

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News Sep., 2015

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NECROLOGY: RUTH JUSTISON (1920-2015) and CHUCK GRIFFEN (1931-2015)

We are saddened to report the loss of two Honorary Life Members of the Warren County Genealogical Society, both of whom were long time volunteers in our Genealogy Resource Center, and were a driving force in making our society what it is today.

Virginia Ruth (Hofer) Justison (3 Oct 1920 – 22 Jul 2015)

Ruth was a volunteer in our library for over twelve years and helped innumerable people find their Warren County ancestors. She was a 1938 Morrow High School graduate and lived in Morrow with her husband, Donald Justison (1921-1993), where they raised their two children. Ruth was buried with her husband in the [Morrow Cemetery](#).
[Click here](#) to see her full obituary on the [Hoskins Funeral Home](#) website.

Charles 'Chuck' William Griffen (24 Sep 1931 – 29 Jul 2015)

Chuck did not have any Warren County ancestors but he has been a nearly "full time" volunteer in our Research Center beginning with the days when we were located in the basement of the old court house on Silver Street, then in the old Academy Building and finally in our current location. He continued his volunteer support five days a week until his health forced him to resign. Chuck was the driving force behind many of the projects and publications that make the Warren County Genealogical Society what it is today. He is dearly missed.

A memorial service will be held beginning at 1:00 PM on 29 Aug 2015 at the Mason Christian Village.
[Click here](#) to see his full obituary on the [Shorten & Ryan Funeral Home](#) website.

LAND RECORDS presented by Liz Stratton, PLCGS

Wednesday, 16 Sep 2015 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.

Warren County's land is described by four different surveys governed by different acquisition processes. First purchasers of Warren County land created varying records sometimes identifying their prior residence. Learn why the disparities exist and how to research each one. Finding a Warren County ancestor's land records can take you to the Recorder's Office, multiple State Archives, the Bureau of Land Management General Land Office, the National Archives and Records Administration and more.

Liz Stratton, PLCGS, is passionate about using Ohio's complex land records to solve genealogical problems. Many of her ancestors were first landowners in counties throughout the Miami Valley--fueling her enthusiasm. Liz has completed the National Institute for Genealogical Studies American Records certificate program. She attended the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research (2011, 2013, 2014) and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (2014, 2015) where she took the Advanced Land Track. Liz is an author and educator specializing in land research.

2015 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held on the 3rd 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, OHIO VIRTUAL CEMETERY PROJECT – AUGUST ADDITIONS

[Fellowship Cemetery](#) - added [Joseph J. Osborn](#) and [Rebecca \(Simpkins\) Osborn](#) to list of burials (no gravestones)
[Springboro Cemetery](#) - photos now on line from our 24 Jul 2015 Cemetery Restoration Workshop

With these additions, our [Virtual Cemetery Project](#) has photos on line for 61,679 burials in 95 cemeteries.
See <http://goo.gl/YSRaS>

WARREN COUNTY, OHIO, PHOTO GALLERY

- [Sheets Family photos](#) contributed 11 Aug 2015 by [James Sheets](#).
- [Webb-Harrell Reunion Book \(1926-1937\)](#) - 39 page pdf file contributed by [Ron Webb](#) on 11 Aug 2015 contains details & photos of closely tied families and includes such other names as **Duggan, Van Meter and Lind**.

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

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.

JOSEPH DUNN, 1832 APPLICATION FOR NATURALIZATION

Source: Warren County, Ohio, Series A, Box 87; recorded Common Pleas Volume 14, page 159.

[Click here](#) to see image.

The State of Ohio Warren county Court of Common Pleas of the Term of September A.D. 1832.

Warren County to wit:

On this day personally appeared in open Court **Joseph Dunn**, an applicant for naturalization, who on being duly sworn declares and says, that he is 24 year of age, that he was born in the County of Cornwall in England, from whence in the month of September Eighteen hundred and thirty, he emigrated to and settled in the United States of America and has continued to reside therein ever since – And he further declares and says that it is bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance & fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty whatever; and particularly to his Majesty William the Fourth King of Great Britain Ireland &c. in whose dominions, he was heretofore a subject – and further saith not.

Joseph Dunn

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court 25th Sept. 1832

[J. K. Wilds](#) clk.

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

=> **VETERAN PHOTOS AND DOCUMENTS:**

No veteran photos were submitted in August.

