

# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY *e-News* April 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](mailto:wcgsoh@gmail.com). – Jo Roth, Acting *e-News* Editor

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## WCGS RESOURCE LIBRARY HOURS

The Resource Library will be **closed Friday, April 10, 2026, from 12-4**, for our Volunteer Appreciation Lunch and Quarterly Meeting.

The Resource Library will be **closed Wednesday, April 29, through Friday, May 1, 2026**, for the 2026 OGS Conference. Come and see us in the Exhibit Hall at the Sharonville Convention Center through Saturday, May 2, 2026.

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## 2026 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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

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**\*WCGS 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Awards Banquet!\*** Wednesday, May 20, 2026 – In-Person – Doors Open at 5:30 PM  
Special Program on **“Early Settlers of the Northwest Territory”** presented by Dana Palmer!  
We hope you can join us! Payment for your meal will also serve as your reservation for this special evening.  
<https://www.wcgsohio.org/product-page/wcgs-45th-anniversary-and-awards-banquet>



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

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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**

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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 April edition of the WCGS e-News! Our wonderful volunteers continue to work hard on our current projects and are planning for two upcoming events, the [2026 OGS Annual Conference](#) in Sharonville, and the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WCGS. Our [45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Awards Banquet](#) will be held May 20 in the Phillippi Meeting Room at Otterbein Senior Life in Lebanon, Ohio, and will include a buffet dinner, a special presentation by Dana Palmer, and our annual awards ceremony. We hope to see you there!

We are working on several projects, and I am asking for your help with one of them. From county records to articles in *The Western Star*, much evidence exists that the Warren County Infirmary maintained its own graveyard on their property and many residents, mostly paupers, were buried there. However, we have not been able to definitively prove the location of that graveyard. We find it ironic we have such good knowledge of public and private cemeteries and graveyards in Warren County, but we haven't yet discovered the location of the one graveyard that was owned by the County! If you have any memory, knowledge, or evidence of the location of the infirmary burying ground, please let us know.

You may be aware the WCGS Resource Library holds many thousands of Warren County tax, court, and vital records, and that our expansive inventory of obituaries is growing daily, but did you know we also have shelves of indexed local Funeral Home records, dating back to 1867? These records can hold a wealth of detailed information about your ancestors, including when they died, when and where they were buried, and names of relatives. Please visit our Resource Library if you are in the area and browse our extensive collections.

RootsTech 2026 is now in the books, but if you missed it, many recordings ranging from basic to advanced topics are available to watch at your leisure on the RootsTech website. To watch the videos, go to: [RootsTech Library: Free On-Demand Genealogy Sessions](#) and sign in with your FamilySearch credentials. If you are not yet registered, you can do so from this page. It's free! After you have logged in, you can browse or search for topics that interest you.

Jo Roth has compiled a short list of her recommendations and they are all great:

**“FamilySearch Full-Text Search - Your Golden Path to Ancestral Discovery” presented by David Ouimette (1 hour) - Great information for everyone using this!**

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/session/familysearch-full-text-search-your-golden-path-to-ancestral-discovery>

**“Wanted! Seeking the Identity of Unknown Parents” presented by Dana Palmer (1 hour) - Dana knocks it out of the park!**

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/session/wanted-seeking-the-identity-of-unknown-parents>

**“DNA Misconceptions” presented by Kelli Bergheimer (1 hour) - Kelli produces another stellar program!**

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/session/dna-misconceptions>

**“Demystifying the American Genealogical Biographical Index (AGBI)” presented by Tricia Seguire (17 minutes) - Things I should have known and explored, but didn't, until now.**

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/session/demystifying-the-american-genealogical-biographical-index-agbi>

**“Timelines for Genealogy: A Powerful Research Tool” presented by Janet Few (20 minutes) - This will change the way I put together timelines.**

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/session/timelines-for-genealogy-a-powerful-research-tool>

**“What's New in Family Tree Maker with Duff Wilson” presented by Duff Wilson (13 minutes) - And a bonus recording if you are a Family Tree Maker user (or want to be).**

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/session/whats-new-in-family-tree-maker-with-duff-wilson>

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.wcgs@gmail.com](mailto:president.wcgs@gmail.com).

