

# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

## Newsletter

**February 2021**

201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee

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County Administrative Building*

### Due to Covid-19

**A DECISION  
WAS MADE  
BY A MAJORITY OF OUR  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
TO CANCEL  
THE FEBRUARY  
MEETING AND KEEP THE  
OFFICE CLOSED UNTIL  
IT IS DEEMED SAFE.**

**The decision on upcoming meetings  
will be made each month depending  
on the recommendations from our  
state and local government officials.**

My continued prayers and concerns for all of you

Cheryl Watson Mingle, WCGHA President

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*Come Visit Us*

**Due to Covid-19  
Our office is  
Presently closed**

**Our normal  
hours are**

**Monday  
&  
Friday**

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# Keeping busy during Covid-19...

## Comments from some of our members:

**"It was an adjustment (having) to stay home. It became a new form of agoraphobia brought on by fear of contacting the virus. Some of us learned to cook again, appreciate a good movie and dig deeper into the world of genealogy research. All in all, we learned how difficult it would be if we did not have our computers. It's pretty bad when going to the grocery store and doctor appointments was something we looked forward to. Preparing a monthly Newsletter became more difficult with our monthly meetings suspended. I'll be glad when we are able to get together again."**

**--Doyle & Marion Speaks**

**"In what seemed the longest year (2020) this 78- year- old has ever experienced, some progress has been made. I've always had a long list of "want to do's", part of which I finally got done! I actually got quite a bit of research done. With Cheryl's help, I've got our son a Pioneer Family application ready to turn in and I'm working on a First Family of Tennessee application. I've found more Revolutionary War ancestors as well as The War of 1812. All the proof for the 1812 app. is just waiting on me to get some archival paper. I'm really missing the WCGHA meetings and seeing everyone. Got my first vaccine."**

**--Scarlett Griffith**

**"I've been piddlin' in my records. I'm staying in as much as possible. Got my first Covid-19 vaccine and on the list for the 2<sup>nd</sup> one. I sure miss our meetings."**

**--Bonita Mangrum**

**"Organizing and scanning my Jaco records into a searchable format on the computer. Those are the records I have collected over the past 64 years. We've been able to stay safe from Covid 19, have had first vaccine and waiting on second."**

**--Allen Jaco**

**"I've been staying in out of the crowds. My daughter sent me a foot massager for Christmas and I sit for 30 minutes every day reading my book and getting a foot massage. We're both well and got our first vaccine and waiting on the second."**

**--Carolyn Lance**



**"I've been working, yet keeping my distance and luckily have not had Covid and all are well in the family. As time has permitted, I have been researching results from my two different kinds of DNA tests."**

**--Joshua Roberts**

**"We've escaped the virus so far and doing the best we can. If I could describe the past year it would be 'like finding a hair in my biscuit'. We've had our first shot."**

**--John & Shirley Douglass**

**"I've been working on 1,000-piece puzzles. It takes me two to three weeks to complete one, depending on how many interruptions I have. I play basketball once a week at Cookeville and luckily have not had Covid 19. In the latter part of 2020, my daughter came a took me to Texas for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. I was able to spend some time with my son up in Kansas during this visit out west. I have had my first Covid vaccination and am waiting on the second."**

**--Glenda Stubblefield Cantrell**

**"I've stayed home a lot and helped out with grandkids as needed. I've found time to go through my family pictures and been able to share some. Luckily, I have not had the Covid-19 virus and have been checked twice."**

**--Wanda Muncey Gant**

# History of Our Older Churches

## Church of God

**McMinnville Church of God, located on Locust Street in McMinnville, is the largest of the Church of God congregations in Warren County. It was completed and dedicated in 1957 with Calvin C. Wigley as pastor.**



**The congregation poses for a photo in front of the Old Rock Church of God on West Sparta Street. It must have been taken about mid-forties. The Church was built in 1936 after land was deeded by Jesse and Laura Durham for \$200 to church trustees A.J. Durham, Smith Durham and Jesse Durham. The church never had a gabled roof until the mid-forties. By the early 50s the congregation had outgrown the building and property was purchased on Locust Street to build a much-needed larger building. In 1957 the congregation moved into their new building and trustees Albert Glenn, Joe Alexander, Arnold Palmer, Grady Pugh and Y.R. Jones sold the Rock Church property to McMinnville Cumberland Presbyterian Church for the sum of \$6,000. A note was entered on this deed**



**that the property was not to be sold to any Church of God or Pentecostal church.**

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*This is the sixth in a series of stories on Our Historic Churches in Warren County. I chose the McMinnville and Campaign Church of God as two great examples of the area Church of God.*  
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# Church of God

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The McMinnville Church of God was organized on Christmas Day, December 25, 1915, with 20 charter members. They met in a home on West Spring Street not far from the Rock Church. It had a large basement and was cleared to hold the congregation.

The second building, the Rock Church, was built in 1936 and located on Sparta Street. In 1957 the church relocated to its present location in a new building at 204 Locust Street. Rev. Calvin Wigley was the pastor at this new location.

In 1979 an addition of a gym, fellowship hall and kitchen were built while Rev. Randal Geren was the pastor. The church was refurbished during the tenure of J.C. Hodges and a nice parsonage was built adjacent to the present church during Garland Griffis' tenure. An additional parking lot, west of the parsonage, was the most recent addition to the property.

34 ministers have been pastors of the congregation in the past one hundred six years. They are: George Broyer, George Sprinkle, E. J. Boehmer, Charles Prince, Laura Griffith, Johnny Yates, T. A.

Richard, W. S. Wilemon, W. C. Byrd, J. W. Shaw, B.L. Alford, Harry Kuts, W.M. Woods, H.M. Hunt, C. D. Dempsey, Harry Kutz, Calvin Wigley;

Howard McGee, Harry Mushegan, Garland Griffis, Earl Causey, W. E. Wright, David Lambert, Randall Geren, Gordon Stallings, Randall Geren, O. L. Hart, Edwin Webb, Jerry Barnwell, J. C. Hodges,



Billy Hedgepath, Jerry Feathers, Roland Sharp and Jeff Page.

Prior to the Covid-19 virus, attendance was averaging between 100 and 150 people.

Jeff Page has been pastor at the church since October 2012. The Youth Pastor is Josh Thaxton.

## Pastor Jeff Page

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Church services are: Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship – 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening – 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night discipleship, classes for all ages and Detour Student Ministries – 7:00 p.m.  
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## Campaign Church of God



**Campaign Church was chartered on August 19, 1914, by Rev. T. S. Payne. It was organized as a result of a tent meeting held in the Campaign community by Rev. Payne and co-minister E. J. Boehmer. The church had about 40 charter members. Campaign Church was the fourth of the denomination to be chartered in the state and the fifth oldest.**

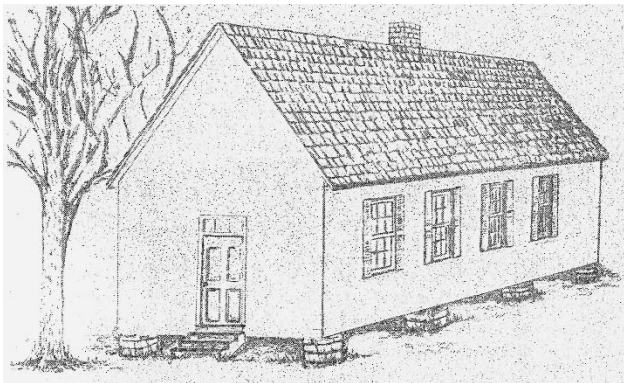
**The church was ministered by A. H.**

**Bryan, but he never lived in Campaign. He commuted from Knoxville.**

**The present Campaign Church of God is located at 360 Maple Drive, Rock Island.**

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## Church of God Continued



**Campaign first Church of God building**

Two years after the church was chartered, the first church building was built in 1916. It was located on a hill and became known to the community as the “church on the hill.” The first official pastor was E. J. Boehmer. The present Campaign Church of God is located at 360 Maple Drive, Rock Island.



The second building was located in front of the old building closer to the road. It was built in 1948. It was a concrete block structure with 11 steps.

The third and present building was completed in 1967. Around 1983 an educational building was added that houses eight classrooms, a fellowship hall and church offices.

Approximately 10 years ago the Bone Cave Church of God merged with Campaign and closed down their church.

Attendance was at a steady growth prior to Covid-19 with attendance averaging around 60 for Sunday service. As with most churches, attendance dropped considerably in the past year but has begun to increase.

Jarvis Johnson began his ministry in 2016 with a pastorate in Whitwell, TN. This was a 1.5-hour commute that he did until accepting the position at

Campaign. He grew up in the Campaign community and this was like “coming home”.

