



WCGHA Newsletter

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**Come Join Us
August 19,
2-4 p.m.**

**“An Historical
Old Spring”
By Dr. Neil Schultz**

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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Wow! July Show & Tell was awesome! So many good stories and interesting items from our members and visitors! The months just keep marching on.

Be sure to read Marie Blair's article about the McClung Library and First Families of Tennessee. It was a great trip and we thoroughly enjoyed the visit and learned "stuff". If you get a chance to make the trip, it's well worth the drive.

We are having a "hard time" getting our Hard Times, USA Tour scheduled but hopefully September will be the month.

We love having visitors so if you are researching or just want to look around, stop by and visit with us.

Hope to see you on the 19th! Bring a friend and learn about Warren County history!

Ann

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Aug 3rd—National Watermelon Day

Aug 6th—National Friendship Day

Aug 7th—Purple Heart Day

Aug 10th—**WCGHA Board of Directors**

Aug 12th—National Middle Child Day

Aug 16th—**Town Talk on WBMC**

Aug 17th—National Nonprofit Day

Aug 19th—**"An Historical Old Spring"
by Dr. Neil Schultz**

Aug 21st—National Senior Citizens Day

Aug 25th—National Banana Split Day

Aug 26th—National Dog Day

Aug 27th—National Just Because Day

Upcoming Programs

Sep 16th—**Hard Times, USA Tour**

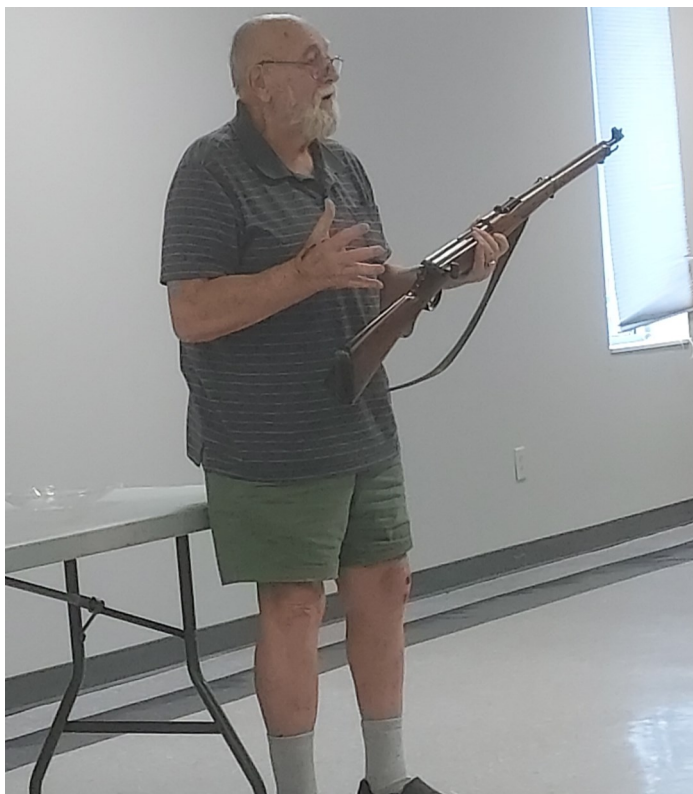
If you have ideas for programs, Mary Don would love to hear from you!

WELCOME to our New Members!

