

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News August 2011

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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 – to be announced
- 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 PioneerCemetery.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 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.

[WARREN COUNTY VIRTUAL CEMETERY PROJECT](http://goo.gl/YSRaS) at <http://goo.gl/YSRaS>

Photos for 658 burials were added to the project in July. We now have photos on line for 40,098 burials in 87 Warren County cemeteries including new pages for the [Graham Cemetery](http://goo.gl/fNiuO) at <http://goo.gl/fNiuO> and the [Morningstar Cemetery](http://goo.gl/85AFk) at <http://goo.gl/85AFk>. Additional photos were also added for [Deerfield](#), [Lebanon](#), [Miami](#), [Morrow](#), [Rose Hill](#), [Springboro](#) and [Wesley Chapel](#) 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.

WANTED! DESCENDANTS OF HENRY SNELL

Looking for living descendants of Henry Snell who died in 1827 and his wife, Permela Snell. Contact Dana Palmer at apalmer@cinci.rr.com

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WEBSITE UPDATE <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/>

We have updated quite a few of the web pages on the WCGS website and hope you enjoy. If you would like to help with any of our indexing projects, please contact us. (wcs@co.warren.oh.us)

The following cemeteries have been updated and hyperlink the every name index on the WCGS page to the gravestone photo in our Warren County, Ohio [Virtual Cemetery Project](#): Baker-Barrett; Banta; Barkalow; Besler; Bunnell Farm; Butterworth Farm; Catholic; Cline; Coddington; Dogstreet; Duttrow; Ertel; Greenwood; Hicksite (Quaker) in Springboro; Hill Graveyard; Hill-Wagner; Hutchinson; Jack; LeFever; Morningstar; Mounts; Muddy Creek; New Hope; Nisbet; Null; Old Quaker; Plum Run - Zoar; Red Lion; Roachester Methodist; Rossburg; Schnorf; Shakers; Shawhan; Stiles-Stump; St. John's; Turtlecreek Friends; Unity-Gilbert; Wesley Chapel; West Mary; Whitacre Farm. We will be hyperlinking more of these cemeteries in the coming months. So make sure to check back often.

Our "Member Sites" web page has been updated. If you have a personal family web page with ancestors from Warren County and you would like to have your name, email and web page added, please contact us. This is a great way to make contact with other relatives researching your family names.

Some of our other updates include: Heir Lines content for volumes 29 and 30 has been updated; the funeral home index page has been simplified to make it easier to find the indexes (we should be adding more of these indexes in the next few months); lots of additional obituaries; updates to the First Families and Early Settler inductees and application; and an every name index for the Wills and Estates Box 351-400 (1888-1893).

For a complete list of What's New on our website go to <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/What's%20New.htm>

WARREN COUNTY MILITARY HERITAGE

Veteran photos wanted. To add your veteran photos email them to Arne Trelvik at atrelvik@gmail.com

=> [Warren County in the War](#). Part 5 is now on line at <http://goo.gl/pdEX5>

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 150 Roll of Honor**★ - We did not find any Warren County casualties for August 1861. However, [Ralph E. Ellenwood](#) (aka Ellinwood) escaped from his captors in that month. He had enlisted in the regular army before the war in 1858 as a Private in the 8th US Infantry and rose through the ranks to Corporal, Sergeant and Acting Sergeant Major. He was captured by the rebels in Texas, May 1861 and escaped from his captors in August, 1861. Ralph was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the 2nd US Infantry Regiment in October 1861. A month later he married Rebecca E. Drake in Warren County. She was a granddaughter of Rev. Joel Drake, a pioneer in the Olive Branch area. Ralph was serving as 1st Lieutenant of Company G on 3 Aug 1862 when he was mortally wounded at the 2nd Battle of Bull Run. He died at a hospital in Alexandria, Virginia on 25 Sep 1862. We do not know where he was buried.

Rebecca, who was living at Morrow, Ohio, filed for a widow's pension on 8 Dec 1862 under the act of 14 Jul 1862. She was awarded a pension of \$17 per month beginning in June, 1864. She had sent her marriage certificate in with her application and is in her pension file, which can be viewed on line at [footnote.com](#). Rebecca was living in Morrow when listed in the 1883 Roll of Pensioners and in Salem Twp when listed in the 1890 Veterans Schedule. She died April 15th, 1896. A photo of her gravestone in the Clarksville IOOF Cemetery is on line as [Find A Grave Memorial# 25751319](#).

=>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

<> 4 Jun to 27 Aug 2011 "Genealogy Classes at Sinclair Community College", Mason, Ohio taught by Dana Palmer. For details see the Spring Schedule at <http://www.sinclair.edu/lifelong/?searchTerm=Lifelong%20Learning>

13 Aug – Microsoft Word / Writing Biographies Part I

27 Aug – Microsoft Word / Writing Biographies Part II

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

<> 17 Aug 2011 – **Lunch and Learn at the Warren County History Center**. \$18. Reservations required 513 932 1817

Beedle Station and the Shakers of Union Village: A Struggle of Tears. Speaker: John J. Zimkus

<> 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

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

WCGS has over 150 Warren County Genealogical publications available for purchase. Visit our website for a list of books and order form.

<http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/publications.htm>

Membership is \$10 for a single membership, \$15 for a family membership or \$100 for a Life Membership.

Membership application forms are available at <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/aboutus.htm#Membership>

Phone: (513) 695 1144 email: wcs@co.warren.oh.us Website: <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/>

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]