

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY *e-News* July 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 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**.

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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 – Zoom Program

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>

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Jim Brokaw, WCGS President and Research Chair

Welcome to the July edition of the WCGS e-News! This weekend marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of our Declaration of Independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. Across America, we will celebrate the birth of our nation with picnics, parades, festivals, concerts, fireworks, and beer. In addition, many towns, counties, and states have organized celebrations and commemorations of historical events for this weekend and throughout the year. For information, see <https://america250.org/>, and for Ohio, see <https://america250-ohio.org/>.

In the run-up to our Nation's semiquincentennial, genealogical societies across America have been promoting events and encouraging members to discover and learn about their patriot ancestors. WCGS has been busy helping both organizations and individuals to identify patriot gravesites in Warren County, publish articles about our patriot ancestors and prove their lineage to a patriot or patriots. Perhaps as a result of the media coverage of the 250th anniversary, over the last few months we have seen a significant increase in research requests and of course, we encourage that! So, enjoy your local picnic, parade and festival, and after you've rested up, dust off your family tree binder or log in to your favorite genealogy website and take a fresh look at your family trees and make a new attempt to crush your brick walls! In keeping with the Revolutionary War theme, don't miss our virtual program "**Finding Your Patriot! Revolutionary War Research**" presented by our own **Jean Halls Muetzel** at 7:00 p.m. Eastern on July 8th.

In local news, we were contacted recently by the good folks at the Bryan Public Library in Williams County, Ohio, who let us know that someone had donated a headstone to them. They had researched the headstone and discovered it belongs in the Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery in Warren County! They sent us a photo and we confirmed they are in possession of the headstone of one of our Warren County citizens and we are coordinating its return to the cemetery.

Also, sadly, last week we discovered apparent vandalism at one of our historic cemeteries. For both of these cases, we intend to inform both the Township Trustees and local law enforcement to ensure they are aware of these crimes. We will keep you updated as things develop.

If you are reading this, I assume you have an interest in Warren County. If you are already a member of WCGS, thank you. If you are not yet a member, please consider joining our Society. Your membership helps us continue our Warren County research and preservation projects and enables us to provide the results of our volunteers' efforts to enhance your research. And I thank each of our dedicated volunteers for keeping our doors open and making WCGS the best all-volunteer Genealogical Society anywhere. Okay, I'm biased, but I'm proud of our volunteers!

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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HELP WANTED

Submitted by Jim Brokaw, WCGS President and Research Chair

As many of you know, Jo Roth has been covering several positions over the years, some temporarily with the hope they would eventually be filled on a more permanent basis. She has been serving in some of these roles so long we have now stopped thinking of her as just the "fill-in" substitute.

With recent developments in her personal life, Jo can no longer continue to burn the candle at both ends and has to step away, at least for a time, from some of these responsibilities. Please consider helping if you have the time or the inclination to do so. Interested or have questions? You can always reach me at president.wcgsoh@gmail.com.

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SPECIAL SEPTEMBER 12 EVENT FEATURING DANA PALMER AND JEFF HERBERT!

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 we hope you plan to join us the afternoon of September 12



WEBINAR TO WATCH

Submitted by Jo Roth, WCGS Treasurer

I haven't met a genealogist yet who doesn't love maps. One of the questions often asked when a presenter or fellow genealogist shows a slide with a great custom map is, "How did you do that?" Now is your opportunity to learn this!

Kimball Carter is a retired graphic artist and Creative Director. He is a Certified Genealogist with nearly fifty years of family history research experience and his attention to detail and skill with technology is impressive.

His webinar **"Create Maps Using PowerPoint and Google Slides"** is now available on Legacy Family Tree Webinars. If you don't have a paid subscription, it is available for **FREE through July 8!** This takes a bit of skill and definitely takes a bit of practice, but once you get the hang of adding slides as layers and combining the elements he teaches you to create, it is FUN!

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/create-maps-using-powerpoint-and-google-slides>

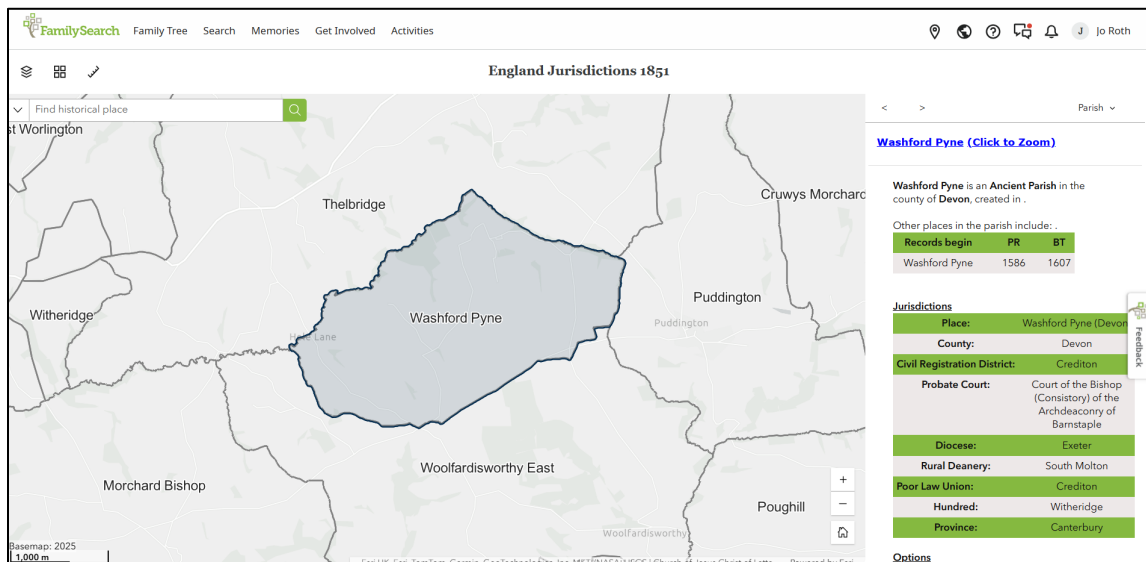
Geoff Rasmussen chimed in during the live webinar on Wednesday, July 1, that viewing Kimball's webinar **"Mapping for Research Success"** (a 2025 Reisinger Lecture) from October 2025 may be a good video to start with if this interests you.

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/mapping-for-research-success-a-2025-reisinger-lecture>

This webinar is available if you have a paid subscription. If you sign up now, there is a 15% discount using the code "deepdive715" (without the quotation marks). Or you can wait for their wonderful half-off sales they have from time to time.

One of the things shown during his presentation was a parish map from England he created by first using a map of **England Jurisdictions 1851** on FamilySearch.org as the base map. By zooming in or searching, you can zoom to the parish which interests you. Below is what I found when I zoomed in to Washford Pyne, where my family was for a time. While I don't have an example of his finished custom parish map, I thought England Jurisdictions map was fabulous and wanted to share it with you.

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



Let us know if you watch Kimball Carter's webinars and if you try creating your own map. We would love to see what you come up with or hear how it goes for you! You can always reach us at wcgsoh@gmail.com.

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CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

GRIP 2026 GENEALOGY INSTITUTE

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

Sunday, July 12 – Friday, July 17, 2026 – In-Person Courses
University of Pittsburgh, 4200 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15260-0001

Save the **2027** Dates!

Monday, 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
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

<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 publications and a good number of Used Books available for purchase. Please visit the [Shop and Support](#) page of our website.

Membership is \$25 for membership 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.





Warren County Genealogical Society

406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
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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.scotlandspire.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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