



WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

March 2021

201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee

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*Our office is located at
201 Locust Street
in the basement of the
County Administrative Building*

Our March WCGHA meeting

Scheduled for
Saturday, March 20, 2021

HAS BEEN CANCELLED

With the health and well-being of members and the public, the WCGHA Board of Directors felt it best not to gather for our March 20 meeting. This is our effort to help stop the spread of the Coronavirus.

The Board of Directors met on March 11, 2021 and voted to resume our monthly meetings beginning on April 17, 2021.

This decision is based on the status of continued relaxed Covid rules from our state and local government.

Any changes to this decision will be announced prior to this meeting.

You will be required to sign in and wear a mask and observe social distancing.

This meeting will be held in the early voting room located in the rear of the Warren County Administration building.

Cheryl Watson Mingle, WCGHA President

Committees

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Come Visit Us

**Our office
Will re-open
Monday,
April 5**

**Our hours are
Monday
&
Friday
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
931-474-4227**

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

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Building**

We're looking for a few good leaders for our very active Association

**Nominations
for Officers and Committee Chairs**
*of the
Warren County Genealogical and Historical Association
for the remainder of 2021 are presently being accepted.*

(The election, normally held in November of each year with installation the following January was delayed because of the cancellation of monthly member meetings due to Covid.)

A committee has been appointed to help fill the positions. That committee is headed up by Doyle Speaks (931-743-7188) along with Mary Oaks, Bettye Pack and J.B. Brown.

The office of Secretary and the committee chairs for Bulletin Editor and Publicity are vacant and need to be filled. We will entertain your suggestions for all offices as well as committee chairs.

Nominations may also be made from the floor at our April 17, 2021 meeting.

All officers and committee chairs will be installed after the election at the April 17 meeting and will become members of our Board of Directors.

Finding William Wanamaker

Story and photos by Brad Walker

You never know what or who you may find when working with the photographs in the Brady-Hughes-Beasley Archives at Magness Library.

Recently a torn and faded envelope was found in the bottom of a box of negatives. Inside was a tiny negative of an elderly man sitting in a chair in a rural yard. There was no name on the envelope. The negative and the envelope were digitized and identified only as an informal portrait of an elderly man.



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Days later Library Director, Brad Walker, was scrolling through some of the recently discovered portraits. “I know that man,” he literally hollered. “That’s my great-great grandfather! That’s William Wanamaker.” And



WCGHA members Brad Walker, Director of the Magness Library and Cheryl Watson Mingle, who manages the genealogy department share the same great-great grandparent William Wanamaker.



just like that the elderly man had a name, a story, a family.

Unfortunately, such discoveries are rare. Antha Brady Hughes and her daughter, Willie Hughes, saved almost everything except names. They also used whatever was handy to store negatives.

Long before Amazon sold and shipped goods worldwide, Spiegel Catalogues were popular in rural communities. So, the Spiegel envelope itself is not unusual.

It did provide a few small bits of information. The April 29, 1936 postmark indicates this is likely one of the last photographs taken prior to Williams’ death in 1937. And then there’s the question of names!

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William Wanamaker

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William Wanamaker's grandson was Carl Spiegle Wanamaker. William also has a great-great grandson named Spiegle. While the spelling is slightly different, the coincidence between the catalogue, the envelope and the sudden appearance of the name in the Wanamaker family is, well, just plain spooky. Brad Walker and Cheryl Watson-Mingle are just two of William Wanamaker's great-great grandchildren.



Side view of the William Wanamaker home. This is the view of the house that William would have had while sitting in his chair in the portrait from the previous page.



Brad Walker is standing in the same place where his great-great grandfather was sitting in his informal portrait. The mountain line is matched and

Walker's car is parked on the same road/driveway which is visible in the Wanamaker photograph.



THE WILLIAM AND LEONA MOFFITT WANAMAKER FAMILY: Front row: Oscar, Leona, Hallie, Beecher and William; center: Hilda; back row: Elzie, Nancy, Frankie, Amanda and Floyd. Beecher is the great grandfather of Brad Walker. Nancy is the great grandmother of Cheryl Watson-Mingle.

