

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News Sept. 2011

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“Researching Land and Tax Records” by Karen Campbell

Come join us at our Monthly meeting beginning at 7:30 pm on 21 Sep 2011 at the Phillippi Meeting Room at Otterbein.

There comes a time in family history research when it becomes necessary to search land and tax records. These often overlooked records can provide a wealth of information on your ancestors including place of residence, proof of kinship, land boundaries and property ownership. These records might provide clues to death dates or family movements.

This presentation will discuss methods to be successful in searching land and tax records.

WCCGS 2011 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 of the Campus Center at the Otterbein Retirement Community, 585 North State Route 741 (north of Rte 63), Lebanon, Ohio

- 21 Sep 2011 – “Researching Land & Tax Records” by Karen Campbell
- 19 Oct 2011 – “Researching Military Records and Unit Histories” by Rob Young
- 16 Nov 2011 – The 35th Ohio Volunteer Infantry by Greg Fugitt
- 14 Dec 2011 – Holiday Social Gathering

Visit our website at <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/meetings.htm>

CEMETERY RESTORATION CLINIC, PIONEER CEMETERY, LEBANON, OHIO <http://goo.gl/ovwml> SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011

Our third Annual Cemetery Restoration Clinic will be held this year at the Pioneer Cemetery in Lebanon, Ohio on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 2011. Fee \$35. Attendance limited to 50 people. Download a registration form at <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/DownloadableForms.htm>

The Pioneer Cemetery restoration clinic will educate and empower participants, providing them with the tools needed to document, preserve and restore cemeteries as both cultural and historic sites. The Graveyard Groomers, preeminent graveyard restoration professionals, will demonstrate in a step-by-step fashion how to evaluate, preserve and restore cemeteries. Preservation and restoration techniques are presented with recommendations as to what lay people should and should not undertake. During the clinic, attendees will get hands on experience assisting in the restoration of the Pioneer Cemetery. See [Pioneer-Cemetery.org](http://www.pioneer-cemetery.org)

Check-in begins Saturday, Oct 22, at 8:30 am. The clinic runs from 9-4 pm.

The clinic will be conducted by the Graveyard Groomer, aka “Walt” and Micki Walters, graveyard restoration professionals with over fourteen years experience and over 10,000 repaired stones to their credit. “Walt” and Micki Walters have been trained in the best practices and principles of cemetery preservation and gravestone restoration as advocated by the [Association for Graveyard Studies](http://www.associationforgraveyardstudies.org) of Greenfield, MA.

During the workshop and under the supervision of “Walt” Walters and his staff, participants will have the opportunity to work on actual grave markers.

Cemetery Preservation & Restoration will include cemetery evaluation, recording techniques, probing for buried stones, stone identification, techniques of stone cleaning, grave marker straightening, building new bases and basic grave marker repairs. Also, the clinic will cover specialized mortars and mixes, leveling stones, building new bases and resetting grave markers, including large obelisks.

YOU SHOULD ATTEND THIS CLINIC IF...

- If you are interested in seeing that cemeteries are maintained and restored!
- If you are responsible for cemetery maintenance or oversight!
- If you are a Scout interested in cemetery project for a Merit Badge!
- If you are interested in passing on to younger generations the meaning, knowledge and importance of preserving cemeteries!

Gravestone photos of 416 of the 589 known burials in the cemetery can be viewed at <http://goo.gl/Kxcjv>. There are 20 known veterans buried here – 5 from the American Revolution, 9 from the War of 1812, 4 from the Civil War and 2 from the War with Mexico.

LIBRARY ADDITIONS

Our thanks to Jack and Dee Hutchinson who have donated two boxes of Jack's research files to the society. Jack was the author of "*Leaves From The Tree, An American Heritage*" plus supplements covering the ancestral families of three different Hutchinson Families. Jack also authored "*Divided Loyalties; The Border States of the Upper South.*"

WARREN COUNTY VIRTUAL CEMETERY PROJECT at <http://goo.gl/YSRaS>

Photos for 445 burials were added to the project in August. We now have photos on line for 40,543 burials in 88 Warren County cemeteries including a new pages for the [Old Compton Farm Cemetery](http://goo.gl/KgZxD) in Wayne Township at <http://goo.gl/KgZxD>. Additional photos were also added for [Edwardsville](#), [Lebanon](#), [Miami](#), [Miami Valley Memory Gardens](#), [Rose Hill](#), and [Woodhill](#) cemeteries.

Volunteers are still needed to complete photographing [Union Church](#) and [Woodhill](#) cemeteries. Contact Dana Palmer or Arne Trelvik if you would like to help with this project.

