

# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News Sept. 2013

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## 5th ANNUAL CEMETERY RESTORATION CLINIC [LAST CALL – CLINIC IS THIS SATURDAY]

It is time to sign up for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Cemetery Restoration Clinic. This year the clinic will be held Saturday, 14 Sep 2013 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Dicks Creek Cemetery in Franklin Township on Union Road, a little south of S.R. 122 and opposite the main entrance to the Grace Baptist Church. Dicks Creek Cemetery, one of the oldest surviving cemeteries in Warren County, is the final resting place for many of the original settlers in the Blue Ball area. It was established in 1810 when Joseph Parks and his son, Robert, donated a parcel of ground on Union Road for a church and an acre of ground adjacent to it for a cemetery. Revolutionary War Veteran, Joseph Parks who died 12 Apr 1814, is the 1st known burial in the cemetery.

Attendees will spend a full day in the cemetery learning the proper techniques of cemetery restoration and repair ~ identifying, cleaning & repairing grave markers. This year's program will again be presented by the Graveyard Groomer from Connersville, Indiana. The cost of this all day event is only \$40 per person and includes a picnic lunch and a workbook that normally sells for \$20.

A flyer and registration form is attached. Attendance is limited so reserve your spot early.

For more information, visit the clinic website at <http://cemetery.springborohistory.org/2013/DicksCreek/Cemetery.html> or contact our cemetery clinic chairman, Terry Easton at [Terry\\_Easton@cinci.rr.com](mailto:Terry_Easton@cinci.rr.com) or 513-294-8752.

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## THE NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS, CENTRAL BRANCH, DAYTON, OHIO

by Mark Conrad, MSgt USAF (Ret.), Curator, Miami Valley Military History Museum

*Wednesday, September 18, 2013, 7:30 PM in the Phillippi Meeting Room of the Campus Center at the Otterbein Retirement Community, 585 N State Rte 741 (north of Rte 63), Lebanon, Ohio.*

In March, 1865 congress passed a bill for the relief of the disabled officers and men of the volunteer forces of the United States. The Central Branch of the Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers opened in Dayton, Ohio in 1867. Well over 150 Civil War veterans from Warren County resided at the home at one time or another. Some of them were buried in the branch cemetery (now the Dayton National Cemetery).

Mark will show a 28 minute video on the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers (NHDVS, now the Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center) which will be followed by a question and answer session. He will discuss the origins and development of the Soldiers Home system, daily life at the Home, and their role in the creation of the Veterans Administration. Mark will also discuss the on-going efforts to restore and preserve the historic structures and landscaping. A selection of artifacts from the Dayton Soldiers Home will be on display. Attendees are invited to bring their military artifacts if they need help to find out what they are, their age, etc.

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## 2013 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 of the Campus Center at the Otterbein Retirement Community, 585 N State Rte 741 (north of Rte 63), Lebanon, Ohio.*

14 Sep 2013: 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Cemetery Restoration Clinic – see below

18 Sep 2013: The National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Central Branch, Dayton, Ohio.

16 Oct 2013: How to effectively use German newspapers to research your German Ancestor.

13 Nov 2013: To be announced.

18 Dec 2013: Annual Christmas Program.

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

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## WARREN COUNTY, OHIO VIRTUAL CEMETERY PROJECT – Aug, 2013

[Lebanon Cemetery](#): Started Section J adding 155 photos. We also added more photos for [Rose Hill Cemetery](#).

With these additions, the Warren County Virtual Cemetery Project has photos on line for 48,725 burials in 94 cemeteries. See links to other cemeteries at <http://goo.gl/YSRaS>

### ENCOUNTERING THE SHAKERS OF THE NORTH FAMILY LOT, UNION VILLAGE, OHIO

The Ohio Department of Transportation has a 4 volume set of pdf documents available on line that were produced in conjunction with the SR 741 road improvement project a few years ago. These documents may be viewed or downloaded at [http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/Environment/Cultural\\_Resources/Documents/Forms/All%20Documents.aspx](http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/Environment/Cultural_Resources/Documents/Forms/All%20Documents.aspx)

Volume 1: A Corner of Wisdom's Paradise – The North Family Lot Archaeological Project

Volume 2: A Clean and Lively Appearance—Landscape and Architecture of the North Family Lot

Volume 3: Tracing Prosperity and Adversity — A Social History of the North Family Lot

Volume 4: Simplicity Comes in All Forms – The Shaker Ceramic Industries of Union Village

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

=> **Veteran Photos and Documents**: no new photos this month

=> **War of 1812 Pension Files**: In August, Fold3 had pension files on line up to the **DUMONT** surname in Ohio. The pension files for 31 Warren County soldiers that are now available are listed at

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/military/1812pension.htm> with links to their pension & bounty land files.

August additions from Warren County (that we know of) were **Sidney Denise** (16 images), **Joseph Drake** (15 images) & **Peter Drake** (37 images).

