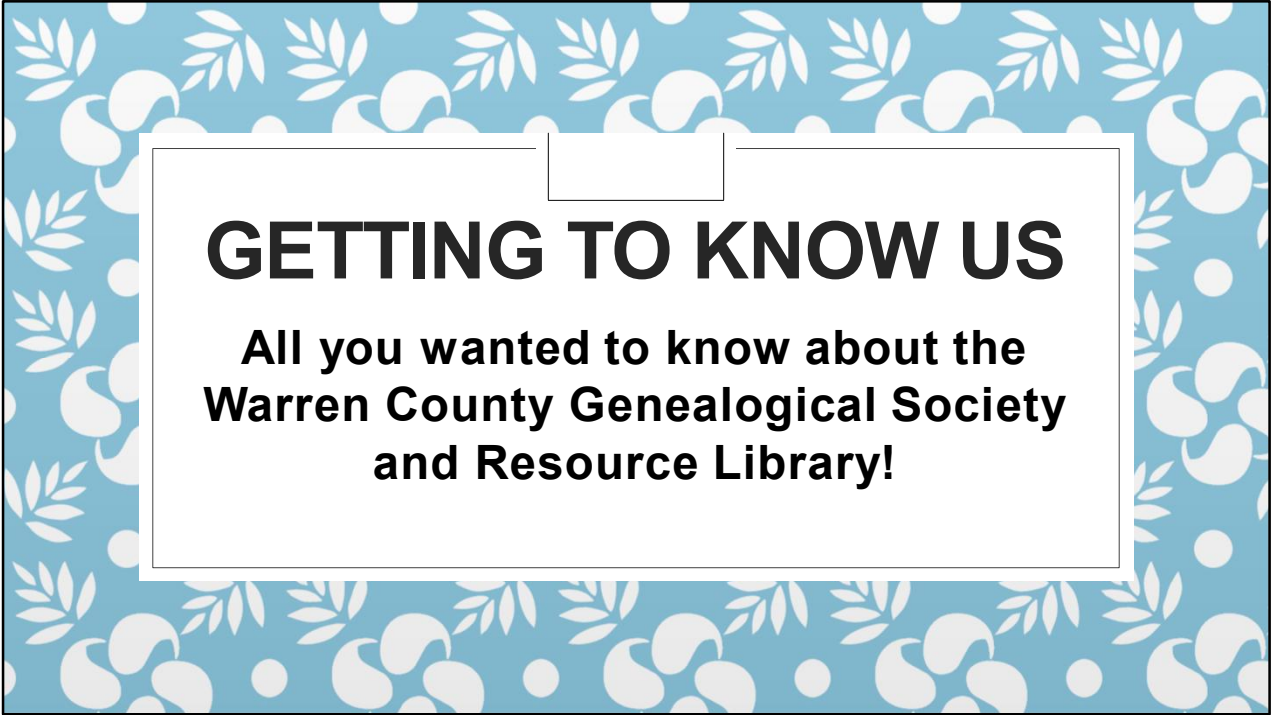




GETTING TO KNOW US

**All you wanted to know about the
Warren County Genealogical Society
and Resource Library!**

We will be recording this, so please mute your microphone and turn off your video. If you have questions, you can enter them in the chat or wait until after we stop the recording to ask them. When I start the recording, you will see a small popup. Click <OK> to get that to go away. Any questions before we begin? So let me get the recording started...

Welcome! Thank you for joining us this evening to learn more about the Warren County Genealogical Society and our Resource Library!

Warren County Genealogical Society



**We became a chapter of the
Ohio Genealogical Society
May 20, 1981.**

**We will celebrate our
45th Anniversary on
May 20, 2026!**

For more about the history of WCGS, including a PDF of the information, a list of our Charter Members, and a link to the "Remembering Our Charter Members" Virtual Cemetery on Find A Grave, please visit our website:
<https://www.wcgsohio.org/wcgs-history>

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Our official name is the Warren County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. We became a chapter on May 20, 1981. This year we will celebrate our 45th Anniversary on May 20, 2026, and are working on plans to commemorate this occasion with a combination Awards and Anniversary Banquet! Mark your calendars and save the date.

