



WCGHA Newsletter

NOVEMBER
2023

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**Come Join Us
November 18,
2-4 p.m.**

**“Civil War Re-
enactments”,
by Cain Martin**

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

It's hard to believe we are ready for our final program of the year! Cain Martin will be on hand to tell us all about Civil War Re-enactments. It will be an interesting program, I'm sure. We will wrap up 2023 with our Christmas Social!

The Bulletin will be available for pickup at the November meeting and all others will be mailed immediately after the meeting. I know our members will enjoy reading about two Warren County brothers who served in World War I.

I hope everyone has seen our the photos that are appearing in the Southern Standard from our Photo Archives.

We said goodbye to a dear friend and member of the Association this week. Douglas Woodlee was an avid researcher. He will be missed at our meetings.

Ann

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Nov 1st—All Saints Day

Nov 5th—Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov 9th—World Adoption Day

Nov 9th—**WCGHA Board of Directors**

Nov 10th—Marine Corps Birthday

Nov 11th—Veterans Day

Nov 15th—**Town Talk on WBMC**

Nov 18th—**"Civil War Re-enactments" by Cain Martin**

Nov 23rd—Fibonacci Day

Nov 23rd—Thanksgiving Day

Nov 28th—Red Planet Day

Upcoming Programs

Dec 2nd—**Christmas Social**

Jan 20th—**Show & Tell**

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

WELCOME to our New Members!

Joe R. Shirley, McMinnville, TN

Livy I. Simpson, Nashville, TN

THE CIVIL WAR

The Civil War in the United States began in 1861, after decades of simmering tensions between northern and southern states over slavery, states' rights and westward expansion. The election of Abraham Lincoln in 1860 caused seven southern states to secede and form the Confederate States of America; four more states soon joined them. The War Between the States, as the Civil War was also known, ended in Confederate surrender in 1865. The conflict was the costliest and deadliest war ever fought on American soil, with some 620,000 of 2.4 million soldiers killed, millions more injured and much of the South left in ruin.



