

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News April 2023

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NEW WCGS RECORDING SECRETARY!

We are happy to announce that Diana Lovett has accepted the position of Recording Secretary. Diana volunteers with other organizations, including the Warren County Historical Society, and has experience with nonprofits. She graciously offered to take on the duties of Recording Secretary and her appointment was recommended by Linda L. Eckert, WCGS President, and approved by the WCGS Board. Welcome to Diana Lovett!

We would also like to express our gratitude to Debbie Schneider, who has acted as our Interim Recording Secretary while the position has been vacant. Debbie has filled in when needed in this role and will continue to be available as a backup to Diana. Thank you to Debbie!

NEW PUBLICATIONS CHAIR!

Welcome to our new Publications Chair Laura Ingling! Laura started volunteering for WCGS in 2022 and has been a great help in several areas including our 2022 Cemetery Restoration Workshop and reorganizing our Resource Library. Most recently, she began the monumental task of setting up a store section in our Resource Library to showcase the many publications we have for sale. Stop by and check it out if you are in the area. And if you happen to buy a book, it's likely that Laura will have had a hand in the process!

2023 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

April 22, 2023 – WCGS In-Person Program – **“Lebanon, Ohio’s African Union School and Professor S. R. Bailey”** presented by **John Zimkus, WCHS Historian and Education Director**

Saturday, April 22, 2023, 1:30 PM EDT – Armstrong Conference Center, 121 South Broadway Street, Lebanon, Ohio 45036

This program is FREE and open to the public. All are welcome!

May 10, 2023 – WCGS Virtual Program – **“Midwest Archives: Worthy of More Than Just a Flyover”** presented by **Amber Oldenburg**, Wednesday, May 10, 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.

The lineup for our popular **Summer Genealogy Classes** is now on our website. Join us most Wednesday afternoons from 1-3 PM in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room (Room 128) on the first floor of the Warren County Administration Building at 406 Justice Drive in Lebanon, Ohio. Each class is only \$10.00! For a complete listing of class topics and instructors, please visit: <https://www.wcgsohio.org/2023-summer-classes>

VIDEO ONLINE

The video from the March 8, 2023, presentation by Kelli Bergheimer on “Understanding Inheritance Patterns: Y-DNA, mtDNA, X-DNA” is available on the [Members Area](#) of our website. WCGS members can click [HERE](#) to sign in and view the video. Many thanks to Kelli for allowing us to record this program. The video will remain on the website indefinitely.

If you are interested in DNA, no matter how experienced, this is a GREAT program.

2023 CEMETERY RESTORATION WORKSHOP

It's official! The **2023 Cemetery Restoration Workshop** will be **Friday, September 15, 2023**, at **Crosson Cemetery in Harlan Township**. We are thrilled to welcome back [Ta Mara Conde](#), of Historic Gravestone Services, as our conservator again. For more information, or to register for the workshop, please visit our [Cemetery Restoration Workshops](#) page. You can even pay for your registration right online!

COLLABORATION WITH CLERMONT COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

WCGS is pleased to announce a unique collaboration with a fellow chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, the Clermont County Genealogical Society. In 1980, CCGS started collecting compiling family histories and photos with the goal of compiling them into a book. It took four long years, but in 1984, they published *Clermont County, Ohio, 1980, A Collection of Genealogical and Historical Writings, Volume One*. Now out of print, WCGS will be producing this 315-page book in softcover form for CCGS, which will be priced at \$40.00 + sales tax and shipping. This is late-breaking news and actual production has not started yet. More details will follow in the next e-News about how to purchase this book as we get further along in the process.

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 27 Dec **1978**. The latest project analytics extending to the end of March 2023 show **418,677** page views by **19,466** users.

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

RECENT WARREN COUNTY VETERAN DEATHS

(Please send additions to atrelvik@gmail.com.)