If you are interested in learning more about the History of WCGS, please visit the link shown at the bottom of this slide. A copy of these slides will be shared in the chat before we wrap things up this evening.

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Two things that make us unique:

Our Volunteers

Our Resource Library

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WCGS has two things that makes it unique. <Click (indicates place marker for animation)> Our Volunteers <Click> and Our Resource Library. While every Genealogical Society has Volunteers, ours are a bit unique because we are one of the few Societies that has a physical location where we can meet, research, work on projects, and help visitors. It takes skill, talent, and dedication to not only conduct the business of the Society, but also to staff and maintain what is best described as a public library. The rewards outweigh the effort! There is something so special about being able to help a visitor research their family, fulfill a research request sent in by someone who cannot visit, or even work on our own family histories with the help of people with whom we have so much in common.

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**We want to thank the Warren County Commissioners
for making it possible for WCGS to have a beautiful
Resource Library located in the
Warren County Administration Building.**

**In November 2022, we became a
FamilySearch Affiliate Library!**

For more about the WCGS Resource Library, including access to search our Library Catalog, please visit our website:
<https://www.wcgsohio.org/wcgs-resource-library>

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Let's talk about our Resource Library first. The Warren County Commissioners have made space available in the Warren County Administration Building for our Resource Library. In addition to helping the people who visit or contact us, we also help those who work for the county by answering questions they may have and taking care of answering some of the requests from the public that would otherwise be handled by employees.

If you are local, stop in! If you are not, let us know when you will be visiting so we can prepare and help pull materials in advance. It's just one of the things we do that sets us apart.

Warren County Administration Building

**Our Resource
Library is in the
Lower Level**



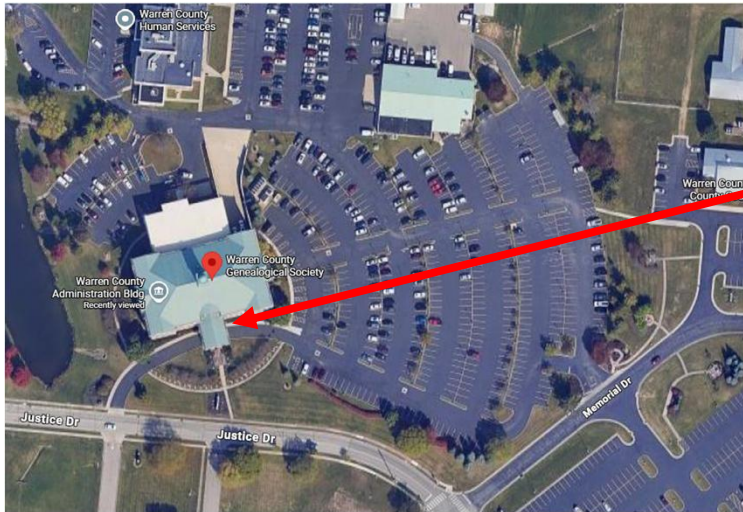
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This is the Warren County Administration Building. <Click> Our Resource Library is in the Lower Level. Looking at the building, we are right around here... <Click>

Plenty of Parking



**Enter at the
front of the
building**

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There is plenty of parking and the entrance for visitors is in the front of the building.
<Click>

Accessible Parking



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Your Approach to the Front Door

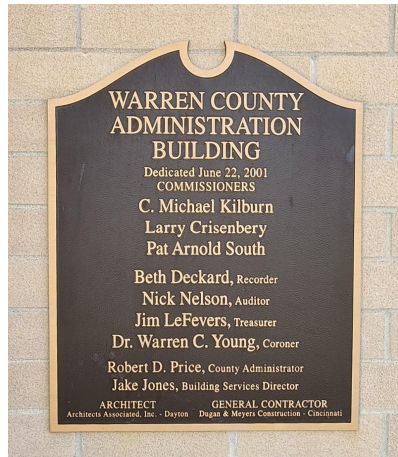


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Accessible spaces are clearly marked with a sidewalk along the front driveway to get you to the front door. It really isn't as long a walk as it seems, my camera just makes it appear that way!

