

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY *e-News* June 2024

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2024 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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

June 12, 2024 – WCGS Virtual Program “**Introduction to the Library of Virginia Website**” presented by **Shannon Combs-Bennett**

Wednesday, June 12, 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.

July 10, 2024 – WCGS Virtual Program “**PERSI 2.0: The New PERSI for Everyone**” presented by **Sunny Morton**

Wednesday, July 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.

August 8, 2024 – WCGS Virtual Program “**Organize Like an Archivist: Taming Genealogy Records and Research**” presented by **Nancy Loe**

Wednesday, August 8, 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.

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2024 CEMETERY RESTORATION WORKSHOP

The **2024 Cemetery Restoration Workshop** will be held **Friday, September 13, 2024**, at **Crosson Cemetery in Harlan Township**. We are thrilled to welcome back **Ta Mara Conde**, of Historic Gravestone Services of New Salem, Massachusetts, to lead the workshop. Crosson Cemetery has proven to be a wonderful training venue and we receive great support from the Harlan Township Trustees and Fire Department. An updated Cemetery Restoration Workbook and lunch will be provided to each attendee. For more information or to register for the workshop, please visit our Cemetery Restoration Workshops page. You can even pay for your registration right online!

<https://www.wcgsohio.org/cemetery-restoration-workshops>

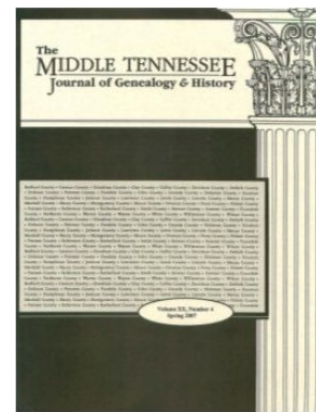


MIDDLE TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY JOURNAL ONLINE

Submitted by Jo Roth, WCGS Treasurer and WCGS Webmaster

A recent Facebook post by The Archive Lady, known to us as Melissa Barker, mentioned that you can now access every issue of the MTGS Journal from 1987-2019 online for FREE! The Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy & History is their award-winning quarterly, with articles of genealogical and historical interest. The journal is mailed to all MTGS members in good standing and is included in the MTGS membership fee. Little-known Tennessee records are published and indexed, along with family genealogies, Bible records, and material submitted by members. You can view the digitized journals at this link:

<https://www.mtgs.org/journal/default.html>



NATIONAL ARCHIVES EXPANDS JOINT DIGITIZATION EFFORT WITH ANCESTRY

On Thursday, May 9, 2024, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) announced a new multiyear agreement with Ancestry to digitize, index, and publish tens of millions of historical United States Records, previously unavailable online.

Records to be digitized include:

- U.S. Military Morning Reports from World War II
- Selective Service Draft Cards Covering the Post World War II Draft Registration 1948-1959 (Korean War Era)
- Naturalization and Immigration Records Held in San Francisco, CA, Related to Asian Americans
- Records Held at the National Archives in Denver, CO, Relating to Native Americans
- Records from Record Group 21, Military Petitions for Naturalization, 1918-1947.

For more information about this collaboration, please visit:

<https://www.ancestry.com/corporate/newsroom/press-releases/preserving-the-story-of-america--ancestry-announces-largest-arch>

You can search the National Archives records on Ancestry.com here:

<https://www.ancestry.com/c/nara>

MY LOVE / HATE RELATIONSHIP WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Submitted by Jo Roth, WCGS Treasurer and WCGS Webmaster

I am the first to admit that finding records using the Full Text Search Experiment on FamilySearch.org is a gamechanger. Look out, brick walls, here I come! But for other things, like general searches on Google, the inability to turn off the AI results feature can be frustrating. Kristy Love posted in the Facebook Group Technology for Genealogy on May 8 that adding “before:2023” to your search will exclude a considerable proportion of content that uses AI-generated Search Engine Optimization. It also excludes content that was created and / or updated after 2023, but this can be found by removing the search term shown above.

To give you an example, if I search for “heartburn” using Google, the first thing shown is generated by AI. If I search for “heartburn” and add “before:2023” to the search box, the first thing shown is from the Mayo Clinic. See if this helps you when using Google for your genealogical searches.

This is just one of many search parameters you can use with Google. There are several sites that provide lists of these, or you can use Google Advanced Search or Google Advanced Image Search instead.

https://www.google.com/advanced_search

https://www.google.com/advanced_image_search

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](#)

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 \$15 for a regular membership (single or family) or \$200 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/p16007coll84>

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.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Support WCGS each time you check out by participating 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 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!

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