

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News Jan., 2015

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, DIANA LINKOUS

Happy New Year to all! Our society is excited to announce that we were able to make a donation of \$1000 toward the War of 1812 Digitization Project for 2014. A big THANK YOU to all who supported this project through their generous contributions which we matched at \$500. With the matching contribution by Ancestry.com, this should provide the funds to digitize 2,222 records which will be placed online for FREE access at <http://go.fold3.com/1812pensions/>. We feel this digitization project is so beneficial to all that we will continue to accept donations to the project in 2015. Our board has voted to support the project with a matching grant of up to \$500. I want to thank **Carol Hatfield** for initiating and promoting this project in our local society.

With our volunteers' help, we will continue adding a number of additional resources for researching in Warren County. Some of our current projects are adding pictures to our Virtual Cemetery Tour, and clipping, organizing, and indexing current obituaries. A few of the other current projects are indexing – death, school, funeral home records, reading microfilm for additional early obituaries, beginning an 1890 substitute census starting with newspaper articles, and using the Mason Rose Hill and Springboro Cemetery records to add to our burial records.

Our volunteers are so valuable to us! We treated these volunteers to a Thank You luncheon in November. As many of them work in the library on different days and times, this was a great opportunity for all of us to get to know one another, put faces to names, share their current activities, and get reenergized and enthused about our efforts. I want to thank all these hard-working volunteers for their time and service.

2015 presents many opportunities for learning and furthering our research. I encourage you to look into the national, state, and local county conferences and meetings. Have a potential First Family or Early Settler of Warren County? Download the application and begin the process of finding documentations to prove them here be the given dates. For local members, come to any of our meetings and see what is new and helpful in our researching. Hope to see you in 2015.

2015 WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

We are very happy to report that in 2014 we experienced a net gain in our membership rolls for at least the 3rd straight year and thank our members for their continuing support of our society. We are grateful for the large number of our members who already joined or renewed their WCCGS membership for 2015. If you haven't sent your membership in yet, we hope you will do so. Society membership is on a calendar year basis. Dues are \$10 (Individual), \$15 (family) or \$200 (life). A 2015 membership form is attached as a pdf document.

FIRST FAMILIES & 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.

2015 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.

18 Mar 2015 On Line Research presented by Dana Palmer
15 Apr 2015 34th Anniversary Banquet – Lineage Society Inductions, program presented by Marcia Murray Holstrom.
13 May 2015 program (title to be announced) presented by Amie Tennant
Summer Classes (dates and subjects to be announced) presented by Dana Palmer.
16 Sep 2015 to be announced
14 Oct 2015 “Our Irish Families,” presented by Harriet Foley
18 Nov 2015 to be announced
16 Dec 2015 Annual Christmas Gathering.

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

WARREN COUNTY, OHIO VIRTUAL CEMETERY PROJECT – DECEMBER ADDITIONS

[Morrow Cemetery](#) – We finished our virtual cemetery project for the Morrow Cemetery in December and have photos on line for 4,042 of the 4,290 known burials in this cemetery. We give a special thanks to [Larry W. Collins](#) who provided the bulk of the photos for this cemetery. If you have photos of any that we are missing please send to atrelvik@gmail.com.

Our Virtual Cemetery Project now has photos on line for 57,128 burials in 94 cemeteries with over 5,800 of them added in 2014. See <http://goo.gl/YSRaS>

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

=> **Veteran Photos and Documents:**

[Paul James Brewer](#) (a World War II casualty) from *Western Star (Lebanon, Ohio)*, Thursday, 30 Oct 1941

Email your veteran photos to atrelvik@gmail.com if you would like to add them to our Military Heritage pages.

=> **War of 1812 Pension Files:**

By the end of 2014, Fold3 had pension files on line up to the **George C. Lecklider** name in Ohio. We thank WCGS member, **Jim Keim**, who let us know that the file for his gggg-grandfather, [John Alexander Gilmour](#), was on line. We now know of 67 pension files containing 1,291 pages that have been digitized for soldiers with a connection to Warren County.

