

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY *e-News* August 2026

This monthly newsletter is being distributed to Warren County Genealogical Society members and other interested parties. Feel free to share with others as you see fit. If you wish to be added or removed from our mailing list, contact us by phone at 513-695-1144 or email at wcgsoh@gmail.com. – Jo Roth, *e-News* Editor

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WCGS RESOURCE LIBRARY HOURS

The WCGS Resource Library will be **closed Monday, September 7, 2026, for Labor Day.**

The WCGS Resource Library will be **closed Wednesday, October 14, 2026, from noon until 4 p.m. for the Volunteer Appreciation Lunch and Quarterly Meeting.**

The WCGS Resource Library will be **closed Wednesday, November 11, 2026, for Veteran's Day.**

The WCGS Resource Library will be **closed Wednesday through Friday, November 25-27, 2026, for Thanksgiving.**

2026 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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

August 2026 Virtual Program **"Is There a Tartan in Your Tree?"** presented by **Debbie Large**
Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT – Zoom Program

September 2026 In-Person **Combined Event with Hamilton County Genealogical Society**
Saturday, September 12, 2026, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM EDT – Symmes Township Branch Library
11850 Enyart Road, Loveland, Ohio 45140

October 2026 Virtual Program **"Proving Kinship by 'Following the Money'"** presented by **Dana Palmer**
Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT – Zoom Program

November 2026 Virtual Program **"The Wonderful World of WCGS – Online!"** presented by **WCGS Volunteers**
Tuesday, November 10, 2026, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST – Zoom Program

December 2026 **Holiday Open House** at the **WCGS Resource Library**
Thursday, December 10, 2026, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM EST

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>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Jim Brokaw, WCGS President and Research Chair

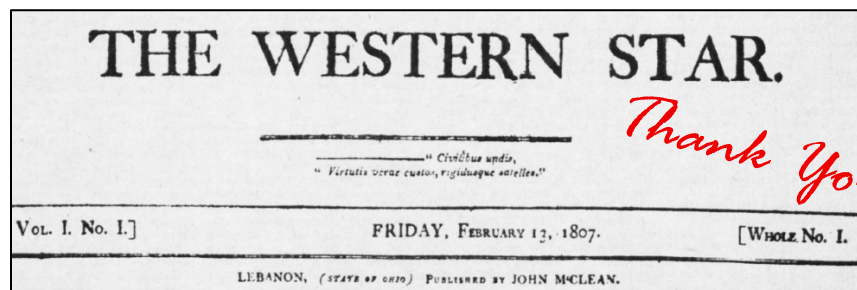
Welcome to the August edition of the WCGS e-News! I hope that last month you had the opportunity to attend at least one celebration or commemorative event honoring the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. However, we must remember that our holiday on July 4th represents just one of many key events on the road to the creation of our nation. By that day in 1776, open hostilities had already been underway for over a year, eventually culminating in the American and French victory at Yorktown on October 19, 1781. The war formally ended with the signing of the Treaty of Paris on September 3, 1783. Our constitution was created on September 17, 1787, ratified on June 21, 1788, and replaced our first constitution and first government, the Articles of Confederation, on March 4, 1789. We still have much history to celebrate over the next 13 years!

In addition to your family research, I encourage each of you to investigate historical events and people with ties to the American revolution. You can begin in your hometown. Do you have an American patriot buried in a local cemetery? Who were the first settlers in your area? Were they Revolutionary War soldiers or their assignees who had been granted land warrants in your area by our fledgling government? The more famous characters (the generals) have been well represented in history, but what about the privates? The tools and skills you will use to research these more obscure historical figures will help you to research your own ancestors, and in the doing, you will honor their part in the founding of our nation. As an example of what you can do, last month one of our volunteers, Penny Brown, researched and authored a paper on Lieutenant Ephraim Stevens, a Revolutionary War veteran from Maine who is buried in the Maineville Cemetery in Warren County. Penny's article was published in the Summer 2026 edition of the [Hamilton Township newsletter](#). Have fun with your research!

This month WCGS celebrates a huge milestone in our nine-year effort to film, digitize, and make available online, free of charge, over 200 years of *The Western Star* newspaper! Look for an article by our Treasurer and Webmaster, Jo Roth, who has worked diligently to bring this project to fruition. Also, in her role as our Programs Chair, and in keeping with our current focus on local research, Jo has been coordinating with the Hamilton County Genealogical Society to present a joint presentation on September 12 at the Symmes Township Library, the details of which are also included in this e-News edition. Don't miss it! You can always reach me at president.wcgsoh@gmail.com.

SUPPORT THE STAR! AUGUST 2026 UPDATE

Submitted by Jo Roth, WCGS Treasurer and Webmaster



You did it! We are thrilled to report that all issues in production with the Ohio Historical Society have been digitized and are now online. This has been a monumental project we have undertaken with them to get our beloved *Western Star* newspaper online for all to access at the Ohio Memory Project.

