

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News Nov., 2016

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"THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC (GAR)"

presented by Richard A. Davis, Ph.D. Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 7:30 PM in the Phillippi Meeting Room, the Campus Center at the Otterbein Retirement Community, 585 State Rte. 741 (north of Rte. 63), Lebanon.

Richard A. Davis, Ph. D. will be giving a presentation on "The Grand Army of Republic (GAR)." The GAR began on April 6, 1866 in Decatur, Illinois. Veterans from the Army, Navy and Marine Corp were eligible for membership. At its peak, in 1890, there were more than 400,000 members. With numbers like that, the GAR was a most powerful political and social force in the Country. The GAR provided Retirement Homes and financial assistance to disabled and destitute veterans. The final member of the GAR died at the age of 109 and the organization ceased operation in 1956. It was also responsible for making "Memorial Day" a national holiday.

Dr. Davis, a geologist and paleontologist by training, served on the faculty of what is now Mount St. Joseph University in Cincinnati for some two decades, where he holds the rank of Professor Emeritus. Prior to that, he was curator at the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History. Dr. Davis is Past Commander of the General William H. Lytle Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and is the officer in charge of records of the Grand Army of the Republic for the State organization of the Sons.

2016 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month beginning at 7:30 PM in the Phillippi Meeting Room, the Campus Center at the Otterbein Retirement Community, 585 N State Rte. 741 (north of Rte. 63), Lebanon.

16 Nov 2016 "The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)" presented by Richard Davis

21 Dec 2016 Annual Christmas Gathering.

We thank **Linda Eckert** for all her work as our Program Chair.

HEIR LINES, VOLUME 35, ISSUE 3, AUTUMN 2016

The latest edition of Heir Lines was mailed on Wednesday, November 2nd to current WCCGS members. The Table of Contents lists the following:

- 2016 Membership Directory
- Necrology
- Grand Army of the Republic (John Kell Post)
- Zoar School
- Naturalization (Joseph Henderson)
- Obituary (Abi C. Chandler)
- Warren County Ohio Family Histories: Gregg La Mont
- Military Pension Files
- Coming Soon
- Publication Order Form

2017 WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

This month we start our membership drive for 2017. Any new memberships will now be good through the end of 2017. In 2016 we experienced a slight drop in membership after 4 straight years of membership growth. To save on postage, we included a copy of the 2017 Membership form with the Autumn Heir Lines mailing. A pdf copy of the form is attached.

A membership form is also available on our website at <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/aboutus.pdf>

2017 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers for the 2017 calendar year will be elected during our regular meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2016. Most of our current officers have served for many years. If you would like to help, please contact Diana Linkous at (513) 695 1144 or send an email to wcs@co.warren.oh.us

WARREN COUNTY, OHIO VIRTUAL CEMETERY PROJECT – SEP. & OCT. ADDITIONS

In September & October a total of 712 photos have been added to our Virtual Cemetery Project for the following cemeteries.

- [Deerfield Cemetery](#) – added photos for 133 burials. Now have photos on line for 3,417 of the 4,021 known burials
- [Jack Cemetery](#) – added commentary by [Mary \(Jack\) Conklin](#) with results of Y DNA testing by descendants of Patrick Jack and James Jack.
- [Mounts Cemetery](#) – added photos of 8 fieldstones and 15 gravestones dating from 1847 to 1872 from cemetery restoration by David Ehling & Bob Hackman. Dave has also erected a memorial marker at the [Mounts Cemetery](#) for Revolutionary War veteran, [William Mounts](#) .
- [New Hope Cemetery](#) – added photos for 33 gravestones from Jacob Fry's Eagle Scout Project including 2 stones not previously photographed that were submitted by [Terry Easton](#). Now have photos on line for 78 of the 83 known burials in this cemetery
- [Rose Hill Cemetery](#) – Continued work on Section B5 having added photos for 255 burials. Now have photos on line for 6,703 of the 10,338 known burials.
- [Woodhill Cemetery](#) – photos on line for 5,514 of the 12,814 known burials.
 - updated 1,641 entries in our database for burials between 1995 and 2016.
 - added photos for 3 burials in [Jonathan White's lot 29 in Section 9](#)
 - Finished adding photos for 776 burials in Section 5 taken by Corrick Magley for his Eagle Scout Project.