Email your veteran photos to atrelvik@gmail.com if you would like to add them to our Military Heritage pages.

=> **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 August, the file for [David Bennett](#) (1792-1864) was located.

[David Bennett, War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files," \(25 images\)](#)

David Bennett served in Capt. Irwin Howell's Company, Pennsylvania Militia from 21 Nov to 4 Dec 1814. They marched from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania in defense of Baltimore and Washington City and to be stationed on the Patapsico [sic - Patapsco]. *"He volunteered on or about 14th day of November AD 1814 and continued in actual service in said war for the term of 14 days and was honorably discharged when on his march to Patapsico, by an express agent from the war department, also from his Captain"*

David Bennett was married to **Elizabeth Enyart** by **John Strout**, (a New Light Minister) on 19 May 1817. The [Warren County Marriage Register](#) lists her name as **Elizabeth Fugate** which was attributed to mistake made by the minister making the return. The [Marriage License Book Z1](#) lists her name as **Elizabeth Inyard** of lawful age & consent of father (David Enyart). David Bennett died at Deerfield Twp. on 14 Apr 1864.

On 25 Feb 1856, **David Bennett**, age 62, of Deerfield Twp, made a declaration before **Milton Coulson**, a Justice of the Peace for the purpose of obtaining bounty land under the act of 1855. [Bounty Land Warrant No. 51188](#) for 160 acres was issued in favor of **David Bennett**, Private, Captain Howell's Company Pennsylvania Militia War of 1812. He assigned it to **Abram Bennett** who was issued a patent for 160 acres in Doniphan County, Kansas on 1 May 1860.

Elizabeth Bennett, age 81, of Deerfield Twp (Mason PO), made a declaration before R. H. Bennett, a Notary Public for the purpose of applying for a widow's pension, (Application #36194) under the Act of 1878. She was awarded a pension of \$8 per month commencing 9 Mar 1878 by certificate #26,021 dated 29 Jul 1879. She was last paid \$8 to 4 Sep 1883 and was dropped from the rolls due to her death on 15 Dec 1883.

Testimony in support of their claims given by **Julia A. Moore** (age 68 of Deerfield Twp.), **Abel Conover** (age 63 of Deerfield Twp.), **Mrs. Permelia VanDyke**, **David. R. Witaker** (undertaker), **R. H. Bennett** of Mason, **J. C. Murphy** and **Alex Thompson**.

See photo of [monument](#) for David and Elizabeth Bennett located in [Rose Hill Cemetery](#), Sec 1 Lot 142.

=> **Civil War Widow's Pension Applications** available on [fold3.com](#)

We have listed known Civil War Widows' Pension Applications pertaining to Warren County at

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/military/cwidow.htm>

Complete pension files are now on line for widow certificate numbers up to about 148,100. The file for Warren County soldier [Lewis F. Daugherty](#) was located in the past month.

Frances A. (Ricketts) Daugherty, widow of **Lewis F. Daugherty** ([35 images](#))

[Lewis F. Daugherty](#) was enrolled on 8 Aug 1863 at Winchester, Tennessee in Co. A, 35th OVI for a term of three years and was mustered in as a Captain. He was killed at [Peach Tree Creek, Georgia](#) on 20 Jul 1864.

Lewis F. Daugherty and **Frances A. Ricketts** were [married on 11 May 1854](#) in Union Twp, Ohio by Rev. J. H. Coulter. **Zadock Ricketts**, her father gave his consent according to [testimony by Clarkson Rhoads](#). They had three children; **Mary Ellen Daugherty** born 24 Aug 1855, **Elvira K. Daugherty** born 19 Feb 1858 and **Kate M. Daugherty**, born 6 Feb 1861. Lewis also had a son, Granville M. Daugherty, born 11 Oct 1850. His mother is not named in the pension file. Granville was living with his grandfather, **John H. Thompson**, on 5 Jul 1873.

On 15 Sep 1864, **Frances A. Daugherty**, aged 26, of Lebanon, Ohio, made a declaration before Judge **Jno. C. Dunlevy** in Warren County Probate Court for the purpose of obtaining a widow's pension under the Act of 1862.

Frances was admitted to a pension of \$20 per month commencing 20 Jul 1864 by Certificate #40758 dated 11 Feb 1865 plus an additional \$2 per month for her three children until they turned sixteen. She was last paid \$50 per month to 4 Dec 1927 and dropped from the rolls due to her death at Lebanon on 16 Dec 1927.

