

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY *e-News* December 2025

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WCGS RESOURCE LIBRARY HOURS

The Resource Library will be **closed Wednesday through Friday, December 24-26, 2025**, for the holidays. We wish you and yours all the best!

The Resource Library will be **closed Wednesday, through Friday, December 31, 2025 - January 2, 2026**, for New Year's. Happy 2026!

The Resource Library will be **closed Tuesday, January 6, 2026, from noon until 4 p.m.**, for our Volunteer Appreciation Lunch and Quarterly Meeting.

2025 / 2026 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Our programs are FREE and open to the public. All are welcome!

December 2025 **Holiday Open House** at the **WCGS Resource Library**

Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM – In-Person

January 2026 Virtual Program **“Here Comes the Bride, and There She Goes”** presented by **J. Mark Lowe**

TUESDAY, January 13, 2026, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT – Zoom Program

****Note this program is on a Tuesday instead of our usual Wednesday.****

February 2026 Virtual Program **“Busting Through Brick Walls by Understanding County Boundaries”** presented by **Dana Palmer**

Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT – Zoom Program

If you are on our email list, you will automatically receive a Zoom invitation to join us for our Virtual Chapter Meeting and Program. You can sign up for our email list at the bottom of any website page. <https://www.wcgsohio.org>

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Submitted by Deborah Schneider, Membership Chair

We are continuing our membership drive for 2026. Membership fees are \$25 for a regular membership (either single or family), and Life memberships are \$250. You can join WCGS or renew your membership online at <https://www.wcgsohio.org/join-or-renew> or by returning your dues and a copy of the Membership Application. Including an optional donation with your renewal helps us to keep these rates as affordable as possible and is greatly appreciated.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Jim Brokaw, WCGS President and Research Chair

Welcome to the December edition of the Warren County Genealogical Society e-News! I am drafting this note in my hotel room, having just spent a full day at the Midwest Genealogy Center in Independence, Missouri. This amazing library is entirely dedicated to genealogical research, with a friendly and helpful staff, tons of resource materials and free access to numerous online resources. If you haven't had a chance to visit, I recommend that you add them to your 2026 travel plans. You can visit their website here: <https://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy>

As 2025 draws to a close, I have been thinking about our Society and the progress that we've made over the course of this year – all thanks to our wonderful volunteers and our generous donors. We have updated numerous indexes, added thousands of obituaries, photographed cemeteries, processed large donated collections, grown and improved our website, hosted informative Zoom programs, upgraded our computers and acquired a new scanner, and so much more. In short, we've been having fun! We have done all this with you, our members, in mind. I thank you for your membership and for your support to our Society, and I am looking forward to a great new year, our 45th year as the Warren County Genealogical Society!

Membership renewals have been arriving at a steady pace. If you are already a member of WCGS, thank you and please help us to save the cost of postage by remembering to renew soon. If you are reading this and you are not yet a member, please consider joining us. You may do so on our website at <https://www.wcgsohio.org/join-or-renew>. Thank you!

Finally, mark your calendar for Wednesday, December 10, 2025, and join us at our Resource Library for our Holiday Open House. We would love to show you around, enjoy some snacks, and sit and talk about genealogy. What can be better than that?

Good luck with your research! You can reach me at president.wcgsoh@gmail.com. I welcome your comments and suggestions, and invite you to submit photos or articles for our monthly e-News.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Submitted by Jo Roth, WCGS Treasurer and Webmaster

Our original website is back up and running! Yay! This website was originally launched Spring 2002 and will continue to be a resource for many of our online indexes. Randy Cummings, USGenWeb Volunteer and new WCGS Volunteer, is still hard at work integrating our sites so they play well together, but everything looks great and we are happy to have access again.

See what Warren County treasures you can find!