Building Dedicated 22 Jun 2001



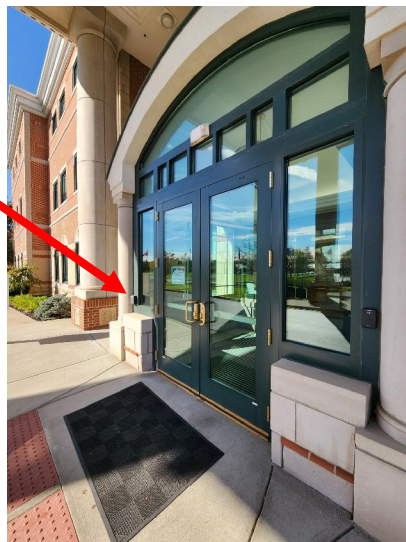
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In case you are curious, the building is only 25 years old and part of an entire campus of buildings including the Courts, the Jail, the Health Department, and more! These photos were taken Tuesday, November 4, 2025. It was a beautiful day.

Come On In!



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When you reach the front, there is a set of outer doors that lead you into a vestibule.
<Click> If you need it, the switch to open the door is on the left.

First Floor



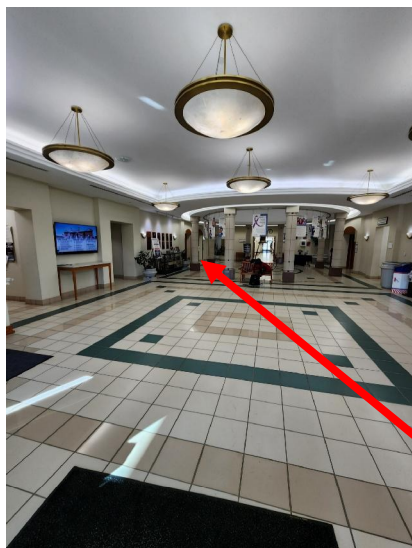
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On the first floor to your left is a screen with a Building Directory. <Click> We are located in the Lower Level along with the Records Center & Archives.

Back Left Corner for Stairs or Elevator



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Head for the back left corner of the lobby. <Click> That's where you will find the door to the stairs and the elevator. <Click>

LL for Lower Level!

**Snack and Drink
Machines**



**Restrooms are
Directly Across
from the Elevator**



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Take either the stairs or the elevator down to the Lower Level. As you exit, the restrooms are directly across from the elevator, and the snack and drink machines are located to the left.

Check out the Amazing Archives Wall!



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To your right is the amazing Archives Wall! You will find other installations such as this in different parts of this building.

This is where you were.



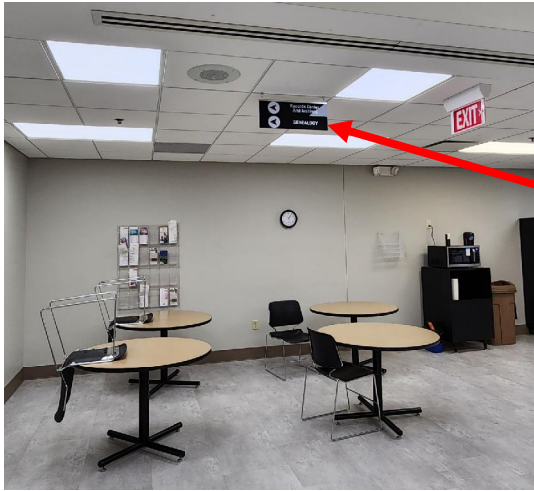
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Looking back, this is where you came from and how you will exit later.