William Wanamaker 1854-1937 and wife Leona Moffitt Wanamaker 1859-1933 are buried at Mount Olive Cemetery at Philadelphia Baptist Church of Christ. The same mountain line is in this photograph and in the portraits of William Wanamaker and Brad Walker.



Children of William and Leona Moffitt Wanamaker:

- Frankie Edna Wanamaker 1875-1954 md. Lawson Cooper Scott 1876-1931
- Dock Elzie Wanamaker 1877-1949 md. Ida W. Dunn 1886-1963
- Nancy A. Wanamaker 1879-1950 md. James J. Wanamaker 1875-1937
- Floyd A. Wanamaker 1881-1962 md. Prudence Ella Gross 1888-1957
- Amanda Jane Wanamaker 1884-1963 md. Franklin Pierce Hillis 1883-1964
- Oscar Clayborn Wanamaker 1888-1946 md. Hester Coppinger 1888-1963
- Hallie P. Wanamaker 1891-1967 md. John Wesley Nelms 1885-1961
- Beecher W. Wanamaker 1893-1974 md. Ollie Coppinger 1893-1976
- Hilda L. Wanamaker Lusk 1896-1978 md. Arnie D. Lusk 1891-1979

Brad Walker is Historian for the WCGHA and Cheryl Watson-Mingle is President of WCGHA.

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Thanks to Carol Caldwell for her assistance in producing these photos.

