

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News January 2020

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2020 PROGRAM SCHEDULE <http://www.wcgs.org/meetings.htm>

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.

No meetings are scheduled for January and February

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| 18 Mar 2020 | “Scotland’s People” https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk presented by Debbie Large |
| 15 Apr 2020 | 30 th Anniversary Banquet and Lineage Society Inductions
“Dr. Jacob Ebersole, Civil War Physician” presented by Roy Lambert |
| 20 May 2020 | “Pages from the History of the Ohio Shakers” presented by Thomas Sakmyster |
| 16 Sep 2020 | “To be Announced” presented by J. Todd Stephenson |
| 21 Oct 2020 | “To be Announced” |
| 18 Nov 2020 | “To be Announced” |
| 16 Dec 2020 | “To be Announced” |

2020 WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

We have had a good initial response to our 2020 membership drive. If you haven’t renewed your membership yet, you can use the attached pdf application. Dues remains \$10 (single), \$15 (family) and \$200 (life). The membership form is also available on our website at <http://www.wcgs.org/DownloadableForms.htm>.

WARREN COUNTY PROBATE COURT JUDGES

Hello All! The Records Center & Archives has recently received a request for help in acquiring images of all prior judges of the Warren County Probate Court. As you can imagine, this has been a tedious process. Luckily, we are down to only three judges missing! This is where you come in. We are looking for photographs, drawings, sketches, etc. that would be able to be reproduced for public viewing on a larger scale in the current Probate & Juvenile Courthouse. The three judges we haven’t been able to find are: **James C. Sabin** (1816-1860), **William W. Wilson** (1831-1885), and **Thomas R. Thatcher** (approx. 1836-1894). Judge Sabin served from 1858-1860, Judge Wilson served from 1865-1869 and part of 1872, and Judge Thatcher served from 1869-1872. Any help you could possibly give would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Tori Roberts at tori.roberts@co.warren.oh.us or (513)695-1585 if you would like to help. Thanks!

WARREN COUNTY LINEAGE SOCIETIES

Lineage Society applications must be received by February 1st in order to be considered for induction at our April banquet. Applications for “**First Families of Warren County**,” “**Early Settlers of Warren County**” and “**Civil War Families of Warren County**” may be downloaded from our website at <http://www.wcgs.org/lineage.htm>

Contact us by phone, email, etc. if you have any questions or need assistance in getting the applications. We would be happy to mail or email a copy of the application to you.

ALLEEN STEPHENSON DIGITAL NEWSPAPER PROJECT - WESTERN STAR ANALYTICS

Since the fall of 2018, our Alleen Stephenson Digital Newspaper Project, sponsored and maintained by the Warren County Genealogical Society, has provided free public access to digital images of the Western Star from 1807 through 1922 on the [Ohio Memory Project](#). In the 4th quarter of 2019, the site was used by 1,294 visitors in 1,939 sessions to make 28,594 page views. Since the project went on line in 2018, 4,169 users have made 149,382 page views. The landing page for the project is <https://www.ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll84>

WARREN COUNTY MILITARY HERITAGE

RECENT WARREN COUNTY VETERAN DEATHS (send additions to atrelvik@gmail.com)

World War II:

Charles I. Henry Jr. (1925-2019), **Lee Byers** (1926-2019), **Howard Vincent Blevins** (1919-2020), **Howard Junior "Bud" Peck** (1926-2020)

Korea:

Richard J. Volungis (1930-2019), **David A. Thomas** (1931-2019), **Robert Lee Allen** (1932-2019), **Boyd "Howard" Gilley Jr.** (1929-2020)

Vietnam:

Johnny William Prows (1944-2019), **John Kenneth Brady** (1948-2019), **Owen Russell Stewart** (1948-2020)

Other Service:

Leonard Maddin (1923-2019), **William "Bill" E. Downard** (1932-2019), **Richard "Dutch" Schultz** (1940-2019), **Donald Edward Palmer** (1970-2019), **John E. Woods Sr.** (1943-2019), **Ray Farris** (1928-2019)

WAR OF 1812 PENSION AND BOUNTY LAND WARRANT APPLICATIONS

The digitization of the [War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files](#), was on hold once they completed adding the pension files for surnames beginning with the letter **Q**. The project has resumed with surnames beginning with **RO**. In the Ohio pensioners, they are now up to the name **Seth St. John**.

