

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY *e-News* June 2026

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 at 513-695-1144 or email at wcgsoh@gmail.com. – Jo Roth, *e-News* Editor

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WCGS RESOURCE LIBRARY HOURS

The Resource Library will be **closed Friday, June 19, 2026**, for **Juneteenth**.

The WCGS Resource Library will be **closed Friday, July 3, 2026**, in observance of **Independence Day**.

The WCGS Resource Library will be **closed Monday, July 6, 2026**, from **noon until 4 p.m.** for the **Volunteer Appreciation Lunch and Quarterly Meeting**.

2026 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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

July 2026 Virtual Program “**Proving Your Patriot**” presented by **Jean Muetzel**
Wednesday, July 8, 2026, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT – Zoom Program

August 2026 Virtual Program “**Is There a Tartan in Your Tree?**” presented by **Debbie Large**
Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT – Zoom Program

September 2026 In-Person **Combined Event with Hamilton County Genealogical Society**
Saturday, September 12, 2026, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM EDT – Symmes Township Branch Library
11850 Enyart Road, Loveland, Ohio 45140

October 2026 Virtual Program “**Proving Kinship by ‘Following the Money’**” presented by **Dana Palmer**
Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT – Zoom Program

November 2026 Virtual Program “**The Wonderful World of WCGS – Online!**” presented by **WCGS Volunteers**
Tuesday, November 10, 2026, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST – Zoom Program

December 2026 **Holiday Open House** at the **WCGS Resource Library**
Thursday, December 10, 2026, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM EST

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>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Jim Brokaw, WCGS President and Research Chair

Welcome to the June edition of the WCGS *e-News* and, as always, thank you for being volunteers, members, and supporters of our Society. In May, we celebrated our 45th Anniversary as a chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society with an evening event in the Phillippi Room of Otterbein Senior Life in Lebanon. Following a social period and a delicious dinner, we had the pleasure of presenting five Lineage Society certificates. Congratulations to our newest inductees: Ruth Flinn Smith, Marcie Smith, and Paul George as new members of the First Families of Warren County, Ohio; and Anne Woolley (in spirit, as she was unable to attend) and Paul George as new members of the Civil War Families of Warren County, Ohio. Are you ready to join one of our Lineage Societies? Now is the perfect time to work on that application! Please visit the Lineage Societies Pages (<https://www.wcgsohio.org/lineage-societies>) of our website for information on how to get started or contact Paul George, Lineage Societies Chair, at lineage.wcgsoh@gmail.com.

Our own Dana Palmer was the featured speaker for the evening. Before Dana took the podium, we acknowledged her decades of participation, leadership, and support to WCGS by presenting her with an Honorary WCGS Life Membership certificate. We then enjoyed a highly informative presentation by Dana on "Researching Early Settlers in the Northwest Territory." Thanks, Dana!

It is with considerable pride and pleasure I announce that Jo Roth, our Treasurer, Webmaster, *e-News* editor, and all-around genealogical Swiss Knife has compiled and produced a new book: *Warren County, Ohio, Adoptions, 1855-1970*. This comprehensive and cross-referenced book is a must-have for anyone who has, or thinks they have, ancestors who were legally adopted in Warren County. Congratulations, Jo!

If you are reading this as a member, thank you! If you are not yet a member, please join us. We need your support to help us to continue to help you learn about your Warren County ancestors. And, if you are interested, please consider joining the fun as a WCGS volunteer! Good hunting!

As always, our *e-News* is designed for you. Please let me know if you have recommendations or if you would like to contribute to a future edition. You can reach me at president.wcgsoh@gmail.com.