First Battle of Bull Run



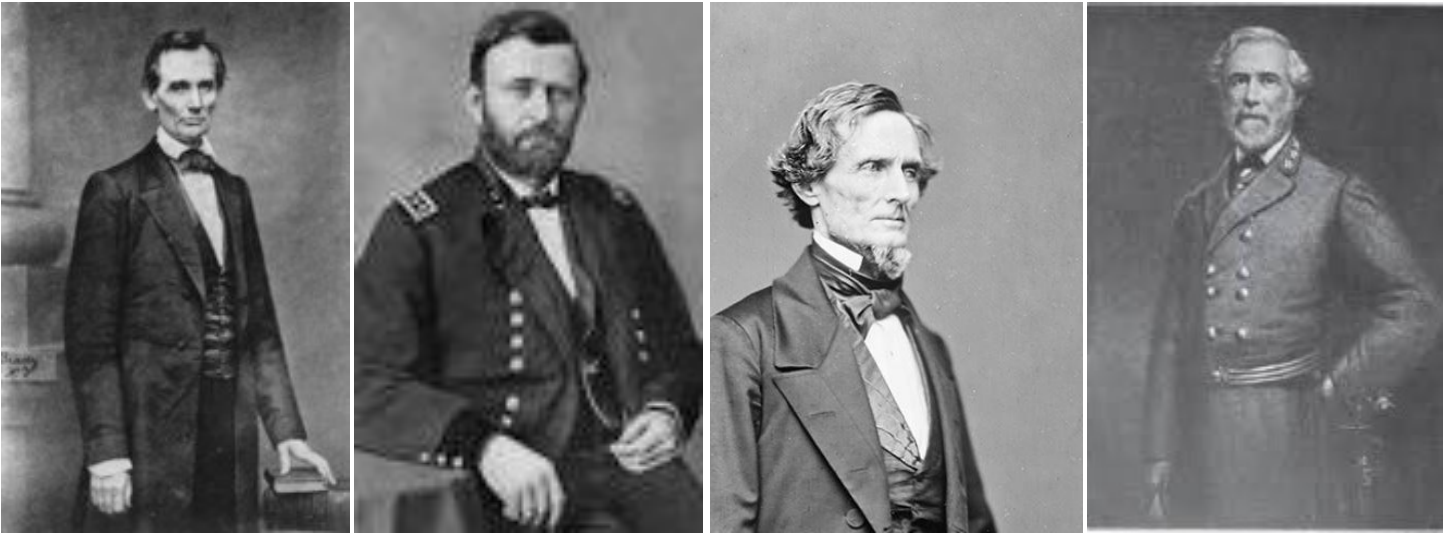
Battle of Fort Sumter



Battle of Gettysburg



Battle of Chickamauga



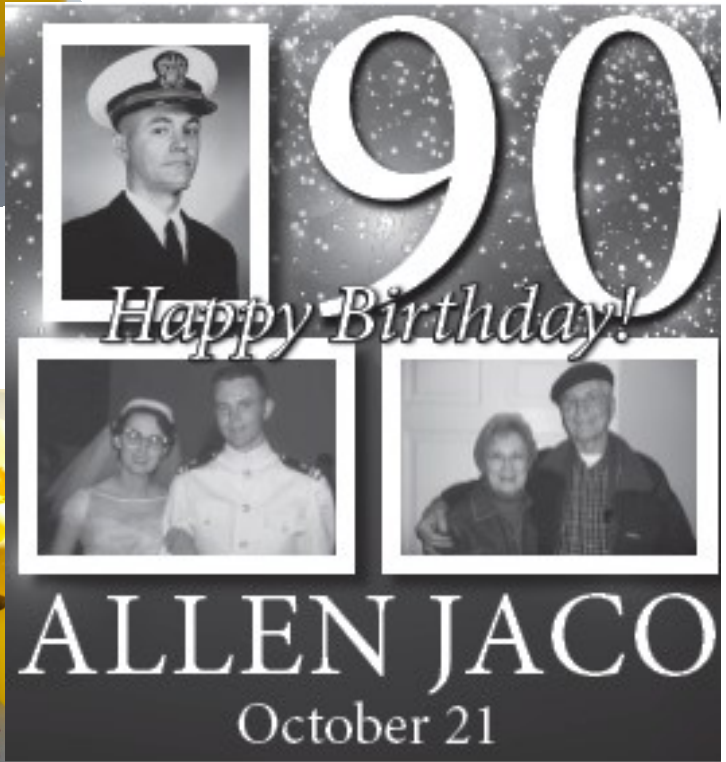
The Park and The Mack



There is a group on Facebook called "I Dragged the Gut in Downtown McMinnville. McMinnville, Oregon, that is. One of their members posted this photo with the following note comparing the similarities between the two: The Park opened in 1939, the Mack two years later. The other McMinnville was the hometown of our Founder, William Newby. They do a yearly cruising night called "Back to the Strip". In their cruising days, it was called "Riding the Strip."

In the News!

Happy Birthday, Allen!



Several members of the WCGHA enjoyed attending Allen's 90th Birthday party after our Members Meeting in October.

From the Photo Archives

We have teamed up with the Southern Standard to try to identify individuals in school photos from our Photo Archives. We know everyone does not read the Southern Standard, so each month we will publish the photos from the previous month. We began with a Bethany School Eighth Grade photo. Each individual is numbered to help with identification.



Call us at 931.474.4227 or email wcgha.tn@gmail.com

Or stop by the office on

Monday or Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thank you for helping us preserve the history of Warren
County and Warren County families!



In Memoriam

DOUGLAS DELANO WOODLEE

FEBRUARY 9, 1942 — OCTOBER 30, 2023

Douglas Delano Woodlee was born in Spencer, TN, on February 9th, 1942 to Shirley Marie Curtis Woodlee & Thomas Bascal Woodlee. Douglas went home to the Lord on October 30, 2023. He was a member of Smyrna First United Methodist Church and was a proud retiree from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

During his 44 years at the TBI, Doug served as an undercover narcotics agent, a crime scene investigator, the manager of the fingerprint identification unit, and the director of the TN Instant Check System unit. He was instrumental in creating and implementing the laws for background and fingerprint checks for a safer Tennessee. Doug graduated from Van Buren County High School in 1960 and attended Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas, before obtaining his associate's degree from Middle Tennessee State University.

Doug was a loving son, brother, husband, father, uncle, and grandfather. He was an avid reader and genealogist. Through his genealogy work he connected many distant relatives through social media and consistent contact. In recent years he served as the vice president of the Warren County Genealogical and Historical Association.

Doug was preceded in death by his late wife, Charlotte Cornman Woodlee, his parents, Shirley and Thomas B. Woodlee, and his brother, Paschal Woodlee. He is survived by his beloved wife of eight years, Joyce Stout; three sisters, Barbara Woodlee Moss (Levon), Judith Woodlee Bruce, and Donna Woodlee Hancock; two children, Jessica Kathryn Andes (Nathan) of Alexandria, VA, and Thomas Bryan Woodlee (Stephanie) of Nashville, TN; four grandchildren, Houston Woodlee, Charlotte Andes, Caleb Andes, and Isaac Andes. He is also survived by his stepchildren, Christy Bennett, Angela Hunter, and William Lee (Rebecca) and 12 step grandchildren and one great grandson whom he loved as his own; six nieces and nephews, 11 grandnieces and nephews, as well as many relatives and friends who were near and dear to his heart.

Visitation will be held in the chapel at Donelson Church of Christ on Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 1:30 pm, with a memorial service to follow at 2:00 pm.

Donelson Church of Christ

Office News

Our volunteers logged 203 1/2 hours in the office in October. Many thanks to our volunteers and committees who give so generously of their time to keep our office running smoothly.

Research

We had 8 visitors in October researching White, Melton, Hillis, Sain, Reynolds, Jones, Franks,, and Denton. We had 8 visitors in October researching White, Melton, Hillis, Sain, Reynolds, Jones, Franks,, and Denton.

Contributions

Cemetery Books 1 thru 4	Resource Library	Carolyn Lance
Charlemagne Descendants Vols 1-3 Magazine of Virginia Genealogy National Genealogical Society Quarterly	Resource Library Resource Library Resource Library	Kathy Finn
1941, 1942, 1944 Southerner	Resource Library	Livy I. Simpson
1938, 1940 Southerner	Resource Library	Saundra & Bill Williams
1947 Bulldog Barker (digital copy)	Archives	Carolyn Lance
Pike Hill School Photos (ca 1937, 1939) Certificate from Pike Hill, 1939	Photo Archives School Files	Livy I. Simpson
Photo, 2nd Lt. CSA Isaac Barnes, Sr.	Photo Archives	Lucas Holt
Vickers Letters	Family Files	Wanda Gant

In Honor of
Christine Hulett Bouldin
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John R. and Peggy Hammons



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

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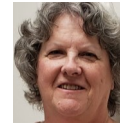


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