Church Services are:  
Sunday School – 9:45;  
Morning Worship – 10:30;  
Sunday Evening Worship –  
5:00 p.m.  
Tune in from 6:30 a.m.-7:00  
a.m. every Sunday morning  
on your radio to 960 AM or  
97.7 FM for our weekly  
broadcast.



**Pastor Jarvis Johnson**

### A Brief History of the Church of God

The Church of God began on August 19, 1886, in Monroe County, Tennessee, near the North Carolina border. Former Baptist Richard Green Spurling preached in a millhouse along Barney Creek and eight persons formed a Christian Union for the purpose of following the New Testament as their rule for faith and practice, giving each other equal rights and privilege to interpret Scripture, and sitting together as the church of God. Twenty-one years later the growing movement formally adopted the name Church of God.

Ten years after the organizational meeting, a revival at the Shearer Schoolhouse in nearby Camp Creek, North Carolina, introduced the doctrine of sanctification to the community. Opposition to this doctrine led to severe persecution, but a spirit of revival prevailed and the Holiness believers experienced an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that included speaking in tongues and divine healing. Such experiences prepared the way for the explosion of the Pentecostal movement in the early twentieth century.

The Church of God, with headquarters in Cleveland, Tennessee, is a Pentecostal Christian denomination and is classified as Protestant.

#### *WE BELIEVE:*

*The Church of God believes the whole Bible to be completely and equally inspired and that it is the written Word of God. The Church of God has adopted the following Declaration of Faith as its standard and official expression of its doctrine.*

*In the verbal inspiration of the Bible*

*In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father,*

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# Church of God *Continued*

*conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead. That He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.*

*That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.*

*That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.*

*In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.*

*In the baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.*

*In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.*

*In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*

*Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.*

*In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.*

*In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.*

*In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous, and eternal punishment for the wicked.*

The 1st Assembly decided that foot washing was on the same level as the sacrament of communion and, like other holiness groups, condemned the use of tobacco. Tomlinson served as moderator and secretary. The name "Church of God" was adopted in 1907.

The Church of God recognizes three ranks of credentialed ministers: exhorter (initial level), ordained minister (intermediate level), and ordained bishop (highest level). Exhorters are authorized to preach, serve as evangelists, and serve as pastor of a church. Ordained ministers are further authorized to baptize converts, receive new church members, administer sacraments or ordinances, solemnize marriages, and establish churches. In addition to the rights and privileges held by exhorters and ordained ministers, ordained bishops are authorized to assist in ordination ceremonies. State/regional overseers are designated "administrative bishops", International Executive Committee members as "executive bishops", and the general overseer as "presiding bishop". Women are eligible to be

exhorters and ordained ministers. However, only men can become ordained bishops. There are also categories of licensed minister of Christian education and licensed minister of music.

The Church of God's highest judicial body is the International General Assembly. This body has "full power and authority to designate the teaching, government, principles, and practices" of the Church of God. Meeting every two years, the General Assembly's voting membership includes all lay members and credentialed ministers of the Church of God 16 years of age or older who are present and registered. The General Assembly is responsible for electing the church's executive officers. These are the general overseer, the three assistant general overseers, and the secretary general. In addition, it elects the directors of the church's missionary and Christian education ministries.

During the latter half of the twentieth century, the Church of God gradually relaxed what they call their "Practical Commitments". These are separate from their Declaration of Faith, which are the biblical beliefs of the church. These practical commitments are the social practices of the church, and originally included "That members dress according to the teachings of the New Testament", "That our members conform to the Scripture relative to outward adornment and to the use of cosmetics, etc. that create an unnatural appearance", as well as other admonitions concerning hair, ornamental jewelry, "mixed swimming", television/movies, dances, and "ungodly amusements". Many of these practical commitments were modified as the church adapted to ministry outside of its southeastern U.S. roots, however the Declaration of Faith has not been modified since its adoption in 1948.

Today Church of God ministries include more than 7 million members in 178 nations and territories. Some 36,000 congregations serve around the world, while regional and international ministries provide resources and support through our divisions of World Evangelization, Care, Discipleship, Education, and Support Services.

