

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News Nov. 2013

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TOPPLING YOUR BRICK WALLS THROUGH THE USE OF HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS.

by Kathleen Reed, Program Director, Hamilton County Genealogical Society

Wednesday, November 20, 2013, 7:30 PM in the Phillippi Meeting Room of the Campus Center at the Otterbein Retirement Community, 585 N State Rte 741 (north of Rte 63), Lebanon, Ohio.

Historical newspapers have always been a valuable resource to those researching their family history. A wealth of information can often be found in obituaries, marriage announcements, court notices, property transfers and other personal information found in various sections of the newspaper.

In addition to microfilm copies at historical and genealogical societies, local libraries, etc., today’s researcher has access to an ever growing collection of fully searchable, digitized newspapers that are available on the internet such as at “[Chronicling America](#)” by the Library of Congress, [Ohio’s Digitized Newspapers](#) by the Ohio Historical Society and a host of “fee” sites such as [Genealogy Bank](#), [NewspaperArchives](#) and [Newspapers.com](#) to name a few.

Our speaker is Kathy Reed, a semi-retired educator. She will provide tips and techniques that may be used to help the researcher find information about his ancestors in newspapers that has eluded them when using other resources.

We will also have an election of society officers for 2014.

2013 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 N State Rte 741 (north of Rte 63), Lebanon, Ohio.

20 Nov 2013: Toppling Your Brick Walls through the Use of Historical Newspapers.

18 Dec 2013: Annual Christmas Program.

We thank Linda Eckert for all her work as our Program Chair.

2014 WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

It is that time of year to renew your WCGS membership. A membership form was sent out with the last issue of Heir Lines and is also provided as an email attachment. If you’re not currently a member, please consider supporting our numerous family history initiatives through your membership. Dues is \$10 (Individual), \$15 (family) or \$200 (life).

A 2014 membership form is attached as a pdf document.

1943 FRANKLIN AREA WORLD WAR II HONOR ROLL

Thanks to Terry Easton who has provided us with both an image and transcription of the **Honor Roll** published in the Franklin Chronicle on Thursday 16 Sep 1943. “**Proudly We Pay Tribute to the Men and Women of Franklin Serving in the Armed Forces of the United States**” is followed by a list of 753 names. At the time the paper was published, three of those listed had already died while in the service: [Paul Hemmer](#), [William T. McCabe](#) and [Oscar W. Predmore](#). At least 21 others on the list had given their lives while serving their country by the time the war was over. They were John V. Adams, Frohman R. Barnhart, [William A. Black](#), Thomas N. Bridge, Melvin C. Bruce, Joseph F. Burns, Orvel E. Frisby, [Kenneth W. Helton](#), [Joseph L. Hineline](#), Nathan B. Hollon, Jones C. Hopper, Russell Mentz, Robert E. Miller, Jr., [Carl W. Morgan, Jr.](#), Charles H. Parker, Marion Ressinger, [Cliff Rider](#), [Robert Simmons](#), [Elroy H. Six](#), [James T. Wilson](#) and Chas. E. Zimmerman.

To see digital images of the paper and a transcription of the 753 names, go to <http://goo.gl/tTIT9r>

OTTERBEIN RESIDENTS TAKE HONOR FLIGHT

Today's Pulse (new name for the Western Star) recently had an article about Otterbein residents, Chester Dunn, Robert Zuedell and Elvin Brockman along with 36 other area veterans who traveled to Washington DC in September with Honor Flight Dayton to visit the World War II, Vietnam, Lincoln, and Korean memorials. Chester Dunn, a World War II and Korean War veteran, is an Honorary Life Member of the Warren County Genealogical Society in recognition of his many years of service to the society. To read the article and see a photo of Chester go to

<http://www.todayspulse.com/news/news/otterbein-residents-take-honor-flight/nbcbp/>

2014 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers for 2014 will be held during our regular monthly meeting on 20 November 2013. If you would like to help, please contact the election committee at our library at 513 695 1144 or by email at wccgs@co.warren.oh.us.