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# WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY SHRED & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

Saturday, April 25, 2026 10 AM – 1 PM

Warren County Administration Building Parking Lot,  
406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, OH 45036

When getting rid of any old family group sheets, pedigree charts, or other documents you have amassed during your genealogical research, it is ALWAYS a good idea to shred anything that might have information about living or recently deceased individuals.

The Warren County Records Center & Archives hosts a Shred Event twice a year, making it easy to shred your documents without the expense or mess of doing it at home. Happy Spring Cleaning!

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.warrencountyohio.gov/RecordsCenter/Geninfo/ShredDay/index>



**WARREN COUNTY**  
*Community Shred & Electronics Recycling Day*

EVENT IS FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE  
FOR WARREN COUNTY RESIDENTS

**SATURDAY,**  
April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**ADMINISTRATION  
PARKING LOT**  
406 Justice Drive,  
Lebanon OH 45036

**SHRED**

- 5 box maximum (per household)
- Staff will assist with unloading
- Shredding is completed **OFFSITE**

**ELECTRONICS**

- Televisions (**NO TUBE TV'S**)
- **NO** batteries
- visit here for a full list

**QUESTIONS?**

for Shred, call 513-695-1815 or  
archives@warrencountyohio.gov

for Electronics, call 513-695-1209 or  
solidwaste@warrencountyohio.gov

<https://www.warrencountyohio.gov/RecordsCenter/Geninfo/ShredDay/index>

## SCIOTO COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The good folks at SCCOGS (Scioto County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society) have invited us to attend their virtual program given by **Dana Palmer** on **Saturday, April 11, 2026**, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Dana will be speaking via Zoom on **“Top 10 Websites for Ohio Research.”** Zoom invitations will be sent to those on our email list and their email list in advance of the program. If you are in the area, you can enjoy the program with the SCCOGS officers and members in the Copley Meeting Room at the Scioto County Public Library in Portsmouth at 1220 Gallia Street.

Scioto County is located along the Ohio River in the south-central part of Ohio. Portsmouth, the county seat, was a common stop for those coming north from Kentucky. If you have roots or connections there, this is a great opportunity to learn about their Society! We hope you will join us and we thank them for including us in this presentation. Visit their website at: <https://sccogs.com/>

## “THE QUEEN CITY: TRACING ANCESTORS IN CINCINNATI”



The Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library has a FREE virtual program on April 21, 2026, starting at 2:30 p.m., that may be of interest. From their website:

“Discover the rich records and resources that bring Cincinnati family history to life. This program explores key local sources – such as church registers, vital records, newspapers, city directories, and immigration collections – to help you trace ancestors who lived in the Queen City. Learn research strategies, where to find hidden gems, and how to uncover the stories of the people who shaped Cincinnati’s vibrant past. Presented by Kate McKenzie.”

You can register for this webinar on their website:

<https://acpl.libnet.info/event/15984236>

# FRIDAY, MARCH 13

*Submitted by Jo Roth*

Friday, March 13, 2026, was somewhat of a wake up call for me. The last time we had a Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> in March had been six years ago in 2020. As I contemplated this, I remembered exactly where I was and what I was doing.

Do you remember where you were and what you were doing?

This was the day that for most of us, the world changed dramatically. It was the beginning of the shutdown caused by COVID-19. More importantly, it occurred to me I had never documented what happened from my perspective. I had not documented how it was to pick up my daughter from college and move her home, what it was like to visit my dad in the nursing home from outside his window, the feelings of helplessness when a friend’s father became ill and passed away with nobody allowed to be with him at the end. All this and more was part of my experience, and I should have written it down.

