

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY *e-News* January 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 513-695-1144 or email at wcgsoh@gmail.com. – Jo Roth, Acting *e-News* Editor

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WCGS RESOURCE LIBRARY HOURS

The Resource Library will be **closed Monday, January 19, 2026**, for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

The Resource Library will be **closed Tuesday, January 27, 2026, from noon until 4 p.m.**, for our Volunteer Appreciation Lunch and Quarterly Meeting. This was rescheduled from January 6.

The Resource Library will be **closed Monday, February 16, 2026**, for President's Day.

2026 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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

January 2026 Virtual Program **"Here Comes the Bride, and There She Goes"** presented by **J. Mark Lowe**

TUESDAY, January 13, 2026, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT – Zoom Program

Note this program is on a Tuesday instead of our usual Wednesday.

February 2026 Virtual Program **"Busting Through Brick Walls by Understanding County Boundaries"** presented by **Dana Palmer**

Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT – Zoom Program

March 2026 Virtual Program **"Discovering Miami Valley Pioneers and Early Ancestors"** presented by **Kelli Bergheimer**

Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT – Zoom Program

***May 2026 WCGS 45th Anniversary and Awards Banquet! SAVE THE DATE! Special Program by Dana Palmer!**
Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT – In-Person

If you are on our email list, you will automatically receive a Zoom invitation to join us for our Virtual Chapter Meeting and Program. You can sign up for our email list at the bottom of any website page. <https://www.wcgsohio.org>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Jim Brokaw, WCGS President and Research Chair

Happy New Year! 2026 is a special year for us, because in May, the Warren County Genealogical Society will celebrate our 45th anniversary. In January 1981, our founding members began meeting in Lebanon, Ohio, and decided to create a nonprofit society with the lofty goals of creating a research library and to gather, organize, and produce historical materials to aid genealogists in their Warren County research efforts. By February, they had elected officers and on May 20, 1981, the Warren County Genealogical Society became a Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. From the beginning, WCGS has been comprised of a small group of dedicated volunteers who over the last 45 years have built our Resource Library into one of the finest genealogical libraries in Ohio and who still today enable us to keep our front door open and the lights on five full days a week to serve you, our valued members! Hoorah!

I hope each of you has been thinking about your personal goals for 2026 and you have included family research among those goals. We all know our family tree is never complete, and the incredible amounts of new records that are being digitized and made available online should be encouraging all of us to renew our family research efforts. If you are able, please visit our Resource Library and take advantage of the indexes, databases, records, materials, and assistance we offer. Unable to visit in person? We can still help! Submit a Research Request, email us at research.wcgsoh@gmail.com, or give us a call at 513-695-1144.

My New Year's prediction for the genealogical community is the early examples and novelty of Artificial Intelligence (AI) as applied to family tree research will mature in 2026 in ways we still cannot imagine. The challenge for all of us will be to learn how to use the new AI tools effectively and efficiently, while ensuring we control the results and maintain our genealogical proof standards. This will be an exciting year!

I also encourage you to make the most of the free webinar programs that are sponsored by WCGS and similar societies across Ohio and the nation. You will see many of those webinars, as well as upcoming genealogy events, listed in every issue of our e-news.

You can reach me at president.wcgsoh@gmail.com. I welcome your comments and suggestions, and invite you to submit photos or articles for our monthly *e-News*. Have a wonderful new year and good hunting! I hope to see or hear from you soon.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Submitted by Deborah Schneider, Membership Chair

Many, many thanks to all who renewed a 2026 Membership or purchased a new 2026 or Life Membership in WCGS. We were thrilled so many of you included a donation along with your membership and wanted you to know how much it is appreciated!

A question came up during our Membership Drive about renewal dates for memberships. For now, we are on a calendar year, with your membership good from January through December each year. If you join anytime between January and August, it is for the current year only. If you join in September or after, we apply it to the following year, although it is in effect immediately. Switching to an anniversary year renewal has been discussed, but would require a change to our Bylaws.

Membership fees are \$25 for a regular membership (either single or family), and Life memberships are \$250. You can join WCGS or renew your membership online at <https://www.wcgsohio.org/join-or-renew> or by returning your dues and a copy of the Membership Application. Thank you all again for supporting WCGS!



“WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS!”

Submitted by Jo Roth, WCGS Treasurer and Webmaster

Visitors to the Resource Library are usually surprised at the level of help available when they visit. They are even more surprised to learn that in addition to the person helping them, the many people there working away on a variety of things are also WCGS Volunteers. At times, this team joins in and helping our visitor becomes a group effort!

Whether our area of expertise is taking care of the business of the Society, helping Resource Library patrons, fulfilling book orders, documenting cemeteries, or compiling records and other information into handy and useful files and databases, we are ALL volunteers! And we love what we do.

WCGS has now started a new tradition of a quarterly Volunteer Appreciation Lunch and Meeting. This gives us the opportunity to see other volunteers who may have a different schedule, share a meal, and discuss our challenges and victories with the group.

If you have had a volunteer or volunteers help you and would like to recognize or thank them, we would be glad to pass on this acknowledgment at these meetings. Our next Volunteer Appreciation Lunch and Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27 (rescheduled from January 6). Please email any messages to wcgsoh@gmail.com or mail any cards to: Warren County Genealogical Society, Attn: Volunteer Appreciation, 406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, OH 45036

IOWA RECORDS ON ANCESTRY.COM

Submitted by Jo Roth

A post on Facebook by the [State Historical Society of Iowa](#) caught my eye in December:

Exciting News for Iowa history and genealogy researchers! The State Historical Society of Iowa is proud to announce the continuation of our partnership with [Ancestry.com](#), expanding free public access (with no cost to taxpayers) to millions of newly digitized archival documents. Over the next two years, SHSI and Ancestry will work together to digitally image and integrate **more than one million additional records** from the State Archives into Ancestry’s searchable database.

These newly available collections include:

- Iowa vital records
- State-level military files, including Iowa National Guard enlistments, and WWI and WWII casualty files
- Iowa State Prison records, including convict registers, Bertillon cards, and mug shots

Together, these materials offer researchers, students, and genealogists unprecedented access to Iowa’s past. The SHSI x [Ancestry.com](#) collaboration helps further preserve Iowa’s rich history and make it accessible to people around the world who trace their family stories back to our state.

How to Access:

- 1) Iowans can explore these records for free using SHSI’s complimentary institutional Ancestry account at our Research Centers (<https://history.iowa.gov/visit/research-centers>)
- 2) Ancestry subscribers can explore digitized files as they processed and released on a rolling basis at https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/ia_historical_society/

Learn more and start exploring!

If you are interested in following the State Historical Society of Iowa on Facebook, you can find their page here:
<https://www.facebook.com/IowaHistory>

ON THE SUBJECT OF SEARCHING ON ANCESTRY

Submitted by Jo Roth

Like many of you, it feels like I have been researching my family forever. While helping someone with their research, I started to notice a number of manuscripts and published books coming up in the results of the searches. Some of these had useful information and great clues! Similar to the Full-Text Search on FamilySearch, it was finding things I could have spent an entire lifetime looking for and never locating.

I did notice when I started from my tree and searched, there were not nearly the same results. This may be because when you run a search from a person's profile in your tree, a lot of information and relationships are included, possibly leading to a case of too MUCH information excluding what could potentially be good results.

See what you find! Start from the Advanced Search page on Ancestry, but be careful you don't put in so much information that you limit your results: <https://www.ancestry.com/search/?searchMode=advanced>

Good luck and have fun!

NEW WEBSITE PAGE AND INDEX!

Check out our brand new Tax Records website page and wonderful index created by Winston Cochrane. What a goldmine! <https://www.wcgsohio.org/tax-records>

W. Winston Cochrane has dedicated years creating NEW indexes with much more information. ***The Warren County, Ohio, Combined Tax Lists 1806-1825*** has just been released and others are in progress. These indexes are being grouped by a range of years and allow you to track your research subject through time. Using the information provided, you can also pin down the location of the land described in the Tax Record by matching it up to the ***Warren County Township, Range, and Section Map***.

Also included in the new indexes is a reference to the Film and / or Image Group Number at FamilySearch.org and the Image Number. A list is on the webpage providing direct links to these records.

