



# WCGHA Newsletter

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## **Come Join Us February 18, 2-4 p.m. “The History of Radio in Warren County”**

**By Dr. Norman Rone**

**(There will also be a display of posters  
of radio personalities by Tommy Miller)**

**AND**

**You will not want to miss a special  
Pioneer Family presentation!**

We will meet in the Early Voting Room  
located at the back of the Warren  
County Administration building,  
201 Locust Street

*Ann Brown, WCGHA President*

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Another fun Show & Tell is in the books. We had a great time with some unique and interesting items from our members and visitors. Mary Don is busy lining up programs for the year so if you have suggestions, give her a shout.

We have some new volunteer scanners, Trena Holder and Kathy Finn, to help J.B. and Allen with the High Funeral Home records. They will be a big help in finishing this project.

The office has been buzzing with committee meetings, research, and new contributions. It is so good to have our members participating in the office activities.

Our February Meeting is going to be an a great one! Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Ann

*"Our memory gives back life to those who no longer exist."*

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Feb 9th—Board of Directors Meeting

Feb 18th—Members Meeting

Mar 9th—Board of Directors Meeting

Mar 18th—Members Meeting, **"Moonshine Anyone?"**, by Kevin Molloy

Apr 6th—Board of Directors Meeting

Apr 15th—Members Meeting, TBD

May 11th—Board of Directors Meeting

May 20th—Members Meeting, TBD

Jun 8th—Board of Directors Meeting

Jun 17th—Members Meeting, TBD

Jul 6th—Board of Directors Meeting

Jul 15th—Members Meeting, **Show & Tell**

Aug 10th—Board of Directors Meeting

Aug 19th—Members Meeting, TBD

Sep 7th—Board of Directors Meeting

Sep 16th—Members Meeting, **"The Barnes Brothers"** by Lucas Holt

Oct 12th—Board of Directors Meeting

Oct 21st—Members Meeting, TBD

Nov 9th—Board of Directors Meeting

Nov 18th—Members Meeting, TBD

December—No Meetings

Welcome to our new members:

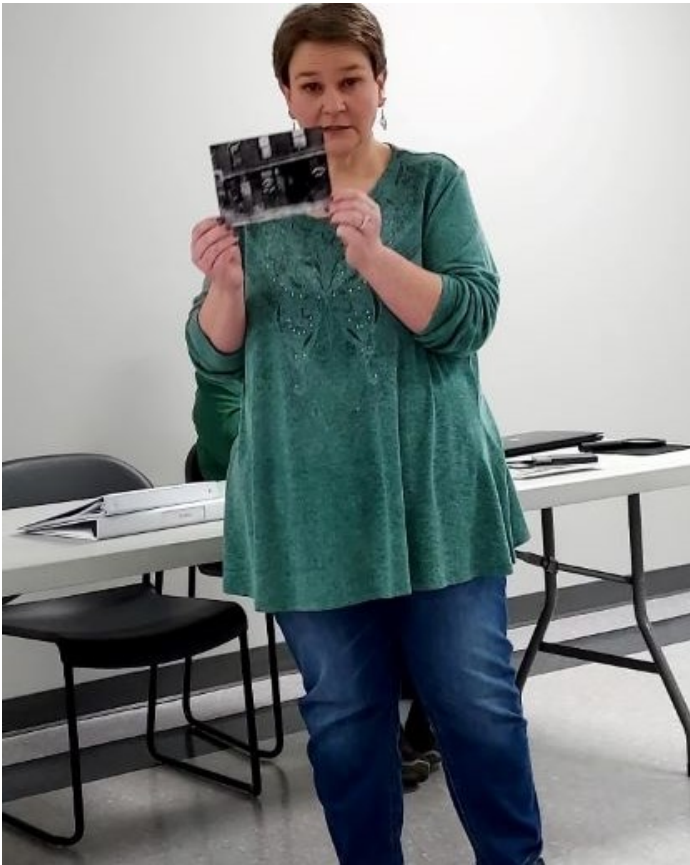
Malinda Savage Brown of McMinnville, TN

Tommy and Carolyn Miller of McMinnville, TN

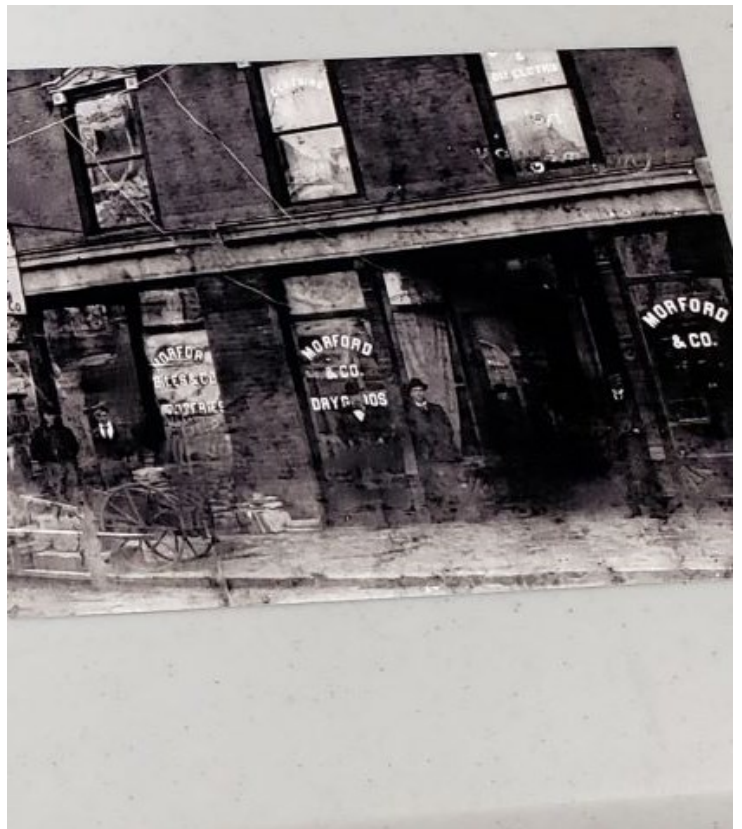
**Don't forget!**

**Membership Renewal deadline is February 28th!**

## SHOW AND TELL



Melody Crim from Heritage Alliance demonstrated the results of an application she used to enhance an old photograph.





**Glenda Cantrell showed a piece of an airplane found in the Irving College area after a crash when she was a young girl.**

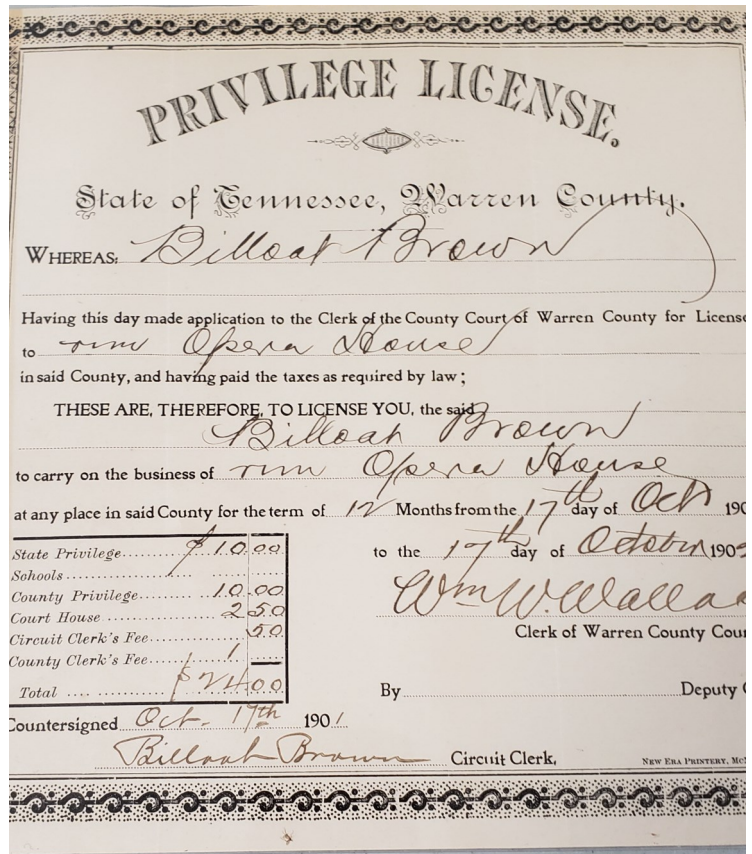
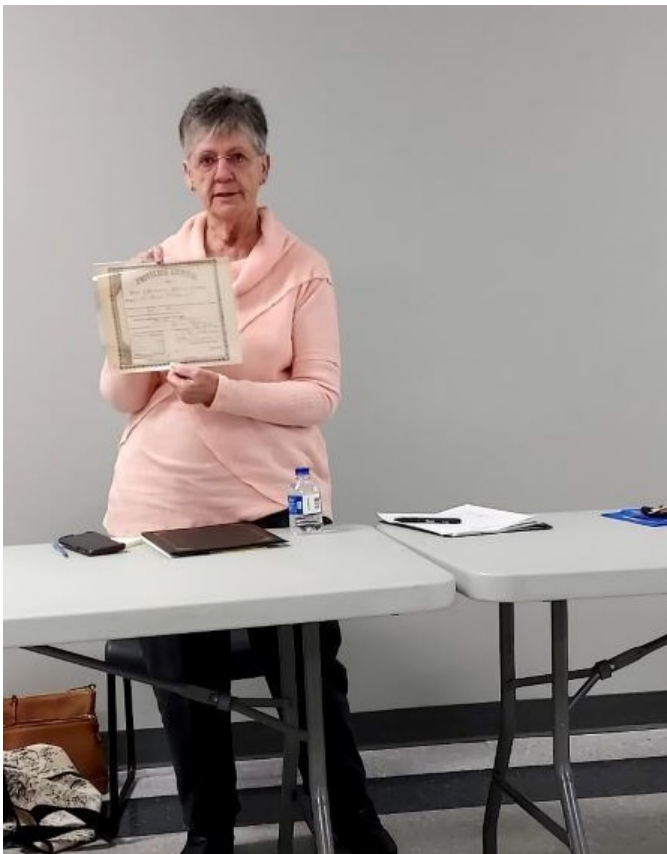


**Melinda Savage Brown brought a radio that was handmade for one of her family members, that they are hoping to get it to work!**