Our new website: <https://www.wcgsohio.org/>

Our original website: <https://wcgsoh.org/>

Warren County OHGenWeb: <https://warren.ohgenweb.org/#gsc.tab=0>

Warren County OHGenWeb Virtual Cemetery Project: <https://warren.ohgenweb.org/Cemetery/burial.html>

For more information about which websites Randy is helping, please visit <https://genwebs.org/>. If you are interested in helping Randy with a small donation toward covering the costs of hosting these sites (including ours!), you can do so at this page on his website: <https://genwebs.org/donate/>

THE PHOTO IN THE CLOSET

A few weeks ago, we pulled a small photo album out of the closet attached to the WCGS Resource Library. The album is a collection of original 19th-century photographs of what appears to be an extended family, and to our delight we found that someone had written, in pencil, the names of most of the young people in the photos!



The photo that most caught our eye was that of a young woman on the last page of the album. Along with her photograph was her name and a lock of her hair. We decided to bring this lady back to life by telling as much of her story as we could discover, and to learn the connections between her and the other people in the photo album. Written below the photo is the name Maggie Monroe Earnhart. Opposite that photo was one of her older brother Granville Monroe.



Sarah Margaret "Maggie" Monroe was born in Warren County on February 15, 1856 (*calculated*)¹, the third of eight children born to Charles B. Monroe and Mary Cossart (Pence) Monroe. On December 12, 1875, Maggie married Alonzo "Lon" Earnhart. In 1880, the couple and their two young children were living in Clearcreek Township in Warren County at the home of Alonzo's parents. Sadly, Maggie passed away on March 13, 1883, of consumption (tuberculosis) and was buried in the Lebanon Cemetery the next day. She was 27 years old.

THE wife, of Lon Earnhart, died of consumption and was buried in the Lebanon cemetery on Tuesday. The funeral took place at the U. B. Church at Springboro and was largely attended by friends and relatives. She was the daughter of Chas. Monroe.

The Western Star (Lebanon, Ohio),
Thursday, March 15, 1883, Page 5, Column 1

Maggie's brother Granville Monroe was born on October 27, 1853, in Lebanon, Ohio. In 1870, Granville was working on his father's farm in Turtlecreek Township, outside of Lebanon, but by November 1880, Granville had become ill. That month, *The Western Star* reported that Charles Monroe "took his invalid son Granville to the Hot Springs in Arkansas." But the hot springs couldn't save Granville from his fate. He died on February 3, 1881, in Waco, Texas, where it is likely he again had travelled for his health. His body arrived in Lebanon eleven days later, and just like his sister Maggie, Granville had died of tuberculosis, was buried in the Lebanon Cemetery, and was 27 years old.

However, Maggie and Granville's stories remained intertwined for years after their deaths. Five months before Granville travelled to Hot Springs, Arkansas, on June 8, 1880, Louisa Roser, a Warren County native, gave birth in Clearcreek Township to a son named Victor. The Warren County Births Register lists Granville Monroe as the father and records the name of the child as Victor Monroe. However, Granville Monroe and Louisa Roser did not marry, and throughout his lifetime, their son was known by the name Victor Roser.

Six years after Maggie's death, on January 8, 1889, 26-year-old Louisa Roser, the mother of Granville Monroe's child, married Alonzo Earnhart, Maggie (Monroe) Earnhart's widower. In the 1900 census, Alonzo and Louisa Earnhart are residing in Clearcreek Township with Maggie's two children and Granville's son, all of whom lived full lives.

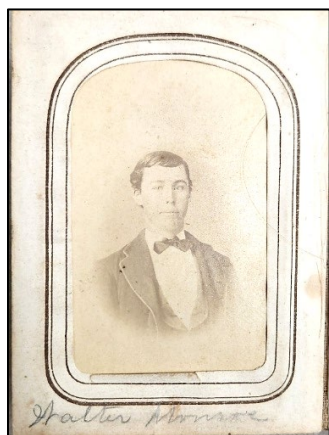
MARRIED.
At the C. P. parsonage, on Tuesday evening, January 8, 1889, Mr. Alonzo Earnhart and Miss Louisa Roser, both of Utica. Rev. G. A. Blair officiating.

