

# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News April 2022

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## 2022 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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### **CANCELED - WCGS Virtual Chapter Meeting and Lineage Societies Inductees Celebration!**

Wednesday, Apr 20, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM EDT

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WCGS Virtual Program - "**You CAN Master Lineage Society Applications**" presented by Jean Muetzel

Wednesday, October 12, 2022, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT - Zoom Program

**\*Please not the change in date for this program!**

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## NECROLOGY

### **Dennie Edward Fitzgerald (1941-2021)**

Dennie was a long-time member of the WCGS dating back to at least 1995 and a "Life" Member from December 2008. He operated a flower shop in Franklin for many years. Our membership records contained this 9 Aug 1996 notation by Chester Dunn:

*"This man donated flowers to deceased members funeral, so I am putting him back on mailing list."*

In 2006, Dennie was an instrumental part of our Funeral Home Record Digitation Project, making many trips to and from Franklin transporting original funeral home records from the Anderson Funeral Home from which we were able to index 13,742 funeral records from the Eaton, Unglesby, Croll and Anderson funeral homes.

You may view his online testimonial page at <https://www.forevermissed.com/dennie-edward-fitzgerald/about>.

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## ALLEEN STEPHENSON DIGITAL NEWSPAPER PROJECT - WESTERN STAR ANALYTICS

Since the fall of 2018, our Alleen Stephenson Digital Newspaper Project, sponsored and maintained by the Warren County Genealogical Society, has provided free public access to digital images of the Western Star from 1807 through 1922 on the [Ohio Memory Project](https://www.ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll84). Through the first quarter of 2022 we have had **330,362 page views** by **14,589 users**.

The landing page for the project is <https://www.ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll84>

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## WARREN COUNTY RECORDS CENTER AND ARCHIVES

At the March 2022 WCGS Zoom meeting, Warren County Deputy Archivist, Jennifer Baker, made a great presentation on how best to research in records available in Warren County. The presentation is posted on our website and available to WCGS members at <https://www.wcgsohio.org/wcgsvideos> for an indefinite period.

The online indexed collections currently provided by the Warren County Records Center Archives are listed below.

### Commissioners

61 entries	Board of County Visitors Inventory (1893-1902)
6,085 entries	Commissioners' Journal Index Volume 1 (1803-1873, 1877-1880)
8,134 entries	Commissioners' Journal Index Volume 2 (1867-1892)
3,334 entries	Commissioners' Journal Index Volume 3 (1892-1898)

### Common Pleas Courts

100 entries	Black & Mulatto Record Book (1804-1851) (with images)
8,845 entries	Clerk of Courts - Series A Civil Cases
9,315 entries	General Index, Court Records (1803-1870)
150 Entries	Record of the Business of the Associated Judges (new)
985 entries	Records of Commission Inventory
101 entries	Records of Mayor's Certificates
7735 entries	State Cases Inventory (updated)

### Coroner

1,575 entries	Coroner Inquests Index
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### Engineer's Office

1,096 entries	Maps/Drawings Inventory
56 entries	Aerials Inventory

### Probate Court

6,061 entries	Birth Records Index Book 1 (with images)
5,292 entries	Birth Records Index Book 2 (with images)
6,820 entries	Birth Records Index Book 3
3,592 entries	Death Record Volume 1 Index (with images)
7,175 entries	Death Record Volume 2 Index (with images)
921 entries	Death Record Volume 3 Index (with images)
3,100 entries	Marriage Affidavit
900 entries	Marriage Record
542 entries	Naturalization Index (with images)
1,960 entries	Old Common Pleas [Old CP] Estate Packets Index (with images)
3,961 entries	Probate Estate Packet Inventory (updated)

### Recorder's Office

12,684 entries	Deed Index Inventory (new)
168 entries	Miscellaneous Maps Inventory
9,550 entries	Veteran's Gravesite Index (updated)

### Sheriff

13,154 entries	Arrest Cards
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The Archives website can be found at <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/recordscenter/Default.aspx> .

You can also follow the archives on [YouTube](#), on their [Blog](#), and on their [Facebook page](#)

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## RECENT WARREN COUNTY VETERAN DEATHS

(send additions to [atrelvik@gmail.com](mailto:atrelvik@gmail.com))

### World War II:

**Bertus "Bert" A. Weaver** (1923-2022), **Robert E. DuVall** (1919-2022)

### Korea:

**Robert E. Pottorf** (1929-2022)

### Vietnam:

**Robert A. "Bob" Woods** (1950-2022)

### Other Service:

**James Lee Sargent** (1974-2022), **Robert Glenn Bullock** (1951-2022), **James Michael "Jimmy" Boyer** (1997-2022), **Hibert Nicely** (1929-2022)

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# Clues to Use

By Linda Eckert

The largest collection of publicly available **New York City birth, marriage, and death records is now ONLINE and FREE** to access. You can access via the website: [a860-historicalvitalrecords.nyc.gov](http://a860-historicalvitalrecords.nyc.gov).