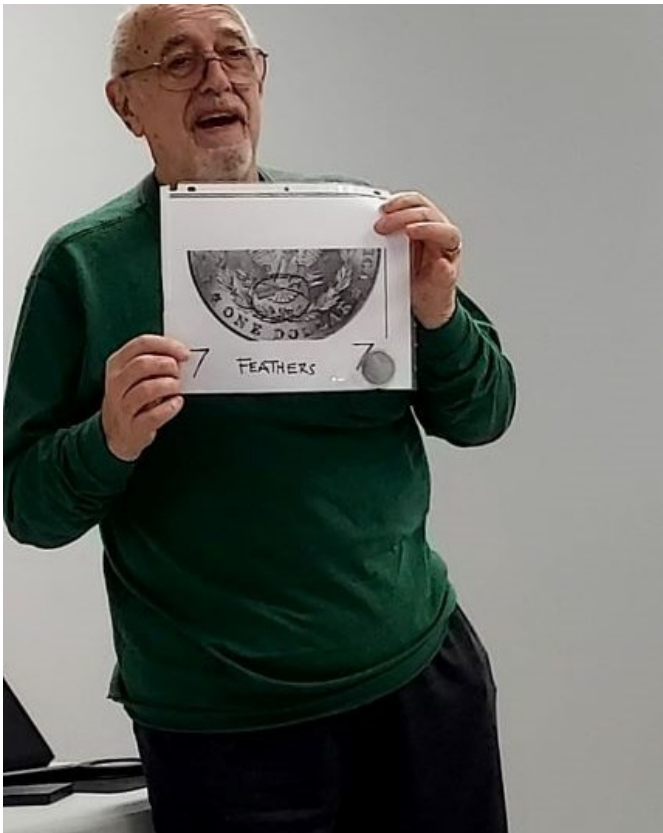




Lucas Holt showed medals and other memorabilia belonging to his uncle who served in Viet Nam.



Ann Brown with the license for an Opera House in Warren County, dated October 17, 1901.



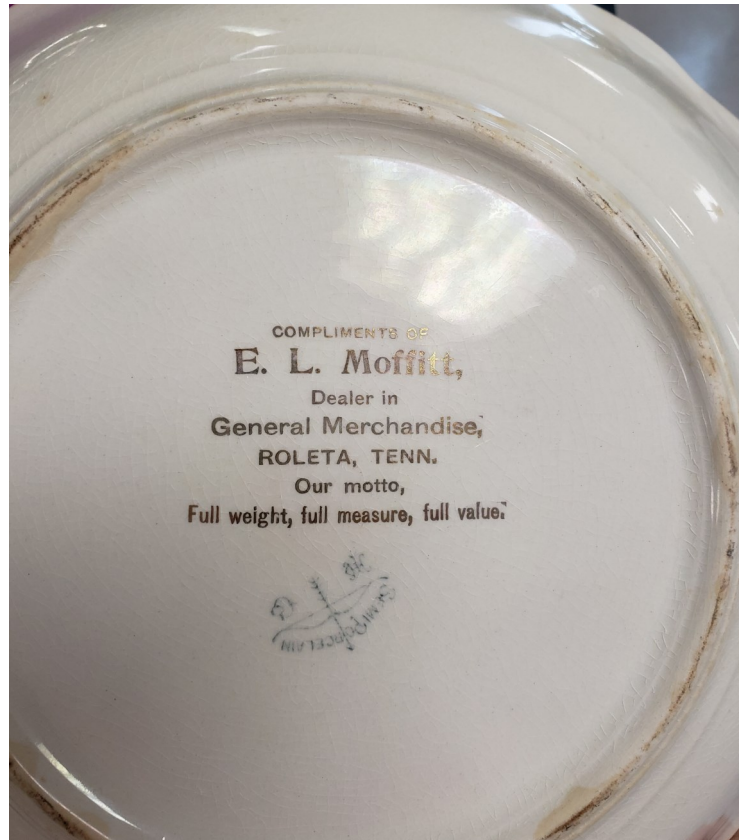
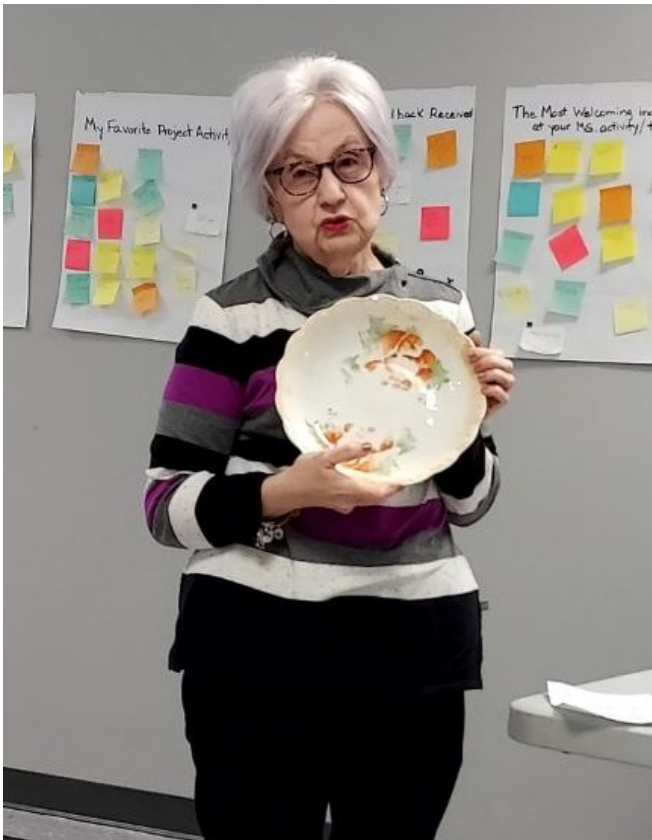
JB Brown brought in his Morgan silver dollar, with enlarged photos showing that it had to be corrected twice due to an incorrect number of tail feathers on the eagle!