*This article excerpted in part from:*

*[www.christianity.com/church/denominations](http://www.christianity.com/church/denominations)*

*Tennessee Church of God History 1886-1990  
Pathway Press Cleveland, TN*

*Historical Records McMinnville Church of God  
With help from Pastor Jeff Page and  
Campaign Church of God  
With help from Pastor Jarvis Johnson*



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Jan 11, 2021

Dear WCGHA Members,

It's that time — your 2021 membership will expire on 2/28/2021. Your renewal will extend your membership through 2/28/2022. New memberships will now end one year from the date of membership.

Regular memberships are \$25.00. Joint memberships are available for \$35.00 (must reside at the same residence — only receives 1 bulletin). International memberships are \$30.00.

We have initiated a payment option utilizing PayPal for our customers who wish to pay electronically. You do not have to be a PayPal member to enjoy this new option. When you receive the invoice thru email, simply click View and Pay Invoice. You will be able to enter your debit or credit card information and print a copy of your invoice if you like. Since the office is closed presently, we will only be offering PayPal invoicing or payments by USPS to:

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If you wish to pay by debit or credit card, please send a request for an invoice to [wcgaha.ba.tn@gmail.com](mailto:wcgaha.ba.tn@gmail.com) Be sure to check the WCGHA Newsletter for all the latest membership benefits and volunteer opportunities! Due to CV-19, we do not have a scheduled Members Meeting yet. We will send an email when we know the date.

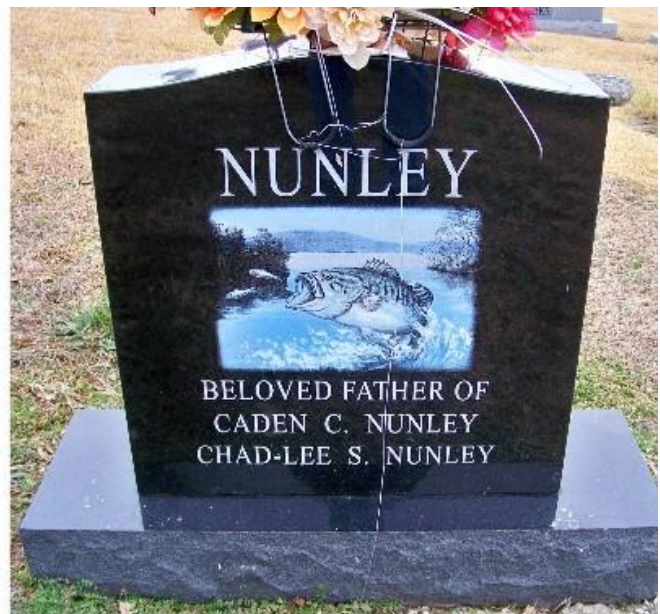
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# Cemetery Art



A wonderful testament to this couple. They are buried in the Bethlehem Methodist Church Cemetery in Warren County, TN.



This stone tells a story of someone who loved the outdoors and was taken too soon. Stone is located in the Smyrna Cemetery in Warren County, TN.

## Grange Hall

# Warren County One Room Schools



This is the front and side view of the Grange Hall one room school house located in the Crisp Springs community of Warren County. Established in the mid-1870s, the building, although in need of repair, is still standing.



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**Story and photos by Cheryl Watson Mingle**  
*Genealogist for the Magness Memorial Library and President of Warren County Genealogical & Historical Assn.*

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A large group pose for the above pictures in front of the Barren Fork Grange, School and Meeting House. The building was used for many community activities including the school as well as a church before a separate church was built on the same ground.

## **Grange Hall School**

This building served as a school from its construction until at least 1936 and reportedly into the 1950s. The few class photographs we have from 1912 and 1936 show six over six windows in the structure.

However, those windows are no longer in the window frames and wooden shutters cover the openings.

The Grange Hall Cemetery Board historically used the building as meeting place for decoration days and cakewalks. In the 1980's the board conducted major repairs on the building. They had the building lifted and replaced some of the logs on all four sides. The new logs were provided by Brown Crouch, hewn by H. L. Crouch, and installed by J C Bouldin. The crew even used a hand saw to rough up the logs so they would better fit in with the weathered look of the original logs.