With these additions, our [Virtual Cemetery Project](#) has photos on line for 63,992 burials in 95 cemeteries.

See <http://goo.gl/YSRaS>

AFFIDAVIT PROOF OF BIRTH OF ONE CLYDE C. COLLINS

Warren County, Ohio, Birth Register, Volume 1, 1867-1880, page 288.

State of Kentucky,

Greenup County, ss

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Notary Public, in and for Greenup County, Kentucky, one **Anna Shurts Dunn** who says that she is Seventy-four years of age, and by being a sister of Clyde C. Collins' mother (**Laura Shurts Collins**) has reason to believe that the following is a true record of birth of one Clyde C. Collins

Date of Birth July 4th, 1877

Place of Birth South Lebanon, Ohio

County of Warren

State of Ohio

Sec male

Color white

Father's name **John T. Collins**

Mother's maiden name **Laura (Shurts) Collins**

Residence of parents at time of birth of child South Lebanon, Ohio

This affiant says the above statements are true as she verily believes

Anna Shurts Dunn {signature}

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of January A.D. 1941

Thos. F. McKee, Notary Public

My commission expires March 19, 1941

NOTE: Clyde died in 1948 and is buried in the [Deerfield Cemetery](#). See photo of his gravestone in our Virtual Cemetery Project at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/Cemetery/deerfield/co.htm#ClydeCollins>

WARREN COUNTY, OHIO FAMILY HISTORIES and PHOTO GALLERY

- [William Webster Williss](#), [Rachel Williss](#), [Mary \(Williss\) Woods family](#) contributed by [Rich Douglass](#)
- [Lucy Rogers and James William Walsh](#) 1908 wedding photo contributed by [Gerri Nordell](#)
- [Anna Frye](#), [William Downs Henkle](#) and [Thomas Corwin Mendenhall](#) added to [National Normal University](#) Roster

To contribute your vintage Warren County photos to the on-line photo gallery, email them to atrelvik@gmail.com with some background information.

WARREN COUNTY MILITARY HERITAGE <http://goo.gl/uWutD>

=> **Dr. James Leonard Mounts (1831-1909)**

WCGS member [David Ehling](#) has donated transcription copies of 87 letters written by the doctor during the Civil War along with a copy of his Civil War Pension file. They have been placed in the 3-ring binder which has been added to the "Family Histories" section of our library. Click to see photo of his [gravestone](#) at [Morrow Cemetery](#)

The following was extracted from his pension file.

James Leonard Mounts Invalid Pension File Application #649,842, Certificate #435932 (14 pages)

James L. Mounts enlisted Sept. 15th 1861 as Assistant Surgeon and was mustered into the 31st Ohio Infantry Regiment (3-year service) commanded by Colonel **Moses B. Walker** on Sept. 27, 1861.

On July 20, 1862, Dr. Mount was left in charge of about 75 sick from the 31st OVI at Tuscumbia Alabama instructions to bring them to Huntsville as soon as they were able to travel.

On August 12th, 1862, he was on a train of flat or box cars with convalescents, on the Memphis & Charleston Railroad four miles east of Tuscumbia going to Decatur or Huntsville Ala. The locomotive and two or three first flat cars ran off the track.