[Sidney Denise](#) (16 images). **Jane Denise** (1800-1884), Carlisle Station, Warren County, Ohio, filed for a widow's pension on 6 Apr 1880 (Application #39363) for Sidney's service in Capt. **John H. Schenck's** Company, 2nd Regiment of Horse Companies, Ohio Militia, commanded by **Isaac Robinson**. Her claim was rejected 21 Aug 1880 as no proof of service could be found. Her claim filed under the Act of 1878 says that Sidney enlisted on 1 Jun 1812 in Montgomery County and at the time was a 27 year old shoemaker & farmer from New Jersey, described as being 5' 8" tall with black hair, grey eyes and dark complexion. Sidney and Jane were married on 15 Mar 1848 in Germantown, Ohio. Sidney died 20 Dec 1859 on his farm about 3 miles south of Miamisburg, Ohio. **Jane (nee McKean)** was 1st [married in Warren County](#) on 29 Apr 1818 to **David Vanderveer** who died July 17, 1842. Sidney's first wife [**Anne Conover**] died 4 Mar 1847. Witnesses to her claim included **Mary Elenor Van Derveer**, **James Chamberlin** (age 82) and **Mary Ann Chamberlin** (age 74) of Franklin, Ohio. The file also makes mention of a **Lt. A. D. Schenck**, 2nd US Artillery Battery, Washington Barracks. There is no record that Sidney filed any bounty land claims under the acts of 1850 or 1855. Sidney is buried with his 1<sup>st</sup> wife Anne and their infant son in the [New Jersey Presbyterian Church Cemetery](#). His 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Jane is buried in a [nearby grave](#).

[Joseph Drake](#) (15 images)

[Bounty Land Warrant #99000](#) for 160 acres was issued in favor of Mary Drake widow of Jesse Drake, Private, Capt. Titus' Company Ohio Militia War of 1812. Mary assigned the warrant to Robert Armstrong who received a patent for 160 acres in Nemaha County, Kansas on 2 May 1863. **Frank Cunningham**, guardian for **Polly Drake** of Fort Ancient, Warren County, Ohio (insane - about 80 years old), filed for a widow's pension on 24 Jan 1873 under the act of 1871 for service of Joseph Drake in [Capt. Timothy Titus' Company](#) of Ohio Militia along with [William Settlemire](#). He was not on the company rolls but had five or six weeks of "parole evidence when discharged because of sickness" and the claim was rejected since it did not meet the 60 day service requirement. The parole evidence suggests that he was taken prisoner at some point – perhaps in Hull's surrender at Detroit. The application indicates that Joseph & Polly Drake were [married in Highland County, Ohio](#) on 19 Jul 1810 and that Joseph Drake died in Warren County, Ohio on 11 Jul 1845. **H. M. Drake** of Warren County & **T. F. Thompson** of Lebanon served as witnesses. Cunningham was appointed as Polly's guardian on 14 Jan 1873. We do not know when Mary died or where Joseph and Mary were buried.

[Peter Drake](#) (37 images)

[Bounty Land Warrant #6453](#) (act of 1850) was issued in favor of Peter Drake, Pvt, Capt. Shaw's Co Ohio Militia, War of 1812. He assigned it to **David E. Eckert** who received a patent for 80 acres in Appanoose County, Iowa on 19 Nov 1853 [Bounty Land Warrant #3681](#) (act of 1855) was issued in favor of Peter Drake, Pvt, Capt. Shaw's Co Ohio Militia, War of 1812. He assigned it to **Wilson T. Keever** who received a patent for 80 acres in Taylor County, Iowa on 1 Jul 1859. Peter Drake filed for and received a Survivor's Pension of \$8 per month beginning 14 Feb 1871. (Application #7786, Certificate #45325 dated 15 Sep 1871) for service in Capt. Shaw's Co. Ohio Militia. He was drafted at Lebanon, Ohio and served for 181 days from 6 Feb 1813 to 6 Aug 1813 when he was discharged at Fort Barkly on the St. Marys River. He died near Morrow the following month on 7 Oct 1871. Sarah Drake filed for and received a widow's pension (Application #16260 on 22 Apr 1878, Certificate #24504 dated 28 May 1879) for \$8 per month commencing 9 Mar 1878. She died 29 Aug 1885. Peter Drake and Sarah Merritt were married by Nathan Kelley near Morrow in Union Twp, [Warren County, Ohio on 17 Jan 1816](#). Witnesses mentioned in the file included **John Benham**, **Lauren Smith**, **William S. Hopkins**, **Joseph C. Newport**, **John M. Snook** & **James E. Totten**. Peter and Sarah Drake are buried in [Old Section Lot 71, Lebanon Cemetery](#).

=>★**Warren County Civil War 150 Roll of Honor, Sept., 1863**★ - 72 casualties: 18 dead, 28 wounded, 26 POWs. Warren County suffered the highest number of monthly casualties in September, 1863 since the war began. Most of these occurred during the union defeat at the [Battle of Chickamauga](#) on 19 & 20 Sep 1863.