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NEW WCGS PUBLICATION RELEASE

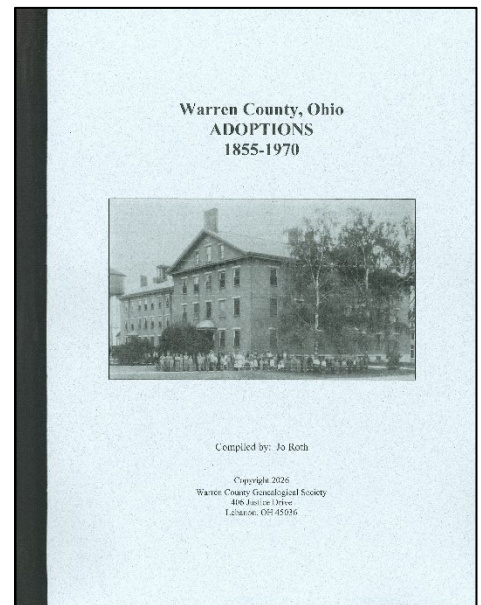
Warren County, Ohio, Adoption Records, 1855-1970, compiled by Jo Roth. This new book includes expanded information from the 1998 book compiled by Ellen Van Houten and Florence Cole with the addendum compiled by Chester Dunn for records from 1855-1939. As available, for 1855-1939, it lists the name of child and parents, age, and date or year of adoption, adopting parent's or parents' names, and name change, along with some research on these individuals and families. For 1940-1970, it lists name, year, and original record location, with the ability to cross-reference many entries between 1940-1959.

Introduction by Jim Brokaw includes three examples of his firsthand experiences in obtaining adoption records in different counties in Ohio, along with instructions and helpful information on how to navigate this process.

Get your copy today!

<https://www.wcgsohio.org/product-page/warren-county-ohio-adoption-records-1855-1970>

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS! SEPTEMBER 12 COMBINED EVENT WITH HCGS

Symmes Township Library Community Room
11850 Enyart Road, Loveland, Ohio 45140
Saturday, September 12, 2026, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

As many of you may know, the Symmes Township Library, a branch of the Cincinnati Public Library, opened its beautiful new building to the public on April 11, 2026. This location is known and used by many who live and work in Warren County, including some of our volunteers and members.

What a great opportunity to combine forces with the Hamilton County Genealogical Society! We are still working out the details, but tentative plans underway include:

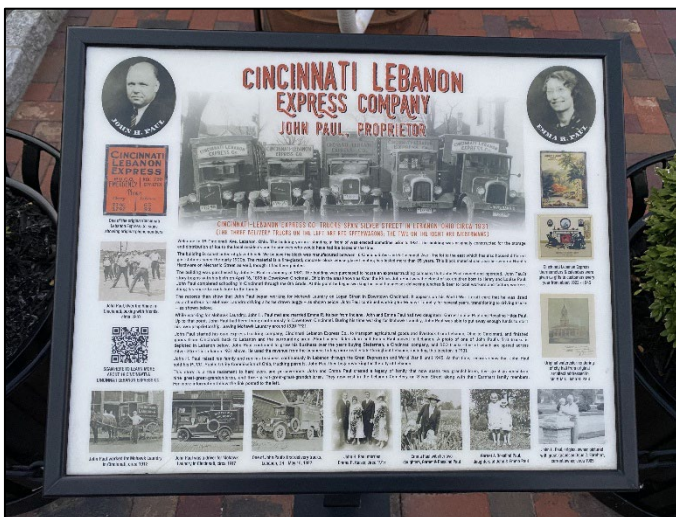
- Exploring some “new” resources and indexes that will provide interesting tips for local nineteenth century, Irish, and immigrant research in Hamilton County.
- Program presented by Jeff Herbert.
- Program presented by Dana Palmer.
- Extended Q&A session to learn about resources in Hamilton and Warren Counties, which are often closely aligned when researching Southwest Ohio.
- View the new building and its many patron-friendly resources, including a vinyl printer, computers with Adobe Creative Cloud, photo printer, laminator, button maker, and large format scanner.

Stay tuned for more information and plan to join WCGS and HCGS on September 12!

CAN YOU HELP? OLD PHOTO NEEDED OF 18 CINCINNATI AVENUE

Our friend Doug Earnhart, who is a Life Member of WCGS, has been busy restoring some of the history in downtown Lebanon. He is trying to track down old photos of the building at 18 Cincinnati Avenue. The only photo Doug has only shows part of the building and he is hoping one of you might have a better photo (or photos!) from its earlier days. If so, please contact us at wcgsoh@gmail.com and we will be happy to get you in contact with one another.

