

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News Jan. 2014

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2014 WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

We were pleased to experience a net gain in our membership rolls in 2013. Thank you for your support!
We also thank the many members who have already joined or renewed their WCGS membership for 2014.
Society membership is on a calendar year basis. The dues are \$10 (Individual), \$15 (family) or \$200 (life). For your convenience, a membership form is attached.

2014 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held on the 3rd 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.

17 Mar 2014 "Chronicling America" by Jenni Salamon of the Ohio Historical Society

16 Apr 2014 Annual Banquet, "The Murdoch Community" by Anne Fritz.

21 May 2014 "Using Church Records" by Jeff Herbert

17 Sep 2014 "Hessen Research" by Bob Rau

15 Oct 2014 To Be Announced

19 Nov 2014 To Be Announced

17 Dec 2014 Annual Christmas Gathering

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

FIRST FAMILIES OF WARREN COUNTY, OHIO & EARLY SETTLERS OF WARREN COUNTY, OHIO

Lineage society applications must be received by March 1st in order to be considered for induction at our April banquet. You may download Lineage society applications forms from our website at <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/DownloadableForms.htm> or contact us by phone, email, etc. and we will mail the application(s) to you.

WARREN COUNTY, OHIO VIRTUAL CEMETERY PROJECT

December Additions:

- [Bethel Baptist Church](#) (Ft. Ancient) - 3 Luce photos added - photos now on line for 155 of the 190 known burials
 - [Deerfield Cemetery](#) - added [Mary A. Trump](#) gravestone photo - photos on line for 2,694 of the 3,720 known burials
 - [Jack Cemetery](#) - [Doyle Hopkins](#) commentary & [transcription from Bonds & Letters 1803-1831](#)
 - [New Jersey Presbyterian Church Cemetery](#) - added photo for 1 burial - photos on line for 904 of the 1,065 known Burials
 - [Morrow Cemetery](#) - added photos for 318 burials - photos on line for 3,351 of the 3,800 known burials
 - [Rose Hill Cemetery](#), added commentary to [Section 8 Lot 1](#)
 - [Woodhill Cemetery](#) Section 1, added photos for 189 burials - photos on line for 1,901 of 11,778 known burials
 - [Woodhill Cemetery](#) Section 23, added photos for 234 burials - photos on line for 2,135 of 11,920 known burials
- In 2013 we added photos for 4,754 burials bringing the total to 50,536 burials in 94 cemeteries. See <http://goo.gl/YSRaS>

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

=> **Veteran Photos and Documents:** [Burwell Goode](#) (War of 1812)

=> **War of 1812 Pension Files:** In December, Fold3 had pension files on line up to the **FORSYTHE** surname in Ohio, The pension files for Warren County soldiers with links to their pension & bounty land files that are now available are listed at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/military/1812pension.htm>.

The December additions from Warren County (that we know of) were for [David Emley](#), [Christopher Ensley](#) & [Robert Farquer](#).

Pension File for Sarah (Chamberlin) Emley, widow of [David Emley](#) (31 images on fold3)

David Emley and **Sarah Chamberlin** were said to be married in Warren county on 1 (or 9) Apr 1809 by Rev. John See but no public record of the marriage is found in Warren County. **James C. Fleming** (age 52) and **Joseph Chamberlin** (age 64) provided testimony on 22 Jan 1879 that David and Sarah Emley lived and cohabitated together for at least 25 years. Family bible lists oldest child being born 2 Apr 1810.

Sarah Emley of Carlisle Station, Warren Co Ohio filed for a pension under the Act of 1871 & the Act of 1878 (Application #34,081) claiming that **David Emley** enlisted in Franklin Twp and was discharged at Greenville, Darke County from an unnamed "Light Horse" company. **James C. Anderson** and **Joseph Chamberlin** provided testimony in support of her claim.

Sarah was not able to prove that David Emley served during the war and her claim was rejected October 30, 1880. She died 3 Jun 1885 and is buried with her husband and 3 of her daughters in the [Tapscott Baptist Church Cemetery](#) in Franklin Twp.