As you exit the stairs or elevator, to your left up high is a ^{TINY} sign.



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From where you exited the stairs or elevator, to your left up high is a tiny sign.

Turn left and head down the hallway...



**and you
get to our
next-door
neighbor
first!**

**WooHoo!
Archives!**



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Turn left and head down the hallway... and you get to our next-door neighbor first!
WooHoo! Archives!



Meet Amy at the Warren County Records Center & Archives!

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Meet Amy at the Warren County Records Center & Archives!

Archives Has Cool Stuff!



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**Plan enough
time to stop
in and see
what they
have to help
with your
Warren
County
research.**

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Archives has cool stuff! Plan enough time to stop in and see what they have to help with your Warren County research.

**From Archives, keep coming down the
hall to the next ^{TINY} sign...**



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From Archives, keep coming down the hall to the next tiny sign.

Take that left and go down that hallway.



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**If you see an
open door on
the left, say
hello to
Jacob,
another
Archives
expert!**

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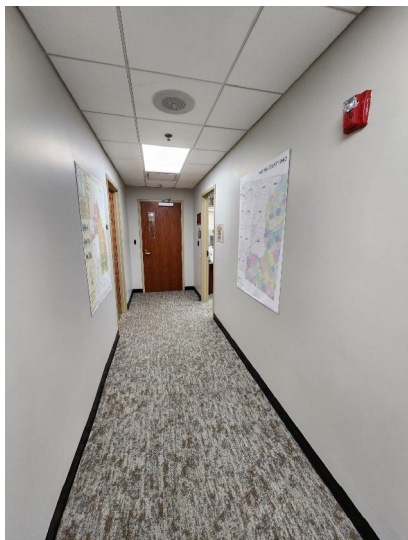


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Take that left and go down that hallway.

If you see an open door on the left, say hello to Jacob, another Archives expert!

Maps on the wall mean you are close!



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**You are here!
Yay!**

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Maps on the wall mean you are close! <Click> You are here! Yay!

Welcome to the WCGS Resource Library!



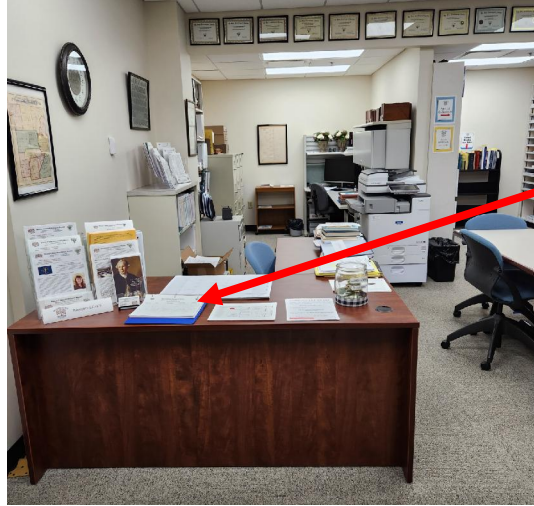
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Welcome to the WCGS Resource Library! We call this large room the Warren County Room. It is where books and records pertaining to Warren County are kept.

Sign in here.



