

# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News Nov., 2015

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## TALES OF FRONTIERSWOMEN presented by Bonnie Johnston.

*Wednesday, 18 Nov 2015 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.*

Bonnie S. Johnston is a retired English professor and former Director of the Writing Lab at the Blue Ash Branch of University of Cincinnati. A lifelong pursuit of genealogy and history led her to write historical fiction based on the lives of her ancestors. Her first novel The Dark Side of the Mountain was published by Soul Mate Publishing in November 2014. A blend of fact and fiction, the novel is a compelling tale of Anna Margaretha Mallow who survives the Fort Seybert massacre on the frontier of Virginia in 1758. The notorious Delaware War Chief Killbuck destroys the fort, kills most of the adults and takes at least twenty captives back to the Ohio Indian villages. Set against the backdrop of the French and Indian War, only courage and perseverance sustain Anna during her captivity and tragic losses.

Bonnie will present a program titled "Tales of Frontierswomen" and will discuss the research behind her novels as well as families who settled southern Ohio during the turn of the eighteenth century. It is interesting to note that President Obama descends from the Mallow family described in her first novel. She has recently published a second novel Maggie and two short stories. She will also explain the free publishing process that is available for anyone who wishes to share historical/genealogical information.

## 2015 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.*

18 Nov 2015 "Tales of Frontierswomen" presented by Bonnie S. Johnston

16 Dec 2015 **Annual Christmas Gathering.**

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

## FALL GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS presented by Dana Palmer

The Warren County Genealogical Society is hosting three 2 hour workshops this fall presented by Dana Palmer C.G. These popular workshops will be held in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the County Administration Building at 406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, Ohio. The fee for each workshop is \$5 and may be paid at the door. Reservations are suggested as space is limited. Call [513-695-1144](tel:513-695-1144) or e-mail to [wcs@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:wcs@co.warren.oh.us) to make a reservation.

- **Effectively Using Family Search** will be presented on Wednesday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> from 1-3p.m. This interactive workshop will have live demonstrations as well as provide opportunities to ask questions and search in real time. Attendees should bring their laptops.
- **Using Rootsmagic** will be presented on Thursday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1-3 p.m. This workshop will give attendees insight into using this popular program and opportunities for questions based on the attendee's own research.
- **Effectively Using Ancestry.com** will be given on Thursday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 p.m. This interactive workshop will show tactics in using the program and opportunities for questions and real time searching.

## 2016 WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

We have had a good initial response to our 2016 membership drive. Any new memberships will now be good through the end of 2016. In 2015 we had our 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of membership growth which we hope to continue in 2016. To save on postage, we included a copy of the 2016 Membership form with the Autumn Heir Lines mailing. A pdf copy of the form is attached.

A membership form is also available on our website at <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/aboutus.pdf>

## 2016 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers for the 2016 calendar year will be elected during our regular meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2015. If you would like to help, please contact Diana Linkous at (513) 695 1144 or [wccgs@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:wccgs@co.warren.oh.us)

## WAR OF 1812 PENSION DIGITIZATION PROJECT

November is the final month of our fund raising project for the War of 1812 Pension Digitization Project. The final results of the fantastic response that we have had will be announced at our December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 board meeting.

The Warren County Genealogical Society is matching up to \$500 in contributions to this project that we receive in 2015. In addition, the Federation of Genealogical Societies has allotted an additional \$500 to our fund raising effort. Send your tax deductible gift, payable to WCCGS, 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 donation along with our matching contribution in December. It will then be matched by Ancestry.com. A donation form is attached.

## DREAMS OF A BETTER LIFE: THE STORY OF HEINRICH J. WILLENBURG

*"Stories of a puzzling shipwreck and difficult journey to America, passed along from generation to generation, were on the verge of becoming lost in history until this father-daughter team uncovered a fuller picture of the amazing tale of Heinrich Willenburg."*

This story of the immigration of the Willenburg family from Prussia to Warren County, Ohio, was written by Warren County Genealogical Society member Timothy Kettering and his daughter, Renée Kettering. Three of the Willenburg brothers served in the Civil War from Warren County. See <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/military/cww.htm#Willenburg>

If you are a member of the Ohio Genealogical Society, you may view the article on line at <http://www.ogs.org/membersonly/journals/ogsq/OGSQ2015v55n3.pdf>

### Source:

Timothy Kettering and Renée Kettering, " Dreams of a Better Life: The Story of Heinrich J. Willenburg," *Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly* Volume 55, No. 3, 2015: p. 299-308.

