



WCGHA Newsletter

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**Come Join Us
on August 20**

For the next WCGHA Meeting

**“Tennessee State
Library and Archives”
By Chuck Sherrill**

We will meet in the Early Voting Room located at the back 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

That old song "Those Lazy-Hazy-Crazy Days of Summer" has been running through my mind but I don't think lazy applies to our July. It was a busy month with lots of happenings. Show and Tell was a big success with some really unique and interesting items presented by our members and guests.

We've received some great additions to our Resource Library through donations. And several of our members have stopped by the Association office to research or pass along helpful information. The office volunteers have continued to assist the Warren County Archives with processing ledgers that are coming in from Heritage Alliance as they inventory and identify ledgers and documents that should be in the Archives. They have also donated several annuals to our Resource Library.

The Bulletin has been delivered! Our new editor, Bob Bates, has added his own personal touch to our Bulletin and it is most attractive! Thanks to Bob and all the Bulletin Committee for their hard work in bringing this edition to press!

We are working through the school ledgers that were recovered from the Blue Building to add that information to the school files. These ledgers have identified several schools that we did not know about. It is exciting to see the information on the schools coming together! Hope to see you at the meeting on the 20th!

Ann

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Aug 11th - Board of Directors Meeting

Aug 20th - Members Meeting

Program: Tennessee State Library and Archives by Chuck Sherrill

Sep 5th - Office closed for Labor Day

Sep 8th - Board of Directors Meeting

Sep 17th - Members Meeting

Program: Bobby Ray, Medal of Honor Recipient by Mary Don Bixby

Oct 6th - Board of Directors Meeting

Oct 15th - Members Meeting

Program: Cardwell Mountain and Native American Burial Grounds, by Phil Hodge, Director, TN Division of Archaeology