World War II:

Joseph F. Clay (1927-2023) (Veteran World War II)

Korea:

Robert Lewis “Bobby Lou” Kelley (1928-2023) (US Navy Korea)

Vietnam:

David Bernard “Davy” Jones (1940-2023) (US Army Vietnam)

John R. Welling (1947-2023) (US Army Vietnam)

Ronald B. Wolfenbarger (1947-2023) (US Army Vietnam)

Other Service:

Guy Edgar Baker (1938-2023) (US Army National Guard)

Ronald Jr. Bronner (1975-2023) (Military Honors)

Roger T. Coker (1935-2023) (US Army)

James Ferrell (1941-2023) (US Army)

James Joseph Fisch (1942-2023) (US Navy)

James Edward Fisher (1959-2023) (US Marine Corps)

Kenneth R. Harris (1948-2023) (US Army)

Carl Edwin Hathaway (1931-2023) (US Air Force)

Cleveland Edward Hemmingsen (1935-2023) (US Marine Corps)

Raymond Thomas Leen (1941-2023) (US Army)

Gerald G. Lindsly (1939-2023) (US Air Force)

Paul John Mayne (1947-2023) (US Navy)

Philip H. McCabe (1952-2023) (US Air Force)

Leonard Paul “Butch” Sholder (1938-2023) (US Navy)

Stephen Emerson Swallom (1948-2023) (US Air Force)

Robert “Bob” Watrous (1941-2023) (US Navy)

CLUES TO USE

Contributed by Linda Eckert, WCGS President



World Backup Day 2023

We missed it! Did you know that World Backup Day was March 31, 2023? This is a good reminder for all of us to back up our research. Backups are a critical part of our family research and should be done on a regular basis. Most of us have spent years researching our family history and documenting our sources and we need to protect it. When was the last time you backed up your research? Maybe you have been lucky and never had a computer crash. In an instant it can all be gone. What would you do if you suddenly lost all your research? Hiring an expert to recover it is expensive and sometimes they are not successful.

I recently read an excellent article by Thomas MacEntee explaining how important it is to back up your data. He suggests three ways to back up your data: 1) external solid state drive, 2) online backup program, and 3) a cloud-based program. He also has created a great “Free Cheat Sheet” for backing up your genealogy data. Following is the link to his article: <https://genealogybargains.com/world-backup-day-2023/>. Take the time to read MacEntee's article and find a backup system that works for you.



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OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Samuel D. Isaly Library, 611 State Route 97 West, Bellville, Ohio 44813

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

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

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

THE OHIO CHAPTER OF PALATINES TO AMERICA

2023 German Genealogy Spring Seminar

<https://oh-palam.org/>

15 April 2023 In-Person at the Columbus Metropolitan Library and Available Virtually on Zoom

NERGC 2023

(17th New England Regional Genealogical Conference)

<https://nergc.org/>

3 – 6 May 2023 In-Person and Virtual

IGGP 2023

(International German Genealogy Partnership Conference)

<https://iggp.org/cpage.php?pt=167>

Early Bird Pricing through 3 Mar 2023!

9 – 11 June 2023 In-Person at the Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne, IN, and Virtual

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.

“DeepStory – Your Visual Storytelling Tool” presented by Janna Helshtein

Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 2:00 p.m. EDT – Register with Legacy Family Tree Webinars:

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/a-myheritage-webinar-9/>

“Myaamiaki (Miami People): Preserving and Protecting Their History and Culture” presented by Diane Hunter

Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 2:30 p.m. EDT – Register with the Allen County Public Library:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_p17GZ2T9R6qB3_aiMcyuVw#/registration

*Past recorded programs of the Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library can be found on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8AE558B5D8661B31>

“Forget Me Not – Remembering Our Grandmother’s Stories” presented by Jane Wilcox

Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 7:00 p.m. EDT – Register with the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-Ar90GZEOVY_JOI5gYsA1g?_x_zm_rtaid=Va7hdth2R2uF_7XRrUiAjg.1680873677015.935406a0bdc89f349262f4e38bc65793&_x_zm_rhtaid=323#/registration

“Discovering the Past Through Digitized Archival Material” presented by Dr. Laura Blomvall

Thursday, April 13, 2023, 3:00 p.m. EDT – Register with the American Ancestors by New England Historic Genealogical Society:

<https://hubs.americanancestors.org/discovering-the-past-through-digitized-archival-material>

LEGACY FAMILY TREE WEBINAR'S 24-HOUR GENEALOGY WEBINAR MARATHON!