The Western Star (Lebanon, Ohio),
Thursday, January 10, 1889, Page 5, Column 3

Special thanks go to volunteers Penny Brown and Julie Cowger for their research assistance! And a good deal of gratitude to James Sheets, WCGS Member, who donated this wonderful little album.

¹ Date of birth calculated from her Death Record using March 13, 1883, as her date of death and her age at death of 27 years and 26 days (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:1F6VH-CX8?lang=en>). Maggie's grave marker in Lebanon Cemetery, Section G, Lot 8, North Side, has 1857.

A sampling of the other photos in this special album.



Walter Monroe
Perhaps Maggie's 1st Cousin James
Walter Monroe (1850-1901), son of
Uncle John and Aunt Martha (Maple)
Monroe.



Georgie Hayner
Maggie's sister Georgia A. (Monroe)
Hayner (1858-1878).



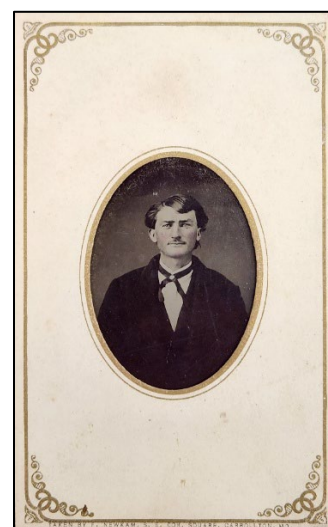
Joe Butler



Nannie Monroe Brown
Maggie's 1st Cousin Sarah Anna
"Nannie" (Monroe) Brown (1855-1925),
daughter of Uncle John and Aunt Martha
(Maple) Monroe.



Kate Monroe
Perhaps Maggie's sister Hannah K.
Monroe (1858-1878).



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"Taken by F. Newkam, S. E. Cor.
Square, Carrollton, MO."



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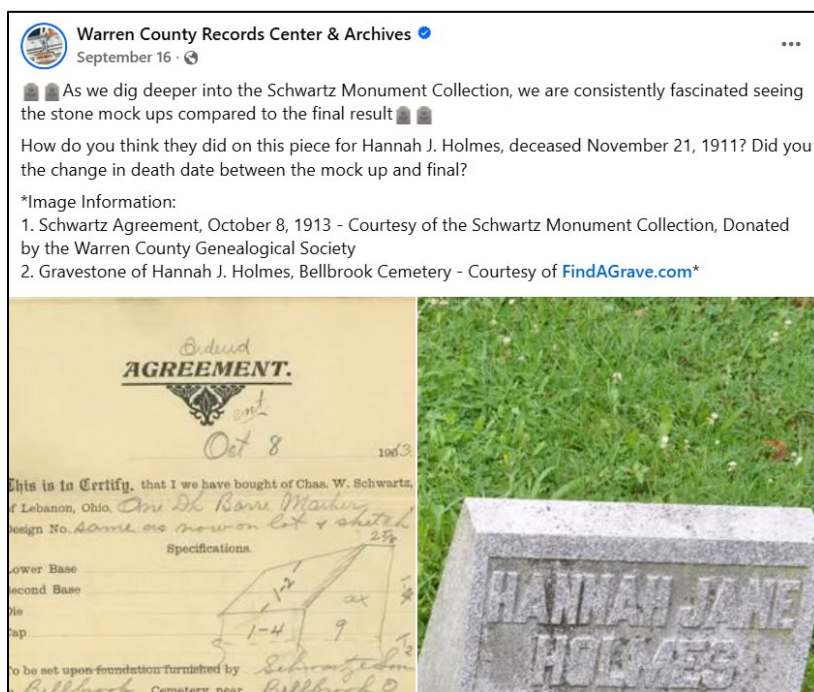
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THE SCHWARTZ MONUMENT COLLECTION

Submitted by Jo Roth

Many of you know Faith Peel, Retired Volunteer Extraordinaire, who spent an incredible amount of time scanning the ENTIRE collection of Schwartz Monument records. The original records are now in the care of the Warren County Records Center & Archives, along with a copy of all the scans, and a spreadsheet listing the contents. Many thanks to Faith, and also to Candy Jo Tucker Hartman (she did the spreadsheet) for all their hard work on this massive project.

