

# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News September 2020

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## 2020 PROGRAM SCHEDULE <http://www.wccsoh.org/meetings.htm>

Due to the COVID 19 VIRUS, our resource library remains closed until further notice. A small volunteer staff is at the library on weekdays to take care of mail, phone, email, projects, etc.

The Program Director at Otterbein feels that their meeting rooms will probably be closed to us and other outside groups through the end of the year as Gov. DeWine's order continues to limit gatherings to no more than ten people. So far, we have had two virtual meetings and hope to have more this fall.

16 Sep 2020 CANCELLED  
21 Oct 2020 CANCELLED  
18 Nov 2020 CANCELLED  
16 Dec 2020 "Annual Christmas Gathering"

## WARREN COUNTY RECORDS CENTER ARCHIVES

<https://www.co.warren.oh.us/recordscenter/Default.aspx>

The Records Center Archives continues to add to the records that they have made available on their website.

### Commissioners

5,472 entries Commissioners' Journal Index Volume 4 (1895-1901) <sup>new</sup>  
4,455 entries Commissioners' Journal Index Volume 5 (1901-1906) <sup>new</sup>

### Probate Court

6,061 Entries Birth Records Index Book 1 <sup>new</sup> (with images)  
3,592 Entries Death Record Volume 1 Index <sup>new</sup> (with images)

### Recorder's Office

8,947 entries Veteran's Gravesite Index <sup>updated</sup>

To Access these or their other on-line records

- 1 Go to the County Indexes page at <https://www.co.warren.oh.us/recordscenter/Indexes/Default.aspx>
- 2 Select one of the categories in the **Department** drop-down box
- 3 Select one of the **Indexes** from the list that appears.

The Archives website can be reached at <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/recordscenter/Default.aspx> .

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

## WARREN COUNTY MILITARY HERITAGE

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### RECENT WARREN COUNTY VETERAN DEATHS (send additions to [atrelvik@gmail.com](mailto:atrelvik@gmail.com))

#### World War II:

**William E. Tyra** (1926-2020), **Virgil L. Counts** (1928-2020), **Harold "Bud" Edward Hein** (1925-2020), **William "Bill" C. Asbury** (1926-2020), **James R. Martin** (1924-2020)

#### Vietnam:

**Jimmy R. Rayburn** (1941-2020), **Edgar Davis** (1927-2020), **Harold "Bud" Edward Hein** (1925-2020), **Russell Eugene Savage Jr.** (1947-2020)

#### Other Service:

**King M. Wientge** (1937-2020), **David L. Sherwood** (1936-2020), **Daniel Carl Gallagher** (1946-2020), **Gregory Smythe** (1960-2020), **David A. Dixon** (1944-2020), **Leo Parker** (1943-2020), **Robert H. Jesse Jr.** (1941-2020), **Robert Dale Miranda** (1939-2020)

## **DRAKE - STEPHENS clipping from unnamed and undated newspaper**

*Clipping (probably from 1929 or 1920) was provided by WCGS member, Terry Easton. The clipping was in his family papers with a note. "Charity Peebles sent this along "to show how Quakers can get married now of days."*

Miss Thelma **Stephens**, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis **Stephens**, became the bride of Matthias C. **Drake**, only son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. **Drake**, of Lebanon, in a beautiful home wedding, Thursday evening at the country place of the bride's parents, on the Port William road. Rev. Hugh J. **Wright**, the bride's pastor, read the single ring marriage service of the Friends Church, at 8 o'clock, in the presence of members of the family and intimate friends.

Colorful garden flowers bedecked the entire house, and roses and fern formed an artistic setting in the bay window of the living room where the ceremony was performed.

Preceding the ceremony, Miss Lorena **Stephens**, sister of the bride, sang "At Dawning." "A Birthday" and "I Love You Truly," were used by Miss Elizabeth B. **Reardon**, voice teacher and friend of the bride. Mrs. C. H. **Williams** accompanied the soloists and played Lohengrin's Wedding March as the bridal party took their places before the improvised altar.

The bridegroom and his best man, Donald J. **Hatfield**, of Lebanon, a life-long friend, entered with the clergyman from the right, the ring-bearer, matron of honor and the bride taking their places from the left.

Leading the procession was the ring-bearer, Corwin D. **Talbert**, 6-year old nephew of the bridegroom, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee **Talbert**, of West Elkton. He was dressed in "Little Lord Fauntleroy" suit and carried the ring on a white satin pillow.

Mrs. A. Clark **Lackey**, of Mt. Airy, N. C., served her sister as matron of honor. She was becomingly attired in peach gorgette frock, bouffant style with uneven hemline. She wore silver slippers and her flowers were deep pink roses.

The bride wore the traditional white, her handsome wedding gown being fashioned bouffant of satin and lace, sleeveless, the skirt, short in front and touching the floor in the back. An orange blossom wreath held the veil in cap shape to her head, which fell in voluminous folds in a long train. She carried a shower bouquet of Bride's roses.

Following the congratulations, bride and bridegroom led the guests to the dining-room where a two-course collation was served at small tables. Attracting much comment was the daintily appointed bride's table, centered with the three-tiered wedding cake, flanked on either side with pink tapers, which the bride, herself, cut and served.

Mr. and Mrs. **Drake** departed immediately on a wedding trip through the East. For traveling, the bride was attired in a navy and tan georgette ensemble, fox fur, hat, gloves, purse, footwear, en suite.

After July 1, the couple will be at home near West Alexandria, where Mr. **Drake** has accepted a position as Smith-Hughes instructor in the Lanier High School for the coming year. He is an alumnus of Ohio State University, a member of Delta Theta Sigma Fraternity and has traveled extensively in Europe and South America.

Mrs. **Drake** is an accomplished young lady of very pleasing personality, and her friends are as legion as those of her husband, particularly in school circles since she has successfully taught in the Clinton County schools for the past five years, following her graduation from Wilmington College. She is affiliated with Alpha Phi Kappa Sorority.

Invited as guests to the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. M. C. **Drake**, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill **Hatfield** and son Harry; Donald J. **Hatfield**, of Lebanon; Mr. and Mrs. Lee **Talbert** and children, Mary Lee and Corwin, of West Elkton; Mr. and Mrs. L. S. **Mitchell** and daughters, Julia and Eleanor, of Columbus; Rev. and Mrs. Arthur **James** and children, Carolyn and Billy, New York City; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. **Higgins** and son, Edward, Xenia; Mr. and Mrs. A Clark **Lackey**, Mt. Airy, N. C.; Donald **Stephens**, San Francisco, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence **Hoskins**, Painesville; Mrs. Elizabeth **Ellis**, Port William; Mrs. C. C. **Hixon**, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. **Frantz** and daughter, Mary Ardene, Vandalia; Mr. and Mrs. Clark **Smith**, Blanchester; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. **Williams**, Hillsboro; Pauline **Hunnicut**, Dayton; Leslie **Hunnicut**, Sidney; Mr. and Mrs. Frank **Hunnicut** and daughters, Priscilla and Susanna; Mr. and Mrs. Alton **Haworth** and daughter, Margaret; Mr. and Mrs. J. Roger **Brown** and son, Allen; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. **Hodson** and daughter, Helen; Rev. and Mrs. Hugh J. **Wright**, Miss Elizabeth B. **Reardon**, Miss Atha **Bailey**, Mrs. Josephine **McDorman**.

*NOTE: Matthias Corwin Drake Jr. (1900-1982) and Thelma Hunnicutt Stephens (1902-1982) are both buried in the Sugar Grove Cemetery in Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio.*

*It appears that the groom, was the great-great grandson of multiple early pioneers of Warren County including*

*Col. Lewis Drake (1766-1849) & Mary Russell (1769-1849),*

*Judge Matthias Corwin (1761-1829) & Patience Hallock (1761-1818),*

*Paul Lewis Sr. (d.ca 1831) & Ann ? (d. 1809,*

*Evan Thatcher (1775-1851) & Nancy LaRue (d. 1820),*

*William Graham (1758-1858) & Phoebe Frazier (1780-1855\_*

*William Stokes (1779-1838) & Hannah Hatcher (1775-1858)*

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## US MEXICAN WAR SOLDIERS & SAILORS DATABASE -

<https://www.nps.gov/paal/learn/historyculture/search-usmexwar.htm>

The Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park (U.S. National Park Service) in partnership with the Federation of Genealogical Societies recently completed a database of more than 89,000 soldiers and sailors who served in the Mexican War. The database is searchable by first and last name and has filters for State, Country of Birth, etc.

We know of 56 men with a connection to Warren county who are said to have served during the War with Mexico, two of whom died while in the service – **Arthur Denise** and **John W. Shuets**. We have burial information for 35 of them. If you know of others who served from Warren County, please let us know.

A. D. Adams	David B. Glasscock	William P. Mounts	Hugh H. Smith
James Adams	Peter W. Hall	Charles T. Pine	James M. Smith
A. C. Bates	John A. Hardy	Benjamin Potter	Christian Staley
John Bowers	James H. Jones	Soloman Rosenagle	Nathaniel Tichenor
John L. Brown	William Jones	James Findlay Schenck	Dr. Thomas F. Walker
Henry W. Burdsal	John Keenan	James T. Scott	James Dudley Wallace
James Nelson Caldwell	John Kell	James T. Scott Jr.	John H. Williams
Arthur J. Carpenter	John Marlatt	Thomas Scott	Thomas Worthington
Washington Cline	John McDonald	John Sheets	
Edward Crist	Joseph McDowell	Jacob Q. Sherzer	
Isaac Davis	John McFarland	Jacob W. Sherzer	
Arthur Denise	Samuel Mickle	John W. Shuets	
John A. Dickey	Jacob Miller	William J. Skidmore	
Mathias Drake	William H. Miner	George Smith	
Richard Emerson	Nathan K. Minor	H. A. Smith	
Claudius W. Ford	William H. Minor	Henry N. Smith	

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## 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).

As a benefit of membership in the Ohio Genealogical Society, you can enjoy a complimentary 12-month starter subscription to [findmypast.com](http://findmypast.com). Members will receive a unique code to enter to start exploring. Members will also receive a second code that will give them a 50% discount on the full database subscription fee.

## RUSTIC PATHWAYS, OGS FALL (VIRTUAL) SEMINAR

September 11-12, 2020

The Rustic Pathways seminar has morphed into an OGS Virtual Retreat to be held online from your home computer on September 11-12, 2020. Registration is just \$100.00 for an OGS members or \$115 for a non-member. Send an email to [ogsconference@gmail.com](mailto:ogsconference@gmail.com) for a seminar booklet and information on how to register. Syllabus material will be distributed prior to the event. Each session is 90 minutes, including Q&A. There will be a 30-minute break between sessions and an extended break for lunch. Sessions will be live and interactive through BlueJeans meeting rooms. Registrants will receive information on using BlueJeans prior to the seminar. The speakers this year include **Kelli J. Bergheimer**, **Eric E. Johnson**, **Peggy C. Lauritzen**, and **Sunny J. Morton**. You can view the program schedule at <https://www.ogs.org/blog/rustic-pathways-ogs-fall-seminar/>

## BRINGIN' IT HOME 2021 – OGS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

14-17 April 2021, Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center, Lewis Center, Ohio

For more information, see <https://www.ogsconference.org/>

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## ROOTSTECH CONNECT 2021: A FREE GLOBAL VIRTUAL EVENT

[FamilySearch](#) is thrilled to announce that the [RootsTech 2021](#) conference previously planned for February 3–6, 2021, in Salt Lake City, Utah, will now be held on February 25–27, 2021, as a free, virtual event online. [RootsTech Connect 2021](#) will enable attendees to participate from around the world and will feature inspiring keynote speakers, dozens of classes in multiple languages, and a virtual marketplace. Reserve your place today at [RootsTech.org](#).

“The pandemic is giving us the opportunity to bring RootsTech to a broader audience worldwide,” said Steve Rockwood, FamilySearch International CEO. “A virtual event also allows us to expand our planning to truly make this a global celebration of family and connection.”

RootsTech Connect 2021 will be global in scope while offering many experiences that attendees have come to know and love from RootsTech events—including inspirational keynote speakers, dozens of classes to choose from, and an expo hall.

Throughout the three-day online event, attendees will have the ability to interact with presenters, exhibitors, and other attendees through live chat and question and answer sessions.

“Classes will be taught in many languages, and presenters will teach from a number of international locations,” said Rockwood.

“We will celebrate cultures and traditions from around the world, with activities that the audience can participate in from home—such as homeland cooking demonstrations, storytelling, and music performances. This is one virtual event you won’t want to miss.”

RootsTech Connect 2021 will offer a combination of both livestream and on-demand content to accommodate differences in time zone for participants. In addition, sessions will be available to view on-demand after the event concludes.

Rockwood says that FamilySearch is looking forward to the opportunity to deliver the signature RootsTech experience and helping tens of thousands of participants worldwide to discover, gather, and connect their family story.

RootsTech hopes to gather in-person again in the future but anticipates the RootsTech Connect virtual opportunity will become a regular addition to the event.

Register for free at [rootstech.org](#).

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## GENEALOGY WEBINARS

You need to pre-register. See websites below.

*Note: Legacy Family Tree Webinars understand 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 of the materials, including the instructor's handouts you must join and pay a yearly membership fee.*

**"Willkommen in Australien! Researching German-Australian Families"** Presented by Benjamin Hollister

Tuesday, September 1, 2020, 10:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar at [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](#)

**"Using Chromosome Browsers, Segment Data and Triangulation"** Presented by Michelle Leonard

Wednesday, September 2, 2020, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar at [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](#)

**"1939 Register"** Presented by Caroline Gurney

Saturday, September 5, 2020, 11:00 a.m. Eastern standard time

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<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7470383672048408587>

**"Who Needed it Anyway? Researching Around the Missing 1890 Census"** Presented by Sara Cochran

Saturday, September 5, 2020, 1:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar with the Southern California Genealogical Society:

[www.scgsgenealogy.com](#)

**"New Searching Experience at MyHeritage"** Presented by Dana Drutman

Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar at [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](#)

**"Writing Your Family History: Mechanics and Flourishes"** Presented by Stephen Szabados

Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 9:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Illinois Genealogical Society

Register for the webinar at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1260907149400260622>

After you register, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

**"Cyndi's List in Practice"** Presented by Cyndi Ingle

Wednesday, September 9, 2020, 8:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar at [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](#)

**"Carville's Cure: Leprosy, Stigma, and the Fight for Justice"** Presented by Pam Fessler  
Thursday, September 10, 2020, 6:00 p.m. Eastern standard time  
Register for the webinar with the American Ancestors by New England Historic Genealogical Society.  
[americanancestors.org/education/online-classes](http://americanancestors.org/education/online-classes)

**"All roads Lead to London: Supreme 19th Century World City"** Presented by Curt DiCamillo, FRSA  
Friday, September 11, 2020, 4:00 p.m. Eastern standard time  
Register for the webinar with the American Ancestors by New England  
Historic Genealogical Society.  
[americanancestors.org/education/online-classes](http://americanancestors.org/education/online-classes)

**"Researching in the United Kingdom in Person and Online"** Presented by Shannon Combs-Bennett  
Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 1:00 p.m. Eastern standard time  
The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society  
Register by September 11, 2020 for the Zoom Presentation: [contact-us@mygenealogy.org](mailto:contact-us@mygenealogy.org)

**"Reconstructing the Murphy Family Using DNA & Documentary Evidence"** Presented by Melissa Johnson, CG  
Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 8:00 p.m. Eastern standard time  
Register for the webinar at [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com)

**"Finding Genealogical Data in the Chinese Exclusion Act Case Files"** Presented by Trish Hackett Nicola, CG  
Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time  
Register for the webinar at [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com)

