## WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News June 2024

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## 2024 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Our programs are FREE and open to the public. All are welcome!

June 12, 2024 – WCGS Virtual Program "Introduction to the Library of Virginia Website" presented by Shannon Combs-Bennett

Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST – Zoom Program

Please register at https://www.wcgsohio.org/events to receive a Zoom invitation to this event.

July 10, 2024 – WCGS Virtual Program "PERSI 2.0: The New PERSI for Everyone" presented by Sunny Morton Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST – Zoom Program

Please register at https://www.wcgsohio.org/events to receive a Zoom invitation to this event.

August 8, 2024 – WCGS Virtual Program "Organize Like an Archivist: Taming Genealogy Records and Research" presented by Nancy Loe

Wednesday, August 8, 2024, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST – Zoom Program

Please register at <a href="https://www.wcgsohio.org/events">https://www.wcgsohio.org/events</a> to receive a Zoom invitation to this event.

## 2024 CEMETERY RESTORATION WORKSHOP

The 2024 Cemetery Restoration Workshop will be held Friday, September 13, 2024, at Crosson Cemetery in Harlan Township. We are thrilled to welcome back <u>Ta Mara Conde</u>, of Historic Gravestone Services of New Salem, Massachusetts, to lead the workshop. Crosson Cemetery has proven to be a wonderful training venue and we receive great support from the Harlan Township Trustees and Fire Department. An updated Cemetery Restoration Workbook and lunch will be provided to each attendee. For more information or to register for the workshop, please visit our Cemetery Restoration Workshops page. You can even pay for your registration right online! https://www.wcgsohio.org/cemetery-restoration-workshops



#### FINDING WARREN COUNTY MARRIAGE RECORDS ONLINE – FREE!

Submitted by Jim Brokaw, WCGS Research Chair and WCGS Cemetery Chair

Two great online resources exist for finding Warren County Marriage Records. FamilySearch has an extensive collection of Warren County Marriage Records spanning from 1803 to 1924. Begin your search at: <a href="https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1614804">https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1614804</a>, type in the name you are seeking, then the place (Warren, Ohio, United States). The year field is not necessary. For example, a search for John Maddox yields two results for a May 15, 1804, marriage between John Maddox and Susanna Everman. One of the results is from Warren County Marriage Record No. 1 O.S. 1803-1852, and can be viewed by clicking on the camera icon on the results page, which will take you to:

https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9392-BGSN-FN?i=305&cc=1614804

John and Susanna's record is at the top right corner of the image.

The other result is a true bonus! Clicking on the camera icon will take you to: <a href="https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-6QN7-CW?i=36&cc=1614804">https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-6QN7-CW?i=36&cc=1614804</a>

It is an image of the actual marriage return slip filed by Justice of the Peace Daniel McDonald, Esq., with his signature.

The Warren County Records Center & Archives Searchable Indexes and Records can also be used to find Marriage Affidavits 1854-1867, available at: <a href="https://www.co.warren.oh.us/recordscenter/Indexes/Default.aspx">https://www.co.warren.oh.us/recordscenter/Indexes/Default.aspx</a>

On this page, select <Probate Court> from the Select Department dropdown menu and then <Marriage Affidavits - 1854-1867> from the Select Index dropdown menu. Enter the name in the Search box or scroll through the results. Clicking <View Document> will bring up a downloadable copy of the marriage record.

Good hunting!

## WARREN COUNTY PHOTO GALLERY

Submitted by Jo Roth, WCGS Treasurer and WCGS Webmaster

Our new website is your best resource for getting current information about WCGS, our events, publications, and membership. Our old website still has GREAT information, and we refer to it often. Did you know there is a Photo Gallery on the old website? We are aware there are some broken links, and unfortunately, cannot access the site to fix them, but the information and images that are there are amazing! https://sites.rootsweb.com/~ohwarren/photo/index.htm

We have started a Photos page on our new website, too, with plans to add more content as it becomes available. <a href="https://www.wcgsohio.org/photos">https://www.wcgsohio.org/photos</a>

In addition, we have our Virtual Cemetery online at RootsWeb thanks to Ancestry.com and it is a massive resource for those researching cemeteries in our county.

WCGS Virtual Cemetery: <a href="http://sites.rootsweb.com/~ohwarren/Cemetery/burial.htm">http://sites.rootsweb.com/~ohwarren/Cemetery/burial.htm</a>

WCGS NEW Website: https://www.wcgsohio.org

WCGS OLD Website (has broken links, but also GREAT databases): http://www.wcgsoh.org

#### **CLUES TO USE**

Submitted by Linda Eckert, WCGS President

## **Check out our Special Collections! (Part 10)**

This month we are featuring the collection of the **Roberta Wright liames**. Roberta had a love of family history. She spent many years of her life researching and compiling the following books on her family and her husband's family.