Please see the [***Warren County, Ohio, Combined Tax Lists 1806-1825***](#) PDF for the new Index.

Please see the [***Warren County Township, Range, and Section Map***](#) to help you locate the property being taxed.

A PDF of the entire Warren County, Ohio, Tax Records page can be downloaded for easy access and reference.

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 1807 through 2005 on the [Ohio Memory Project](#). With the addition of issues through May 2005, there are now well over **167,000** pages online, with more in the digitization process. As of the end of December 2025, **68,867** users have viewed **1,104,913** page views in **107,872** sessions.

Thank you again to all who have donated to make this venture possible and to those of you who keep donating! Our **Support the Star!** fundraising campaign continues and can be found on the dedicated page of our website for *The Western Star*: <https://www.wcgsohio.org/the-western-star>

The landing page for the project is <https://www.ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll84>

The early history – and pre-history – of Lebanon, Ohio

By JESSE REEVES
THE WESTERN STAR

Upon its discovery, present day Warren County was inhabited by Native American Indians.

According to "The History of Warren County, Ohio" published in 1882 by W.H. Beers & Co.: "There is no historic proof that any people ever had permanent habitations within its limits after the pre-historic race, the Mound Builders, had passed away, until English-speaking white men took possession of the land and began the work of clearing away the forests which had been growing over the earthworks of a people whose history is enveloped in obscurity."

But while Indians did not live on the land, they did own it. The Miami Indians — a confederacy of tribes — laid claim to nearly all of western Ohio and land stretching into Indiana and Illinois.

The Indian titles to the lands of Warren County were "extinguished" by treaties of Fort McIntosh in 1785, Fort Harmar in 1789 and Greenville in 1795.

The one treaty which listed a value (the third treaty) was goods worth \$20,000 and a perpetual annuity of \$9,500, payable in goods. By these treaties, the Indians lost two-thirds of the state of Ohio. Since only a few tribes were present at these negotiations, the Northwest tribes refused to recognize the treaties.

In 1793, President George Washington told commissioners to negotiate a peace treaty with the Northwest tribes and offered more money — \$50,000 up front, an a \$10,000 annuity "forever." The tribes refused, contending the treaties should be void regardless because all were not represented at the original negotiations.

"Nothing remained for the Government but a vigorous prosecution of war," Beers states. "The Indians were defeated by Gen. Wayne in August, 1794 and in August, 1795 a peace treaty was ratified by all tribes.

Wild frontier

While the buffalo and elk disappeared before the onset of settlers, there were plenty of other wild animals with which the newcomers had to contend.

Bear, deer, wolves, panthers, wildcats, otters, beavers, porcupines, wild turkeys, rattlesnakes, racers, moccasins and copperheads were all common in the area while leeches populated the local streams.

According to Beers, wolves were so numerous and destructive to sheep that several acts were passed, with premiums paid to those who killed them.

Wolf scalps brought \$2 to \$2.50 for each wolf killed over six months old. Indeed, before the hunter collected his money, he had to show the scalp — "with the ears entire" — and take an oath which read, in part in 1799, that "I do solemnly swear that the head now produced by me, is the head of a wild wolf, taken or killed by me."

Panthers also were subject to this method of population control. As were squirrels which "passed over the country in droves" and necessitated "unceasing vigilance on the part of the settler to protect his corn-fields from their ravages." Therefore, the Legislature passed the "Act to Encourage the Killing of Squirrels" Dec. 24, 1807.

Pioneer life

After explorers made their way through Warren County it took another six years for the first inhabitants to come.

Land was purchased years prior, but those people waited until the violence with the Indians came to an end.

The Indians had manifested their hostility as soon as the white settlements had been commenced, and parties of savages were constantly lurking in the woods awaiting opportunities to kill and plunder," according to Beers' history.

With the rough style of life for the period — necessitating church members to bring their guns for the service — Warren County waited for Wayne's victory to begin building homes.

Family traditions give September 1795 (a month following Gen. Anthony Wayne's treaty) as the date a settlement was built at Mounts' Station, on the south side of the Little Miami, two-and-a-half miles below the mouth of Todd's Fork. Soon after, settlements in Deerfield, Franklin, Lebanon and Waynesville were begun.