Testimony in support of her claim provided by **John H. Thompson**, **Sylvan B. Morris**, **Alfred H. Graham**, **William H. Hamilton**, **Adam Sellers M.D.** and **James Scott M.D.**

NOTE: Lewis' 1st wife was [Mary Ellen Thompson](#). **Frances Ricketts Daugherty** is buried in [Lebanon Cemetery](#).

=>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.

TAKEN HOME; The Remains of Henry Clay's Daughter Taken from Lebanon to Lexington.

Western Star (Lebanon, Ohio), Thursday, August 2, 1894, page 5, column 4

[Click here](#) to see image.

Sixty-nine years ago Eliza, the twelve-year-old daughter of [Henry Clay](#), died at the old tavern in Lebanon which was situated on Main street where the opera house now stands. Mr. Clay, with his wife and family, was on his way to Washington, and was traveling in his own private conveyance. They arrived in Lebanon July 15, 1825, and expected to continue the journey to Washington by way of Dayton and the old National road.

But on their arrival here, their daughter was taken ill and they could not proceed. They remained at the old Ferguson tavern until August 11, when in spite of all that could be done for her, the child died. It was impossible for the family to return to Kentucky, as Mr. Clay was needed at Washington. The remains were accordingly interred in the old [Baptist cemetery](#) with the intention of having them taken to Lexington as soon as possible.

Why this was not done is not known. Some time afterward Mr. Clay had a tombstone erected, on which was inscribed the following:

"In memory of **Eliza H. Clay**, daughter of **Henry and Lucretia Clay**, who died on the 11th day of August, 1825, aged twelve years, during a journey from their residence at Lexington, in Kentucky, to Washington City. Cut off in the bloom of a promising life, her parents have erected this monument, consoling themselves with the belief that she now abides in heaven." But on Thursday of last week, the remains of the little girl, who died so long ago, were exhumed and sent to a relative, **Mrs. John M. Clay**, at Lexington, Ky., by whose orders it was done. None of the members of the Clay family were present at the disinterment, which was under the supervision of **Charles Schwartz**. Traces of the old black walnut coffin were found, while the bones were in a good state of preservation. They were sent by express to Mrs. Clay, while the old stone slab, scarred and chipped by relic hunters, was sent by freight.

[Also see [Find A Grave Memorial# 57866158](#) - **Eliza Hart Clay**, Lexington Cemetery, Fayette County, Kentucky.]

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).

- ◊ 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

OTHER EVENTS

- ◊ [Butler County Genealogical Society](#) email: BCOGS@butlercountyogs.org
Rick D. Cauthen Presents “**Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy–Including Greater Cincinnati Resources**”
Sept 29, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the West Chester MidPointe Library.

- ◊ [Clermont County Chapter, OGS](#) E-mail: cvovalcine@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/~ohclegcs/ or call 513-723-3423.
Saturday, September 5, 2015, 1 p.m. – The Migration of Dutch families to Southwest Ohio by Tom Conover
The Dutch in America have a long history. Tom's first ancestor arrived in the “New Country” in 1625, though he was not the first. Since that time the Dutch families have grown and spread to every state. This talk will concentrate on the migration of the Dutch from “New Netherland” (Brooklyn) to South Western Ohio.
Saturday, September 12, 11 a.m. – Heritage Day Luncheon (RSVP)
Wards Corner, 453 Wards Corner Road, Loveland, Ohio 45140
Nettie Ferguson of Columbus, Ohio will discuss how learning more about the faith of her ancestors led her to search for records of the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church in Felicity, Ohio.
Download: [Heritage Day Reservation Form](#)

- ◊ [Clinton County Genealogical Society](#), History Center, 149 E. Locust Street, Wilmington, Ohio
Except as noted, monthly meetings are at the History Center on the 4th Monday at 7:00 pm.
Monday, August 24, 2015. **Five ways to tell if your genealogy research is accurate**
Wednesday, September 23, 2015. **Clinton County & the Temperance Crusade of 1874**
Admission, \$5 members, \$7 non-members, Reservations appreciated: (937) 382-4684 or [e-mail](#)

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

- ◊ [Rootstech 2016](#), 3–6 Feb 2016, Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- ◊ [National Genealogical Society](#), 4–7 May 2016 Family History Conference, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
- ◊ [Federation of Genealogical Societies](#), 31 Aug – 3 Sep 2016, 2016 National Conference.

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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>

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

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