And imagine my surprise when the Warren County Records Center & Archives shared a bit from this collection on Facebook back in September! Oh, the wonderful records and information you can find in the most surprising places.



REQUEST MILITARY SERVICE RECORDS USING eVETRECS

Submitted by Jim Brokaw

The eVetRecs website (<https://vetrecs.archives.gov/s/>) enables you to request military service records online. This free service of the National Archives (NARA) offers a quick and easy way to request military records, such as WWII discharge papers or a DD214 (post-1950). Either of these records will include inclusive dates of service, service number, duty stations, awards and decorations, character of separation, and much more. If found, the record should appear in your mailbox within about six weeks (more or less). This service is available for archived records only; not for current or recently separated veterans.

The eVetRecs website requires you to login using your secure [ID.me](#) account. If you don't have an [ID.me](#) account, from the VetRecs website, click the green <Sign in with [ID.me](#)> button. At the top of the "Sign in to [ID.me](#)" page, select <Create an account>. You will need a current government ID, such as a driver's license, and you will need to upload a selfie. The process is relatively straightforward, it is free, and it provides you with secure access to many government websites, including the National Archives and the IRS.

After signing on to VetRecs, they will ask for your relationship with the veteran; why you are requesting the documents (genealogy); and information about the veteran, such as date and place of birth, date of death, Social Security Number, branch of service and Service Number. Provide as much as you can to help them to locate the records. Then fill in your contact information (name, mailing address, telephone number and email address) and submit your request. NARA will immediately email an acknowledgement of your request and provide a Service Request Number for tracking purposes. Good hunting!

RECLAIM THE RECORDS

Submitted by Jo Roth

At long last, the New York State Death Index is ONLINE! In our June e-News, we brought you the news that the Full New York State Death Index for 1880-2017 was coming. The New York Court of Appeals had ordered the release of these records in May 2025, ruling in favor of the suit filed by Reclaim the Records seeking public access to this information. To search this index and learn more about the steps taken to get it released and available to all, please visit: <https://www.newyorkdeathindex.com/>

I tested the site by running a quick check for James Leo Morand, who died in Erie County, New York in 1969. The index had his name as James L. Morano, but still found him. There is a great deal of general information provided in addition to what was pulled from the record, including a map showing the city where he died, information about that particular location's death records, people with similar surnames who died nearby (which in this case did not apply as they had the name wrong), statistical information about deaths from that place from 1881-2017, instructions on how to order a Death Certificate, including which way was recommended and which was not, and the ability to print or share the entire search results webpage (which was 8 printed pages!).

The information provided on the actual record included name, soundex code, gender, date of death, age at death, approximate birth year, place of death, place of residence, and the State Death Certificate or File Number. All very helpful information! There is a disclaimer about more information that may be coming soon, such as full date of birth, the place of birth, parents' names and their places of birth, marital status, surviving spouse's name, Veteran status, occupation, and maybe more. Good luck with your search for your New York records.

THREE REQUESTS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Submitted by Jo Roth

There are three things I would like to ask of each and every one of you for the New Year. It might be a bit bold of me, but nothing ventured, nothing gained!

1. Pay It Forward

In genealogy, there are many opportunities where you can put forth a little effort and do a favor for someone that can make all the difference to them with their research. Almost every one of us has been the recipient of what used to be called a Random Act of Genealogical Kindness, and if not, then it is an opportunity for you to set an example! Whether you do this once, once a year, once a month, once a week, or daily, the impact is huge.

2. Plan Your Legacy

Have at least two people who have access to your research and a clear plan for what happens to it when you are no longer able to take care of it. We spend exorbitant amounts of money and time working on our research and then risk seeing it end up in boxes that will later be discarded if we don't plan NOW and make those plans known. Publish that book! Give copies to your local Genealogical Society or one of the larger repositories. Organize those loose and random papers so they are of value to the person who inherits them. DO IT NOW!