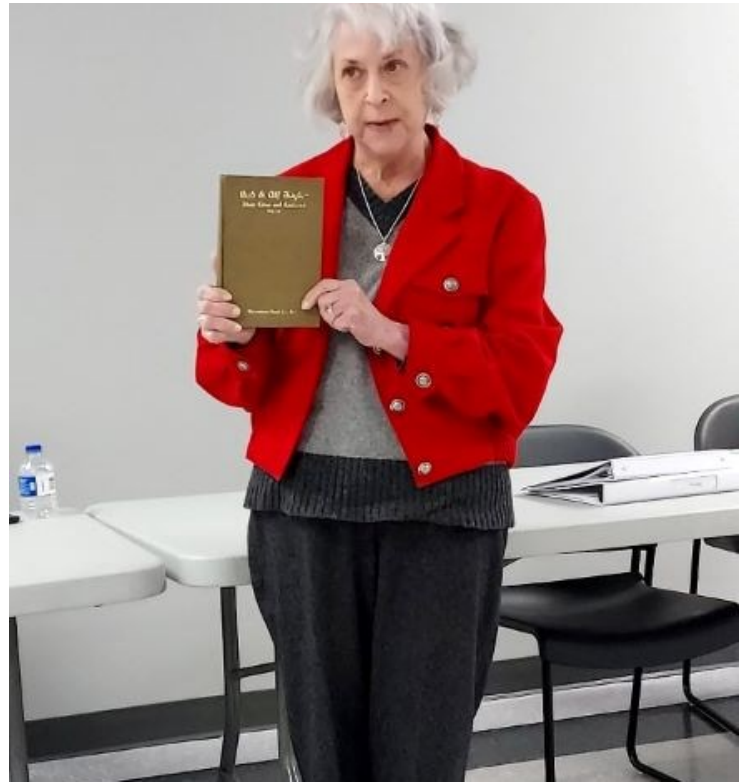
Mary Oakes showed her collection of political buttons passed down from a family member.



Carolyn Lance shared her handcrafted whip and hand-carved kitchen utensils.



Gail Woodlee's treasure is a bowl that was given to a family member by the owner of a general store in Roleta, TN (Irving College area).

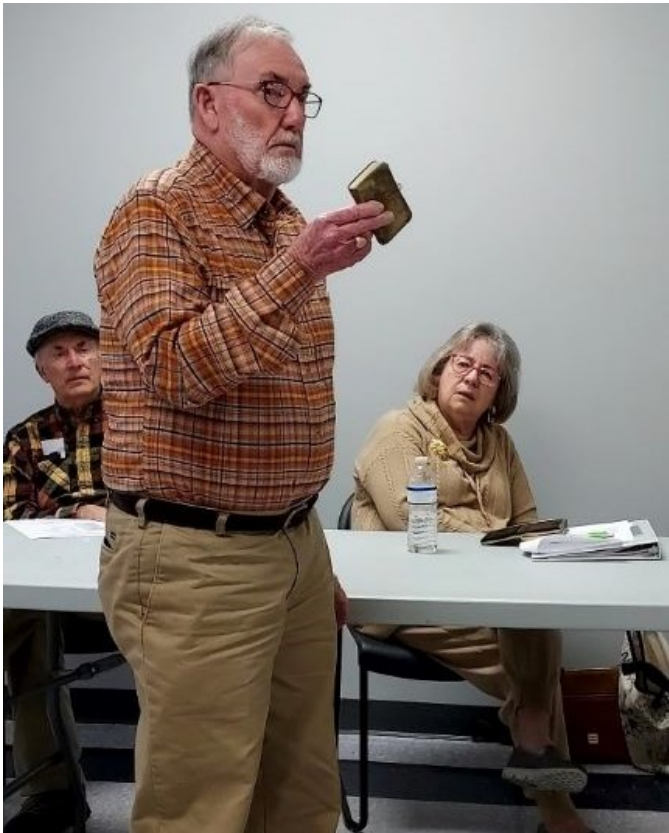


(R): Wanda Gant with her book, “Bob & Alf Taylor, Their Lives and Lectures. The story of Senator Robert Love Taylor and Governor Alfred Alexander Taylor by Paul Deresco Augsburg ( Copyright 1925). Tennessee’s most famous brothers and the campaign described as Tennessee’s War of the Roses”.

