

# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News January 2023

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## WCGS RESOURCE LIBRARY HOURS

The WCGS Resource Library will be closed Monday, January 16, 2023, for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

## 2023 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

February 8, 2023 – WCGS Virtual Program – “**Finding German Records Using Family Search**” presented by **Dana Palmer**  
Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST - Zoom Program  
You must [register](https://www.wcgsohio.org/events) at <https://www.wcgsohio.org/events> to receive a zoom invitation to this event.

## VIDEO NOW ONLINE

The video from the January 11, 2023, presentation by **Debbie Large** on “**Tracking Early Family Footprints Using U.S. Land Records**” is now available on the [Members Area](#) of our website. WCGS members can click [HERE](#) to sign in and view the video. Many thanks to Debbie for allowing us to record this program. The video will remain on the website until Friday, February 10, 2023.

## 2023 WCGS MEMBERSHIP

Membership for calendar year 2022 expired 31 Dec 2022. Membership fees for 2023 are \$15 for a regular membership (whether single or family). Life memberships are \$200. You can join or renew your membership and pay online on our website at <https://www.wcgsohio.org/>

## ALLEEN STEPHENSON DIGITAL NEWSPAPER PROJECT – WESTERN STAR ANALYTICS

Since the fall of 2018, our Alleen Stephenson Digital Newspaper Project, sponsored and maintained by the Warren County Genealogical Society, has provided free public access to digital images of the Western Star from the first edition dated 13 Feb **1807** through the edition published on 25 Dec **1952**. The latest project analytics extending to the end of 2022 shows **383,478** page views by **17,684** users.

Free access to the digital collection is available at <https://ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll84>.

**NECROLOGY**

**Kay Frances Tibbals Davenport (1937-2022)**

It is with great sadness that we share information about the passing of longtime Life member Kay Davenport, who was also an enthusiastic financial supporter of WCGS For many years, Kay made numerous research trips to Warren County and left with “boxes” of material connected to a long list of Warren County surnames that connected to her Tibbals family lineage. Later, Kay donated the results of her research back to the WCGS Resource Library in Family Group Sheet format. Her work is preserved in multiple file cabinets in our Library.



Her obituary is included below and can be found online at:

<https://www.spilsburymortuary.com/obituaries/Kay-Davenport-2/#!/Obituary>

Kay Frances Tibbals Davenport, of Orem, Utah, peacefully passed away on Friday, December 2, 2022, in St. George, Utah, surrounded by her daughters and grandchildren, whom she greatly loved. She was born June 13, 1937, in Columbus, Ohio, to Alfred Todd and Helen Adaline Lea Tibbals. Kay graduated from Upper Arlington High School then made the bold move to Nashville, Tennessee, where she received her bachelor’s degree in Sociology from Vanderbilt University and was a member of ΑΟπ Sorority. In 1959, Kay married Gene L. Davenport, and in 1963, they moved to Jackson, Tennessee, where two daughters, Pamela and Deborah, were born. Kay and Gene later divorced.

In 1972, while in Jackson, Kay became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; she was a very dedicated and faithful member the rest of her life. In 1975, Kay and her two daughters moved to Orem, Utah, where Kay joyfully resided until June of 2022, when she moved to assisted living in St. George, Utah, to be closer to her daughters.

Some of the joys in Kay’s life (besides her family) included: traveling around the world; taking pictures of creative mailboxes; researching family history; weekly group temple trips; being a girl scout leader; attending plays at the Hale Theater; watching BYU sports, especially football; playing the piano; doing puzzles; and spending time in the beautiful mountains. She was a very generous person, made friends easily, and left a lasting impression on all.

Kay is survived by her daughters: Pamela (Jeffery) Graf of St. George, Utah, and Deborah (Derik) Leavitt, of Avondale, Arizona; 9 grandchildren: Rebecca (Joseph) Kayne; Brian (Ellen) Graf; Kevin Graf; Michelle (Tanner) Burton; Lyndsi Graf; Devin, Emily, Mason, and Kate Leavitt; 10 great-grandchildren; and brothers: Todd Tibbals (Andrea Escher) of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Thomas Tibbals, of Powell, Ohio.

Kay is preceded in death by brother, Terry McClure Tibbals; sister, Joy Tibbals; and great-grandson, William Emmett Kayne.

Viewings will take place on Wednesday, December 28th, 2022, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm, and Thursday, December 29th, from 9:00 - 9:45 am, at Spilsbury Mortuary, 110 S. Bluff St., St. George, Utah. A Celebration of Life will follow at 10:00 am, also at the mortuary, with internment in the Santa Clara City Cemetery.