All of the known pension files for Warren County War of 1812 soldiers with links to their pension & bounty land files are listed at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/military/1812pension.htm>. Send an email to atrelvik@gmail.com if you know of others that we may have overlooked.

[John A. Gilmour](#) (38 images) [War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files](#),” [fold3.com](#)

John Gilmore was drafted 20 Sep 1814 at Delaware County, Pennsylvania for a term of 6 months as a Private in Capt. **James Lackey's Company** in the regiment of Pennsylvania Militia commanded by **Col. Pierce/Pierson** and **Major John G. Bull**. He served for 91 days and was honorably discharged at Philadelphia on 19 Dec 1814. At the time of his enlistment he was described as "5' 4" high, complexion light, hair black, eyes black."

John Gilmour and **Mary Scott** were married in Chester County, Pennsylvania on 15 Oct 1815 by **Wm. Everhart**, a Justice of the Peace. After the war they lived in Chester County, Pennsylvania and then in Warren County, Ohio.

On 2 Feb 1853, **John Gilmour**, age 58, of Warren County, made a declaration before **James Burk**, Justice of the Peace, for the purpose of obtaining bounty land under the Act of 1850. [Bounty Land Warrant #86524](#) for 40 acres was issued in favor of **John Gilmour**, Private in Capt. Lackey's Co., Pennsylvania Militia. He assigned the warrant to **John L. Humaston** who was issued a patent for 40 acres in Douglas County, Illinois on 2 Oct 1854.

On 18 Jun 1855 **John Gilmour**, age 61, made a declaration in Warren County before **Abraham Brant**, Justice of the Peace, for the purpose of obtaining additional Bounty Land under the Act of 1855. Bounty Land Warrant #61579 for 120 acres was issued under the Act of 1866 in favor of **John Gilmour**, Private in Capt. Lackey's Co., Pennsylvania Militia. He assigned the warrant to **John R. Starkey** who was issued a patent for 120 acres in Pine County, Minnesota on 10 Oct 1858. [the BLM web site has this indexed as [Bounty Land Warrant #65579](#)]

John Gilmore, age, 76, of Warren County (Morrow Post Office), made a declaration before the Common Pleas Court Clerk, **Wm. H. Rockhill**, on 6 Apr 1871, for the purpose of obtaining a survivors' pension under the Act of 1871 (Application #7886). He was awarded a pension of \$8 per month commencing February 14, 1871 by Certificate #4661 dated 18 Sep 1871. He died 5 Oct. 1877, a resident of Morrow.

Mary Gilmour, age 78, of near Morrow, Warren County, made a declaration on 16 Apr 1878 before a Notary, **Albert Anderson**, for the purpose of obtaining a widows' pension under the Act of 1878 (Application #18623). She was awarded a pension of \$8 per month commencing 9 Mar 1878 by Certificate #22999 dated 24 Apr 1879. She died 13 Aug 1880. Their sons, **Robert Gilmour** (age 58) and **William Gilmour** (age 53) gave a deposition on 2 Nov 1878 confirming their marriage and her widowhood.

After Mary's death, her son, **Robert Gilmour**, filed an application for reimbursement of her final expenses on 23 Aug 1880 including \$55 to **Jonah Anderson** for coffin and burial expenses and \$2.00 to **Linn** for digging her grave.

Testimony in support of their claims was given by **Wm. G. Hopkins**, **Daniel H. Compton**, **Jos. C. Newport**, **John Brant** and **John Dunn**.

In 1921, **James G. Hunter**, contacted the pension office for evidence of John Gilmour's discharge for the purpose of "marking the graves of the soldiers of the War of 1812."

