

# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News Aug, 2015

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## SUMMER GENEALOGY WORKSHOP - Presented by [Dana Palmer](#), CG, Lebanon, Ohio - [palmer@fioptics.com](mailto:palmer@fioptics.com)

These popular classes will be held from 2pm to 3pm at the County Administration Building, 406 Justice Dr., Lebanon, Ohio. The classes are oriented to the less experienced researcher and will guide you with online resources as well as resources found at the county, city and state level. The fee is \$5 per class. A newly updated 300+ page Summer Workshop book will also be available for \$20. Call 513 695 1144 or email [wcs@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:wcs@co.warren.oh.us) to reserve your seat.

5 Aug 2015      Beginning Military Research & Using Fold3.com  
12 Aug 2015      Land Record Research

## 2015 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, the Campus Center at the Otterbein Retirement Community, 585 N State Rte. 741 (north of Rte. 63), Lebanon.*

16 Sep 2015      "Land Records" presented by Liz Stratton  
21 Oct 2015      "Our Irish Families" presented by Harriet Foley  
18 Nov 2015      "Tales of Early Frontierswoman" presented by Bonnie Johnston  
16 Dec 2015      Annual Christmas Gathering.

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

## WARREN COUNTY RECORDS CENTER & ARCHIVES NOW ONLINE!

Shelby Dixon, Archival Intern at the Warren County Records Center & Archives, has developed a Facebook page and a blog for the WCRC which can be reached at the links listed below. They have gotten off to a great start with some very interesting posts. Please visit their pages and give them lots of "likes"!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/warrencorecordscenterandarchives>

Blog: <https://wrcarchives.wordpress.com/teachers-students/>

Website: <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/recordscenter/>

## WARREN COUNTY, OHIO PHOTO GALLERY

[Genevieve Hawk Photos](#) - [National Normal University](#), contributed by [Richard De Angelis](#) 21 Jun 2015

*[Genevieve was born 3 Jun 1890 in Lebanon, Ohio to Professor [Fletcher Hawk](#) & [Celia Maria Adams](#)]*

To contribute your vintage photos to our [photo gallery](#), email them to [atrelvik@gmail.com](mailto:atrelvik@gmail.com) with some background information.

## WARREN COUNTY AFRICAN AMERICAN WORLD WAR I CASUALTY RECOGNIZED

[Sylvester Williams](#) - Private, No.2 Construction Company (Coloured), Canadian Expeditionary Force, World War I  
[Nick Metcalfe](#), has added an essay to his "[WWI Sacrifice](#)" project about [Sylvester Williams](#) (1874-1919) detailing his service and subsequent death which may be found at <http://ww1sacrifice.com/2015/07/17/private-sylvester-williams/>

Sylvester was one of 12 children born to **Augustus "Gus" Williams** (1833-1914) and **Mary Jane Worrell/Hickman** (1844-1924). His parents were married in Lebanon in 1861 and are buried in [Miami Cemetery](#). Sylvester enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces during World War I and contracted tuberculosis while serving in Europe. He died at the Lake Edward Sanatorium in Quebec on 4 Aug 1919 and is also buried in the [Miami Cemetery](#).

## WAR OF 1812 PENSION DIGITIZATION PROJECT

Based on the pension files that we have found so far, we are guessing that there will be about 136 pension files with a total of about 5,000 pages that have a connection to Warren County. The cost to digitize those pages will be about \$2,250.

Thanks to the wonderful response that we have had so far, we are confident that our fund raising effort will be sufficient to cover the cost of all of "our Warren County files."

The Warren County Genealogical Society is matching up to \$500 in contributions to this project that we receive in 2015. In addition, the Federation of Genealogical Societies has allotted an additional \$500 to our fund raising effort. Send your tax deductible gift, payable to WCGS, to the Warren County Genealogical Society at 406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, OH 45036, noting that it is for the War of 1812 Pension Project. We will submit your donation along with our matching contribution in December. It will then be matched by Ancestry.com. A donation form is attached.

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### JOHN CAMPBELL, 1832 APPLICATION FOR NATURALIZATION

**Source:** Warren County, Ohio, Series A, Box 88; recorded Common Pleas Volume 14, page 16.

[Click here](#) to see image.