3. Schedule Your Goals

What are you planning to do with your research? Very often we hear people state they would like to write or publish a book, build a website, apply to lineage societies, but they just don't have the time. If not now, when? (Seems like someone else said that first...) Schedule when you are going to learn, work on, and finish these things! Borrowing another pearl of wisdom, what gets scheduled, gets done! And personally, I always work better with a little bit of pressure, and having a deadline motivates me to finish things. Finished is better than perfect.

Let's have a great 2026! Time to get things done!

WARREN COUNTY'S FIRST BABY OF THE YEAR IN 1926

**FIRST BABY BORN
IN COUNTY IN 1926**

The first baby born in Warren County one hundred years ago was Betty Shirley.

Betty was born early in the morning on New Year's Day, and although Betty didn't know it at the time, her parents, Charles and Janie Olive (Painter) Shirley of Franklin were about to receive a ton of gifts from numerous local businesses. You can see the gift list from page one as described by *The Western Star* below; and the list continued on page ten! We are sure her favorite gift was the one-year subscription to the *Western Star*.

In 1944, Betty graduated from Middletown High School and by 1950, she married Robert M. Peck. Betty and Robert lived in Middletown, Butler County, Ohio, for years before moving to Trenton, also in Butler County. Robert Peck died on April 10, 1996, and Betty passed away February 3, 2011, at Avalon by Otterbein. Both Robert and Betty are buried in Woodside Cemetery and Arboretum, Middletown, Ohio.

Who will be Warren County's first baby of 2026?

Transcription from *The Western Star* (Lebanon, Ohio), Wednesday, January 7, 1926, Page 1, Column 7, and Page 10, Column 5.
<https://ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll84/id/84099/rec/1>.

First Baby Born in County in 1926 Lives in Franklin Host of Gifts of Lebanon Merchants to Go to Little Girl.

Betty J. Shirley

Was Born at 3:15 a.m. On New Year's Day. Is Lucky Child.

Warren County's first 1926 baby is little Miss Betty Jeraldine Shirley born at 3:15 a.m. New Year's Day at her parents' home at Franklin. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edgar Shirley. The little newcomer weighed nine and three quarters pounds at birth. The attending physician Dr. Edward C. Morey reports that the mother and youngster are doing well.

Betty Jeraldine is the newest member of the household in which she is the fifth child.

As the Warren county new year baby Betty Jeraldine will receive the host of gifts provided by Lebanon merchants for the first born child in the county. The gifts will be delivered at once.

It is interesting to know that one other baby was born on New Year's day but this little one did not put in appearance until about eight o'clock in the evening and was too late to share the honors as the county's first baby in 1926. This little arrival was a little girl born to Richard and Cecil Barnhouse living in the southwest part of Turtlecreek township. She has not yet been named. She weighed 8 1-2 pounds. The mother is the granddaughter of John McKinney.

This novel contest created an interest all over the county according to indications coming from the various sections to the *Western Star* office. The Franklin baby was reported at six o'clock New Year morning when the attending physician called Dr. Ed. Blair, county Health Commissioner to whom the official reports were made. The telephone message was followed by a written report to Dr. Blair. Dr. Morey reported that the family of this lucky youngster to be a very worthy and needy family and one who will keenly appreciate the gifts of the Lebanon business men and women who have provided this host of gifts.

The following Lebanon merchants offered the following gifts:

The Lingo Hardware Co. – Baby set of knife, fork, spoon of Community plate silver.

McGetchin's Pharmacy – Baby hot water bottle, teething ring, pacifier, toilet water, cold cream for baby, talc, perfume, pure vegetable oil soap and a little booklet on babies.

Harry's Shoe Store – pair of baby shoes and the first walking shoes.

Jno. H. Booth – a beautiful baby blanket.

Miller's Hardware Store – Lisk white enameled 4-coated bath

tub.

Ivins-Jameson Drug Store – comb and brush set and toilet set for baby consisting of nursery castile soap and baby powder.

