WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News November 2023

This monthly newsletter is being distributed to Warren County Genealogical Society members and other interested parties. Feel free to share with others as you see fit. If you wish to be added or removed from our mailing list, contact us by phone 513-695-1144 or email at wcgsoh@gmail.com.

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Heir Lines Newsletter Editor Needed!

Do you enjoy graphic design, copy editing, preparing a newsletter using MS Word or MS Publisher? If so, we need you!

Please contact Linda Eckert at president.wcgsoh@gmail.com if you are interested or can help.

WCGS RESOURCE LIBRARY HOURS

The WCGS Resource Library will be **closed Thursday, November 9**, for Volunteer Training and our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. It will be **closed Friday, November 10**, in observance of Veterans Day. It will reopen Monday, November 13, at 9:00 a.m.

The WCGS Resource Library will be **closed Wednesday, November 22, through Friday, November 24**, for Thanksgiving. It will reopen Monday, November 27, at 9:00 a.m.

2023 / 2024 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

December 6, 2023 – WCGS Virtual Program "Intro to U.S. Church Records: Why We Care Where Grandma Went to Church" presented by Sunny Jane Morton

Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST – Zoom Program

Please register at https://www.wcgsohio.org/events to receive a Zoom invitation to this event.

January 10, 2024 – WCGS Virtual Program "Making the Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne Your Research Assistant: Collections & Services of This National Family History Repository" presented by Curt B. Witcher Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST – Zoom Program

Please register at https://www.wcgsohio.org/events to receive a Zoom invitation to this event.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

We are continuing our membership drive for 2024. Membership fees for 2024 are still \$15 for a regular membership (either single and family) and Life memberships are still \$200. You can join or renew your membership online at https://www.wcgsohio.org/ or by returning your dues and a copy of the Membership Application. Including an optional donation with your renewal helps us to keep these rates as affordable as possible and is greatly appreciated.

CLUES TO USE

Submitted by Linda Eckert, WCGS President

Check out our Special Collections! (Part 4)

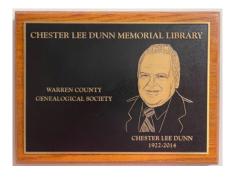
This month, we are featuring Chester Dunn's family history collection which consists of twelve red binders. Chester was a Charter Member of the Warren County Genealogical Society and served the Society for many years as a Volunteer, holding several offices, including the office of President. He authored numerous books and edited many of our early publications. You could always find Chester staffing the library or doing "field work." He gathered data from cemeteries, funeral homes, and other sources that we continue to use on a day-to-day basis. Chester was instrumental in developing our Society and was an Honorary Life Member.



Chester Lee Dunn 1922-2014

Chester was Member #7 in the first Families of Warren County Lineage Society and has proven 24 different ancestors who settled in the county prior to 1821. His earliest ancestor settled here in 1797 and ten of them were living here prior to the 1803 formation of Warren County.

Chester was born on May 2, 1922, in Washington Township, Warren County, Ohio, to Carleton and Mabel (St. John) Dunn. Chester married Betty Graeter on July 11, 1945. They were married for 68 years and had two children, Timothy Alan Dunn and Roger Lee Dunn. Chester worked for 30 years at NCR and retired in 1977. He was a United States Marine Corps Veteran and served in WWII and in the Korean War. He was a lifetime member of VFW Post #8202 and was in the Marine Corps Reserves from 1953-1971, retiring as a First Sergeant. Chester is buried in the Lebanon Cemetery.



At our July 2, 2014, Board Meeting, it was decided to name our expanded and improved library the "Chester Lee Dunn Memorial Library" to recognize and honor Chester for his efforts and success in preserving Warren County records and making them available to the public. A plaque formalizing this name was placed on the wall beside the Resource Library's entry door. We are grateful for the many years of service Chester gave us and continue to benefit from his hard work.

Below are some of the Warren County surnames that appear within Chester Dunn's family history. Visit us to check out this collection and see if there is information that may be helpful to you.

