

# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News Oct., 2014

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## "IM JAHR CHRISTI – GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN HESSEN, GERMANY"

Presented by Bob Rau, Cincinnati, Ohio

Come join us on Wednesday 15 Oct 2014 at 7:30 PM in the Phillippi Meeting Room, the Campus Center at the Otterbein Retirement Community, 585 N State Rte. 741 (north of Rte. 63), Lebanon. The program is free and open to the public.

Bob's presentation will show a lot of German records and handwriting. Hessen is a great area to do research because many records are available. They go back quite far, and many of them have been microfilmed.

Immigrants from the various German states arrived in America as early as 1607. The largest flow of German immigration to America (over 6 million people) occurred between 1820 and World War I, with Cincinnati and southwest Ohio one of the "favored" destinations for the new arrivals. Today, Americans with German ancestry make up over 17% of the U.S. population. But where did they come from? Learn tips and techniques for determining your ancestral home in Hessen, Germany with German expert, Bob Rau.

## 2014 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

*Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month beginning at 7:30 PM in the Phillippi Meeting Room, the Campus Center at the Otterbein Retirement Community, 585 N State Rte. 741 (north of Rte. 63), Lebanon.*

15 Oct 2014 "Hessen Research" by Bob Rau

19 Nov 2014 "Using Church Records" by Jeff Herbert

17 Dec 2014 Annual Christmas Gathering

We thank Linda Eckert for all her work as our Program Chair.

## JOIN US IN SUPPORTING THE WAR OF 1812 PENSION DIGITIZATION PROJECT <http://www.preservethepensions.org/>

The War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Files in the National Archives are being digitized and placed online for FREE at <http://go.fold3.com/1812pensions/> This bicentennial project is led by the Federation of Genealogical Societies in conjunction with Fold3, Ancestry.com and the National Archives. The goal of this community digitization project is to digitize 7.2 million pages of records at a cost of about 45 cents per record through private donations. They are up to Surnames beginning with the letter J.

### Your \$1 Donation Can Become \$8 Through Matching Grants.

To show our support for this important project, the WCGS Board has agreed to match up to \$500 in contributions that we receive in October and November. Send your check, payable to WCGS, to the Warren County Genealogical Society at 406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, OH 45036, noting that it is for the War of 1812 Pension Project. We will submit your donations along with our matching contribution to the project through the Illinois Genealogical Society. They will match our donation and in turn that will be matched by Ancestry.com.

So far, we have identified 56 pension files containing 946 pages that have been digitized for soldiers with a connection to Warren County. You can see a listing of them on our Military Heritage pages at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/military/1812pension.htm>. Three more were added in the last month as noted later on in this newsletter. If you know of any that we missed, please let us know.

The following is a simplified description of the requirements to obtain a pension for service in the War of 1812:

- **"Old War Pensions"** Pensions were granted to those who were disabled as a result of their service and to the heirs of those who died while serving in the war. Awards varied based on length and type of service.
- **Bounty Land Act of 1850** for service in any war since 1790 - 40 acres for 1 month service, 80 acres for 4 months' service, 160 acres for 9 months' service (not assignable until 1852)
- **Bounty Land Act of 1855** for service of at least 14 days or having traveled 1200 miles - 160 acres (cumulative including previous grants)
- **Pension Act of 1871** - veterans who served 60 days or more or their widows (if married before 1815)
- **Pension Act of 1878** - veterans who served 14 days or more or their widows.

## HEIR LINES, Volume 33, Issue 3, Autumn 2014

On 19 Sep 2014, the latest edition of Heir Lines was mailed to current members of the Warren County Genealogical Society. Let us know if you did not receive your copy. Table of Contents

New Members  
War of 1812  
Civil War Honor Roll  
Civil War Pensions  
African American Timeline  
Recent Books added to our resource center  
Books for sale

### WARREN COUNTY, OHIO VIRTUAL CEMETERY PROJECT – SEPTEMBER ADDITIONS

- [Crosson Cemetery](#) - added photos for 2 burials and new photos of the [Ingersoll Monument](#) - now have photos on line for 513 of the 524 known burials
- [Maineville Cemetery](#) - added [Name Index](#) & added photos for 18 burials - now have photos on line for 1789 of the 1811 known burials
- [Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery](#) - new photos for [Zephaniah Lee](#), [Elizabeth Lee](#) & [John St. John](#) (restored Revolutionary War gravestone) - now have photos on line for 155 of the 190 known burials.
- [Hopkinsville Cemetery](#) - corrected [Joseph Madison Patton](#), entry, added photos for 12 new or changed burials - now have photos on line for 971 of the 973 known burials
- [Miami Cemetery](#) - added photos for 2 burials - now have photos on line for 9691 of the 12,240 known burials
- [West Woodville Cemetery](#) - added photos for 18 burials - now have photos on line for 628 of the 642 known burials