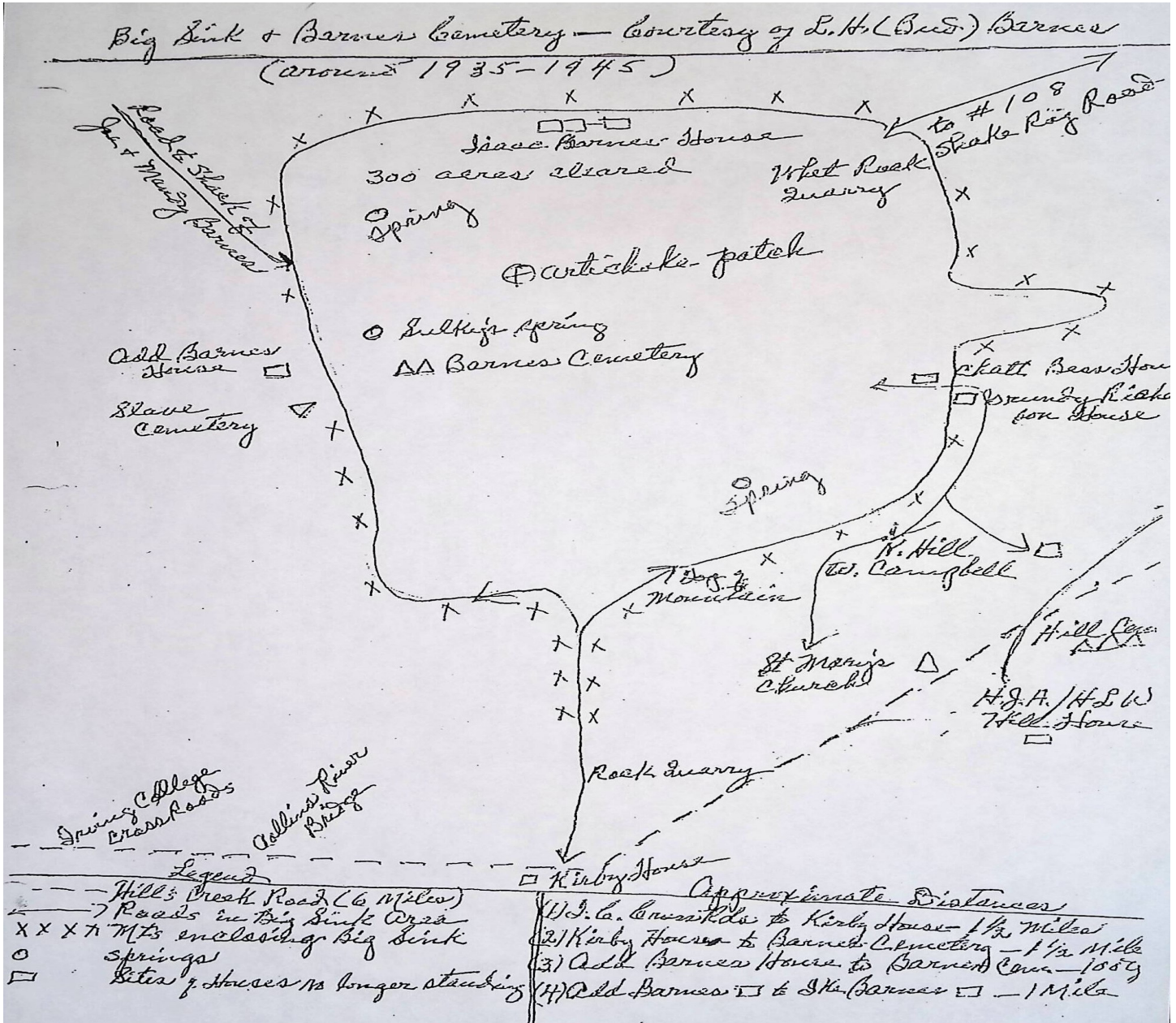
Nov 10th—Board of Directors Meeting

Nov 19th—Members Meeting

Program—Tennessee Maneuvers by Woody McMillen, Public Relations Officer for the TN Military Collector's Association on TN Maneuvers with a special exhibit of World War II posters from the collection of Robert Norton

The Whet Rock Quarry

Contributed by Marie Blair



This map was drawn by L. H. "Bud" Barnes, former County Judge Of Warren County from 1966—1974. In addition to the Whet Rock Quarry, the map includes several areas of interest in the Irving College—Big Sink area including the Barnes Cemetery, the Slave Cemetery, Sulkey's Spring and the Artichoke Patch. This map was given to me in 2002 by Brenda Stotts Muncy.

Whetstone or Whet Rock is a word that is no longer in new dictionaries. Instead, the stones for sharpening items are called sharpening stones, oil stones or water stones. These sharpening items are currently made from many things such as diamond dust or aluminum. In days gone by, the whetstones were used to sharpen plows, chisels, axes and knives of all sizes and uses. Today, the demand is no longer there for whetstones.



James Woodlee, Marie Woodlee Blair, Robert Woodlee

In November, 1989, I visited the Whet Rock Quarry along with my Dad, Robert M. “Dock” Woodlee and Uncle, Jesse James “Jim” Woodlee and several other family members. My Dad was born in 1920 at the Big Sink. He also had a Great Aunt and Uncle, Rosia & Chat Bess, who lived there. He had visited the area and knew about the quarry.

Since no roads lead to the area, we parked off the road from Highway 8 (Harrison Ferry Road) and walked to the quarry. Dad used a hammer and chisel to harvest a few pieces of whet rock.



These whetstones are natural stones that were harvested on our visit. They require some work before they can be used for sharpening.



Robert Woodlee



James Woodlee and Robert Woodlee

Luckily, Uncle Jim knew someone in his hometown of Muncie, Indiana who could cut and process the stones from their natural state to a finished whetstone that could be used to sharpen knives.

This stone, from the original harvest, has been cut and is ready to use to sharpen knives. It represents a little piece of Warren County history.



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

Sue Tate Talley is seeking to identify these four men. The photo belonged Wendell Talley's aunt, Loyce Fennell Pruitt Knobloch who was born in Centertown. She was the daughter of Harmon and Myrtle Bell Roach Fennell. Family names include: Pepper, Roach and Fennell.



WCGHA'S Old Warren County, TN History/Photos is provided as a service to provide an avenue for exchanging information and networking with other researchers!

SHOW & TELL

Wow, what a great Show & Tell! Meeting attendees were treated to a variety of items with each having an interesting story attached to them. Plus, we were treated to items from the Black History Museum, Magness Memorial Library and the Warren County Archives! It was a treat to see the variety of items and the history associated with them. For those of us who love history, the stories that are part of our past are always a special treat. Thanks to everyone who brought a little bit of their history to share with us!