The State of Ohio

Warren County ss

Personally appeared in open Court, being the Court of Common Pleas within and for the County aforesaid **John Campbell**, an applicant for naturalization, who being duly sworn declares and says; That he is sixty years of age, that he was born in the North of Ireland from whence he emigrated in the year 1791 to the United States of America, and has continued to reside there ever since, that he has been a resident of Warren County in the State of Ohio for about twenty three years past- And the said John Campbell further declares and says that during his residence aforesaid in the United States, he has been attached to the principles of the Constitution thereof, and well disposed to the good order & happiness of the same, and that it has been his intention for at least three years past, to become a citizen of the United States; and he further declares and says the he will support the constitution of the United States, and that he doth absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever and in particularly to William the fourth the king of Great Britain & Ireland &c. and the said John also saith that he has never borne any hereditary title, or been of the order of Nobility in any country whatever, and further saith not.

John **X** Campbell [his mark]

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court 4th of Oct 1832

[George J. Smith](#) Prest. Judge

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State of Ohio

Warren County ss

Personally appeared in open Court [T. R. Ross](#) who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is well acquainted with the within named **John Campbell**, that he was residing within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States before the 18th day of June 1812 and has continued to reside therein ever since. That said John for at least five years preceding this time has been and continues to be a resident of the County of Warren in this State & deponent has been informed and believes that he has behaved as a man of good moral character attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order & happiness of the same, and further saith not.

[Thomas R. Ross](#)

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 4th Oct 1832

[George J. Smith](#) Prest. Judge

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The State of Ohio

Warren County ss

Personally appeared in open Court **Absalom Fox** who being duly sworn deposeth and saith; that he is well acquainted with the within named **John Campbell**, that he has for at least five years preceding this time, been and continues to be a resident of Warren County in this State, that he has behaved as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same,; and further saith not.

**Absalom Fox**

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 4th of Oct 1832

[George J. Smith](#) Prest. Judge

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

=> **VETERAN PHOTOS AND DOCUMENTS:**

No veteran photos were submitted in July.

Email your veteran photos to [atrelvik@gmail.com](mailto:atrelvik@gmail.com) if you would like to add them to our Military Heritage pages.

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## => WAR OF 1812 PENSION FILES:

In July, fold3 had pension files on line up to the **Simeon Moore** name in Ohio. We now know of 81 pension files containing 2,941 pages that have been digitized for soldiers with a connection to Warren County. In July, the file for [William Hay](#) (ca. 1793-1868) was located.

### [Martha E. Hay, widow of William Hay](#) (Application #19220, Certificate #9777) - [60 images](#)

**William Hay** enlisted for 6 months at New Mills, Burlington County, as a Private in **Capt. Samuel Jones'** Company in the regiment of New Jersey Militia commanded by Col. Reed and Howell. He served for 95 days from 19 Sep 1814 to 22 Dec 1814. He moved to Warren County shortly after the war and was married 3 times.

**Charlotte Ramsey**, the 1st wife of **William Hay**, died at [Raysville, Warren County](#), on 23 Nov 1837. William was then [married on 24 May 1838](#) to his 2nd wife, **Margaret (Hollaway) Smith**, by **Amos Lamson**. She was the widow of **Obediah Smith** who she [married on 25 Nov 1814](#) in Warren County by **John Satterthwaite**, Justice of the Peace. Obediah died at Raysville. **William Hay** was [married on 7 Oct 1852](#) to his 3rd wife, **Martha (Burden) Morris** at Waynesville by **J. C. Collett**, Justice of the Peace. Martha was the widow of **James Morris** who she had [married on 20 Jun 1841](#). **James Morris** died about 4 Dec 1849. **William Hay** died at Raysville on 28 Feb 1868.

On 27 Nov 1850 **William Hay**, age 59 of Warren County, made a declaration before **Benjamin Blackburn**, a Justice of the Peace for the purpose of obtaining bounty land under the Act of 1850. [Bounty Land Warrant #16870](#) for 40 acres was issued in favor of William Hay Private in Captain Jones' Company New Jersey Militia. He assigned the warrant to **Robert P. Kerby** who was issued a patent for 40 acres in DeWitt County, Illinois on 15 Apr 1853.

