

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News April 2009

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28TH ANNUAL FIRST FAMILIES AND EARLY SETTLERS BANQUET. APRIL 22, 2009.

HURRY! Reservations need to be made by Wednesday, April 15th either by mail, phone (513) 695 1144 or email wccgs@co.warren.oh.us The banquet is only \$10.00 per person. We will have 6 new members inducted into First Families of Warren County and 1 new Member inducted into Early Settlers of Warren County. The Speaker for the evening will be Ohio Genealogical Society trustee, Patrick Crippen, who will present a program titled "If You Cannot Get Rid Of The Family Skeleton, Why Not Make It Dance" The banquet will be held at the Phillippi Meeting Room, Otterbein Retirement Community, 585 SR 741, Lebanon – see flyer at http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/meeting/meeting2009_04.pdf]

WCCGS HONORED AT OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

The Warren County Genealogical Society was again honored at the annual business luncheon of the Ohio Genealogical Society held in Huron, Ohio on with three awards

- * 2009 Outstanding OGS Chapter Award (for the 3rd consecutive year)
- * Thomas A Edison Award for 2009 Outstanding Chapter Web Site (also for the 3rd straight year)
- * 2009 Outstanding Chapter Volunteer – Vicki Bergerhouse

In addition chapter member, Marion Quicksall Brannen from Alpharetta, Georgia honored a number of her Warren County ancestors when she was inducted into "1st Families of Ohio", "Settlers & Builders of Ohio" and in the "Society of Civil War Families of Ohio"

BUTLER COUNTY CHAPTER, OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Saturday, April 18, at 10:00 a.m. Middletown Public Library.

The speaker will be Diane Haddad editor of Family Tree Magazine. She'll have a fun genealogy quiz for us.

SPRINGBORO UNIVERSALIST CEMETERY RESTORATION CLINIC

May 31st, 2009

This clinic for novices will empower participants providing them with the tools they will need to document, preserve and restore grave markers. The clinic will demonstrate in step-by-step fashion how to preserve and restore a graveyard. Restoration is described with recommendations as to what lay people should and should not undertake.

In the workshops you will learn the basics of gravestone repair and preservation; proper cleaning of grave markers, leveling stones, building new bases and repairing broken stones. During the workshop and under the supervision of experienced professionals, participants will have the opportunity to work on actual grave markers. The clinic will include detailed handouts and carefully define the correct and incorrect ways to approach preservation and conservation.

The clinic will be conducted by professional restorationists well educated in the principles of grave marker restoration and graveyard conservation as established by and studied at the Association for Graveyard Studies of Greenfield, Massachusetts. The Universalist Cemetery is located on N. Main St. on the north edge of Springboro's historic district. The clinic, including a continental breakfast, a picnic lunch and workshop materials, is \$35.

This clinic is sponsored by the Warren County Genealogical Society and presented by The Dayton Ghost Hunters Society. For more information go to <http://Cemetery.SpringboroHistory.org> Email: Clinic@SpringboroHistory.org (937) 308-0171

5th ANNUAL QUAKER GENEALOGY and HISTORY CONFERENCE

"A House Divided: Quaker Responses to the Civil War"

17-19 Apr 2009, Waynesville & Wilmington, Ohio

presented by the Mary L. Cook Library and the Quaker Heritage Center

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JOHN CAFFERTY WINTERS – LAST CIVIL WAR SOLDIER BURIED IN WARREN COUNTY

A ceremony to recognize the last Civil War soldier buried in Warren County is tentatively planned for Saturday, June 20th by the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War [SUVCW] at the New Jersey Presbyterian Church at Carlisle, Ohio. The SUVCW puts on a very nice ceremony during which a plaque honoring John Cafferty Winters (1846-1940) will be unveiled. He served as a “Squirrel Hunter” and later in Battery B of the 2nd Ohio Heavy Artillery Regiment. The project is headed by WCGS member, Larry Collins, of Maineville. He can be reached at lwc7667@fuse.net for more information. This free event is open to the public.

VETERAN DISCHARGE RECORDS

Ohio has passed S.B. 248 which became effective on Tuesday, April 7, 2009. This new law takes all of the soldiers discharge records (DD214) filed with the county recorder within the last 75 years out of the public domain. Unless you get a court order, full access is now limited to the veteran or a person having a Power of Attorney for the veteran. If the veteran is deceased, the record will also be available to the funeral director and the fiduciary of the estate. For all others you will only be allowed to “view” a redacted copy showing the veteran’s name, rank, birth date & date & type of discharge. Government entities such as the VA and the County Veteran’s Service Officer will continue to have access to the complete record.

RESOURCE CENTER DONATIONS

We are pleased to be able to add the following donated publications and software to our Resource Library.

- *“William Henry Parker Civil War Pension File” donated by Arne Trelvik
- *“Creager Family History” by Harried F. Wright, donated by Stanley Aultz
- *“The Creager History” by Irene Creager Lawson, donated by Stanley Aultz
- *“The Texas Creager Connection” donated by Stanley Aultz
- *“The Civil War Letters and Papers of Perry Silver, 76th Illinois Infantry Volunteers, co. G” donated by Terry Easton
- *“RootsMagic Version 4 Software Program” donated by Arne Trelvik
- * “History of the Disciples in the Western Reserve, Ohio” donated by Dana Palmer

MISCELLANEOUS LINKS

Michigan Death Certificates on line from 1897-1920
http://haldigitalcollections.cdmhost.com/seeking_michigan/seek_advanced.php
 Top 50 Genealogy Websites for 2009
<http://www.progenealogists.com/top50genealogy2009.htm>

Warren County Genealogical Society

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