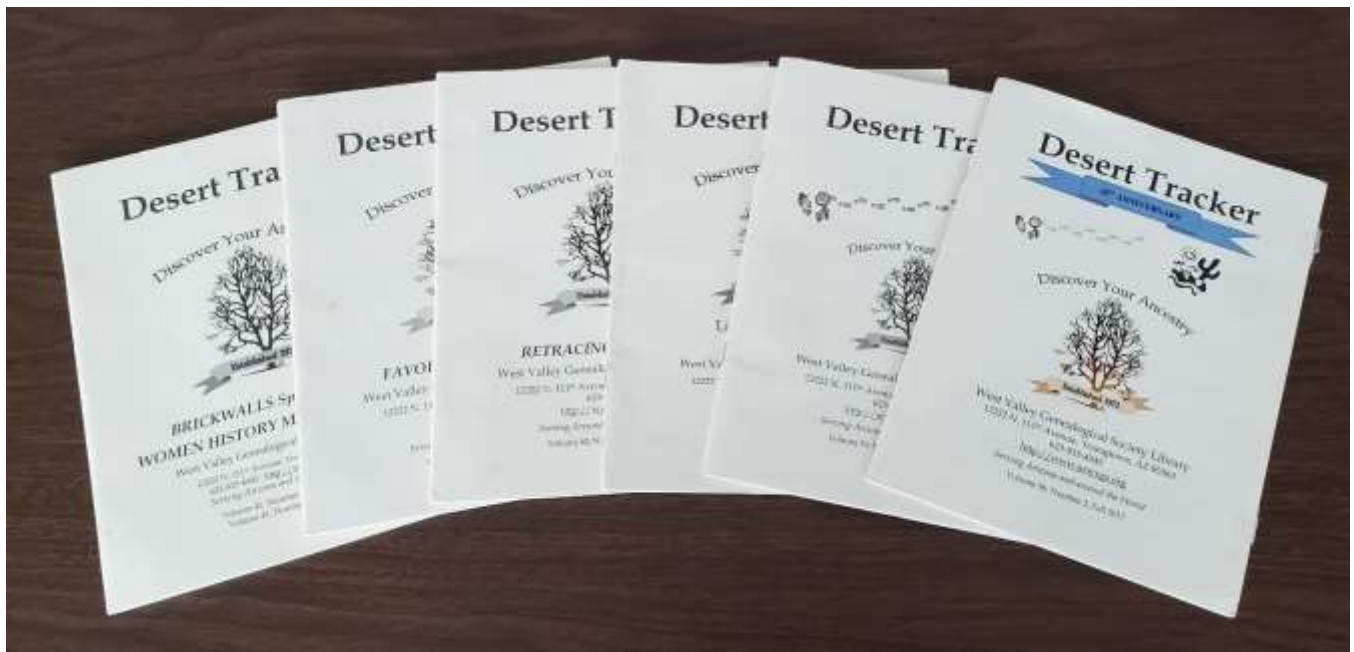
Cemetery Preservation Volunteers On TV

WCGHA members Donna Sullivan and Debra McBride recently met Jonathan Womack at a basketball game and the subject of cemetery preservation and the Womack Cemetery came up. The fact that Jonathan's surname is Womack peaked his interest in the cemetery. He asked if they would make a visit with him and that resulted in a video produced for CommunityTvTn that will be aired later this spring on BLTV CHANNEL 6. Debra is chairman and Donna is a member of the Cemetery Preservation Committee which is a part of the Cemeteries of Warren County Project of WCGHA.

Jonathan is part of a community focus production company called Community Net Productions. They have been providing television video content since 2006. You can look them up on youtube or Facebook by typing in communityTvTn or watch them weekly on BLTV channel 6. For more information they can be reached at 931-409-7151.



Recent Donation to the WCGHA



Six issues of the Desert Tracker were donated to our Resource Library by WCGHA member, Carol Caldwell.
Ann Brown photo

Scarlett's Old Cookbook Recipes



WCGHA member and former Secretary of the Association, Scarlett Griffith, shares several recipes from one of her many old cook books. She is pictured holding a copy of the Larkin Housewives Cook Book first published in 1915. I trust you will find this of interest.

Old-Fashioned Potato Soup

Take four good-sized potatoes, cut into dice; also two small onions finely chopped; add salt, pepper, celery salt and a small piece of bacon or a little butter. Cover with a quart of water. Cook slowly for one hour. Blend two tablespoons flour with one cup of milk. Add to the hot soup, stir until it comes to a boil. Cook for a few minutes. This is very good and will serve four people.

MRS. C. CAOMAN, MARIETTA, OHIO

Pork Cake

Put one pound fat salt pork through food-chopper, pour over pork two cups boiling coffee or water. Put one pound raisins and one-fourth pound citron peel through food-chopper using coarse knife, add to pork with one cup currants, two cups brown sugar. Stir one teaspoon soda into one cup molasses. Sift six cups flour with two teaspoons each of cloves and cinnamon and one teaspoon salt. Add one more cup flour if necessary. Bake in four loaves in one-pound bread-pans. If wrapped in waxed paper and put into stone jar, it will keep for months.

MRS. LEROY STEPHENSON, MADISON, WIS.

Go ahead and try this, probably not good as a WCGHA refreshment.

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Pot-Roast Chicken with Dumplings

Cut up the chicken, wash and dip in flour, brown in hot fat, cover with boiling water, add pepper, salt and one carrot and one onion if liked. Cover kettle so all the flavor will be retained, simmer until tender. If an old fowl it will take two or three hours. When almost tender add one cup of rice, or drop in dumplings ten minutes before serving. Do not remove the cover after the dumplings are in or they will be heavy.

Be sure to check if the chicken was young or old. Ha!

Southern Spoon Bread

Heat one quart milk to boiling point, stir in two cups corn-meal and one teaspoon Larkin Salt; add three tablespoons melted butter, and cook five minutes. Cool mixture. Separate three eggs, beat the yolks, add to the mixture, then fold in the stiffly beaten whites. Pour into buttered baking-dish or casserole and bake in a moderate oven forty-five minutes. Serve while hot. This is especially good served with roast pork.

