

# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News October 2022

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## WCGS BYLAWS REVISION UPDATE

The WCGS Bylaws Revision passed with 75 votes for, 1 vote against, and 1 vote abstaining. You may view the WCGS Bylaws on our website: <https://www.wcgs.org/wcgs-bylaws>

## 2022 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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October 12, 2022 – WCGS Virtual Program – **“You CAN Master Lineage Society Applications”** presented by Jean Muetzel  
Wednesday, October 12, 2022, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT - Zoom Program  
You must [register](https://www.wcgs.org/events) at <https://www.wcgs.org/events> to receive a zoom invitation to this event.

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October 14, 2022 – WCGS Cemetery Restoration Workshop at Fort Ancient Hilltop Cemetery / Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery  
Friday, October 14, 2022, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
This will be our 10<sup>th</sup> Cemetery Restoration Workshop! Online registration and payment are now available. More information can be found on our website: <https://www.wcgs.org/cemetery-restoration-workshops>

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November 16, 2022 – WCGS Virtual Program – **“I Have a Civil War Ancestor... Now What?”** presented by Brian Rhinehart  
Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT - Zoom Program  
You must [register](https://www.wcgs.org/events) at <https://www.wcgs.org/events> to receive a zoom invitation to this event.

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December 14, 2022 – WCGS Virtual Holiday Program – **“Holiday Memories”**  
Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT - Zoom Program  
Members are asked to submit a childhood photo of themselves during the holidays and / or a cherished family holiday recipe. If you have a photo from when you made that recipe, even better! We will be compiling a presentation that will include friendly games and door prizes. Please submit your photos and recipes to [wcgs@wcgs.org](mailto:wcgs@wcgs.org) before October 31, 2022, for inclusion in the presentation.  
You must [register](https://www.wcgs.org/events) at <https://www.wcgs.org/events> to receive a zoom invitation to this event.

## VIDEOS NOW ONLINE

The video from the September 21, 2022, presentation by Debbie Large on “**Is There a Tartan in Your Tree? Exploring Scottish Roots**” has been uploaded to the [Members Area](#) of our website. WCGS members can click [HERE](#) to sign in and view the video. It will remain on the website until October 21, 2022.

The video of the **UNESCO World Heritage Update for the Ohio Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks** presentation by Todd Stephenson is now available on our website. Many thanks to Todd for allowing this program to be recorded, and to Joe Hackman for recording and posting it on YouTube and also airing it on Lebanon’s Channel 6. This event was held at the Armstrong Conference Center on August 27, 2022, courtesy of the Warren County Historical Society. <https://www.wcgsohio.org/>

## NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR WCGS OFFICERS

Nominations are now open for WCGS Officers for the 2023 / 2024 term. These positions include President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary. If you are interested in running for office or have someone you would like to suggest (with their agreement to do so), please contact the Nominating Committee Chair Mary Cox at [officemanager.wcgsoh@gmail.com](mailto:officemanager.wcgsoh@gmail.com) or you can call the Resource Library at 513-695-1144. The election will take place in November.

## 2022 WCGS MEMBERSHIP

We are starting our membership drive for 2023. Membership fees for 2023 are \$15 for both single and family memberships. Life memberships are \$200. You can join or renew your membership and pay online on our website at <https://www.wcgsohio.org/>

A pdf copy of our membership application is attached if you do not wish to renew your membership online. The membership form is also available on our website at <http://www.wcgsoh.org/DownloadableForms.htm>.

If you took advantage of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Membership Special last year giving you two years for the price of one, you do NOT need to renew this year. We will be mailing postcards to all WCGS members with information about whether it is time to renew. Watch for these in your postal mail soon!

## NECROLOGY

### **Betty Louise (Nelson) Flinn (1931-2022)**

Betty Louise (Nelson) Flinn , aged 91, died 9 Sep 2022. Gravesite funeral and interment was on 14 Sep 2022 at the Union Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio. Betty was an active member of WCGS beginning in 2015.

You may view Betty’s obituary at the funeral home website at

<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Betty-Flinn-2/#!/TributeWall>

## RECENT WARREN COUNTY VETERAN DEATHS

(Please send additions to [atrelvik@gmail.com](mailto:atrelvik@gmail.com).)