Below is a photo of the marker documenting the building’s history, and one of how the building currently looks. We are keeping our fingers crossed and appreciate any help you can provide!



WEBINARS TO WATCH

The Library of Congress is presenting a webinar via Zoom on **June 10, 2026**, starting at 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time, “**Finding Your Ancestors at the Library: Using the Library of Congress for Genealogical Research.**” Registration is required: https://loc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_VBKj9TNzQK0ltUt6OA3CYw#/registration

The recording of **George G. Morgan’s** webinar, “**Planning a Successful Cemetery Trip**” is **FREE** to watch on Legacy Family Tree Webinars **through June 6, 2026!**

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/planning-a-successful-cemetery-trip>

INVITATION FROM SCCOGS – IRISH RESEARCH PROGRAM

The Scioto County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society invites those who would like to receive a Zoom invitation to their next meeting and program to contact Penny Blackwell at sccogs1976@gmail.com to be added to their email list.

Patrick W. O’Leary will present “**Finding Irish Ancestors and Irish Emigration to America**” on Saturday, June 13, 2026, starting at 11:00 a.m., in the Robert Copley Meeting Room of the Scioto County Public Library in Portsmouth at 1220 Gallia Street. The program will be available virtually for those unable to join them in person.

<https://sccogs.com/>

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.

- ❖ Jonathan Bach
- ❖ Roy Edgar

- ❖ Candy Jo Tucker Hartman

A FEW PHOTOS FROM OUR 45TH ANNIVERSARY AND AWARDS BANQUET

These are just a few of the photos we have added to our website of our fun evening! To see all of them, please visit:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/BF554xZ7uJ6M8ch96>



CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

PALATINES TO AMERICA GERMAN GENEALOGY SOCIETY

P.O. Box 141260, Columbus, OH 43214

<https://palam.org/>

2026 PAL AM National Conference – “Our German Ancestors: Building America”

Thursday, June 18 – Saturday, June 20, 2026 – In-Person

<https://pennpalam.org/>

Double Tree Resort Hotel, 2400 Willow Street Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602

GRIP 2026 GENEALOGY INSTITUTE

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

Sunday, June 22 – Friday, June 26, 2026 – Virtual Courses

Sunday, July 12 – Friday, July 17, 2026 – In-Person Courses

University of Pittsburgh, 4200 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15260-0001

Save the **2027** Dates!

Sunday, June 21 – Friday, June 25, 2027 – Virtual Courses

Sunday, July 11 – Friday, July 16, 2027 – In-Person Courses

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 2026 Virtual Institute

Monday, July 27 – Friday, July 31, 2026 – Virtual

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA

2100 Byberry Road, Suite 111, Philadelphia, PA 19116

<https://genpa.org/>

2026 Pennsylvania Genealogy Event (PaGE) Conference

Thursday, August 6 – Sunday, August 9, 2026 – Virtual

24 Speakers, 16 Gathering Sessions, 32 Live Q&A Sessions

<https://events.genpa.org/>

2026 KENTUCKY HISTORY AND GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

<https://www.lexpublib.org/historyconference>

Friday, August 7 – Saturday, August 8, 2026

Lexington Public Library – Central Library

140 East Main Street, Lexington, KY 40507

Registration opens Monday, June 1, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

EAST COAST GENETIC GENEALOGY CONFERENCE (ECGGC) 2026 CONFERENCE

Fifth Annual Conference – In-Person and Virtual

Friday, August 21 – Sunday, August 23, 2026

Registration begins March 5; early bird pricing good through June 22, 2026.