Pension File for [Christopher Ensley](#) (8 images on fold3)

Christopher Ensley, aged 63, filed a declaration on 16 May 1855 at Bedford County, Pennsylvania for the purpose of receiving Bounty Land under the act of 3 Mar 1855. He indicated that he was a Private in the Company of Ohio Militia commanded by **Capt. Francis Cunningham**, War of 1812, that he was called into service at Waynesville, Ohio in June 1814 and honorably discharged at Greenville Ohio in August 1814 by reason of services no longer required.

[Military Bounty Land Warrant No. 23433](#) for 160 acres, in favor of **Christopher Ensley**, Private, Captain Cunningham's Company, Ohio Militia, War, 1812. Ensley assigned the warrant to **Oliver E. Shannon** and he assigned it to **Rufus McNeal** who was issued a patent for 160 acres in Douglas County, Nebraska on 20 Feb 1863.

Pension File for [Robert Farquer](#) (52 images on fold3)

[Robert Farquer](#), aged 73 1/2, of Sterling Twp, Brown County, Ohio filed for a pension on 13 Apr 1871 (Application #8979). He declared that he married **Sarah Simonton** at Warren County on 3 May 1816. He was enrolled at Lebanon, Ohio on 17 Feb 1814 in Captain **Enoch Gest's Company** in the regiment of Ohio Militia commanded by **Colonel Ferguson** and was discharged at Ft. Meigs, Ohio on 17 Aug 1814 after 123 days of service. His application indicates that he went in as a substitute for some man whose name he cannot remember. Went from Lebanon to Dayton and from there to Ft. Meigs and remained there most of the time . . . When his time expired he again enlisted in the Rangers and served about one month & was honorably discharged. And again Oct. 28 1814 at Lebanon Ohio enlisted in **Capt. Cushing's Co.** during the war US artillery and was discharged July 25 1815 at Fort Sandusky. Discharges all lost.

Robert Farquer of Brown County (Marathon, Clermont, Ohio Post Office), received a pension of \$8 per month commencing 14 Feb 1871 (Certificate #6290 dated 9 Oct 1871). Testimony was provided by **Thos. Thompson & Wm. T. Hartman**. He was last paid 1 May 1878 when he was dropped from the rolls upon his death in Sterling Township, Brown County. His son, **Robert Farquer Jr.** of Union Plain, Brown County, paid \$16 for "burying clothes &c; paid undertaker W. M. Fryman \$22 for "coffin and box" and paid S. B. Sheldon MD \$3.50 for attending him in his last sickness.

Robert Farquer twice applied for Bounty Land while a resident of Clermont County, Ohio

[Military Bounty Land Warrant #3561](#) (act of 1850) for 80 acres issued in favor of **Robert Farquer**, Private in Captain Gest's Company Ohio Militia War of 1812. He assigned the warrant to **O. H. P. Corban** who was issued a patent for 80 acres in Livingston County, Illinois on 21 Jan 1856.

[Military Bounty Land Warrant #20897](#) (act of 1855) for 80 acres issued in favor of **Robert Farquer**, Private in Captain Gest's Company Ohio Militia War 1812. He assigned the warrant to **Samuel M. Penn** who was issued a patent for 80 acres of land in Warren County, Iowa on 1 Jul 1859.

=>★**Warren County Civil War 150 Roll of Honor, Jan. 1864**★ - 6 casualties: 6 dead, 0 wounded, 0 POWs.

Killed in Action or Mortally Wounded:

[Watson Merrick Dakin](#) (23 Ky Inf), [Amos F. Peterson](#) (93 OVI)

Died from Disease or Other Causes:

[Oliver Jackson](#) (45 OVI), [William S. Keys](#) (35 OVI), [Benjamin Kyle](#) (86 OVI), [John B. Newcomb/Newcome](#) (?)

[Click on the names of the individual soldier for additional information.](#)

=> **Civil War Widow's Pension Files** available on fold3.com – Complete pension files are now on line for widow certificate numbers up to about 128,821 and include files for Capt. [John Kurfiss](#) and Private [Jackson Woodburn](#).