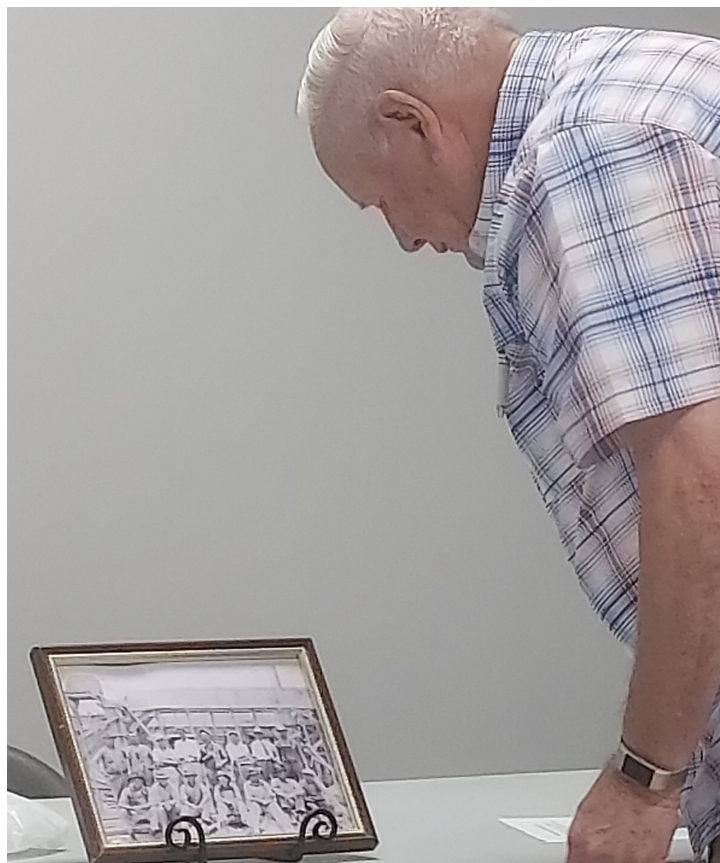
Wayne & Faye Walker, Sequatchie, TN

Ricky Jones, McMinnville, TN

SHOW AND TELL



J.B. Brown with antique rifle



Douglas Woodlee with a photo of his dad made
101 years ago



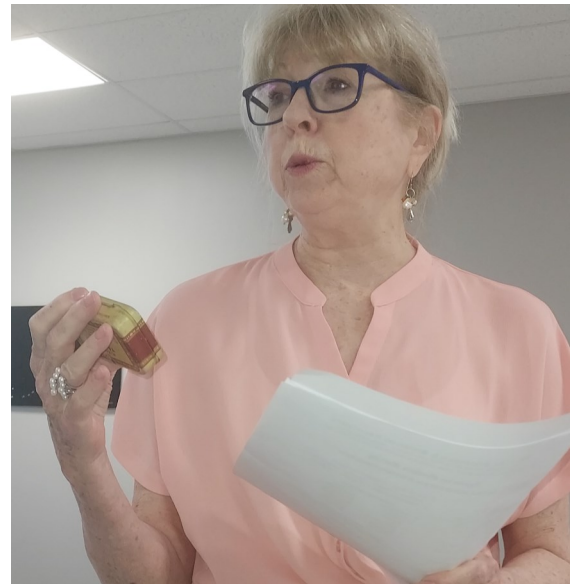
Mary Oaks brought her piece of a coverlet that was
divided among family members



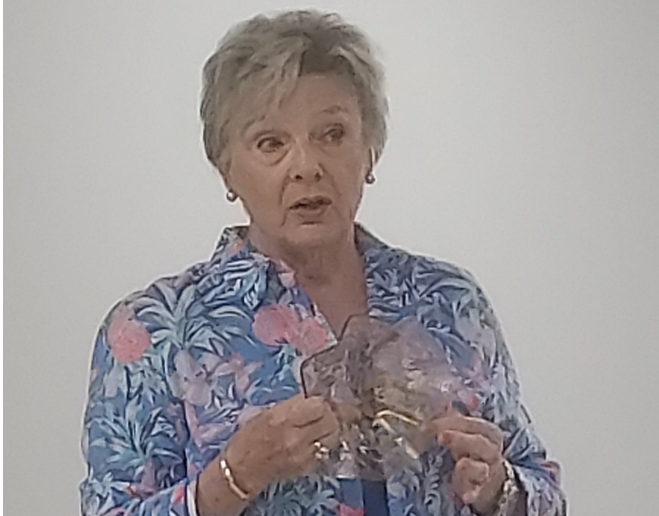
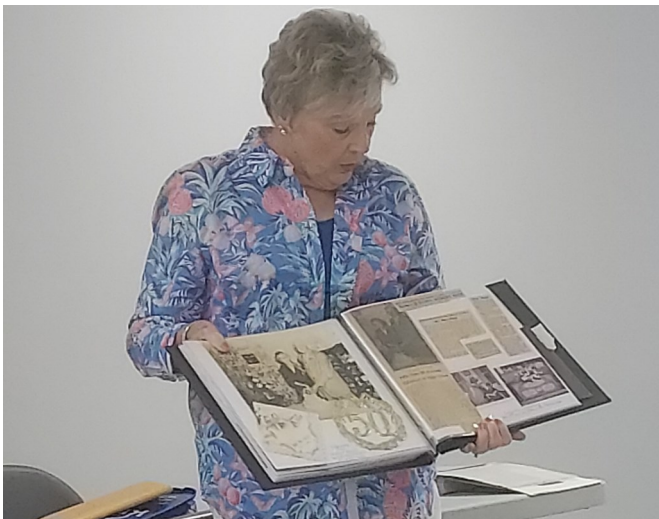
Mary Oaks with a pillow that was made for her
from a similar-patterned fabric