Marr Temple—John Woodley & Lydia Harrison Woodley “The Woodley Cradle”



Believed to have cradled more than 40 of the descendants of John Woodley and Lydia Harrison Woodley, this beautiful cradle has been handed down through their descendants for at least 215 years. It was brought to Warren County with the family around 1807-1808. The actual origin of the cradle is unknown and it may have been in the family before they moved here.

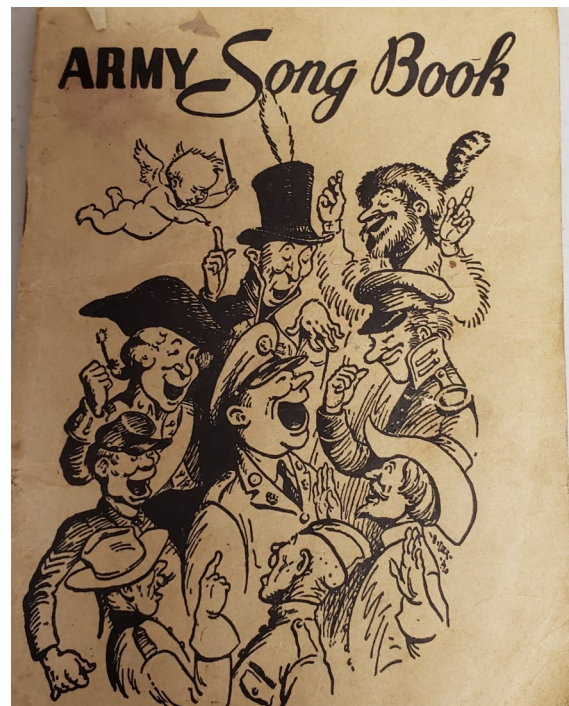
The cradle was inherited by their son, Jacob Woodlee (1789-1850) and then by his grandson, Harrison Woodlee (1821-1903), and then by his great grandson, Edwin Harrison Woodlee (1869-1909), and then by his great great grandson, William Hardy Harrison Woodlee (1903-1964), and then by his great great great grandson, William Bedington “Billy” Woodlee (1943-2007), and then to great great great granddaughter, Mary Alice Isom Williams, daughter of his great great granddaughter, Alice Inez Woodlee, and finally to great, great, great, great granddaughter, Alice Marr Williams Temple. What a family treasure to have with so much family history attached!

Carolyn Lance – Ration Books and Army Song Book



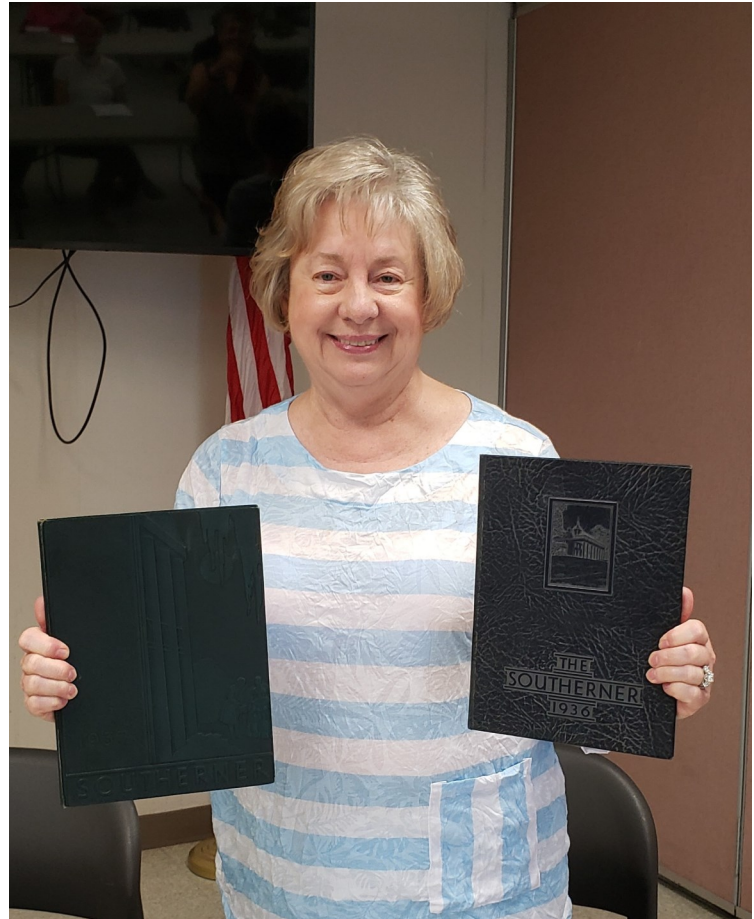
Carolyn brought two World War II ration books that were issued to her mother and father, Clyde and Agnes Cook. Book One was issued to her father sugar, shoes, and coffee. Book Two was issued to her mother for canned vegetables and dried fruit. An interesting side note was the fact that her father's book was signed by her mother and her mother's book was signed by her father. There were four types of ration books. To purchase a rationed item required the correct color stamp. Blue stamps were for canned goods and dried fruits. Stamps had a time limit—some for a week and some for five weeks.