Those who are unable to attend the services in person are welcome to view the services by clicking on the link below:

<https://online.brushfire.com/dts/spilsburymortuary/mw7dg2pw7t>

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to so many faithful and loving friends who visited and cared for Kay for the 4 years she lived in TreeO in Orem, Utah. We cannot repay the amount of love and generosity that was shown during that time.

In lieu of sending flowers, please consider contributing to Primary Children’s Hospital or LDS Humanitarian Aid.

Arrangements are made under the direction of Spilsbury Mortuary, 110 South Bluff Street, St. George, Utah. 435-673-2454

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**Betty Lee (Gooderl) Seprodi (1925-2022)**

Longtime member Betty Seprodi passed away November 15, 2022, at the age of 97. Betty was born March 12, 1925, in Holton, Kansas, to parents Raymond and Ruth Anna (Winters) Gooderl. You can view her online obituary here:

<https://obituaries.tribstar.com/obituary/betty-seprodi-1086678001>

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## RECENT WARREN COUNTY VETERAN DEATHS

(Please send additions to [atrelvik@gmail.com](mailto:atrelvik@gmail.com).)

### World War II:

**Albert Philip Koehler** (1922-2022) (US Army World War II)  
**Ralph Dean Crockett** (1925-2022) (US Navy World War II)  
**Robert L. Surface** (1927-2018) (US Army World War II)

### Korea:

**Farrel Bradley** (1930-2022) (US Marine Corps Korea)  
**Ronald D. Whitacre** (1931-2020) (US Marine Corps Korea)

### Vietnam:

**Farley Baker** (1947-2022) (US Marine Corps Vietnam)  
**Kenneth Albert Oberschlake** (1948-2022) (US Marine Corps Vietnam)  
**Shawn N. Hauser** (1948-2022) (US Navy Vietnam)

### Other Service:

**Jon C. Bruns** (1938-2022) (US Navy)  
**James "Jim" C. Bricker** (1946-2022) (US Air Force)  
**Timothy J. Dakin** (1941-2022) (US Air Force)  
**James L. Jr. Jordan** (1934-2022) (Ohio Air National Guard)  
**John Duane Tabb** (1936-2022) (US Army)  
**Gary Lee Darlage** (1946-2022) (US Army)  
**Odell Jr. Weems** (1939-2022) (US Air Force)  
**Daniel Edward Frazee** (1947-2022) (US Veteran)  
**John "J.C." Mitchell** (1934-2022) (US Army)

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## 2022 IN REVIEW – A MESSAGE FROM THE WCGS PRESIDENT

Contributed by Linda Eckert, WCGS President

January is a time for new beginnings and looking forward to the blank slate of a new year. Many of us are planning the research trips we will take, the conferences and seminars we will attend, and family get-togethers and reunions we hope take place this year. As I get out my calendar and begin to work on my plans and goals for 2023, it seems fitting to take a minute to acknowledge everything WCGS accomplished during 2022.

This year, a diligent group of hard-working individuals rewrote our Bylaws and compiled our first ever Standing Rules. The Bylaws were voted on by membership and are now in place. Standing Rules were voted on by the Board and are also in place, along with some select Policies that address specific areas. These governing documents are necessary for the smooth operation of our society and having them allows us to focus on areas of growth, improvement, and education.

We held a very successful Cemetery Restoration Workshop in October and in addition to having an absolutely beautiful day, were fortunate to have Ta Mara Conde as our conservator. She was a great instructor, and we had an equally great group of attendees. It was a joy to be able to get together and have this workshop, especially after the last few years when we could not, due to the restrictions of COVID-19.

Several virtual programs were enjoyed throughout the year and allowed our members who do not live in the area to join us. We plan to continue a blend of both virtual programs and in-person meetings, programs, classes, and workshops. Our society is extremely fortunate to have access to some great speakers and instructors and appreciate that they continue to share their talents and expertise with us.

This great year of 2023 that stretches before us will be filled with the development of job descriptions and training for the volunteers, further work on the various projects already underway, and working with other area organizations and societies to continue to build and promote interest in collecting and preserving genealogical records. As a FamilySearch Affiliate Library, we hope to help more people than ever with their family history research.

If you have any time or interest, consider joining WCGS as a member or volunteer. Your support of our society is always appreciated and enables us to continue helping everyone who contacts us, visits our Resource Library, or attends our programs, classes, and workshops. Thank you for a great 2022 and looking forward to an even better 2023!

