials Inventory

Probate Court

542 entries	Naturalization Index (with images)
1,960 entries	Old Common Pleas [Old CP] Estate Packets Index (with images) <i>NOTE: Clicking on “View Document” in the far-right column will open a pdf file containing all of the documents in that particular estate package. Be patient as some of these are very large files.</i>
2,668 entries	Probate Estate Packet Inventory

Recorder's Office

168 entries	Miscellaneous Maps Inventory
8,577 entries	Veteran's Gravesite Index

Sheriff

13,154 entries	Arrest Cards
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The Archives website can be reached at <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/recordscenter/Default.aspx> .
You can also follow the archives on [utube](#), on their [blog](#) and on their [Facebook page](#)

WARREN COUNTY MILITARY HERITAGE

RECENT WARREN COUNTY VETERAN DEATHS (send additions to atrelvik@gmail.com)

World War II:

Charles William "Bill" Kohr (1922-2020), Hubert D. Phillips (1927-2020), Earl Vanderveer Gorsuch (1921-2020)

World War II and Korea:

Ronald C. Howard Sr. (1927-2020)

Korea:

Thomas Mills (1927-2020), Floyd William Brown (1927-2020), William C. Biehl Jr. (1932-2020), John Kilburn (1932-2020), Robert Lee Riley (1928-2020), Paul Leonard "Butch" Kuntz (1932-2020)

Other Service:

Edward Darrel Akers (1939-2020), Gerald "Jerry" Tibbs (1941-2020), Larry Tharp (1946-2020), Thomas Lee Christy (1944-2020), James Vernon Slusher Sr. (1944-2020), Charles Stout (1942-2020), Bradley D. Gould (1959-2020), Jim Venters (19353-2020), Merl W. Cummings (1938-2020), Robert "Bob" Charles Bastin (1939-2020)

IMMIGRANT SOLDIERS

To boost enlistments during the Civil War, Congress passed an act on 17th July 1862 which reduced the residency requirement for naturalization from five years to one year for immigrants who produced proof of enlistment in the service of the United States and subsequent honorable discharge therefrom. We found 23 "Soldier's Certificate of Citizenship" and one "Soldier's Declaration of Intention" included in the Naturalization images recently made available on the [Warren County Records Center Archives](#) web site. Eleven of these (marked ^(new)) are not included in any other Warren County Military records that we know of.

Name	Date	Location of Origin	Document
John Allison	Oct. 2, 1866	Scotland	View Document
James Campbell	Jun. 5, 1868	Scotland	View Document
Patrick Dunn ^(new)	Oct. 10, 1868	Ireland	View Document
John Fealy (indexed as John W. Keys)	Oct. 10, 1876	Ireland	View Document
Patrick Gibbons	Oct. 10, 1868	Ireland	View Document
John Gleason ^(new)	Sep. 29, 1866		View Document
Patrick Graham ^(new)	Oct. 6, 1866	Ireland	View Document
James L. Ingraham	Oct. 5, 1866	Nova Scotia	View Document
Robert Kind	Oct. 8, 1866	England	View Document
William Kind	Oct. 8, 1866	England	View Document
John Kolb ^(new)	Nov. 5, 1872	Mittenburg (Germany)	View Document
Anthony Korpel ^(new)	Oct. 13, 1868	Prussia	View Document
Jacob Krauch ^(new)	Jan. 2, 1868	Neustradt in Saxony (Germany)	View Document
Isader Kuhn ^(new)	Nov. 7, 1876	Germany	View Document
John McNellis	Mar. 25, 1878	Ireland	View Document
John Miller	Oct. 10, 1880	Germany	View Document
Bruno Noble (Nohle) Co H 4 NY Cav	Nov. 2, 1891	Germany	View Document
William Penders	Oct. 7, 1868	Ireland	View Document
Lawrence Rachford ^(new)	Oct. 8, 1867	Ireland	View Document
Christian Staley	Oct. 12, 1880	Germany	View Document
Martin Tansey	Oct. 30, 1868	Ireland	View Document
William Watkinson	Oct. 12, 1868	England	View Document
Augustus White ^(new)	Sep. 16, 1872	Prussia	View Document
John Conrad Ziegler ^(new)	Oct. 10, 1868	Switzerland	View Document

WAR OF 1812 PENSION AND BOUNTY LAND WARRANT APPLICATIONS

The digitization of the [War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files](#) was on hold once they completed adding the pension files for surnames beginning with the letter Q. The project has resumed with surnames beginning with RO. In the Ohio pensioners, they have pensions up to the name Seth St. John. No additional pension files have been added for many months now.

See <http://www.wcgsoh.org/warsmain.htm> for information about other Warren County veterans. Please email us if you know of any that we may have missed.

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WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS

[WCGSOH.ORG](http://wgcsoh.org) This is our NEW website address for the Warren County Genealogical Society! Please be aware that Google searches have not yet caught up to the new address, so many people using the links provided by Google are getting that dreaded "404 - File or directory not found." Please go to the main site first using the new address and then navigate to where you want from there. Thank you for your patience while we work to get things straightened out.

<http://wgcsoh.org/>

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).

As a benefit of membership in the Ohio Genealogical Society, you can enjoy a complimentary 12-month starter subscription to findmypast.com. Members will receive a unique code to enter to start exploring. Members will also receive a second code that will give them a 50% discount on the full database subscription fee.

FGS 2020 CONFERENCE - FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES

Blazing Trails in the Heart of America – Virtual Live Conference Sep. 2, 2020

<https://fgs.org/annual-conference/>

How does it work?