FROM BUSH RIVER TO MIAMI by Tom Hamm

Martha Moses has put a copy of Tom Hamm's recent presentation on her blog, "Miami Monthly Meeting Quaker Homecoming September 19-22, 2013." The presentation may be viewed at

<http://quakerhomecomingwarrencountyohio.blogspot.com/p/from-bush-river-to-miami-by-tom-hamm.html>

WARREN COUNTY, OHIO VIRTUAL CEMETERY PROJECT

October Additions:

[Woodhill Cemetery](#) – Sec. 14 - added photo for 41 burials

[Woodhill Cemetery](#) – Sec. 27 - added photo for 97 burials

[Maineville Cemetery](#) - added additional information regarding [Hannah Hatt](#)

[Murdoch Cemetery](#) - added [Charles Forman](#) gravestone photo

[Deerfield Cemetery](#) - added photos of gravestones for [Abner S. Bennett](#) & [Clara E. Bennett](#)

[Morrow Cemetery](#) - added photos for 65 burials

The Project now has photos on line for 49,279 burials in 94 cemeteries. See <http://goo.gl/YSRaS>

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

=> **Veteran Photos and Documents:** [Maj. Wanda Stahley](#) (USAF), [Robert E. Simmons](#) (WWII Casualty)

=> **War of 1812 Pension Files:** In September, Fold3 had pension files on line up to the **ELY** surname in Ohio. The pension files for Warren County soldiers with links to their pension & bounty land files that are now available are listed at

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/military/1812pension.htm>.

The October additions from Warren County (that we know of) were **Valentine Eltzroth** and **James Elwell**.

[Barbary Eltzroth, widow of Valentine Eltzroth](#) (21 images)

Valentine Eltzroth is said to have enlisted at Lebanon, Warren Co O in August 1813 as a Private in Capt Snook's Company in a regiment of light horse commanded by Col. Baldwin, served about 3 months and was honorably discharged at Dayton, Ohio in October 1813. He was described as a 23 year old farmer, 5' 5" tall, with fair complexion, blue eyes and black hair.

Valentine Eltzroth and Barbary/Barbara _?_ were married at Lebanon, Ohio on 20 Sep 1821 by a Justice of the Peace. Valentine Eltzroth was previously married. His first wife died in Warren, Co. Ohio in March 1821. [The 1st wife was probably Patience Mounts who married a Valentine Eltzroth on 12 Oct 1812 in Warren County.]

Valentine Eltzroth died in Owen Co., Indiana on 11 Apr 1856. After his death, Barbary lived in Indiana, California and Oregon. Barbary Eltzroth aged 83, completed a "Claim of Widow for Service Pension" on 1 Nov 1881 while a resident of the Old Ladies Home in San Francisco, California (Application #41691). Witnesses were Andrew H. Fraser & James Steadman. Affidavits were also filed by Thomas Mount (age 65) and Norton Corson (age 86) in Knox County, Illinois 15 May 1882.

Her claim was rejected on 25 Feb 1882 as no records of service could be found. Her 1858 claim was also rejected.

[James S. Elwell](#) (89 images)

James Elwell enlisted at Franklin, Warren County, Ohio, May 24, 1812 and served as 4th Corporal in [Captain John Sharp's company](#), Colonel Lewis Cass' 3rd regiment, Ohio Volunteers. He marched to Dayton, Ohio; thence to Detroit; Canada; and then back to Detroit. He went to Maguaga, Michigan under Colonel Miller where on August 9, 1812, in a battle with the British and Indians (sometimes listed as Brownstown), he received a musket-ball wound through his right arm. He returned to Detroit and was at General Hull's surrender, becoming a prisoner of war. He was discharged at Zanesville, Ohio on May 24, 1813. An 1815 Surgeon's report indicated that the musket ball wound, which fractured a bone in his arm, did not heal until January 1813 and that the arm was very much swollen with parts of the bone "about to exfoliate" at the time of the report. James Elwell and fellow soldiers, [William Anderson](#) and Lt. [William Sawyer](#), all signed [affidavits in Franklin Twp, Warren County, Ohio](#), on 17 Feb 1816 attesting to Elwell's service and injury.

He was awarded an "Old War" invalid pension (50% disability) of \$4 per month beginning November 10, 1812 (Application #8415, Certificate #374) and a survivor's pension of \$8 per month from February 14, 1871 (Application #15985, Certificate #10618). He was last paid 4 Mar 1877 and dropped from the rolls for "failure to claim" pension on 30 Jun 1880.

James Elwell and Frances "Fanny" Kelso were married in Lebanon, Ohio on December 2, 1813. After the war he resided in Warren County in 1816; Wisconsin Territory in 1838, Fort Madison, Iowa Territory in 1841, Hazel Green, Grant County, Wisconsin in 1851-2 and Waterloo, Grant County, Wisconsin in 1871 (age 82). James died in Wisconsin in 1877. The

pension file contains correspondence to and from a granddaughter, Mrs. Loisa Elwell Johnston M.D. of London, England, who was seeking information about his service and the names of his parents.

[Bounty Land Warrant #4920](#) (Act of 1850) for 160 acres was issued in favor of James Elwell, Corporal, Captain Sharp's Company, third Regiment, Ohio Volunteers, War of 1812. He also was issued the patent for 160 acres in Grant County, Wisconsin on 1 May 1852.

