



WCGHA Newsletter

MAY
2023

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**Come Join Us
May 20,
2-4 p.m.**

**“Tour of Hard
Times, USA”**

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

No refreshments will be served

Ann Brown, WCGHA President

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It's time for May flowers, cemetery decorations, and family reunions. Looks like it is going to be a busy summer!

We are looking forward to touring Hard Times, USA this month. It's nice to be able to get out and about again after being confined during the Covid months. We will have a short business meeting in the Early Voting Room.

The Bulletins have been ordered and should be here in time for the May meeting. Bulletins that are not picked up at the meeting will be mailed the following week. We hope you enjoy reading about the Blue Building history, Charles Faulkner Bryan, and the Elrod Family. I so appreciate all the Bulletin Committee for their dedication to producing a quality bulletin for our members!

Hope to see you on the 20th. Be sure to invite a friend!

Ann

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 11th—Board of Directors Meeting

May 20th—Members Meeting, **Tour**

Jun 8th—Board of Directors Meeting

Jun 17th—Members Meeting, **Beersheba Springs by Charlotte Boyd**

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—Christmas Social

If you have ideas for programs, Mary Don would love to hear from you!



B & P Lamp Supply

Everyone enjoyed Laura Beth Gheesling's presentation on the early beginnings of B & P Lamp Supply. Laura is the great-granddaughter of Pauline Vanhooser Barnes (1911-1996) and Lawson Hill Barnes (1909-1969). Pauline and Lawson both descend from early Warren County families and made their home here. Married in 1930, they lived through the Depression, managed the Dixie Theater and made their home at 112 Westwood Drive. It was in the basement of their home that their business ventures began with the restoration of furniture. Eventually, this business expanded into antiques and finally settled into the specialty of lamp repair and restoration. We enjoyed seeing photos and memorabilia from the beginnings of this family business.



Grandfather George Etter
James and Charles Caldwell
Lawson Barnes, Jr (in cart)
George D. Barnes



B & P Lamp Supply (continued)

SALARY AND SOCIAL SECURITY STATEMENT
CUMBERLAND AMUSEMENT CO., Inc.

Name of Theatre Dixie Address McMinnville, Tenn.

Name Lawson Hill Barnes

S. S. Number 412-24-3341

Period Covered Oct. 3, 1942 to DEC 31 1942

Amount Salary Paid \$381.95

Amount Social Security \$3.82

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Payments of not less than 500.00 plus interest at 6 % to be made every 90 days.

NO DUE B. & P. Lamp Supply Co.

ADDRESS McMinnville, Tenn. Lawson H. Barnes

..... Pauline V. Barnes

..... Paul O. Barnes



B & P Lamp Supply (continued)



Lawson and Pauline sons carried their sons, Paul and Bobby, on their buying trips in the early years and Paul joined the business in the 60s. Following family tradition, Paul's sons, Barry and Paul Michael, joined the business after graduating from college. Barry is now retired but his daughter, Laura Beth continues to be active in the endeavor.

Today, B & P Lamp Supply continues to be a family-owned business. They have transitioned from word of mouth to printed catalogs, and to the internet with each successive generation adding the expertise of their generation to the business. They are a true Warren County success story and a testament to family dedication and hard work!



B & P Lamp Supply now encompasses 150,000 square feet and sells worldwide through Amazon and Walmart. They are one of the three largest suppliers of lighting parts for repair and restoration in the United States.



Spring & Summer 2023 Bulletin

The Spring & Summer Bulletin has been submitted to the printer and is scheduled to be here by our May meeting. Thanks to the Bulletin Committee for all their hard work: Bob Bates, Bonita Bratcher, Chris Keathley, Cheryl Mingle and Bettye Pack. Also, thanks to proofreaders J. B. Brown and Mary Don Bixby. A special thanks to Chris Keathley for providing Monty Wanamaker's prints for our cover. We hope you'll enjoy reading about the History of the Blue Building, Charles Faulkner Bryan, and the Elrod Family of America submitted by member Scarlett Griffith, along with several tidbits of Warren County history. We encourage our members to contribute to our bulletin and if you have ideas for articles, we would love to hear from you!

WARREN COUNTY

GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION



Monty Wanamaker Artwork Courtesy of Southern Museum and Galleries

Spring & Summer 2023

BULLETIN

Office News

Office volunteers and committee members logged 173 1/4 hours in April. Thanks to Evelyn, Bonita and Mary, Mary Don, Chris, Marie and Earl, Bettye, Cheryl, Kathy, Allen, J.B. , Wanda and Carolyn for working to make the WCGHA a success! We are excited to see so many of our members in the office.

Research

Debbie Allen—Merry Oaks School

Contributions

Records of Rhae, A Condensed County History	Resource Library	Mary Don Bixby
Edmond and Absolum Davenport, Their Ancestors and Descendants, Vol 1 and 2	Resource Library	Douglas Woodlee
Grundy County Historical Society, Vol. 28, March 2023	Resource Library	Grundy County
Woodlee Reunion Minutes 1965-1988	Family Files	Douglas Woodlee
Woodlee Reunion Photos	Photo Archives	Douglas Woodlee
Williams and Hudson Family Photos	To be processed	Bill Williams
Merry Oaks School Memorabilia	To be processed	Debbie Allen

Welcome to our New Members!

* Amy Jo Stanford, McMinnville*

Thanks to all our faithful members who have renewed for 2023! If you haven't renewed, you can still renew and ensure your 2023 Bulletin deliveries.

Do you have a friend who shares your interest in history and genealogy? Invite them to attend a meeting and ask if they would like to join our Association.



Come Visit Us

**Our hours are
Monday & Friday
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
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and**

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

**Our office is located at
201 Locust Street
McMinnville, Tennessee
in the lower level of the
County Administration Building**

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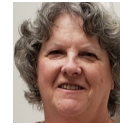


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