The importance of documenting these events in our lives was made even more clear while doing some recent research. I was doing my best to locate information about the death of a family member in 1918 in Olive Hill, Carter County, Kentucky. No death record or certificate has been located, no obituary seems to exist, the only indication he died then is a grave marker with that year of death, but the year of birth is dramatically incorrect. Thanks to Newspapers.com, I was able to locate a very small item saying his son came home from Camp Taylor (in Louisville) because his father was ill. I kept searching and reading issues, hoping to find something more definitive. The more I read, the clearer the picture became of how bad the situation was there. By October, I was finding references they could not keep up with the names of all who were dead or dying; they were hoping they could rely on the churches to provide names so they could get complete information. This was the height of the “Spanish Flu” Pandemic in 1918.

If only one of my family members had documented their experience during this time.

So, it’s not too late. Spend a few minutes each day, or even week, and write down your memories. It doesn’t have to be grammatically correct with perfect punctuation; it could even be bullet points on a beverage napkin if this is what works for you. Then put it somewhere where the next generation will find it. I have mine in a box marked “Money.” Maybe this will keep it safe!

Document your experience. With words, photos, however you choose. But do it now. Don’t wait for the next Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> in March. That doesn’t happen until 2037!

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## WORLD BACKUP DAY



You just missed it! World Backup Day was Tuesday, March 31.

This is your gentle reminder to back up EVERYTHING so you don’t lose it. Please visit the World Backup Day website dedicated to helping you find the best way to backup your information: <https://www.worldbackupday.com/en>

Why beep, beep, beep? It’s the sound you make when you are backing up!

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# THE CURIOUS CASE OF MRS. BESSIE HUNTER

A Funeral Home Records Mystery!

Submitted by Jim Brokaw

While reviewing our early Vale-Hoskins Funeral Home binders in the WCGS Resource Library, the date 3-3-33 caught my eye. The funeral home record showed March 3, 1933, was the day Mrs. Bessie Hunter was buried in Crosson Cemetery, Harlan Township, Warren County, Ohio. The record also shows Bessie died on February 28, 1933, and the arrangements were made by Elmer Fordyce, Ersal Fordyce Sunnycalb, and Charles Sunnycalb, and of the \$90 total bill, \$55 was paid by the Harlan Township trustees. Ten years later, the funeral home charged off the remaining \$35 as uncollectible.

Who was this Bessie Hunter and the trio who ordered the funeral, but did not pay the bill? A quick check of our local death indexes, obituaries, and Crosson Cemetery records turned up nothing, so clearly more research was required. It isn't often we find someone who lived in Warren County, but had not been documented very well in our many indexes.

According to the funeral home records, Bessie Hunter was born on June 30, 1873, in Boston, which was a small village in Clermont County now known as Owensville.

On March 3, 1903, Bessie Armstrong married Thomas Fordyce (1855-1920) in Clermont County and to this union were born two children, Elmer and Ersa Elva Fordyce.

FUNERAL RECORD		ACCOUNT	
County <u>Warren</u>		Burial of: <u>Mrs. Bessie Hunter</u>	
Township <u>Harlan</u>		Charge to <u>Estate</u>	
Village <u>Crosson</u>		Address <u>Patate</u>	
City <u>Patate</u>			
Name <u>Bessie Hunter</u>			
Date of Birth: Mo. <u>June</u> Day <u>30</u> Yr. <u>1873</u>			
Date of Death <u>Feb. 28, 1933</u> Hour <u>6:30 P.M.</u>			
Age <u>59</u> Yrs. <u>7</u> Mos. <u>28</u> Days			
Sex <u>Female</u> Color <u>White</u>			
Single, Married, Divorced			
C <u>Patate</u>			
Birth Place <u>Patate, Ohio</u>			
Father			
Birth Place			
Maiden Name of Mother			
Birth Place			
Informant			
Address			
Date of Service <u>Feb. Mar. 2, 1933</u>			
Place <u>Crosson Cemetery</u>			
Hour <u>2 P.M.</u>			
Clergyman <u>Ray Ryan</u>			
Remarks <u>Acute Heart Attack, Died 16:30 P.M.</u>			
		Casket <u>+ service</u> 90.00	
		Burial Robe - - - - -	
		Grave Vault - - - - -	
		Embalming Body - - - - -	
		Shaving or Hair Dressing - - - - -	
		Carriages - - - - -	
		Hearse - - - - -	
		Flowers - - - - -	
		Engraving Plate - - - - -	
		Paid for Burial Lot - - - - -	
		Paid for Opening Grave <u>Patate</u> 8.00	
		Telegraph - - - - -	
		Telephone - - - - -	
		TOTAL DEBIT - 98.00	
		Credits: <u>8-27-34</u> 55.00	

