

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News Aug. 2010

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6th ANNUAL SUMMER GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS June through August 2010

Dana Palmer's classes have again been a great success. A class photo has been posted on Flickr at

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/15663136@N08/4863259306/>

There are three more classes remaining this year. These "free" classes are open to the public. No reservations are necessary, but sign up in the library, by phone or by email is appreciated. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact the Warren County Genealogical Society at 513 695 1144 or wccgs@co.warren.oh.us

Classes will be held from 2 to 3 PM on the dates indicated at the Warren County Genealogical Society Library, 406 Justice Dr., Lebanon, Ohio 45036. A free, award winning, 225 page workbook plus a CD will be provided to each participant.

- Aug 11, 2010 Advanced Research & Citing Sources

- Aug 18, 2010 Interviewing & Writing Histories

- Aug 25, 2010 Adobe Photoshop Elements

For more details see pdf flyer at <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/meeting-2010-summer.pdf>

FORT ANCIENT, A SLEEPY LITTLE TOWN IN THE VALLEY

September 15, 2010, 7:30 PM in the Phillippi Meeting Room of the Campus Center at the Otterbein Retirement Community, 585 Rte 741 (north of Rte 63), Lebanon, Ohio

"Fort Ancient, A Sleepy Little Town in the Valley" is a brand new book by Nancy Miller Myerholtz. The area is well known for the ancient earthworks up on the hills as well as the popular Morgan's Canoe livery down in the valley and the new zip line installed by Camp Kern. Nancy's book touches on these but her main emphasis is on the mostly forgotten little village, beginning with the earliest land transactions and residents in the area. Nancy provides a glimpse into the past by her accounts of many of the families that resided in the village during it's short life as well as their business and social activities.

Nancy will be available to sign copies of her book following the program. See attached PDF flyer.

WCCGS 2010 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 Rte 741 (north of Rte 63), Lebanon, Ohio

- September 15, 2010, "Fort Ancient, A Sleepy Little Town in the Valley" presented by Nancy Miller Myerholtz

- October 20, 2010, "Researching in Hamilton County, Ohio" presented by Kenny Burck & Deb Cyprych

- November 17, 2010, "Ancestry.com" presented by Diane Haddad, Family Tree Magazine

- December 15, 2010, Annual Holiday Social Gathering

OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Ohio Genealogical Society <http://www.ogs.org> has moved into their brand new library at 611 State Route 97 West, Bellville, Ohio 44813. The new phone number is (419) 886-1903.

OGS has lost their home access subscription to NewspaperARCHIVE.com. However, they continue to provide members with home access to WorldVitalRecords.com which in turn provides access to the NewspaperArchive materials. The \$32 annual OGS membership is less than the cost of a subscription to World Vital Records.

WARREN COUNTY, OHIO VIETNAM WAR CASUALTIES

Warren County, Ohio suffered 41 casualties during the Vietnam War. The inscriptions of their names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. were photographed on 11 Jul 2010 by Arne H Trelvik and have been added to the Warren

County OHGenWeb at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/military/wall.htm>

Please send any additions, corrections, comments or veteran photos to atrelvik@gmail.com

1828 ELI SWENY FRATUR - A BEAUTIFUL PUZZLE FROM CLEARCREEK TOWNSHIP

submitted by Linda Eckert.

A visitor to our library came to ask for our help. He brought with him a "Fraktur," a highly artistic folk art drawing in ink and watercolors, which raises many questions. The Fraktur conceals in its intricate artwork the name Eli Sweny and the date 1828. Although Frakturs were commonly created by the "Pennsylvania Dutch" during the period 1740-1860, this does not prove Sweny's heritage.

Sweny was a resident of Warren County, Clearcreek Township as early as 1811. Curiously, on the reverse side of the Fraktur is a lengthy Valentine's Day poem which concludes with a proposal of marriage. See the images added to the Warren County OHGenWeb Project at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/Bios/sweny.htm>. Neither the writer nor the recipient are identified. It is difficult to determine whether the poem and Fraktur were created together for a single purpose or whether they were created at different times for different purposes. It is also unclear whether the Fraktur and the poem were created by the same person.

The names on the reverse side of the Fraktur are:

William Walker (within elaborate calligraphy)

_____ H. Rush (appearing to be a later signing)

Our visitor asks for any information which our members (and others) might have about these early residents, especially anything which might cast some light on the Fraktur or its reverse side.

DR. JOHN MORTIMER ADAMS (1843-1925), 35th OHIO VOLUNTEER INFANTRY

An article about Dr. Adams, by Arne Trelvik, appears in the Ohio Civil War Genealogy Journal, 2010, Vol XIV, Issue 3, pages 141 to 145. Dr. Adams was a Lebanon native who enlisted in the 35th OVI as a private who rose to the rank of Lieutenant when he was shot in the head during the 2nd day of fighting at Chickamauga on 20 Sep 1863. He survived his injury and went on to study medicine after the war, practicing in Lebanon and Cincinnati. He is buried in lot 302 of the Old Section of Lebanon Cemetery. Subscribers can access an electronic version of the journal from the OGS Civil War Genealogy Center at <http://www.ogs.org/cwc/index.php>

101BEST FREE WEBSITES FOR 2010

Family Tree Magazine has published their annual list which can be viewed at

<http://familytreemagazine.com/article/101-Best-Websites-2010>

I would like to highlight one of the selections, the Internet Archive at <http://www.archive.org/> which includes an ever growing collection of free materials of interest to genealogists and family historians. As an example, Allen County (Indiana), Public Library has been adding digital images of the US Census microfilms and currently has all or part of the census for 1850 through 1870 and 1900 through 1930 on line.

If you've looked at the 1860 census for Warren County on Ancestry.com you will see that many of the pages have been "enhanced" to the point that they are illegible. If that is the case with your family, you can go to the version on the Internet Archive and browse to the page that you need. <http://www.archive.org/details/populationschedu1047unix>

CALENDAR of EVENTS

* Aug 18-21 "Federation of Genealogical Societies Annual Conference", Knoxville, TN. The Conference starts in about two weeks. See website for more details at <http://www.fgs.org/2010conference/>. If you have already registered you can download the material from the syllabus for the various sessions. Those attending from Warren County that I know of include Linda Eckert, Carol Hatfield, Dana Palmer & Arne Trelvik. Hope to see some of you there.

* Aug. 28 "Chapter Management Seminar" presented by the Ohio Genealogical Society

* Oct. 2 "Fall Seminar" featuring Curt Witcher presented by the Ohio Genealogical Society

* Oct. 8 "Genealogy Librarians' Seminar" presented by the Ohio Genealogical Society

* Oct. 9 "Genealogy Seminar featuring Elissa Scalise Powell, CG at Sinclair Community College sponsored by the Montgomery County Chapter, OGS. See flyer at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohmontgs/flyer.pdf>

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 only \$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>

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