The project now has photos on line for 55,090 burials in 94 cemeteries. See <http://goo.gl/YSRaS>

### NATIONAL NORMAL UNIVERSITY <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/Places/nnu.htm>

Added [Benjamin Clark Wood Photo Collection](#) of students in the Class of 1891 that were contributed by his great granddaughter, [Debbie Cervino](#).

### WARREN COUNTY MILITARY HERITAGE <http://goo.gl/uWutD>

=> **Veteran Photos and Documents:** [Jonathan Faye Lowman](#) (Vietnam casualty), [John Clayton Lowman](#) (World War II), [Jonathan C. Ireland](#) (Civil War gravestone at [Marietta National Cemetery](#)),

Email your veteran photos to [atrelvik@gmail.com](mailto:atrelvik@gmail.com) if you would like to add them to our Military Heritage pages.

### => **Revolutionary War Pension Files**

**JOHN SCOTT (1760-1847) a free man of color**, [Revolutionary War Pensions](#) at [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com), [Certificate #S46522](#) (16 pages)

**John Scott** Served 1st in the 10th Virginia Regiment and as a Private in Capt. **Clough Sheldon's** company in the Regiment commanded by Col. **Thomas Posey** in the Virginia Continental forces. He served to 15 Nov 1783.

Letter of Lt. **Robert Breckinridge** (and Capt. **Thomas Martin**) of Campbell County, KY, dated 27 Nov 1809 states that John Scott served with them until the end of the war at which time they came from Charleston, SC to Richmond, VA, where they were regularly discharged.

The document was certified by **James Taylor**, Justice of the Peace.

**John Scott** of Hamilton Twp. filed a petition in Warren County on 13 Aug 1829 in order to obtain a pension under the Act of 1828 which he was awarded on 24 Oct 1829.

[John Scott Revolutionary War Bounty Land Warrant](#) [Accession Nr: OH2120\_\_049 Issue Date: 4/16/1810]

On 2 Nov 1809, John Scott appointed a Hezekiah Roper Power of Attorney in Clermont County, Ohio to obtain his Bounty Land. **James Taylor** assignee of **John Scott**, a soldier in the late army of the United States in consideration of the said **John Scott** military services, a certain tract of land estimated to contain one hundred acres being lot number thirteen in the third quarter of the first township in the fifteenth Range of the Tract appropriated for satisfying Warrants for Military Service. Said tract patented to **James Taylor** on 16 April 1810.

The gravestone for [John Scott](#) may be viewed at [Maineville Cemetery](#)

=> **War of 1812 Pension Files:** In August, Fold3 had pension files on line up to the **Joseph Jackson** surname in Ohio. Those added with Warren County connections that we know of were [Daniel Hosbrook](#) (49 pages), [Robert Hughes](#) (88 pages) & [Andrew Irvin](#) (76 pages)

**War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files," digital image, fold3.com, [Daniel Hosbrook](#) (49 images)**

[Daniel Hosbrook](#) served as a Captain of a company in the 1st Regt, 3rd detachment of Ohio Militia commanded by Col. James Mills. He entered the service at Cincinnati on 5 Feb 1813 for a term of 6 months and was honorably discharged at Fort Amanda on or about 4 Aug 1813. He was living in Hamilton County, Ohio in 1850 and 1855. He died on 22 Dec 1868 at Sycamore, Hamilton County, Ohio at 83 years of age. He was married to **Eunice Bates** in **Warren County, Ohio** on 14 Aug 1808. She filed for a widow's pension (Application WO 5197, Certificate WC 3990) in 1871, while living in Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana. She was awarded a pension of \$8 per month commencing 14 Feb 1871 by Certificate dated 20 Sep 1872. Their son, **Percy Hosbrook**, age 61, gave testimony in Indianapolis on 6 Sep 1872.