**Killed in Action or Mortally Wounded:**

[George Bate](#) (35 OVI), [Thomas Bloss](#) (35 OVI), [George Capp](#) (2 OVI), [Thomas Harlan](#) (35 OVI), [Granville Jackson](#) (89 OVI), [Lemuel Jackson](#) (17 OVI), [George W. Keever](#) (35 OVI), [Thomas Murdoch](#) (2 OVI), [Oliver Parshall](#) (35 OVI), [David Smith](#) (35 OVI), [Thomas Strickler](#) (35 OVI), [Jacob Thompson](#) (2 OVI) and [Patrick Walsh](#) (35 OVI). [Franklin Mount](#) (2 OVI) had been previously captured and was killed trying to escape on 26 Sep 1863.

**Wounded:**

[John Boger](#) (35 OVI), [Elias Bone](#) (9 Ind Inv), [George Buehner](#) (93 OVI), [Ezra Cadwallader](#) (17 OVI), [Elias Ellis](#) (93 OVI), [George Ent](#) (17 OVI), [William Flack](#) (35 OVI), [William Gosney](#) (98 OVI), [Morris Gratz](#) (35 OVI), [Samuel Haines](#) (35 OVI), [William Hahn](#) (93 OVI), [John Harner](#) (89 OVI), [Nathan Ingersoll](#) (17 OVI), [Obediah Maxwell](#) (1 OVI), [Anthony Rengerling](#) (2 Ky Inf), [Thomas Rose](#) (35 OVI), [Lester Shaw](#) (35 OVI), [Richard Stringfellow](#) (31 OVI), [William Taylor](#) (17 OVI), [William Thacker](#) (2 OVI), [Jacob Thompson](#) (2 OVI), [Hans Thonssen](#) (9 OVI) and [Durbin Ward](#) (17 OVI)

**Wounded & Captured:**

[John Adams](#) (35 OVI), [Albert Booth](#) (35 OVI), [John Brooks](#) (35 OVI), [John J. Harris](#) (35 OVI) & [Joseph O'Neall](#) (35 OVI)

**Other POWs:**

[William Adams](#) (2 OVI), [Joshua Albertson](#) (17 OVI), [Robert Conner](#) (35 OVI), [Martin Eby](#) (35 OVI), [John Gallaher](#) (2 OVI), [Manford Hall](#) (19 Iowa Inf), [Moses Hill](#) (2 OVI), [Jesse Hines](#) (2 OVI), [Thomas W. Ireland](#) (2 OVI), [James King](#) (2 OVI), [John Leach](#) (35 OVI- thought to have died in prison), [James McKee](#) (35 OVI), [Mathias Miller](#) (100 OVI), [Fielding Oxley](#) (35 OVI), [John Pray](#) (2 OVI), [Tobias Ross](#) (2 OVI), [John Shotwell](#) (2 OVI), [Archelaus Strickler](#) (35 OVI), [Martin Ward](#) (2 OVI), [William Wilson](#) (35 OVI) and [Joseph B. Woodward](#) (2 OVI)

**Died from Disease or Other Causes:**

[Elisha Morford](#) (83 OVI), [John Romine](#) (35 OVI), [George W. Wilborn](#) (35 OVI), and [Harrison Williams](#) (79 OVI)

[Click on the names of the individual soldier to see additional information we have about them.](#)

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

=> **Civil War Widow's Pension Files** available on [fold3.com](#) continue to grow and are now up to at least widow certificate number 123,958. No new pension files for Warren County men were found on [fold3.com](#) in July. Go to <http://goo.gl/Vcvm6> to view our list of [Warren County Pension Application Files](#) that are available on line with links to 105 different pension files. If you know of others, please let us know.

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**FALL 2013 GENEALOGY CLASSES –**

[Sinclair Community College](#), 9/11 – 10/23/2013 by Dana Palmer

[Warren County Career Center](#), 9/10 – 10/29/2013 by Dana Palmer

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

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

5 Oct 2013: [OGS Fall Seminar](#) features Genealogy Guys, George Morgan and Drew Smith. Call 419-886-1903 for reservations.

11 Oct 2013: [OGS Cemetery Restoration & Preservation Workshop](#), Norton, Ohio

30 April–3 May 2014 [53<sup>rd</sup> Annual OGS Conference](#) at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Sandusky, Ohio.

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**OTHER EVENTS**

<> 6-8 Feb 2014 **“RootsTech Conference”** Salt Lake City, Utah. See <http://rootstech.org/home>

<> 7-10 May 2014 **“NGS Conference”** Richmond, Virginia. Hotel Reservations at

<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/accommodations>

<> 27-30 Aug 2014 **“FGS Conference”** San Antonio, Texas. Reservations: <https://aws.passkey.com/g/20192270>

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

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