



WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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

Our next meeting

Will be January 18, 2020

2:00 p.m.

201 Locust Street

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

Join Us For

Show & Tell

**Bring one of your family
treasures or
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A Tribute To Our Soldiers In Mountain View Cemetery

Our November meeting of the Warren County Genealogical & Historical Association was attended by another large crowd.

Guest speaker was Mountain View Historian Rickey Burks who presented a program in tribute to a few of the 600-700 veterans who are interred at the Mountain View Cemetery in McMinnville.



Those soldiers have been involved with all major U.S. engagements for the last 158 years:

- The Civil War 1861-1865
- The Spanish American War 1898
- World War 1 1917-1918
- World War 2 1941-1945
- The Korean War 1950-1953
- The Vietnam War 1964-1975
- The Persian Gulf War 1990-1991
- The War in Iraq

Many of the soldiers also served honorably during peace times and/or in the National Guard.

Veterans included in this tribute are:

Pvt. Fesington Calhoun Lowry, Confederate, Feb 3, 1842 - April 22, 1924 was the first recorded burial in Mountain View Cemetery on April 23, 1924.



He was with Co. C, 35th Regt., TN Infantry. He enlisted on September 6, 1861, was a POW in May of 1962 and mustered out in 1863.

Pvt Hamilton Mortimer Hennessee, Confederate, Jan 27, 1845 - Mar 17, 1929 was with Co D, 16th Regt, Tenn Infantry. He enlisted March 8, 1863, at the age of 19 and left the Confederate Army in 1964.

Pvt Jasper J. Martin, Confederate, April 7, 1834 - Jan 25, 1929, Served in Co. C, 16th Tenn

Regt. under Capt. D.M. Donnell and Colonel Savage.

Pvt. Martin fought in the following battles: Murfreesboro, Chattanooga, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, GA, Perryville, KY and Franklin.

He was wounded near Atlanta GA July 22, 1864 and was disabled. He was captured and remained in prison to the end of the war.

William Trousdale Earles, Confederate, March 2, 1846 - May 16, 1909. He was a member of Colonel John M. Hughes' 25th Regt. TN Infantry that was organized Aug 1861 at Camp Zollicoffer and surrendered 4 officers and 21 men April 9, 1865.



Pvt Howard Rouse Jan 15, 1879 - Oct 22, 1962.



He served in the Spanish American War 1898.

A member of Co. A 3rd Regt Missouri Infantry, he joined April 27, 1898, Kansas City, MO and was discharged Nov 7, 1898.

He was married to Nellie Earles, daughter of W.T. Earles.

Cpl Tiffin Marion Jackson Sept 14, 1879 - Sept 16, 1966. He served in the 8th Battery United States Artillery during the Spanish American War. Later in civilian life he served as



Secretary/Treasurer of the Warren County Fair.

Seaman 1st Class Paul Pollard Jackson June 27, 1921 - June 11, 1954 served in WWII was married to Cora Alice Martin and died at age 33 from complication due to stomach cancer.



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A Tribute to Our Soldiers

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Col Carl William Campbell, Sr Mar 6, 1916 - Nov 3, 1985, United States Air Force WWII is



Mountain View Cemetery's highest ranking soldier. He enlisted into the United States Army Air Corp at Camp Forrest, Tullahoma, Oct 28, 1942.

He was a pilot with the 8th Air Force in the European Theatre of Operations during WWII. He served as a squadron

commander, group operations officer and commander and was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross and the French Croix de Guerre.

Col. Campbell was married to the beloved school teacher Melba Onieta Moore Campbell. He was a former superintendent of McMinnville City and Warren County Schools. Because Col Campbell had Cherokee ancestors he was named "Grey Hawk" by Cherokee Chief White Path.

TSGT E6 Glenn O. Hall May 6, 1937 - Aug 18, 2018, enlisted in the National Guard in 1955. He then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1956.



He was stationed at several bases throughout his years of service including Darmstadt Germany, McClellan AFB at Sacramento, CA, Brindisi Dei Normani, Italy, Kelly AFB, TX, and Misawa, Japan. He was a veteran of the Vietnam

War and was stationed in Korat, Thailand during that period in 1968-1970.

TSGT Hall received the USAF Commendation Medal and was honorably discharged from Kelly AFB in August 1976.