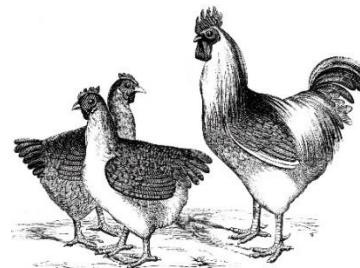
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# WARREN COUNTY RECORDS CENTER & ARCHIVES

## Processing & Poultry

Contributed by Jenifer Baker, Deputy Archivist, Warren County Records Center & Archives

You may be wondering what archival processing and poultry have in common, and to be honest, we were also a little puzzled when we kept running across the word poultry. Archives Specialist, Tori Roberts, has been working diligently on processing our historic Clerk of Courts State Cases over the past several years. This project has always been filled with interesting examples of crimes that have taken place here in Warren County. The actual processing project has consisted of unpackaging, flattening, organizing, rehousing into archival safe folders and boxes, and creating an index for the original court documents. These cases consist of criminal offenses within Warren County dating back to 1805.



For the first 200 plus years the crimes committed were consistent in nature with a handful of exceptions here and there. Things took a quick turn during May Term of 1930, with the introduction of crimes such as “unlawfully entering premises of the personal property of ... for the purpose of carrying away poultry,” or “larceny of three chickens.” Theft of farm animals was not new for the county but theft of poultry specifically at the scale we were encountering was. The first nine cases for October Term of 1931 were related to the theft of poultry. Upon further investigation, Tori was able to determine that this crime was not isolated to Warren County, Ohio, but seems to have been an issue that plagued the country.

Consistency of crimes committed following the start of the Great Depression become apparent very quickly. Connecting Warren County citizens to larger historic events has always interested us while processing our records. This has been one of the most obvious examples of how local citizens were struggling along with the nation. Instances of robbery, breaking and entering, and theft took a severe uptick in their frequency starting in the 1930’s. As we wrap up this processing project, we hope that you will take the time to browse through the index we have created, along with numerous other resources available on our website: <https://www.co.warren.oh.us/recordscenter/Indexes/Default.aspx>

### 1926 OBITUARY FOR WILLIAM HADLEY

Miami Gazette (Waynesville, Ohio), 1926

William Hadley was born near Clarksville, Ohio, December 1, 1840, and died at the home of a daughter in Waynesville on May 18, 1926. He bore the name of his grandfather, who, with his family, came to Clinton county, Ohio, from North Carolina early in the last century. The village of Clarksville was laid out on a portion of the land purchased by this grandfather and named by him in honor of his wife, Sarah Clark. A son, Joshua, with his wife, Ruth Edwards Hadley, settled on a farm near Clarksville, and of their seven children William outlived all the others.

During the Civil War he felt the call to arms and enlisted in Company B, Reg. 88, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, October 12, 1862, and served until honorably discharged, December 5, 1864.

On December 5, 1867, he married Farinda VanDoren. To this union six children were born, two of which died in infancy. There remain to mourn his loss two sons and two daughters: Alvin, of Shelby, Ohio, Nathan, Clarksville, Mrs. Lina Madden, of Waynesville, and Mrs. Louise Urton, of Dayton; and three grandchildren, Duane, Chester and Mabel Hadley. When a niece, Mrs. Amanda Mitchell died in 1901, leaving an infant son, Wilbur, Wm. Hadley and his wife opened their home and hearts to the little orphan and reared him as one of their own.

Wm. Hadley was a tiller of the soil and spent most of his life on the old VanDoren homestead. In 1914 the farm was sold and he and his wife moved to Clarksville to make their home. At the time of his wife’s death in January, 1920, his health was so impaired that it was feared he would not long survive her. But through faithful ministrations of his children, among whom he divided his time, his days were lengthened far beyond the allotted three score years and ten.

A birthright Friend, he retained his membership in the Clarksville Friends Meeting till the last. Integrity, honesty, loyalty, a firm adherence to the right gave evidence of high ideals and sterling worth. With unobtrusive fortitude he met his many trials; his sunny smile brightened many a moment and the bubbling spring of his kindly humor smoothed many a troubled hour. With patience unwavering, he bore his years of invalidism, grateful for every mark of attention. A gentle spirit has returned to its Maker.

#### Card of Thanks

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to neighbors and friends for the kindness shown us; and appreciation of consoling words, during the sickness and death of our dear father; also to Mr. McClure and Son for their efficient service.

THE CHILDREN.

## OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Ohio Genealogical Society (<https://www.ogs.org>) is located at the Samuel D. Isaly Library, 611 State Route 97 West, Bellville, Ohio 44813. Phone 419-886-1903. As an OGS member, Vivid-Pix <https://vivid-pix.com/> will provide ten free fixes with no credit card required. OGS members who decide to purchase the program after the trial period will receive a 20 percent discount off the retail price of \$49.99. In return, OGS will receive a donation from Vivid-Pix. We hope you will enjoy this new member benefit. To start your free trial, follow this link: <https://www.ogs.org/join/affiliate-information>

### 2023 OGS ANNUAL CONFERENCE – “What Brought Them Here 1803-2023”

April 26-29, 2023, Kalahari Resorts & Conference Center, Sandusky, Ohio

## NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

6400 Arlington Blvd., Suite 810, Falls Church, VA 22042-2318 USA

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

### NGS 2023 Family History Conference - “Virginia: Deep Roots of a Nation”

31 May – 3 June 2023 In-Person, Online at Home, and Focus of Societies Sessions

## GENEALOGY WEBINARS

You need to pre-register. See websites below.