Kathy Finn and brother show photo of great-great grandfather



Mary Don Bixby showed us a mint container (1940's?) with interesting sayings on all sides



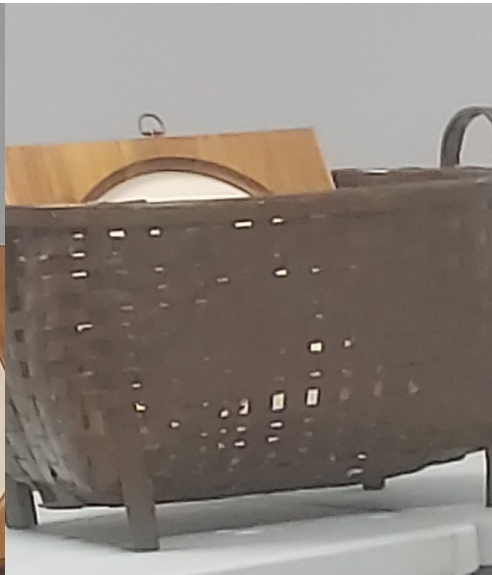
Marie Blair shared scrapbook and candy dish from her grandparents' 50th wedding anniversary



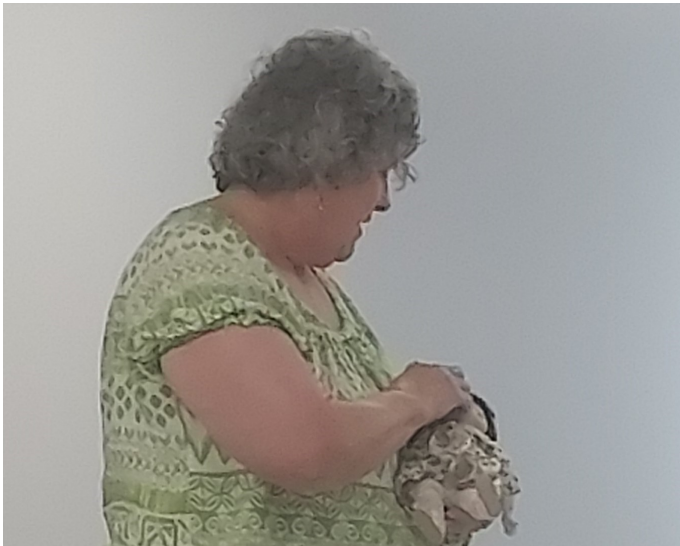
Allen Jaco brought a butter churn and a collapsible drinking cup that belonged to his grandfather