Thursday, April 13, 2023 (all times are EDT)

- 5:00 p.m.: [Solving Unknown Parentage Mysteries with MyHeritage DNA](#) by Michelle Leonard
- 6:00 p.m.: [Spanish & Latin American Records on MyHeritage](#) by Daniel Horowitz
- 7:00 p.m.: [Liverpool: The Central Hub for Northern Europe's 19th and 20th Century Emigration](#) by Paul Milner
- 8:00 p.m.: [The Secret to Finding Your Ancestor's Stories](#) by Janice Nickerson
- 9:00 p.m.: [The FAN Club Methodology, DNA, and Genealogy Lead Back to Lunatic's Plantation](#) by Melvin J. Collier
- 10:00 p.m.: [Genealogy A to Z: A Trivia Adventure](#) by Thomas MacEntee
- 11:00 p.m.: [Ancestral Ink: The Social History Behind a Tattoo](#) by Gena Philibert-Ortega

Friday, April 14, 2023 (all times are EDT)

- 12:00 a.m.: [We Remember: Researching, Remembering and Commemorating Those Who Served](#) by Michelle Patient
- 1:00 a.m.: [Slow Down – Planning Your Research](#) by Fiona Booker
- 2:00 a.m.: [Polish Cemeteries Online](#) by Kinga Urbańska
- 3:00 a.m.: [There is More at MyHeritage Than Family Trees and Photos](#) by Fran Kitto
- 4:00 a.m.: [To Have But No Longer to Hold: Divorce in Australia](#) by Helen V. Smith
- 5:00 a.m.: [Australian Indexes Online for Family History Research You Might Not Know](#) by Shauna Hicks
- 6:00 a.m.: [Different Calendars in German Genealogy](#) by Andrea Bentschneider
- 7:00 a.m.: [Using MyHeritage to Research Polish Family History and Find Living Relatives in Poland](#) by Zbigniew Stettner
- 8:00 a.m.: [Unearthing the Treasures in the Irish Registry of Deeds](#) by Natalie Bodie
- 9:00 a.m.: [When Enough is Enough](#) by Judy G. Russell
- 10:00 a.m.: [Giving Them Their Glory: First Kansas / US Colored Troops 79th Regiment](#) by Nicka Smith
- 11:00 a.m.: [Tell Better Family Stories with MyHeritage](#) by Lisa A. Alzo
- 12:00 p.m.: [Time: Calendar Changes & Moveable Feast Days Explained](#) by Jill Morelli
- 1:00 p.m.: [An Introduction to Investigative Genetic Genealogy](#) by Ugo Perego
- 2:00 p.m.: [The “Forgotten” Immigrants: The Swiss to America](#) by Michael D. Locopo
- 3:00 p.m.: [Finding the Original Record When the Index is Unclear](#) by J. Mark Lowe
- 4:00 p.m.: [Off the Shelf: The Unexplored Potential for eBooks in Genealogy](#) by Cyndi Ingle
- 5:00 p.m.: [Elusive Ancestors: Never Too Poor to Trace](#) by Elizabeth Shown Mills

“Database Dive: MyHeritage” presented by Kate McKenzie

Thursday, April 13, 2023, 6:30 p.m. EDT – Register with the Allen County Public Library:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rl7eUzlDTqGL5ewDF4Jj8w#/registration

“STOP THIEF! British Crime and Punishment” presented by Carol Baxter

*This is the final webinar in the ISBGfH Winter Webinar Series until next fall.