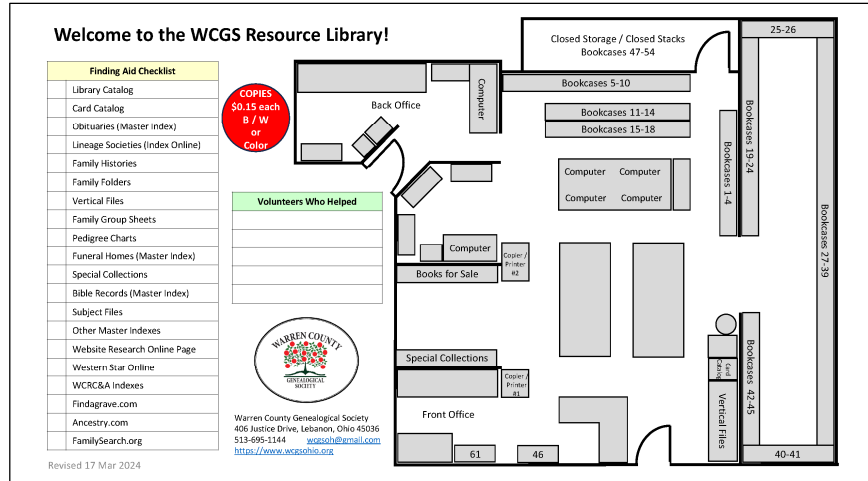
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When you first walk in, be sure to sign in here. <Click> That way we have your contact information if we should need to get in touch with you for any reason. Feel free to pick up any flyers that interest you, a couple of bookmarks, or a copy of *e-News*, our monthly newsletter.

Resource Library Map and Finding Aid



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One helpful tool is the handy Resource Library Map and Finding Aid. The front helps you locate things within the Resource Library, keep track of what you have checked, and make a note of any Volunteers whose names you might want to remember.

A quick side note: the version sent with the Zoom invitations sent on Saturday was not the most recent version. The most recent version was updated March 17, 2024.

Resource Library Map and Finding Aid

1	WC Lineage Societies Records (First Families, Early Settlers, Civil War Families); WCGS e-News; WCGS Heir Lines	Bookcase Subjects		34	OH Counties – Erie; Fairfield; Fayette; Franklin; Fulton; Gallia; Geauga; Greene; Guernsey; Hamilton
2	OH – Warren Co: History; Elected Officials; Census Records; Area Phone Books	23	Scotland; Scandinavia; Switzerland; U.S. Federal Records; American Indians; Black Studies; Colonial Period; New England; American Ancestors; Kentucky Explorer; New England Ancestors; NEHGR The Register Quarterly Magazines	35	OH Counties – Hancock; Hardin; Harrison; Henry; Highland; Hocking; Holmes; Huron; Jackson; Jefferson; Knox; Lake; Lawrence; Licking; Logan; Lucas; Madison; Mahoning; Marion; Medina; Meigs; Mercer; Miami; Monroe; Montgomery
3-4	OH – Warren Co: Census Records	24	U.S. History; AL; AK; AZ; AR; CA; CO; CT; DE; FL; GA; HI; ID; IL; Kentucky Explorer; NGS Quarterly; Valley Leaves	36	Ohio Counties – Morgan; Morrow; Muskingum; Noble; Ottawa; Paulding; Perry; Pickaway; Pike; Portage; Preble; Putnam; Richland; Ross; Sandusky; Scioto; Seneca; Shelby; Stark; Summit; Trumbull; Tuscarawas; Union; Van Wert; Vinton; Washington; Wayne; Williams; Wood; Wyandot
5-8	Funeral Home Records	25	IN; IA; NGS Magazine	37-42	Family Histories
9	Funeral Home Records; Obituaries	26	KS; KY; LA; ME; Bluegrass Roots; Clay County Ancestral News; Kentucky Ancestors; The Register of KHS	43	Family Histories; Family Group Sheets; Pedigree Charts
10	Obituaries	27	MD; MA; MI; MN; MS; MO; MT; NE; NV; NH; NJ	44	Family Folders; Pedigree Charts
11	Atlases & Maps	28	*PA [out of alpha order]	45	Family Folders
12	Military Records	29	NM; NY; NC; ND; OK; OR; RI; SC; SD; TN; TX; UT; VT; Ohio The Cross Road of Our Nation Records & Pioneer Families; Pellissippi	46	WCGS Documents
13-14	Cemetery Records	30	VA; WA; WV; WI; WY; The Virginia Magazine	47-50	Closed Storage
15	Birth Records; Death Records	31	OH	51	Closed Stacks
16	Bible Records; Marriage Records; Wills & Estates	32	OH Counties – Adams; Allen; Ashland; Ashtabula; Athens; Auglaize; Belmont; Brown; Butler	52-54	Office Use
17	Court Records; Coroners Records; Deed Records; Land Records; Tax Records; Divorce Records; Misc. Records	33	OH Counties – Butler; Carroll; Champaign; Clark; Clermont; Clinton; Columbiana; Coshocton; Crawford; Cuyahoga; Darke; Defiance; Delaware	55-57	Special Collections
18	Atlases & Maps			58-60	Books / Publications for Sale
19	Quakers, Shakers, Other Religions			61	Front Office Use
20	Genealogies; Genealogy; Genealogy How To; Genealogy Reference; Family Tree Maker Magazine				
21	Military; American Spirit; Ohio Civil War Genealogy Journals				
22	Military; Canada, England; France; Germany; Ireland; Italy; Kentucky Explorer				