=>★ **Warren County Civil War 150 Roll of Honor, January, 1865** ★ 16 casualties:

1 Wounded – [James D. Davis](#) (76th PA Inf),

5 POWs – [Nathan Little Dubois](#) (34th OVI), [Alfred Leak](#) (34th OVI), [Watson R. Mosgrove](#) (75th OVI), [James K. P. Parlett](#) (34th OVI), [Henry Prater](#) (34th OVI)

3 Died while POW: [Joseph Hunt](#) (183rd OVI), [Michael "O'Brien](#) (183rd OVI), [Patrick H. Rains](#) (75th OVI)

7 Died from Disease or Other Causes: [Jasper N. Burns](#) (179th OVI), [Samuel F. Dudley](#) (79th OVI), [William Harrison Durell](#) (79th OVI), [James Gray](#) (69th OVI), [Jeremiah Houser](#) (183rd OVI), [David W. Kenrick](#) (34th OVI), [John Stump](#) (2nd OVI)

=> **Civil War Widow's Pension Files** available on [fold3.com](#)

Complete pension files are now on line for widow certificate numbers up to about 146,253. Pension files for Warren County soldiers, [John Frazier](#) (79th OVI) and [Joseph J. Gustin](#) (75th OVI) were added in December.

John Frazier (61 images)"Civil War Widows' Pension Applications." at [www.fold3.com](#)

[John Frazier](#) and Malinda/Melinda West (both of age) were issued a [marriage license](#) in Warren County, Ohio on **20 Dec 1839**. They were married by **Benjamin Blackburn**, a Justice of the Peace, but no return was sent to the county to record the marriage. Three children are identified in the pension file - **John Frazier**, born 5 Sep 1850, **Charles E. Frazier**, born 10 Mar 1853 and **James Liddil Frazier** born 20 Aug 1855.

[NOTE: A *Melinda Johnson* and *Peter West* (both of age) were issued a [marriage license](#) in Warren County on 27 Jul 1833]

Mrs. Lydia E. Sharpe gave [testimony on 4 Dec 1867](#) that she and **Lucinda Scarme/Skyrme** (Malinda's sister) were the only one's present when Melinda Johnson and John Frazier were married on **10 Nov 1842**. Malinda also gave the **10 Nov 1842** date in [testimony she gave on 26 Apr. 1867](#).

John Frazier along with [Robert H. Wilson](#), [George Frazier](#) and other recruits were enlisted on 18-22 Jan 1864 by **John Cretors** Captain of [Co. B. 79th OVI](#). They were sent from Dayton to Todd Barracks in Columbus where they remained for 10-12 days prior to joining their regiment. While there, John Frazier contracted a severe cold. He was sent to Seminary Hospital in Columbus where he died of inflammation of the lungs (pneumonia) on 13 Feb. 1864.

Melinda Frazier, of Lebanon, made declarations on three occasions in Warren County Probate Court for the purpose of obtaining a widow's pension (9 Apr 1865, age 50; 7 May 1866, age 47; and 26 Apr 1867, age 54). In her [1865 testimony](#) and [1866 testimony](#) she claimed he served in the 98th OVI. In her [1867 testimony](#), she claimed he first served in the 4th OVC and then in the 79th OVI. [Note: there was a John Frazier in both the 98th OVI and the [4th OVC](#) but they both appear to have survived the war and later filed for invalid pensions.] A number of reports by the Adjutant General [AG] did not substantiate his service or death. His service with the 79th OVI and his death were eventually confirmed by records of the [Surgeon General](#) in 1868 and the AG in 1870.

On 21 Jan 1870, [Robert H. Wilson](#) of Lebanon testified that he and John Frazier enlisted under Lieut. **John Cretors** at Lebanon on or about 18 Jan 1864 and were forwarded to Todd Barracks in Columbus along with other recruits where they remained for 10-12 days prior to being sent to join their regiment. Frazier had contracted a severe cold and could not continue with them. He indicated that the barracks were very cold and damp and Frazier was healthy prior to being sent there. Similar testimony was given about the same time by fellow recruit, [George Frazier](#), of Lebanon, who indicated John Frazier was an unassigned recruit in the 98th OVI.