The following books were donated to us by her daughter, Patricia L. Couch of Warren County, Ohio. This collection includes several hardbound books featuring the families below:

The Wright Side of the Family: Daddy Didn't Tell But Mother Knew! Families of: Cleveland, Dewitt, Graves, Hilliard, Threlkeld & Wright

Descendants of Moses Cleveland
Descendants of Henry DeWitt
Descendants of Thomas Graves
Descendants of Thomas Hilliard/Hilyard
Descendants of Christopher Threlkeld
Descendants of Samuel Wright



Roberta (Wright) Iiames 1928-2012

- ➤ Did Mother Know That? Book One: My Campbell Family

  Descendants of Archibald Campbell, born in 1679 in Scotland and died in Augusta County, Virginia, on June 22, 1763.
- ➤ Did Mother Know That? Book Two: My Hardman Line
  Descendants of Anthony Hardman, born in Switzerland, immigrated to America in 1736 at Pennsylvania. He went to Virginia and then to Shelby County, Kentucky.
- ➤ Did Mother Know That? Book Three: My Hochstatler (Hostetler) Line
  Descendants of Jacob Hochstatler. He received a warrant for 200 acres in October 1739 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.
- ➤ Did Mother Know That? Book Four: My Kibbe (Kibby) Line
  Descendants of Edward Kibbe / Kibby. Edward Kibbe emigrated to the United States from Exeter, England. He married Mary Partradge / Partridge in England.

Descendants of Timothy Kibby. Timothy was born in Connecticut circa 1767. He died in Saint Charles, Missouri, on January 24, 1838. He married Rachel Stites in Hamilton County, Ohio, November 19, 1798. Rachel Stites was born May 10, 1783, in Washington County, Pennsylvania, and died August 10, 1864, in Hamilton County, Ohio.

➤ Did Mother Know That? Book Five: My Stites Family
Descendants of John Stites and Alice Stote Stites. John Stites was born in Cromwell, Nottinghamshire, England, circa 1595. He died in Hempshire, Long Island, New York, circa 1717.

➤ Ancestors & Descendants of Guy Ross Itames, Jr. Families: Bonnell / Bunnell, Brotherton

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Families: Schooley & Shotwell

➤ Vida: Her Ancestors & Descendants Ault, Bates, Clevenger, Iiames, Pond & Matson Vida Jantha Matson Iiames – November 1903 - July 1986

- Descendants of William Iiams, The Immigrant Through His Son George Iiams (Ijams): Book Four Part One
- Descendants of William Iiams, The Immigrant Through His Son George Iiams (Ijams): Book Four Part Two
- Descendants of William Iiams, The Immigrant Through His Daughters, Susannah, Elizabeth & Hester: Book Five

Maybe you have a connection with the Wright / Iiames ancestors or descendants. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned researcher, visit us and explore all the other great resources we have in our Resource Library. Happy researching!

#### MIDDLE TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY JOURNAL ONLINE

Submitted by Jo Roth, WCGS Treasurer and WCGS Webmaster

A recent Facebook post by The Archive Lady, known to us as Melissa Barker, mentioned that you can now access every issue of the MTGS Journal from 1987-2019 online for FREE! The Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy & History is their award-wining quarterly, with articles of genealogical and historical interest. The journal is mailed to all MTGS members in good standing and is included in the MTGS membership fee. Little-known Tennessee records are published and indexed, along with family genealogies, Bible records, and material submitted by members. You can view the digitized journals at this link:

https://www.mtgs.org/journal/default.html



## NATIONAL ARCHIVES EXPANDS JOINT DIGITIZATION EFFORT WITH ANCESTRY

On Thursday, May 9, 2024, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) announced a new multiyear agreement with Ancestry to digitize, index, and publish tens of millions of historical United States Records, previously unavailable online.

Records to be digitized include:

U.S. Military Morning Reports from World War II

Selective Service Draft Cards Covering the Post World War II Draft Registration 1948-1959 (Korean War Era)

Naturalization and Immigration Records Held in San Francisco, CA, Related to Asian Americans

Records Held at the National Archives in Denver, CO, Relating to Native Americans

Records from Record Group 21, Military Petitions for Naturalization, 1918-1947.