[Bounty Land Warrant No. 37219](#) for 80 acres was issued to **Daniel Hosbrook** Capt., Ohio Militia, War 1812 under the act of 1850. He assigned it to **Harrison Hall** who was issued a patent for 80 acres in Paulding County, Ohio on 15 Apr 1853. [Indexed as **Hoshook** in General Land Office Records]

[Bounty Land Warrant No. 9550](#) for 80 acres was issued to **Daniel Hosbrook**, Capt., Ohio Militia, War 1812 under the act of 1855. He assigned it to **Jonathan H. Bye** who was issued a patent for 80 acres in Mower County, Minnesota on 1 Jun 1859

[Find A Grave Memorial# 12802450](#) Capt. Daniel S. Hosbrook born 3 Aug 1785, died 22 Nov 1868 buried Laurel IOOF Cemetery, Madisonville, Hamilton County, Ohio

[War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files," digital image, fold3.com, Robert Hughes](#) (88 images)  
[Robert Hughes](#) claimed service as a Private in Lt. John Hopkins Co. Ohio Militia War of 1812 ([2nd Co US Mounted Rangers](#)) and service as a substitute for **Jesse Barum & William Harris** in Capt. Luther Leonard's Co under Col. Biddle, Ohio Militia 25 Jun 1814 and served 1 month. He is not listed on the roster of either company.

On 6 Apr 1871 Robert Hughes, age 74, of Warren County, gave a deposition for the purpose of being placed on the pension rolls under the act of 1871 (Application #7589). He stated that he married **Liddy Benham** at Hamilton County on 6 Dec 1817 [sic 1816]. Fellow soldiers **Jno. Weller, Jno. Snyder & Jno. Cummings** testified in Hamilton County on 15 May 1856 saying that "*they volunteered at Montgomery Hamilton County, Ohio in the month of June A.D. 1814 for no limited period in the company of riflemen commanded by Captain Luther Leonard Ohio Militia to attend an Indian treaty at Greenville, Ohio and continued in actual service in said company for a term of about one month, and were honorably discharged by reason of said treaty being concluded but received no written discharge.*" They further declared that **John Hughes** served with them and was discharged with them at Greenville. His claim was considered abandoned when he did not respond for over 3 months. **Robert Hughes** died 6 Jun 1877 [1879 on his [gravestone](#)]

**Lydia Hughes** of Morrow, Ohio, was awarded a pension of \$8 per month commencing 9 Mar 1878 by Certificate No. 28811 dated 16 Feb 1880. A 10 Apr. 1887 report by a claim examiner states that "she is over 90 years of age, lives with her sons **Wm. and John Hughes** about 3 miles N.E. of Morrow Warren Co Ohio Merits of her claim are alright." She was last paid \$12 to Jun 4, 1890 and dropped from the rolls due to her death prior to 11 Oct 1890.

[Bounty Land Warrant #50023](#) for 160 acres in favor of **Robert Hughes** Private Captain Leonard's Company Ohio Militia War 1812 under the Act of 1855. He assigned it to **Michael Detelle** who was issued a patent for 160 acres in Carver County, Minnesota on 1 Sep 1860. Elsewhere it says that [Bounty Land Warrant #47280](#) for 80 acres in favor of **Robert Hughes** (substitute for **Thomas Custis**) Private Captain Van Meter's Company Ohio Militia War 1812 under the Act of 1855 which he assigned to **Moses H. Baskin** who received a patent for 80 acres in Franklin County, Louisiana on 1 Sep 1860.

The gravestone for [Robert Hughs](#) may be viewed at [Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery](#) in Turtlecreek Township.

[War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files," digital image, fold3.com, Andrew Irwin](#) (76 images)

[Andrew Irwin](#) served 20 days in Capt. **John Vanmeter's** Co in regiment of Ohio Militia commanded under **Col. Furguson**. He was drafted 29 Jul 1813 and was discharged 17 Aug 1813 at Sandusky, Ohio.

**Andrew Irvin & Sarah Shipley** were married about 3 miles from Williamsport in Washington County, Pennsylvania on 5 Sep 1811 by one **Jacob Crabbs** and kept a hotel in Hopkinsville as early as 1840. **Andrew Irvin** died 31 Mar 1870 at Hopkinsville, Warren County. The [gravestone](#) for **Andrew Irvin** may be found at the [Hopkinsville Cemetery](#) in Hamilton Township.