Christine Bouldin with photo of her and her grandmother, and basket she slept in



Melissa Hulett's book on Dr. John W. Overall family



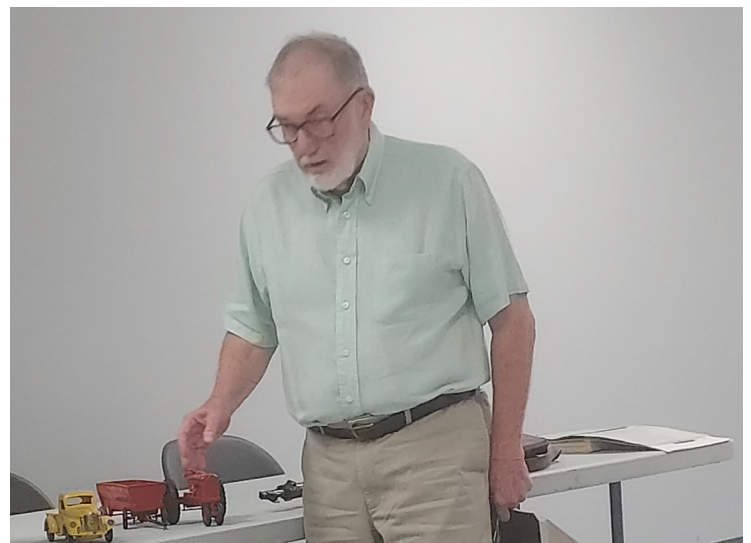
Susan Driver showed an 80-year old composite doll passed down from an older sister



Gail Woodlee shows cookbooks and scrapbook her mother made in 1939



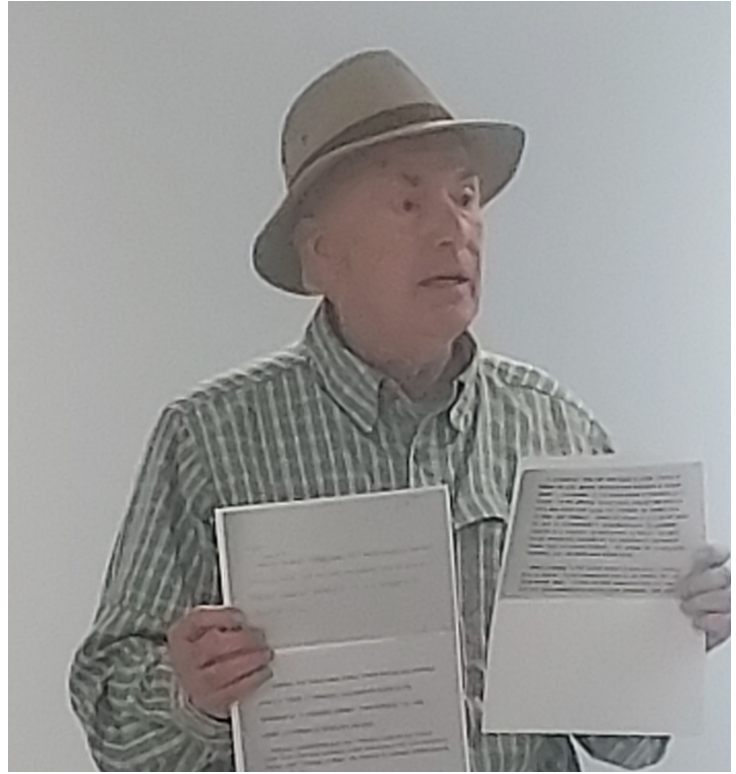
Richard Meyers with memorabilia from Daylight Post Office



Earl Blair's International Harvester tractor, wagon and pickup truck



Carolyn Lance shared photo of twins nicknamed
"Blacky and Whitey"



Larry Boyd showing Associated Press bulletins on historic events
(see below)

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AP132'
BULLETIN
(DALLAS)--A SECRET SERVICE AGENT AND A DALLAS POLICEMAN WERE SHOT
AND KILLED TODAY. THEY WERE SHOT SOME DISTANCE FROM THE AREA WHERE
PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED. NO OTHER INFORMATION WAS
IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE.
RB317PES 22

AP153
(LONDON)--THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY "TASS" HAS ACCUSED AMERICAN
POLICE OF TRYING TO IMPLICATE THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN THE
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. TASS DESCRIBED THE CASE
AGAINST LEE OSWALD AS SUSPICIOUS AND SAID:
"SERIOUS COMMENTATORS ARE NOT PUTTING FAITH IN THE POLICE
STORY ABOUT LEFT-WING ELEMENTS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS MONSTROUS
CRIME. THEY CONTINUE TO AWAIT THE RESULTS OF FURTHER INVESTIGATION
JB344PES 23