## **From the files of Bonita Mangrum**

*"My mother, Nina Mae Passons Bratcher, taught school at Grange Hall during the school year of 1932-1933 with a principal salary of \$40 per month. She was paid \$320 for the 8-month school year.*

*She lived with Charlie and Essie Medley and their 13 children. She rode to school in*

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# Grange Hall *Continued*

*the wagon with the children that were old enough to go to school. Nina loved living there so much she called "Essie" her second mother."*

## **Grange Hall History** **It was More than a school**

On January 12, 1875 - In an area of Warren County now called Crisp Springs, Yearby A Crisp (b. 1832) sells one and half acres of his land with the expressed intention to build a house for the Barren Fork Grange and School and Meeting House. The property is deeded to G J Henegar (potentially Thomas J. Henegar b. 1840), JE Jones (potentially James E Jones b. 1843), and A J Gilley (potentially Acton Young Gilley) as trustees for the Barren Fork Grange.

At this time, Crisp Springs is a quiet community made up mostly of hard-working farmers and their families. Many farmers came to this area from North Carolina and brought with them parents and extended family members (the Anderson family from Buncombe County, the Curtis family from Buncombe County, the Crisp family from Caswell County).

The Patrons of Husbandry, or the National Grange, was the first general farm organization which started in 1867 in Minnesota and spread across the country during the 1870s (and longer?). While originally a fraternal order for farmers to come together and talk about mutual concerns, granges eventually provided small farmers with opportunities to organize for economic stabilization, political expression, and social connections. Granges flourished in Tennessee during the 1870's with the first forming in Stockton in 1870 and then the number of granges took off after the Panic of 1873 which caused credit to crash and the start of a five-year decline in crop prices. The peak number of granges was in 1875 with 1,050 grange organizations and 37,500 adherents across the state including women.

The late 1860s and 1870s represented a volatile economic period for farmers and the grange organizations rose to the occasion to combat the volatility with political power. Many Tennessee subsistence farmers returned from war with their farms nearly-destroyed and forced to rely on local merchants for credit to buy standard tools, new mechanized equipment, and seed at inflated prices.

State leaders of the Tennessee movement negotiated with independent agents who offered discounts on farm equipment and seed; this arrangement led to the establishment of grange-sponsored cooperative stores throughout the state. Small farmers with new mechanized equipment could produce more than their local market could absorb. They were forced to sell to larger markets and food processing operations which meant dealing with railroad companies who charged high rates for crop freight, especially on spur lines into rural communities. Tennessee leaders were able to secure lower rates from local railroads but not state regulation on the industry.

As part of its original mission, granges also addressed the social isolation of farmers. Grange halls would hold educational events to lift up small farmers and social events to bring families together who shared the same hard, monotonous lifestyle. By the end of the decade, the grange movement had faded from a political force back to a fraternal organization across the state due to corruption and the lack of political sophistication among its leadership. The National Grange continues to this day with over 100,000 members.

After the 1870's, the Grange Hall continued on as a social meeting space, a church, and a school for the surrounding community. Announcements in the Southern Standard during the 1880's invited people to picnics and scripture debates, advertised singing classes, and promoted upcoming sermons and traveling preachers.

In 1912, the land around the Grange Hall building was conveyed by deed to trustees (JL Rheay, John C. Smoot, and TC Melton) of the Grange Hall burying ground J E Jones and T J Henegar (Thomas Jefferson Henegar born 1840). In this deed, the land of Grange Hall was separated from the burying ground remained in the possession of Jones and Henegar. The deed includes that they are buying the lot for the burying ground "so as not to interfere with any school or meeting house as for original deed."

## **From the Internet**

***The Grange Movement: Patrons of Husbandry**  
[www.u-s-history.com/pages/h854.html](http://www.u-s-history.com/pages/h854.html)  
Joining with other interested individuals in 1867, Kelley formed the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, a fraternal organization complete with its own secret rituals. Local affiliates were known as "granges" and the members as "grangers." In its early years, the Grange was devoted to educational events and social gatherings.*

**WCGHA's Old Warren County, TN Family History/Photos**  
**MONTHLY INSIGHTS**  
**January, 2021**

4,787 Group Members (+51 this month)

Gender: 68% Women – 32% Men

13 Posts	185 Comments	1,096 Reactions
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**Top Contributors**

Tommy Fairbanks  
Cheryl Watson Mingle  
Ann Brown  
Charles Craven  
Donald and Jeanne Miller

**Top Post**

Cheryl Watson Mingle: Sheriff's Officers from Bryan Denton  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WCGAoldwarrencountytnfamilies/permalink/3549412958508726/>

Comments: 13  
Likes: 130  
Shares: 10  
Post Reach: 3,279

Don't forget to follow our Facebook page and post your Warren County ancestors and historical photos at Warren County Genealogical & Historical Association and stay up to date on Association upcoming events, and posts and links relating to genealogy and history

**FROM YOUR EDITOR:**

It sure would make it easier to produce this Newsletter if we were having meetings. I miss the photos and stories available from the projects from our committees. I also miss seeing all of you at least once a month.