Potato Cake

Put into a Larkin Cake-Maker, two-thirds cup butter with two cups sugar and three eggs. Sift together two and one-half cups flour with one teaspoon ground cinnamon, half a teaspoon ground nutmeg, two teaspoons baking powder. Sift three times, add the flour and one cup hot mashed potato, two squares (or ounces) of unsweetened chocolate which has been melted over hot water, one-half cup milk, three yolks and two whites of eggs, one teaspoon Larkin Vanilla Extract and one cup of chopped walnuts. Stir for five minutes, put into a greased square cake-pan, bake in a moderate oven forty-five minutes. Delicious as a dessert with whipped cream.

Queen Pudding

One pint bread-crumbs, two tablespoons melted butter, one cup sugar, one quart milk, three eggs, one teaspoon lemon extract. Soak the crumbs in the milk for half hour; beat yolks of eggs with the sugar until yellow, add the lemon extract and butter. Pour into baking-dish and bake for one-half hour. When done, spread a layer of jelly or jam over the top. Beat the egg whites quite stiff; add four tablespoons granulated sugar and spread over the pudding. Brown lightly in a moderate oven and serve.

MRS. ALBRECHT, JAMAICA, N. Y.

Might be good for a King as well.

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Larkin_Company

The Larkin Company was founded in 1875 as "J. D. Larkin, Manufacturer of Plain and Fancy Soaps" when John D. Larkin sold his interest in his brother-in-law's company J. Weller & Co. in Chicago to set up his own factory in Buffalo, New York. His first product was a yellow laundry bar named "Sweet Home Soap." The company expanded into many other products.

They Go the Extra Mile

Hard at Work on the Next Bulletin



Research is always a good excuse for a little road trip. J.B. and Ann Brown visited the National Museum for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, AL researching an article for the Spring & Summer Bulletin. Be sure your membership is up to date to learn about Warren County's ties to this museum.



Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987. Women's History Month 2021 will take place from Monday, March 1-Wednesday, March 31, 2021. The 2021 theme is #ChooseToChallenge.

Cemetery Art



This very impressive monument is located in the Mt. View Cemetery in McMinnville, TN. The family plot is the resting place for Jeffrey Eugene Justice, 17 Jan 1972 – 24 Oct 2015. He was the son of Barry and Kirma Justice of McMinnville. The following quote was part of his obituary found on Find A Grave.com.

“Jeffery's simple existence taught us all that it's the little things that count. Our lives and those that he touched are richer for having known him. He made us pause, he made us think, and he made us consider. He made us grateful.”

The Nursery Capital of the World is Alive and Well in Our Area



It's a pleasure to see the truck loads of nursery stock ready to hook up and head out of Warren County, TN. Photo taken at the Bob Young's Nursery loading dock located on Hennessee Bridge Rd.

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

4,827 Group Members (+40 this month)
Gender: 68% Women – 32% Men

25
Posts

497
Comments

2.082
Reactions

Top Post

Top Contributors

Charles Craven
Douglas Delano Woodlee
Donald and Jeannine Miller
Johnny Bond
Rachel Scott Hillis

Charles Craven: ...where the Collins River begins...

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WCGAoldwarrencountytnfamilies/permalink/3585064531610235/>

Comments: 62
Likes: 206
Shares: 14
Post Reach: 3,800

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 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.

6-B—Southern Standard, Monday, September 5, 1938



Can You Remember

... when the baseball team sponsored by Nolde-Horst Hosiery Mill of McMinnville took the area championship? The year was 1938, and Johnnie Jones, extreme left, and Rudy Illing, extreme right with hat, were the co-managers who directed the team through the series of victories. Team members, kneeling from left, were Joe Mitchell, Dale (Tuffy) Melton, Eben (Towhead) Gilbert, Bob Austell, L.C. Stubblefield and Odell Crosslin. Standing, Earl Crosslin, Jack Evans, Daniel (Boone) Jarrell, Wilburn Kirby, Hall Tenpenny and Henry Jordan. The bat boy, foreground, was Billy Capshaw. (Photo submitted for publication by Max Tenpenny)

Submitted by Tommy D. Fairbanks
September 10, 2020