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The back is a key to what is on our bookcases.

Special Collections and Books for Sale



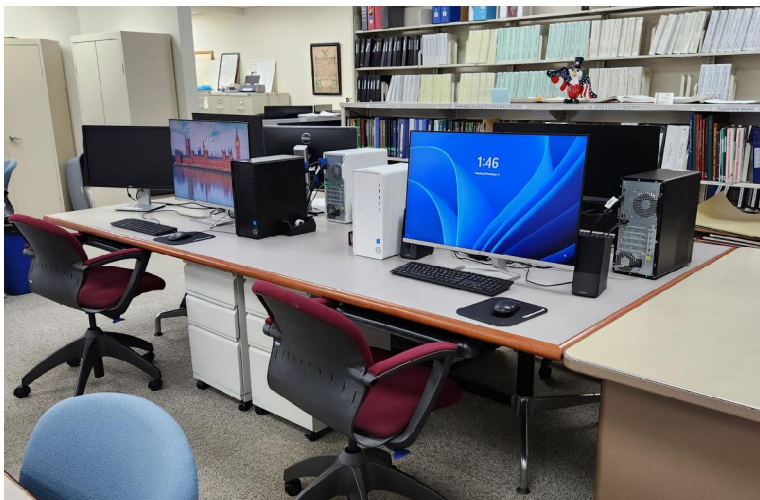
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Located in the alcove between the two copiers, you may want to check out Special Collections on the left, our Publications and other new books for sale on the right, or the book cart against the wall with Used Books for Sale. You never know what you might find in here!

Computer Workstations



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We have four computer workstations on the island in the middle; two of those have dual monitors. The extra monitors can be flipped vertically for when you are transcribing documents. There are other workstations in other parts of the library.

Microfilm and Fiche Reader



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One of the other computer workstations is connected to our Microfilm and Fiche Reader. And yes, we still use microfilm and occasionally microfiche.

Funeral Home Records and Obituaries



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This is our wall of Funeral Home Records and Obituaries. It gets used often! We have a good number of volunteers who help keep up with current obituaries.