On 23 Mar 1855 **William Hay**, age 62, of Warren County, made a declaration in open court for the purpose of obtaining additional bounty land under the Act of 1855. [Bounty Land Warrant #11319](#) for 120 acres was issued in favor of **William Hay**, Private Capt. Jones' Company New Jersey Militia. He assigned the warrant to **Jesse Williams** who assigned it to **James Wilderman** who received a patent for 120 acres in Barton County, Missouri on 1 Jul 1859.

On 16 Apr 1878, **Martha E. Hay**, age 55, of Warren County, made a declaration before the clerk of the Court for the purpose of obtaining a widow's pension under the Act of 1878. She was awarded a pension of \$8 per month beginning 9 Mar 1878 by certificate #9777 dated 8 Oct 1878. She was last paid \$12 to 4 Dec 1886 and dropped from the rolls due to her death on 1 Jan 1887. **George M. Zell** (age 72) testified that he buried her on 3 Jan 1887 but he did not state where.

Supporting testimony was provided by **Oscar J. Wright** (age 69), **Israel H. Harris** (age 54), **Samuel W. Rogers** (age 64), **J. W. Keys**, **Elton Dudley**, **James Stokes** of Ridgeville, **Lewis F. Mannington**, **Edward Meeks**, **Jacob Randall** (age 62 of Waynesville), **Biddle B. Hay** (age 62 of Greene County) and his wife **Margaret B. Hay** (age 60), his son and daughter-in-law, **Mary J. Brown** (age 62 of Waynesville), **Silas W. Haines**, **C. D. Woolley** (age 47) and **Oscar J. Wright** (age 54).

=>See <http://goo.gl/uWutD> or <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/warsmain.htm> for information about other Warren County veterans. Please email us if you know of any that we may have missed.

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## “THE PIONEERS of Wayne Township and the Adjacent Miami Valley Hold Their Annual Reunion at Waynesville – A Most Successful Meeting,”

*Lebanon (Ohio) Gazette*, Thursday, August 11, 1887, p. 5, c. 3.

[Click here](#) to see image

“Saturday morning dawned with Dame Nature’s face drawn up into something of a scowl. It was cloudy and a rain seemed inevitable. But the scowl faded and a smile followed, until the day had broadened out into a perceptible snicker. It was all that could be desired. Cool and pleasant, after the scorching weather of the first of the week, with a delightful breeze which lasted all day, and it is no wonder that the meeting of the Miami Valley Pioneer Association was by far the most successful that has yet been held. The day seemed to inspire every one present, speakers and listeners, and the occasion was one to be remembered.

The members of the Association were slow in gathering and those who were upon the grounds early felt somewhat blue over the prospect. The meeting was to have come to order at ten o’clock but it was half past eleven when Vice **President Wales** ascended the platform and called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, which was done by Secretary **Drew Sweet**. The minutes stood approved and **Hon. W. H. Stokes** delivered a carefully prepared and very appropriate address of welcome. The remaining exercises down on the morning programme were postponed until after dinner and then a motion for an adjournment of two hours carried unanimously.

Those two hours were most profitably spent particularly the first one which was devoted to putting innumerable good things “where they would do the most good,” as one irreverent youngster remarked. Some had regular basket dinner on the grounds, the cool, shady yard around the Friends’ meeting house, and others shared the hospitality of Waynesville’s kind-hearted citizens.

In the afternoon, those who had been present in the morning once more met but their members had been greatly reinforced. Fully five hundred persons were present and they all stayed until the exercises had closed. The Vice President called the meeting to order and the afternoon programme was begun.

**Samuel W. Rogers** read an extremely interesting paper on the early recollections of things in and about Waynesville, which was listened to with close attention, as, however, were all the other papers and speeches. He was followed by **S. Lev. Cartwright**, who, although not a pioneer himself, had obtained by conversation with older persons a number of very valuable points of the early history of Wayne townships.

At this point it was proposed to photograph the audience but it was feared that it would take too much time, so the plan was abandoned. Then the orator of the day, Hon. **John Q. Smith**, was introduced. Of his address it is entirely unnecessary to speak except to say that it was in his happiest vein. It appears on another page and will amply repay a perusal.