This Army Song Book dated 1941 was issued to soldiers. Some of the songs included patriotic songs such as “The Star Spangled Banner”, “America the Beautiful”, and “God Bless America” but also included popular tunes such as “She’ll Be Coming Around the Mountain”, “Pop Goes the Weasel”, and “Let me Call You Sweetheart”.

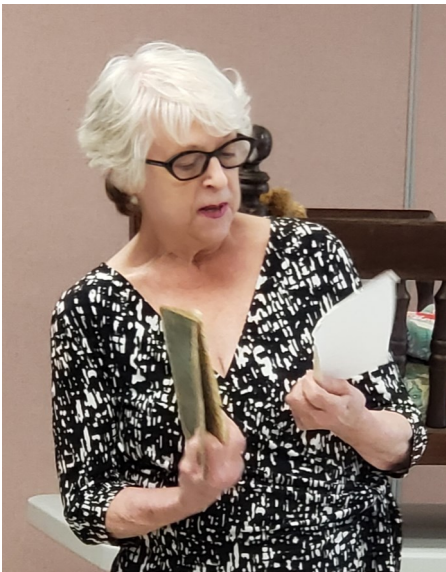


Barbara Bates – 1936 and 1937 Southern Annuals (Central High School)

Although a country girl, Barbara's mother, Billie Baldwin Brandon, attended high school at Central High School in her Junior and Senior years. Central High School's annual was first called "The Southerner" in 1936. These annuals are special treasures from Barbara's mother. The WCGHA is building their annual inventory and already have many school annuals in our Resource Library.



Wanda Gant – School Books



Wanda brought some school books from years past. Two of the books were from the Arcadia School, a private school in early Warren County. *Eclectic Educational Series RAY'S New Practical ARITHMETIC* by Joseph Ray, M.D., late Professor in Woodward College, published by American Book Company Copyright 1877 by Van Antwerp Bragg & Co. Wanda said it was a most comprehensive math book.

The second volume of the University Series of Readers, Holmes Second Reader.