## HUGH ALLEN, APPLICATION FOR NATURALIZATION, APRIL TERM 1834

Warren County, Ohio, Series A, Box 91; recorded Common Pleas Volume 14, page 395

[Click here](#) to see image.

War. Com. Pleas

April Term 1834

The State of Ohio

Warren County

Application for Naturalization.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared in open court **Hugh Allen** an applicant for Naturalization who being duly sworn according to Law deposeth and saith that it is his bona fide intention to become a citizen of the United States of America that he will support the constitution of the United States, that he doth hereby absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince potentate, state or sovereignty whatever; and particularly he renounces all allegiance and fidelity to his Majesty William the IV King of the United Kingdoms of Great Britain, Ireland and Scotland &c. to whose Kingdom he was heretofore a subject; and the said Hugh Allen also saith that he has never borne any hereditary title or been of any of the orders of nobility in any Country whatever; and further saith not.

Sworn to & Subscribed in Open Court the day and year before mentioned.

**Hugh Allen**

[J. K. Wilds](#) clk

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

### => VETERAN PHOTOS AND DOCUMENTS:

Veteran photos were submitted in October for [Robert Hamilton](#) (1760-1814) Revolutionary War, [William Hamilton](#) (1831-1915) Civil War, [Francis H. Hamilton](#) (1840-1932) Civil War and [LeRoy Hamilton](#) (1884-1971) War with Spain that were contributed by [David A. Hamilton](#).

Photo of [Company G 147th Inf. - 37th Div.](#) World War I at Camp Sherman, Ala. Sept. 26-1918 contributed by [Chip Henriss](#)

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

### => WAR OF 1812 PENSION FILES:

In October the pension files on line at Fold3.com up to the **Simeon Moore** name in Ohio. We now know of 82 pension files containing 2,977 pages that have been digitized for soldiers with a connection to Warren County. Thanks to a query from WCGS member, Patrick Dugan, the pension file for [Benjamin Ludlum](#) (1792-1881) was located.

#### War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files,"

##### **Benjamin Ludlum (Application #16212, No Certificate #) - [36 images](#)**

[Benjamin Ludlum](#) enlisted at Carlisle, Pennsylvania as a Private in Capt. **Joseph Halburt's** Company, **Lt. Col. Bache's** 2nd Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia for 53 days from August 31 to October 16, 1814 and traveled 120 miles. The company responded to a call for men to protect the city of Philadelphia after the city of Washington was burned by the British. He was honorably discharged at Philadelphia and paid \$15. The captain's name is spelled **Holbert** on some of the records in the pension file.

On 15 May 1871, **Benjamin Ludlum** (aged 78 on the 29th day of July last) of Hopkinsville, Warren County, made a declaration before Warren County Probate Court judge **Thomas R. Thatcher**, for the purpose of being placed on the pension rolls of the United States under the provisions of the Act of February 14th, 1871. **Cornelius T. Ditmars** and **Robert W. Ditmars** of Warren County, witnessed his declaration. His application was rejected on 28 Dec 1872 and again on 26 June 1878 "on the ground that there is no record evidence of U.S. service of the organization in which individual service is alleged. The soldier was in the service of the State of Pennsylvania." See [image 6](#) in the pension file. His 1878 application was witnessed by **J. Simonton** (aged 42) and **A. C. Barton** (aged 27).

Benjamin Ludlum was awarded two Bounty Land Warrants for his service but the Bounty Land applications were not included in his pension file.

[Bounty Land Warrant No. 92707](#) for 40 acres was issued under the Act of 1850 in favor of Benjamin Ludlum, Private, Capt. **Halburt's** Company Pennsylvania Volunteers, War of 1812. He assigned the warrant to **Henry S. Fairchild** who was issued a patent for 40 acres in Pierce County, Wisconsin on 10 Aug 1858.