**George Sale** read some very pleasant incidents of life in District No. 13. Then Secretary Sweet read two papers on the early days, written for the occasion, one by **George Myer** and the other by Mrs. **Jane S. Nicholson**. These papers closed the regular programme, but in response to repeated calls Mr. **Josiah Morrow** addressed the meeting for a few moments in a very pleasant and complimentary little speech. The officers of the past year were unanimously rechosen to their respective positions. A vote of thanks to **Mr. Smith** was passed in the same hearty manner. The formal meeting then adjourned but for some time afterward the old people remained, talking over old times and comparing their recollections of days gone by.

The oldest person on the ground was **Merritt Bunnell**, of Waynesville, who was eighty-nine years old last January. **Samuel Kelly** and **George Myer** were each eighty-eight and from them; the ages ranked down to that of a child in arms. The next meeting will be held in just a year and not one who was present on Saturday will miss it if it is possible to be there and the determination is to make it as enjoyable a meeting as this years which was all that could be wished.

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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 West, Bellville, Ohio 44813. Phone (419) 886-1903. [Annual membership](#) includes home access to <http://www.heritagepursuit.com> (Ohio County Histories).

◊ 15 Aug 2015 – [2015 Chapter Management Seminar](#), John McIntire Library, Zanesville, Ohio

◊ 3 Oct 2015 – [2015 OGS Fall Seminar](#) featuring Thomas MacEntee, Quality Inn & Suites Conference Center, 1000 Comfort Plaza Dr, Bellville, Ohio 44813.

◊ 28-30 Apr 2016, “**Tracking Your Ancestors,**” **2016 OGS Annual Conference**  
Great Wolf Lodge, Mason, Ohio

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**OTHER EVENTS**

◊ [Clermont County Chapter, OGS](#) E-mail: [ccovalcine@gmail.com](mailto:ccovalcine@gmail.com)

*Programs sponsored by the Clermont County Genealogical Society are held at the Doris Wood Library, 180 S. 3rd St. in Batavia, Ohio, on the first Saturday of the month at 1:00 pm unless noted otherwise. They are free & open to the public unless otherwise noted. For more information see [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohclecgs/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohclecgs/) or call 513-723-3423.*

**Thursday, August 6, 2015, 6 p.m. – Ohio Township Park**

Directions: From Ohio Rt. 125, turn south on Ohio 132. Go approximately 3.3 miles, turn right on Mt. Pisgah Road. The Ohio Township Park is approximately one tenth of a mile on the right.

**Saturday, September 5, 2015, 1 p.m. – “The Migration of Dutch families to Southwest Ohio”.** Speaker: Tom Conover

◊ [Clinton County Genealogical Society](#), History Center, 149 E. Locust Street, Wilmington, Ohio

*Except as noted, monthly meetings are at the History Center on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7:00 pm.*

Monday, August 24, 2015. **Five ways to tell if your genealogy research is accurate**

◊ **July 11 & 12, 2015 “Civil War Weekend – The Road to Appomattox”**

**[Heritage Village](#), Sharon Woods Park, 114501 Lebanon Rd., Sharonville, Ohio.**

The event is being planned and the program put on by the [6th Ohio Volunteer Infantry](#) Reenactment and Living History group with support from the [General William H. Lytle Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War](#).

They will depict key events from 1865 that led to the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia. See Generals U.S. Grant, Robert E. Lee, President Lincoln, and Jefferson Davis as they describe and reenact this momentous historic period. For more information see [http://www.heritagevillagecincinnati.org/civil\\_war\\_weekend.aspx](http://www.heritagevillagecincinnati.org/civil_war_weekend.aspx)

◊ [Montgomery County Chapter Ohio Genealogical Society](#) Phone: 937-580-8202

**Saturday, October 17, 2015, 9 a.m. – 2015 Annual Genealogy Seminar featuring Curt B. Witcher**

Delco Park Meeting Place, 1701 Delco Park Drive, Kettering, OH 45420

Curt B. Witcher, a nationally known speaker on the genealogy circuit, is Senior Manager for Special Collections at the [Allen County Public Library](#) in Fort Wayne, Indiana and manages the [Genealogy Center](#).

For more information, see <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohmontgs/> or email [lorirotterman@gmail.com](mailto:lorirotterman@gmail.com)

Preregister by Oct. 10, 2015. See form at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohmontgs/2015flyer.pdf>

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Membership application forms are available at <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/aboutus.htm#Membership>

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WCGS Website: <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/>

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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