Most of us have had our first Covid-19 vaccine, or at least are waiting for one. For Marion and I it has been a 90 day wait since we both have had the Covid-19 virus.

I have included in this issue a story by Cheryl Watson Mingle on the history of Grange Hall school and church; history of the Church of God in Warren County and a story and pictures of the impressive Warren County Black History Museum.

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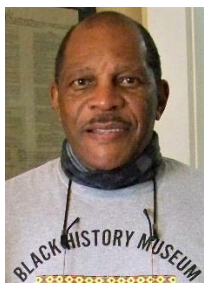
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# Impressive

## **Black History Museum Opens in McMinnville**

*"I had a premonition in 2019 that I should start a Black History Museum in McMinnville."* --Wayne Wolford

After 20 years in the U.S. Army and 14 years with Pacesetters in McMinnville, that dream continued to haunt me with the reminder to get busy if this was to come to fruition.



Mr. Wolford began his search for possible locations for the museum. With only \$8,000 of his own money, he quickly began to realize that buying a piece of property in the right location was very much out of his reach. Monthly rental fees on good locations were just as shocking.

### **Wayne Wolford**

Along comes Rachael Killebrew who said she thought he would be interested in a part of the old McMinnville Clinic. The Clinic, owned by the First Presbyterian Church, offered him a portion of the building with an agreement to pay the electricity and upkeep of the area.

This was a "gift from God", so to speak, and this put Mr. Wolford on the search for sponsors, donations of money and gifts for display.

In just two years the Black History Museum of Warren County Tennessee is filling up fast with impressive displays of local as well as state and national artifacts and history.

Wayne Wolford is Director/Curator and is



**Rebecca Roberts**

assisted by a great team of volunteers. Rebecca Roberts spends a great deal of time helping with office duties, history and physical set-up for



**Entrance is in the rear of the McMinnville Clinic.**

displays. She is a great example of what everyone would want in a "volunteer".

A Grand Opening is set for Saturday, February 20, 2021. You are welcome to visit us at 203 West Main Street, Suite 13 in McMinnville. Please stop by for a visit or email to [wolf32@charter.net](mailto:wolf32@charter.net) or call 931-304-8851 or 931-212-6609 for a personal tour. You will find us on Facebook by searching Black History Museum of Warren County Tennessee.



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# Black History Museum

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*You will be impressed with the football, basketball and baseball collection found in the Sports room. Mr. Wolford's Army uniform is just one of several items in the Military room. The old pot belly stove donated by Hiwassee Church of Christ is located in the School room. You will find several pieces of art and pictures throughout the museum donated by local artists. Of interest is the large photo of Clark Methodist Church from early 1900s, the old Philadelphia Church drawing and a family photo of the wealthy landowner George R. Wood. This is just a small sample of the many items you will find displayed throughout the museum.*



## From the Facebook files of



## WCGHA's Old Warren County, TN Family History/Photos

This is an on-going series of photos from *WCGHA's Old Warren County, TN Family History/Photos*. The Public Group site was organized several years ago and is co-administered by Cheryl Watson Mingle, President of the Warren County Genealogical & Historical Association along with Ann Brown, Past President.

You're invited to join our Facebook group, comment and submit photos and history.

*In The Spotlight This Week . . .*

# SOULE'S PARK GRILL

SOULE'S PARK GRILL, where families, friends and sports fans meet and where the food is "simply out of this world," is pictured above, facing the Public Square. It's the friendliest place in town to meet and eat regardless of whether you go by yourself, or want to take a party of 30 or more along. The combination that is the answer to the Grill's good food is Soule Wilson, owner and manager, and Cook Mary Ann Rowan, at right. Mary Ann for more than 30 years helped to prepare the meals that made McMinnville's historic Sedberry Hotel famous from coast to coast for food. At SOULE'S PARK GRILL she's "dishin' up the same kind of fine eatin'" —including stuffed squash—today.

### ***Soule's Park Grill, McMinnville, TN***

From the Southern Standard, June 18, 1957

Submitted by Black History Museum of Warren County Tennessee, December 2020