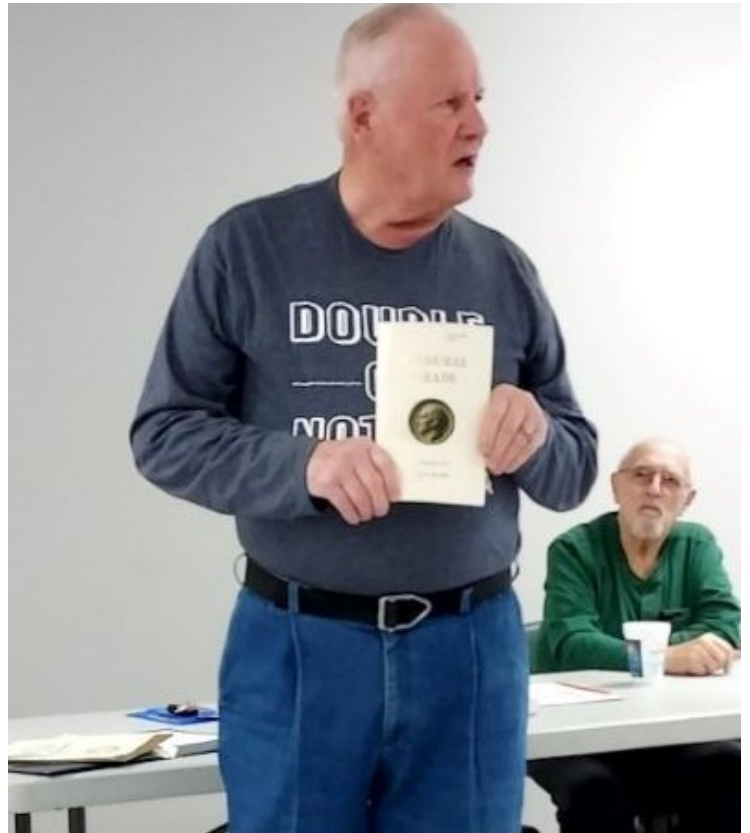


(L): Barbara Bates showing three generations of her family as infants; her grandmother, her mother and Barbara.

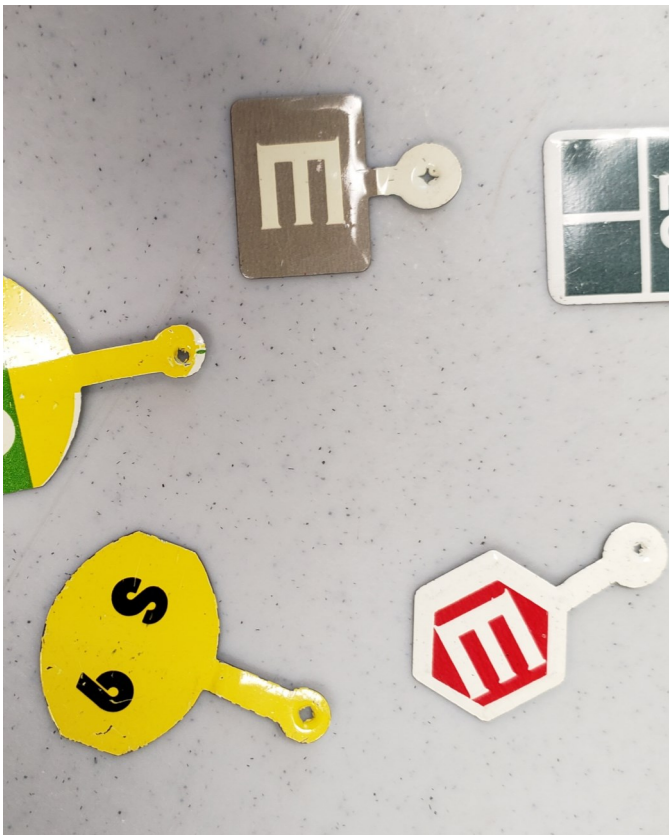




One of Earl Blair's prized possessions is the bible that his father carried during WWII.



Douglas Woodlee with memorabilia from his years with the TBI and special security details.



Jimmy Carter, center, speaks on the behalf of her husband, presidential candidate Jimmy Carter, during a reception hosted by Blanton at the governor's mansion Sept. 6, 1976. JIMMY CARTER / THE TENNESSEAN

# Many thanks to the 13 participants in our first Show & Tell for 2023. We have such awesome members!



President Ann Brown presented two Certificates of Appreciation:

(L): Douglas Woodlee, Vice President/  
Programs for 2022

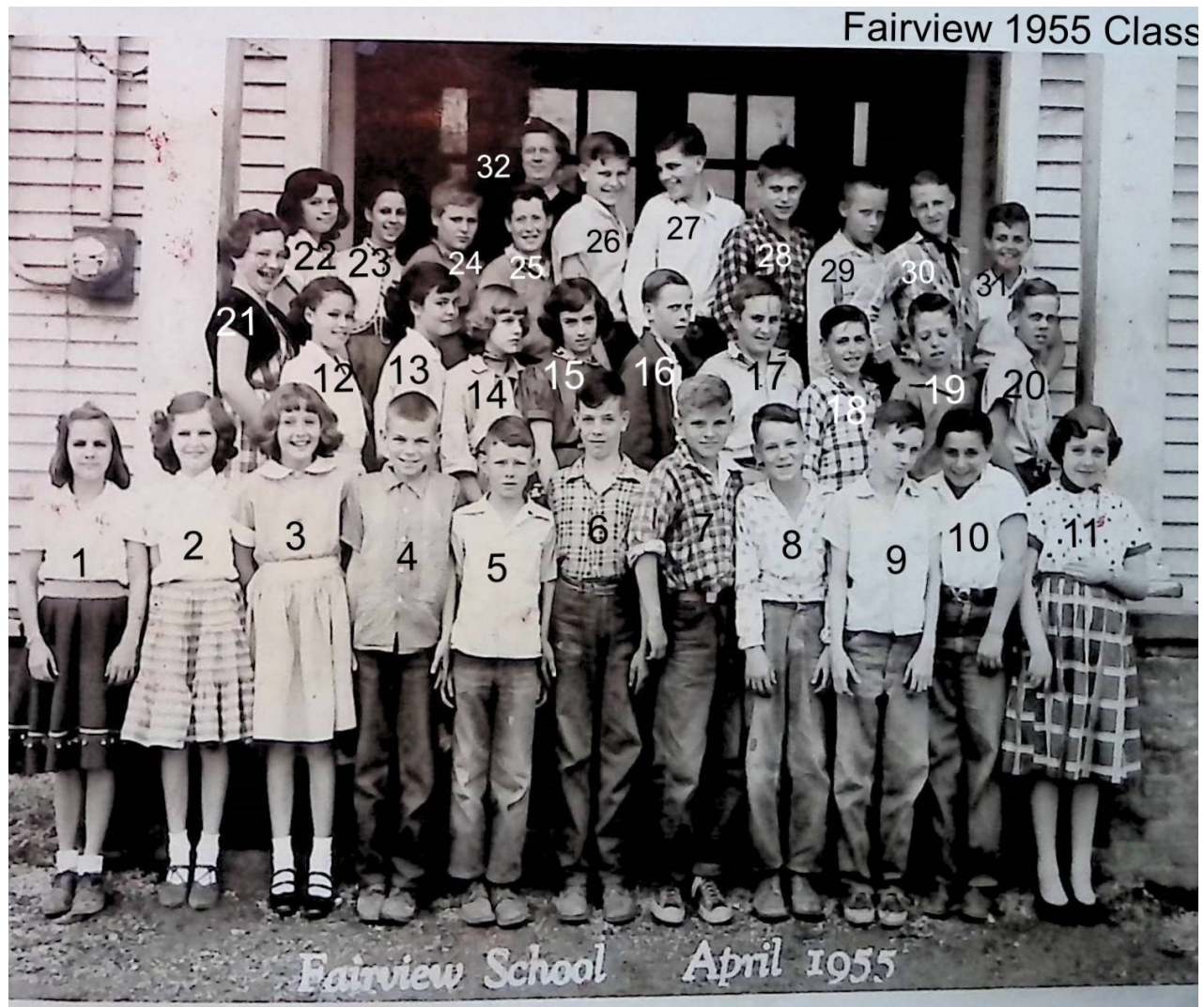
(R): Bob Bates, Bulletin Editor for  
2022

## LOCAL HISTORY QUIZ

(answers in red)

1. How much was paid for Lot 1 in McMinnville in 1811?  
A. \$310.00 B. \$975.00 C. **\$160.00**
2. As of 1881, where was the strongest sulfur water in the state? **Crisp Springs**
3. What school was built and opened in 1924 and closed in 1966? **Fairview**
4. There was a school operating in 1913 near Irving College called **Knowledge** Bottom.
5. Who was the first postmaster in McMinnville? **Joseph Colville.**
6. Modern banking began in McMinnville in **1874** and reorganized as **First National Bank & Trust** in 1905.
7. Washington Brittain was elected **mayor** in 1859.
8. How many distilleries operated in Warren Co. in 1890? **60**
9. What is the oldest civic club and when was it organized?  
**Rotary** A. 1918 **b. 1921** c. 1929
10. In 1883 the first **street lights** were installed in McMinnville.

## Can You Identify the Missing Names?



(1) ?; (2) Ruth Pendergraph; (3) Clayta Taylor; (4) Kenneth Walker; (5) Gene Hale; (6) Clifford Walker; (7) Charles Chisam; (8) Ronnie Smith; (9) Larry Bottoms; (10) ?; (11) Joyce Taylor (12) ?; (13) Josephine Savage (14) ?; (15) ?; (16) Brad Curtis; (17) William Bain; (18) Avery Curtis; (19) Terry Smith; (20) Buster Pegg; (21) Joyce Hillis; (22) (23) ?; (24) ?; (25) William Priest; (26) ?; (27) ?; (28) ?; (29) Carl Adcock; (30) Hershel Hillis; (31) Ronnie Arnold; (32) ?

Thanks to Terry Smith for allowing us to scan his 1955 and 1956 Fairview School Scrapbooks. We have all the grades for those years at the Association office and would love to have the students identified.

