



WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

November 2019

201 Locust Street

McMinnville, Tennessee

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Ann Brown

*Our office is located at
201 Locust Street
In the lower level of the
County Administrative Building*

Our next meeting

Will be November 16
2:00 p.m.

201 Locust Street

Located in the lower level of the
County Administration Building, McMinnville, TN

Our guest speaker



Ricky Burks

Will present
a program on

**Our Military Buried
In Mt. View Cemetery**

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Come Visit Us

**Our office
is open**

Monday &

Friday

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

931-474-4227

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www.tngenweb.org/wcggha

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Member Surnames Help Prove Some of Us are Cousins

Once again we called on our very own Ann Brown to address our Association at the October 19 meeting of the Warren County Genealogical & Historical Association. The program “Are We Cousins? Our Surname Connections” brought to light how sharing your Surnames with fellow members and researchers can lead you to some surprising finds. Her program proved this to be very true.

Ann emphasized that “we are all cousins” stating that a Family with 2 or 3 children have 190 3rd cousins, 940 4th cousins, 4,700 5th cousins, 500,000 8th cousins and 1 billion 13th cousins. This leaves us all with 8,192 ancestors.

She further states that 1st cousins share grandparents, and 2nd cousins share the same great grandparents.

If you are an avid genealogy researcher, you should want your surnames available to all researchers.

Ancestry.com is a good example with the great job they do connecting us by DNA to relatives through the surnames we have on our family trees on their site.

Our Surname Registry started in 2017 and we have 250 plus names from 16 WCGHA members. This is only 20% and our goal is entries from all of our members.

From those Surnames we have discovered:

J.B. Brown and Cheryl Watson Mingle are 4th cousins through the James W. Bond and Naomi Wright marriage;

J.B. Brown and Marion Rhea Speaks are ½ 5th cousins 1 x removed through Abraham Cantrell;

J.B. Brown and Marion Rhea Speaks are 5th cousins 1 x removed through Achilles Durham and wife Mary Cates; *(photo below on the left)*



Wilma Davenport’s husband Morris Davenport is 4th cousin 2 x removed with Ann Brown’s daughter Krista Mingle, 2nd cousin 1 x removed to Carolyn Lance’s husband Bobby Lance and Bobby is 5th cousin 1 x removed to Krista Mingle. All through Edmond Davenport and wife Lydia Galloway;

J.B. Brown and Bobby Lance are 4th cousins through Michael Alexander Derryberry who was married to Nancy Roseanna Miller;

Ann Brown is 8th cousin 2 x removed to Doyle Speaks through the Thomas Speake marriage to Elizabeth Bowling; *(photo on the right)*

Bobby Lance is 2nd cousin 1 x removed to Morris Davenport through the Clayton Nale Lance married to Matilda Luttrell;

Paul Hobbs, husband to Jean Hobbs, is 2nd cousin 1 x removed to Glenda Cantrell through Christopher Hobbs married to Elizabeth Smith;



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Photos, l-r: Barbara Bates and Alan Jaco are cousins through the Jeremiah Jaco line; Ricky Burks and Bonita Mangrum are cousins through the Major Passons line and Bonita and Larry Boyd are cousins through the Nathaniel Austin line; Lucas Holt and J.B. Brown are cousins through the Absalom Brown line.

Are We Cousins? (Continued from page 2)

Cheryl Watson Mingle is 5th cousin to Marion Rhea Speaks through the Patrick Bethel Florida marriage to Cassandra Allison;

Trina White is a 5th cousin to both Jean Hobbs and Ann Brown through their common ancestor, Zechariah Moore and his wife Mary Redman. Jean and Ann are 1st cousins through their grandmother, Maudie Jane Warren who is a direct descendant of Zechariah and Mary.

Sisters Gail Roberts Woodlee and Marie Roberts Woodlee are 4th cousins 1 x removed to Edwin Roberts through the Isaac Roberts marriage to Charlotte "Charity" Sixkiller;

This is just a sample of the connections made between the 16 members who submitted their surnames. So, why not join the fun and add your own names to our files.

Here's how to get started:

Start your list with you

List your ancestors through each generation

Use maiden name for women

Include birth year for each deceased person

Forms are available on our web page or at the office.