There are now **178,510 pages** in **9,909 issues** of this historical newspaper online and **FREE** for all to use! For more information and a complete list of the issues that are online and also those we are missing and would like to locate, please visit [The Western Star](#) page of our website.

You can get to *The Western Star* online by visiting the Alleen Stephenson Digital Newspaper Project on the Ohio Memory website: <https://ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll84>

SPECIAL SEPTEMBER 12 EVENT FEATURING DANA PALMER AND JEFF HERBERT!

Symmes Township Library Community Room
11850 Enyart Road, Loveland, Ohio 45140
Saturday, September 12, 2026, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

As many of you may know, the Symmes Township Library, a branch of the Cincinnati Public Library, opened its beautiful new building to the public on April 11, 2026. This location is known and used by many who live and work in Warren County, including some of our volunteers and members.

What a great opportunity to combine forces with the Hamilton County Genealogical Society! We are still working out the details, but tentative plans underway include:

- Exploring some “new” resources and indexes that will provide interesting tips for local nineteenth century, Irish, and immigrant research in Hamilton County.
- Program presented by **Jeff Herbert**.
- Program presented by **Dana Palmer**.
- Extended Q&A session to learn about resources in Hamilton and Warren Counties, which are often closely aligned when researching Southwest Ohio.
- View the new building and its many patron-friendly resources, including a vinyl printer, computers with Adobe Creative Cloud, photo printer, laminator, button maker, and large format scanner.

We hope you plan to join us the afternoon of September 12!

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WEBINARS TO WATCH

Submitted by Jo Roth, WCGS Treasurer

Jean Halls Muetzel

The presentation on “**Finding Your Patriot! Revolutionary War Research**” given by Jean Halls Muetzel the evening of July 8 was top-notch! Jean graciously allowed us to not only record the program, but also to put the recording on our website in the Members Area (members must log in).

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

Most speakers generously allow us to record their presentations and put the recordings online for a period of time following their presentation. These are a great benefit of membership! If you are a member of WCGS and have not created a login yet, you can do so by visiting the Members Area page of our website and following the directions.

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

If you are not a member of WCGS yet, this is one of the many good reasons to join. You can do so easily right online by visiting our Join or Renew webpage:

<https://www.wcgsohio.org/join-or-renew>

Gail Jackson Miller

The amount of information in each document we find can be the bare minimum or it could be like striking gold. But are you really getting everything out of these records? **Gail Jackson Miller** presented a great webinar July 8, 2026, that is still available to watch if you have a Legacy Family Tree Webinars paid membership. “**Only a Date? Five Things You May Be Missing in Kentucky and Virginia Marriages**” gives you so much more than just picking apart the typical information you might find in such a record. She provides information on where records may be located depending on when they occurred and also has helpful tips on where to look for records if they are missing in the usual place you would find them, such as a burned county. While those seeking ancestors and records in Kentucky and Virginia will get the most out of this webinar, it has useful information for everyone doing research.

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/only-a-date-five-things-you-may-be-missing-in-kentucky-and-virginia-marriages>

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AMERICA 250 CONTINUES

Submitted by Jo Roth, WCGS Treasurer

I am enamored with the incredible resources you can access online, including the wonderful books available for download. New Jersey State Archives posted a bit on Facebook about *Battles and Skirmishes in New Jersey of the Revolutionary War* by David C. Munn and the associated map (seen at right) and legend (both found in the back of the book). This book provides an alphabetical listing of locations of the events from 1774-1783 and is available online!

<https://dep.nj.gov/wp-content/uploads/njgws/technical-pubs-info/bulletins-and-reports/historical/other-historical-reports/battles.pdf>