# **Pioneer Settlers from our Pioneer Families of Warren County**

Do you have an ancestor who was in Warren County between 1807 and 1820? The ancestors listed below have descendants who have proven their line of descent to earn a Pioneer Family Certificate. There are hundreds of Warren County pioneer settlers on the 1812 Tax List and the 1820 Warren County Census Record who are not on this list. The Pioneer Families of Warren County Committee would love to help you earn your certificate if you have a qualifying ancestor. Committee members: Marie Blair, Chairman, Bettye Pack, Bonita Mangrum, Cheryl Mingle, and Ann Brown. You can download an application here:

[www.tngenweb.org/wcga/n/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Projects-Pioneer-Family-Application.pdf](http://www.tngenweb.org/wcga/n/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Projects-Pioneer-Family-Application.pdf)

<b>Blair, Andrew</b> (b.1760)	<b>Lockhart, James</b> (b.?)
<b>Bond, William Thomas</b> (b.1766)	<b>Martin, Jacob</b> (b.1772)
<b>Brown, Absolom</b> (b.1778)	<b>Martin, William 'Rock'</b> (b.1781)
<b>Byars, Burgess Harrell</b> (b.1779)	<b>Masey, Stephen</b> (b. bet 1770-1780)
<b>Cantrell, Aaron</b> (b. abt 1765)	<b>McGee, John</b> (b.1757)
<b>Clendenon, James</b> (b.1775)	<b>Miller, John Jr.</b> (b.1793)
<b>Countiss, Peter III</b> (b.?)	<b>Mitchell, Mark</b> (b.1754)
<b>Crouch, Richard</b> (b.1780)	<b>Neal, William</b> (b.1777)
<b>Cunningham, John</b> (b.1792)	<b>Northcutt, John</b> (b.1756/58)
<b>Dean, Joshua</b> (b.1745)	<b>Nunley, Thomas</b> (b.1774)
<b>Dodson, Elijah</b> (b.1785)	<b>Nunley, William</b> (b.1794)
<b>Dodson, Rev. Jesse</b> (b.1752)	<b>Paris/Parris, Jonathan</b> (b.1783)
<b>Faulkner, Dr. Archibald</b> (b.1770)	<b>Pepper, Elisha II</b> (b.1777)
<b>Ferrell, John</b> (b.ca 1790)	<b>Phillips, Martin</b> (b.1794)
<b>Forrest, James Gilmore</b> (b.1751)	<b>Reynolds, Jenkins</b> (b. abt 1780)
<b>Fults, John</b> (b.1776)	<b>Rhea, Moses</b> (b.1767)
<b>Gribble, Thomas</b> (b.1777)	<b>Rogers, Levi</b> (b.1775)
<b>Gribble, Thomas Carmack</b> (b.1776)	<b>Smart, Reuben</b> (b.1770-1780)
<b>Hammons, Leroy</b> (b.1785-87)	<b>Smith, James B.</b> (b.1790)
<b>Hays, William M. Sr.</b> (b.1780)	<b>Snow, Ebenezer</b> (b. ca 1758)
<b>Hennessee, James David</b> (b.1766)	<b>Starkey, Isiah</b> (b.1785)
<b>Hicks, Archibald</b> (b.1780-82)	<b>Stepp, Frederick</b> (b.1783)
<b>Higginbotham, Aaron</b> (b.1778)	<b>Stubblefield, George</b> (b.1780)
<b>Hillis, Isaac</b> (b.1787)	<b>Tate, James</b> (b.1778)
<b>Hobbs, Ezekiel</b> (b.1775)	<b>Tenpenny, Richard</b> (b.1766)
<b>Jaco, Jeremiah</b> (b.1783)	<b>Vicars, Robert</b> (b.1740)
<b>Jaco, John</b> (b.1745)	<b>Walker, James Sr</b> (b.1777)
<b>Jennings, Obediah</b> (b.1775)	<b>Webb, John Byers</b> (b.1762)
<b>Jennings, Obediah</b> (b.1775)	<b>Woodlee/Woodley, John Sr.</b> (b.1767)

# Identified!



(1) Mrs. Jess (Fannie Bell) Nunley; (2) Lillian Nelms (m. John Daniels); (3) Evelyn Casey; (4) Beulah Thompson; (5) Ann McCollum; (6) Jess L. Nunley, principal; (7) Harriet Reams; (8) Lula Chisam; (9) Hilda Newman; (10) Mrs. A. D. (Ola) Myers; (11) Edith McKenzie; (12) Mrs. Smothers; (13) Mrs. Mamie Jean Zwingle; (14) Mrs. Nathan Cantrell; (15) Manilla Swack; (16) Mrs. Forest H. Cantrell; (17) Virgie Simmons; (18) Thelma Wilson; (19) Revlene Haley; (20) Mrs. Grimmett; (21) Helen Elkins; (22) Catherine Tarwater; (23) Ruth Boyd; (24) Mrs. George Wilson; (25) Claudine Denton; (26) Lola Flatt; (27) Louise Moffitt; (28) Mary King; (29) Leonard Raper; (30) John Daniels; (31) Oakley Jennings.

This photo was published in “Year by Year, Celebrating Our Bicentennial”.

Thanks to member, Carolyn Lance, for spotting the photo and providing names!

## **In Memory of Kelly Walton Marlowe, Jr.**

Kelly Walton Marlowe, Jr., age 84, was born May 1, 1938 and died January 31, 2023 at St. Thomas West Hospital in Nashville, TN following a brief illness.

