



# WCGHA Newsletter

JULY 2022

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**Come Join Us  
on July 16**

**For the next WCGHA Meeting**

**“Show and Tell”  
Dust off those family  
heirlooms and keepsakes**

We will meet in the Magnolia Room located just off the lobby 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

Thoughts from the President

Summer is in full swing – cemetery decorations and family reunions top the list of activities. Lots of exciting things have been happening at the Association.

New scans have been added to our school files for Fairview and Irving College Schools. Watch for them to show up in our Newsletter or stop by the Association office for more details.

Our intern, Jalen Smith, has completed his 40 hours and we are grateful for his help. Jalen is a history major who will be teaching in the near future.

Be sure to read all about the latest addition to the Warren County Archives.

We are enjoying all the members who have been stopping by the office. Our members contribute in so many ways and we are always happy to see them.

I'll leave you this month with this quote from Steve Jobs, "Great things in business are never done by one person, they're done by a team of people."

Ann

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Jul 4<sup>th</sup> - Association office closed for 4th of July

Jul 7<sup>th</sup> - Board of Directors Meeting

Jul 16<sup>th</sup> - Members Meeting, Program: Show & Tell

Aug 11<sup>th</sup> - Board of Directors Meeting

Aug 20<sup>th</sup> - Members Meeting, Program: Tennessee State Library and Archives by Chuck Sherrill

Sep 5<sup>th</sup> - Association office closed for Labor Day

Sep 8<sup>th</sup> - Board of Directors Meeting

Sep 17<sup>th</sup> - Members Meeting, Program: David Ray ,Medal of Honor Recipient by Mary Don Bixby

Oct 6<sup>th</sup> - Board of Directors Meeting

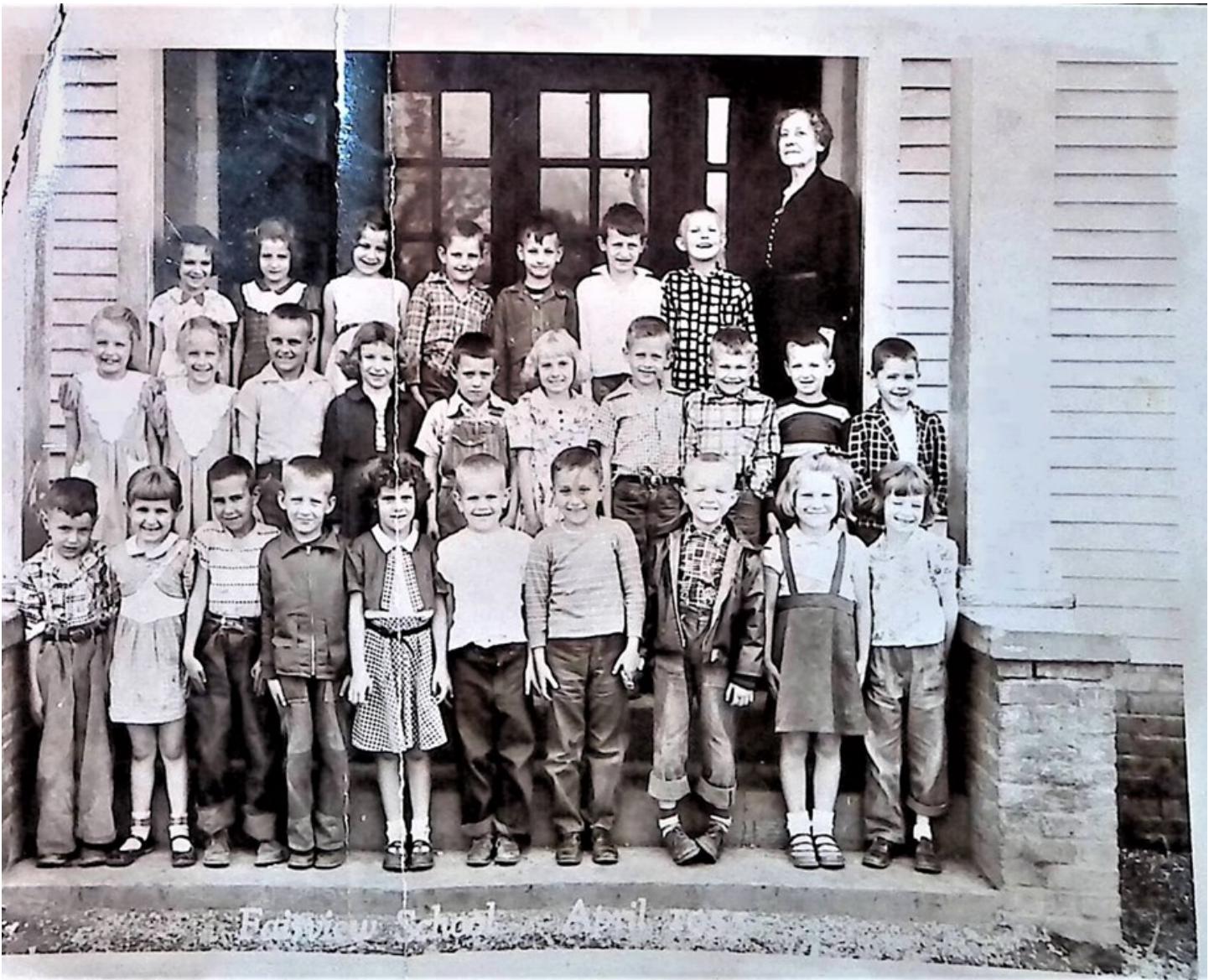
Oct 15<sup>th</sup> - Members Meeting, Program: Cardwell Mountain and Native American Burial Grounds, by Phil Hodge, Director, TN Division of Archaeology