View records by certificate number and year; or by exact name and year (site does not currently account for spelling variations in names) and you can browse by selecting "Browse All" from the main menu.

If you are unable to locate by using the name search, other indexes exist to help you identify the certificate number. You can search indexes at [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org) (free) or [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) (paid).

The New York City Municipal Archives has been working to digitize the millions of birth, marriage, and death records it holds since 2013. With the project now 70% complete, 9,318,625 digitized records from the late 1800s to the early 1900s are now available as of March 2022.

Contributed by WCGS Member and Volunteer Delores Bovee.

## TODD STEPHENSON TALKS AT FORT ANCIENT

Todd Stephenson will be giving three talks this summer at Front Ancient covering how **ancient Native Americans in Ohio were incredible "earth scientists and engineers."** (In Todd's words, they were **keen on STEM before STEM was cool!**) These talks are **FREE** to the public and will include information on the minerals, rocks, fossils, shells, pearls, and teeth that were the geologic origins of the Ohio Hopewell Artifacts. Fort Ancient is part of the Ohio Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks.

**Saturday, June 11, 2022, 10:30 AM**

**Saturday, July 16, 2022, 10:30 AM**

**Saturday, August 13, 2022, 10:30 AM**

Todd Stephenson is a retired petroleum geologist and seasonal volunteer geological advisor for the Fort Ancient Earthworks and Nature Preserve. He grew up in Kings Mills and graduated from Kings High School in 1973, Ohio University 1977 and University of Cincinnati 1979. However, his Stephenson Family ancestors were early natives of Warren County (First Families of Warren County) who lived on a 70-acre farm, three miles west of Fort Ancient in Turtlecreek Township. Todd is a member of both the Warren County Genealogical and the Warren County Historical Societies. He is also a member of the Ambassadors Group which is a group of people selected by the leadership of the Ohio History Connection to help coordinate and communicate the status of the UNESCO World Heritage nomination for the Ohio Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks. Todd is married to Becky who is an avid genealogist, and they have two adult children Joel and Heather that live in Texas.

## LINEAGE SOCIETIES INDUCTEES

Congratulations to our Lineage Societies Inductees from 2020, 2021, and 2022!

Jerry Wayne Anson	2020 First Families of Warren County 2020 Civil War Families of Warren County 2021 First Families of Warren County
Melinda Chalfonte-Evans	2020 First Families of Warren County 2020 Civil War Families of Warren County 2021 First Families of Warren County
Joanne Doris Faulkner	2020 First Families of Warren County
Harriet Elizabeth Fealy Foley	2020 Civil War Families of Warren County
Jeffrey Wayne Lucas	2020 First Families of Warren County
Deborah Ann Ritchey Osburn	2020 First Families of Warren County
Laura Ann Adams Reed	2022 First Families of Warren County 2022 Civil War Families of Warren County
Michael Lee Palmer	2020 Early Settlers of Warren County 2020 Civil War Families of Warren County
William Dennis Taggart	2020 First Families of Warren County 2020 Early Settlers of Warren County 2020 Civil War Families of Warren County
Charlotte Jean Carr Wilson	2022 First Families of Warren County

## HANNAH (REDFERN) COOK OBITUARY.

“To **John Scroggy**, born February 23, 1780, and **Sarah**, his wife, born August 28, 1779, were given three sons, **Wilson**, **Reuben**, and **George**, and four daughters **Hannah**, **Sarah**, **Mary** and **Rachel**. **Rachel** born on Christmas day, 1820, and **John D. Redfern** born June 7, 1815 were married on July 1837. To this union were born three sons, **Wilson S.**, **George Wilson** and **Edmund**, and four daughters, **Sarah**, **Martha**, **Mary** and **Hannah**. Of these but one remains, **Martha Redfern Macy**, who resides in Columbus, Kan.

**Hannah Redfern**, born in Warren County, Ohio, on November 28, 1846, was united in marriage to **Seth Cook**, March 11, 1868. To them were given six children, **Mary Leah**, **Amelia E.**, **Lillia Maria**, **Bessie**, **William Pedrick** and **George Harold**. Except **Amelia**, whom death claimed in early childhood, March 17, 1879, all of these, with their father survive her.

She manifested a great desire for learning in early life, and prepared herself for a teacher while still in her teens. For several years previous to her marriage, she taught various schools in Warren County, Ohio, and to this day her former pupils pay high tribute to her rare abilities as a teacher, not only as an instructor of unusual ability, but her example as a noble woman.

Soon after her marriage she united with the Society of Friends, and was ever after one of its most faithful and valued members. Her whole life day by day and hour by hour was a living testimony to the serene faith that was her comfort and guide.