Mrs. Bessie Hunter - died Sunday 2-28-33 Burial 3-3-33  
 at Crosson Cemetery. arrangements by Elmer Fordyce,  
 Ersal Fordyce Sunnycalb + Charles Sunnycalb.  
 Charge to Estate.  
 Mar. 3 Casket, embalming  
 cars + service 90.00  
 Sextons chg for digging 8.00 *pd. by trustees*  
 Total 98.00  
 Aug. 27 Trustees Harlan Twp. 90.00 55.00  
 1893 Balance 35.00  
 Jan. 1 1943 Charged off as uncollectible 35.00

Vale-Hoskins Funeral Home  
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Vale-Hoskins Funeral Home  
 Volume 2, Page 13

Bessie's husband Thomas Fordyce was struck by lightning and killed instantly in Harlan Township on June 13, 1920. He was buried in Second Creek Cemetery in Blanchester, Clinton County, Ohio, alongside his first wife, whom he married in 1874, and with whom he had at least 10 children. She died between 1895 and 1903. (Cont'd. on next page.)

## The Curious Case of Bessie Hunter (cont'd.)

On August 3, 1921, Bessie married Lewis S. Hunter (~1855-1927) in Warren County, and according to her application for a marriage license, Bessie was born on June 30, 1872. In the same record she stated her place of birth was Clermont County and her residence was Butlerville in Warren County.

Lewis passed away January 25, 1927, and was buried in Crosson Cemetery. Bessie was the informant on his Death Certificate, and a good deal of information was listed as unknown, including the names of his parents, his age at death and date of birth. The Death Certificate was returned for additional information, and an approximate age of 75 years was provided later.

Bessie married Elmer Jasper Coleman (1870-1932) on September 21, 1927, in Clinton County, Ohio. Elmer's first wife had passed away in May of that year. This marriage appears to have ended, because in the 1930 Census, Bessie Hunter and her son Elmer Fordyce were living in the home of Chauncey Ritchie in Hamilton Township. In 1932, Bessie was advertising for work. She listed her residence as Foster.

**Situations, Female 11**

**HOUSEWORK** of any kind or care of sick by elderly lady. Can give reference. Mrs. Bessie Hunter, Foster, Ohio, R. R. No. 1 % C. Ritchey.

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*The Western Star* (Lebanon, Ohio),  
Thursday, November 17, 1932,  
Page 4, Column 1

Bessie died February 28, 1933, and according to a notice in the Butlerville society section of the March 9, 1933, edition of *The Western Star*, Bessie died at her residence at Zoar, which is in Hamilton Township.

**BUTLERVILLE**

Mrs. Bessie Fordyce Hunter passed away at her residence, at Zoar, last Thursday. The remains were brought here for burial in the Crosson cemetery Friday.

*The Western Star* (Lebanon, Ohio),  
Thursday, March 9, 1933, Page 8,  
Column 7

So even though Bessie was a resident of Hamilton Township, she was buried in Crosson Cemetery in Harlan Township.

Perhaps the Harlan Township Trustees helped with expenses so she could be buried beside her second husband. The exact reason may have to remain a mystery.

When searching for information on the death or burial of an ancestor, don't overlook funeral home records in addition to the other, more readily available records! They provided a great deal more information and context to her life that proved invaluable in this case.



