WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY *e-News* November 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. – Jo Roth, *e-News* Editor

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WCGS RESOURCE LIBRARY HOURS

The WCGS Resource Library will be **closed Wednesday, November 11, 2026,** for **Veterans Day**.

The WCGS Resource Library will be **closed Wednesday, November 25, through Friday, November 27, 2026,** for **Thanksgiving.**

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2026 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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

November 2026 **Genealogy Classes by Dana Palmer Continue at the Warren County Administration Building**
Fridays from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Starting Friday, October 9, through Friday, December 4, 2026

November 2026 Virtual Program **"Beyond the Census: Finding Your Ancestor in Federal Records"** presented by **Sandy Rumble**
Tuesday, November 10, 2026, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST – Zoom Program

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December 2026 **Holiday Open House** at the **WCGS Resource Library**
Thursday, December 10, 2026, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM EST

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

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NOMINATIONS FOR WCGS OFFICERS

Penny Brown, Nominations Committee Chair, announces the following slate of candidates for 2027-2028:

President	Jim Brokaw
Vice President	Diana Linkous
Treasurer	Jo Roth
Recording Secretary	Tina Diss
Corresponding Secretary	Debbie Osburn

Voting will be done electronically through email. Paper ballots will be sent by postal mail to those members unable to receive email ballots. Ballots will be sent out by email and postal mail by Friday, November 6, 2026, and are due back by Friday, November 20, 2026.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Jim Brokaw, WCGS President and Research Chair

Welcome to the November edition of the Warren County Genealogical Society e-News! We have wonderful news to share with you. In the last few weeks, we have welcomed four new volunteers: Jackie, Jeff, Rebecca, and Tina! Without our volunteers, we could not exist as a society. On a daily basis, our volunteers keep our doors open, conduct research, download obituaries, scan and index documents, photograph cemetery markers, and make our library a welcoming place for you to visit. We will describe some of their recent accomplishments in this edition and we invite you to stop by our Resource Library to meet our volunteers who work so hard for you.

Back in January, I said AI (Artificial Intelligence) will mature in 2026 and the challenge for us will be to learn how to use AI tools, while maintaining our genealogical standards. You may have already experienced some of the remarkable advantages of AI as we apply it to our genealogy research. On Google's website alone, for free, we can use AI as a tool to produce, in seconds, both transcriptions and translations of handwritten or typed documents with an amazing degree of accuracy. That level of accuracy did not exist back in January - not even close. Current AI tools will also quickly produce documents for you, but I caution you to check AI's work carefully and to be wary of copyright violations or plagiary if you intend to publish that document or any portion of it. By way of caution, in my experience, AI still makes significant mistakes and false correlations when answering research questions. I encourage you to be careful and treat AI results as hints when applied to your research. Check the sources carefully.

Next week we have another excellent virtual program for you. Sandy Rumble will present "Beyond the Census: Finding Your Ancestor in Federal Records." Several times a year, we bring professional genealogists and speakers to you on Zoom as a free service. I am happy to say our program viewership is steadily increasing and the feedback on our programs is positive and appreciative. If you have any suggestions for future programs, please let us know! We hope you can join us in welcoming Sandy as our November speaker on **Tuesday** (not our regular Wednesday!), November 10, starting at 7:00 p.m.

If you are reading this and are a member of WCGS, thank you! If you have not yet become a member, please do so. Your membership dues and donations keep us in business and enable us to help you with your research. Good hunting! Feel free to reach me at president.wcgsoh@gmail.com.

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WCGS FIELD TRIP TO THE OGS SAMUEL D. ISALY LIBRARY



Would you be interested in joining other WCGS members and friends on a field trip to the Ohio Genealogical Society Samuel D. Isaly Library in Bellville Ohio, on **Saturday, December 12, 2026**? The library is open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. that day and our good friends at OGS have arranged a **FREE guided tour** for our group starting at 10:30 a.m.

The address for the Samuel D. Isaly Library is 611 State Route 97 West, Bellville, Ohio. Carpooling is encouraged! For more information about the library, please visit their website: https://www.ogs.org/visit-the-library/

Let us know if you would like to be counted in on this fun excursion by registering on our website at https://www.wcgsohio.org/events. Questions can be sent to Jim Brokaw at president.wcgsoh@gmail.com.