First, join us on Sep. 2 for Live! sessions that include CeCe Moore, Thomas W. Jones, Ari Wilkins, Judy G. Russell, and Lisa Louise Cooke. We'll also have special presentations and hear the latest from Ancestry and FamilySearch. Participate in a live chat with genealogists from around the world!

You will also have the opportunity to select the right-sized package for your viewing pleasure from our On-Demand content that contains over 80 sessions, PLUS you will receive more than 30 sponsored sessions and a collection of 15 society management sessions for FREE. And, just in case you miss the Live! Session, you will have the opportunity to view it together with the On-Demand content, which will be available starting Sep. 15 and will be available for your viewing until March 15, 2021.

Early Bird Registration ends August 15th. Three different packages are available at

<https://fgs.org/conferences/registration/>

GENEALOGY WEBINARS

You need to pre-register. See websites below.

Note: Legacy Family Tree Webinars understand 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.

"Incorporating Social History Into Your Research" Presented by Michael Lacopo

Wednesday, July 22, 2020 through Saturday, August 15, 2020

Virtual Presentation - Western Pennsylvania Genealogical

Register for the webinar with the Southern California Genealogical Society:

"Cousin Baiting and Cousin Stalking" Presented by Christine Cohen

Saturday, August 1, 2020, 1:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar with the Southern California Genealogical Society:

www.scsgenealogy.com

"Tracing Australian and New Zealand World War One Ancestors" Presented by Helen V. Smith

Tuesday, August 4, 2020, 10:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

"Using DNA to Solve Adoption and Unknown Parentage Mysteries" Presented by Michelle Leonard

Wednesday, August 5, 2020, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

"Preparing a Portfolio: Applying to Become a Certified Genealogist" Presented by Angela Packer McGhie, CG

Thursday, August 6, 2020, 8:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

"The ABC's of Using School Records in Family History Research" Presented by David Allen Lambert
Thursday, August 13, 2020, 3:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar with the American Ancestors by New England Historic Genealogical Society.
americanancestors.org/education/online-classes

"Working with Different Family Tree Views on MyHeritage" Presented by Uri Gonen
Tuesday, August 11, 2020, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

"Gretchen Sorin with Driving While Black: African American Travel and the Road to Civil Rights"
Presented by American Inspiration Author Event - American Ancestors
Tuesday, August 11, 2020, 6:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar at: Americanancestors.org_wgbh.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_d92REgSbS72rD7B8eZ8A7w

"Dissecting a Civil War Pension Packet--Union and Confederate" Presented by Jill Morelli, CG
Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 8:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

"Speed, Style & the English Country House: Auto, Horse, and Airplane Racing at England's Historic Houses"
Presented by Curt DiCamillo, FRSA
Friday, August 14, 2020, 5:15 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar with the American Ancestors by New England
Historic Genealogical Society. americanancestors.org/education/online-classes

"The Advance of Research Habits Over Recent Decades--And the Downside"
Presented by Tom Jones, PhD, CG
Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 8:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

"Getting to Know Mexican Church & Civil Registration Records" Presented by Colleen Robledo Greene, MLIS
Wednesday, August 19, 2020, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

"The Most Prominent Citizens: Using County Histories" Presented by Cari Taplin, CG
Wednesday, August 19, 2020, 9:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar with the Southern California Genealogical Society: www.scgsgenealogy.com

"Susan Eisenhower with How Ike Led: The Principles Behind Eisenhower's Biggest Decision"
Presented by American Inspiration Author Event - American Ancestors
Thursday, August 20, 2020, 6:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar with the American Ancestors by New England Historic Genealogical Society.
americanancestors.org/education/online-classes

"Death by Undue Means: Coroners' Records" Presented by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL
Thursday, August 20, 2020, 8:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Her award-winning blog is at <http://www.legalgenealogist.com>.
Please register with the Florida State Genealogical Society:
Webinar Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6088353628642701579>

"How to Use MyHeritage DNA Results to Enhance Your Family Tree" Presented by Michelle Leonard
Tuesday, August 25, 2020, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

"Jews in the Catskills During and After the Holocaust" Presented by Phil Brown
Tuesday, August 25, 2020, 4:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar with the American Ancestors by New England Historic Genealogical Society.
americanancestors.org/education/online-classes

"E. Dolores Johnson with Say I'm Dead: A Family Memory of Race, Secrets and Love"
Presented by American Inspiration Author Event - American Ancestors
Tuesday, August 25, 2020, 6:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar with the American Ancestors by New England
Historic Genealogical Society. americanancestors.org/education/online-classes

"Slack for Genealogy Projects" Presented by Craig R. Scott, MA, CG. FUGA

Wednesday, August 26, 2020, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

"Willkommen in Australien! Researching German-Australian Families" Presented by Benjamin Hollister

Tuesday, September 1, 2020, 10:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

"Using Chromosome Browsers, Segment Data and Triangulation" Presented by Michelle Leonard

Wednesday, September 2, 2020, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

"1939 Register" Presented by Caroline Gurney

Saturday, September 5, 2020, 11:00 a.m. Eastern standard time

ISBGFH <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7470383672048408587>

"Who Needed it Anyway? Researching Around the Missing 1890 Census" Presented by Sara Cochran

Saturday, September 5, 2020, 1:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar with the Southern California Genealogical Society:

www.scsgenealogy.com

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WCGS has over 150 Warren County Genealogical publications available for purchase. Visit our website for a list of books and an order form. <http://www.wcgsoh.org/publications.htm>

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.wcgsoh.org/DownloadableForms.htm>

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WCGS Website <http://www.wcgsoh.org/>

Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/262311627671559/>

Western Star Digitization Project: <http://www.ohiomemory.org/cdm/landingpage/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.]

DUE TO THE COVID 19 VIRUS, OUR LIBRARY IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICED