

# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News July 2022

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## 2022 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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October 12, 2022 – 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  
You must [register](https://www.wcgsOhio.org/events) at <https://www.wcgsOhio.org/events> to receive a zoom invitation to this event.

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October 14, 2022 – **SAVE THE DATE!** WCGS Cemetery Restoration Workshop at Fort Ancient Hilltop Cemetery (aka Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery)  
Friday, October 14, 2022, Time TBA  
This will be our 10<sup>th</sup> Cemetery Restoration Workshop! Online registration and payment will be available soon. More information can be found on our website: <https://www.wcgsOhio.org/cemetery-restoration-workshops>

## RECENT WARREN COUNTY VETERAN DEATHS

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

### World War II:

**James "Jim" A. McDermott** (1927-2022) (US Army World War II)

### Korea:

**Evan Thomas Langdon** (1932-2022) (US Army Korea)

### Vietnam:

**William H. Johnson** (1947-2022) (US Navy Vietnam)

**Patrick "Pat" Tullo** (1946-2022) (Veteran Vietnam)

**Jerry Nelson** (1942-2022) (US Army Vietnam)

### Other Service:

**Lawrence Joseph "Larry" Santon** (1934-2022) (US Navy )

**Dennis Michael Bensman** (1947-2022) (US Army Reserves )

**Roger W. Fenner** (1945-2022) (US Air Force )

**Don Blair "Hoot" Wolfe** (1928-2022) (US Army Air Corps )

**James Ambrose Patterson** (1943-2022) (US Army )

**Juanita Baker** (1931-2022) (US Marine Corps )

**Kenneth Franklin Centers** (1945-2022) (US Air Force )

**Jacob Tyler Hutton** (1993-2022) (US Air Force )

**Curtis Pat Prater** (1948-2022) (US Navy & US Air National Guard )

**Lance Steffen Henslee** (1948-2022) (US Army )

**Seth Patrick Vision** (2000-2022) (US Army )

**James E. Gast** (1933-2022) (US Navy )

**Walter C. Rains** (1931-2022) (US Navy )

## ALLEEN STEPHENSON DIGITAL NEWSPAPER PROJECT - WESTERN STAR UPDATE



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 **1941** (YAY!) on the [Ohio Memory Project](#). Through the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2022 we have had **330,362 page views** by **14,589 users**. With the recent inclusion of more issues, we are looking forward to receiving the analytics for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of this year.

The Warren County Records Center and Archives recently posted a very time appropriate link on their Facebook page, and we wanted to share it with our readers. Please click [HERE](#) to view the July 1, 1897, issue of The Western Star ONLINE!

### *Clues to Use*

*By Linda Eckert*

*Warren County, Ohio,  
Veteran Grave Registration Cards  
on file at the Warren County Recorder's Office  
by Mary M. Everhart  
2007*

We would like to thank the Warren County Recorder's Office for preserving and maintaining the Veteran Grave Registration Card files and for providing ready access to the cards in order to abstract the data from them for this publication.

In 1933, the American Legion adopted a national veteran grave registration plan to help ensure that the grave of every deceased veteran was included in Memorial Day services. The Depression era Works Progress Administration "adopted" the project, researching each veteran, completing a Grave Registration Card, and preparing a plat of each cemetery showing the individual veteran gravesites. The cards were filed with the various County Recorders.

The earliest burial recorder on the cards at the Warren County Recorder's Office is that for Revolutionary War veteran, Joseph Parks (1746-1814) who is buried in Dicks Creek Cemetery in Franklin Township. The information contained on an individual card changed through the years. The card for Hiram Simonton, below, shows the detailed information recorded on the original cards.

The book is in our Resource Library for you to explore. It has 37,278 entries.

WARREN COUNTY GRAVES REGISTRATION CARD		LEBANON OHIO	
Name	SIMONTON, HIRAM		
Address	Lebanon, Ohio.		
Date of Death	April 17, 1903	Place	Lebanon, Ohio.
Cause	Pneumonia.	Date of Burial	April 20, 1903**
Date of Birth	November 29, 1843	Place	Lebanon, Ohio.
Name of Cemetery	Lebanon.	Location	W. Silver St. Lebanon.
Lot No.	124	Section No.	K
		Block No.	-
		Grave No.	1
Marker: Flat	-	Upright	X
		None	-
Next of Kin	(E)	(Name)	(Address)
<b>SERVICE RECORD</b>			
War Served In:	Civil		
Date Enlisted	May 29, 1862	Date Discharged	Sept. 20, 1862
		Serial No.	
Branch of Service	Army	Rank	Private
Company, Outfit or Ship	Co. G., 84th. O. V. I.		

## WCGS HOUSE HISTORIES COMMITTEE

The House Histories Committee has completed two houses and is working on a third. The first to be researched was the **Green Tree Inn**, built in 1832 by Ichabod Corwin, Jr., north of Lebanon and is a great example of an historic Ohio Inn on the stagecoach lines. This was chosen because the recent purchase of the land by Duke Energy made it uncertain if the house would remain on the property.

Our research includes property searches, research of architecture and floor plans, and extensive search of the owners of the property over the years.

The second house was a Maineville farmhouse on Route 48, familiarly known as the **Michel Farmhouse**, was built in 1838. The house plan was typical of many prominent farms in our area and included the raising of cattle that were exported to Venezuela, Mexico, Honduras, and Costa Rica. Later it operated as the Green Hills Dairy Farm for many years. The property is being sold and the original house will likely be torn down.

The third property in downtown Mason was built as a personal residence in the Second Empire style in 1873, and later converted into **The Modern Hotel** in 1911, providing boarding by the week, day, or meal. Improvements included a furnace and radiators replacing fireplaces in each room, larger window replacements, water system to pump water to storage tank in attic and gravity flowed to sink, and a speakeasy in the basement.

This historic building has a story to tell as the location of an unsolved murder in 1901 and reported ghost sightings. It is currently a restaurant, Thai Terrace.

Submitted by Pam Kinane, House Histories Committee Member

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## RICHARD H. STRINGFELLOW OBITUARY

“Richard Henry Stringfellow was born February 10, 1839, at Roseville, Muskingum county, Ohio, and died July 29, 1912 at Morrow, Ohio.

He was married to Ann Keiger at Wilmington, Ohio. He lived with her about six years when she departed from this life. He was married again in 1872 to Miss Hester Ann Reeder of Waynesville. She bore him three children, Thomas R., Maggie I., and Edward G., who are all living. She died in October 1882. He was married again March 12, 1883 to Mrs. Mary Jane Stevens at Morrow, Ohio, who survives him.

He served his country as a soldier in the Civil War. He enlisted September 12, 1861 and was mustered into service at Camp Chase September 19, '86` A private in Captain David H. Miller's Company I 31<sup>st</sup> Regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry for three years. He fought in the following battles: Corinth, Miss., April 30, '62; Trinity Ala., July 24, '62; Perrysville, Ky., October 8, '62; Stone River, Tenn., December 31, '62; to January 2 '63; Rosecran's campaign June 23 to 30, '62; Hoover's Yap, Tenn., July 24, '63; and Chicamauga, September 19-20, '63 where he was sounded in the right side and arm. He was transferred to the Veteran Relief Corp. February 15, 1864 by order of the War Department where he served until he was honorably dismissed September 18, 1864.

He had been a member of the Samuel Steven G. A. R. post No. 353 and was a member of the I. O. O. F. fraternity. He was a kind and loving father and a devoted husband”

### Source:

“Richard Stringfellow,” obituary, *Western Star (Lebanon, OH)*, August 8, 1912, p.2 c.4

### Notes:

- Richard Stringfellow filed for an invalid pension on 15 Mar 1865 for service in Company I, 31<sup>st</sup> OVI and in Company A, 11<sup>th</sup> Regt, Veteran Reserve Corps (Application No. 63464, Certificate No. 74127).
- His wife filed for a widow's pension on 12 Aug 1912 (Application No. 991660, Certificate No. 755846)
- Richard and his wife Mary Jane are buried in the Morrow Cemetery See Findagrave.com Memorial No. 76338736 maintained by Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for more information.  
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/76338736/richard-henry-stringfellow>

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## WCGS WEBSITE UPDATES

Can you believe we are gearing up for our **10<sup>th</sup>** Cemetery Restoration Workshop? We are excited to start preparing for our upcoming workshop that will be held Friday, October 14, 2022, at Fort Ancient Hilltop Cemetery (aka Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery). Just in time, the Cemetery Restoration Workshops page on our website has been redesigned. And coming soon, you will be able register and pay online to attend! Bookmark the link to this page and we will keep you updated:

<https://www.wcgsohio.org/cemetery-restoration-workshops>

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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>

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## NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

6400 Arlington Blvd., Suite 810, Falls Church, VA 22042-2318 USA  
Telephone 703-525-0050 or 800-473-0060 <https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>

### [NGS 2023 Family History Conference](#) - “Virginia: Deep Roots of a Nation”

31 May – 3 June 2023 In-Person, Online at Home, and Focus of Societies Sessions

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## 2022 MIDWESTERN ROOTS CONFERENCE

Thursday, July 15, 2022 – Saturday, July 16, 2022, Indianapolis Marriott East, 7202 E. 21<sup>st</sup> St.

