

**WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL &  
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**

**Newsletter**

**March 2022**

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**Please join us for the  
March Members Meeting  
Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.  
We will meet in the  
Early Voting Room at 201 Locust St.**

***Come Visit Our Research  
Library!***

**Monday & Friday**

**9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**931-474-4227**

Located at  
201 Locust Street  
McMinnville, Tennessee  
in the lower level of the  
County Administration Building

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Warren County  
Genealogical & Historical  
Association

and

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

## Message from the President...

Can you believe March is here already? Warmer days and sunny weather have been a welcome sight. February was a busy month for the Association. We are excited to have new (used) filing cabinets in the office which will give us room for more files.

We want to thank all our members who have renewed so promptly. It is the loyalty of our members that enables us to maintain and build the resources and services that we provide.

The Association desktop computer has finally arrived! We are having some issues with installation as Dell is struggling with supply chain and quality issues but, hopefully, we will have those resolved soon.

Vice President, Douglas Woodlee, has some interesting speakers lined up for March and April. We always welcome ideas for future workshops and/or speakers for our monthly meetings.

The Association will host the “2022 Spring Cemetery Workshop” given by the MTSU Center for Historic Preservation on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The workshop will consist of two sessions: 9 to 11 a.m. – Presentations on Preservation and Maintenance held at the Early Voting Room and 1 to 3 p.m. – Demonstration and hands-on cleaning at the Old City Cemetery. You must register to attend! Marie and Earl Blair are chairing the committee and we will need member volunteers to assist on the day of the workshop.

We encourage our members to stop by the Association office on Mondays and Fridays from 9 am to 3 pm. If you would like to become an office volunteer, we would love to have your participation.

Ann

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### In Memorial:

Irvin E. Bradley 1924-2022

James Sandlin 1937-2022

# Chasing Cemeteries

(Adventures from the Cemeteries of Warren County Committee)

by Ann Brown

We are always on the lookout for cemeteries that are unknown to us and when we find a new potential ... well, let's just say the hunt is on! Recently, Bonita spotted a mention of a cemetery containing one grave in a deed from A. M. Morse to Angelina Thomas dated August 31, 1901.. Recognizing that the land was located in the area where she lives, we immediately began trying to determine where it might be since none of us had heard about it before.

A quick search on Ancestry, located an Angier M. Morse, age 32, born in Maine, in District 12 of Warren County along with his wife Jennie, children: Mona (7), Henry W. (6), Violet B (4), Olive M (4 mos) and Leona Johnson, age 16, servant. By 1910, the family was living in South Dakota and we could account for everyone in the family. The person buried on the property remained a mystery.

New Lead: Bonita found a reference to a Mr. W. W. Palmer visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. M. Morse, in the Earleyville News section of the November 22, 1895 edition of the Southern Standard. The article noted that he was also considering a move to the area. In the October 24, 1896 edition of the Earleyville news of the Southern Standard, we learn that the family of W. W. Palmer arrived from Vermillion, South Dakota. Then in the January 23, 1897 edition of the same paper, we learn of the death of Mrs. W. W. Palmer.

This week it becomes our duty to chronicle the death of one of our neighbors, that of Mrs. W. W. Palmer, who came here only two or three months ago from Vermillion, S. D. About two weeks ago she was attacked with la grippe, which ran in to pneumonia, and at about five o'clock Sunday evening death relieved her of her suffering. Deceased had been in poor health for a number of years, but since she had been here her health improved wonderfully, and it was thought by her husband that she would finally recover, but the severe attack proved too much for her constitution. By her kind, gentle, womanly disposition she had made many friends during her short life among us. On Tuesday evening there was a short funeral service by Rev. Wm. Betchel, who, during the course of his remarks stated that he had been intimately acquainted with the deceased for a number of years, and that he had never known a more exemplary woman. She was born in Indiana 54 years ago, leaves a husband and several children, only two of whom are at home.