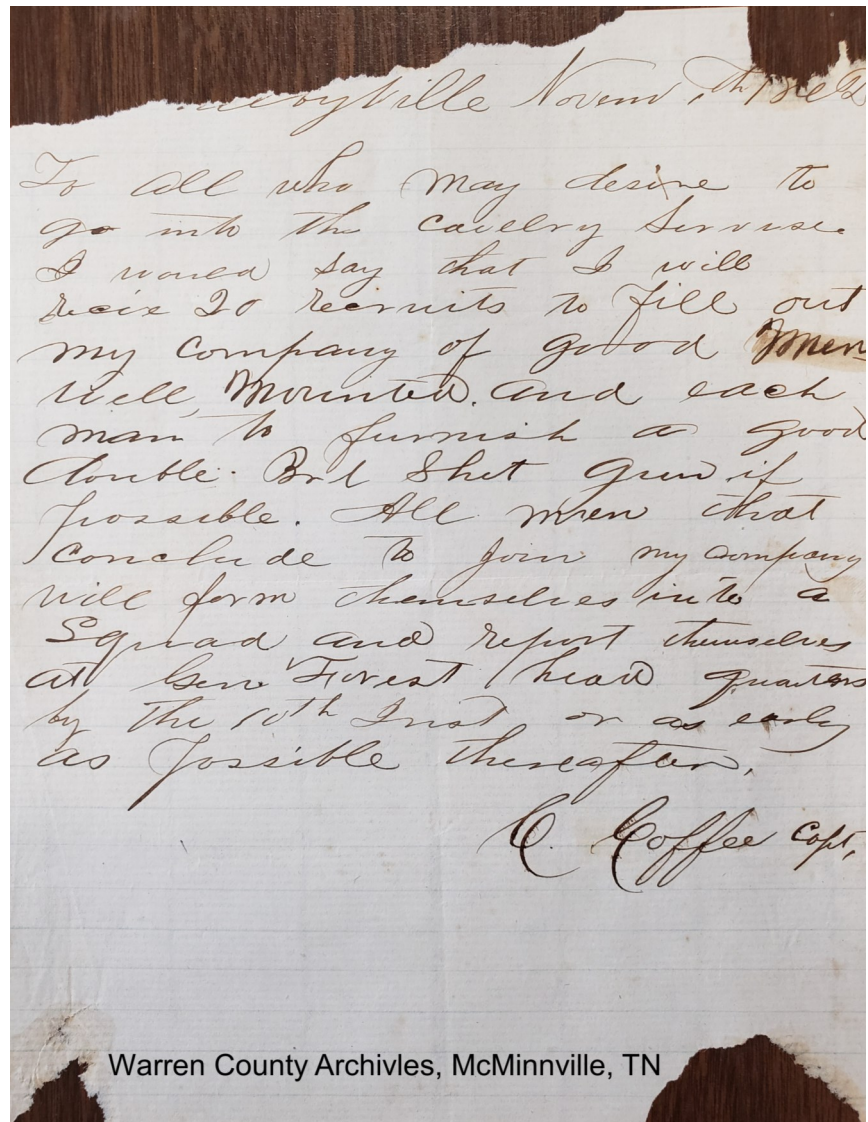
Arcadia School was built on land donated by Elisha Pepper II. Written in the books were the names of Maggie Pepr, Joe D. Pepper, and Millie Pippir.

The third book belonged to Anna Vickers, daughter of Anna Frank and Flossie Meadows Vickers when she attended Mt. Zion School in 1915.

How We Are Governed in Tennessee and the Nation by McBain and Mynders.

Ann Brown for the Warren County Archives

Found between the blank pages in the back of an 1860's ledger that was recovered from the Blue Building, this letter signed by Capt. C. Coffee dated November 1862 appears to be a recruitment ad for his "cavalry" in the Civil War.



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Novem th 1862

To all who may desire to go into the Cavalry Service I would say that I will receive 20 recruits to fill out my company of good men, well mounted and each man to furnish a good double Bird Shot gun if possible. All men that conclude to join my company will form themselves into a squad and report themselves at Gen. Forest head quarters by the 10th inst or as early as possible thereafter

C. Coffee Capt.

Mary Oaks – Cast Iron Toy Collection



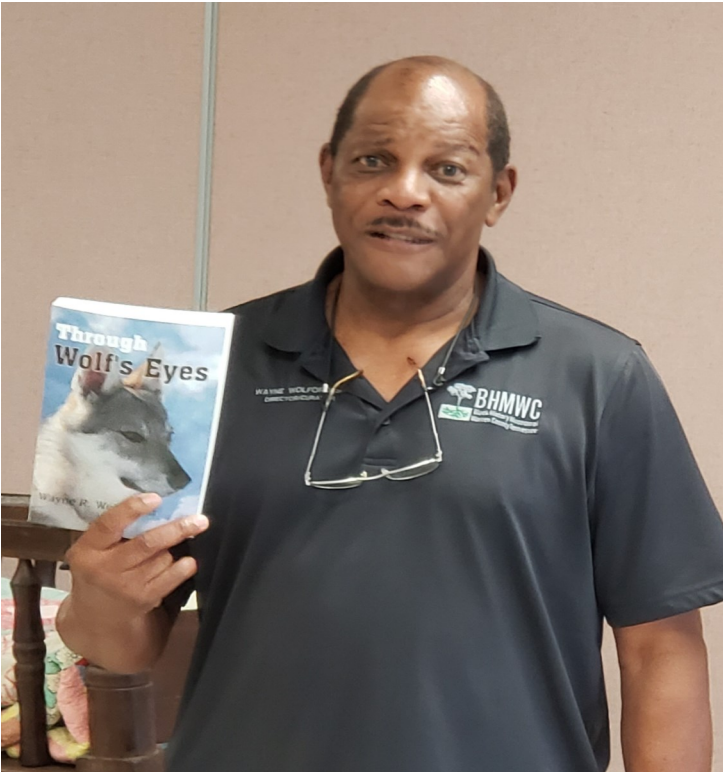
Mary brought a few of her circus animals from her cast-iron toy collection. Mary's interest in "all things circus" stems from her great great aunt, Esther Martens. One of Mary's family treasures is a photo of Esther in the 1916 Cinderella Pagent in Chicago, IL where she worked as an equestrian showgirl Ringling Brothers Circus.

