

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY *e-News* October 2024

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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WCGS RESOURCE LIBRARY HOURS

The WCGS Resource Library will be **closed Thursday, October 17, 2024, for Volunteer Training / Meeting and Appreciation Luncheon.**

The WCGS Resource Library will be **closed Monday, November 11, 2024, in observance of Veterans Day.**

The WCGS Resource Library will be **closed Wednesday through Friday, November 27-29, 2024, for Thanksgiving.**

2024 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Our programs are FREE and open to the public. All are welcome!

October Virtual Program "**Ancestry Pro Tools: Increase Your DNA Analysis**" presented by **Kelli Bergheimer**
Wednesday, October 9, 2024, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST – Zoom Program

If you are on our email list, you will automatically receive a Zoom invitation to join us for our Virtual Chapter Meeting and Program. You can sign up for our email list at the bottom of any website page. <https://www.wcgsohio.org>

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

We are starting our membership drive for 2025. Membership fees for 2025 are \$25 for a regular membership (either single or family) and Life memberships are \$250. You can join WCGS or renew your membership online at <https://www.wcgsohio.org/join-or-renew> or by returning your dues and a copy of the Membership Application included with this *e-News*. Including an optional donation with your renewal helps us to keep these rates as affordable as possible and is greatly appreciated.



It's a great time to join or renew your membership!

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR WCGS OFFICERS

Nominations are now open for WCGS Officers for the 2025 / 2026 term. These positions include President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary. If you are interested in running for office or have someone you would like to suggest (with their agreement to do so), please contact the Nominating Committee Chair Laura Ingling at wcgsoh@gmail.com or by calling the Resource Library at 513-695-1144. The election will take place in November.

JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

The folks at the Little Miami History Connection have once again knocked it out of the park with their beautiful ornament for 2024. This year's ornament features Harlan-Butlerville Elementary School and like the ornaments from previous years, is a small token of nostalgia for those who grew up in the area.

Please visit their website for more information or to order your very own ornament!

<https://www.littlemiamihistory.org/>



60 MINUTES: “NATIONAL ARCHIVES”

Our thanks to WCGS Members Ruth Flinn and Marcie Smith for their recent Facebook post about this.

Check this out! Television news show *60 Minutes* did a piece on the National Archives on September 22. If you did not get a chance to see it, you can view the video and a transcript online at CBS News:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/national-archives-history-60-minutes-transcript/>

*Be sure to watch the additional clip, *60 Minutes Overtime*.

INSIDE THE VAULT: NATIONAL TREASURE – FACT OR FICTION

Inside the Vault is a new series of monthly virtual public programs that will examine stories of the people, events, and ideas found in the records of the National Archives. The first program is Tuesday, October 8, 2024, starting at 6:00 p.m., with Archivist of the United States Colleen Shogan and the hosts of the National Treasure Hunt podcast. To register, or for more information, please visit:

<https://www.archives.gov/calendar/event/inside-the-vault-national-treasure-fact-or-fiction>

For more information about the National Treasure Hunt podcast hosted by Aubrey Paris and Emily Black, who are also the authors of *National Treasure Hunt: One Step Short of Crazy*, please visit:

<https://nthuntpodcast.com/>

SUPPORT THE STAR! UPDATE

Our fundraising campaign to [Support the Star!](#) was launched July 4, 2024, with a goal of raising \$20,000 by July 4, 2025. Thank you to everyone who has donated thus far and helped us locate missing issues. To date, we have raised \$775.10! That is a great start, but we have a long way to go. With the recent addition of issues through 1999, there are now over 157,000 pages online. There are some new searching techniques that we hope to share with you in the next issue of *e-News* and online that will help your research in these online issues.

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 1999 on the [Ohio Memory Project](#). Since the site went online in the fall of 2018, 32,301 users have viewed 705,339 pages in 49,942 sessions.

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

EAST COAST GENETIC GENEALOGY (ECGG) 2024 CONFERENCE

Third Annual Conference – In-Person and Virtual

Friday, October 4 – Sunday, October 6, 2024

*Early Bird Registration Discount Through September 15!

Maritime Conference Center, 692 Maritime Blvd., Linthicum Heights, MD 21090

<https://ecggc.org/>

2024 ANNUAL GENEALOGY SEMINAR IN DAYTON, OHIO

The Montgomery County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society is sponsoring the 2024 Annual Genealogy Seminar November 9, 2024, from 9 AM – 4 PM, featuring classes by Sunny Morton, at the Christ United Methodist Church at 3440 Shroyer Road in Dayton, Ohio. Sunny will present the following four classes:

Comparing the U.S. Newspaper Giants

Born to Be Filed: A Story of Civil Birth Registrations in the United States

Help! There's No Class on Researching

Fable or Fact? Verifying Old Family Stories

with a Bonus Presentation 30-minute presentation during lunch!