**"Putting America to Work"; Records of the WPA and the CCC** Presented by Peggy Lauritzen, AG, FOGS  
Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 9:00 p.m. Eastern standard time  
Register for the webinar with the Southern California Genealogical Society:  
[www.scsgenealogy.com](http://www.scsgenealogy.com)

**"Northern New England Resources at American Ancestors"** Presented by American Inspiration Author Event - American Ancestors  
Thursday, September 17, 2020, 3:00 p.m. Eastern standard time  
Register for the webinar with the American Ancestors by New England Historic Genealogical Society.  
[americanancestors.org/education/online-classes](http://americanancestors.org/education/online-classes)

**"Hidden Gems: Materials in Digital Libraries for Family History"** Presented by D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS  
Thursday, September 17, 2020, 8:00 p.m. Eastern standard time  
Website: [www.djoshuataylor.com](http://www.djoshuataylor.com)  
Please register with the Florida State Genealogical Society:  
Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4907007549434914572>

**"Your DNA Questions Answered Live With Diahhan"** Presented by Diahhan Southard  
Friday, September 18, 2020, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time  
Register for the webinar at [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com)

**"WIKITREE"** Presented by Mags Gaulden  
Saturday, September 19, 2020, 11:00 a.m. Eastern standard time  
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<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5216257291758909963>

**"A MyHeritage Webinar"** Presented by MyHeritage Webinars  
Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time  
Register for the webinar at [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com)

**"Introduction to VPNs"** Presented by Thomas MacEntee  
Wednesday, September 23, 2020, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time  
Register for the webinar at [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com)

**"5 Ways to Find Your Family in Southern Manuscript Collections"** Presented by J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA  
Wednesday, September 30, 2020, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time  
Register for the webinar at [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com)

**"The Vapors: A Southern Family, the New York Mob, and the Rise and Fall of Hot Springs, America's Forgotten Capital of Vice"** Presented by David Hill

Thursday, October 1, 2020, 6:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

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

[americanancestors.org/education/online-classes](http://americanancestors.org/education/online-classes)

**"Manifest Destiny: Researching Your Mexican War Ancestors"** Presented by Michael Strauss

Saturday, October 3, 2020, 1:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar with the Southern California Genealogical Society:

[www.scsgenealogy.com](http://www.scsgenealogy.com)

**"Advanced DNA Techniques: Deductive Chromosome Mapping"** Presented by Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D

Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 9:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar at [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com)

**"Eleanor"** Presented by David Michaelis

Thursday, October 8, 2020, 6:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar with the American Ancestors by New England

Historic Genealogical Society.

[americanancestors.org/education/online-classes](http://americanancestors.org/education/online-classes)

***The following Webinars are offered by Legacy/MyHeritage to watch for free at your convenience:***

**"How to Use MyHeritage DNA Results to Enhance Your Family Tree"**

Presented by Michelle Leonard - MyHeritage Webinars

Register for the webinar at [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com)

**"Working With Different Family Tree Views on MyHeritage"**

Presented by Uri Gonen - MyHeritage Webinars

Register for the webinar at [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com)

**"Preparing a Portfolio: Applying to Become a Certified Genealogist"**

Presented by Angela Packer McGhie, CG, LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, CG, CGL, Rick Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA

Register for the webinar at [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com)

**"Fabulous Photo Discoveries at MyHeritage"**

Presented by Lisa Louise Cooke - MyHeritage Webinars

Register for the webinar at [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com)

**"Connecting the Dots - Introduction to Auto Clusters at MyHeritageDNA"**

Presented by Paul Woodbury - MyHeritage Webinars

Register for the webinar at [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com)

**"How MyHeritage Enhances Your Photos for Genealogical Research"**

Presented by Tal Erlichman - MyHeritage Webinars

Register for the webinar at [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com)

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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.wcgsoh.org/DownloadableForms.htm>

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WCGS Website <http://www.wcgsoh.org/>

Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/262311627671559/>

Western Star Digitization Project: <http://www.ohiomemory.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16007coll84>

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

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