Douglas Woodlee – Kraut Grinder

Douglas and his sister, Donna Woodlee Hancock, demonstrated how one person would sit on one side and crank the handle while the other person would feed the cabbage into the grinder. The grinder belongs to Douglas sister, Barbara Woodlee Moss from Rossville, GA. Along with the demonstration, we enjoyed the tales of family kraut making (although not always successful). Teamwork was a key factor in producing large quantities of kraut for the family.



Wayne Wolford for the Black History Museum



Wayne Wolford showcased his book, “Through Wolf’s Eyes” which traces his time growing up and visiting with his grandmother in Warren County. Wayne talked about the importance of documenting our history and has plans to continue writing. Copies can be purchased by contacting Wayne through the Black History Museum or at wolf32@charter.net,

Allen Jaco— The Quarter Pounder

Allen shared a couple of his yard sale finds which represent his interest in all things wooden. The mystery of the name “quarter pounder” was solved when it was disclosed that the hammer was missing on the item.



However, the purpose of the wooden container with lid remains a mystery although the most prevalent guess was a tobacco or snuff container.



Kathy Finn – Hamon Glassware



Kathy brought two unique pieces of glassware with a “family history” story attached. The pitcher on the left belonged to her father, John Sutherland, who passed in 2006. When asked where it came from, he replied that he didn’t remember.

In 2017, while researching John’s grandmother, Leah Hamon Sutherland, she discovered that Leah’s nephew, Okie “Hoot” Hamon founded a glass factory in Scott Depot, WV.

Stories from her Dad’s childhood recalled him driving a wagon to Scott Depot so his grandmother could visit relatives.

The vase on the right came into her possession after she “googled” Hamon Glass on Ebay just for fun. The vase was purchased and it even had a Hamon Glass paper sticker still on the bottom! You never know where you’ll find a family connection!

Larry Boyd—Book

Larry shared one of his many “scrap books” that he has created over the years. His love of Warren County and history and the people who made that history is evident in the stories that he has collected through the years.



Cheryl Watson Mingle for Magness Memorial Library



Easily the most unique item at the July Show & Tell, the famous mummy hand from Magness Memorial Library. As told in the November 24th, 1939 issue of the Southern Standard, the mummy hand was a souvenir brought home from India by the late William H. Magness where he kept it for several years. Mrs. Ernest Smallman discovered the artifact and gifted it to the library to be placed in the Memorial Room. The hand has quite the reputation and is often an object of conversation by visitors at the library.

Southern Standard, November 24, 1939

**Library Receives Gift
Of Mummified Hand**

A very unusual gift, a mummified hand, was received Wednesday by Mrs. J. M. Cunningham, superintendent at the Community House, to be placed in the Memorial Room. Mrs. Ernest Smallman presented the gift, having discovered it among the souvenirs brought back from world tours by the late William H. Magness. Mr. Magness brought the mummified hand home from India and had kept it in a box for several years. The object may be seen at the Community House upon request.



The WCGHA lost a long time member this month. We extend our sympathy and prayers to her family.



Shirley Eulene McGee Douglass

August 13, 1946 - July 21, 2022

McMinnville, TN resident and Warren County, TN native Shirley Eulene McGee Douglass, age 75, was born August 13, 1946 and died July 21, 2022 at St. Thomas River Park Hospital in McMinnville following an extended illness.

