

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News October 2020

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

Virtual Program on November 12, 2020 - Begins at 10:00 a.m. You will be sent the link to the Program a day or two before November 12. You will have 5 days to watch the following Program by Amie Tennant.

FAMILYSEARCH: MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE, Presented by Amie Bowser Tennant

Maybe you have been using FamilySearch for a long time and really enjoy finding censuses and vital records, but did you know there is much, much more? We will look at some unique and often overlooked collections like naturalization records, probate estate files, guardianships, and negro registers and how to access them. Then, we will learn to utilize the digital library for books and reference material you may not find anywhere else. Lastly, I will introduce you to the free online consultations with a Family History Library expert. FamilySearch will become your new favorite place to research your family tree!

Since we still cannot have in person meetings we are planning additional Virtual Programs for the next several months. We will send notices of each Program as they are confirmed. Hope you enjoy them.

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](#). Through the 3rd quarter of 2020 we have had **227,526-page views** by **8,638 users** since the site went on line in the fall of 2018.

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

FAMILYSEARCH AND PARTNERS DIGITIZE MAYFLOWER DESCENDANT RECORDS

[September 16, 2020 Press Release](#)

“[FamilySearch International](#), [AmericanAncestors.org](#) (New England Historic Genealogical Society) and the [General Society of Mayflower Descendants](#) (GSMD), in concert with the 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower, announced today that tens of thousands of Mayflower Society member applications (over one million images) and documented descendant family trees of the Mayflower passengers are now freely accessible online. There are an estimated 35 million descendants today of the 26 Mayflower couples that survived the first winter. The deceased generations in the applications are available online.

In September 1620, 102 wet and weary Mayflower passengers and some 35 crew members departed from England, headed to the New World to establish the first permanent colony in New England. They would arrive in November 1620. This collection of records is created from 2 data sources. The first source is the 30-volume publication *Mayflower Families through Five Generations: Descendants of the Pilgrims Who Landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts, December 1620*. The second source is the documented applications for membership in the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, submitted from 1896 to early 2019. The data was merged to create a single representation for each pilgrim and their descendants for the time period of the late 1500s to 1910. These lineages descend from the 26 couples that survived the first winter. Their descendants can be found across the United States (especially in the New England and Midwestern States) and the rest of the world.

Search the Mayflower descendants’ family trees at FamilySearch.org/Mayflower and AmericanAncestors.org.”

Let us know if you have the name of a Mayflower descendant that wound up in Warren County.

JOSEPH SILVERS 1816 LAND PATENT – RANGE 5 TOWNSHIP 2 SECTION 9

WCGS volunteer, **Terry Easton** has submitted an image of the copy of the land patent as recorded in Warren County in 1817. Terry writes,

*“Received this from **Mike Pennell**, GGGG Grandson of **Joseph & Patience (Ferguson) Silver**, married about 1792 in New Jersey. Mike visited our library in 2016, from Illinois along with fellow researcher **Dwight Silver** from Texas. Some ten years ago, Mike published and sent us the **Perry Munger Silver Civil War Letters**. Perry served in Co. G, 76th regiment, Illinois Volunteers. **Perry** (1840-1885), son of **David & Eliza (Munger) Silver** was born on a farm north of Springboro that spanned the Warren & Montgomery County lines. Perry moved ca. 1854 with his family to Champaign County, Illinois.*

*“**Elizabeth Silver** (1787-1839), was the daughter of **Joseph Silver**’s first marriage to **Esther Andrews**. On 28 Dec 1812, Elizabeth married **Joseph Thomas** in Warren County, Ohio. They had five children, **Josiah, Aaron, John, Esther Ann and Henrietta**. Little is known of Josiah* and John. Aaron moved, ca. 1865, to Rosita, Colorado where he lived out his life. Esther Ann stayed in Springboro. Henrietta married 1849, in Warren County, **Richard Darlington**. They had five children and moved ca. 1860, first to Colorado, then the Dakota Territory and finally to Big Horn, Wyoming.*

*“Josiah’s sister, **Henrietta** wrote to her sister in 1872, describing her children:*

“Nelse is eversomuch like Josiah used to be, just about such a torment. Aaron is very much like Papa used to be he looks very much like Aunt Mary every body says he is the pretyest child we have got. Ez is a little dickens just like nobody””

Section 9 is located in Clearcreek Township on the east side of Ohio State Route 741 extending north from Lytle five Points Rd. into Montgomery County.

Joseph (and many others) had first purchased their property from **John Cleves Symmes** who did not have title to any of the lands above the 3rd range north of the Ohio River. The pre-emption act referenced in the patent gave them the opportunity to repurchase their land from the United States.

Joseph Silver/Silvers is found on the Warren County Tax Records from 1816 to 1819 paying taxes on 480 acres in Section 3 and Section 9. In 1820 it is broken out as 285 acres in Section 9 and 128 acres in Section 3. The following year the heirs of Joseph Silvers were listed on the tax rolls for the same acreage.

Multiple Chancery Court cases regarding the property were brought by his heirs. “**Samuel Thomas adm. vs. Thomas Silver**” (Vol 8 pages 202-207) says that **Patience Silver** died Dec. 1839 and lists her children and heirs. “**Joseph Thomas vs. Patience Silver**” (Vol. 9 pages 51-107) says that Joseph Silver died early in 1821 and lists his children and heirs.