## School Files

We were able to scan the photos from the 1954-45 and 1955-56 Fairview School annuals (or scrapbooks, if you will) belonging to Terry Smith. Each year contains 9 actual class photos. These photos will be placed in our photo archives. Unfortunately, only one class photo had names associated, so we hope that we can get many of the students and teachers identified. In fact, some of our members have identified a handful of folks already. The photos included here are from the 1954-55 school year. If you recognize a student or teacher, please let us know.

If you have photos of schools (buildings or classes), we would love to have copies for our school files. We are especially interested in finding actual photos rather than newspaper clippings as they generally offer a better quality.

### Class # 1

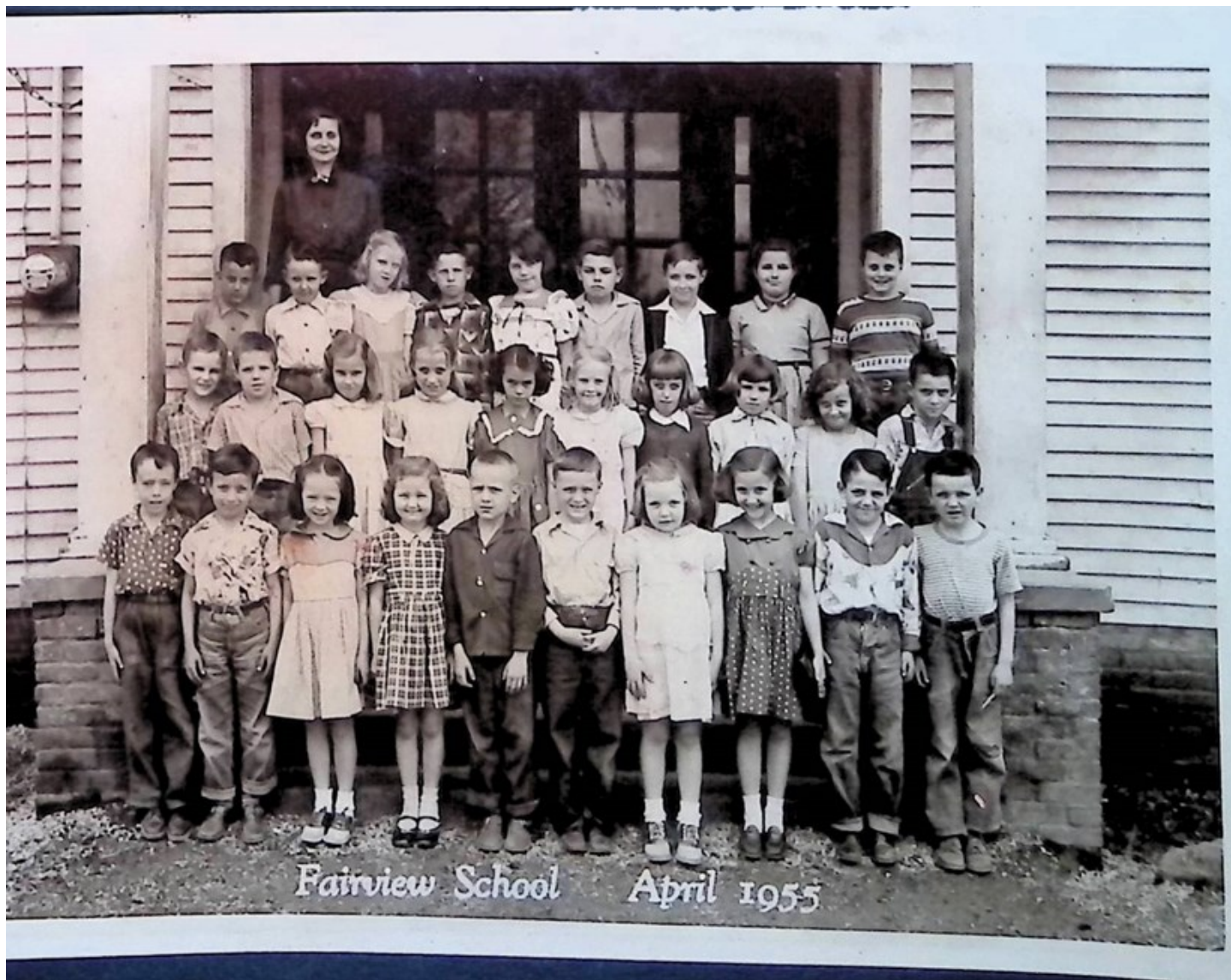




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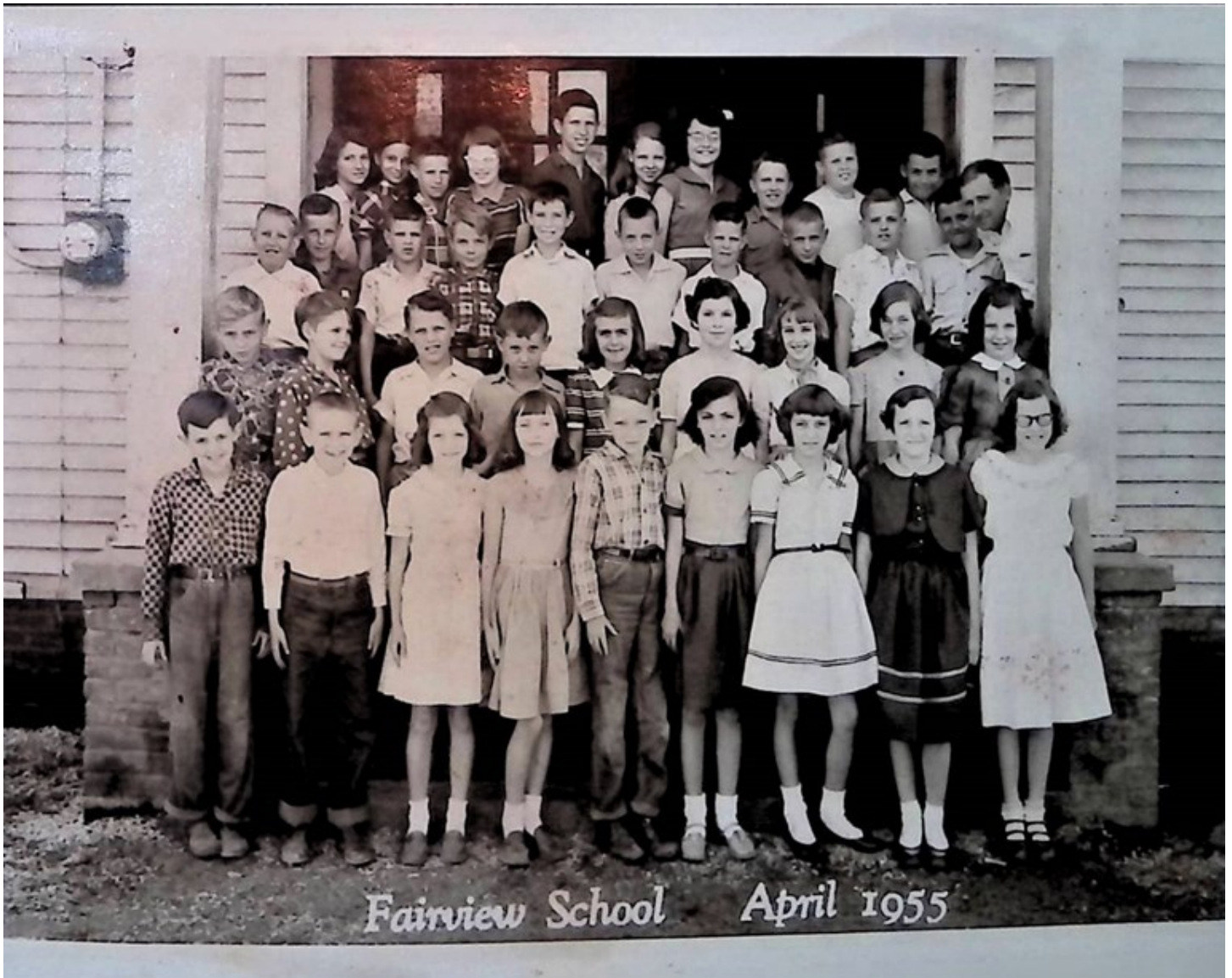


Class # 5 -





Class # 6 -





Class # 7 -



Class # 8





Class # 9 -



# DANIEL HASTON – REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOT

Presented by Wayne Haston

Wayne traced the history of the Haston family, as they traveled from Switzerland in the early 1400's through Germany, the Netherlands, to Philadelphia, PA on to Virginia and finally through Knox County, TN to White County (now Van Buren County) in the early 1800's. The family name originates as Heistand (meaning "Here Stood") and eventually became Haston, with descendants now scattered all over the United States.



Vice President Douglas Woodlee presented Wayne Haston with WCGHA's History Preservation Award for his work in documenting the history of the Haston family.

## Our First Intern

Jalen completed his 40-hour internship for Freed-Hardeman University. We enjoyed getting to know Jalen and appreciate his help this summer and are honored to present him with our History Preservation Award for his work with the Association.





## “BETTER LATE THAN NEVER”

Earlier this year, we awarded “Certificates of Appreciation” to three of our outgoing officers who had served the Association tirelessly for many years. Doyle and Marion Speaks are now producing Karaoke every Wednesday at the Senior Center but we finally got a chance to present their certificates to them. Marion has served in several capacities over the years but most recently served as Vice President and Program Manager. Doyle produced our Association Newsletter for years. We are thankful to both of them for their dedication and commitment.





Warren County archivist Anne Brown displays a ledger from 1899, which was among the documents discovered at the Blue Building.

# Missing documents found at Blue Building

BY LISA HOBBS

Reporter for the Southern Standard

It's always in the last place you look, as the irrational adage goes. For Warren County Archives, its search for missing documents ended at the Blue Building.

"The Warren County Archives recently received old ledgers and documents that were misplaced when the courthouse was remodeled back in the 1970's," said Warren County archivist Anne Brown. "While efforts had been made to locate these items through the years it's been to no avail. But they are now back in the hands of Warren County Archives."

Brown says they are just beginning to inspect the boxes, books and stacks of paperwork.