M. Kohlhausen, Jewelry – Baby diamond ring.

Suemening & Sieker Dry Goods Co. – Gift box containing knit jacket, booties [sic], cap, undershirt, band, one half dozen diapers, soap box, baby talc and baby pins.

Cary's Jewelry Shop – Set of baby gold pins and chain.

The Book Shop – Baby Record Book.

M. B. Hyman – Interwoven wool hose for the proud Dad.

The Fashion Shoppe – Onyx silk hose for the happy mother.

C. L. Bradley, Oldsmobile dealer – Junior stop light for the family auto.

Warwick's Grocery – Basket of quality groceries for the family.

Bangham Motor Company - \$5 bank account.

Will R. Lewis, Insurance - \$1 added to bank account.

Hartshorn Studio – One half dozen of baby's first picture.

The National Variety Store – Baby dress.

Griswold Brothers – Baby wicker rocker.

The Lebanon-Citizens National Bank & Trust Co. - \$5 Savings Account.

Brown & Brown, milliners – Baby silk cap.

The Soft Water Laundry – Two weeks' laundry for the baby.

Kaufman's – One half dozen pairs of hose for baby.

L. D. Wills Grocery – 25 pound sack of sugar for the family.

Reid's Drug Store – Johnson & Johnson gift box containing baby cream, castile soap and baby talc.

The Yellow Front – Flashlight complete.

Chas. J. Schwartz & Son Grocery – Basket of fruit.

Fred O. James Meat Market – \$3 added to bank account.

J. A. Schilling Grocery – Order for \$3 in groceries.

The Novelty Shop – A cotton toy.

Smith Hat Shop – 2 had embroidered bibs.

Reif's Electric Shop - \$1 added to savings account.

Horn & Dakin – a pair of fine trousers for the proud Dad.

Dakin & Dakin, insurance - \$1 added to savings account.

Lewis & Drake – Order for \$2.50 on an order of coal.

The Western Star - \$4 added to bank account; 50 individually printed announcements of baby's arrival and one year's subscription to the *Western Star*.

HAPPY TRAILS

Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of those who have passed. Our Society is fortunate to have had so many people who have become members and made contributions. We recognize and honor those who are no longer with us in body, but will be ever-present in spirit. As the song goes, "Until we meet again..."

Please visit our Virtual Cemetery on Find a Grave: [Remembering our WCGS Members](#). If you have information about a current or former WCGS member who has passed or a memorial we should add to our Virtual Cemetery, please contact Debbie Schneider, WCGS Membership Chair, at membership.wcgsoh@gmail.com.



Ernest J "Ernie" McCauley (January 11, 1932 – November 26, 2025) **WCGS Member and Supporter**

Ernest J McCauley, 93, of Lebanon, passed away on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, at Otterbein in Lebanon. Born on January 11, 1932, to Louis Earl and Ethel Irene (nee: Snell) McCauley in Loveland, Ohio.

Preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Telitha (nee: Wyrick) McCauley, daughter Cynthia Ann Howard, brother Ronald McCauley, sister Lilla Frances McCauley. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Hepp McCauley, her daughters Jenny (Chad) Flaig and Jody (David) Gerhardt, her son Todd (Ann Hepp), Ernie's son Jeff (Winona) McCauley, his son-in-law, Michael Howard, six grandchildren, Ben (Cassie) Howard, Sarah (Bobby Runion) McCauley, Talitha Howard, Samantha (Zach) McCauley-Payton, Peter Howard and Laura McCauley, and six great-grandchildren, Abby, Annie Kate, Mac, Reggie, Eliza and Allie.

Growing up on a small plot of farmland near Loveland in the midst of the Great Depression, Ernie's family earned a living primarily from growing vegetables and raising livestock. They did not have indoor plumbing except for the pitcher pump at the kitchen sink; they heated and cooked with a small coal stove and didn't own a vehicle until after Ernie had graduated from Kings High School.