It is likely Bessie is buried in an unmarked grave in the area known as the "Pauper" section of Crosson Cemetery.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
1. PLACE OF DEATH County <i>Hamilton</i> Township <i>Hamilton Twp.</i>	2. FULL NAME <i>Bessie Hunter</i> (a) Residence. No. <i>Foster</i> (State of Ohio)	3. SEX <i>Female</i>	4. COLOR OR RACE <i>White</i>
5. Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced <i>Widowed</i>	6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) <i>June 30, 1872</i>	7. AGE Years <i>59</i> Months <i>7</i> Days <i>28</i>	8. TRADE, PROFESSION, OR PARTICULAR KIND OF WORK DONE, AS OPERATOR, SAWYER, BOOKKEEPER, ETC. <i>Housewife</i>
9. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH WORK WAS DONE, AS SILK MILL, SAW MILL, BAKERY, ETC. <i>own home</i>	10. DATE DECEASED LAST WORKED AT THIS OCCUPATION (month and year)	11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation	12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <i>Boston Ohio</i>
13. NAME <i>unmarried</i>	14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country)	15. MAIDEN NAME <i>unknown</i>	16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country)
17. INFORMANT The Signature of <i>Charles Henry Call</i> and (Address) <i>Butlerville, Ohio, R. R. 1</i>	18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Place <i>Crosson</i> Date <i>Mar. 5, 1933</i>	19. UNDERTAKER <i>Walter G. Kuhn</i> (Address) <i>Lebanon, Ohio, 41133A</i>	20. FILED <i>33</i> Registrar
21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) <i>Feb. 28, 1933</i>		22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <i>10:30</i> death is said to have occurred on the date stated above at <i>6:30 p.m.</i> The PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF DEATH and related causes of importance in order of cause were as follows: <i>Vascular heart attack</i> <i>High blood pressure.</i>	
23. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following: Accident, suicide, or homicide? _____ Date of injury _____, 19____ Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city or town, county, and State) Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.		24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? <i>No</i> If so, specify _____ (Signed) <i>Walter G. Kuhn</i> Registrar Date <i>3-6-33</i> Address <i>Lebanon, Ohio, 41133</i>	

Death Certificate for Bessie Hunter from FamilySearch.org. Ohio  
Death Certificates 1908-1953 can be found online:  
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/collection/1307272>

## **AN APPEAL TO FAMILY MEMBERS OF GENEALOGISTS EVERYWHERE**

*Submitted by Jo Roth*

If you are a close family member of a genealogist and appreciate and are interested in your family history, you are lucky indeed! If you have a genealogist in the family and are NOT interested, please know the work they have done on your family history is valuable. The piles of loose papers, filing cabinets chock full of everything, tons of books, and various other collections including the many files on their computers may not make much sense to you, but to another researcher, it might contain gold!

As genealogists, we readily recognize the importance of making a plan for our research, but sometimes life doesn't happen quite the way we planned it.

The many responsibilities that fall on family members when a loved one passes can be overwhelming. Take a moment to consider your family genealogist may have spent many years, if not decades, accumulating this research and these sources, and for many, it is their life's work. If you have no interest in keeping what they have accumulated, and have no known family members who are interested in taking it, please consider taking the following steps to find a home for your collection of family history.

- ❖ Contact your local Genealogical or Historical Society. They may be interested in giving it a home, or they may have some good advice about where it could go and be appreciated.
- ❖ Ask your County Records Center or Archives. More and more, these organizations are collecting far more than just records pertaining to the area government.
- ❖ Check with your local library. While not all have the space or resources to accept this kind of donation, some are extremely interested in preserving local history and might be interested in keeping it local.
- ❖ Talk to a fellow researcher or friend of your family genealogist. If the collection needs a bit of TLC to be accepted by an organization, they might be able to take care of getting it in better shape. In some cases, they may even choose to continue the research!
- ❖ Consult The Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library in Indiana. This is the second largest repository of family histories in the country, second only to the FamilySearch Library in Salt Lake City.

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## **AN APPEAL TO FELLOW GENEALOGISTS EVERYWHERE**

Have a plan and put it in writing for your research, sources, and other materials for when you are gone or no longer able or interested in continuing your family history work. Ensure your family members know your wishes and are on board with carrying them out. Putting them in your will helps, but this does not always guarantee something else won't happen to them before this is in play.

