



WCGHA Newsletter

JUNE 2022

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**Come Join Us
on June 18**

For the next WCGHA Meeting

**Wayne Haston on
Daniel Haston Revolutionary
War Patriot**

We will meet in the early voting room located in the rear of the Warren County Administration building.

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

(Refreshments will not be served)

Ann Brown, WCGHA President

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Summer is Fast Approaching

Be sure and check out the Upcoming Events in the Newsletter. Vice-President, Douglas Woodlee, has some really interesting speakers lined up for us over the next few months.

Our intern, Jalen Smith, has started his 40-hour internship. He is proving to be a great asset to us and we look forward to showing him different aspects of the Association.

We are grateful to Susan Driver for her work on the Newsletter. Kathy Finn will continue to contribute Member Spotlight articles for us.

Marie Blair has graciously agreed to take on the Chairmanship of the Pioneers of Warren County Committee. We know that she will do a great job for the Association!

The office volunteers are continuing to research schools of Warren County. We have received a few pictures to place in our Photo Archives. A couple of these are featured in our Newsletter this time.

Our Spring and Summer Bulletin is running a little behind, but we think you will find it worth the wait.

As always, we love to hear from our members. If you have suggestions and/or ideas for a speaker or if you would like to submit an article for an upcoming Bulletin, we welcome your input. We would also love to have you visit the Association office on Monday and/or Friday between 9 and 3. If you have an interest in volunteering, I'm sure we can find something to keep you busy.

Ann

Calendar of Upcoming Events

June 9th - Board of Directors Meeting

June 18th - Members Meeting Program:
Wayne Has ton on Daniel Has ton, Revolutionary War Patriot

July 4th - Association office closed

July 7th - Board of Directors Meeting

July 16th - Members Meeting Program:
Show & Tell

August 11th - Board of Directors Meeting

August 20th - Members Meeting Program:
Chuck Sherrill on the Tennessee State
Library and Archives

September 5th - Association office
closed for Labor Day

September 8th - Board of Directors
Meeting

September 17th - Members Meeting Program:
Mary Don Bixby on Medal of
Honor Recipient, David Ray

Ann Brown - "Let's Talk About The 1950 Census"

Just the facts:

- * Began on April 1st and completed by the end of June, 1950
- *151 million people counted
- *140,000 census enumerators
- *6,373 microfilm census rolls scanned by National Archives staff
- *6.4 million pages scanned from more than 200,000 enumeration districts
- *9m,634 enumeration district maps
- *33,378 supplemental census pages from Indian reservations
- *20 questions asked of everyone, compared to 34 on the 1940 census

1950 Firsts:

- *First time using optical character recognition/artificial intelligence (OCR/AI) for handwritten recognition
- *First time using a transcription tool to improve the name index
- *First chance to download the entire census in bulk
- *First time releasing the census during a pandemic
- *First appearance of the Baby Boom generation in the census
- *First time people were asked if they owned a TV

U.S. National Archives:

- Maintains government records
- Accessible to public
- Census records remain Confidential for 72 years
- Accessible to individuals or legal heirs

Enumeration Districts:

- 230,000 for 1950 (34 districts in Warren County)



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|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 - McMinnville Town | 13 - District 1 | 25 - District 10 (Morrison) |
| 2 - McMinnville Town | 14 - District 1 | 26 - District 10 (NW RR) |
| 3 - McMinnville Town | 15 - District 1 | 27 - District 10 (SE RR) |
| 4 - McMinnville Town | 16 - District 2 | 28 - District 11 (N & NE 70S) |
| 5 - McMinnville Town | 17 - District 3 | 29 - District 11 (S & SW 70S) |
| 6 - Brown Hotel | 18 - District 4 | 30 - District 12 |
| 7 - Sedberry Hotel | 19 - District 5 | 31 - District 13 |
| 8 - McMinnville Town | 20 - District 6 | 32 - District 14 |
| 9 - McMinnville Town | 21 - District 7 | 33 - District 15 |
| 10 - McMinnville Town | 22 - District 8 (Viola town) | 34 - District 16 |
| 11 - McMinnville Town | 23 - District 8 (outside Viola) | |
| 12 - District 1 | 24 - District 9 | |

For more information on enumeration districts:

*Steve Morse

<https://stevemorse.org/census/unified.utml/>

*Ancestry.com

1950 Census district finder

U.S. National Archives (NARA)

www.archives.gov/research/census/1950

- View images
- Search by name or enumeration district (ED)
- Indexed with artificial intelligence (AI)
- Allows for transcription corrections (to aid in future AI)
- Search by name returns one image at a time
- Search by ED allows user to page between sheets
- Images can be downloaded (multiple resolution options)