The Miami Valley grew rapidly according to early censuses (early ones counted white males over 21-years-old and listed Warren County in 1803 with 854 inhabitants) and people came to settle in the region.

"Immigrants came in crowds," wrote Josiah Morrow. "Stories of the wonderful fertility of the Miami lands were everywhere circulated in the older states."

Not only the "older states," but elsewhere.

The reputation of the Miamis extended to Europe, and in Holland, Germany and Ireland, emigrants to America declared that they were "going to the Miamis."

Fertile as the lands were, pioneer life was harsh for those who braved the trip.

Opening a farm amid a forest of

large oaks, maples and hickories was difficult. And then the spice bushes underneath had to be cleared. The average time to clear and acre of land was three weeks for an unaided settler.

Log cabins were built from trees cleared on these lands — logs stacked one upon the other and notched on the ends with sticks and clay filling in gaps. Clapboard doors and floors were used, and the window was usually covered with paper and covered oil or lard to make it more translucent.

Neighbors would gather to help the settler build this home with "no tools but the ax and the frow, and often finished in a single day."

It usually required six or seven years for a dweller to set up his farm. Settlers made their own furniture and clothing and, although they possessed little in these days, two staples of settler life were the flint-lock rifle and the horse.

The absence of ferries to the area spawned the all-important question, "Is he a good swimmer?" when a settler was purchasing a horse.

Judge Francis Dunleavy presided over a 10 county area and "made the circuits of his courts on horseback, never missing a court and frequently swimming his horse over the Miami's rather than fail of being present," wrote Morrow.

Predictably, with the horse being so valuable to settler life, they were a prime target for thieves. Punishment was harsh — not surprisingly since the Legislature was made primarily of farmers, avowed horse-thief haters — and ranged from whippings to "ear cropping" — a punishment given out solely for horse theft, usually after the third offense.

This no-nonsense manner of thinking illustrates the personality of the settler: tough, hard-working, and always independent.

Most were anti-slavery. Indeed, they often left slave-holding states to do the very same work themselves. They never saw hard work as degrading.

They severed all ties and struck out on their own to create, in their own individual ways, an ever-Westward creeping United States. With this came uncertainty, sometimes harsh conditions and always hard work.

To quote Morrow: "The backwoods was not a golden age. However pleasing it may be to contemplate the industry and frugality, the hospitality and general sociability of the pioneer times, it would be improper to overlook the less pleasing features of the picture."

Early Lebanon history

The history of Lebanon traces its

roots back to the settling by a handful of families as the town laid out in September 1802. This occurrence pre-dates both the formation of Warren County (1803) and also the state of Ohio (1803) as a few settlers chose the land which makes up present-day Lebanon.

According to the comprehensive work of Warren County published by W.H. Beers in 1882, the town was "laid out in a forest of lofty trees and a thick undergrowth of spice-bushes."

In September of 1802, locals Silas Hurin, Ephraim Hathaway and Samuel Manning teamed with Ichabod Corwin — who built Lebanon's first house in 1800 — laid out the town, naming it Lebanon after the Biblical land renowned for its cedar trees, a quality shared with the new Lebanon of Turtle Creek Township.

Surveyor Ichabod Halsey laid out Broadway making it six poles wide, or wide enough for a stagecoach to turn completely around in front of the tavern.

A year after Lebanon was begun, Warren County was given its start by the state's General Assembly. "Warren County was established

by an act of the first General Assembly of the State of Ohio, passed March 24, 1803, and named at the same time in honor of the first great martyr in the cause of American independence," wrote Josiah Morrow, referring to Joseph Warren, a leader killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill (1775) in the Revolutionary War against Britain. "The act creating the county took effect May 1, 1803, and with this date the history of the county, as a civil division, began."

Progress slowly came to the little town — the first Golden Lamb was built in 1803, the first post office in 1805 — but that changed after Lebanon was designated the county seat in 1805.