Pension File for Caroline Kurfiss, widow of [John Kurfiss, Capt., Co. B, 4th Ky. Vol. Cavalry \(40 images on fold3\)](#)

John Kurfiss enrolled at Louisville, Kentucky on 1 Oct 1861 to serve 3 years, was mustered in as a Captain of Company B, 4th Regt. Ky Cavalry on 24 Dec 1861 and was honorably discharged on 15 Sep 1862. First Lt. Charles Kurfiss, Regimental Quartermaster, certified that his brother, Capt. John Kurfiss, developed chronic bronchitis which steadily worsened until he was no longer fit for duty and was discharged on 15 Sep 1862. John Kurfiss returned to his home in Louisville, Kentucky but never recovered from his illness and subsequently died there on 11 Apr 1865.

John Kurfiss and **Caroline E. Weisenberger/Wisenberger** were married in [Warren County, Ohio on 2 Oct 1851](#) by **Joel A. Stokes, J.P.** They had one child, **John Frederick Kurfiss**, born 29 Jun 1855.

Caroline Kurfiss first filed for a widow's pension in Louisville, Kentucky on 7 Sep 1865. Due to neglect of her Kentucky attorney, she refiled for a widow's pension in Lebanon, Ohio on 28 Sep 1868 at the age of 40 (Application #149698), naming **D. Allen** her new attorney. Testimony to support her claim was provided by **Robert A. Small, Isaac R. Greene, Louis Rehms, Elizabeth Kurfiss, Auguta Gunkel, Lizzie M. Dynes and Mattie Wisenberger.**

She was awarded a pension of \$20/month (Certificate #126736 dated 27 Mar 1869) commencing 12 Apr 1865 plus \$2/month for her son John until he reached the age of 16 on 28 Jun 1872. She was last paid at \$20 to 4 Dec 1889 after which she died and was dropped from the rolls.

Pension File for Louisa Woodburn, mother of [Jackson Woodburn, Co G, 5th OVC, \(19 images on fold3\)](#)

Jackson Woodburn enlisted on 21 Feb 1865 at Dayton, Ohio, for 1 year and was mustered into Co. G as a Private (recruit) on 25 Feb 1865. Less than 3 months later died of measles on 5 May 1865 at Foster General Hospital in Newbern, North Carolina.

He was the oldest son of **Charles Woodburn** and **Louisa Jane Strowbridge** who were [married 25 Aug 1842](#) in Warren County, Ohio by **James Coe**, Minister of the Gospel.

On 26 Dec 1868, **Louisa Woodburn**, nearly 45 years old, of Red Lion, Ohio, filed a "Mother's Claim for Pension" (Application #169762). **James McLane** and **Alpheus McLane** gave depositions in support of her claim. In his deposition ([image 16](#) & [image 17](#)) **James McLane** indicated that the family was a tenant on one of his farms and that the father was "a very intemperate man" and was in the habit of spending a part of his and Jackson's wages for liquor. After Charles Woodburn's death on 18 Dec 1863, Jackson was the only support his mother had. When Jackson went into the service, he sent his mother \$250 of his local bounty money. Louisa received \$4 per month from the county relief fund from the time of his enlistment to about the close of the war and "was in the county infirmary for some months since the death of her son and has no property, all of her household goods having been destroyed by fire".

Louisa was awarded a pension of \$8 per month commencing 5 May 1865 by Certificate #126808 dated 29 Mar 1869. She was last paid \$12 to 4 Mar 1898 and was dropped from the rolls due to her death (no date listed).

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.

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 [53rd Annual OGS Conference](#) at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Sandusky, Ohio.

<> 9 Aug 2014, 29th Annual Chapter Management Seminar, Lebanon, Ohio.

OTHER EVENTS

<> 6-8 Feb 2014 "**RootsTech Conference**" Salt Lake City, Utah. See <http://rootstech.org/home>

<> 15 Feb 2014 "**18th Annual Family History Jamboree**", Centerville, Ohio See <http://www.fhjl.org/index.php>

<> 12 Apr 2014 "**Annual Seminar, Cincinnati, OH sponsored by Hamilton, Butler Clermont & Warren Counties** featuring Michael Lacopo. Topics include Brick Walls in German-American Research, Deconstructing Your Family Tree and Incorporating Social History into Your Research. Download flyer to register. Chapter members receive a discount.

http://hcgsohio.org/upload/events/files/1385042567_2014SeminarFlyer.pdf

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

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Our Warren County OHGenWeb Site: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/>

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