[Bounty Land Warrant No. 43728](#) for 120 acres was issued under the Act of 1855 in favor of Benjamin Ludlum, Private in Capt. **Holbert's** Company, Pennsylvania Militia War of 1812. Benjamin assigned the warrant to **Henry S. Fairchild** who then assigned it to **Franklin Fairchild** (of Morrow, Ohio) who was issued a patent for 120 acres in Pierce County, Wisconsin on 16 Jul 1860.

[Beers History of Warren County](#) page [951](#), has the following.

*" . . . To [Benjamin Ludlum](#) and wife were born eleven children, eight of whom are living. He returned to Pennsylvania in 1814, where he resided seven years, and was married to **Margaret McCarter**, March 14, 1814. He served in the War of 1812, and was a brick mason by trade. He also taught in the schools of the county for a number of years; was a man successful in business and accumulated considerable property. He died July 14, 1881, and was born July 29, 1792. His wife died Sept. 9, 1867, and was born in Pennsylvania in 1794. They were old and prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which they became connected in 1816. . . ."*

Benjamin is buried with his wife in the [Plum Run Cemetery](#). [Click here](#) to see a photo of their gravestone.

### => CIVIL WAR WIDOW'S PENSION APPLICATIONS available on Fold3.

We have listed known Civil War Widows' Pension Applications pertaining to Warren County at

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/military/cwwidow.htm>

Complete pension files are now on line for widow certificate numbers up to about 148,100. The file for Warren County soldiers [Wesley Berry](#) and [Frederick W. Wisser/Weiser](#) were located in the past month.

"Civil War Widows' Pension Applications." [fold3.com](http://fold3.com).

[Hannah Berry \(Certificate #95359\)](#) widow of Wesley Berry, Co. A, 35th OVI [2 images]

Cincinnati Agency

Rate per Month, \$8 commencing 2 Nov 1863

Additional sum of \$2 per Month for each of the following children until arriving at the age of 16 years, commencing July 25, 1866, viz;

George E. 16 Feby 1871

Jennie F. 1 Feby 1874

Charles H. 8 Oct 1876

Certificate dated 15 Mch 1867 sent to Claimant Harveysburgh, Ohio

Consolidated with minor No. 215,295 May 9 74

[Warren County, Ohio, Marriage records 1872-1876 vol 2](#), page 101

No. 300 **William Harlan** and **Hannah Berry** married 1 Dec 1873 by a Justice of the Peace (**Arnold Sabin** attested to age and residence)

"Civil War Widows' Pension Applications." [fold3.com](http://fold3.com).

[Amelia Wisser \(Certificate #58638\)](#) widow of Frederick J. Wisser, Co A 35th OVI [33 images]

[Frederick J. Wisser](#), enrolled on 15 Aug 1861 at Lebanon in Co. A, 35th OVI and was mustered in as a Private on 20 Aug 1861 at Hamilton Ohio, in Company A, commanded by Capt. [Joseph L. Budd](#), in the 35th OVI commanded by Col. **Ferd. VanDerveer**. He was taken prisoner at the Battle of Chickamauga on 20 Sep 1863 and died at Andersonville, Georgia on 20 Aug 1864 of chronic diarrhea while in the hands of the enemy as a prisoner of war.

Frederick J. Wisser and Amelia Hosfield were [married at Lebanon](#) on 19 Mar 1857 by **Marsena Stone** a Minister of the Gospel. They had 3 children; **Lucy Wisser** born 9 Nov 1857, **Catharine Wisser** born 6 Feb 1860 and **Laura Wisser** born 5 Jun 1862.

On 12 May 1865, Amelia Wisser, age 38, of Lebanon, appeared before Probate Judge **James Scott** and made a declaration in order to obtain a widow's pension under the Act of 14 Jul 1862 (Application #94082). Her attorney was [William W. Wilson](#) and her declaration was witnessed by **Wm. W. Colmery** and [David P. Bennett](#).