The towns of Lebanon, Deerfield, Franklin and Waynesville all competed for the seat of justice. Lebanon and Deerfield were the front-runners: Deerfield was older and had gained more importance, Lebanon was more centrally located. The task of deciding between the two was handed to Commissioners James Barret, John Brownlee and Cornelius Snider on April 15, 1803.

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Commemorating 200 years

The Western Star is proud to present this souvenir section commemorating the city of Lebanon's bicentennial.

We don't pretend that this represents anything close to a complete history of Lebanon; it's just a few snippets of a town with a long, rich history. For a wealth of detailed information — from records to newspaper clippings to books and periodicals to historic photos — visit the Warren County Historical Society, the Warren County Genealogical Society or the Lebanon Public Library. And those facilities may suggest additional resources.

Thank you to the historical society and museum for their cooperation in our production of this section.

Most of the information in this section comes from: the pages of *The Western Star*; the book "Warren County Revisited" by Elva R. Adams, a Warren County Historical Society publication which draws upon records and writings of the historical society as well as the pages of *The Western Star*; the pamphlet "Historic Lebanon," written in 1940 by then-Western Star publisher/editor Gardner Townsend and printed by The Western Star; and "The History of Warren County, Ohio" published in 1882 by W.H. Beers & Co. of Chicago. Much of that publication's general county history originated from the research and writings by longtime Warren County historian Josiah Morrow (which were printed in *The Western Star* during his lifetime), along with many other county officials and residents. The book was sponsored by the Warren County Genealogical Society.

The following Western Star staff members contributed to the production of this section: Publisher/editor Thomas Barr, editorial staff members Lisa Loveless-Manz, Michael Pitman, Jesse Reeves, Lisa Knodel, Sharon Smigelski, Linda Weisenborn and Laura Baverman, graphic artists Sherry Miller and Leslie Brooks, sales manager Marian Rosenberg and sales staff John Jurgens, Rhonda Booker and Sherry Jones, and the staffs of Cox Ohio Newspapers.

The Warren County Historical Society has published a book commemorating Lebanon's bicentennial. Also, John and Charlie Zimkus, whose "Lebanon Bicentennial Footnotes" have been published in *The Western Star* every two weeks during the past year, are compiling those works into one publication which will be available later this year.

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.

Nancy E. Myerholtz (January 21, 1945 – February 21, 2025) WCGS Life Member and Supporter



Nancy Elizabeth (Miller) Myerholtz, a resident of Waterville, peacefully passed away February 21, 2025, surrounded by family.

She lived a full and beautiful life. Nancy was 80 years old.

Nancy is survived by her husband and best friend, Myron David Myerholtz; her dear sons Eric (Linda); Matt (Laura); five very special grandchildren: Elizabeth Myerholtz (Sean Andrew), Emily Richardson (Duncan), David Myerholtz (Veronica Gonzales), Leah Fehringer (Sam), Ben Myerholtz; a great-grandson: Alan Richardson, a great-granddaughter: Evelynne Rose; three siblings: Larry Miller (Linda), Bill Miller (Robin), Anne Goodwin (Jamie); Brothers-in-law, Art Myerholtz (Judy) and Dan Myerholtz (Diane). Nancy is also survived by many Myerholtz and Miller nephews and nieces, and very special Spanish exchange son, Victor Otero.

Nancy was preceded in death by son, Alan David Myerholtz; her parents: Edwin and Margaret Miller; her sister Susan McDaniel (John); her parents in-law: Mary and Myron Myerholtz; her siblings-in-law: Louise and Larry Noon, Ray (June) Myerholtz; Caroline and Bill Asmus; Janet La Fountain; and nephew Jason Myerholtz, and her loving four-footed companion Sachi.

Born January 21, 1945, in Cleveland, Ohio, Nancy was the eldest child of Edwin and Margaret (Bartter) Miller. While her family moved often in the tristate area of Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana, she treasured the time spent at her grandparents' farms: the Bartters in Columbia Station, Ohio, and Millers near Lebanon, Ohio. Growing up, she was involved with Girls Scouts, 4-H, and piano lessons. During High School she worked as a "Page" at the Bowling Green Public Library.