### **Korea:**

**Marion L. “Mutt” Sherman** (1928-2022) (US Air Force Korea)

**Andy Butler** (1934-2022) (US Air Force Korea)

**Harold Ray Allen** (1930-2022) (US Army Korea)

### **Other Service:**

**Nancy Ellen Simpson** (1931-2022) (US Air Force )

**Larry Alfred Bailey** (1938-2022) (US Army )

**Herbert William Adams Jr.** (1964-2022) (US Marine Corps )

**Chris Watkins** (1958-2022) (US Air Force )

**Eldon R. “Al” Lindquist** (1935-2022) (US Air Force )

**James “Jim” M. Brothers Sr.** (1942-2022) (US Army )

**Greg Steven Fahnstock** (1957-2022) (US Marine Corps )

**Ronald Bivens** (1934-2022) (Veteran )

## 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 1807 through 1922 on the [Ohio Memory Project](#). Since the site went online in the fall of 2018, **16,726 users** have viewed **367,497** pages in **25,952** sessions. The landing page for the project is <https://www.ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll84>

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### CLUES TO USE

Contributed by Linda Eckert, WCGS President

### SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) Library

I recently listened to an *Extreme Genes* podcast (September 26, 2022, Episode 432). Scott Fisher did an interview with Cheri Daniels. She is the SAR Library Director in Louisville, Kentucky. It was very interesting and extremely informative about their current collections.

Check out the online [SAR Library Catalog](#). In addition to a listing of the material they have in the library, the catalog also enables you to directly access those with an eBook link. If the call number has an eBook at the end of it, you can open the record, scroll down, and click on the eBook link. It will take you to the digitized edition and you will be able to access this for free at home. You do not have to be an SAR member. They have 55,000 print volumes and about 10,000 of those are family histories.

The library's holdings include family history books; records from states, counties, and cities from the 13 original colonies – Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Virginia. It also includes Revolutionary War history books, biographies, pension applications, muster rolls, etc., census records, and much more.

For more information listen to the [Extreme Genes](#) podcast and explore the [SAR](#) website.

#### Contact:

SAR Genealogical Research Library, 809 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Phone: 502-589-1776

#### Hours:

Monday through Friday: 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

3rd Saturday of the month: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

*\*In cases of inclement weather, the library and headquarters follow the University of Louisville schedule.*

#### Admission:

Admission is \$5 per day for non-SAR members.

FREE for SAR, spouses of SAR, DAR, CAR, and SR members, and Friends of the SAR Library

Friends of the Library Membership is \$25.00 a year.

#### Parking:

Metered street parking is available as well as nearby paid lots such as the Frazier History Museum, Kentucky Science Center, and 8th Street Garage.

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# WARREN COUNTY RECORDS CENTER & ARCHIVES

## Preserving Our Past to Protect Our Future: Celebrating 20 Years of the Warren County Records Center & Archives



*This is the beautiful new wall graphic you can see the next time you visit the WCGS Resource Library. It is to your right as you step off the elevator in the basement of the Warren County Administration Building. Check out 1994 on the timeline - "Ellen VanHouten and Florence Cole, members of the Warren County Genealogical Society, sent letters to County Commissioners about the state of the records, urging them to create a better records storage environment."*

Contributed by Jenifer Baker, Deputy Archivist

The Warren County Records Center & Archives officially hit our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on August 29, 2022. To celebrate this momentous occasion, we decided to create a wall exhibit that highlighted our department. This was an exciting project because most of the staff have been here for nearly half the time that we have been an official county entity. With that being said, many of us had not fully researched or even understood how we came to be. In addition to understanding where we have come from, it is important for our department to showcase how we have grown and given back to the community during our short existence.

Reaching back in time to figure out the evolution of our department was the most fascinating aspect of this process for me. We had been told bits and pieces in passing about our beginning, but none told a comprehensive story and there were some missing characters from the story. I say this because I did not fully understand what a large part the Warren County Genealogical Society played in the early preservation of historic records for Warren County. Our department has preserved a handful of letters that were written by Ellen VanHouten and Florence Cole on behalf of the WCGS urging Warren County to act. These letters went as far as to offer WCGS services to the county to ensure nothing would happen to these records. I know and truly appreciate what a valuable resource the WCGS is to our department and to Warren County citizens. By highlighting this work in our exhibit, we hope that we have expressed our gratitude for all the work that you all do!