Ohio River Adventures

For more information or to download a flyer, please visit:

<https://mcc-ogs.org/eventListings.php?nm=57>

ROOTSTECH 2025

<https://rootstech.org>

Thursday, March 6 – Saturday, March 8, 2025 – In-Person and Virtual
Registration Now Open!

Speakers include **Kelli Bergheimer**, **Dana Palmer**, and more!



OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Samuel D. Isaly Library, 611 State Route 97 West, Bellville, Ohio 44813-8813

Telephone 419-886-1903 <https://www.ogs.org>

2025 OGS Annual Conference: “Light Up Your Genealogy”

Wednesday, April 30 – Saturday, May 3, 2025 – In-Person

Kalahari Hotel and Resorts, 7000 Kalahari Drive, Sandusky, OH 44870-8628

INDIANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 10507, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46852-0507

<https://www.indgensoc.org/>

2025 IGS Annual Conference

Friday, April 11 – Saturday, April 12, 2025 – In-Person AND Virtual

Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN 46802-3600

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

6400 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 810, Falls Church, VA 22042-2318

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

2025 Family History Conference

Friday, May 23 – Monday, May 26, 2025 - In-Person at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, KY

<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

GRIP 2025 GENEALOGY INSTITUTE

<https://grip.ngsgenealogy.org/>

Sunday, June 22, 2025 – Friday, June 27, 2025 – Virtual Courses

Sunday, July 13, 2025 – Friday, July 18, 2025 – In-Person Courses

LaRoche University, 9000 Babcock Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15237-5808

INSTITUTE OF GENEALOGY AND HISTORICAL RESEARCH (IGHR)

c/o Georgia Genealogical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 551247, Atlanta, Georgia 30355-2747

Telephone 678-439-7503 <https://ighr.gagensociety.org/>

IGHR 2025 Virtual Institute

Save the Dates! Sunday, July 27 – Friday, August 1, 2025 – Virtual

IGHR 2026 Virtual Institute

Save the Dates! Sunday, July 26 – Friday, July 31, 2026 – Virtual

45TH IAJGS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH GENEALOGY

<https://www.iajgs.org/conference/iajgs2025/>

Sunday, August 10, 2025 – Thursday, August 14, 2025

Grand Wayne Convention Center, 120 W Jefferson Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

The Grand Wayne Convention Center is connected to the Hilton Fort Wayne and located a block from the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center.

GENEALOGY WEBINARS

Please visit the following sites for complete lists of webinars being presented.

[Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center](#)

[American Ancestors by New England Historic Genealogical Society](#)

[ConferenceKeeper](#)

[Florida State Genealogical Society](#)

[International Society for British Genealogy and Family History](#)

[Legacy Family Tree Webinars](#)

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

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- Click the icon above your name to access “My Account” and look for Community Rewards on that page.
- Select Community Rewards and search by Organization Name or Number and enroll in the program:
 - Organization Name – Warren Co Chpr of the Ohio Genealogical Soc
 - Organization Number – SU662

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

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!

Jeff Baker

Delores Bovee

Jim Brokaw

Joyce Croley

Patricia Dubrow

Lee Eltzroth

Jerry Ferguson

Jo Roth

Deb Schneider

REV. WAR PATRIOT SGT. BENJAMIN BALDWIN HONORED

The Turtle Creek Chapter OSDAR invites you to join them in honoring Revolutionary War Patriot Benjamin Baldwin Saturday, October 26, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. This event will be held at the Edwardsville Cemetery in Harlan Township. The cemetery is located on Edwardsville Road (Township Road 196) at its intersection with Kunker Road (Township Road 202). Light refreshments will follow. Please RSVP to Regent Gael Fischer 513-236-6126 if you plan to attend.