A retired educator of 36 years with Warren County School System and member of Central Church of Christ, she was the daughter of the late Thomas "T.C." and Mary Eula Haley McGee. Mrs. Douglass was a member of Warren County Retired Teachers Association, founding member of American Association of University Women McMinnville Chapter, member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Daughters of American Revolution, Warren County Genealogical Society and Secretary/Treasurer for the McGee family reunion. She was married for 56 years to John Douglass of McMinnville, TN. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by infant sister; sister, Louise McGee Nelson and brother, Howard McGee.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Douglass is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Angela and Tyson Brock of McMinnville, TN; two grandchildren, Allison Victoria Brock of Smyrna, TN and Jonathan Hunter Brock of Murfreesboro, TN; brother, Clarence Allen McGee of Christiana, TN; brother-in-law, Tommy Douglass of Wisconsin; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, David and Janice Douglass of Georgia; several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews and cousins.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, July 24, 2022 at Central Church of Christ with Cody Boston and Tim Fariss officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. View Cemetery in McMinnville, TN. Visitation will be Saturday from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. at High's.

Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice or do something nice for someone else.

Online condolences may be made at www.highfuneralhome.com.

High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Office News

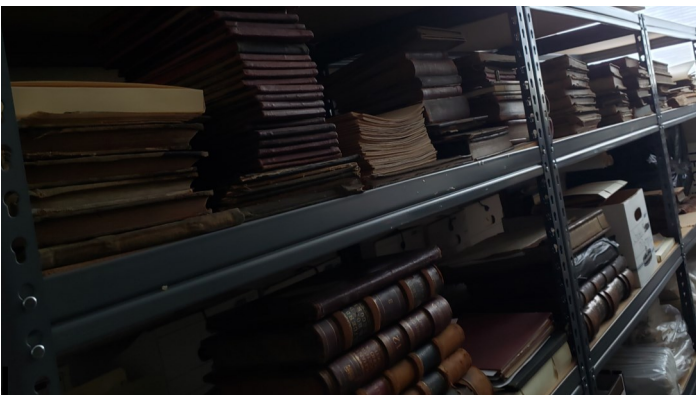
Our volunteers have been very busy this month with contributions coming in! We had 210.25 office volunteer hours and 20 committee hours for a total of 220.25 hours. Of course, Evelyn, Bonita, Mary, Ann are there to assist with visitors. J.B. and Allen have been scanning on the High Funeral Home records. We were happy to have Bettye Pack, Bernice Driver, Glenda Stubblefield, Marie and Earl Blair, Gail Woodlee and Bobby Bond all dropping in to participate in the collection and research activities of the Association.

Contributions

We added a lot of items to our Resource Library this month! The Heritage Alliance gifted us with school annuals from Central High, McMinnville City High, Morrison, Northside Elementary, Southside, Warren County Senior High, Warren County Junior High, and Warren County Middle School. Elaine Campbell gifted us with research journals from several areas including: Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy & History, Tennessee Historical Quarterly, Texas State Genealogical Society Quarterly, Virginia Genealogical Society Quarterly, and various other publications.

Assisting the Warren County Archives

Evelyn Wade, Mary Oaks, Gail Woodlee, and Glenda Stubblefield helped with getting the Blue Building Recovered Books from quarantine in the Early Voting Room to the shelves in the Archives. Each sheet in each ledger was brushed to ensure that no bugs were carried into the Archives. That's a lot of pages brushed!



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Agenda for Members Meeting

August 20th, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the Early Voting Room

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Call to Order – President Ann Brown

Reading of Minutes – Secretary Barbara Bates

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer J. B. Brown

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| 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/Photo Archives
- Methodist Archives
- 1905 Post Office Ledger

NEW BUSINESS

- Heritage Alliance — Fair Opportunity

AUGUST 20TH PROGRAM

TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY & ARCHIVES

CHUCK SHERRILL

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

BOARD MEETING – THURSDAY, THE 8TH AT 10:00 P.M.

TOWN TALK, WEDNESDAY, THE 14TH AT 8:00 A.M.

MEMBERS MEETING – SATURDAY, THE 17TH AT 2:00 P.M.



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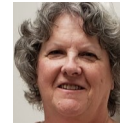


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