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FREE WORKBOOK TO HELP YOU GET STARTED WITH YOUR FAMILY RESEARCH

If you are interested in researching your family history, but are unsure where to start, there are many resources online. One that many have found helpful is the Genealogy Workbook provided for FREE by the Alvin Sherman Library and the Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. You can access and download a copy here: https://libguides.nova.edu/ld.php?content_id=86040226

If you need a bit more information, visit the Genealogy page of their website for informative PDFs and links to other resources. https://libguides.nova.edu/genealogy/programs

Also helpful is the webpage with Nine Tips to Start Your Family History on the website of the National Genealogical Society: https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/free-resources/tips-family-history/

Good luck and happy hunting! Please let us know if we can help you with your family research. Research Requests can be submitted online; more information can be found on our website: https://www.wcgsohio.org/researchservices

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RENEWALS ARE ROLLING IN!

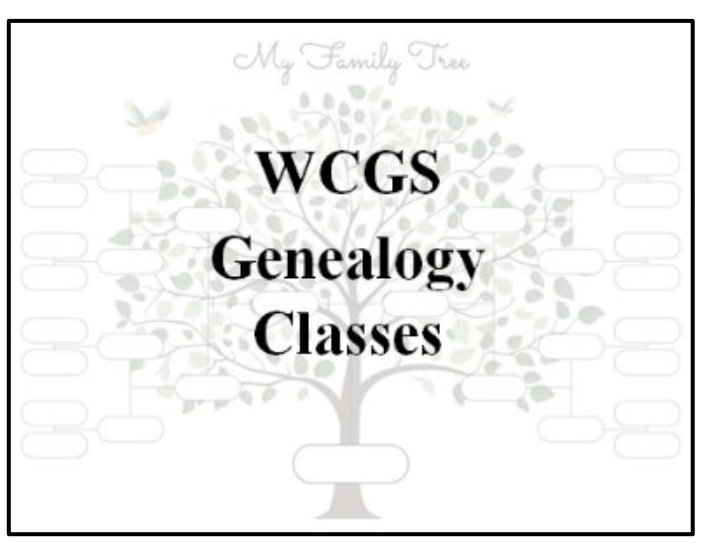
Submitted by Debbie Schneider, WCGS Membership Chair

You have been keeping me busy with membership renewals and a record number of new members! Thank you for renewing early; it makes my job a bit easier to spread the workload over a bit of time. Membership fees for 2027 are $25 for a regular membership (either single or family) and Life memberships are $250. Continuing a new member perk we started in 2026, we will be adding **five more books on January 1, 2027**, making a total of 11 WCGS publications in the Members Area! The books selected currently sell for **$169.00**, giving you added value to your membership as a show of appreciation for supporting WCGS.

You can easily join WCGS or renew your membership online at https://www.wcgsohio.org/join-or-renew. Including an optional donation with your renewal helps us keep these rates as affordable as possible and is greatly appreciated. Please contact us at 513-695-1144 if you would like a Membership Application sent by postal mail.

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GENEALOGY CLASSES BY DANA PALMER CONTINUE



Back by popular demand, WCGS is hosting Genealogy Classes by Dana Palmer. For many years, Dana gave classes at the Warren County Career Center and at Sinclair Community College for Lifelong Earning. Enter COVID-19, the classes were stopped, and unfortunately never resumed. This is what many of you have let us know you NEED! Eight classes covering some great topics at a pace that allows you to practice what she is teaching and ask questions.

We are halfway through this series of eight classes, but if you are interested in joining us for a particular class, please contact us. As long as we have the room to accommodate you in that class, we are happy to have you join us. The fee for individual classes is $25. You can pay online at https://www.wcgsohio.org/shop-and-support or bring a check payable to WCGS on the day of class.