**Sarah Irvin** filed for a widow's pension (Application #7174) on 19 Apr 1878 while living with her son-in-law, **J. B. Kelly** near Hopkinsville. Another son-in-law, **C. P. Baldwin** of Wilmington, Ohio acted as her attorney. Her pension file contains a certified [transcription of the family bible](#) held by their son, **Samuel Irvin** of Clinton County. The transcription by **C. P. Baldwin** lists their birth and marriage dates and the birth dates for their 3 sons and 9 daughters along with marriage & death information for some of their children.

**Sarah Irvin** of Warren County was awarded a pension of \$8 per month commencing 9 Mar 1878 by Certificate No. 21890 dated 2 Apr 1879. A previous claim had been rejected on 10 Sep 1872 for insufficient service and reopened on 11 Mar 1879. She was last paid \$12 to 4 Jun 1886 and dropped from the rolls due to her death on 16 Jun 1886

**Lewis Fairchild** and **Huston Hopkins** gave testimony in support of her claim.

[Bounty Land Warrant No. 22897](#) for 160 acres in favor of **Andrew Irwin**, Private, Captain Van Metres' Company, Ohio Militia, War 1812 under the Act of 1855. He assigned it to **W. W. Caldwell** who received a patent for 160 acres in Audubon County, Iowa on 1 May 1860. Andrew was living in Butler County when he filed his bounty land claim in 1855.

All known pension files for Warren County War of 1812 soldiers with links to their pension & bounty land files are listed at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/military/1812pension.htm>.

=>★ **Warren County Civil War 150 Roll of Honor, October 1864** ★ - 12 casualties: 9 dead, 2 wounded, 2 POW

**5 Killed in Action:** [John H. Baker](#) (12 OVI), [James K. Bowman](#) (23 OVI), [Charles S. Burnet](#) (34 OVI), [Elam O. Eberly](#) (34 OVI), [William Harrison Gregg](#) (79 OVI)

**2 Wounded and Survived:** [Jacob Smith](#) (12 OVI), [Irwin Snook](#) (12 OVI)

**1 Captured - Died:** [Franklin Briggs](#) (17 OVI)

**1 Captured - Survived:** [Frederick C. Wittlinger](#) (1<sup>st</sup> Delaware Infantry)

**3 Died from Disease or Other Causes:** [Jeremiah S. P. Gregg](#) (79 OVI), [Thomas Hollingsworth](#) (79 OVI), [John M. Snell](#) (2 Missouri Cav.)

=> **Civil War Widow's Pension Files** available on [fold3.com](http://fold3.com) – Complete pension files are now on line for widow certificate numbers up to about 142,238. Files with Warren County connections were added in September for the minor children of [Jeremiah Reese](#) 83 OVI (45 images).

**Civil War Widows' Pension Applications.** Database and images. [fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com). <http://www.fold3.com>

**Fannie Stevens** (Certificate #125565) widow of Franklin Eugene Stevens, Co C, 23rd OVI [[28 images](#)]

**Franklin Eugene Stevens** served as Eugene Stevens in Co A, 12th OVI and reenlisted in Co A 23rd OVVI. While he was home on "veteran furlough" Franklin E. Stevens and Fannie Cullom were married near Maineville on 28 Apr 1864 by Rev. **A. S. Dudley**. They did not have any children.

He died in the post hospital at Wheeling W. Va. on 4 Jul 1865 of typhoid fever. Fannie received a telegram the same day informing her of his death and asking "What shall be done with the corpse". A Little Miami & Columbus & Xenia Railroad Co. telegraph dated 10 Jul 1865 to Mrs. F. E. Stevens informed her that he "was buried 5th inst. and grave carefully marked". A surgeon's letter states that his father came and removed the body on 12 Jul 1865. Private **Wilson Paxton**, Co H, 23rd OVVI, gave testimony on 25 May 1967 that he and Eugene Stevens were on detached duty as hostlers at the headquarters of Brigadier General Dural at Cumberland Md. and were sent overland with the horses from Cumberland to Wheeling. Stevens became ill during the trip and when they arrived in Wheeling on 25 Jun 1865, he became quite sick. Paxton attended to him in quarters until Stevens was removed to a hospital. Paxton frequently visited him in the hospital and assisted with his burial. A short time later, Paxton was again present and assisted with the disinterment of his remains for the purpose of having them removed to his home in Warren County. [He is said to be buried at [Maineville Cemetery](#) but we are not aware of any gravestone photos]