The Patent is recorded in Warren County deeds, Volume 7 page 110. **E. Williams** is **Enos Williams**, Recorder Warren County. The patent is transcribed below [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTC-XQWP-M) has a digital image of the patent on-line at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTC-XQWP-M>

*“**James Madison** President of the United States of America.*

*To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting: Know ye that **Joseph Silvers** of Hamilton County having deposited in the Treasury a Certificate of the Register of the land office at Cincinnati whereby it appears that full payment had been made for section nine of township two in Range five of the lands lying between the Great Miami River and the Virginia Reservation sold under the direction of the Register of the Land office at Cincinnati by virtue of the Right of pre-emption granted by law to certain persons who have contracted with **John Cleves Symmes** or his associates. There is granted by the United States in pursuance of the act of Congress in that case proscribed unto the said **Joseph Silvers**, the section of land above described to have and to hold the said section of land with the appurtenances unto said **Joseph Silvers** his heirs and assigns forever – In testimony whereof I have caused these letters to be made patent and the seal of the General Land office to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at the city of Washington the tenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen and of the independence of the United States of America the forty first.*

*By the President – **James Madison**
Josia Billings [?] Commissioner of the General Land office*

*Received the 20 May 1817
recorded the 19 June the same year.
E. Williams R.W.C.*

WARREN COUNTY MILITARY HERITAGE

RECENT WARREN COUNTY VETERAN DEATHS (send additions to atrelvik@gmail.com)

World War II:

Jacques "Jack" Campbell (1920-2020), William Andrew Smetts (1923-2020), Donald William Betz (1926-2020)

Korea:

Harold O. Thomsen (1930-2020), Frederick "Jerry" Kitchell (1933-2020)

Vietnam:

Billy D. Hicks (1948-2020), James P. Barker (1951-2020)

Other Service:

Jerry Philip Ashman (1936-2020), Richard "Dick" H. Philpott (1935-2020), Charles Thomas Dickey (1940-2020), William Charles Patterson (1944-2020), Walter Tucker (1928-2020), Tyson Wayne Kemplin (1962-2020), James A. Schumacher (1940-2020), Robert Joseph Girdler (1929-2020)

US MEXICAN WAR SOLDIERS – John B. Smith (1825-1912

<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.

In our September 2020 newsletter we provided a list of 56 Mexican War veterans with a connection to Warren County. And asked for information on others that we may have missed.

Stephen D. Brown sent us an email saying

"My 2nd great grandfather John B. Smith (24 Dec 1825 - 19 Mar 1912) is buried in Crosson Cemetery and has a Mexican Veterans flag on his grave. He was not listed in the newsletter. I have never heard any family war stories or been able to verify his service. Could the flag be in error or did he serve?" Stephen included a photo of both the gravestone and the flag holder.

We do not know if John B. Smith served in the Mexican war.

- No flag holder marked the grave when our volunteer photographed the stone in 2005.
- The depression era Veteran Grave Registration Project indicated that he was a Mexican War Veteran on the plat map for the Crosson Cemetery in Harlan Township. (Lot 40 Grave 1)
- No "card" was found for him in the Veteran Grave Registration Cards on file in the Warren County Recorder's Office.
- Publications by Mary Everhart and by Sue Frary list him as a Civil War soldier but no source is provided.

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. 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.

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/>

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](#).

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.

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.

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.

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.

"Using DNA Test Results to Confirm a Pedigree" Presented by Angela Packer McGhie, CG
Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 8:00 p.m. Eastern standard times
Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

"Comparing the Genealogy Giants 2020: Ancestry, FamilySearch, Findmypast, and MyHeritage"
Presented by Sunny Morton
Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

"How Old Did He Have To Be...?" Presented by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL
Friday, October 23, 2020, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

"Pandemics and Your Ancestors" Presented by Helen Smith
Saturday, October 24, 2020, 11:00 a.m. Eastern standard time
ISBGFH <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/153691241594638603>

"Jumpstart Your MyHeritage Family Tree with Instant Discoveries" Presented by James Tanner
Tuesday, October 27, 2020, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

"In Black and White: Finding Historical Newspapers From Around the World"
Presented by Gena Philibert-Ortega
Wednesday, October 28, 2020, 8:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

"Australian Census Substitutes" Presented by Trish Hackett Nicola, CG
Tuesday, November 3, 2020, 8:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

"How to Connect with Your Pilgrim Ancestors to Join the Mayflower Society" Presented by Kate Eakman
Wednesday, November 4, 2020, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

"Stories from the Archives: Objects of Mourning" Presented by Judy Lucey
Thursday, November 5, 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

"Isle of Man" Presented by Sue McNelly
Saturday, November 7, 2020, 11:00 a.m. Eastern standard time
ISBGFH <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4502131086588332555>

"Researching Your French Canadian Ancestors" Presented by Johanne Gervais, BSc, MBA
Saturday, November 7, 2020, 1:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar with the Southern California Genealogical Society:
www.scsgenealogy.com

"Nathaniel Philbrick, Baxter Lecture on Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community and War"
Presented by Boston Public Library in partnership with American Ancestors NEHGS, the State Library of Massachusetts, and GBH Forum Network
Thursday, November 12, 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

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

WCGS has over 150 Warren County Genealogical publications available for purchase. Visit our website for a list of books and an order form. <http://www.wcgs.org/publications.htm>

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.wcgs.org/DownloadableForms.htm>

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WCGS Website <http://www.wcgs.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/>

LIBRARY HOURS: Mon-Fri from 9am to 4pm [subject to closing for inclement weather, volunteer illness, etc.]

DUE TO THE COVID 19 VIRUS, OUR LIBRARY IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE