

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News Dec., 2015

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Wednesday, 16 Dec 2015 at 7:30 PM in the Phillippi Meeting Room, the Campus Center at the Otterbein Retirement Community, 585 N State Rte. 741 (north of Rte. 63), Lebanon.

We look forward to seeing every one at the last meeting of the year. This will be an informal event where we can gather together and celebrate the year and discuss plans for the future. If you have any brick wall questions on your research, bring them along and we'll try to get you headed in the right direction. It should be lots of fun. If able please bring a goodie to share.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Our resource library will be closed for the holidays on the following days:

- Thursday, 24 December 2015
- Friday, 25 December 2015
- Thursday, 30 December 2015
- Friday, 1 January 2016

2016 SOCIETY OFFICERS

The following members were reelected as Chapter Officers for the 2016 calendar year.

- President, Diana Linkous
- 1st Vice President, Linda Eckert
- 2nd Vice President, Arne Trelvik
- Treasurer, Harriet Foley
- Recording Secretary, Mary Ann Raymond
- Corresponding Secretary, Marti Daubenmire

We again offer our thanks for their continuing commitment to our society.

2015 SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS

In addition to the officers listed above, we are deeply indebted to the following volunteers who have served our society in numerous capacities during 2015. Thanks for a job well done!

- Jane Bailey, Vicki Bergerhouse, Patty Corona, Terry Easton, Judy Everitt, Alan Hagler, Joey Hansted, Carol Hatfield, Bonnie Johnston, Debbie Large, Carol Lundin, Ronnie & Sue Milby, Dana Palmer, Michael Palmer, Faith Peel, Barbara Proctor, LaVonne Smith, Candy Jo Tucker and Michele Ullum.

2016 WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

So far, we have had a good response to our 2016 membership drive. In 2015 we had our 4th consecutive year of membership growth. If you haven't already, please send in your membership application so we can extend this streak in 2016.

To save on postage, we included a copy of the 2016 Membership form with the Autumn Heir Lines mailing. A pdf copy of the form is attached.

A membership form is also available on our website at <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/aboutus.pdf>

FALL GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS presented by Dana Palmer

The Warren County Genealogical Society is hosting three 2 hour workshops this fall presented by Dana Palmer C.G. The first workshop on using FamilySearch.org was a great success. The final two workshops will be held in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the County Administration Building at 406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, Ohio. The fee for each workshop is \$5 and may be paid at the door. Reservations are suggested as space is limited. Call [513-695-1144](tel:513-695-1144) or e-mail to wcs@co.warren.oh.us to make a reservation.

- **Using Rootsmagic** will be presented on Thursday, Dec 3rd from 1-3 p.m. This workshop will give attendees insight into using this popular program and opportunities for questions based on the attendee's own research.
- **Effectively Using Ancestry.com** will be given on Thursday, Dec. 10th from 1-3 p.m. This interactive workshop will show tactics in using the program and opportunities for questions and real time searching.

NECROLOGY

We are saddened to report that we have recently learned of the death of four long-time society members:

Edna Louise Bowyer died 30 Nov 2015 at the age of 98. Edna was a retired Warren County Recorder and a longtime supporter of the Warren County Genealogical Society going back to at least 1993. She was awarded an Honorary Life Member of the society in 2001. Funeral services will be held at the Stine Kilburn Funeral Home on 7 Dec 2015 at 1 pm with burial to follow in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Deerfield Township. You may access her obituary at

http://www.stinekilburnfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/784/Edna_Louise_Bowyer/obituary.html

Rebecca (Dunham) Kartalia died 31 Jul 2015 in Washington, DC at the age of 99. She was born and raised in Warren County, graduating from Kings Mills High School. She authored two genealogy books; "**Slagle Trails and Descendants of Jacob Slagle**" and "**Mom! The Threshers are Coming! Farm Life in the 1920's**" You may access her obituary at

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/washingtonpost/obituary.aspx?pid=175500732#sthash.F0o4eZBu.dpuf>

Mary Louise Steele, of Lebanon, died on 7 Feb 2015 and was buried in the [Kirker Cemetery](#) in Adams County, Ohio. Mary has been a WCGS member since 2004 and was a regular at our monthly meetings held at Otterbein. Mary was also a member of the National Society United States Daughters of 1812 and the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. You may access her obituary at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/cincinnati/obituary.aspx?pid=174109658>

William Henry Wysong of Aurora, Ohio died on 15 Sep 2015. A World War II US Army veteran, his ashes were interred in the [Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery](#) in Cleveland, Ohio. William has been a WCGS member since 1999 and became First Families of Warren County member #62, in 2002, having proven his descent from **Jonathan Fox**, **Hannah Espy**, **Hannah Dearth** and **Frederick Cline** who settled in Deerfield Township in the 1798-1800 time period. He was also direct descendant of [Samuel Fuller](#) who came over on the Mayflower. You may access his obituary at

<http://obits.cleveland.com/obituaries/cleveland/obituary.aspx?n=william-henry-wysong&pid=175866747>

DENNIS DAVIS, APPLICATION FOR NATURALIZATION, APRIL 1834 TERM

Warren County, Ohio, Series A, Box 91; recorded Common Pleas Volume 14, page 395

[Click here](#) to see image and supporting affidavits by **James Boyd** and **Alexander Crawford**.