The arduous duties connected with the rearing of her family never dimmed that kindly spirit which ever made her countenance good to look upon.

Unselfish devotion to husband and children, her life was one of service to others. Her thoughts were never of self, her hands so skillful in the doing of every task, were ever ready to lighten the load for friend or neighbor. Her sweet spirit was ever in harmony with Nature’s beauties – she lived all growing things, trees, flowers and birds. Her presence was balm to the suffering, her words ever of cheer.

To all who knew her, loved her.

On the afternoon of February 16, 1914, at the age of 67 years, 2 months and 19 days, her tired spirit took its flight. After a morning spent in various tasks about the home, seemingly in better health than of late, and with her usual cheerfulness, while presently chatting with a kindly neighbor who had stopped in, her life on earth was finished. The end was as she had desired, no pain, no prolonged illness, no helplessness, but a gentle wafting of her kindly spirit back to its Maker. It was but the fitting close of a long life of loving care for those about her.

The memories of her life, so pure and good, so true and noble, abide with us as a benediction, the influence of her example of all that was best in heart and character, is as a bright star of purest ray to lead us to the Home above. The House not made with hands.

M. L. C.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our appreciation of the sympathy and many kindnesses of our friends and neighbors during our bereavement.  
**Seth Cook** and Family.

### SOURCE:

*Miami Gazette (Waynesville, Ohio)*, Wednesday, February 25, 1914, p. 1, col. 5.

### NOTE:

Hannah Cook, her husband and four of her children (Dr. Mary Leah Cook, Lillia Marie Dyer, William Pedrick Cook & George Harold Cook) are buried in the family lot 218 in Section K-Revised in Miami Cemetery in Corwin, Ohio.

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## OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY <https://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. As an OGS member, Vivid-Pix <https://vivid-pix.com/> will provide ten free fixes with no credit card required. OGS members who decide to purchase the program after the trial period will receive a 20 percent discount off the retail price of \$49.99. In return, OGS will receive a donation from Vivid-Pix. We hope you will enjoy this new member benefit. To start your free trial, follow this link: <https://www.ogs.org/join/affiliate-information>

## “JAZZ IT UP” 2022 OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

27 April 2022 – 30 April 2022

Great Wolf Lodge, Mason, Ohio

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

Questions? Email [ogsconference@ogs.org](mailto:ogsconference@ogs.org)

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## NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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The upcoming [NGS 2022 Family History Conference](#), **Our American Mosaic**, will be held in Sacramento, California 25-28 May 2022. Attendees will have an opportunity to choose from more than 150 lectures by the nation's premier genealogical speakers. The conference will feature lectures and workshops for family history researchers at all levels, from beginner to professional, as well as luncheons and banquets with socializing time, and an Expo Hall.

See the [announcement brochure](#) for additional details.

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## GENEALOGY WEBINARS

You need to pre-register. See websites below.

Note: [Legacy Family Tree Webinars](#) understands that you cannot always attend the live webinars, which is why *they make the recording available to you to view for the 7 days following the webinar for FREE!* Watch it as many times as you would like. You can pause it and take notes during the free period. If you want all the materials, including the instructor's handouts you must join and pay a yearly membership fee.

### "Making Your Photos Speak with LiveStory"

Presented by Karen Dolan

Friday, April 8, 2022, 11:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (*Available for 7 days*)

View the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/making-your-photos-speak-with-livestory/>

### "Spinsters and Widows: Using Women to Reconstruct Families"

Presented by Shannon Green, CG

Friday, April 8, 2022, 12:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (*Available for 7 days*)

View the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/spinsters-and-widows-using-women-to-reconstruct-families/>

### "Doing Time – Prison Records as Genealogy Resources"

Presented by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL

Friday, April 8, 2022, 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (*Available for 7 days*)

View the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/doing-time-prison-records-as-genealogy-resources/>

### "Hard Drive and SSD Drive Failure Rates and What to Do"

Presented by Andy Klein

Friday, April 8, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (*Available for 7 days*)

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/hard-drive-and-ssd-drive-failure-rates-and-what-to-do/>

### "Family Discoveries in Minutes"

Presented by Devin Ashby

Friday, April 8, 2022, 3:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (*Available for 7 days*)

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/family-discoveries-in-minutes/>

### "Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians – Oh, My!"

Presented by Sunny Morton

Friday, April 8, 2022, 4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/baptists-methodists-and-presbyterians-oh-my/>

### "Recording Memories on the MyHeritage Mobile App"

Presented by Masha Novak

Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/recording-memories-on-the-myheritage-mobile-app/>

### "1950 Census: How Do I Search for My Family?"

Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 2:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Presented by Allison Singleton

Register for the webinar with the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana

<https://acpl.libnet.info/event/6440543>

### **"Chinese Genealogy: An Introduction to Jiapu"**

Presented by Anthony King

Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 8:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/chinese-genealogy-an-introduction-to-jiapu-%e5%ae%b6%e8%ad%9c-chinese-genealogy-records/>

### **"Discover the 1950 U. S. Federal Census"**

Presented by Lindsay Fulton

Thursday, April 14, 2022, 3:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar with the American Ancestors by New England Historic Genealogical Society.