All classes are on Fridays starting October 9 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in either the 3rd Floor Conference Room or the Commissioners Meeting Room on the first floor of the Warren County Administration Building. The Administration Building is closed Friday, November 27, so that week will be skipped, with the last class on Friday, December 4, 2026. Topics include: Creating a Research Binder and Organizing Your Research (Oct. 9 and Oct. 16), FamilySearch Family Tree (Oct. 23), FamilySearch and Finding Records (Oct. 30), FamilySearch Tricks (Nov. 6), RootsMagic and Syncing to Online Ancestry Trees (Nov. 13), Find a Grave (Nov. 20), and Photograph Preservation (Dec. 4).

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FEELING THANKFUL

Submitted by Jo Roth, WCGS Treasurer and Webmaster

This time of year inspires me to share how thankful I am for the amazing volunteers here at WCGS. If you have had the opportunity to visit our Resource Library, you may have met and been helped by some of our wonderful volunteers. But how many of you have glimpsed what goes on behind the scenes?

We have an entire team of people who actively work to preserve obituaries. Many thanks to Diana L., Delores B., Gayle S., Cindy C., and Mary C., for all the countless hours they spend making sure these are saved for current and future researchers looking for information on their families.

Another record set we are working on is the Warren County, Ohio, Death Certificate project. Thank you to Emma P., one of our newer volunteers, for giving me a hand with this.

There is an incredible crew of people who continue to photograph and document Warren County cemeteries. Their photographs and the information they collect help us to document those whose final resting places are in Warren County, and to document the older markers, their current conditions, and whether they can be located now. Many thanks to LaVonne S., Deborah K., Cassie A., and Tessa M.

Our Resource Library is fully staffed five days a week from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. by WCGS volunteers who go to great lengths to process your donations, catalog our library collection, take care of our holdings, and help our visitors. Many thanks to Linda E., Julie C., Penny B., Rebecca D., and the many others who donate their time to this and keeping our doors open.

To those who are involved in the business side of WCGS, thank you for the hours you spend ensuring we fulfill our requirements as a nonprofit organization and our reporting requirements to the different agencies and the general public: Jim B., Diana L., Laura I., and Deborah O. Thank you to Dennis G., who has become a valued advisor in many areas.

Our members are the reason we are here, and Debbie S. dedicates her time to take care of the many duties that are part of being our Membership Chair, including keeping records of current and past members and volunteers, and being the point of contact for all questions about membership in WCGS. She does a spectacular job and we thank her.

The people who spend their time working on scanning records and building indexes are some of our quieter volunteers, toiling away to make the information usable by researchers. Many thanks to Winston C., Renee H., Tina D., and others who have previously been mentioned for their tireless work in this area.

Those who spend their time helping me with the websites are very much appreciated, especially by me. Thanks go out to Randy C. and Greg G. for all they have done and continue to do.

Still others contribute their time and skills from a distance. Thank you to Jeff L. and Anne W. for being our volunteers from afar.

The volunteers who assist with Research Requests are an exceptional group headed up by Jim B. The people who work in this area are too numerous to list, as we are all enlisted to help as the need arises! Thank you to everyone who has persisted in finding the sometimes elusive records, written lengthy and informative reports on findings, and continued to dig and ask great questions that help us make it easier for future researchers to obtain information about their families.

And welcome to our newest volunteers who are exploring what we do and finding where their skills might best be used. We are happy to have Jeff D., Tina D., Rebecca D., and Jackie H. as part of our team!

Last, but not least, we give a nod to the volunteers who came before us. We miss you every day and are extremely appreciative of the paths you forged that we now follow.

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WCGS Volunteers Rock!

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL
https://mimgc.org/

2026 MGC Fall Family Seminar
Saturday, November 14, 2026 – In-Person ($) and Virtual ($)
Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W Kalamazoo, Lansing, MI 48915
Featured Speaker: Kelli Jo Bergheimer / Other Speakers: Judy Nimer Muhn, David Votta, Kris Rzepczynski, Adam Osler

I4GG (INSTITUTE FOR GENETIC GENEALOGY)
https://i4gg.org/

2026 I4GG Conference
Saturday, December 5 – Sunday, December 6, 2026 – In-Person ($) and Virtual ($)
Laguna Beach High School Theater, 625 Park Ave Laguna Beach, CA 92651
Early Bird Registration Now Open!