Dr. Mounts was on a flat car loaded with camp equipage and an ambulance, the sudden stopping of the front of the train ran the ambulance on to him and he jumped off just as the car was about to upset, resulting in the injury to the right knee joint. He was taken back to Tuscumbia, to a private house where he remained about two weeks, got on crutches and attempted to join his command, but rail communication was cut off at Decatur. He returned to Tuscumbia, thence to Corinth. Expecting a battle there, was advised to get away and went home remaining on crutches about two months. Was never in any Hospital during the time except to stay a day or night. Consulted **Dr. S. U. Smith** Surgeon Genl of Ohio also **Dr. Judkins** in Cincinnati and **Dr. J. T. Cowden** at his home in Morrow. O. He returned to the 31st OVI on the day of the Battle of Perryville, Oct. 8, 1862. On account of his knee injury, he resigned his commission following the Battle of Stones River on 11 Jan 1863 at Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

On May 2, 1864, Dr. Mount reenlisted as a 34-year-old Surgeon in the 144th Ohio Infantry (100-day service) and was mustered out at Camp Dennison on Aug. 31, 1864. After leaving the service, he returned to Morrow Ohio and resumed his practice as a physician & surgeon.

On April 7, 1888, James L. Mounts, of Morrow, Ohio, appeared before the Clerk of Court in Warren County to make a declaration for an invalid pension based on his service in the 31st and 146th OVI. He was described as being 56 years old, 5 ft. 10 in., dark complexion, dark hair and grey eyes.

On June 4, 1898, he completed a circular stating that he was married to **Martha W. Smith** on December 1, 1859 by **Joseph M. Gatch** at Morrow Ohio. He listed their children as **Flora Mounts** born February 13, 1861, **Louis F. Mounts** September 23, 1865, **James Leonard Mounts** June 8, 1868 and **Grace E. Mounts**, January 18, 1876.

On Marth 11th, 1907, **James L. Mounts**, aged 75 of Morrow, Ohio, appeared before **William McDonald**, a Notary Public, for the purpose of making a declaration for an invalid pension under the Pension Act of 1907. He indicated that he was born August 19th, 1831 near Morrow in Hamilton Township and was a physician living in Morrow. His affidavit was witnessed by **Harley H. Dunn** and **Alice Hughes**.

Testimony in support of his 1888 application was provided by **Col. Moses B. Walker**, aged 68, of Kenton, Hardin County, Ohio; **Sargent Major Henry S. Byers**, aged 46, of Shelbyville, Indiana; **Dr. J. L. Williams**, aged 68, of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas; **Major John W. Free**, aged 57 of New Lexington, Perry County, Ohio; **Edward F. Fuller**, aged 64, of Morrow, **Edward R. Grim**, aged 49 of Morrow and **Ezekiel W. Woodward**, aged 59 of Morrow.

The papers in the pension file do not indicate when he was first awarded a pension. He was last paid \$20 to Sept. 4, 1909 and dropped from the rolls on Feb. 11, 1910 because of his death on Oct. 20, 1909.

=> See <http://goo.gl/uWutD> or <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/warsmain.htm> for information about other Warren County veterans. Please email us if you know of any that we may have missed.

ELIAS HORNER APPLICATION FOR NATURALIZATION, SEPTEMBER TERM 1832

Warren County, Ohio, Series A, Box 88; recorded Common Pleas Volume 14, page 160

[Click here](#) to see image

Warren Common Pleas, Ex. parte **Elias Horner**, September Term A. D. 1832, Declaration for Naturalization

Warren County to wit:

On this day personally appeared in open court, **Elias Horner**, an applicant for naturalization, who on being duly sworn declareth and Saith, that he is now thirty four years of age, that he was born in the County of York in England from whence in the month of September 1821 he emigrated to the United States of America, where he now resides, to wit in the County of Warren in the State of Ohio. And the said Elias further declareth and saith on his oath aforesaid, that it is bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever; and particularly to his Majesty William the Fourth, King of Great Britain Ireland &c. to whom he was heretofore a subject and further saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court this 1st day of Oct. A.D. 1832

Elias Horner {signature}

[J. K. Wilds](#) clk

NEW BOOKS

Warren County, Ohio, Probate Court Chancery Records 1852 – 1882 by Candy Tucker.