Arbogast	Drake	Irons	St. John
Athey	Dunham	Ivens/Ivins	Smith
Blake	Dunn	Johns	Starkey
Bogan	Ellis	Kratzer	Taylor
Bradstreet	Fouch/Fouche	Miller	Tufts
Bunnell	Graeter	Mullin	Wycoff
Chambers	Hall	Nixon	Zentmire
Compton	Harding	Peck	
Cook	Hockett	Phillips	
Doan	Hutchinson	Roland	

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Submitted by Diana Lovett, WCGS Recording Secretary

On September 14, 2023, eight Ohio American Indian sites, collectively known as the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks, were awarded the grand distinction of becoming the newest UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is the 25th site in the United States and the first in Ohio to receive this honor, and now joins other sites such as Cahokia Mounds, Chaco Culture, Yellowstone National Park, and the Grand Canyon. These and more can be found on the World Heritage USA website: https://worldheritageusa.org

This accomplishment for the American Indians and the state of Ohio was a positive first step in the rebuilding of our relationships with our Ohio American Indian Tribes. As we enter into the month of November, a time of thankfulness, we would like to remember and recognize Native American Heritage Month. We encourage everyone to take some time and become more familiar with the history and stories of the American Indians that came before us in this beautiful place we call home. If you were unable to attend the Fort Ancient Earthworks and Nature Preserve ceremony on October 7, 2023, Chief Glenna Wallace of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe gave a speech that is powerful and worth watching: https://www.facebook.com/FortAncient/videos/1058761935134788

To learn more about the nomination, please see the following presentation given by Todd Stephenson, UNESCO World Heritage Ambassador, with his 2022 World Heritage Update on August 27, 2022. It can be found on the Home Page of our website: https://www.wcgsohio.org/

Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving as we honor and celebrate our own heritage with friends and family.

THE SECRET TO VIEWING IMAGES ON WVCULTURE.ORG

Submitted by Jo Roth, WCGS Treasurer and Webmaster

A frustration of mine has been trying to access the Birth, Marriage, and Death images on the West Virginia Archives & History website, more familiarly known as WVCulture.org. Apparently, the issue can be remedied by eliminating one letter in the URL.

An example:

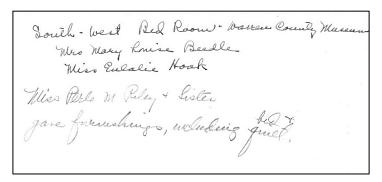
- Visit https://archive.wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx
- Click on <u>Death</u> to search for a Death Certificate: <u>https://archive.wvculture.org/vrr/va_dcsearch.aspx</u>
- Enter "Smith" in the Last Name field, "Lemuel" in the First Name field, and select "1931" for the Year of Death.
- Click on <u>126 Kb</u> in the Image Size column at the top of the list shown: https://archive.wvculture.org/vrr/va_view.aspx?Id=1977109&Type=Death

In the URL above, the problem lies in using https instead of http, so click on the URL field in your browser (sometimes you have to click and then click again to see the entire link) and DELETE the "s" following http. Click Enter.

RECLAIM THE RECORDS - A MILLION NEW RECORDS FROM MISSOURI

Updated public datasets are now available for more years of the Missouri Birth Index and Missouri Death Index. While this set of records has been online for a few years, there was a recent addition of records from 1910-1919 and 2016-2022 to the Missouri Birth Index, and 2016-2022 to the Missouri Death Records, following a four-year fight for their release. More information can be found here on the Records Newsletter.

FROM OUR PHOTO ARCHIVES



South-West Bed Room – Warren County Museum Mrs. Mary Louise Beedle Miss Eulalie Hook

Miss Perle M. Riley & Sister gave furnishings, including bed & quilt.



RECENT WARREN COUNTY VETERAN DEATHS

(Please send additions to atrelvik@gmail.com.)

WORLD WAR II:

Leonard Clouse (1921-2023) (US Air Force World War II)

James Richard Vernier Sr. (1925-2023) (US Navy World War II)

VIETNAM:

Frederick "Rick" Knight (1946-2023) (US Army Vietnam)

Keith A. Pummill (1952-2023) (US Navy Vietnam)

OTHER SERVICE:

Vilis Bers (1936-2023) (US Army)

Ruby Ann (Musser) Bishop (1964-2023) (US Army)

Terry D. Gillespie (1951-2023) (US Army)

Charles E. "Bud" Gray (1942-2023) (US Air Force)

Robert E. "Bluegill" Griffith (1946-2023) (US Air Force)

Michael J. Jakobi (1958-2023) (US Air Force)

John S. Jetter (1938-2023) (US Navy)

Thomas James Mahoney (1943-2023) (US Air Force)

Neil McNeil (1946-2023) (US Navy)

Kenneth Lay (1936-2023) (US Army)

Sylvester John Rapp (1934-2023) (US Army)

William Paul Rencsok (1954-2023) (US Marine Corps)

Eugene Milborn Tibbs (1930-2023) (US Army)

Gil A. Trepal (1950-2023) (US Air Force)

Thomas Joseph Vonderhaar (1943-2023) (Air National Guard)

Alan Lee Weimer (1953-2023) (US Air Force)

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following people and organizations who have made a monetary or materials donation to WCGS recently. Our Society and Resource Library Catalog continues to expand because of your generosity!