Pvt. Luther Brown Moffitt Sept 20, 1893 - Oct 6, 1918 served in WW1. He was inducted into the Infantry July 25, 1918 and received training with Co B, 7 Inf Repl Regt and Co B 3 Inf Repl Regt, Camp Gordon Ga. He died at Camp Gordon Oct 6, 1918 of

lobar pneumonia. His mother received the Gold Star Award.



Pvt Moffitt was part of the Camp Gordon Human Eagle. He was a Post Office clerk and was most noted as being the director of the McMinnville Silver Band. He was known as "Doc" Brown and created the first Central High School band. Known as the "Father of the School Band Movement", many high schools began patterning their bands after his.

SGT Homer L. Medley Aug 20, 1930 - May 16,



1968 served 18 years in the United States Army, 1950-1968. He was assigned to 2nd Sqdn, H Co, 11th Army Cavalry Regiment. He was a tank commander and achieved the rank of platoon Sergeant. Sgt. Medley was KIA May 16, 1968 by enemy sniper. He was

scheduled to end his Vietnam tour of duty 3 months later.

Veterans included in this article were taken from sections 1-5, 9 and 10 of the cemetery This article is taken, in part, from Rickey's power point presentation to WCGHA.

Look for further presentations to our Association from Rickey Burks.

Always Great Refreshments



Christine Bouldin, Allen Jaco and Bettye Pack provided refreshments for the November meeting. On board for January are Mary Oaks and Debra McBride.

95th Pioneer Family Certificate Awarded



We're chasing 100 in the number of Pioneer Family Certificates awarded by the Warren County Genealogical & Historical Association. President Cheryl Watson Mingle, Marie Woodlee Blair, Gail Woodlee and Vice President Marion Rhea Speaks are pictured with the presentation of the 95th Certificate awarded to Marie for her descendant John Woodley/Woodlee and wife Lydia Harrison. She and Gail are sisters.

We Have Books for Sale



This month we are featuring

Warren County TN Marriages 1900 - 1950

By Robert A.C. Hillis, Jr.
1988

\$25.00 + \$3.00 shipping

Supply is limited



We welcomed special guests Beverly and Allen Gooch from Murfreesboro at our November meeting. They are members of the Rutherford County Historical Society.

Our Christmas Luncheon At the Magnolia Room Received High Praise

The large festive crowd who attended the Christmas Luncheon on December 7 gathered in the Magnolia Room at the Warren County Administration Building. The spacious room allowed everyone to mingle with ease among each other and also offered the opportunity for great seating. Our delicious Italian meal of Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread and Harvest Apple Cake w/Sauce was catered by Kimmi's Tea Room of McMinnville.



Pictured, l-r, Bonita Mangrum, Glenda Cantrell, Carolyn Lance and Wanda Gant.



Bob Bates, Barbara Bates, Ann Brown and J.B. Brown.



Past President Ann Brown, President Cheryl Watson Mingle, Vice President Marion Rhea Speaks are all smiles after the luncheon. They worked hard to be sure everything was great.



Jim Boyd, Lanita Boyd, Barbara Jaco and Allen Jaco.



Christine Bouldin, Debra McBride, Vickie Stoner and Kenneth Stoner.

Are You A Good Typist?

We need a few volunteers to help rename files for our scanner data base.

Please see Ann or J.B. Brown at our next meeting

You may call 931-205-0451 or

Email: farmerbrownsgardens@gmail.com

Christmas Luncheon

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General Oaks, Mary Oaks and Susan Driver.



Gail Woodlee, Marie Blair, Earl Blair and Cheryl Watson Mingle.



Carolyn Lance, Barbara Bates and Bettye Pack.



Joyce Marchbanks, Marcia Ramsey, Marion Rhea Speaks and Doyle Speaks.



Larry Boyd, Janice Boyd, Rickey Burks and Lisa Burks.

Turn Your Radio On



Representing WCGHA as guests on the November 14 "Town Talk" radio program was Marion Rhea Speaks and Ricky Burks. 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 (in the middle) with Marion and Ricky. "Town Talk" is broadcast Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Tune in on Thursday, January 16 at 8:00 a.m. when WCGHA will again be a guest on the show.

Our Membership Committee Chairman and

Long-Time WCGHA Treasurer Retires



WCGHA President Cheryl Watson Mingle is show presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Allen Jaco for his years of dedicated service to our Association. Allen announced that he is retiring from his duties as Treasurer and Membership Committee Chairman at the end of the year.