War. Com. Pleas

April Term 1834

The State of Ohio, Warren County

Application for Naturalization

Personally appeared in open Court, **Dennis Davis** an applicant for naturalization, who on being duly sworn according to laws deposeth and saith that he is at this time forty one year of age, that he was born in the county of Yorkshire in the Kingdom of Great Britain from whence in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ten, he being then a minor under the age of twenty one years to wit in his seventeenth year of age, he emigrated to the United States of America, that he now resides and has continued to reside in the United States from that time until the present moment, that he has resided for two years past within the county of Warren in the State of Ohio. And the said **Dennis Davis** further saith that during the time he has resided in the United States as aforesaid he has been attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same; and that it has been his bona fide intention for more than three years past, and it is now his bona fide intention to become a citizen of the United States; and he further saith upon his solemn oath; that he will support the Constitution of the United States; and that he doth absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty whatever and particularly he renounces all allegiances and fidelity to his Majesty William the IV King of Great Britain, Ireland Scotland &c. in whose dominions he was heretofore a subject. And the said **Dennis Davis** also saith that he has never borne any hereditary title or been of any of the orders of nobility in any country whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 22d day of April 1834

Dennis Davis {signature}

[J. K. Wilds](#) clk

WAR OF 1812 PENSION DIGITIZATION PROJECT

We are excited to report that our 2015 fund raising drive in support of the War of 1812 Pension Digitization project has resulted in a total of \$1,830 donations from members and friends of the Warren County Genealogical Society.

The Warren County Genealogical Society is matching the first \$500 of these contributions. In addition, both the Federation of Genealogical Societies and Ancestry.com will match our total contributions.

We have estimated that about 136 pension files with a total of about 5000 pages will have a connection to Warren County. Our combined donation easily covers the cost to digitize those files and a lot more. Thanks to all that participated.

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WARREN COUNTY MILITARY HERITAGE <http://goo.gl/uWutD>

=> VETERAN PHOTOS AND DOCUMENTS:

Veteran photos and discharge papers were put on line in November for [Albert Clyde Fisher](#) (WWI), [Raymond Eugene Fisher](#) (WWII) and [Robert Leroy Fisher](#) (WWII) They were contributed by WCGS member Virginia Brown and have been added to the Fisher Vertical File in our library. Photos of their gravestones in the Crosson Cemetery may be viewed in our Virtual Cemetery Project at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/Cemetery/Crosson/index.htm>

Email your veteran photos to atrelvik@gmail.com if you would like to add them to our Military Heritage pages.

=> WAR OF 1812 PENSION FILES:

In November, the pension files on line at Fold3 go up to the **Simeon Moore** name in Ohio. We know of about 82 pension files containing 2,977 pages that have been digitized for soldiers with a connection to Warren County. Thanks to the blog posting of the Warren County Record Center and Archives, we are able to add the name of [Isaac Beller](#) to the list of War of 1812 veterans with a connection to Warren County. [Warren County Records Center and Archives Blog - Nov. 10, 2015 Happy Veterans Day](#) Information on the internet indicate that Isaac was born in Beckley, Virginia ca. 1787 and moved to Warren County with a brother, Peter Beller who also served in the War of 1812.

Isaac is listed as insane and living in the Warren County Infirmary in both the 1850 and 1860 census. He is not listed in the [War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files](#)," on Fold3 but we were able to locate the bounty land warrants that he was awarded.

- [Bounty Land Warrant#47248](#) for 80 acres was issued under the Act of 1850 in favor of Isaac **Ballar** Private [Captain Fordyce's Company](#) Ohio Militia War of 1812. The warrant was assigned to **John P. Crothers** who was issued a patent for 80 acres in Livingston County, Illinois on 1 Mar 1854.
- [Bounty Land Warrant #3443](#) for 80 acres was issued under the Act of 1855 in favor of Isaac **Bellar**, Private, [Captain Fordyce Company](#) Ohio Militia War of 1812. The warrant was assigned by **William Frost**, Guardian of Isaac Bellar, to **Jacob Egbert** and by him to **Robert Milton Perrine** in whose favor a patent was issued for 80 acres in Cass County, Iowa on 1 May 1860.