A 24-YEAR-OLD TEXAN WHO ONCE SOUGHT TO BECOME A CITIZEN OF
RUSSIA HAS BEEN CHARGED IN DALLAS WITH THE MURDER OF PRESIDENT
KENNEDY. THE ACCUSED IS LEE HARVEY OSWALD OF FORT WORTH, AN EX-
MARINE. HE WAS EMPLOYED IN THE DALLAS BUILDING FROM WHICH THE
SHOTS WERE FIRED THAT KILLED THE PRESIDENT AND WOUNDED TEXAS
GOVERNOR JOHN CONNALLY. OSWALD WAS PICKED UP AS A SUSPECT WITHIN
ONE HOUR OF THE PRESIDENT'S ASSASSINATION FOR THE SUBSEQUENT
SHOOTING OF A POLICEMAN IN ANOTHER PART OF DALLAS. HE DENIED
KILLING EITHER THE PRESIDENT OR THE POLICEMAN BUT WAS CHARGED
EARLIER WITH THE OFFICER'S DEATH. THE CHARGE THAT HE KILLED THE
PRESIDENT, TOO, WAS ADDED LATE FRIDAY NIGHT.

OSWALD RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1962 AFTER A TWO-YEAR
STAY IN RUSSIA. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED HOME BY HIS RUSSIAN WIFE AND
THEIR INFANT CHILD. HE ALSO HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE "FAIR
PLAY FOR CUBA" COMMITTEE--A LEFTIST GROUP SUPPORTING FIDEL CASTRO.



HIGH'S FUNERAL HOME

The last pages of the High Funeral Home Death Records collection were scanned this month! Allen Jaco, Kathy Finn, and J. B. Brown (shown in the photo) scanned a good portion of those records. Scanning included 91 ledgers spanning 100 years and 73 years of death records. The ledgers were scanned first - the first scanned image is dated May 19, 2019 and the ledgers were completed in October of 2021. Additional death records began in 1933. We have over 105,000 image files in the collection. Those images are currently being reviewed for needed re-scans. A copy of the scanned records will then be given to High Funeral Home as part of our agreement to scan the records. We will then get back to the process of making those records available to the public. The first four ledgers have been processed and indexes to those ledgers are on our website for research. Records can be obtained from the Association office. Death records cannot be released for fifty years so records after 1972 cannot be released at this time. Thanks to all who have worked to get us to this point! It's a milestone for sure!





Lucas Holt was recently awarded Pioneer Ancestor Certificate #140 for his ancestor, Isham Ware, who appears on the 1820 Warren County Census (Isham Weir) with 3 males, 2 females and 1 slave. This is the first application approved with Isham Ware as the Pioneer Ancestor. Information on Lucas's application says Isham Ware was born in 1793 in North Carolina and died in 1855 in Warren County. Isham's wife, Martha Norton, was born in 1799 in North Carolina and died in Warren County in 1874. Congratulations, Lucas!



Chet Schell was recently awarded Pioneer Ancestor Certificate #141 for his ancestor, Absolom Brown, who appears on the 1812 Warren County Tax List. Chet's certificate is the 16th certificate awarded to Absolom Brown's descendants. The certificate was a surprise gift from his sister, who already had a certificate. He was presented the certificate at the Dial Brown Family Reunion in Waco, Texas. Dial Brown was a grandson of Absolom Brown. Absolom was born in 1778 in Pendleton, South Carolina and died in 1862 in Warren County. Congratulations, Chet!

First Families of Tennessee

First Families of Tennessee (FFT) was established by the East Tennessee Historical Society (ETHS) in 1993 as a Tennessee Bicentennial project and the project continues today. Membership is open to anyone who can prove direct descent from a person or persons living in any part of what is now Tennessee before or by statehood in 1796. According to an article in the Nashville Tennessean, one of the first to be given a certificate was former President George Bush, whose ancestors were in Blount County in 1796.

If you are interested in honoring your ancestor by proving your descent, complete details of the program, the application, along with instructions for completing it, can be found at the website for the East Tennessee Historical Society (easttnhistory.org).