Seth St. John (ca. 1792 - 1874) Corporal, Capt. **Robert Hays'** and Captain **John Sheets'** Company, Colonel **James Findley's** Regiment, Ohio Militia

[Findagrave Memorial ID 102893739](#) for **Seth St. John** (1792-1874) buried in the Pine Village Cemetery in Warren County, Indiana contains an image of Seth and lists him as the son of **John St. John** (1870-1819) and **Anna Lockwood** (1754-1830). His parents are buried in the [Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery](#) in Turtlecreek Twp.

War of 1812 [Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files](#), "fold3.com, [Seth St. John](#) (34 pages)

On 22 Aug 1869, **Seth St. John** and **Anna Myers** were married by **William A. Fisher J.P.** in Warren County, Indiana. **Seth St. John** died near Pine Village, Warren County, Indiana on 24 Aug 1874. The pension file does not indicate when his wife died.

[Bounty Land Warrant No. 21333](#) for 160 acres was issued under the Act of 1850 to **Seth St. John** Corporal in Captains Hays and Sheets companies Ohio Militia War of 1812. Seth was issued a patent for 160 acres in Livingston County, Illinois on 9 Oct 1854.

On 5 Apr 1871, **Seth St. John**, aged 78, of Pine Village PO, Warren County, Indiana, made a declaration before the county circuit court clerk for the purpose of being placed on the pension rolls under the Pension Act of 1871 (Application No. 7559). His place of abode was within 1/2 mile of the village. The declaration was witnessed by **George W. Nordurff** and **Joseph H. Brown**. In his declaration he said, *"he volunteered in Captain Robert Hays Company, Regiment commanded by Col. James Findley Ohio Militia at Warren County Ohio on the 10 day of April 1812 and was honorably discharged. He was mustered in at Lebanon Ohio. Company joined the Regiment at Dayton Ohio. The Regiment under Col. James Findley marched to Detroit where we was placed under command of General Hull and was by General Hull surrendered on ___ day of August 1812. After the surrender by Hull and paroled we were taken to Cleveland Ohio and ordered home. Afterward and at Lebanon Oho we were given Certificates of service by our officers which I filed in the War Dept at the time I got Land Warrants for my service above named"*

Seth's pension application (No 7559) was first rejected on 5 Sep 1871 for insufficient service, based on 11 days of service in Capt. Hays' Company after the Declaration of War and not considering his service in Capt. John Sheets' Company. On 27 Sep 1871, **Seth St. John**, aged 78 of Pine Village, Warren County, Indiana filed a supplementary declaration stating he *"enlisted at Lebanon Ohio about the 10 day of Apr 1812 for one year and was surrendered by Gen. Hull at Detroit Mich. about the 16 day of August 1812. That while we were marching toward Detroit and in the wilderness Capt. Hays resigned. That we got to Detroit about the first of July we elected John Sheets Capt. and Samuel Miller Lieut. who continued as company officers at the time we were surrendered at Detroit by Gen. Hull."*

On 9 May 1872 the Third Auditor issued a new report indicated that **Seth St. John** enlisted 27 Apr 1812 in Capt. **Robert Hays'** Company, Ohio Militia and was discharged 27 Jun 1812. He served afterward from 28 Jun 1812 to 26 Apr 1813 in Capt. **John Sheets'** Company Ohio Militia. Length of service 313 days subsequent to the Declaration of War on June 18th 1812. **Seth St. John** was admitted to a Survivors' Pension under the Act of 1871 of \$8 per month commencing 14 Feb 1871 by Certificate No. 16832 dated 17 May 1872.

On 30 Sep 1878, **Anna St. John**, aged 74 years, of Rainsville Post Office, Warren County, Indiana, made a declaration before the circuit court clerk for the purpose of obtaining a widows' pension under the pension Act of 1878 (Application No.