When I asked Allen Jaco to jot down a few things about his life so I could write a story about him, he sent this to me:

About 7 years ago Cheryl Mingle asked me if I would consider being WCGHA's treasurer. I accepted the challenge, and now that I have had my 86th birthday, I feel I need to spend more time on getting my family genealogical data organized in a manner my descendants can learn who some of their ancestors were, so I am making some changes to try to accomplish this goal.

Born near Sledge, Quitman Co., MS in 1933, I lived on several cotton farms as one more share cropping family on the rich, flat delta land created by the floods of the nearby Mississippi River eons ago. My family moved to Memphis, TN in 1942, the first full year of WWII, enabling my parents the opportunity to work in defense plants making airplane motors and bodies. I attended public schools in Memphis and graduated from Memphis State College (now University of Memphis) in 1956, with a major in Industrial Arts and minors in Business and Journalism, serving as the Business Manager of the student newspaper "Tiger Rag", and the president of the Kappa Sigma fraternity (largest on campus).

U.S. Military has always been a part of my life and all ways will. Beginning in grammar school when WWII started, I participated in the war effort drives including collecting several materials such as: tinfoil from wrappers of gum and cigarette packages, tin cans, scrap iron, newspapers and other paper products, rubber etc. - each being school class competitions. Also in the neighborhood Marine Corps formed by the boys, who had Saturday battles on a large vacant field with the different service branches represented by adjoining areas - using BB guns, stones, "horse apples" (hard, grapefruit sized fruit of the Bois d'Arc tree) for weapons and metal garbage can tops and dug fox holes for defense. Prisoners were frequently shot with BB guns!

At South Side High School the Army R.O.T.C. was required for male sophomores and juniors in the 1940's and 1950's. I made Private during the first year, Sargent the second and as a volunteer in my Senior year, I was a Captain.

While attending Memphis State College, the Air Force R.O.T.C. was required for the first two years. I volunteered for the advanced final two year program, but failed the pilot physical due to a high decibel hearing deficiency.

Upon college graduation, I immediately volunteered to become a navy officer. Following the four month U.S. Navy Officer School (OCS) in Newport, Rhode Island, I was commissioned "an Officer and Gentleman", an Ensign in rank. I sailed from Brooklyn, New York with the Navy's Military Sea Transportation Service command for 18 months and logged over 250,000 sea miles, including one trip of circling the globe, also visiting 14 foreign countries during the year and half. Our vessels' mission was to move military personnel from one place to another. For the last 18 months of obligated duty I was the Executive Officer (X.O. in military terms, being second in command) of the Armed Forces Examining Station on White Bridge Road in Nashville, Tennessee, with the mission of giving physical and mental examinations to military volunteers, draftees and others relating to military service. During this time I took 4 night classes in real estate sales and appraising. Following my obligated 3 years, 4 months of active duty, I volunteered to serve in the Naval Reserve, and did so for the following 19 years, retiring in 1978 with the rank of Commander.

Barbara Byars and I were married in Memphis, TN on 6 Jun 1959, after 5 years of dating. We rented a garage apartment in the Belle Meade area in Nashville. After moving back to Memphis in December, I sold real estate for Boyle Investment Company for a year. The next year I began an 18 month period as an apprentice real estate appraiser with the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), and was there for 16 and a half years. During this time I was promoted to Data Appraiser, Multi-family Appraiser and Chief Appraiser. Our office served the West 31 Tennessee counties and NE 4 counties in Mississippi. FHA became a part of a new federal department, Housing and Urban Development (HUD). During my tenure I took numerous one and two week appraisal courses and qualified to become a residential member (RM) of the largest professional appraisal organization in the United States, American Institute of Real

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Hopewell Cemetery Cleanup Phase II

It was a very pleasant day at Hopewell Cemetery for our Second Cleanup day. Donna Sullivan, Terry Hutchings, Carol Taylor and Debra McBride were present and it turned out as a productive day even with a small group.

We were greeted with a newly fallen tree that wasn't there at the previous cleanup in November. Fortunately, there was no damage to any grave markers. Several dead trees remain in the cemetery which is a concern for WCGHA's Cemetery Preservation.

A hearty Thumbs-up to Terry Hutchings and Carol Taylor who go to Hopewell Cemetery between scheduled clean up days and work many hours on their own. They too have a desire to preserve the history within the final resting place of those in the Cemetery.

During a break, Carol took out her curly willow dowsing rod and demonstrated her ability to find graves. Debra and Donna attempted but were not able to get it to work for them but have used "L" dowsing rods and achieved results in the past. Terry, however, had never seen or tried and it, was excited when he was able to find a grave with the curly willow. It was a good day.