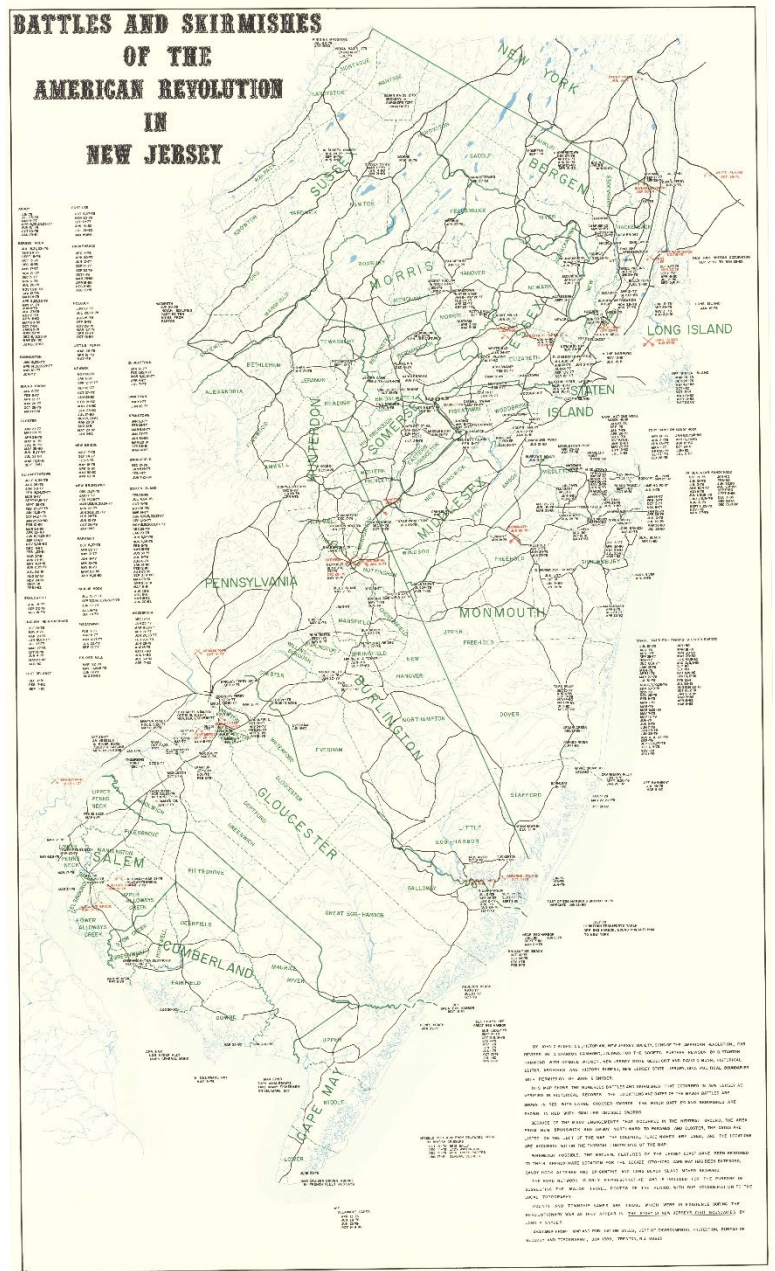
While a chronology is provided starting on page 125 of the aforementioned book, *New Jersey in the American Revolution, 1763-1783: A Chronology* by Dennis P. Ryan is recommended for a good timeline. This book is also available online. Look for the PDF located under Files on the left side of this webpage:

<https://dspace.njstatelib.org/items/14184944-8b6d-43ee-b24d-5046047df038>

Other online books by the New Jersey Historical Commission can be found at the New Jersey State Library:

<https://dspace.njstatelib.org/collections/6ae50759-1e20-470f-8b64-e143114acefa>

What great resources to help find out more about your Warren County lines that came from New Jersey!

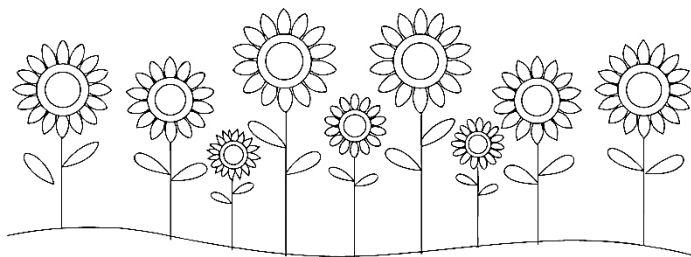


THANK YOU!

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.

❖ Linda Keller

❖ Mary Post



CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA

2100 Byberry Road, Suite 111, Philadelphia, PA 19116

<https://genpa.org/>

2026 Pennsylvania Genealogy Event (PaGE) Conference

Thursday, August 6 – Sunday, August 9, 2026 – Virtual

24 Speakers, 16 Gathering Sessions, 32 Live Q&A Sessions

<https://events.genpa.org/>

2026 KENTUCKY HISTORY AND GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

<https://www.lexpublib.org/historyconference>

Friday, August 7 – Saturday, August 8, 2026

Lexington Public Library – Central Library, 140 East Main Street, Lexington, KY 40507

Registration opens Monday, June 1, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

EAST COAST GENETIC GENEALOGY CONFERENCE (ECGGC) 2026 CONFERENCE

Fifth Annual Conference – In-Person and Virtual

Friday, August 21 – Sunday, August 23, 2026

Embassy Suites at Boston Logan Airport, 207 Porter St., Boston, MA 02128

Speakers: Kelli Berghheimer, Greg Clarke, Roberta Estes, Mags Gaulden, Steve Little, Jonny Perl, Mark Thompson, and more!