From the Warren County Room to the Rest of the World



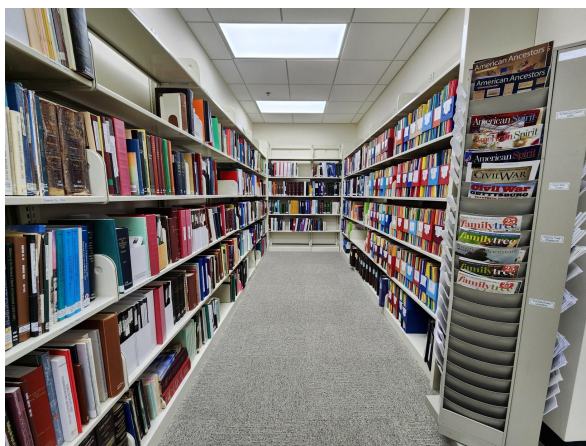
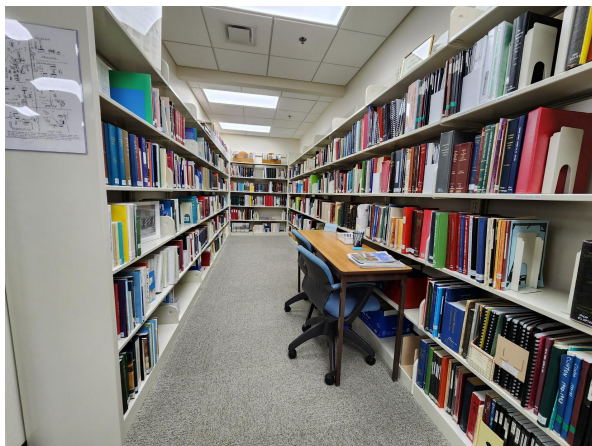
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The large room you are in now is considered the Warren County Room. There is a smaller connected room that we call the “Rest of the World.” This is where we have books covering, you guessed it, the Rest of the World! Also Biographies / Genealogies, Family Folders, Pedigree Charts and Family Group Sheets.

Looking Left and Looking Right



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This is the view looking to your left and then to your right once you have entered that room. This is also a quiet place to sit if you need to concentrate.

Vertical Files



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To the right of the entrance to the Rest of the World, we have a water dispenser, both hot and cold, card catalogue (yes, we still use this), and our Vertical Files.

Our Team and What They Do

We want to take a quick minute to let you know about our Volunteer Team and what they do. We have listed one or two of their main duties or areas, but please know they ALL do just about everything!

We are fortunate to have this great group of people!

Hey Volunteers – THANK YOU!

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Honorable Mentions

Mondays at the Resource Library:

Delores Bovee

Obits, Research

Diana Linkous

Obits, Research

Diana is a Charter Member!

First, let's talk about our Honorable Mentions. These are the people you most often find working in the Resource Library.

Mondays at the Resource Library:

Delores Bovee - Obits, Research

Diana Linkous - Obits, Research - Diana is a Charter Member!

Honorable Mentions

Tuesdays at the Resource Library:

**Debbie Schneider
Membership Chair**

**Lavonne Smith
Cemetery Photos**

**Jo Roth
WCGS Treasurer, Webmaster, Acting Programs Chair,
Acting e-News Editor, etc.**

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Editor, etc.**

Honorable Mentions

Wednesdays at the Resource Library:

Jim Brokaw

WCGS President, Cemetery Chair, Research Chair, Etc.

Penny Brown

WCOH Big Tree, Research

Cindy Cary

Obits

Julie Cowger

WCOH Big Tree, Research

Laura Ingling

Publications Chair, Obits

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Penny Brown - WCOH Big Tree, Research

Cindy Cary - Obits

Julie Cowger - WCOH Big Tree, Research

Laura Ingling - Publications Chair, Obits

Honorable Mentions

Thursdays at the Resource Library:

Winston Cochrane

Tax Lists

Gayle Scott

Obits

Linda Eckert

Immediate Past President, Research

Mary Cox

Obits, Research

Fridays:

Jim, Penny, and Julie again! And sometimes Jo.

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Our Unseen Heroes

**Cassie Alexander
Cemetery Photos**

**Karen Bentley
Ad Hoc**

**Randy Cummings
Website Guru**

**Matthew Dutt
Data Entry**

**Paul George
Lineage Societies Chair**

**Dennis Green
Tech Assistance**

**Deborah Kohler
Cemetery Photos**

**Deborah Osburn
Corresponding Secretary**

**And last, but not least, the
spouses and families of
all our Volunteers!**

We have a few volunteers who are not scheduled to cover the library, but work either remotely, in the field, or as needed or available. These are our unseen heroes!

Cassie Alexander - Cemetery Photos

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How Can We Help You?

Research?
Jim Brokaw

Education?
Jo Roth

Legacy?
Paul George

Help Save History?
Jo Roth



Warren County Genealogical Society
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The Warren County Genealogical Society (WCCGS) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to create and promote interest in collecting and preserving genealogical records. We are here to assist you in finding your ancestors and relatives and have many resources available to help you with your research. WCCGS was established as a Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society on May 20, 1981.

