

# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News June 2013

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## 2013 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

14 Sep 2013: **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Cemetery Restoration Clinic** to be held at Dicks Creek Cemetery in Franklin Township. Watch for details

Our fall meetings will be held 18 Sep 2013, 16 Oct 2013, 13 Nov 2013 and 18 Dec 2013. Additional details will be provided as it becomes available. We thank Linda Eckert for all her work as our Program Chair.

## 2013 SUMMER GENEALOGY CLASS SCHEDULE

Dana Palmer has released the schedule for her ever popular Summer Genealogy Classes. They will be held on the dates indicated from 2 to 3 PM in our resource library at 406 Justice Drive. The fee for the series of 8 sessions is \$40 and will include a detailed workbook, and CD.

Advance reservations are not required but would be greatly appreciated for planning purposes. For more information, contact the society at 513 695 1144 or [wccgs@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:wccgs@co.warren.oh.us)

- 05 Jun 2013: Getting it Together: Organizing Your Family Research
- 12 Jun 2013: Using the RootsMagic Software
- 19 Jun 2013: Online Genealogy Resources (Message Boards, USGenWeb, World Connect)
- 26 Jun 2013: Basic Search Strategies at Family Search
- 10 Jul 2013: Advanced Search Strategies at Family Search
- 17 Jul 2013: Census Research at Ancestry.com
- 24 Jul 2013: Finding Local Records
- 31 Jul 2013: Court Research. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/>

## WARREN COUNTY, OHIO VIRTUAL CEMETERY PROJECT

In May, we added photos for all extant gravestones in Section 22 of [Woodhill Cemetery](#).

With these additions, the Warren County Virtual Cemetery Project has photos on line for 47,553 burials in 94 cemeteries. See links to other cemeteries at <http://goo.gl/YSRaS>

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

=> **War of 1812 Pension Files:** In May, Fold3 had pension files on line up to the **Cupp** surname in Ohio. The pension files for 22 Warren County soldiers that are available on line as listed at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/military/1812pension.htm> with links to their pension and bounty land files. Those added in May from Warren County (that we know of) were [William S. Crain/Crane](#) (20 images), [Thomas Crawford](#) (26 images), [Erastus Crossfield](#) (26 images) and [William Cummins](#) (41 images).

[William S. Crain](#) enlisted at Dayton, Ohio as 2nd Corporal in Capt John Sharp's Company, Col. Lewis Cass' 2nd Regiment Ohio Militia for 1 year on 23 May 1812. He was one of 25 men in his company who volunteered and took part in the Second Battle of Brownstown in which they lost killed & wounded 9 men. He continued in service until he was surrendered a prisoner of war at Detroit with the army commanded by General Hull. He was paroled at Zanesville in the fall of 1812 and was afterwards honorably discharged at Franklin, Ohio on 24 May 1813. He claimed a 2nd enlistment as a Lt. in Capt. Sawyers' Indpt. Rifle Co., which was stationed at Green River at the close of the war. William S. Crain and Martha S. Brown were married in Warren County, Ohio on 16 Jun 1816. [Bounty Land Warrant #7,767](#) was issued in favor of William S. Crain, Corporal, in Capt Sharpe's Co, 2d Regt Ohio volunteers. A patent for 160 acres was issued to him on 1 Mar 1854 for 160 acres located in Vermilion County, Illinois. He was living in Covington, Fountain Co, Indiana when filing his 1850 Bounty Land claim. While still a resident of Covington, he was granted a pension of \$8/month commencing 14 Feb 1871 - Application #2,247, Certificate #1,025 dated 12 Jul 1871.

[Thomas Crawford](#) volunteered in Warren County, Ohio about 23 Mar 1813 as a Private in [Capt Theophilus Simonton's Rifle Company](#) for the term of six months and was in two engagements with the British and Indians at Fort Meigs. He served 193 days and was honorably discharged at Fort Finley/Findlay in Ohio on 23 Sept 1813. Thomas Crawford married Margaret Shepler on 24 Nov 1817 in Fayette County, Indiana. [Bounty Land Warrant #2099](#) for 80 acres was issued in favor of Thomas Crawford, Private in Capt. Simonton's Company, Ohio Militia, which he assigned to John R. Blizzard who obtained a patent on 20 May 1863 for 86.05 acres in Clark County, Illinois. [Bounty Land Warrant #7123](#) for 80 acres was issued in favor of Thomas Crawford, Private in Capt. Simonton's Company, Ohio Militia, which he assigned to William Wright in whose favor a patent was issued on 1 Dec 1857 for 80 acres in Adair County, Iowa. Thomas Crawford, then a widower, of Laurence Twp (Oakland PO), Marion County, Indiana was granted a pension of \$8/month commencing 14 Feb 1871 - Application #135989, Certificate #17196 dated 3 Jun 1872.