Gil Adkins Heidi Barringer Candy Jo Tucker Hartman Diana Lovett Lisa Simpleirs Arne Trelvik

OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Samuel D. Isaly Library, 611 State Route 97 West, Bellville, Ohio 44813 Telephone 419-886-1903 https://www.ogs.org

2024 OGS Annual Conference: "Rockin' Around Your Family Tree" – In-Person

Save the Dates – April 10-13, 2024

Kalahari Hotel and Resorts, Sandusky, Ohio

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

2024 Virtual Family History Conference: "Expanding Possibilities" - Virtual

Save the Dates – May 16-18, 2024

6400 Arlington Blvd., Suite 810, Falls Church, VA 22042-2318

Telephone 703-525-0050 or 800-473-0060 https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/

ROOTSTECH 2024

https://rootstech.org

Save the dates - Thursday, February 29, 2024 - Saturday, March 2, 2024

GENEALOGY WEBINARS

You need to pre-register. See websites below for complete lists of webinars being presented.

Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana

Please check under the "News & Events" heading for upcoming webinars.

https://www.acgsi.org/

Allen County Public Library

Events can be found on the Home page for the ACPL Genealogy Center:

https://acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy

American Ancestors by New England Historic Genealogical Society

Check the boxes for "Online only" and "Free" to see their list of webinars for the month.

https://www.americanancestors.org/events

Florida State Genealogical Society

Scroll down the Home page to find "Poolside Chats: A Genealogy Webinar Series."

https://fsgs.org/

International Society for British Genealogy and Family History

Their Winter Webinar Series resumes in November 2023. Webinars will be listed here:

https://www.isbgfh.com/Winter-Webinar-Series

Legacy Family Tree Webinars

Note: Legacy Family Tree Webinars understands 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 the materials, including the instructor's handouts, you must join and pay a yearly membership fee.

https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars/

National Genealogical Society's Conference Keeper

Virtual Events Live & Online

https://conferencekeeper.org/virtual/

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

WCGS has more than 160 Warren County Genealogical publications available for purchase. These can be purchased from the <u>Shop and Support</u> page of our website or you can download an order form at https://www.wcgsohio.org/downloadable-forms.

Membership is \$15 for a regular membership (single or family) or \$200 for a Life Membership. Please visit the <u>Join or</u> Renew page on our website or you can download a Membership Application at:

https://www.wcgsohio.org/downloadable-forms.

Phone: 513-695-1144 Email: wcgsoh@gmail.com WCGS NEW Website: https://www.wcgsohio.org

WCGS OLD Website (has broken links, but also GREAT databases): http://www.wcgsoh.org

WCGS Virtual Cemetery: http://sites.rootsweb.com/~ohwarren/Cemetery/burial.htm WCGS Facebook Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/262311627671559/

Western Star Digitization Project: https://www.ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll84

Warren County OHGenWeb Site: http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/

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

The WCGS Resource Library is open to the public. We are a FamilySearch Affiliate Library.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

An easy way to support WCGS each time you check out at Kroger is to participate in the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

- Visit https://www.kroger.com and sign into your Kroger account.
- Click the icon above your name to access "My Account" and look for Community Rewards on that page.
- Select Community Rewards and search for us either by Organization Name or Number and enroll in the program:
 - o Organization Name Warren Co Chpr of the Ohio Genealogical Soc
 - o Organization Number SU662

Then, every time you shop and use your Kroger Plus card, Kroger will make a small donation to WCGS!

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 1978 on the Ohio Memory Project. Since the site went online in the fall of 2018, **22,244** users have viewed **495,487** pages in **35,131** sessions.

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

We LOVE the Western Star!



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Lebanon, Ohio - Wednesday, February 5, 1975

VFW Life Members

Life members of the Morrow Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8202 are shown at their annual Christmas party held during the holidays.

Commander Chester Dunn kneels in front displaying the post's perpetual charter.

Others from left are Robert Francis.

Shepherd, Milton Lewis, Mike Sharik, Arthur Apking, Beauford Conner, Herbert Reveal, Donald Lewis, Clifford Veidt, Marion Whitacre, Clive DeBoard, Albert Braverman, Warren Reed, Richard Burger, Marvin Fuglie and Virgil Francis.