### Library Day Thursday, July 14, 2022

Indiana State Library | 140 N. Senate Ave. 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT

Free; registration required; free parking at the History Center

Seating is limited to first 50 registrants.

Friday, July 15, and Saturday, July 16, 2022

Register at <https://indianahistory.org/research/family-history/midwestern-roots/>

Early Registration Deadline: June 15, 2022

Friday Evening Reception (\$26)

Registration and Packet Pickup Indianapolis Marriott East 3 to 8 p.m. EDT

Click for free [Registration Guide](#).

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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.

### “Ole Master Record All Us in the Good Book – Using the Slave Owner’s Bible Records”

Presented by Char McCargo Bah

Friday, July 1, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/ole-master-record-all-us-in-the-good-book-using-the-slave-owners-bible-records/>

### “The Madness of ‘Mc’ Surnames”

Presented by Carol Baxter

Tuesday, July 5, 2022, 10:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/the-madness-of-mc-surnames/>

### “Uncovering & Interpreting Indiana's Queer Past”

Tuesday, July 5, 2022, 2:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Presented by Nicole Poletika

Register for the webinar with the Allen County Public Library at <https://acpl.libnet.info/event/6853465>

### **“What’s New at DNA Painter”**

Presented by Jonny Perl

Wednesday, July 6, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/whats-new-at-dnapainter/>

### **“Researching War of 1812 Veteran Ancestors”**

Presented by David Allen Lambert

Thursday, July 7, 2022, 3:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

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

<https://hubs.americanancestors.org/1812-veterans>

### **“One Man's Y-DNA Results”**

Thursday, July 7, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar with the Allen County Public Library

<https://acpl.libnet.info/event/6870425>

### **“Exploring Your Ethnicities on MyHeritage”**

Presented by Gal Zrihen

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

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/exploring-your-ethnicities-on-myheritage/>

### **“Preserving Documents & Photos Found in Genealogy Research”**

Presented by Ariel Servadio

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

Register for the webinar with the Allen County Public Library at <https://acpl.libnet.info/event/6846281>

### **“Montana Genealogy Treasures”**

Presented by Janet Thomson, Ed.D.

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

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/montana-genealogy-treasures/>

### **“Live! From Midwestern Roots”**

Presented by Midwestern Roots

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

Register for the webinar with the Allen County Public Library at <https://acpl.libnet.info/event/6846284>

### **“Colonial Spanish & Mexican Censuses & Census Substitutes”**

Presented by Henrietta Martinez Christmas

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

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/colonial-spanish-mexican-censuses-census-substitutes/>

### **“What’s New in Family Tree Maker Q and A Discussion”**

Presented by Mark Olsen

Thursday, July 19, 2022, 2:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar with the Allen County Public Library at <https://acpl.libnet.info/event/6853618>

### **“Ancestors’ Religions in the U.S.”**

Presented by Carolyn L. Whitton, CG

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

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/ancestors-religions-in-the-u-s/>

### **“One Hour to Master Your Camera Settings”**

Presented by Jared Hodges

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

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/one-hour-to-master-your-camera-settings/>

### **“Faded Echoes of the Civil War: Correlation Evidence of Identity and Kinship”**

Presented by Amy Larner Giroux, PhD, CG, CGL

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

Register for the Florida State Genealogical Society Poolside Chat webinar at

Register for the webinar at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6449495937995426060>

**“MyHeritage’s Latest Photo Innovations”**

Presented by Tal Erlichman

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

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/myheritages-latest-photo-innovations/>

**“Zoom Lens Genealogy”**

Presented by the Susan L. Ennis

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

Register for the webinar with the Allen County Public Library at <https://acpl.libnet.info/event/6846757>

**“Building A Bridge Between Generations”**

Presented by the Daniel Loftus

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

Register for the webinar with the Allen County Public Library at <https://acpl.libnet.info/event/6645258>

**“Prairie Gold: Researching in Iowa Records”**

Presented by the Theresa Liewer

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

Register for the webinar with the Allen County Public Library at <https://acpl.libnet.info/event/6847674>

**“Finding Mob: Researching Indigenous Australian Family History”**

Presented by Benjamin Hollister

Tuesday, August 2, 2022, 10:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/finding-mob-researching-indigenous-australian-family-history/>

**“The Staff of the U. S. Census”**

Presented by Seema Kenny

Wednesday, August 3, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/the-staff-of-the-u-s-census/>

**“African Americans Heading West”**

Presented by Janice Lovelace, PhD

Friday, August 5, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/african-americans-heading-west/>

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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.**