WARREN COUNTY MILITARY HERITAGE

Veteran photos have been added for [Capt. James Earl Sheets](#), USAF and for [Private Monroe Sweny](#), (1833-1889), Co H, 146th OVI. To add your veteran photos email them to Arne Trelvik at atrelvik@gmail.com

=> [Warren County in the War](#). Part 6 is now on line at <http://goo.gl/tktw9>. This 12 part series of articles was published in the Lebanon Gazette starting in October 1885. We will attempt to add one article each month. The introduction to this series is at <http://goo.gl/IQkGx>

=> [Civil War Widow's Pension Application Files](#):

Digitization of approved pension applications of widows and other dependents of Civil War veterans who served between 1861 and 1910 is the result of a partnership between FamilySearch, NARA, and fold3.com (formerly Footnote.com). Ultimately, the Civil War Widows' Pensions project will digitize, index, and make available approximately 1,280,000 Civil War and later widows' files in the series. These are paper records scanned from pension files archived at the National Archives in Washington, DC. They are part of Record Group 15, Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 1773-2001. To learn more visit

http://www.footnote.com/page/3496_civil_war_widows_pension_applications/

In addition to name, state, regiment, company, and pensioner given name, the pension files are also indexed by widows' Certificate number (WC#). The original pension applications at NARA are organized by certificate number, given according to when the widow applied for a pension. The digitization project is being done in chronological order according to the widows' certificate number. They are up to something over wc72000.

We have created a list of Pension files for Warren County widows that are now digitized. See <http://goo.gl/Vcvm6>. The dependency column will be hyperlinked to the actual images if it is available. If you know of any additions, email the information to atrelvik@gmail.com

A fold3 subscription is needed to view the images - a good buy when compared to the \$75 fee to obtain a pension file directly from NARA

=> ★ **Civil War 150 Roll of Honor** ★ - We did not find any Warren County casualties for September, 1861.

=> Information on others from Warren County can be found at <http://goo.gl/uWutD> & <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/warsmain.htm>.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

◇ "Genealogy Classes at Sinclair Community College", Mason, Ohio taught by Dana Palmer. For details see the Fall Schedule at

<http://www.sinclair.edu/lifelong/?searchTerm=Lifelong%20Learning>

Fall 2011 - A new series of classes will be available in the fall. Watch for details

◇ 7-10 Sep 2011 "35th Anniversary FGS Conference" Springfield, Illinois

<http://www.fgs.org/2011conference/index.php> or on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/FGS2011>

◇ 2-4 Feb 2012, 2nd Annual Rootstech Conference, Salt Lake City, UT see <http://www.rootstech.org>

◇ 2 Apr 2012, The 1940 Census Opens see <http://www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/>

◇ 9- 12 May 2012 "The Ohio River; Gateway to the Western Frontier" NGS Family History Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio. Conference Hotels are now accepting reservations at the Conference Rate.

See http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info

OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY <http://www.ogs.org>

The Ohio Genealogical Society is located at their Samuel D. Isaly Library, 611 State Route 97 West, Bellville, Ohio 44813. Phone (419) 886-1903. [Annual membership](#) includes access from your home to [World Vital Records](#) and to <http://www.heritagepursuit.com> which contains searchable transcriptions of Ohio County Histories.

◇ 13 Aug 2011 "26th Annual OGS Chapter Management Seminar," OGS Library, Bellville, Ohio

◇ 16-17 Sep 2011 "OGS Cemetery Restoration & Preservation Workshop", Bellville, OH

◇ 1 Oct 2011 "OGS 2011 Fall Seminar" featuring Dick Eastman, CitiChurch Building, Bellville, OH

◇ 12-14 Apr 2012 "History and Genealogy: Finding Clues to Ancestral Lives," OGS Conference

Intercontinental Hotel, 9801 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

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

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“Virginia (Coburn) Pence (March 25, 1917 – September 7, 2011)

We were saddened to learn of the passing of long-time society member Ginny Pence. Ginny helped numerous people with their family history research for many years as a volunteer every Thursday in our resource library. Virginia was a life long resident of the Lebanon area. Visitation is Saturday, 10 Sep 2011 at Oswald-Hoskins Funeral Home from 10 to 11 am.

For details see

http://www.hoskinsfh.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=1256364&fh_id=13201

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<> **“Genealogy Classes at Sinclair Community College”**, Courseview Campus, Mason, Ohio taught by Dana Palmer.

A new series of classes are now available.

Our own Dana Palmer will again be teaching a series of genealogy classes at the Sinclair College Courseview Campus (in Mason right off of I-71 and exit 25 across from the Beach waterpark). The classes are held from 1 to 3 PM on the dates indicated. To register call 937-512-2372 or fill out the form and mail it in. The fee for the series is \$75 - about \$7.50 per class.

For more information, see the Fall catalog at

<http://www.sinclair.edu/lifelong/schedule/index.cfm>

LL 85x2 Genealogy Research Class

24 Sep Getting Started

1 Oct Organizing your Research

8 Oct Interviewing & Contacting Relatives

15 Oct RootsMagic

29 Oct Online Databases

12 Nov Census Research

19 Nov Local Sources

3 Dec Court Records

10 Dec Familysearch.org

17 Dec Ancestry.com

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