33632). She declared that she was the widow of **Seth St. John** who was a member of Capt. **John Ferris** Company of Col **James Findley** Regiment Ohio Militia who enlisted on 10 Apr 1812 and honorably discharged in June 1812. Her declaration was witnessed by **Isaac N. Statzell** and **Jonathan C. Hall**, both residents of Rainsville. **John McBride** and **Samuel C. Fisher** made a declaration that they were neighbors for 25 years and confirmed Seth's death about 21 Aug 1874. **Anna St. John** was admitted to a Widows' Pension under the Act of 1878 of \$8 per month commencing 9 Mar 1878 by Certificate No. 19482 dated 4 Mar 1879.

See <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.

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS

[WGCsoH.ORG](http://wgcsoh.org) This is our NEW website address for the Warren County Genealogical Society! Please be aware that Google searches have not yet caught up to the new address, so many people using the links provided by Google are getting that dreaded "404 - File or directory not found." Please go to the main site first using the new address and then navigate to where you want from there. Thank you for your patience while we work to get things straightened out.

<http://wgcsoh.org/>

FACEBOOK GROUP – WARREN COUNTY OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Our Facebook Group was created for us on 1 Nov 2018 by **Candy Tucker Hartman**. It is another platform to find help solving genealogical problems, connecting with other members and keep up with upcoming events and announcements. We are pleased to report that the group has grown to 164 members. We hope you will join our group and add your postings of questions, comments, documents, photos, etc. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/262311627671559/>. John Kinsworthy and Candy Hartman continue to serve as administrators for our group.

ROOTSWEB MAILING LISTS

It was announced January 7, 2020 that the Rootsweb genealogy mailing lists will be discontinued and archived. Below is a copy of the announcement.

Beginning March 2nd, 2020 the Mailing Lists functionality on RootsWeb will be discontinued. Users will no longer be able to send outgoing emails or accept incoming emails. Additionally, administration tools will no longer be available to list administrators and mailing lists will be put into an archival state. Administrators may save the emails in their list prior to March 2nd. After that, mailing list archives will remain available and searchable on RootsWeb. As an alternative to RootsWeb Mailing Lists, Ancestry message boards are a great option to network with others in the genealogy community. Message boards are available for free with an Ancestry registered account. Thank you for being part of the RootsWeb family and contributing to this community.

*Sincerely,
The RootsWeb team*

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).

As a benefit of membership in the Ohio Genealogical Society, you can enjoy a complimentary 12-month starter subscription to findmypast.com. Members will receive a unique code to enter to start exploring. Members will also receive a second code that will give them a 50% discount on the full database subscription fee.

“Unlocking the Pieces” Annual Conference, 29 April – 2 May 2020

Kalahari Resort & Convention Center, Sandusky, Ohio. See www.ogsconference.org

OTHER EVENTS

◊ **“Cross The Bridge To Yesterday”** June 17-20, 2020 At the historic Netherland Hilton

The **Ohio Chapter of Palatines to America** invites you to experience the past, present, and future in Cincinnati for our 2020 National Conference.

Conference registration begins December 2019 www.palam.org and www.oh-palam.org

◊ **Butler County Chapter Ohio Genealogical Society** <http://www.butlercountyogs.org/>

See <https://butlercountyogs.org/calendar/> for a listing of upcoming events.

◊ **Clermont County Chapter, Genealogical Society** email:info@ccgsoh.org

Unless otherwise noted, 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. They are free & open to the public unless otherwise noted. For a listing of upcoming events, go to <https://ccgsoh.org/eventListings.php?nm=19>

◁ [Clinton County Chapter Ohio Genealogical Society](#)

See <https://clintoncountyhistory.org/events/> for a listing of upcoming events.

◁ [Hamilton County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society](#)

See <https://hcgsohio.org/eventListings.php?nm=142> for a listing of upcoming events.

2020 Annual Seminar with Roger Minert, Saturday, March 7, 2020 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Mill Race Banquet Center, 1515 W. Sharon Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45240

Dr. Roger Minert, Ph.D., A.G., Prof. em., will be the speaker at the HCGS 2020 Annual Seminar. Space is limited and registration is required. \$35 for HCGS members, \$40 for nonmembers. Roger Minert is an author, teacher, and researcher with a Ph.D. in German language research. He will present four sessions: Church Records in Germany, Surname Changes in Northwestern Germany, A Day in the Life of your German Ancestor, and Marriage and Courtship in Germany 1500 to 1800.