Most of this article was taken from an article titled "Are We Cousins...Our Surname Connections" submitted by Ann to the Fall/Winter 2019 edition of the **Bulletin**. Check it out for more in-depth information.

Ann Brown is WCGHA immediate Past President, Web Page Editor and Publicity Chairman, and is adept with DNA knowledge. She previously presented a great program on DNA to the Association at the October 2018 meeting. She is a Warren County native and she and her husband J.B. are residents of McMinnville. Prior to retirement, she worked as a computer programmer which has been a God send to most of us.

We Have Books for Sale

This month we are featuring

An Alphabetical Listing of the Marriage Records of Warren County Tennessee



Transcribed
from the microfilm
By Fred L. Clark

\$25.00 + \$3.00 shipping

Supply is limited

Hopewell Cemetery Cleanup in Action

A large crowd of volunteers were hard at it Saturday, November 9 cleaning up the over-grown Hopewell



Cemetery located in McMinnville.

Sunshine, on a frosty 25 degree morning, saw the temps in the 50s by

mid-day. Folks began to arrive at 7:00 a.m. and were greeted by Debra McBride and her family. The crowd began to grow throughout the morning.

A large amount of underbrush was removed along with a lot of growth that had to be cut and removed. This was all pulled to the wood chipper supplied by McBride Tree Trimming & Removal operated by Toby and David McBride. The fallen trees, too big for the wood chipper, were cut into small pieces by chainsaw and hauled away.

It was a welcome site to have the community, alongside the WCGHA members eager to help with this project.

Cemetery Preservation Committee co-chairman Debra McBride, along with Donna Sullivan and Alma Shoemaker chose this cemetery as their first project in an effort to restore respect for those buried there. It is just one of 35 cemeteries in the county on our “forgotten” list.

“This is just Phase 1 for the Hopewell Cemetery. A lot is to be done and we will be back as many times as it takes to complete the restoration” quoted Debra McBride.

The Cemetery Preservation project is a result of the WCGHA “Cemetery Project” that was organized a year ago. Spearheaded by chairman J.B. Brown, along with committee members Ann Brown, Bettye Pack, Mary Oaks, Bonita Mangrum, Carolyn Lance and Evelyn Wade, they began an effort to identify, map, get coordinates, driving instructions and look for deeds for each cemetery.

Congratulations are in order on a very successful first day!



Holly McBride is all bundled up waiting to greet our volunteers. She is spokesperson and co-founder of McMinnville Special Games and a devoted volunteer since 2013



Getting started for the day is David McBride, Jordan Veach and Brycen Medley.



Ready for the cleanup are Debra McBride, David McBride and Brooke Covino.



Lucas Holt Placed a flag on a confederate soldier grave.



McBride’s chipper was a huge help. Thanks to Toby and David McBride for your help. ANN BROWN PHOTO

More Hopewell Cleanup



Terry Hutchings



Bryan Smith, Jon Young, Richard Adams, and Carol Taylor. Carol's great great grandfather Alfred H. Duncan is buried here in Hopewell.



Allen Gooch, Carl and Alma Shoemaker



Warren County Executive Jimmy Haley



Carolyn Lance, Debra McBride and Ann Brown



The Middle School Interact Club with Steve Hillis, Loren Hinshaw, Shelby Gross, Emma Hillis, Sam Gribble, Jon Young, Colton Young, Brian Smith, Ashlen Wolverton, Jordan Veach, and Bryan Medley.

ANN BROWN PHOTO

Great Refreshments



Marie Blair and sister Gail Woodlee provided refreshments for the October meeting. On board for November are Allen Jaco and Wilma Davenport.

Turn Your Radio On



Representing WCGHA as guests on the October 17 "Town Talk" radio program was Marion Rhea Speaks and Ann Brown. The show is broadcast on radio WBMC 960 AM-FM in McMinnville and is co-hosted by Kelly Marlow and Jason Hillis. Kelly Marlow is pictured with Marion and Ann. "Town Talk" is broadcast Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Tune in on Thursday, October 17 at 8:00 a.m. when WCGHA will again be a guest on the show.

