

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News Dec. 2011

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, DANA PALMER

Another year has come and gone. In April both our chapter and our website won best in state from the Ohio Genealogical Society again, making this the fourth time in the past five years. We are grateful for the time and dedication of our volunteers and members in making this society so great! Thanks to the generous donation by one of our members we will be able to buy a new copier and two computers for use in our resource library. We could always use more volunteers to help run our resource library. If you have time to help, please consider donating some of your time.

As many of you know, we have been working hard to complete our virtual cemetery project that was started in 2004. Countless hours have been spent in tracking down cemeteries and photographing their contents. Only two cemeteries, Woodhill in Franklin and Union Church in Washington Township, are still unassigned. Photographing the Woodhill cemetery is a large undertaking and will be divided up by sections to make it more manageable to complete. If you have a few hours to spare, we could certainly use help in either of these cemeteries. Our third cemetery restoration clinic held in October provided superb training in caring for cemeteries. We hope to continue to hold more of these clinics in the future, rotating around the townships within our county.

In case you were unaware, we have also been working on obtaining copies of the funeral home records in our county. We have only one funeral home left to copy and index.

This year we began work on creating a master index for the census records in our county. Our ultimate goal is to create an index similar to our others for Warren County, that is searchable by surname and then given name over all available census years.

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to seeing and working with you in 2012.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL,

Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 7:30 PM in the Phillippi Meeting Room of the Campus Center at the Otterbein Retirement Community

We look forward to seeing everyone at the last meeting of the year. If able, please bring a goodie to share. This will be an informal event where we can gather together and celebrate the year and discuss plans for the future. If you have any brick wall questions on your research, bring them along and we'll try to get you headed in the right direction. It should be lots of fun!

2012 SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

It is that time of year to renew your society membership which remains at \$10 for a single membership, \$15 for a family membership or \$100 for a Life Membership. A membership application form in pdf format is attached and is also available at

<http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/aboutus.htm#Membership>

2012 SOCIETY OFFICERS

At our November meeting, the following members were elected to serve as Chapter Officers in 2012

President, Dana Palmer

1st Vice President, Linda Eckert

2nd Vice President, Diana Linkous

Treasurer, Harriet Foley

Recording Secretary, *position available*

Corresponding Secretary, Arne Trelvik

Thanks to all the officers for their continuing service to the society. We also thank Marti Daubenmire for her service to the society as

Recording Secretary in 2011. She will be missed.

2011 VOLUNTEERS

In addition to the officers listed above, we are again deeply indebted to the following volunteers who served our society in numerous capacities during 2011: Lisa Axt, Jane Bailey, Vickie Bergerhouse, Terry Easton, Mary Everhart, Sue Frary, Chuck Griffen, Carlene Isabell, Mike Palmer, Faith Peel, Debbie Schneider, LaVonne Smith, Candy Taylor and Michele Ullum. Thanks for a job well done!!!

CHUCK GRIFFEN

We want to thank everyone who took the time to send a card to Chuck. He tells us that it has kept the mailman in Loveland very busy. Chuck will be moving into Mason Christian Village. After December 10th his new address will be 324 Village Drive, Mason, OH 45040. At the December Board meeting, Chuck was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in the Society. Please join us in congratulating him.

BARBARA PROCTOR

Congratulations to society member, Barbara Proctor, who recently received approval of her membership application in The Society of Mayflower Descendants. She has kindly shared a copy of her application with us which has been placed in the Gustin Vertical File. Those who can prove their descent from Bethany Fuller (1746-1829) wife of Jeremiah Gustin (1772-1819) would also be able to qualify for membership in the society.

JAMES CAFFERTY and the UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

Congratulations to society member, Stanley Aultz, whose article "**James Cafferty and the Underground Railroad**" has been published in the just released issue of *Ohio Records and Pioneer Families* (Volume 52 Issue 4: p. 175.) A photo of James Cafferty is on the cover.

WARREN COUNTY VIRTUAL CEMETERY PROJECT at <http://goo.gl/YSRaS>

For his Eagle Scout project, 15 year old Justin Rich took on the project of restoring the [Olive Branch Cemetery](#). See the photos from the 12 Nov 2011 Dedication Ceremony at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/Cemetery/olive/photo.htm>
Thanks Justin!