He was the son of the late Kelly Walton Marlow, Sr. and Liza Hillis Wells. He was married to Gwen Marlowe on January 4, 1970 who preceded him in death on February 15, 2010. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his son, Scott Marlowe; brothers, Joe Marlow, Roger Wells and Thomas Marlowe; sister, Patricia Pitcher and step-father, Shirley Wells.



A lifelong resident of McMinnville and Warren County, Kelly began his career working at Cook's Department Store, but soon opened his own store, Kelly's Men's Store and was for many years a stalwart member of the McMinnville Business Community. Later in life, he worked in the insurance business and in local radio.

He was perhaps best-known for his work as a beloved local radio host, where for decades, he and his co-hosts on shows such as Town Talk, Swap & Shop, and Behind the Mic carried on a never-ending conversation with their loyal listeners about every topic under the sun.

Kelly's contributions to our local community extended far beyond the business world. As a member and contributor to many civic organizations throughout his life, including the Jaycees, Lion's Club, and the March of Dimes, Kelly always worked to make McMinnville into a better place. He was a devoted lifetime member of Liberty Cumberland Presbyterian Church who always enjoyed singing in the choir. Every year to the very end of his life, he worked tirelessly to organize his Nursing Home Christmas, a cause which was very close to his heart.

In his spare time, he was an avid golfer and a member of the Southern Gospel quartet The Harmony Echoes. And as many generations of local residents can attest, he was always quick with a smile, a joke, or a helping hand when one was needed.

Mr. Marlowe is survived by two children, Gina (Ron) Moore of Decherd, TN and Camilla (Ritchey) Rhea of Rock Island, TN; grandchildren, Christopher Marlowe (Sera), Ross Marlowe (Katelyn), Nathan Maxwell, Karen Marlowe, Allison Maxwell and Melyssa (Ben) Salter; great-grandchildren, Tessilyn West, Sadie Cross and Charlie Gwen Marlowe and lots of cousins, nieces, nephews and many, many friends.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 5, 2023 at Liberty Cumberland Presbyterian Church with Willard Ralph, Jr. officiating. Burial will follow at Liberty Cemetery in Warren County, TN. Visitation will be Saturday from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00p.m. at High Funeral Home and Sunday from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Liberty Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Nursing Home Christmas in care of High Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at [www.highfuneralhome.com](http://www.highfuneralhome.com).

High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## In Memory of Kelly Walton Marlowe, Jr.

Our friends at WBMC shared this on February 1st—we couldn't have said it any better.

"Thinking of our beloved Kelly Marlowe & because it is has been so popular, here is his "Famous Chicken & Dumplings" recipe! We love you, Kelly, thanks for the memories and good food!"

### Slow Cooker Chicken + Dumplings

- Cook 3 or 4 Chicken Breast in water and 4 Tablespoons Margarine or Butter - save liquid.
- Let cool then tear into small pieces.
- In your Slow Cooker, layer chicken enough to cover the bottom -
- Then a layer of Reg Lasagne Noodles that have been broken into thirds or halves -
- Next another layer of chicken then another layer of noodles - do this until all chicken is used, usually about (3) layers of noodles + chicken.
- Meanwhile while chicken is cooling, prepare one or two cans of cream of chicken soup with a can of water - set aside until chicken + noodles are layered - completely cover noodles + chicken, adding chicken stock left over from boiling chicken. Noodles + chicken MUST be barely covered to keep the noodles from getting hard - Cook in slow cooker (4) hrs on low or (2) hrs on high - I like to stir up well, about 30 minutes before its done - That's it

Kelly Marlowe

## Office News

This has to be a record—on Friday, January 27th we logged a total of 45 volunteer and committee hours! We love that our members are participating in so many activities!. Totals for the month are— Office: 182.5; Committee: 38.25; and Individual: 2.25; for a total of 223 hours volunteered this month! Thanks to everyone for pitching in to make our Association a success!

## Research

Trena Holder researching the Holders.

## Contributions

Guide to Genealogical Records in the National Archives	Resource Library	In Memory of Martha Holt—Bonita Mangrum
Scotch-Irish Origins of General James Robertson	Resource Library	In Memory of Martha Holt—Bonita Mangrum
Surry County, NC Abstracts Deed Books A, B, C (1770-1788)	Resource Library	In Memory of Martha Holt—Bonita Mangrum
Virginia Wills Before 1799	Resource Library	In Memory of Martha Holt—Bonita Mangrum
A Bibliography of Ship Passenger Lists 1538-1825	Resource Library	In Memory of Martha Holt—Bonita Mangrum
Early Wills 1746-1765 Luxenburg County, VA	Resource Library	In Memory of Martha Holt—Bonita Mangrum
The Virginia Genealogist, Vol 13-1969, Vol 21-1977#2, Vol 21-1977#4	Resource Library	In Memory of Martha Holt—Bonita Mangrum
The Argo Family	Resource Library	Glenda Stubblefield
Mayes—Milstead Scrapbook	WCGHA Archives	Kerry Mayes
Love Charles	Resource Library	Priscilla Wanamaker
National Genealogical Society Quarterly	Resource Library	Kathy Finn





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Family History/Photos**

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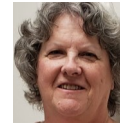


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