Note: [Legacy Family Tree Webinars](#) understands that you cannot always attend the live webinars, which is why *they make the recording available to you to view for the 7 days following the webinar for FREE!* Watch it as many times as you would like. You can pause it and take notes during the free period. If you want all the materials, including the instructor’s handouts you must join and pay a yearly membership fee.

### “Reaching Local Youth by Raising the Dead”

Presented by Mona Vance-Ali

Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 2:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

Register for the webinar with the Allen County Public Library at

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_s8JAufbaTHavkqYBEaVMmw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_s8JAufbaTHavkqYBEaVMmw)

### “Document Analysis: Digging into Details”

Presented by Angela Packer McGhie, CG

Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/document-analysis-digging-into-details/>

### “Exploring the Records in a Slave Owning Community”

Presented by Bernice Bennett

Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/exploring-the-records-in-a-slave-owning-community/>

### “Basics of Jewish American Genealogy”

Presented by Rhonda R. McClure

Thursday, January 19, 2023, 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

Register for the webinar with the American Ancestors by New England Historic Genealogical Society at

[https://hubs.americanancestors.org/basics\\_of\\_jewishamericangenealogy](https://hubs.americanancestors.org/basics_of_jewishamericangenealogy)

### “Introduction to New Hampshire Genealogy”

Presented by Robert Cameron Weir

Thursday, January 19, 2023, 6:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

Register for the webinar with the Allen County Public Library at

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_9Vco6ff0Rq-ucvp0FT2PA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9Vco6ff0Rq-ucvp0FT2PA)

### “Using FamilySearch for Jewish Research”

Presented by Todd Knowles

Saturday, January 21, 2023, 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time

Register for the webinar with the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History at

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkc-utrT0jE9IhBcUZs3BCF1kf1orTp-Sa>

**“Introduction to West Virginia Genealogy Research”**

Presented by Kate McKenzie

Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 2:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

Register for the webinar with the Allen County Public Library at

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_EIXtTPOrTC-iNLUrjAW4Vw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EIXtTPOrTC-iNLUrjAW4Vw)

**“Trail of Tears to Indian Territory”**

Presented by Billie Stone Fogarty, M.Ed.

Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/trail-of-tears-to-indian-territory-by-billie-stone-fogarty-m-ed/>

**“Deciphering Old Handwriting”**

Presented by Anne Lawthers

Thursday, January 26, 2023, 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

Register for the webinar with the American Ancestors by New England Historic Genealogical Society at

[https://hubs.americanancestors.org/deciphering\\_old\\_handwriting](https://hubs.americanancestors.org/deciphering_old_handwriting)

**“Family History Research in Arkansas: An Introduction”**

Presented by Russell P. Baker

Thursday, January 26, 2023, 6:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

Register for the webinar with the Allen County Public Library at

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_XyumXVAcSrS1QTKQC3AQ4g](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XyumXVAcSrS1QTKQC3AQ4g)

**“Using Mitochondrial DNA Testing for Genealogical Problem Solving”**

Presented by Michael D. Lacopo, DVM

Wednesday, February 1, 2023, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

Register for the webinar at

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/using-mitochondrial-dna-testing-for-genealogical-problem-solving/>

**“Gradual Emancipation and Enslavement in the North”**

Presented by Ari Wilkins

Friday, February 3, 2023, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

Register for the webinar at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/gradual-emancipation-and-enslavement-in-the-north/>

**“I’m Warning You! The Warning Out System”**

Presented by Peggy Lauritzen

Saturday, February 4, 2023, 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time

Register for the webinar with the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History at

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEIc--opj4uGdDVTRpOJxOeriSWO7rct7Ny>

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**WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

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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 at <https://www.wcgsohio.org/downloadable-forms>.

Phone: 513-695-1144 Email: [wcgsoh@gmail.com](mailto: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/>

**LIBRARY HOURS:** Mon-Fri from 9am to 4pm [subject to closing for inclement weather, volunteer illness, etc.]

**The WCGS Resource Library is open to the public. No appointment is necessary.**

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WCGS Lineage Society Applications are due **FEBRUARY 1!** Please visit our website for more information:

<https://www.wcgsohio.org/lineage-societies>