[Note: This *George Frazier* "may" have been their son. A *George Frazier*, aged 3, was listed with John and Malinda Frazier in the [1850 census](#).]

Malinda Frazier's claim was originally rejected, saying that his disease was not caused by military service. She was finally admitted to the pension rolls on 13 Oct 1870 at a rate of \$8 per month commencing 14 Feb 1864 by Certificate #145332. She was awarded an additional \$2 per month for each of two minor children **John Frazier** and **James Liddil Frazier**. She waived her claim for son **Charles E. Frazier** as she could not provide proof of his birth. She was last paid \$12 to 4 Mar 1901 and was dropped from the rolls due to her death. No date of death was listed.

Testimony in support of her claim was given by **John A. Hardy**, **William B. Blackburn**, **William H. Rockhill**, **Jonathan Conrey**, **William Crewson**, **Rebecca L. Foote**, **Johannah Snyder**, **Dr. Isaac Frazier**, **Dr. Adam Sellers**, **Ferdinand S. VanHarlingen** and **Matthew Koogle**.

[Joseph J. Gustin](#) (50 images)"[Civil War Widows' Pension Applications.](#)" at www.fold3.com

[Joseph Gustin](#), age 34, was enrolled on 11 Dec 1861 at Franklin, Ohio, in Co F commanded by **Capt. Ben Morgan**, 75th OVI to serve 3 years and was mustered in as a Wagoner on 11 Dec 1861 at Camp McLean. He was reported "Absent - sick in Seminary Hospital" on the Sept-Oct 1862 muster roll and "Present - On Duty" on the Mar & Apr 1863 muster roll. He was reported as "absent-prisoner at Gettysburg" on the Jul-Aug 1863 muster roll and "present" on the Sep-Oct 1863 roll. He reenlisted at Folly Island, SC, as a veteran in the same company on 1 Jan 1864. He was one of 186 Union soldiers that were captured at Gainesville, Florida on 17 Aug 1864. While a prisoner, he was transferred to Co A 75th OVI.

[Jacob Cautle](#) served in the same company as **Joseph Gustin** and was captured with him and others at Gainesville, Florida on 17 Aug 1864. In his [affidavit of 10 Dec 1869](#), he said,

*"On the 17th day of August 1864 at Gainesville Fla, ____, **Joseph Gustin** and many others were taken prisoner by the rebels, that they were sent to Andersonville Ga, were kept there for a time and then sent to Florence, South Carolina. While there some of the prisoners **Joseph Gustin** included, made an attempt to escape. The rebels pursued and firing on them killed many and captured others. Among those who made the attempt was one [David Staley](#) a private in [Co. B, 2nd Reg. O. Vols.](#) Said Staley after he was captured and returned to prison stated to affiant that he and **Joseph Gustin** were ____ near together when they were fired on by the rebels, that Joseph Gustin fell and remained on the ground while he Staley ran on and was captured. Said **David Staley** reported said **Joseph Gustin** as killed and such was the ____ fact among all the prisoners who were acquainted with him. **David Staley** sickened and died at Florence a short time after. Affiant cannot state exactly at what time the aforementioned attempt to escape was made, but that it was in the latter part of October or in November, 1864."*

Joseph Gustin and **Emaline Poffinberger** were married in Germantown, Ohio by **John M. Miller** on 4 Jun 1848. On 27 Jun 1866, **Emaline Gustin**, aged 36, of Red Lion, made a declaration in Warren County Probate Court in order to obtain a widow's pension under the Act of 1862 (Application #129273). She died on 16 Dec 1866 before the claim could be processed. On 31 Mar 1870 she was issued Certificate #256984 "allowing her pay to include the 17th day of August 1864, on account of service of her said husband." See photo of her [gravestone](#) at [Red Lion Cemetery](#).