So back to Ancestry to try to learn more about the identity of Mrs. W. W. Palmer. Much to our surprise, we find Mary Isabelle "Belle" Paige Palmer; born December 31, 1842 in Lafayette, Tippecanoe, Indiana; died January 17, 1897 in Earleyville, Warren County, Tennessee and buried in Bluff View Cemetery in Vermillion, Clay, South Dakota on Findagrave.

So, our newly found cemetery is no longer a cemetery. We don't know if Mr. Palmer left Warren County before his daughter and her family, but it seems that when the family moved to South Dakota, they carried Mrs. Palmer with them. We wish all our mystery graves could be solved this easily.

(Committee members: J.B. and Ann Brown, Carolyn Lance, Bonita Mangrum, Mary Oaks, Bettye Pack, and Evelyn Wade)

## 2022 WCGHA Officers



(left to right) Bob Bates, Bulletin Editor; J. B. Brown, Treasurer; Barbara Bates, Secretary; Douglas Woodlee, Vice President; Ann Brown, President; Cheryl Mingle, Past President; Mary Oaks, Office & Research. (Missing: Kathy S Finn, Newsletter Editor; Brad Walker, Historian; Evelyn Wade, Office; Bonita Mangrum, Research; Debra McBride, Circulation)

## Appreciation



Ann Brown, President presents a Certificate of Appreciation to retiring President, Cheryl Watson Mingle for her dedication support and service to the WCGHA. We appreciate all that she has done for the Association! Certificates will also be presented to Marion Rhea Speaks, retiring Vice-President and Doyle Speaks, retiring Newsletter Editor.

## Three new Pioneer Certificates Awarded!



Marie Blair received a certificate for her ancestor, Reverend Jesse Dodson.

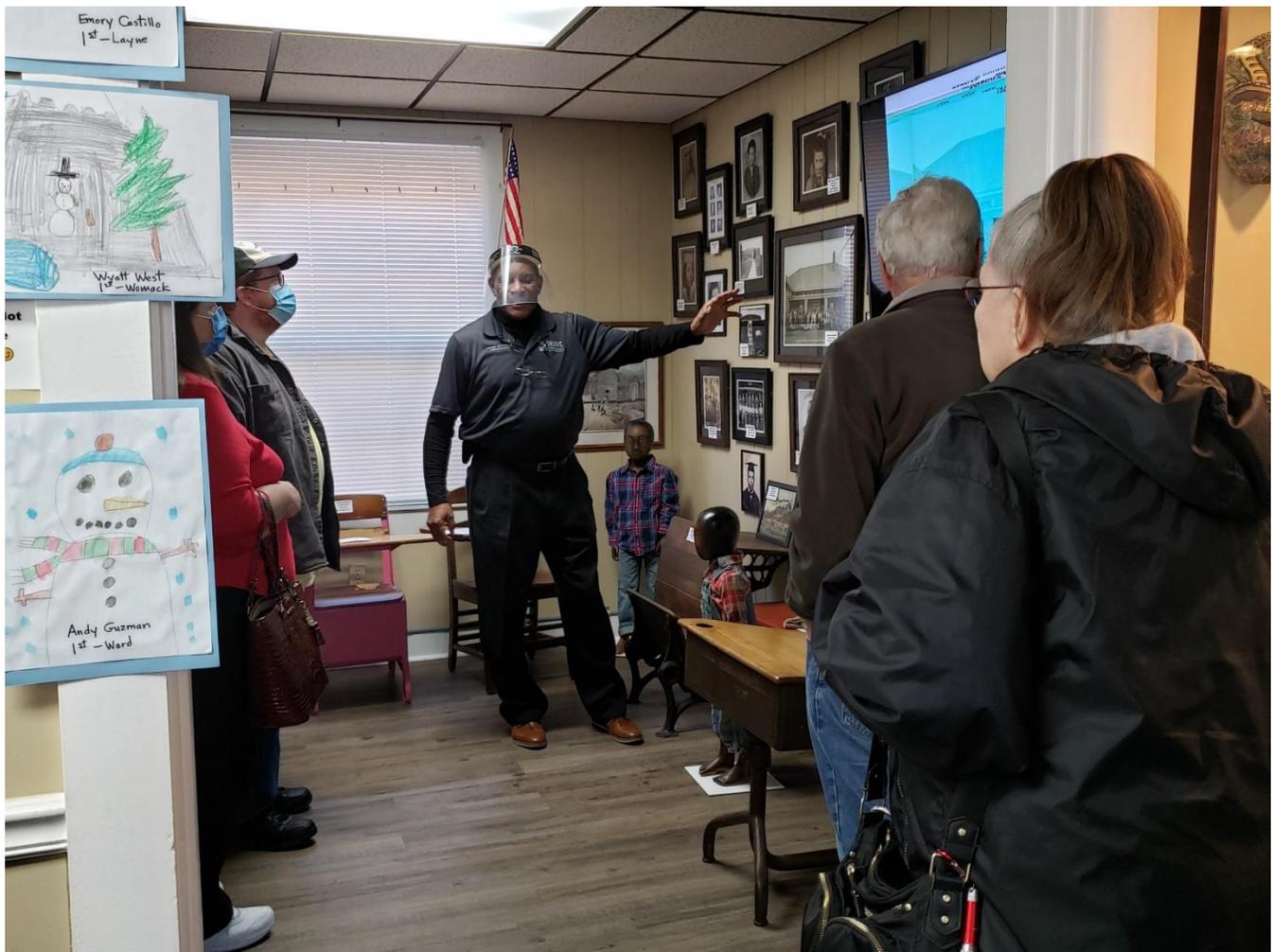


Gail Woodlee received a certificate for her ancestor, Reverend Jesse Dodson.



Marie Blair received a certificate for her ancestor, Obediah Jennings.

## Black History Museum Tour



The WCGHA enjoyed a tour of the Black History Museum after our February meeting hosted by Wayne Wolford. The museum has been in operation for one year and have done an amazing job of putting together informative and educational displays with lots of photos and memorabilia celebrating black history in Warren County. Attending: Douglas Woodlee, Allen Jaco, Bob and Barbara Bates, Alma Shoemaker, Mary Oaks, Bettye Pack, Chris Grissom and J.B. & Ann Brown.

The Black History Museum is located at 203 West Main Street, Suite 3, McMinnville.

Email-Phone: [wolf32@charter.net](mailto:wolf32@charter.net) 931-304-8851 or 931-212-6609.

Website: <https://www.bhmwc.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Black-History-Museum-of-Warren-County-Tennessee-100299724801686>

## Office Upgrade

New (used) filing cabinets were moved in this month. We are excited to have the extra space and will be working to fill them up with files on schools, churches, businesses, homes as well as adding to our family files.



## **Member Spotlight!**

Allen Alexander Jaco, Jr.

We met with Allen at the Warren County Archives Office. He's been busy helping J.B. with scanning the High Funeral Home Death Records. Allen has been involved with his family tree search since 1957! While stationed in Brooklyn, NY with the Navy, he made a trip to the New York Public Library and found phone books from all over the country. Curious, he looked up his last name, Jaco, and realized there were only 142 entries for his last name in the United States! Now he was on a mission!

His first Jaco appears during the Revolution. Allen can trace his line to John Jaco, who fought from Maryland and then appears as a Credit in Virginia. Because of the states differing boundary lines, at that time, this is not uncommon. As to his Warren County, Tennessee connections, he has Brooks Jaco marrying a Starnes in 1812. In 1814 on the same day, he found consecutive land grants for John, Brooks, and Jeremiah Jaco, all of Warren County. Even though Allen was raised in Mississippi, he came here from Memphis with his family in 1977. He came back "home" partly because of his Jaco connections to Warren County.

Allen and his family have traveled the country to attend Jaco Family Reunions. He does this to meet new family members and to research, investigate and document his Jaco family tree.

Allen has his own "brick wall". What is the relationship to a William Jaco, who also fought in the Revolution, in the same small unit? Was he a brother, cousin, uncle, nephew to John Jaco? Is Jaco a derivative name of something else?

Allen has taken his DNA test and it shows he's 47% Scottish, 27% Welsh, 21% United Kingdom.

Allen's top four names in his tree that he is still researching are Jaco, Bailey, Fitts, and Sellers. If any of you have these names in your tree, sit down with Allen Jaco! You might be surprised that ya'll are related, and you can possibly solve one of your own "brick walls"!

Thank you, Allen, for your commitment to genealogy and to WCGHA!

**SPRING 2022**  
**CEMETERY PRESERVATION WORKSHOP**  
**Saturday, April 9th**

presented by  
**MTSU Center for Historic Preservation**

9 to 11 a.m.: Preservation Practices  
at the  
Early Voting Room

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Lunch Break

1 to 3 p.m.: Hands on Training  
at the  
Old City Cemetery

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**Registration Required!**

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**WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION  
MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT**

**Month: February**

<b>Contributions to the Resource Library</b>	<b>By</b>
The Old Cannon as I Remember	
Rural Route 4 by Phillip Burgess	
Sports, Games, and People of Warren County	
A Tribute to "Miss Alice"	
Going Back by Peggy McColloch	
Historic Viola Farms - Viola Homecoming, Aug 9, 2014	
Viola - WCGHA Fall Tour 2005	
History of Viola by James Dillon	
Tennessee Technological University - 1991 Alumni Directory 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition	Allen Jaco
The Generations of Reuben, A History of the Reuben Roberts Family	East End Church of Christ
National Genealogical Society Quarterly, Vol 9, No. 4, Dec 2021	Kathy Finn
National Genealogical Society Magazine, Jan/Mar 2022	
The Southern 1951-52, Central High School	
WCGHA Bulletins, Bound Volumes 2002-2003, 2004- 2005, 2006-2007, 2008-2009, 2010-2011	WCGHA
<b>Contributions to the WCGHA Archives</b>	<b>By</b>
Souvenir Program - Sesquicentennial 1810-1960	
Southern Standard, March 25, 1990 History - Landmarks - Churches	
The Eagle - 1987	
<b>Contributions to the WCGHA School Files</b>	<b>By</b>
Quarterly Court Report on Warren County Schools 1960-1961	

**March 19th, 2022**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Early Voting Room**

**OFFICERS**

President: Ann Brown  
Vice Pres: Douglas Woodlee  
Secretary Barbara Bates  
Treasurer: J. B. Brown  
Past Pres: Cheryl Mingle

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## Agenda for Members Meeting

- Call to Order – President, Ann Brown
- Reading of Minutes – Secretary, Barbara Bates
- Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer, J. B. Brown

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Membership – J. B. Brown
- Circulation – Debra McBride
- Programs – Douglas Woodlee
- Publicity – Brad Walker
- Research – Bonita Mangrum, Mary Oaks
- Office – Evelyn Wade, Mary Oaks
- Bulletin – Bob Bates
- Newsletter - Kathy S Finn
- Webpage - Ann Brown

### OLD BUSINESS

- Project Reports  
Pioneer Families of Warren County  
Cemeteries of Warren County  
High Funeral Home Records
- Desktop Status
- 2022 Spring Cemetery Workshop

### NEW BUSINESS

- Intern Program (Freed-Hardeman)

### TODAY’S PROGRAM

**WAYNE WOLFORD & MICKEY GWYNN**

### APRIL MEETINGS

**BOARD MEETING – THURSDAY, THE 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:00 A.M.**

**MEMBERS MEETING – SATURDAY, THE 16<sup>TH</sup> AT 2:00 P.M.**