=>★**Warren County Civil War 150 Roll of Honor, Nov., 1863**★ - 16 casualties: 11 dead, 5 wounded, 0 POWs.

Killed in Action or Mortally Wounded:

[John Barnes](#) (97 OVI), [Joseph T. Blair](#) (12 OVI), [B. Franklin Brown](#) (6 OVI), [George Murphy](#) (11 OVI), [John Scott](#) (69 OVI) & [James W. Scroggy](#) (40 OVI).

Wounded in Action:

[Hezekiah Barr](#) (35 OVI), [Sigmund Eichholzer](#) (28 OVI), [Louis Gohmann](#) (9 OVI), [Joseph M. Mead](#) (17 Mich. Inf.) and [William H. Wroten](#) (35 OVI)

Died from Disease or Other Causes:

[Wesley Berry](#) (35 OVI), [Leopold Dominick](#) (35 OVI), [John Haller](#) (35 OVI), [Albert Howland](#) (35 OVI) & [Henry Roat](#) (2 OVI)

Click on the names of the individual soldier to see additional information we have about them.

=>See <http://goo.gl/uWutD> or <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/warsmain.htm> for information about other Warren County veterans.

=> **Civil War Widow's Pension Files** available on [fold3.com](#) continue to grow and are now up to widow certificate #123,985.

Pension file for Elizabeth Lyon, mother of Thomas Lyon, Private, Company A, 35th OVI (21 images)

Thomas Lyon enrolled on 15 Aug 1861 at Lebanon, Ohio and was mustered into Co A, 35th OVI as a Private on 20 Aug 1861 at Hamilton, Ohio for three years. He was mustered out on 26 Aug 1864 and died at his home in Lebanon on 1 Jul 1864.

[Major Joseph Budd](#) gave testimony saying “- in the evening one hundred and fifty men were detached to go after and secure said knapsacks, the said Lyon was one of that number and while he was performing said duty a shell bursted in the vicinity of where he was, a piece of it struck him on the back part of the head causing a severe wound from the effects of which he commenced to decline and which eventually caused his death.”

Elizabeth (nee Taylor) Lyon, aged nearly 46 years, completed a “Mother's Claim for Pension” in Warren County on 20 Jul 1864. She and Benjamin C. Lyon were married in Warren County on 8 Aug 1841. They were divorced on 31 Aug 1852. A transcript of the Divorce Petition from Warren Co Common Pleas Court Journal 1 page 154 is included in the pension file. She was the mother of their only son, Thomas Lyon, who died at Lebanon on 1 Jul 1864, from wounds received at Chickamauga, Georgia on 20 Sep 1863. His condition declined while in the hospital and he was permitted to go to his home the week before his death. Additional testimony was given by John Evans, Mrs. Mary E. Hall and Kate Shugart about Benjamin Lyon abandoning his family about 12 years ago and of the support Thomas Lyon provided for his mother for at least 3 years prior to entering the service and the continued support that he provided for her after enlisting.

Elizabeth Lyon was awarded a mother's pension (Application #58624, Certificate #46313) of \$8 per month commencing 1 Jul 1864. Her last pension payment was \$12 to 4 Mar 1904. She died 14 Apr 1904.

Go to <http://goo.gl/Vcvm6> to see a list of other [Warren County Pension Application Files](#) that are available on line with links to over 100 different pension files. If you know of more, please let us know.

OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY <http://www.ogs.org>

The Ohio Genealogical Society is located at the Samuel D. Isaly Library, 611 State Route 97, Bellville, Ohio 44813. Phone (419) 886-1903. [Annual membership](#) includes home access to <http://www.heritagepursuit.com> (Ohio County Histories).

5 Oct 2013: [OGS Fall Seminar](#) features Genealogy Guys, George Morgan and Drew Smith. Call 419-886-1903 for reservations.

30 April–3 May 2014 [53rd Annual OGS Conference](#) at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Sandusky, Ohio.

OTHER EVENTS

<> 6-8 Feb 2014 “**RootsTech Conference**” Salt Lake City, Utah. See <http://rootstech.org/home>

<> 15 Feb 2014 “**18th Annual Family History Jamboree**”, Centerville, Ohio See <http://www.fhj1.org/index.php>

<> 7-10 May 2014 “**NGS Conference**” Richmond, Virginia. Hotel Reservations at

<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/accommodations>

<> 27-30 Aug 2014 “**FGS Conference**” San Antonio, Texas. Reservations: <https://aws.passkey.com/g/20192270>

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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: wcfgs@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.]