ROOTSTECH 2027 – CELEBRATE!
https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/
Registration now open! Keynote speakers genetic genealogist expert **CeCe Moore** and actress **Jane Seymour**.
Thursday, March 4 – Saturday, March 6, 2027 – In-Person ($) and Virtual (FREE)
Salt Palace Convention Center, 100 S W Temple Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84101-1408

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES
https://www.iajgs.org/

2027 IAJGS International Conference
Sunday, April 4 – Tuesday, April 6, 2027 – Virtual

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL GENEALOGICAL CONSORTIUM
https://nergc.org/

2027 New England Regional Genealogical Conference: Genealogy in the Age of AI: Innovation Meets Responsibility
Wednesday, April 14 – Saturday, April 17, 2027 – In-Person and Virtual (Live Streaming Only, No Recordings)
Holiday Inn Portland – by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101
Featured Speakers: Blaine Bettinger, Mark Thompson

OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Samuel D. Isaly Library, 611 State Route 97 West, Bellville, OH 44813-8813
Telephone 419-886-1903 https://www.ogs.org

2027 OGS Annual Conference: "Finding Your Family Heroes"
Wednesday, April 28 – Saturday, May 1, 2027 – In-Person
Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Road, Sharonville, OH 45246-4002
Registration Opens Friday, November 27, 2026

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
P.O. Box 128, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701-0128
Telephone 703-525-0050 or 800-473-0060 https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/

2027 Family History Conference – Lakesides & Legacies
Thursday, May 20 – Saturday, May 22, 2027 – Madison, WI
Monona Terrace Community and Conference Center, One John Nolen Drive, Madison, WI 53703
https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/

2028 Family History Conference
Save the Dates! Wednesday, May 17 – Saturday, May 20, 2028 – Winston-Salem, NC
Benton Convention Center, 301 West 5th Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

GRIP 2027 GENEALOGY INSTITUTE – NEW LOCATION!
https://grip.ngsgenealogy.org/

Monday, June 21 – Friday, June 25, 2027 – Virtual Courses
Sunday, July 11 – Friday, July 16, 2027 – In-Person Courses
In-Person courses will be held at the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN 46802
Registration begins Wednesday, February 3, 2027.

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/

Monday, July 26 – Friday July 30, 2027 - Virtual

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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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  - 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!
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WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

WCGS has more than 160 Warren County Genealogical Society publications and also some Used Books available for purchase. Please visit the Shop and Support page on our website.

2026 New Release! ***Warren County, Ohio, Adoption Records, 1855-1970*****, compiled by Jo Roth**
https://www.wcgsohio.org/product-page/warren-county-ohio-adoption-records-1855-1970

Membership is $25 annually or $250 for a Life Membership. Please visit the Join or Renew page of our website.

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WCGS Website: https://www.wcgsohio.org

RESOURCE LIBRARY HOURS: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
The WCGS Resource Library is open to the public. We are a FamilySearch Affiliate Library.
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THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following people and organizations who have made a monetary or materials donation to WCGS recently. Our Society and Resource Library Catalog continues to expand because of your generosity.

- Jerry Anson
- Kristy Engel
- Thomas J. Frey
- Pat Gallaher
- Deborah Osburn

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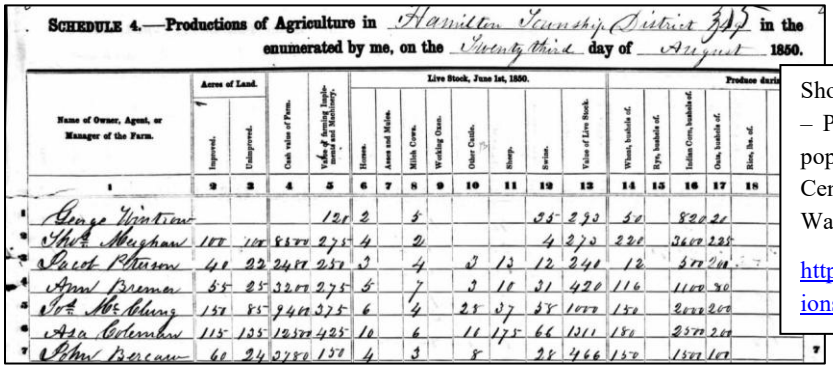
Warren County Genealogical Society