NARA Microfilm Publication T628

Seventeenth Census of the United States, 1950

- 6,873 rolls
- 6.4 million digital images
- Digital access only - no access to physical microfilm
- Continental U.S., Alaska, Hawaii, Am Samoa, Guam, Panama Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands
- Paper records were microfilmed in 1952 by the Bureau of the Census
- The original paper records were destroyed in 1961-1963

<https://cataslog.archives.gov/id/196015600>

Article 1, Section 2 of the Constitution

Taken every 10 years since 1790

Representative and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several states which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons. The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall by Law direct. The Number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty Thousand, but each State shall have at Least one Representative; and until such enumeration shall be made, the State of New Hampshire shall be entitled to chuse three, Massachusetts eight, Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations one, Connecticut five, New-York six, New Jersey four, Pennsylvania eight, Delaware one, Maryland six, Virginia ten, North Carolina five, South Carolina five and Georgia three.

Additional links:

<https://www.familysearch.com/>

<https://www.ancestry.com/>

<https://www.myheritage.com/>

Association Volunteers:

We logged 186 office volunteer hours and 22 1/2 committee volunteer hours in the month of May. Thanks to Mary Oaks, Evelyn Wade, Bonita Mangrum, Allen Jaco, Wanda Gant, Carolyn Lance, JB and Ann Brown and Jalen Smith for all their hard work!

High Funeral Home Collection:

We now have the second ledger records processed and complete. The second ledger covers July, 1901 through September, 1903. A list of the records that are available will be placed on our web page in the near future. In the meantime, scanning is continuing on the Death Records. All of the death records through 1979 have been scanned. Many thanks to J. B. Brown, Alan Jaco, Jalen Smith, Evelyn Wade, and Mary Oaks for their efforts on this project.

2022 Spring Cemetery Preservation Workshop is now on YouTube!



Thanks to Ben Lomand Connect for filming the workshop. The workshop can now be viewed on their YouTube channel. We appreciate them sending a crew to film the event and make it available for everyone. Here is the link to view the workshop: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UaCgR5KDNpo>

School Files:

Work continues on gathering information about Warren County schools. If you have pictures of early schools, we would love to add those to our files. We can scan them at the Association office or will take your photos if you wish to donate them. The following pictures from Centertown School are a couple of the photos that were donated by WCGHA member, Carolyn Lance.

1937 - 1938 CENTERTOWN SCHOOL SECOND GRADE



First Row - bottom

Melba Harris
 Isobel Jordan
 Louise Robertson
 Estelle Orrick
 Harry Jean Davis
 June Lance
 Betty Jo Grissom
 Nina Mae Bratcher

Second Row

Charleen Bratcher
 Ernest Smith
 Albert Robertson
 Bobby Lance
 Margie Bratcher
 Austin Lorance
 Mildred Roper

Third Row

Junior Akers
 Fletcher Roper
 Paul Edward Newby
 Charles Roy Redmon
 Yvonne Lance
 Ola Fay Davis
 J.R. Winnett
 Deloris Roper

Back Row

Edna Lipham
 Dorothy Grace Martin
 Nelle Tubb
 Margie Smith
 Ray Holder
 Junior Jacobs
 Wynona Gaither
 Clyde Wayne Medley
 Howard Martin Holder

Centertown Girl's Basketball team with Cheerleaders - 1948



First row: Carl Lance, Agnes Underhill, Betty Winnette, Rubena Turner

Second row: Ramano Bratcher (with ball), Thedra Cotton, Nell Tubbs, Maxine Evans

Third row: Jessie Young, Elfreda Robinson, Sue Goff (just her head) Marie Smith

Fourth row: Carmine Jordon (coach), Melba Medley, Isabell Jordon, Lois Clark, Yvonne Lance

Fifth row: Jean Hale, Cleo Mayo

Member Spotlight - Chris Keathley

By Kathy Sutherland Finn

I caught up with Chris Keathley, a Charter Member of the Warren County Genealogical and Historical Society, at the Southern Museum & Galleries of Photography, Culture & History located on Main Street. He created and opened this museum, with Monty Wanamaker, with the intent of saving and preserving all aspects of the history of McMinnville and Warren County. Much of the museum is devoted to the Southern School of Photography, which was started in McMinnville and was one of the first photography schools in the United States!