**Fannie Stevens**, age 24 of Maineville, Warren County, appeared in Probate Court on 18 Apr 1866 for the purpose of obtaining a widow's pension under the Act of 1862. She was admitted to a pension of \$8 per month commencing 4 Jul 1865 by certificate #95050 dated 24 May 1867. She was last paid \$12 to 4 Jun 1914 when she was dropped from the rolls due to her death on [25 Jun 1914](#). Her death certificate indicates that she was buried in the [Wesleyan Cemetery](#) in Cincinnati.

**Catharine Semler** and **John Eagle** gave testimony in support of her claim.

**Civil War Widows' Pension Applications.** Database and images. [Fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com). <http://www.fold3.com>

**Jonathan K., Sarah M. & Cornelia Reece** (Certificate #139987) minor children of **Jeremiah Reece**, Co I, 83rd OVI ([45 images](#))

[Jeremiah Reece](#), son of S. & N. Reece, born 6 Jul 1830, enlisted on 16 Aug 1862 at Chester and mustered in as a Private in Capt. **J. B.**

**Gorsuch's** Co I, 83rd OVI on 11 Sep 1862 at Camp Orchard, Kentucky. He was born in Hamilton County on 6 Jul 1830 and was a 32 year old farmer from West Chester, 5' 8" tall, florid complexion, gray eyes, light hair. He died from camp fever at a hospital at Young's Point, Louisiana on 3 Feb 1863.

**Jeremiah Reece** and **Sofia Oliver** were married in Butler County on 25 Aug 1853 by Rev. **John Aten**. Her maiden name was **Kinikin** (sp?)

**Sofia Reece** applied for and received pension of \$8 per month commencing 3 Feb 1863 by certificate #6662 dated 5 Oct 1863. On 25 Jul 1866 she was awarded an additional \$2 per month for each child under 16. She died on 30 Jul 1869 and was buried 1 Aug 1869.

**Thomas K. Knox**, Guardian, made a declaration on 14 Dec 1869 in Butler County in order to obtain the pension provided for minor children under 16 named **Jonathan K. Reece** born 6 Jun 1854, **Sarah Matilda Reece** born 12 May 1861 and **Cornelia Ellen Reece** born 31 Dec 1862, the legitimate children of **Jeremiah Reece**. A pension of \$8 per month was awarded commencing 31 Jul 1869 and ending 30 Dec 1878 plus \$2 per month for each child by Certificate #139987 dated 19 Feb 1870. [Other children were **Joseph Edward** born 9 Aug 1855 & **Leah? Ann** born May 3, 1857]

Testimony in support of the claims provided by **Elizabeth Knox, T. K. Knox, Jenny Oliver, Leah Karigan, Lt. J. P. Cummins, John Knox, Mary V. Knox, Charles Moor & Peter Murphy**

=>See <http://goo.gl/uWutD> or <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/warsmain.htm> for information about other Warren County veterans.

**OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** <http://www.ogs.org>

The Ohio Genealogical Society is located at the Samuel D. Isaly Library, 611 State Route 97 West, Bellville, Ohio 44813. Phone (419) 886-1903. [Annual membership](#) includes home access to <http://www.heritagepursuit.com> (Ohio County Histories).

<> 17 Oct 2014 [OGS 11th Annual Genealogy Librarians' Seminar](#), Bellville, Ohio

<> 9 – 11 Apr [2015 Ohio Genealogical Society Conference](#), Columbus, Ohio

**OTHER EVENTS**

<> 18 Oct 2014 [Annual Genealogy Seminar sponsored by the Montgomery County Genealogical Society](#) featuring Dr. Mike Lacopo. Sinclair Community College, Dayton, Ohio.

See flyer and registration form at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohmontgs/2014flyer.pdf>

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<> 11-14 Feb 2015 [FGS 2015 Conference \(with RootsTech 2015\)](#), Salt Lake City, Utah

<> 13-16 May 2015 [NGS 2015 Family History Conference](#), St. Charles, Missouri

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WCGS has over 150 Warren County Genealogical publications available for purchase. Visit our website for a list of books and an order form.

<http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/publications.htm>

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Our Warren County OHGenWeb Site: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/>

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