<https://ecggc.org/>

OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

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

2026 Fall Retreat

Friday, September 11 – Saturday, September 12, 2026 – Virtual AND In-Person

Samuel D. Isaly Library, 611 State Route 97 West, Bellville, OH 44813-8812

Speakers: Deborah Kitko, Eric E. Johnson, Lauren Kuntzman, Thomas S. Neel

<https://www.ogs.org/ogs-fall-retreat/>

2027 OGS Annual Conference: “Finding Your Family Heroes”

Save the dates! Wednesday, April 28 – Saturday, May 1, 2027 – In-Person

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

NORTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

6588 Glenwood Ave., #323, Raleigh, NC 27612-7156

<https://www.ncgenealogy.org/>

2026 Fall Conference

Friday, September 18 – Saturday, September 19, 2026 – In-Person and Virtual

McKimmon Center, 1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC 27606-2002

Speakers: Judy G. Russell, Linda Debe, Kate Penney Howard, Sunny Jane Morton, Cheri Hudson Passey, Diane L. Richard, Craig R. Scott, J. Mark Lowe, and more!

<https://www.ncgenealogy.org/fall2026/>

ILLINOIS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 10195, Springfield, IL 62791-0195

<https://ilgensoc.org/index.php>

2026 Fall Conference: “Illinois 250: History in the American Bottom”

Saturday, October 24, 2026 – Hosted by the St. Clair County Genealogical Society

Gateway Convention Center, 1 Gateway Dr., Collinsville, IL 62234

ROOTSTECH 2027

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

Save the Dates! Thursday, March 4 – Saturday, March 6, 2027 – In-Person (\$) and Virtual (FREE)

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

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

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

2027 Family History Conference – Save the Dates!

Thursday, May 20 – Saturday, May 22, 2027 – Madison, WI

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

GRIP 2026 GENEALOGY INSTITUTE

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

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

Save the **2027** Dates!

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

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

INSTITUTE OF GENEALOGY AND HISTORICAL RESEARCH (IGHR)

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

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

Save the **2027** Dates!

Monday, July 26 – Friday July 30, 2027 - 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](#)

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!

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

WCGS has more than 160 Warren County Genealogical Society publications and a good number of Used Books available for purchase. Please visit the [Shop and Support](#) page of our website.

2026 New Release! *Warren County, Ohio, Adoption Records, 1855-1970*, compiled by Jo Roth

<https://www.wcgsohio.org/product-page/warren-county-ohio-adoption-records-1855-1970>

Membership is \$25 annually or \$250 for a Life Membership. Please visit the [Join or Renew](#) page of our website.

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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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WHEN: Wednesday, August 12, 2026

WHERE: Virtual Meeting and Program via Zoom

PROGRAM: Starting at 7:00 p.m.

Is There a Tartan in Your Tree? Exploring Scottish Roots

Before hosting your first Robert Burns party, purchasing that tartan or kilt, or planning some Highland games at your next family reunion, learn how to navigate the amazing record collections available for researching your Scottish roots. This lecture will demonstrate strategies to help discover your Scottish ancestors. Learn about some of the key record collections available through various online repositories including [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) and [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org), along with others that are based in the United Kingdom such as [Scotland's People](https://www.scotlandspopulation.com). The handout provides some "getting started" research books and links for all the websites included in this lecture, and tips to help connect your family to Scotland.



Presented by Debbie Large, BS, MHA



Debbie is an experienced genealogist and family history lecturer with a passion for Irish, Scottish, and Colonial American research. She has previously served as Co-Chair for the Warren County (OH) Genealogical Society's Lineage Societies and is a current adjunct instructor for Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio. Her lineage society membership include National Daughters of the American Revolution, First Families of Ohio, and First Families of Stark County, Ohio. Debbie offers virtual and in-person genealogy presentations, classes and workshops, as well as client services for family history research and lineage society applications. She loves helping people discover their connections to their ancestors. "No one should ever be forgotten."



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WHEN: Saturday, September 12, 2026

WHAT: HCGS and WCGS Special Event Featuring Jeff Herbert and Dana Palmer!

**WHERE: Symmes Township Library Community Room
11850 Enyart Road, Loveland, OH 45140**

**TIME: 1:00 p.m. Program presented by Jeff Herbert
2:00 p.m. Break
2:15 p.m. Program presented by Dana Palmer
3:15 p.m. Break
3:30 p.m. Extended Q&A Time
Tours of the Library**



**“New Resources in Hamilton County,
Ohio, Research”
presented by Jeff Herbert**

**“Researching Your Family in Warren
County, Ohio”
presented by Dana Palmer, CG[®], CGLSM**



Please join us for an fun afternoon with both the Hamilton County and Warren County Genealogical Societies!

- Learn more about exploring some “new” resources and indexes that will provide interesting tips for local nineteenth century, Irish, and immigrant research in Hamilton County.
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