A final tidbit of information regarding the exhibit that will continue to live on are our oral histories. We have highlighted this project in the exhibit because we believe it is important to preserve the voices of those who have interacted with Warren County Government over the years. This includes employees, patrons who have lived in one of our government buildings, or even folks like yourselves who have spent a great deal of time interacting with Warren County over the years. We hope if you have a valuable story regarding Warren County Government that you would consider sharing it so we can preserve it for future generations.

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## OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Ohio Genealogical Society (<https://www.ogs.org>) is located at the Samuel D. Isaly Library, 611 State Route 97 West, Bellville, Ohio 44813. Phone 419-886-1903. As an OGS member, Vivid-Pix <https://vivid-pix.com/> will provide ten free fixes with no credit card required. OGS members who decide to purchase the program after the trial period will receive a 20 percent discount off the retail price of \$49.99. In return, OGS will receive a donation from Vivid-Pix. We hope you will enjoy this new member benefit. To start your free trial, follow this link: <https://www.ogs.org/join/affiliate-information>

### 2023 OGS ANNUAL CONFERENCE – “What Brought Them Here 1803-2023”

April 26-29, 2023, Kalahari Resorts & Conference Center, Sandusky, Ohio

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## NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

6400 Arlington Blvd., Suite 810, Falls Church, VA 22042-2318 USA  
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

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## 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.

### “Wednesdays With Witcher: Finding the Things We Are Not Looking For”

Presented by Curt Witcher

Wednesday, October 12, 2022, 2:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar with the Allen County Public Library at:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_kBfEGz6TS2S-GfjPmAqNPA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kBfEGz6TS2S-GfjPmAqNPA)

### “Using Maps for Genealogy Research”

Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 2:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Presented by Philip Sutton

Register for the webinar with the Allen County Public Library at:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_gTTmMZR3ROKztlMsito2kA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gTTmMZR3ROKztlMsito2kA)

### “Colonial Migrations to 1770”

Presented by Ann G. Lawthers, Sc.D.

Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at:

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/colonial-migrations-to-1770/>

### “Wednesdays With Witcher: It’s All Very Well Organized: The Truth About What We Are Passing On”

Presented by Curt Witcher

Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 2:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar with the Allen County Public Library at:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_JT5V0N1HQYeU1QagOtuPyA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JT5V0N1HQYeU1QagOtuPyA)

### “Structuring a Family History - Class 1 of 4”

Presented by Carol Baxter

Wednesday, October 26, 2022, 8:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at:

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/structuring-a-family-history-class-1-of-4/>

**“Verifying Descent from Salem's Accused Witches”**

Presented by David Allen Lambert

Thursday, October 20, 2022, 3:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar with the American Ancestors by New England Historic Genealogical Society at:

<https://hubs.americanancestors.org/salem-witches>

**“Google Translate and Genealogy: What You Should Be Using Instead”**

Presented by Katherine Schober

Thursday, October 20, 2022, 8:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the Florida State Genealogical Society Poolside Chat webinar at:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/9218584086712225036>

**“The Salem Witchcraft Trials of 1692: History and Sources”**

Presented by John Beatty

Tuesday, October 25, 2022, 2:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar with the Allen County Public Library at:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_5PuTMdyZQ\\_KNVzhCQvXL9Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5PuTMdyZQ_KNVzhCQvXL9Q)

**“Right Place, Right Time, Right Person: Intersections of DNA and Document Evidence”**

Presented by Paul Woodbury

Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Register for the webinar at:

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/right-place-right-time-right-person-intersections-of-dna-and-document-evidence/>

**WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

WCGS has 163 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 at <https://www.wcgsohio.org/downloadable-forms>.

Membership is \$15 for a single or family membership or \$200 for a Life Membership. Please visit the [Join or Renew](#) page on our website or you can download a Membership Application at <https://www.wcgsohio.org/downloadable-forms>.

Phone: 513-695-1144 Email: [wcgsoh@gmail.com](mailto: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/>

**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 needed.**

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**HOT OFF THE PRESSES!**

The Warren County Records Center & Archives needs your help. They have someone looking for a picture of Thomas’ Market that was located across the street from the Pleasant Street School. If you could please send them any images you have by next Friday, October 14, they would really appreciate it. You can reach them by telephone at 513-695-1815 to get their email address.