Ernie was the first in his family to go to University, working his way through THE Ohio State University to achieve a B.S. in Agriculture in 1954. He recalled eating bologna sandwiches or peanut butter while struggling to afford school and also being able to send some money home. He loved his college years and was a fervent, lifelong Buckeye fan. After graduation from OSU in 1954, Ernie joined the United States Army, 3rd Armored Division, where he qualified as a Sharpshooter with his M1 Rifle, no doubt a skill learned from shooting rabbits and squirrels to help supplement the family dinner table.

After his Honorable Discharge from the Army, he married Telitha, held down a variety of jobs while studying engineering at night school at the University of Cincinnati and ultimately hired on at the Aircraft Engine Division at General Electric in Evendale. Ernie was a true engineer in so many ways, but he never lost his love for farming. In 1969 he bought 6 acres north of Mason where he and Telitha raised their children, planted flourishing vegetable gardens, built a home, barn and pond, where family, friends and grandchildren played and romped over the years. He retired from GE after 35 years, having worked the final few years in the test cell correlation division, a job which provided him with the opportunity to travel both in the U.S. and around the world.

After a wonderful 49 years of marriage, Ernie's beloved wife Telitha passed away in 2005. At church he met Marilyn Hepp, recently widowed, and they were happily married for 19 years. Ernie loved to travel, and he and Marilyn were able to enjoy many trips both in the U.S. and overseas. Their families were blessed by their long relationship, and they greatly enjoyed spending time with children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Ernie was an active and devoted member of the Lebanon Presbyterian Church, where he served the Lord in many ways including as Elder and Lay pastor for many years and where he developed many deep friendships. He also was a member of the Genealogical Society of Warren County, which became a passion, and he ultimately discovered that his family was one of the first families in Warren County.

Services were held Monday December 1, 2025, at the Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Reverend Jeff Moore and Reverend Randy Fannin officiating. Interment followed in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Ernie's online obituary can be viewed here: <https://www.hoskinsfh.com/obituary/ernest-mccauley>

Ernie's Find a Grave Memorial can be found here: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/177381820/ernest-j-mccauley>

WHITTIER AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

<https://wagswhittier.org/>

Saturday, January 31, 2026 – Virtual (\$)

Speakers: Peggy Jude, John Beaumont, and Kate Penney Howard

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/>

Salt Palace Convention Center, 100 S W Temple Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84101-1408

Registration Now Open!

Speakers include Melissa Barker, Kelli Bergheimer, Shannon Combs-Bennett, Sunny Jane Morton, Dana Palmer, and more!

Samuel D. Isaly Library, 611 State Route 97 West, Bellville, OH 44813-8813

Telephone 419-886-1903 <https://www.ogs.org>

Wednesday, April 29 – Saturday, May 2, 2026 – In-Person

Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Road, Sharonville, OH 45246-4002

Registration Now Open!

Speakers include: Kelli Bergheimer, Sunny Jane Morton, Karynne Moses, and Dana Palmer!

P.O. Box 128, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701-0128

Telephone 703-525-0050 or 800-473-0060 <https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>

Wednesday, May 27 – Saturday, May 30, 2026 - Fort Wayne, IN

<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

Save the Dates! Thursday, May 20 – Saturday, May 22, 2027 - Madison, WI

<https://grip.ngsgenealogy.org/>

Sunday, June 22, 2026 – Friday, June 26, 2026 – Virtual Courses

Sunday, July 12, 2026 – Friday, July 17, 2026 – In-Person Courses

University of Pittsburgh, 4200 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15260-0001

Save the **2027** Dates!

Sunday, June 21, 2027 – Friday, June 25, 2027 – Virtual Courses

Sunday, July 11, 2027 – Friday, July 16, 2027 – In-Person Courses

University of Pittsburgh, 4200 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15260-0001

c/o Georgia Genealogical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 551247, Atlanta, Georgia 30355-2747

Telephone 678-439-7503 <https://ighr.gagensociety.org/>

Sunday, July 26 – Friday, July 31, 2026 – Virtual

GENEALOGY WEBINARS

Please visit the following sites for complete lists of webinars being presented.

[Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center](#)

[American Ancestors by New England Historic Genealogical Society](#)

[ConferenceKeeper](#)

[Florida State Genealogical Society](#)

[International Society for British Genealogy and Family History](#)

[Legacy Family Tree Webinars](#)

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- 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

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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 \$25 for membership (single or family) or \$250 for a Life Membership. Please visit the [Join or Renew](#) page on our website or you can download a Membership Application:

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

Our original website: <https://wcgsoh.org/>

Warren County OHGenWeb: <https://warren.ohgenweb.org/#gsc.tab=0>

Warren County OHGenWeb Virtual Cemetery Project: <https://warren.ohgenweb.org/Cemetery/burial.html>

Western Star Digitization Project: <https://www.ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll84>

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.

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.

A special nod to those who donated to help us acquire our brand new book scanner! We were able to purchase the CZUR ET24 Pro and it is now up and running in the WCGS Resource Library.

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Membership Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

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- ☐ Check here if you would like to receive quarterly newsletters via REGULAR MAIL.
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\$ _____ Membership (\$25)

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\$ _____ Total

Mail Membership Application and payment to:

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Or visit our [website](http://www.wcgsohio.org) to Join
or Renew and pay online!

About the Warren County Genealogical Society

The Warren County Genealogical Society was established as a chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society on May 20, 1981, and enjoys a nationwide membership. Our purpose is to build and promote interest in collecting and preserving genealogical records associated with Warren County, Ohio, and its inhabitants through the following:

Resource Library

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Our Resource Library, staffed by volunteers, is open to the public, without charge, Monday to Friday from 9 AM to 4 PM. The library is staffed by experienced volunteers who can assist you in using the thousands of publications, family histories, county records, online resources, and microfilms that we have available. We are now a FamilySearch Affiliate Library! Thanks to the dedicated volunteers, our searchable library catalog is available online: <https://www.wcgsohio.org/wcgs-resource-library>

Internet Resources

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

Alleen Stephenson Digital Newspaper Project: <https://ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll84>

Videos of our Programs, when allowed by the speaker (member login required): <https://www.wcgsohio.org/wcgsvideos>

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

Educational Programs

Monthly programs throughout the year: <https://www.wcgsohio.org/events>

Annual Cemetery Restoration Workshops: <https://www.wcgsohio.org/cemetery-restoration-workshops>

Lineage Societies

First Families of Warren County <https://www.wcgsohio.org/first-families>

Applicants must prove their ancestors were here before January 1, 1821, to join our First Families.

Early Settlers of Warren County <https://www.wcgsohio.org/early-settlers>

Applicants must prove their ancestors were here between January 1, 1821, to December 31, 1882, to join our Early Settlers.

Society of Civil War Families of Warren County <https://www.wcgsohio.org/civil-war-families>

Applicants must prove kinship to a soldier or sailor who served during the Civil War.

Publications

Heir Lines, our quarterly journal, is currently not being published; members can access all digitized back issues on our website using their website member login: <https://www.wcgsohio.org/heir-lines>

The **WCGS e-News**, a monthly newsletter, is emailed to any interested party. Members without an email address may request copies by mail. These can be accessed on our website: <https://www.wcgsohio.org/e-news>

The society offers over 150 genealogical publications and used books for sale: <https://www.wcgsohio.org/shop-and-support>

NEW for 2026! As an additional benefit to our members, a sampling of our publications will be available online. This benefit is INCLUDED with membership and will be in the Members Area starting January 1, 2026.

Research Services

Members receive a discount on Research Services! <https://www.wcgsohio.org/researchservices>



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WHEN: Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 9AM-4PM

WHERE: WCGS Resource Library

Lower Level of the Warren County Administration Building

406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, OH 45036



Join us for our Holiday Open House at the WCGS Resource Library!

Stop by and visit with us in the WCGS Resource Library on Wednesday, December 10, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. for a day of fun and festivities, including library tours, snacks and cookies, and fellowship with our volunteers and visitors!

Happy Holidays! Cookies!
Ancestors! Genealogy!
Candy Canes! Jingle Bells!
Volunteers! Friends!
Snacks! Fun! Tours!