Saturday, April 15, 2023, 11:00 a.m. EDT - Register with the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtcuCgrj8rHN2xINoujuOGDfe4d5GwRCdE>

“Searching for DNA Connections? It's all in the FAN!” presented by Adrian Wells

Saturday, April 15, 2023, 2:00 p.m. EDT – Register with the African American Genealogical Society of Fort Wayne:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcudemrqiE9Vml7diYBtgaMAgn1DNLgxI#/registration>

“1700 Years of Jewish Life in German-Speaking Lands” presented by Karen Franklin and Mike Brown

Sunday, April 16, 2:00 p.m. EDT – Register with the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvcuqpqDsQH9Ytx-f5GAgB94rs5Ifey9sQ#/registration>

“Honoring Holocaust Remembrance Day: A Second-Generation Voice” presented by Pearl “Peppy” Margolis

Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 2:30 p.m. EDT – Register with the Allen County Public Library:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9d4Wy1UHS36gUo0CebNUJQ#/registration

“Urban Mapping Tools” presented by Rick Sayre

Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 8:00 p.m. EDT – Register with Legacy Family Tree Webinars:

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/urban-mapping-tools/>

“Surname Origins – Why? When? Why Then?” presented by Wayne Shephard

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 2:00 p.m. EDT – Register with Legacy Family Tree Webinars:

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/surnames-origins-why-when-why-then/>

“Spilling the Tea: Researching Boston Tea Party Patriots” presented by Lindsay Fulton

Thursday, April 20, 2023, 3:00 p.m. EDT – Register with the American Ancestors by New England Historic Genealogical Society:

<https://hubs.americanancestors.org/researching-boston-tea-party-patriots>

“Eastern European Family History Online!” presented by Dave Obee
Thursday, April 20, 6:30 p.m. EDT – Register with the Allen County Public Library:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_a--ApqA4S-e9USHSeXKysw#/registration

“The Five-Story Fall: Correlating Indirect and Direct Evidence to Extend the Pedigree” presented by Debbie Mieszczal
Thursday, April 20, 2023, 8:00 p.m. EDT – Register for the Florida State Genealogical Society Poolside Chat webinar:
<https://zoom.us/join/join?jvce=rrTMiG9daqVN10U4uTq7RYPbzt7a>

“Daughters of the King to Mothers of a Nation” presented by Lianne Kruger
Friday, April 21, 2023, 2:00 p.m. EDT – Register with Legacy Family Tree Webinars:
<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/daughters-of-the-king-to-mothers-of-a-nation/>

“Working with German Vital Records You Find on MyHeritage” presented by Katherine Schober
Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 2:00 p.m. EDT – Register with Legacy Family Tree Webinars:
<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/working-with-german-vital-records-you-find-on-myheritage/>

“Database Dive: Exploring Gale Databases at the Genealogy Center” presented by Hannah Roudebush
Tuesday, April 25, 2:30 p.m. EDT – Register with the Allen County Public Library:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VJhwj29sRzmpcSQqL97mhQ#/registration

“Hidden in Plain Site: English and Welsh Websites” presented by Mia Bennett
Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 2:00 p.m. EDT – Register with Legacy Family Tree Webinars:
<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/hidden-in-plain-site-english-and-welsh-websites/>

“Researching Genealogy at the State Archives of North Carolina” presented by Katherine Crickmore
Thursday, April 27, 6:30 p.m. EDT – Register with the Allen County Public Library:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_t2nSFmOXtNiG5aCdsGSldA#/registration

“Convicts: From Trial to Freedom” presented by Kerry Farmer
Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 10:00 p.m. EDT – Register with Legacy Family Tree Webinars:
<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/convicts-from-trial-to-freedom/>

“Using Multiple WATO Analyses to Break Through a Brick Wall” presented by Maurice Gleeson
Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 2:00 p.m. EDT – Register with Legacy Family Tree Webinars:
<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/using-multiple-wato-analyses-to-break-through-a-brick-wall/>

“Working on the Railroad: Pullman Porters and Maids” presented by Janice Lovelace
Friday, May 5, 2023, 2:00 p.m. EDT – Register with Legacy Family Tree Webinars:
<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/working-on-the-railroad-pullman-porters-and-maids/>

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Phone: 513-695-1144 Email: 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/>

RESOURCE 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. We are a FamilySearch Affiliate Library.