[See the flyer](#) for more information and registration (print and online), and/or go direct to [online registration](#) (PayPal payment).

◁ [Montgomery County Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society](#) - See **NEW WEBSITE** at <https://mcc-ogs.org/>

See <https://mcc-ogs.org/eventListings.php?nm=57> for a listing of upcoming events.

See their Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Nonprofit-Organization/Montgomery-County-Chapter-OGS-198460980195996/>

◁ [Southwest Ohio DNA Interest Group](#)

All meetings are held at the MidPointe Library in West Chester from 7:00 - 8:45 PM.

Directions: <https://goo.gl/4B6b8p>

See <https://hcgsohio.org/cpage.php?pt=174> for a listing of upcoming events and links to videos.

◁ [National Genealogical Society](#)

2020 NGS Family History Conference.

20-23 May 2020, Salt Lake City, Utah

Hotel Reservations at <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/accommodations/>

◁ [Federation of Genealogical Societies](#)

2-5 September 2020 Kansas City, Missouri

2020 FGS Conference

◁ **2021 International German Genealogy Conference**

16 - 18 Jul 2021, Sharonville Convention Center, Cincinnati, Ohio

The call for proposals will open on 1 Jan 2020 and continue through 1 Mar 2020.

Discounted hotel reservations will open in July 2020

Conference Registration is expected to open 1 Oct 2020.

If you are interested in joining a committee or have experience in a particular area and would like to volunteer, please send an email to info@hcgsohio.

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GENEALOGY WEBINARS

You need to pre-register. See websites below.

"British Ancestors in Mexico" Presented by Evan Christensen

Saturday, Saturday, January 11, 2020, 11:00 a.m. Eastern standard time

ISBGFH <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6824271050888274701>

"10 Must-Have MyHeritage Databases" Presented by Gena Philibert-Ortega

Tuesday, Tuesday, January 14, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

"Vetting Published Genealogies for Research" Presented by Shannon Combs-Bennett

Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

"A Million Ways to Die in the Colonies: Death and Burial in Colonial America" Presented by Daniel Earl

Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 9:00 p.m. Eastern standard time

Register for the webinar with the Southern California Genealogical Society:

www.scsgenealogy.com

"Boston Research and Records" Presented by David Allen Lambert, Chief Genealogist
Thursday, Thursday, January 16, 2020, 3:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar with the American Ancestors by New England Historic Genealogical Society.
americanancestors.org/education/online-classes

"Get Organized with Research Logs" Presented by Lisa Alzo
Saturday, Saturday, January 18, 2020, 11:00 a.m. Eastern standard time
ISBGFH <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8670674330342984717>

"Creative Hypothesis Development for Complex Genealogy Problems" Presented by Jan M. Joyce, CG, CGL
Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 8:00 p.m. Eastern standard time:
Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

"New Tools and Ideas in Research" Presented by D. Joshua Taylor
Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

"MyHeritageDNA for Your Family Knot" Presented by MyHeritage Webinars
Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

"Effective Use of GENUKI: England's Largest Free Genealogy Website" Presented by Paul Milner
Wednesday, January 29, 2020, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

"More Than Just Names: Advanced US Census Research" Presented by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL
Friday, January 31, 2020, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

"Digging Deeper in Archived Records" Presented by Melissa Barker
Saturday, February 1, 2020, 11:00 a.m. Eastern standard time
ISBGFH
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5315921417486911245>

"African Americans in the Military - 18th to mid-20th Century" Presented by Janice Lovelace
Saturday, February 1, 2020, 1:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar with the Southern California Genealogical Society:
www.scsgenealogy.com

"Organizing Your DNA Results (updated!)" Presented by Diahna Southard
Tuesday, February 4, 2020, 8:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

"Developing a DNA Testing Plan: A Guide for Beginners" Presented by Debra Renard
Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 2:00 p.m. Eastern standard time
Register for the webinar at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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.wcgsoh.org/publications.htm>

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Western Star Digitization Project: <http://www.ohiomemory.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16007coll84>

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.]