Nancy and Dave met when her family moved to Bowling Green, Ohio, during her junior year in high school. They eloped on August 31, 1963, soon after she graduated from Bowling Green High School, and she was blessed to be married to her best friend for over 61 years. Nancy then attended Bowling Green State University where she first received her Bachelor's Degree in Education and later her Master's Degree. She taught at Otsego High School for over 30 years.

While she was attending college and teaching, Dave and Nancy started raising three sons. Nancy was a Cub Scout Den Mother for all three boys and with Dave, their biggest fans through all of their sports, academic, and band activities. To this day, their sons have been the source of her greatest satisfaction and joy. When her five grandchildren came along, she enjoyed living nearby where she could help care for all of them when needed and share their lives as they grew up.

Nancy and Dave both enjoyed spending time in nature, and they had many amazing traveling adventures, tent camping with their children in the early years, and later traveling in their RV. An RV trip to Alaska and the Yukon was definitely a highlight. The most rewarding trip was one the entire family took to Hawaii on their 50th anniversary. Nancy and Dave also traveled to Italy and France, and Nancy treasured a trip with her sisters to Germany to investigate the land of their Miller Ancestors. She always loved family history and compiled several booklets of her family research. In retirement, Nancy pursued many new interests including becoming an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist, reenacting Rachel Carson, and becoming involved with the development of the Miller Family Farm into the Will and Harriet Miller Ecological Park in Warren County, Ohio.

With grandchildren grown and moving away, Nancy found pleasure in "mothering" her two pups Sachi and Miyagi. Heidi, her cat, was always somewhere close by begging for her share of attention. Nancy was an inspiration, and her passions and energetic spirit will live on in those who knew her.

Donations: Will and Harriet Miller Ecological Park, PO Box 495, Lebanon, Ohio 45036, or Community of Christ Lutheran Church, Whitehouse, Ohio, or Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

Interment was in Wakeman Cemetery with Peinert-Dunn, 7220 Dutch Road in Waterville, Ohio, serving the family.

Nancy's online obituary can be found here: <https://www.dunnfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Nancy-E-Myerholtz?obId=37714222>

Nancy's Find a Grave Memorial can be found here: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/280280491/nancy-elizabeth-myerholtz>

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

WHITTIER AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 4367, Whittier, CA 90607-4367

<https://wagswhittier.org/>

43rd Annual Seminar: Artificial Intelligence for Genealogy

Saturday, January 31, 2026 – Virtual (\$)

<https://wagswhittier.org/wags-seminar>

Speakers: Peggy Jude, John Beaumont, and Kate Penney Howard

ROOTSTECH 2026

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

Thursday, March 5 – Saturday, March 7, 2026 – In-Person (\$) and Virtual (FREE)

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

Registration Now Open!

Speakers include Melissa Barker, Kelli Bergheimer, Shannon Combs-Bennett, Sunny Jane Morton, Dana Palmer, and more!

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

Registration Now Open!

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

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/>

2027 Family History Conference

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

GRIP GENEALOGY INSTITUTE

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

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

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

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

Save the **2027** Dates!

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

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

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

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

Sunday, July 26 – Friday, July 31, 2026 – Virtual

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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- Click the icon above your name to access “My Account” and look for Community Rewards on that page.
- Select Community Rewards and search by Organization Name or Number and enroll in the program:
 - 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!

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

WCGS has more than 160 Warren County Genealogical publications available for purchase. These can be purchased from the [Shop and Support](#) page of our website or you can download an order form:
<https://www.wcgsohio.org/downloadable-forms>.

Membership is \$25 for membership (single or family) or \$250 for a Life Membership. Please visit the [Join or Renew](#) page on our website or you can download a Membership Application:
<https://www.wcgsohio.org/downloadable-forms>.

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Email: wcgsoh@gmail.com

WCGS NEW Website: <https://www.wcgsohio.org>

WCGS Original Website: <https://wcgsoh.org/#gsc.tab=0>

WCGS Virtual Cemetery: <https://warren.ohgenweb.org/Cemetery/burial.html>

Warren County OHGenWeb Site: <https://warren.ohgenweb.org/#gsc.tab=0>

Western Star Digitization Project: <https://www.ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll84>

RESOURCE LIBRARY HOURS: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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