**Dr. Erastus Crossfield** was born 3 Dec 1791 in Keene, New Hampshire where he lived until 1821 when he moved to Essex County, New Jersey. He and his wife moved to Warren County in 1832 where he died on 18 Jan 1873 at Red Lion. [15 Jan 1873 on his [gravestone](#)] He enlisted in the US Navy at Boston, Mass and served for over two years until the end of the war as a surgeon on the USS "Toronto" or "Tampico" or "Albion" [widow wasn't sure of ship's name] Erastus Crossfield and Orpha Crane were married at New Providence, Essex County, NJ (now Union County) on 10 Apr 1823 by Rev. John Hancock. Orpha Crossfield of Red Lion, Ohio, filed for a widows' pension in Dec 1878 & Nov. 1880 (Application #33711). Her claim was twice rejected as no ship rolls to his prove service could be found. Others from Warren County mentioned in the file included their son P. S. Crossfield, Amanda P. Conklin, Jesse Gustin, Peter Sellers & J. M. Wright.

**William Cummins** was drafted at Lebanon, Warren County about 25 August 1813 for the term of six months. He served as a Private in [Capt. William Fordyce's Company](#) of Ohio Militia and was honorably discharged at Upper Sandusky or Fort Meigs about 10 Feb 1814. William Cummins and Hannah Nichols were married 9 Sep 1826 by John Cunningham, J.P. in Newark, Licking County, Ohio. Hannah indicated that William had been previously married but the name of his first wife was not listed. [Bounty Land Warrant #76,063](#) for 160 acres was issued in favor of Hannah Cummins, widow of William Cummins, Private, Capt. Fordyce's Company Ohio Militia. Hannah assigned the warrant to Catharine Freeze in whose favor a patent was issued on 1 Sep 1860 for 148.05 acres in Carver County, Minnesota. Daughter Caroline and husband Robert Gilmour both gave depositions when Hannah made her application for bounty land. Hannah Cummins received a widows' pension of \$8 per month commencing 9 Mar 1878 - Application #18480, Certificate #19276 dated 23 Mar 1891. In 1887 a special examiner reported that she was about 90 years of age, greatly deformed and crippled & residing with her son-in-law, Robert Gilmour about 3 miles north of Morrow. A 31 May 1888 letter indicated "She will be 94 years old the 20" day of August next. She has for the last eight years been unable to dress herself and for the last four years has been so completely helpless as to be unable to feed herself, thereby making it necessary for a nurse to be in constant attendance upon her. . . ." It was signed by neighbors Leon Hunter, Werner Opes, W. D. Wilson, Daniel Collins, Geo. W. Jack, Lewis Stibbs & Jos. Watkins. On 27 Feb 1891, Private Act No. 247 was enacted by Congress that increased her pension to \$30 per month. The House Report says, "Governor James E. Campbell, of Ohio, writes that Mrs. Cummins has been a bedridden invalid for a great many years, and that the bill is one that calls for prompt action as she is in great need of relief. George W. Jack and Leon Hunter, citizens of Morrow, Ohio, testify that Mrs. Cummins is 96 years old, nearly blind, and in such a condition physically as to require constant care and attention. Aside from her pension of \$12 per month she has nothing, and she is dependent upon her married daughter and her husband for almost everything, and they are poor and needy themselves." She was last paid \$30 on 4 Mar 1892 when she was dropped from the rolls after the Morrow postmaster reported that she had died. Others from Warren County mentioned in the file included Albert Anderson, Albert Brant, Daniel H. Compton, Jane G. Hunter and Joseph C. Newport.

=> **Veteran Photos and Documents:**

Photo of [Asaph Butler](#) (4 OVC) contributed by Louranah Janeski.

=> **Civil War Widow's Pension Files** available on [fold3.com](#) continue to grow and are now up to at least widow certificate number 122,258. No new pension files for Warren County men were found. Go to <http://goo.gl/Vcvm6> to view our list of [Warren County Pension Application Files](#) that are available on line with links to 102 different pension files. If you know of others, please let us know.

=> ★ **Warren County Civil War 150 Roll of Honor, June, 1863** ★ - 9 casualties: 6 dead, 2 wounded, 1 POW.

**Killed in Action or Mortally Wounded:**

[Joseph Boynton](#) (69 OVI) died of wounds received 31 Dec 1862 & [Flavius Thackara](#) (95 OVI) died of wounds received 23 May 1863

**Wounded:**

[John T. Riley](#) (17 OVI) and [Joseph Reece Whitaker/Whitacre](#), (17 OVI & 146 OVI) were wounded at Hoover's Gap, Tennessee.

**POWs:**

[Fenton Squires](#) (110 OVI) was captured at Hoover's Gap, Tennessee.

**Died from Disease or Other Causes:**

[Jacob Conover](#) (89 OVI), [Patrick Haley](#) (83 OVI), [Daniel Lamb](#) (50 OVI) & [Harmon Myers](#) (69 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.

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**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).

10 Aug 2013: [Chapter Management Seminar](#): 32895 Cedar Road, Mayfield Heights, <http://www.ogs.org/events/2013chaptermanagement.php>

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 [53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference](#) at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Sandusky, Ohio.

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**OTHER EVENTS**

<> 21 - 24 Aug 2013 "FGS Conference" Ft. Wayne, Indiana. See <http://www.fgsconference.org/program/>

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

<> 7-10 May 2014 "NGS Conference" Richmond, Virginia. Hotel Reservations at <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/accommodations>

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**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 \$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](mailto:wccgs@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.]

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