Donna Sullivan, Terry Hutchings, Carol Taylor and Debra McBride stop working long enough to take a selfie.

Story and photos by Debra McBride



Allen Jaco

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Estate Appraisers. Shortly afterwards, I resigned from HUD, moved to McMinnville, TN where I went into business as Jaco Appraisal Services and since I had earned a Real Estate Broker license, I affiliated with the Kirby Real Estate office and later with Colonial Realty and Campbell Realty. I retired in 2000, after 40 years being in real estate.

A few years following retirement, I was asked by then Mayor Royce Davenport to become a member of the proposed Public Service Unit (PSU), with the mission of assisting our local city police department with routine duties that would relieve the limited paid force of such, and their time could be spent much more productive – such as: parade control, bike runs, leading funeral traffic, etc. It did get started, with an original 10 participants. It was my privilege to work with our fine police department and co-harts for 10 years, when I decided to retire from the unit.

Mentioning retirements – I am a Deacon Emeritus at First Baptist Church after serving 22 years as an active Deacon.

In the mid-1980's, a small group called "Friends of the Library" organized for the purpose of utilizing the space where the genealogy section is now located for exactly that purpose! To be used to make data available for searching family genealogy. Some of the members were Kate Smith, Robbie Beaver, Almeta Cunningham, A.C. and Leona Hillis and myself, with the cooperation of the Librarian, Cheryl Priest. We were successful in soliciting local contributions from individuals and businesses such as Bridgestone, etc. to purchase the first copier, shelving and other furniture to make the room functional. The library was able then to move the materials helpful for family searching into the room, hire Brad Walker to make it very functional to the many patrons. I was humbled to be asked to head up this short lived group, and have delighted to watch the continued progress.

I joined the Warren County Genealogy Association around 1993, not long after it was begun in 1992. After attending several meetings on the second floor of the McMinnville Electric Company building I became discouraged with them being primarily business meetings, and I felt I was wasting my time, not learning anything. So, about 8 years ago I decided to become active again after observing the meetings were much more meaningful to me. They still are!

2020 Membership Renewals

Just a Reminder: Your 2020 Membership Renewals are not due until 2/28/2020.

2020 Membership Renewals can be made at any time and will cover your membership from 3/1/2020 thru 2/28/2021.

New memberships after January 1, 2020 will cover one year beginning the 1st of the month through the end of the month the next year.

All memberships will be allowed one month grace period to renew.

Member Benefits

Meetings and Workshops

Bulletins (Two per year)

Monthly electronic newsletter

Special pricing on books, copies, scanning and Pioneer Family Certificates

Access to WCGHA Resources and Networking

Regular Membership: **\$25.00**

Joint Membership: **\$35.00**

International Membership: **\$30.00**

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

4,272 Group Members (+40 this month)

Gender: 68% Women – 32% Men

75% Active Members

176 Posts	535 Comments	4,851 Reactions
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Top Contributors

Stuart Huggins
Donna Sullivan
Tommy D. Fairbanks
Brandi Byars

Top Post

Stuart Huggins: This is George Huggins (1872-1963) and his wife Hattie Ferrell Huggins (1865-1954).
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WCGAoldwarrencountytnfamilies/permalink/23>

Peak Time
Sunday at 5 pm

Comments: 22
Likes: 223
Reactions: 2,100

Don't forget to follow our Facebook page at
Warren County Genealogical & Historical Association
for information about our Association, upcoming events, and posts and links relating to genealogy and history



**May You Find Joy
This Christmas Season
And Be Blessed
Throughout the
New Year**

Never Forget the Real Reason For the Season

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.



Welcome Donation

Allen Jaco, chairman of McMinnville's "Friends of the Library" committee, receives a \$5,500 check from Jo Nesmith, acting plant manager of the Levi Strauss Co. The recent donation from the company's grant foundation was made at Magness Memorial Library. It will be used to pay for the library's newly acquired microfilm reader-printer and photo copy machine.

Others, from left, are Cheryl D. Priest, Magness librarian; Kate Smith, "Friends of the Library" fundraising chairman; and Linda Hillis, chairman of Levi Strauss Community Involvement Team. Not pictured is Edna H. Hughes, who was instrumental in helping obtain the grant from the firm. (Don Shinkaruk photo)

Submitted by Tommy D. Fairbanks, November 11, 2019