[Union Church Cemetery](#), Washington Twp - <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/Cemetery/Union/union.htm>

Bill Van Doren reports that considerable progress has been made at the cemetery with the help of neighbors, descendants of the deceased, and the Clinton Massie Key Club. The grass is cut, the fence rows mostly cleared, much trash and debris hauled off, and some tree trimming is complete. The church was opened up on the 26th of November for those interested in seeing the interior.

WARREN COUNTY MILITARY HERITAGE

To add your veteran photos, letters, etc. to the collection, email them to Arne Trelvik at atrelvik@gmail.com

Veteran Images Added: [Joseph L. Budd](#) (1830-1922) 35th OVI, [Charles L'Hommedieu Long](#) (1826-1891) 35th OVI, [Oliver H. Parshall](#) (1824-1863), 35th OVI

=> Civil War Letters: [Letter from Thomas J. Bloss \(Co F 35th OVI\) to his father](#) dated 31 Jan 1863. Contributed by Rebecca Pace
http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/military/bloss_tj31jan1863.htm

=> War of 1812 Pension File: [William Guttery, Pvt. Capt William B. Fordyce's Co Ohio Militia](#). Contributed by Jim Guthrie who has also provided information on the descendants of William Guttery which has been placed in the Guttery Vertical File in the library.
http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/military/guttery_william1812.htm

=> [Warren County in the War](#). Part 9 is now on line at <http://goo.gl/1aSiQ> "Early Days at Harveysburg – Enlistment of Ex-Auditor Randall and History of Recruiting Expedition of Captain Parshall." This 12 part series of articles was published in the Lebanon Gazette starting in October 1885. We have been adding one article each month. The introduction to this series is at <http://goo.gl/IQkGx>

=> ★ **Civil War 150 Roll of Honor** ★ - Warren County casualties, December, 1861.

- [Joseph Moon](#), Private, Co G, 17th OVI, died of disease at Danville, Ky on 22 Dec 1861 and was buried there in the city cemetery.
- [Jesse K. Randall](#), Corporal, Co F, 35th OVI, died of disease at Paris Kentucky on 3 Dec 1820. He is buried at the Jonah's Run Baptist Church Cemetery.
- [Mathias Henry](#), Co C&F, 35th OVI was captured at Somerset, Ky on 16 Dec 1861 and later wounded at Chickamauga on 19 Sep 1863. He also served in Co F, 2nd Ohio Heavy Artillery. He died in 1914 and is buried in the Darrown Cemetery in Butler County.
- [Thomas Holloway](#), Co F, 35th OVI was captured at Somerset, Ky on 16 Dec 1861 and held in the prison at Salisbury, NC for 8 months. He died in Kansas City, MO. in 1931.

=> Information on others Warren County veterans: go to <http://goo.gl/uWutD> & <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/warsmain.htm>.

OTHER SOCIETY EVENTS

<> 2-4 Feb 2012, **2nd Annual Rootstech Conference**, Salt Lake City, UT see <http://www.rootstech.org>

<> 2 Apr 2012, The **1940 Census Opens** see <http://www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/>

<> 12-14 Apr 2012 "**History and Genealogy: Finding Clues to Ancestral Lives**," OGS Conference

Intercontinental Hotel, 9801 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. To reserve a room at the Conference Rate, call the hotel at (216) 707 4100 and give them the conference rate code "SMZ."

<> 9- 12 May 2012 "**The Ohio River; Gateway to the Western Frontier**" NGS Family History Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio. Registration is now open & conference hotels are accepting reservations at the Conference Rate. See http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info

<> 29 Aug – 1 Sep 2012 "**FGS Conference**" Birmingham, Alabama. See <http://www.fgs.org/2012conference/>

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

The Ohio Genealogical Society is located at their Samuel D. Isaly Library, 611 State Route 97, Bellville, Ohio 44813. Phone (419) 886-1903.

[Annual membership](#) includes home access to [World Vital Records](#) and to <http://www.heritagepursuit.com> (Ohio County Histories).

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

LIBRARY HOURS: Mon-Fri from 9am to 4pm [subject to closing for inclement weather, volunteer illness, etc]