Embassy Suites at Boston Logan Airport, 207 Porter St., Boston, MA 02128

<https://ecggc.org/>

OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

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

2026 Fall Retreat

Friday, September 11 – Saturday, September 12, 2026 – Virtual AND In-Person

Samuel D. Isaly Library, 611 State Route 97 West, Bellville, OH 44813-8812

Speakers: Deborah Kitko, Eric E. Johnson, Lauren Kuntzman, Thomas S. Neel

<https://www.ogs.org/ogs-fall-retreat/>

2027 OGS Annual Conference: “Finding Your Family Heroes”

Save the dates! Wednesday, April 28 – Saturday, May 1, 2027 – In-Person

Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Road, Sharonville, OH 45246-4002

ILLINOIS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 10195, Springfield, IL 62791-0195

<https://ilgensoc.org/index.php>

2026 Fall Conference: "Illinois 250: History in the American Bottom"

Saturday, October 24, 2026 – Hosted by the St. Clair County Genealogical Society

Gateway Convention Center, 1 Gateway Dr., Collinsville, IL 62234

ROOTSTECH 2027

Call for Presentations! Submission Deadline June 29, 2026

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/call-for-presentations/instructions>

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/>

Save the Dates! Thursday, March 4 – Saturday, March 6, 2027 – In-Person (\$) and Virtual (FREE)

Salt Palace Convention Center, 100 S W Temple Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84101-1408

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 128, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701-0128

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

2027 Family History Conference – Save the Dates!

Thursday, May 20 – Saturday, May 22, 2027 – Madison, WI

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

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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](#)

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 - 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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WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

WCGS has more than 160 Warren County Genealogical Society publications and a good number of Used Books available for purchase. Please visit the [Shop and Support](#) page of our website.

Membership is \$25 annually or \$250 for a Life Membership. Please visit the [Join or Renew](#) page of our website.

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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.

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WHEN: Wednesday, July 8, 2026

WHERE: Virtual Meeting and Program via Zoom

PROGRAM: Starting at 7:00 p.m.



Finding Your Patriot! Revolutionary War Research

As the United States celebrates its 250th birthday, join in the celebration to research your family history! Do you have male or female ancestors who lived between 1699-1787? Could they have served in the military, served in a local government, signed an oath of allegiance, or donated supplies or food? It is an exciting time to discover your Patriots!

This presentation will present some basic information about the Revolutionary War, discuss types of service, go over some common research roadblocks, and make research suggestions. Let's get you started on your adventure and honor your Patriots.

Presented by Jean Halls Muetzel, M.L.S.

Jean has enjoyed genealogy research for over thirty-five years. Born in Ohio and now residing in Washington State, she is a member of many lineage societies. As a member of the DAR, she is most interested in Revolutionary War Service. Serving as Registrar for several groups plus helping applicants research their family histories has been of invaluable help. Jean has presented programs on Lineage Societies, Beginning Genealogy, and Revolutionary War Research to the Warren County Genealogical Society, Routes to Roots, Family History Jamboree, and several lineage and historical societies throughout Ohio.

Jean was honored to serve a year as Lineage Societies Chair for the Warren County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society and is excited to be asked to be the July 2026 speaker.



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WHEN: Wednesday, August 12, 2026

WHERE: Virtual Meeting and Program via Zoom

PROGRAM: Starting at 7:00 p.m.

Is There a Tartan in Your Tree? Exploring Scottish Roots

Before hosting your first Robert Burns party, purchasing that tartan or kilt, or planning some Highland games at your next family reunion, learn how to navigate the amazing record collections available for researching your Scottish roots. This lecture will demonstrate strategies to help discover your Scottish ancestors. Learn about some of the key record collections available through various online repositories including [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) and [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org), along with others that are based in the United Kingdom such as [Scotland's People](https://www.scotlandspopulation.com). The handout provides some "getting started" research books and links for all the websites included in this lecture, and tips to help connect your family to Scotland.



Presented by Debbie Large, BS, MHA



Debbie is an experienced genealogist and family history lecturer with a passion for Irish, Scottish, and Colonial American research. She has previously served as Co-Chair for the Warren County (OH) Genealogical Society's Lineage Societies and is a current adjunct instructor for Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio. Her lineage society membership include National Daughters of the American Revolution, First Families of Ohio, and First Families of Stark County, Ohio. Debbie offers virtual and in-person genealogy presentations, classes and workshops, as well as client services for family history research and lineage society applications. She loves helping people discover their connections to their ancestors. "No one should ever be forgotten."



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