Amelia Wisser was admitted to a pension of \$8 per month commencing 20 Aug 1864 by Certificate #58638 dated 1 Nov 1865 An Additional sum of \$2 per month for each of her children until they attain the age of 16, was awarded by Certificate #58638 dated 14 Nov 1867.

She was last paid \$12 to 4 Mar 1902 when she was dropped from the rolls because of her death on 9 May 1902 as reported by her son-in-law, **F. J. Gates**.

Testimony in support of her claim was provided by Dr. [Joshua Stevens](#), Dr. **Rebecca Anton**, Dr. [I. L. Drake](#), [George W. Frost](#), Maj. [Joseph L. Budd](#), **Wm. J. Shugert**, **William Kreamore** (sp?), **Stephen Calvin** and **Jacob E. Calvin**.

=>See <http://goo.gl/uWutD> or <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/warsmain.htm> for information about other Warren County veterans. Please email us if you know of any that we may have missed.

## STOKES FAMILY IN THE NEWS.

Our thanks to WCGS member, [Maribeth Brannen](#) who provided us with these clippings from a Springfield, Illinois newspaper. Maribeth is the granddaughter of **Mabel Stokes** and **Dr. Frank M. Ewing**.

"SOCIETY WEDDING NEAR; Approaching Nuptials of Lincoln Physician and Postmaster's Daughter Are Announced. (Special to The State Journal.)

Lincoln, Ill., April 14. – Announcement is made of the approaching marriage of Dr. **Frank M. Ewing** and Miss **Mabel Stokes**, two of Lincoln's leading society folk. The ceremony will be performed this week. Miss Stokes is a daughter of Postmaster and Mrs. **Thomas H. Stokes**.

### Source:

"Society Wedding Near," *Daily Illinois State Journal* (Springfield, Illinois), Wednesday, April 15, 1908, page 9; digital image, [GenealogyBank.com](http://www.genealogybank.com) (<http://www.genealogybank.com>)

Miss **Mabel Eulass** and Miss **Perle Riley** of Lebanon, Ohio, are guests of **Mrs. T. H. Stokes** and **Mrs. Mabel Ewing** of Lincoln. Yesterday the Misses Eulass and Riley and Mesdames Stokes and Ewing were guests in the city, being entertained at dinner at the home of **Mrs. Lewis H. Miner**, and in the evening at supper at the home of **Mrs. Jay French**.

### Source:

*Daily Illinois State Journal* (Springfield, Illinois), Thursday, November, 5, 1914, page 30; digital image, [GenealogyBank.com](http://www.genealogybank.com) (<http://www.genealogybank.com>)

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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 West, Bellville, Ohio 44813. Phone (419) 886-1903. [Annual membership](#) includes home access to <http://www.heritagepursuit.com> (Ohio County Histories).

◇ 28-30 Apr 2016, **“Tracking Your Ancestors,” 2016 OGS Annual Conference**  
Great Wolf Lodge, Mason, Ohio

### OTHER EVENTS

◇ [Clermont County Chapter, OGS](#) E-mail: [ccovalcine@gmail.com](mailto:ccovalcine@gmail.com)

*Programs sponsored by the Clermont County Genealogical Society are held at the Doris Wood Library, 180 S. 3rd St. in Batavia, Ohio, on the first Saturday of the month at 1:00 pm unless noted otherwise. They are free & open to the public unless otherwise noted. For more information see [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohclecgs/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohclecgs/) or call 513-723-3423.*

**“Eva Barbara, Where Are You? Finding your Ancestor’s Birthplace in Germany”** Speaker: Bob Rau  
Saturday, November 7, 2015, 1 p.m. Williamsburg Branch Library, 594 Main Street, Williamsburg, OH 45176

◇ [Rootstech 2016](#), 3–6 Feb 2016, Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah.

◇ [National Genealogical Society](#), 4–7 May 2016 Family History Conference, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

◇ [Federation of Genealogical Societies](#), 31 Aug – 3 Sep 2016, 2016 National Conference.

### WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Membership is \$10 for a single membership, \$15 for a family membership or \$200 for a Life Membership.

Membership application forms are available at <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/aboutus.htm#Membership>

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WCGS Website: <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/>

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

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