<https://hubs.americanancestors.org/1950-us-federal-census>

### **"All That Other 'Stuff:' Other Census Records – Beyond the Federal Population Schedules"**

Presented by Curt Witcher

Thursday, April 14, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar with The Genealogy Center – Allen County Public Library

<https://acpl.libnet.info/event/6430651>

### **"Expelled From Nova Scotia: Researching the Acadian Diaspora to the Colonies"**

Presented by Ann G. Lawthers, Sc.D.

Friday, April 15, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/expelled-from-nova-scotia-researching-the-diaspora-to-the-colonies/>

### **"Using External Databases on American Ancestors.org: Even More Searchable Collections for Members!"**

Presented by Melanie McComb, Genealogist

Friday, April 15, 2022, 3:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar with the American Ancestors by New England Historic Genealogical Society.

<https://hubs.americanancestors.org/using-external-databases>

### **"Genealogy Begins with Questions"**

Presented by Cynthia Theusch

Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 2:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar with the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana

<https://acpl.libnet.info/event/6421746>

### **"Proving Parentage Two Centuries Later Using DNA Evidence"**

Presented by David S. Oulmette, CG, CGL

Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 8:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/proving-parentage-two-centuries-later-using-dna-evidence/>

### **"Unlocking Stories of Our Female Ancestors Through Effective Research Methodology"**

Presented by Denyce Porter Peyton

Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/unlocking-stories-of-our-female-ancestors-through-effective-research-methodology/>

### **"Origin: How Ancient DNA Informs Modern Genealogy"**

Presented by Dr. Jennifer Raff

Thursday, April 21, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar with the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana

<https://acpl.libnet.info/event/6300521>

### **"House and Land Histories for Genealogical Purposes"**

Presented by Shannon Combs-Bennett

Thursday, April 21, 2022, 8:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the Florida State Genealogical Society Poolside Chat webinar at

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8105978373757509903>



**"Different Ways to View Your Tree"**

Presented by Uri Gonen

Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/different-ways-to-view-your-tree/>

**"Naming Practices in Genealogy"**

Presented by John Beatty

Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 2:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar with the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana

<https://acpl.libnet.info/event/6421747>

**"Wringing Every Drop Out of Mitochondrial DNA"**

Presented by Roberta Estes

Wednesday, April 27, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/wringing-every-drop-out-of-mitochondrial-dna/>

**"A Nation Talking to Itself: Intro to Newspaper Research "**

Presented by Elizabeth Hodges

Thursday, April 28, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar with the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana

<https://acpl.libnet.info/event/6431250>

**"Government Gazettes as a Genealogical Resource"**

Presented by Helen V. Smith

Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 10:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/government-gazettes-as-a-genealogical-resource/>

**"Quickly Organize Your DNA Matches with the Leeds Method"**

Presented by Dana Leeds

Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/quickly-organize-your-dna-matches-with-the-leeds-method/>

**"McMasters' Will: The Scheme That Made Us Virtually Free"**

Presented by Calvin Dark

Friday, May 6, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/mcmasters-will-the-scheme-that-made-us-virtually-free/>

**WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

WCGS has 163 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 at <https://www.wcgsohio.org/downloadable-forms>.

Membership is \$15 for a single or family membership or \$200 for a Life Membership. Please visit the [Join or Renew](#) page on our website or you can download a Membership Application at <https://www.wcgsohio.org/downloadable-forms>.

Phone: 513-695-1144 Email: [wcgsoh@gmail.com](mailto:wcgsoh@gmail.com)

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

WCGS OLD Website (has broken links, but also GREAT databases): <http://www.wcgsoh.org>

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

WCGS Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/262311627671559/>

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

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.)  
**Starting July 1, 2021, our Genealogy Resource library is open to the public. No appointment is needed.**

## Oregonia School (Oregonia, Ohio)



*Photo provided by WCGS Member and Volunteer Judy Everitt.*

**(Front Row)**

1. Hazel Richardson
2. Christene Head
3. Lucille Drummond
4. Martha Shaw
5. Thelma Ross
6. Besse Judd
7. Dol\_ Williams
8. Olivene Brandenburg

**Teacher (2<sup>nd</sup> Row)**

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11. ?
12. Charles Geesner
13. ?
14. ?
15. ?
16. Fritz Powell
17. ?

**(3<sup>rd</sup> Row)**

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23. \_\_\_\_\_ Robinson
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