How Can We Help You?

Research
Visitors to the WCCGS Resource Library have access to paid subscriptions and other materials that help with family history research. We also do research for a nominal fee that helps support our Society.
<https://www.wccgs.org/wccgs-resource-library>



Education
Our programs, classes, and workshops teach you how to search for your family records, keep track of what you find, and share this with others and future generations. Our programs are free, and our classes and workshops extremely affordable.
<https://www.wccgs.org/events>



Legacy
If you can prove your ancestors were here at a time that would allow you to join one of our Lineage Societies, your application and acceptance will not only validate your research, but preserve it for future generations.

- First Families of Warren County, Ohio, ancestors were in Warren County, Ohio, before January 1, 1821.
- Early Settlers of Warren County, Ohio, ancestors were in Warren County, Ohio, between January 1, 1821, and December 31, 1882.
- Civil War Families of Warren County, Ohio, must prove their Civil War ancestor lived, died, or is buried in Warren County, Ohio.

<https://www.wccgs.org/lineage-societies>



Help Save History
Your family's story is unique. Only through documenting your ancestors and their lives is that story able to be retained. With every branch and leaf you add to your tree, you are preserving history, not just any history, but YOUR history. Nobody else can do it exactly like you can!
<https://www.wccgs.org/free-resources/build-family-tree>



Come and visit us soon! We are located in the lower level of the Warren County Administration Building and open Monday-Friday, 9-4.

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How Can WCCGS Help You?

<Click> Research? Jim Brokaw will talk more about in-person research and submitting Research Requests.

<Click> Education? I will talk about Programs, Classes or Workshops, and e-News.

<Click> Legacy? Paul George will talk about our Lineage Societies, how to apply, and the importance of proving and documenting your research.

<Click> Help Save History? I will talk about the goal of the WCOH Big Tree, and what we are doing to preserve Warren County records.

How Can You Help Us?

Join or Renew!
Debbie Schneider

Shop!
Jo Roth

Donate!
Jo Roth

Volunteer!
Jim Brokaw

How Can You Help Us?

Join

Being a member is one of the best ways to support WCGS. Regular Membership is \$25.00 a year; Life Membership is \$250.00.
<https://www.wcgsociety.org/join-or-renew>

Shop

WCGS has published a great number of books over the years and currently has over 100 titles for sale on our website. In addition, WCGS occasionally has books that are not needed in our Library Catalog. We make these available as Used Books for Sale on our website.
<https://www.wcgsociety.org/shop-and-support>
<https://www.wcgsociety.org/shop-used-books>

Donate

Monetary donations help our society remain active and productive and allow us to continue fulfilling our mission. Time donations can be made by becoming a Volunteer, giving a presentation, submitting an article for one of our newsletters, or helping at our bigger events, like our Cemetery Restoration Workshop. Material donations can be made of items that we add to our Resource Library catalog and holdings, or those we make available for sale as a fundraiser.
<https://www.wcgsociety.org/donations>

Volunteer

Whatever your skill level, we could use you! We are always looking for more volunteers. You do not have to live locally to help.
<https://www.wcgsociety.org/volunteer>

New WCGS Membership

Donate

Interested in learning more about WCGS? Contact Us!

By Telephone 513-695-1144
By Email wcgsch@gmail.com
In Person 406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
We are located in the lower level of the Warren County Administration Building.
Open Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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How Can You Help Us?

<Click> Join or Renew! Debbie Schneider will talk a bit about membership.

<Click> Shop! I will cover how buying new or used books from WCGS is a great way to expand your library and support the Society

<Click> Donate! I will talk a bit about how you can make monetary or material donations.

<Click> Volunteer! Jim Brokaw will talk a bit about how you can Volunteer for WCGS, the perks and benefits, and areas where we need help.