After 1851, Chancery Court cases were heard by the Warren County Probate Court sitting as a Chancery Court. This 34-page book provides the names 1,096 plaintiffs and defendants for 584 cases located in eight volumes, listing them by volume and page. An every name index is located at the back of the book.

The books may be viewed or purchased at our library for \$15. Send your mail orders to the Warren County Genealogical Society, 406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, Ohio 45036. Please include \$3.00 shipping for 1st book and \$1.00 for each additional book. Ohio Residents add 6 ¾% Sales tax.

OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY <http://www.ogs.org>

The Ohio Genealogical Society is located at the Samuel D. Isaly Library, 611 State Route 97 West, Bellville, Ohio 44813. Phone (419) 886-1903. [Annual membership](#) includes home access to <http://www.heritagepursuit.com> (Ohio County Histories).

- **“Go Wild with Genealogy,” 2017 OGS Conference** Kalahari Resort, Sandusky, Ohio, April 26-29, 2017

OTHER EVENTS

- ◁ [Butler County Genealogical Society](#) email: BCOGS@butlercountyogs.org
“Nov. 15, 2016 **“Butler County Roadshow”** presented by Pam White and Nancy Porter”
Location: MidPointe Library in West Chester, 9363 Centre Pointe Dr., West Chester Township, Butler County, Ohio 45069
- ◁ [Clermont County Chapter, OGS](#) E-mail: info@ccgsoh.org
Programs sponsored by the Clermont County Genealogical Society are held at the Doris Wood Library, 180 S. 3rd St. in Batavia, Ohio, on the first Saturday of the month at 1:00 pm unless noted otherwise. They are free & open to the public unless otherwise noted. For more information, see www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohclecgs/ or call 513-723-3423.
Saturday, November 5th
“**Finding World War I Records that pertain to your ancestor**”
1:00 pm, Amelia Public Library, 58 Maple, Amelia, OH
Saturday, December 3rd
Annual Christmas Party
1:00 pm, Doris Wood Library, 180 S. 3rd St., Batavia, Ohio
- ◁ [Montgomery County Chapter, OGS](#) <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohmontgs/>
“**Understanding Boundary Changes in Genealogy Research**” by Dana Palmer
Saturday, November 12 at 1 p.m., Routsong Funeral Home, 2100 East Stroop Road, Kettering
“Holiday Party and Genealogy Show and Tell”
Saturday, December 10 at 1 p.m., Routsong Funeral Home, 2100 East Stroop Road, Kettering
- ◁ [Hamilton County Chapter, OGS](#) <http://hcgsohio.org/> Telephone: (513) 956-7078
See “**Calendar of Genealogy Events**” at <http://hcgsohio.org/cpage.php?pt=136>
Saturday, April 8, 2017, Annual Seminar featuring Judy G. Russell
Mill Race Banquet Center, Winton Woods, Great Parks (Registration will open on October 21, 2016)
See <http://hcgsohio.org/eventListings.php> for details.
- ◁ [National Genealogical Society](#),
10 – 13 May 2017, Family History Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina [click here for [Hotel Reservations](#)]
2 – 5 May 2018, Family History Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- ◁ [Federation of Genealogical Societies](#),
30 Aug – 2 Sep 2017 National Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
22 – 25 Aug 2018 National Conference, Fort Wayne, Indiana

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WCGS has over 150 Warren County Genealogical publications available for purchase. Visit our website for a list of books and an order form. <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/publications.htm>

Membership is \$10 for a single membership, \$15 for a family membership or \$200 for a Life Membership.

Membership application forms are available at <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/aboutus.htm#Membership>

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WCGS Website: <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/>

Warren County OHGenWeb Site: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/>

LIBRARY HOURS: Mon-Fri from 9am to 4pm [subject to closing for inclement weather, volunteer illness, etc.]