"A quick inventory reveals the oldest ledgers to be an 1871 Chancellor's Docket and an 1871 State Docket," said Brown.

Also within the mix were School Ledgers from 1899, 1901, 1904, 1906 and 1907.

Prior to the find, the oldest ledger within the archives was from 1911. Those ledgers record payments to teachers, but moreover, they provide names of local schools - some long forgotten - and lists of teachers who taught there.

The documents were located during an effort to clear the Blue Building due to it being sold by city government to Investment Partners. How the documents came to be stored there is somewhat of a mystery.

Brown offered two scenari-

os: the documents could have been relocated from the courthouse to the Blue Building over 35 years ago, or moved from the courthouse to Heritage Alliance Museum

then to the Blue Building after roof leaks at the museum prompted relocation. In either situation, the documents were then forgotten.

"Our thanks to County Executive Jimmy Haley, who recognized the significance of the items, and the folks at Heritage Alliance who helped us bring these items home," said Brown. "Our goal is to educate the community on the importance of preserving our history."

Tennessee Code Annotated 39-16-504 makes it unlawful for any person to knowingly make a false entry in, or false alteration of, a government record. The law also provides

a mechanism for the repossession by government agencies of public records that have been found in public hands.

Warren County Archives is located within Warren County Administrative Offices on Locust Street. Brown can be reached at 931-205-0451.



## Office News

We logged 207.5 volunteer hours this month with 32.5 committee hours for a total of 240 hrs. Mary Oaks and Ann Brown are in the office on Monday and Evelyn Wade and Bonita Mangrum are in the office on Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We encourage our members to stop by and catch up on the latest happenings. Thanks to our volunteers and members who have helped us with research and joined in our discussions this month: Jalen Smith, Allen Jaco, Carolyn Lance, Bettye Pack, Lucas Holt, Scarlett Griffith, and Gail Woodlee.

A special thanks to Bobby Bond for recording our speaker, Wayne Haston. We hope to be able to make this available to our members shortly.

## Contributions:

### In Memory of

Angele Stoner Watson  
November 19, 1935 – May 11, 2022

by Bob & Barbara Bates

\$50.00

## Contributions to our Photo Archives:

- McMinnville Football Team from Daniel Gregory
- James Dillon, County Historian

## Contributions to our School Files:

- Viola Report Cards 1940-41 through 1951-52
- Brookside Report Card 1944-45
- Copy of 1939 Valley Recall

## Contributions to our Research Aids:

- September 26, 1924 McMinnville Leader from Daniel Gregory

## Contributions to Community Files:

- Warren County Bicentennial Calendar from Mary Oaks

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## Agenda for Members Meeting

July 16th, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the Magnolia Room

### OFFICERS

President: Ann Brown  
Vice Pres: Douglas Woodlee  
Secretary Barbara Bates  
Treasurer: J. B. Brown  
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### COMMITTEES

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#### Programs:

Douglas Woodlee

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#### Publicity:

Brad Walker

#### Research:

Bonita Mangrum

Mary Oaks

#### Office:

Evelyn Wade

Mary Oaks

#### Historian

Brad Walker

#### Refreshments

Christine Bouldin

- 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 - Susan Driver
- Webpage - Ann Brown

### 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

- School Files
- Methodist Archives

### NEW BUSINESS

- 1905 Post Office Ledger
- Methodist Church Archive Scans

### July 16th PROGRAM

#### SHOW & TELL

Everyone is invited to bring an item  
(1 item per presenter—5 minutes each)

TOWN TALK ON WBMC – JULY 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 8:00 A.M.

#### AUGUST MEETINGS

BOARD MEETING – THURSDAY, THE 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:00 P.M.

MEMBERS MEETING – SATURDAY, THE 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 2:00 P.M.





## **Come Visit Us**

**Our hours are  
Monday & Friday  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
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Warren County Genealogical  
& Historical Association  
and

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

Our office is located at  
201 Locust Street  
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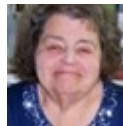
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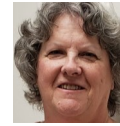


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