On 15 Jan 1867 **Matthew M. Tresslar** was appointed the guardian of minor children **Jeremiah Gustin** (born 28 Nov 1852), **John Gustin** (born 30 Mar 1854), **Anna Rebecca Gustin** (born 19 Apr 1858) and **Sarah Belle Gustin** (born 20 Nov 1860). **Matthew M. Tresslar**, age 55, of Clearcreek Twp, made a declaration in Warren County Probate Court on 21 Feb 1867 for the purpose of obtaining a pension for his wards under the Act of 1862 (Application #143028). A pension of \$8 a month, beginning 1 Nov 1864 plus an additional \$2 per month for each of the children was awarded to him commencing 25 Jul 1866 and ending 19 Nov 1876 by Certificate #142328 dated 25 Apr 1870. [NOTE: **Matthew Tresslar** was the husband of Joseph J. Gustin's sister, **Ruth Gustin**.]

Testimony in support of the claim was given by **Joseph H. Monger, Amos Jones, William H. Ballard, James H. Tilton, Dr. R. B. Michel** and **Rufus Taylor**.

=>See <http://goo.gl/uWutD> or <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/warsmain.htm> for information about other Warren County veterans. Please email us if you know of any that we may have missed.

[FamilySearch Blog](#)

FamilySearch has provided a list of their 10 most popular free Online Ancestry Database Resources for 2014.

Rank	Country	Database
1	USA	United States Censuses 1790 to 1940
2	England	England Births and Christenings, 1538-1975
3	USA	United States Public Records, 1970-2009
4	USA	United States Social Security Death Index
5	USA	United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918
6	Germany	Germany Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898
7	USA	Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1953
8	USA	Texas, Deaths, 1890-1976
9	USA	Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1997
10	USA	Pennsylvania, County Marriages, 1885-1950

See <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/2014s-top-10-free-online-ancestry-databases/>

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).

◊ 9 – 11 Apr [2015 Ohio Genealogical Society Conference](#), Columbus, Ohio

OTHER EVENTS

◊ 11-14 Feb 2015 [FGS 2015 Conference \(with RootsTech 2015\)](#), Salt Lake City, Utah

◊ 21 Feb 2015 [Family History Jamboree](#), 901 E. Whipp Rd, Centerville, Ohio. – For details, see <http://www.fhj1.org>

◊ 13–16 May 2015 [NGS 2015 Family History Conference](#), St. Charles, Missouri

◊ [Butler County Genealogical Society Meetings](#), West Chester Library, 9363 Centre Pointe Drive. 513 777 3131
13 Jan 2015, 7:00 PM “**Genetic Genealogy: Adding DNA to your Genealogical Toolbox**” presented by Pamela White
24 Mar 2015, 7:00 PM “**To Render Some Service**”, **35th Ohio Volunteer Infantry in Civil War**” presented by Greg Fugitt
For more information, contact bcogs@butlercountyogs.org

◊ [Clermont County Chapter, OGS](#) E-mail: vgeesner@aol.com
Saturday, January 3, 2014, 1 PM, Doris Wood Library, 180 S. 3rd St., Batavia, Ohio
Program: Need some post-holiday help making 2014 genealogical resolutions? Come to join in our discussion on how to set attainable goals for the year and develop a plan for success.

◊ [Hamilton County Genealogical Society Annual Spring Seminar](#) E-mail: info@hcgsohio.org
April 18, 2015, 9 AM to 4 PM Millrace Banquet Center, 151 West Sharon Rd [in Sharon Woods Park]
“**Research Methods for New Jersey and Pennsylvania**” presented by Jerry Smith, GG
Preregistration is required by April 1, 2015. [Online Registration](#) is available or download the registration form at http://hcgsohio.org/upload/events/files/1413766618_AnnualSeminarpdfregistrationform.pdf

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Membership is \$10 for a single membership, \$15 for a family membership or \$200 for a Life Membership.

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Our 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.]