Join Us At The WCGHA Christmas Luncheon

Our December meeting will be a Christmas Luncheon set for Saturday, December 7, 2019. Members and guests who plan to attend will meet in the Magnolia Room of the Warren County Administration Building in McMinnville. Our meal will be catered by Kimmi's Tea Room in McMinnville.

Location: Magnolia Room, Warren Co.
Administration Building
201 Locust St. McMinnville, TN

Date & Time: Saturday, December 7, 2019

Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon

Menu:

Lasagna

Garlic bread

House Salad w/dressing (Italian, Raspberry or Ranch)

Harvest Apple Cake w/Sauce

Price: **\$15.00 per person**

Cash or check payable to Marion Speaks

Deadline: Saturday, November 16

If unable to attend the November 16 WCGHA meeting and you wish to attend the luncheon, give Marion a call or message to 931-743-7188.

Members Meeting Agenda

November 16th, 2019

2:00 p.m.

WCGHA Office

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- Call to Order – President Cheryl Watson Mingle
- Reading of Members Meeting Minutes – Donna Sullivan
- Treasurer’s Report – Allen Jaco

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Membership – Allen Jaco
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- Programs – Marion Speaks
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- Office – Evelyn Wade & Wilma Davenport
- Bulletin – Chris Keathley
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- Webpage - Ann Brown

OLD BUSINESS

- Christmas Dinner
- Scanning Update

NEW BUSINESS

- Pioneer Family
- Hopewell Cleanup
- Election

PROGRAM

***November 16th – Soldiers of Mountain View Cemetery
Presented by Ricky Burks***

WBMC 960 AM & 977 FM Town Talk – November 14th at
8:00, Marion Speaks, Ricky Burks

Adjournment

Refreshments: Wilma Davenport & Allen Jaco

Webpage:
www.tngenweb.org/wcga

Walker Appointed Interim Archivist



BY **LISA HOBBS**

Reporter for the Southern Standard
(McMinnville, Tennessee)

Magness Library director Brad Walker has been selected as interim archivist for Warren County.

A county archivist assesses, collects, organizes, preserves, maintains control over, and provides access to records and archives determined to have long-term value. The archivist also establishes safeguards against unauthorized removal or destruction of the records.

“This is a temporary position while Ann Brown undergoes training,” said

Walker. “You have to be certified, which I am. Certification takes about three years.”

Brown, who currently holds the title of assistant archivist in training, will begin the certification process and work with Walker to eventually take over the reins.

The two replace county archivist Jean Hobbs, who resigned.

Several years ago Hobbs was instrumental in moving the old county records stored in the basement of the courthouse in damp conditions to an air-conditioned room at Warren County Administration Offices where they can be preserved. She received her training at the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

“It needs to be preserved and I guess it just fell on me to do it,” Hobbs said, at that time. “But I enjoy it. I think it’s really important. That’s why I do it.”

Walker was unanimously approved by the Warren County Commission on Oct. 21 to fill the position until Brown completes training.

Pictured in the Warren County Archive room are WCGHA Past President Ann Brown and WCGHA member Brad Walker. Brad, who is Director of Magness Memorial Library and a certified archivist, has been named interim archivist for Warren County. He will be replaced by Ann when she completes her required training.

Lisa Hobbs photo

Story and photos from the Sunday, October 27, 2019 issue of the Southern Standard, McMinnville, TN

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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.



Floyd Mitchell, Gordon Matthews, Fredrick Schrock , Jack Womack, Charles "Chuck" Mullican, Bobby Rigsby, James Bell, Larry Cherry, George Larry Womack, Mr. O. H. Moore

**Submitted on May 17
By Lynette Womack Moore**

**WCGHA's Old Warren County, TN Family History/Photos
MONTHLY INSIGHTS
October, 2019**

4,232 Group Members (+33 this month)

Gender: 68% Women – 32% Men

77% Active Members

182 Posts	487 Comments	5,024 Reactions
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Top Contributors

- Tommy Fairbanks
- Ricky Burks
- Stephanie Champy
- Timothy Jones
- Barry Dixon
- Stuart Huggins
- Johnny Bond
- Cody Prince
- Carol A Phillips

Top Post

Ricky Burks: You ever been fishing at the Blue Hole?
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WCGAoldwarrencountytnfamilies/permalink/23>