SAVE THE DATE

Join us as we honor Revolutionary War Patriot

Sgt. Benjamin Baldwin

Saturday

26 October 2024 at 10:30 AM

Edwardsville Cemetery
Warren Co. Rd 196 & Harlan Twp Rd 202,
Blanchester, OH

R.S.V.P. Requested: Gael Fischer, 513.236.6126



WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

WCGS has more than 160 Warren County Genealogical publications available for purchase. These can be purchased from the [Shop and Support](#) page of our website or you can download an order form:

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

Membership is \$25 for a regular membership (single or family) or \$250 for a Life Membership. Please visit the [Join or Renew](#) page on our website or you can download a Membership Application:

<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/p16007coll184>

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

RESOURCE LIBRARY HOURS: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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



Warren County Genealogical Society

406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
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WHEN: Wednesday, October 9, 2024

WHERE: Virtual Meeting and Program via Zoom

PROGRAM: Starting at 7:00 p.m.

Ancestry Pro Tools: Increase Your DNA Analysis

Ancestry's new Pro Tools can increase your ability to analyze your DNA matches. New filters have been added to enhance your DNA sorting. Colored dots have expanded. And the much-anticipated Enhanced DNA Shared Matches tool is giving us another level of insight into our matches by showing us how our matches share DNA with each other.

Presented by Kelli Bergheimer

Kelli Bergheimer is a writer, teacher, editor, and national genealogical speaker. Kelli holds a Bachelor's in Biology, a Master's in Education: Curriculum and Instruction, and a Master's in Business Management. Kelli is the Director of Curriculum and Assessments for Blue Kayak, a K-12 textbook company. She also works as a DNA report editor for Legacy Tree Genealogists and a contributor for Your DNA Guide. Kelli runs a small business – Mess on the Desk, a genealogical organization company with a YouTube channel. Kelli is the facilitator for Genetics, Genealogy, and You, an online DNA Interest Group. Kelli is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the Genealogical Speaker's Guild.



For more from Kelli, please check out her YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvNrudGjNxizeNCG-1abajQ/about>



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<https://www.wcgsohio.org>

For more information, please contact WCGS at 513-695-1144 or wcgsoh@gmail.com.



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Membership Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

- ☐ Check here if you would like to receive quarterly newsletters via REGULAR MAIL.
*Emailing our newsletters is a huge savings of time and money to the society, but can be sent by regular postal mail to members who do not have an email address or who prefer a paper copy.
- ☐ Check here if you are a member of the Ohio Genealogical Society.

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP ☐ New or ☐ Renewal for year _____. Dues are payable the 1st of the calendar year.

\$ _____ Membership (\$25)

\$ _____ Life (\$250)

\$ _____ Optional Donation

\$ _____ Total

Mail Membership Application and payment to:

Warren County Genealogical Society

406 Justice Drive

Lebanon, OH 45036

Or visit our [website](http://www.wcgsohio.org) to Join
or Renew and pay online!

About the Warren County Genealogical Society

The Warren County Genealogical Society was established as a chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society on May 20, 1981, and enjoys a nationwide membership. Our purpose is to build and promote interest in collecting and preserving genealogical records associated with Warren County, Ohio, and its inhabitants through the following:

Resource Library

406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, Ohio 45036

Telephone: 513-695-1144

Our resource library, staffed by volunteers, is open to the public, without charge, Monday to Friday from 9 AM to 4 PM. The library is staffed by experienced volunteers who can assist you in using the thousands of publications, Family Histories, and microfilms that we have available. We are now a FamilySearch Affiliate Library! <https://www.wcgsohio.org/wcgs-resource-library>

Internet Resources

Website: <https://www.wcgsohio.org/>

Alleen Stephenson Digital Newspaper Project: <https://ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll84>

Warren County Ohio Genealogical Society Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/262311627671559/>

Educational Programs

Monthly programs throughout the year: <https://www.wcgsohio.org/events>

Annual Cemetery Restoration Workshops: <https://www.wcgsohio.org/cemetery-restoration-workshops>

Lineage Societies

First Families of Warren County <https://www.wcgsohio.org/first-families>

Our Society honors First Families of Warren County. Prove your ancestors were here before January 1, 1821, to join our First Families.

Early Settlers of Warren County <https://www.wcgsohio.org/early-settlers>

Our Society honors Early Settlers of Warren County. Prove your ancestors were here between January 1, 1821, to December 31, 1882, to join our Early Settlers.

Society of Civil War Families of Warren County <https://www.wcgsohio.org/civil-war-families>

Our society honors the memory of the soldiers and sailors who served during the Civil War.

Publications

The quarterly journal, *Heir Lines* is provided to each member.

***Please note: Heir Lines is not currently being published. We have been without an Editor since 2022.**

A monthly newsletter is emailed to any interested party. Members without an email address may request copies by mail.

The society offers over 150 genealogical publications for sale and regularly adds new publications.

See <https://www.wcgsohio.org/shop-and-support> for more information.