What is the best way to preserve your research? Publish it! A book is always a great way to ensure your work will be preserved and appreciated. Yes, it takes time and work and money. But you have spent years putting together information about your family and it is worth preserving. If you don't have the research finished or need help putting it together into a book, hire someone! Many of us have either taken a Publishing Class given by Dana Palmer or seen some of the spectacular family history books she has published. Definitely money well spent.

What is another good way to preserve your research? Join a Lineage Society! Anytime you do the work to prove your ancestors, and it is approved and on file with a Society, it is saved for the future.

Check out these articles for more information and get your plan in place before it is too late for you to have a say about what happens to your valuable research.

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/8-tips-to-ensure-your-genealogy-lasts>

<https://www.familyhistoryfanatics.com/finished-genealogy-research>

<https://blog.myheritage.com/2021/08/future-proof-your-family-history-how-to-make-sure-your-genealogy-research-outlives-you/>

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## HAPPY TRAILS

Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of those who have passed. WCGS is fortunate to have had so many people who have become members and made contributions. We recognize and honor those who are no longer with us in body, but will be ever-present in spirit. As the song goes, "Until we meet again..."

Please visit our Virtual Cemetery on Find a Grave: [Remembering our WCGS Members](#). If you have information about a current or former WCGS member who has passed or a memorial we should add to our Virtual Cemetery, please contact Debbie Schneider, WCGS Membership Chair, at [membership.wcgsoh@gmail.com](mailto:membership.wcgsoh@gmail.com).

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### **Dorothy Anna "Dottie" (Karasiewicz) Axelrod (November 12, 1946 – August 28, 2024)** **WCGS Member**



Dorothy Anna (nee Karasiewicz), 77, of Turtlecreek Township, Ohio, passed away on August 28, 2024.

Dottie was born on November 12, 1946, in Newark, New Jersey, to Henry and Kathryn (Tuman) Karasiewicz. She grew up in Irvington, New Jersey, and graduated from Irvington High School in 1964. She attended Upsala College in East Orange, New Jersey, and graduated in 1968 with a BA in Psychology. She then attended St. Peters College in New Jersey working toward a graduate degree. She was employed by the New Jersey State Employment Service where she worked in the Human Resource Development Center, the Industrial Placement Center, and the Professional Placement Center.

Dottie moved with her family from New Jersey to Mount Holly Springs, Pennsylvania, in 1976 and later to Centerville, Ohio, in 1980. After taking time off to raise a family, she went back to college and earned an accounting degree from Sinclair Community College. She then worked for Lutheran Social Services of The Miami Valley at Bethany Lutheran Village. Dottie loved giving her time volunteering as a Girl Scout leader, coached many girls' softball teams in the Centerville area, and later became an AARP Tax-Aide volunteer, working for 11 years in the Lebanon, Mason, and Morrow areas. Former colleagues admired Dottie's ability to prepare complex returns while engaging in lively nonstop conversation with her clients. She truly loved connecting with new people wherever she went.

Dottie retired and moved to Turtlecreek Township in 2004 when she remarried. She and her husband, William Jameson, spent 17 years traveling between their house on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and the farm. They enjoyed spending time hiking in the woods, fishing, riding bikes and mushrooming on the UP. They also made trips out west to visit children in Montana and Oregon enjoying the National Parks along the way.

You could see Dottie most days at the Countryside YMCA working out in the Cardio Strength Center, taking water classes or many of the other classes offered. It was there that she found the Lebanon Book Club and joined in 2017. She was introduced to many books from other members and found a warm and welcoming friendship group. She also joined the Franklin- Springboro book club and enjoyed the friends and book selections there as well. She enjoyed exercising, reading, gardening, hiking, fishing for salmon on the UP, mushrooming, flea marketing, and spending time with her four grandchildren.