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WHEN: **Tuesday, November 10, 2026**
WHERE: **Virtual Program via Zoom**
PROGRAM: **Starting at 7:00 p.m.**

Beyond the Census: Finding Your Ancestor in Federal Records

One of the first record collections new genealogists access is the U.S. Federal Census. It identifies family units, residence, occupation, family relationships, home ownership, and marital status. What more could you want? Hidden in the vaults of the National Archives are first-person, narrative, detail-rich packets about our ancestors in the military, land, Congressional, State Department, and court records. The National Archives publishes finding aids (indexes) providing a way to easily identify our ancestors. Join us to explore these finding aids and look at examples of what can be found by asking NARA for these paper records.



SCHEDULE 4.—Productions of Agriculture in Hamilton Township District 345 in the enumerated by me, on the Twenty third day of August 1850.

Name of Owner, Agent, or Manager of the Farm.	Acres of Land. Improved.	Acres of Land. Unimproved.	Cash value of Farm.	Value of farming implements and Machinery.	Live Stock, June 1st, 1850. Horses.	Asses and Mules.	Milch Cows.	Working Oxen.	Other Cattle.	Sheep.	Swine.	Value of Live Stock.	Produce during. Wheat, bushels of.	Rye, bushels of.	Indian Corn, bushels of.	Oats, bushels of.	Rice, lbs. of.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
George Winters				120	2		5				35	290	50		820	21	
Thos Mugham	100	100	8500	275	4		2				4	270	220		3600	235	
Jacob Peterson	40	22	2400	250	3		4		3	12	12	240	12		370	20	
Jno Brewer	55	25	3200	275	5		7		3	10	31	420	116		1100	30	
Jos McClung	150	85	9400	375	6		4		25	37	85	1070	150		2200	200	
Asa Coleman	115	135	12500	425	10		6		11	175	66	1311	180		2500	200	
John Berean	60	24	2780	150	4		3		8		28	466	150		1500	100	

Shown is an example of a portion of Schedule 4 – Production of Agriculture (one of the non-population schedules of the U.S. Federal Census) enumerated in Hamilton Township, Warren County, Ohio, 23 Aug 1850.

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1276/images/32804_241765-00475

Presented by Sandy Rumble



Sandy started her career as a software developer and trainer, and for over 30 years, she has designed curriculum for cutting-edge software products. Expanding on her interest in teaching, Sandy speaks about military research, Colonial Pennsylvania, lineage research, and research planning. Sandy has taught classes at genealogical institutes (GRIP, SLIG, and TIGR), conferences, genealogical and historical societies, and DAR Chapters. As a course coordinator for GRIP, Sandy coordinated Researching Penn's Colony in July 2026, and Documentation for Lineage Societies in 2020, and co-coordinated Answering the Call of Uncle Sam, an exploration of 18th- and 19th-century American military records in 2021.

For more information about Sandy, please visit her website:
https://rumblesoft.com/

If you are on our email list, you will automatically receive a Zoom invitation to join us for our Virtual Program. You can sign up for our email list at the bottom of any website page. You do not have to be a member to be on our email list. This presentation is open to the public and everyone is welcome!
https://www.wcgsohio.org

For more information, please contact WCGS at **513-695-1144** or **wcgsoh@gmail.com**.

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WHEN: **Thursday, December 10, 2026, 9AM-4PM**

WHERE: **WCGS Resource Library**
Lower Level of the Warren County Administration Building
406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, OH 45036



Join us for our Holiday Open House at the WCGS Resource Library!

Stop by and visit with us in the WCGS Resource Library on Thursday, December 10, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. for a day of fun and festivities, including library tours, snacks and cookies, and fellowship with our volunteers and visitors!

Happy Holidays! Cookies!
Ancestors! Genealogy!
Candy Canes! Jingle Bells!
Volunteers! Friends!
Snacks! Fun! Tours!