Warren County Probate Court Records contain petitions to sell his warrants at public auction and an accounting of the proceeds, all filed by **William Frost** who was appointed his guardian on 2 Jul 1852. [Click here](#) to see abstracted entries.

HELP! Do we have any Beller researchers out there that can help substantiate any information regarding his parents, his brother Peter, or the death of Isaac?

=> CIVIL WAR WIDOW'S PENSION APPLICATIONS available on Fold3.

We have listed known Civil War Widows' Pension Applications pertaining to Warren County at

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/military/cwwidow.htm>

Complete pension files are now on line for widow certificate numbers up to about 148,100.

The pension file for [Benjamin Franklin Duke](#) was located in the last month.

"[Civil War Widows' Pension Applications](#)." fold3.com.

Jemima Duke (Certificate #51833) mother of [Benjamin Franklin Duke](#) [23 images]

Franklin Duke was enrolled on 5 Sep 1861 by [Capt. O. H. Parshall](#) at Lebanon Ohio in Co. F, 35th OVI for a term of three years and mustered in as a musician (fifer) in Co. F on 9 Sep 1861 at Camp Hamilton. He was described as being 34 years old, born in Jefferson County, Virginia, 5' 7 1/2" tall, dark complexion, black eyes, brown hair and by occupation a cordwainer [shoemaker]. He was afflicted with chronic diarrhea while in the vicinity of Somerset, Kentucky and sent to hospital in Nashville about 15 Mar 1862 and died there on 30 Mar 1862 leaving no widow or children. He is supposed to be buried in the Nashville National Cemetery.

Jemima Duke was the widow of **John Duke** who died in Virginia about 18 years ago (ca. 1846) and the mother of the late **Benjamin Franklin Duke**

on 18 Jul 1864, **Jemima Duke** of Springboro, aged nearly 75, appeared before Probate Court Judge **Jno. C. Dunleavy** to make a declaration in order to obtain the benefits provided by the Act of 1862 (Application #58139). **Aaron Gregg** and Mrs. **Christiana Vickers** witnessed her declaration which was attested by **Geo. W. Smith & Josiah Morrow. D. Allen** of Lebanon was her attorney. **Jemima Duke** was awarded a pension of \$8 per month commencing 30 Mar 1862 by Certificate #51833 dated 24 Jul 1865.

Supporting testimony provided by [Lt. Joseph H. Taylor](#), [James P. Griffin](#), [J. R. V. Talmadge](#) of Springboro and fellow 35th OVI soldiers [B. F. Archdeacon](#) & [M. T. Cleaver](#) of Clearcreek Twp

=>See <http://goo.gl/uWutD> or <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/warsmain.htm> for information about other Warren County veterans. Please email us if you know of any that we may have missed.

WARREN COUNTY OBITUARY INDEX 1810 to 2012

We have provided our obituary database to The Ohio Genealogical Society (<http://www.ogs.org/>) in response to their "8 for 88" project challenging each county chapter to submit eight different databases to be placed on the OGS website. We provided them with 3 obituary databases covering different time periods that are now searchable on the OGS website at http://www.ogs.org/research/search_warrenobit.php

This database is an index to 92,642 obituaries located in our Resource Library The page numbers listed in the index are the page in our obituary binders and not the page in the newspaper. You don't have to be an OGS member to use this tool. If you join OGS as a new member, you may designate that Warren County receives a \$5.00 rebate from their new membership application.

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). <> 28-30 Apr 2016, "Tracking Your Ancestors," 2016 OGS Annual Conference at the Great Wolf Lodge, Mason, Ohio. On line registration is now available at <http://www.ogsblog.org/2015/11/online-registration-is-now-available.html>

OTHER EVENTS

- <> [Clermont County Chapter, OGS](#) E-mail: ccovalcine@gmail.com
Programs sponsored by the Clermont County Genealogical Society are held at the Doris Wood Library, 180 S. 3rd St. in Batavia, Ohio, on the first Saturday of the month at 1:00 pm unless noted otherwise. They are free & open to the public unless otherwise noted. For more information see www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohclecgs/ or call 513-723-3423.

Saturday, 5 Dec 2015 at 1:00 pm. **Clermont County Genealogical Society Annual Holiday Party**

Union Township Library - 4450 Glen Este-Withamsville Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45245

Bring a snack to share and an interesting item which belonged to one of your ancestors for a show and tell.

- <> [Rootstech 2016](#), 3-6 Feb 2016, Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- <> [National Genealogical Society](#), 4-7 May 2016 Family History Conference, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
- <> [Federation of Genealogical Societies](#), 31 Aug - 3 Sep 2016, 2016 National Conference.

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.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/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.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/aboutus.htm#Membership>

Phone: (513) 695 1144 email: wccgs@co.warren.oh.us

WCGS Website: <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/>

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.]