I asked Chris how he became interested in genealogy. He said when he was in third grade in school, he went on a field trip to Cumberland Caverns with his classmates and told them Aaron Higginbotham, the surveyor who had discovered Higginbotham Cave in 1810, was his ancestor.

Higginbotham Cave, along with Henshaw Cave, was opened commercially in the 1950s as Cumberland Caverns which is internationally known. Not being believed by his classmates, he started to document and collect any information on his family. He also collects old and new obituaries of family members when he can find them.

He has a brick wall with his great-great-great grandfather, Willis Keathley. He can't find where he died and is buried. He knows he lived in Rock Island area. In the 1870 Warren County, Tennessee Federal Census his wife, Willis' wife, Mary Ann Roberts Keathley and her two small sons are living with her parents. And in the 1870 census, she indicates she is divorced. But what happened to him?

His biggest find also concerns Mary Ann Roberts Keathley. She died in 1897 which was learned from an obituary for her which he discovered in a local newspaper. No tombstone, but he found where she is buried and that she had been blind for over 20 years!

Chris's main family names that he's researching are Higginbotham, Keathley, Massie, Dillon, McKinstry and Lamb. He knows his family originally came from England and Ireland.

He was the WCGHS Bulletin editor for many years, but since he stepped down, he has published his own history book, *Southern Museum & Galleries' Journal of Warren County, Tennessee and Genealogy*. This can be purchased at the museum with the next volume available soon.

In his spare time, he maintains the Higginbotham Cemetery which he has done since 1992.

We thank Chris for all his wonderful efforts to preserve and share our county's rich history!

IN THE NEWS...

12A Southern Standard, McMinnville, Tenn., Wednesday, May 25, 2022

Cantrell takes silver at Senior Games



Glenda Cantrell shows the large silver medal she won in Florida for the National Senior Games.

By **JAMES CLARK**
Editor for the Southern Standard
(McMinnville, Tennessee)

Local resident Glenda Cantrell is a silver medalist after her team captured second place this month in the National Senior Games in Florida.

Cantrell, 80, plays for the Age Defyers, a Cookeville-based team that includes

three other women. The National Senior Games featured athletes from all 50 states and the official program contained three full pages of participants from Tennessee.

"I'd play more but there's nobody left to play," said Cantrell of her time on the court. "I thank God I'm still able to do as well as I can do."

Events were held May 10-23 in Florida. Cantrell said she was pleased her two sons were able to be in attendance to make it an even more special occasion.

"I hope to be able to do this again," said Cantrell.

The Age Defyers play every Tuesday in Cookeville and Cantrell said they were at it again this week. "We played for

about 30 minutes and decided to go home," said Cantrell. "It's important to keep moving."

Basketball at the Senior Games is played 3-on-3 halfcourt. Cantrell said her four-woman team suffered an early setback when one player got hurt and they had to play the rest of the tournament without a sub.

WCGHA's First Intern

Welcome Jalen Smith to our team! Jalen is history major at Freed-Hardeman University getting ready to enter the teaching world in the near future.

Jalen is a native Warren Countian from the Irving College area. His parent are: J. B. and Sherri Smith. Jalen's mother teaches Kindergarten at Irving College and his father teaches history in Coffee County.

Jalen will be completing 40 hours of internship with us over the summer. He has already been scanning and branding the High Funeral Home records and will be working on different projects with us over the summer.



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Agenda for Members Meeting

June 18th, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the Early Voting Room

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Reading of Minutes – Secretary Barbara Bates
Treasurer's Report – Treasurer J. B. Brown

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PROJECT REPORTS

Pioneer Families of Warren County – Marie Blair
Cemeteries of Warren County – Ann/J.B. Brown
High Funeral Home Records – J.B. Brown

OLD BUSINESS

Intern – Jalen Smith

NEW BUSINESS

News from Warren County Archives
Methodist Church Archive Scans

June 18th PROGRAM

DANIEL HASTON – REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOT

WAYNE HASTON, AUTHOR

TOWN TALK ON WBMC – JUNE 13TH AT 8:00 A.M.

JULY MEETINGS

BOARD MEETING – THURSDAY, THE 7TH AT 10:00 P.M.

MEMBERS MEETING – SATURDAY, THE 16TH AT 2:00 P.M.



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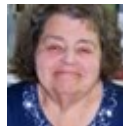
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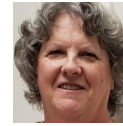


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