Dottie was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband William Jameson, daughters Tara (David) Hennings, Kimberly (Chad) Nahrup, Lauren Axelrod, grandchildren Kathryn Hennings, Ashton, Bailey, and Carson Nahrup, stepchildren Eric, Katherine, and Brent Jameson, brother Robert Karasiewicz, sister-in-law Joann Karasiewicz and the father of her children Cary Axelrod.

Oswald-Hoskins Funeral Home in Lebanon, Ohio, served the family. Her online obituary can be found here: <https://www.hoskinsfh.com/obituary/dorothy-dottie-axelrod>

Dottie's Find a Grave Memorial can be found here: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/274239826/dorothy-anna-axelrod>

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## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

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### INDIANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 10507, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46852-0507

<https://www.indgensoc.org/>

#### 2026 IGS Annual Conference: “Roots of a Nation”

Friday, April 17 – Saturday, April 18, 2026 – In-Person AND Virtual

Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library, 1120 Stafford Road, Plainfield, IN 46168

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### 2026 NORTHEASTERN KENTUCKY GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

<https://gogenealogy41144.wixsite.com/mysite/about-5>

Friday, April 24 – Saturday, April 25, 2026

Greenbo Lake State Park Lodge, 965 Lodge Road, Greenup, KY 41144

Hosted by Greenup County Kentucky Genealogy & Historical Society

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### VIRGINIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

P. O. Box 626, Orange, VA 229-60-0365

<https://www.vgs.org/>

#### 2026 VGS Spring Virtual Conference: “The Eve of Independence: Colonial Research in Virginia”

Saturday, April 25, 2026 – Virtual (\$40 / \$32 for members)

Speakers include: Barbara Vines Little, Judy G. Russell, Craig R. Scott, Nicki Peak Birch, Lyndon H. Hart, III, and Kimberly Ormsby Nagy

<https://www.vgs.org/event/vgs-spring-virtual-conference-the-eve-of-independence-colonial-research-in-virginia/>

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### 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 OGS Annual Conference: “Finding Genealogy Gems”

Wednesday, April 29 – Saturday, May 2, 2026 – In-Person

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

Speakers include: Kelli Bergheimer, Sunny Jane Morton, Karynne Moses, and Dana Palmer!

#### 2027 OGS Annual Conference:

##### “Finding Your Family’s Heroes”

Save the Dates! Wednesday, April 28 – Saturday, May 1, 2027 – Sharonville, OH

### NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

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

#### 2026 Family History Conference: “America at 250”

Wednesday, May 27 – Saturday, May 30, 2026 - Fort Wayne, IN

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

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#### 2027 Family History Conference

Save the Dates! Thursday, May 20 – Saturday, May 22, 2027 - Madison, WI

### 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

Registration now open. Early Bird pricing ends April 15, 2026!

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### GRIP 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

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**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

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**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  
Early Bird Pricing of \$175 through May 31!  
24 Speakers, 16 Gathering Sessions, 32 Live Q&A Sessions  
<https://events.genpa.org/>

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**2026 KENTUCKY HISTORY AND GENEALOGY CONFERENCE**  
Call for Speakers and Vendors!  
<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.

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**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; RootsTech discount available until March 21 and early bird pricing good through June 22, 2026.  
Embassy Suites at Boston Logan Airport, 207 Porter St., Boston, MA 02128  
<https://ecggc.org/>

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**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