On June 1, 1796, President George Washington made Tennessee the 16th state to join the United States and John Sevier was picked to be the first governor. They even made Knoxville the first capital city.

These pioneer settlers were part of the first great westward movement. First Families of Tennessee is a tribute to those men and women who established the state or who were present during its early development. These ancestors were traders, statesmen, missionaries, land speculators, surveyors, widows, orphans, heroes and even some were rascals.

With more than 15,000 members, representing every state and eight foreign countries, the FFT applications and proof of lineage comprise the largest collection of information on the state's early settlers and their families.

The FFT files are housed in a collection at the Calvin M. McClung Historical Collection at the East Tennessee History Center in downtown Knoxville. That collection provides a wealth of research materials for present and future historians and genealogists. These files are available for visitors to view and get information that other descendants may have used to establish their connection.

Recently, Ann Brown, Gail Woodlee, Marie Blair and Mary Oaks made a visit to the McClung Collection at the East Tennessee History Center First Families of Tennessee



Marie and her father, Robert Maloney Woodlee, have had First Families of Tennessee certificates since 1995, which makes them charter members. They descend from Jesse Dodson, who had a land grant in what was Greene County at the time in 1791. Jesse Dodson came to Warren County some years later and they have been able to establish descent from him in the Pioneer Ancestors of Warren County Project. Reverend Jesse Dodson was a missionary and participated in establishing a church near where the current Shiloh Methodist Church is located.



Marie is holding her certificate, and Gail is holding the certificate presented to her father, Robert Maloney Woodlee



Mary Oaks obtained 2 certificates for her ancestors in May 2023. They are John Hubbs and Mary Woolsey and Zephaniah Woolsey and Sarah Woolsey. Rebecca Woolsey is the daughter of Zephaniah and the wife of John Hubbs. Both John Hubbs and Zephaniah Woolsey served in the Revolutionary War. They were also in what was Greene County at the time in 1793.

As a result of Mary’s research into these ancestors, she was able to get a deed dated 1793 from files of other researchers who were descendants.

Ann explored FFT files and other research materials located in the library for an application she is working on to establish descent for family members.

In addition to the FFT Collection, the McClung Collection is the local history and genealogy department of Knox County Public Library. The collection contains, books, county histories, genealogy files, biography files, maps, microfilm, and newspapers along with volumes of various information from several states other than Tennessee. For lots more information about resources located there, check the website for the Knox County Public Library. (knoxcountylibrary.org)

Consider the FFT files and the resources in this amazing collection as valuable tools in exploring your family history and the ancestors that have helped make us what we are today.



Office News

I know that we have the best volunteers around! Our office staff and committees logged 241 hours this month! The Bulletin Committee (Ann, Chris, Bettye, Bonita, Cheryl, and Mary) and the Pioneer Families Committee (Marie, Bettye, Bonita, Cheryl and Ann) we well as our office staff (Mary Don, Mary, Bonita and Evelyn) are staying busy. J.B., Carolyn, Allen, Susan, Kathy and Gail were all here helping out this month! Thanks to all who help make our Association a success!

Research

Kathy Finn (Virginia)

Lucas Holt (Ware & Pack)

Terry Thomas Stotts (Stotts & Hill)

Juanita King (Rowan, Locke & Shockley)

Wayne & Faye Walker (Cas Washington Hayes & Micajah Dodson Walker)

Contributions

National Genealogical Society Quarterly	Resource Library	Kathy Finn
Photos and postcard (digital)	Photo Archives	Carolyn Lance
Photos and Trousdale Academy Brochure (digital)	Photo Archives	Christine Bouldin
Trousdale Academy photos and clippings	Photo Archives	Doris Clendenon

We are thankful to everyone who is contributing to our Photo Archives. Many of them will help us build our School Files and as time permits, we will be posting individual photos from our collection. We will need your help in identifying unknowns.

Membership

We have 122 Members! We are excited to see our membership growing and want to encourage members to get involved with the Association.



Come Visit Us

**Our hours are
Monday & Friday
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**WCGHA's Old Warren County, TN
Family History/Photos**

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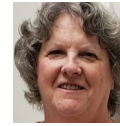


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