Comments: 19
Likes: 81
Reactions: 1,500

Peak Time
Tuesday at 11 pm



Our 501c3 Helper

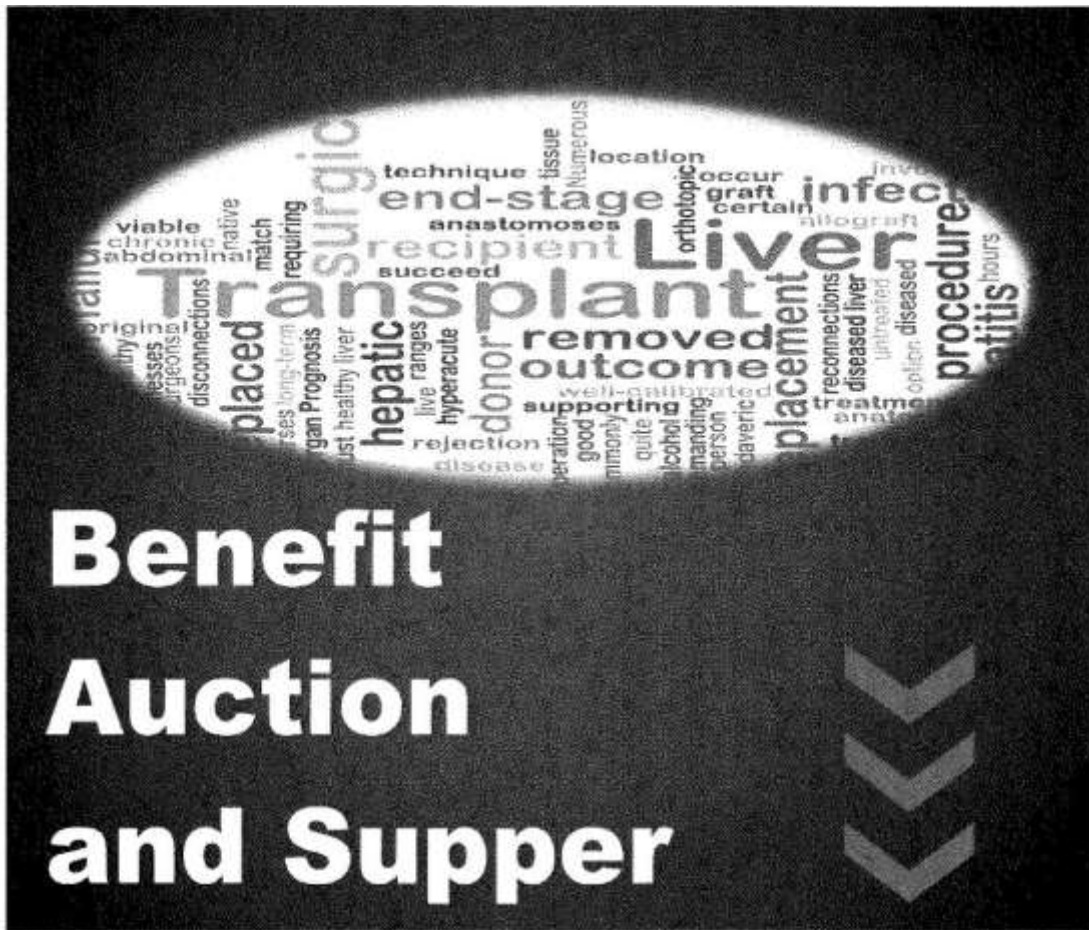
Angela McCormack, an Enrolled Agent with Pure Logic Tax Service, was contracted to help us become a 501c3 Association that we received in June 2019. She donated her time and expertise. If you have an interest or are in need of her services, she can be reached at 931-507-7008, email: angela@purelogictax.com.

Check these folks out



They do great work





Benefit Auction and Supper



**Fish and Chicken
Supper**

Location: Fairview CIC

Date: Nov. 16 2019

Time: 5:00 pm

Meal Cost: \$7

*Includes Meal,
Dessert and Drink*

Rachel Scott Hillis

Rachel is in need of a liver transplant and needs assistance to meet financial obligations

Please join us to bless someone in need

**Contacts for any questions:
Gail Curtis 931-808-0280 or
Sally Baker 931-607-9544**

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