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**GENEALOGY WEBINARS**  
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[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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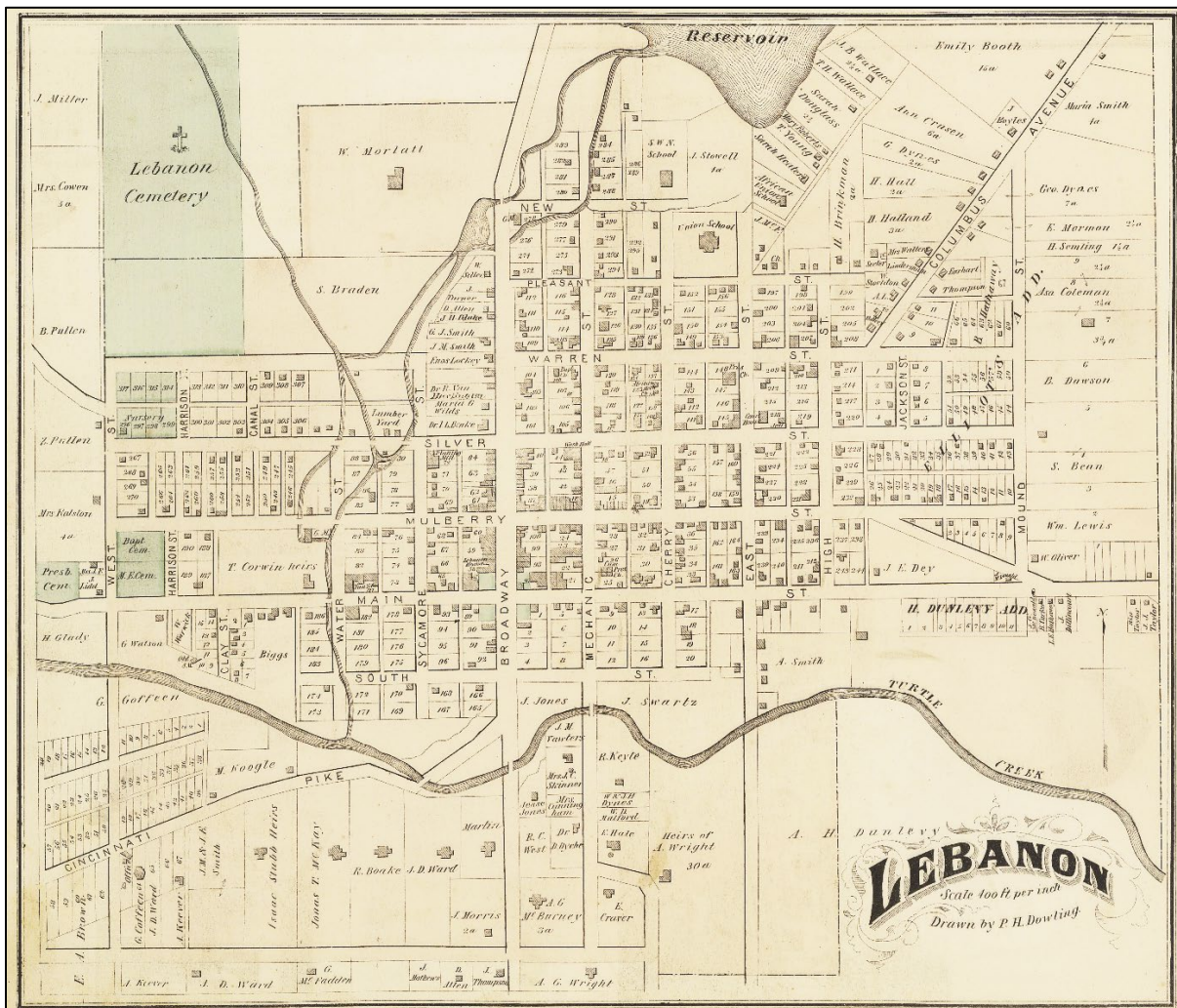
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# Warren County Genealogical Society

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**WHEN: Wednesday, April 29 – Saturday, May 2, 2026**

**WHERE: 2026 OGS Conference at the Sharonville Convention Center  
1135 Chester Road, Sharonville, OH 45246**



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- Civil War Records
- Clermont Co Chapter, OGS
- Daughters of American Revolution-Ohio
- Fairfield Co Chapter, OGS
- Family Tree Magazine
- Forever
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- General William Henry Harrison Chapter USD 1812
- Great Lakes Chapter, APG
- Hamilton Co Chapter, OGS
- Iowa Gen. Society
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- Mayflower Society, Ohio
- Michiana History Publications
- MyHeritage
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- Reclaim the Records
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- The Final Salute
- The Preacher Genealogist
- TriHealth DNA Discovery
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<https://www.ogs.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/2026-Conference-Registration-Book-Updated.pdf>