For more information about this collaboration, please visit:

https://www.ancestry.com/corporate/newsroom/press-releases/preserving-the-story-of-america--ancestry-announces-largest-arch

You can search the National Archives records on Ancestry.com here:

https://www.ancestrv.com/c/nara

#### MY LOVE / HATE RELATIONSHIP WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Submitted by Jo Roth, WCGS Treasurer and WCGS Webmaster

I am the first to admit that finding records using the Full Text Search Experiment on FamilySearch.org is a gamechanger. Look out, brick walls, here I come! But for other things, like general searches on Google, the inability to turn off the AI results feature can be frustrating. Kristy Love posted in the Facebook Group Technology for Genealogy on May 8 that adding "before:2023" to your search will exclude a considerable proportion of content that uses AI-generated Search Engine Optimization. It also excludes content that was created and / or updated after 2023, but this can be found by removing the search term shown above.

To give you an example, if I search for "heartburn" using Google, the first thing shown is generated by AI. If I search for "heartburn" and add "before:2023" to the search box, the first thing shown is from the Mayo Clinic. See if this helps you when using Google for your genealogical searches.

This is just one of many search parameters you can use with Google. There are several sites that provide lists of these, or you can use Google Advanced Search or Google Advanced Image Search instead. https://www.google.com/advanced\_search

https://www.google.com/advanced image search

#### OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Samuel D. Isaly Library, 611 State Route 97 West, Bellville, Ohio 44813-8813 Telephone 419-886-1903 https://www.ogs.org

## 2025 OGS Annual Conference: "Light Up Your Genealogy"

Save the Dates – April 30-May 3, 2025 – In-Person Kalahari Hotel and Resorts, 7000 Kalahari Drive, Sandu

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## NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

6400 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 810, Falls Church, VA 22042-2318 Telephone 703-525-0050 or 800-473-0060 <a href="https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/">https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/</a>

## **2025 Family History Conference**

May 23-26, 2025 - In-Person in Louisville, KY

https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/

#### **GRIP GENEALOGY INSTITUTE**

https://grip.ngsgenealogy.org/

Sunday, June 23, 2024 – Friday, June 28, 2024 – Virtual Courses via Zoom

Sunday, July 14, 2024 - Friday, July 19, 2024 - In-Person Courses

LaRoche University, 9000 Babcock Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15237-5808

Registration is open!

## INSTITUTE OF GENEALOGY AND HISTORICAL RESEARCH (IGHR)

c/o Georgia Genealogical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 551247, Atlanta, Georgia 30355-2747 Telephone 678-439-7503 https://ighr.gagensociety.org/

#### **IGHR 2024 Virtual Institute**

Sunday, July 21 – Friday, July 26, 2024 – Virtual Registration is open!

## **IGHR 2025** Virtual Institute

Save the Dates – Sunday, July 27 – Friday, August 1, 2025 – Virtual

# $36^{TH}$ INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF GENEALOGICAL AND HERALDIC SCIENCES

2024 Congress: "Origins, Journeys, Destinations"

September 24-28, 2024 – In-Person

Being held in the United States for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in its 93-year history!

Hosted by American Ancestors and FamilySearch: https://www.americanancestors.org/

The American Ancestors Research Center, 99-101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116-3007

https://www.americanancestors.org/icghs-2024

## **ROOTSTECH 2025**

https://rootstech.org

Save the Dates! Thursday, March 6, 2025 - Saturday, March 8, 2025 - In-Person and Virtual

## **GENEALOGY WEBINARS**

Please visit the following sites for complete lists of webinars being presented.

Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center

American Ancestors by New England Historic Genealogical Society

ConferenceKeeper

Florida State Genealogical Society

International Society for British Genealogy and Family History

Legacy Family Tree Webinars

## WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

WCGS has more than 160 Warren County Genealogical publications available for purchase. These can be purchased from the <a href="Shop and Support">Shop and Support</a> page of our website or you can download an order form: <a href="https://www.wcgsohio.org/downloadable-forms">https://www.wcgsohio.org/downloadable-forms</a>.

Membership is \$15 for a regular membership (single or family) or \$200 for a Life Membership. Please visit the <u>Join or Renew</u> page on our website or you can download a Membership Application: <a href="https://www.wcgsohio.org/downloadable-forms">https://www.wcgsohio.org/downloadable-forms</a>.

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Western Star Digitization Project: https://www.ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll84

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

**RESOURCE LIBRARY HOURS**: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The WCGS Resource Library is open to the public. We are a FamilySearch Affiliate Library.

## **KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS**

Support WCGS each time you check out by participating in the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

- Visit https://www.kroger.com and sign into your Kroger account.
- Click the icon above your name to access "My Account" and look for Community Rewards on that page.
- Select Community Rewards and search by Organization Name or Number and enroll in the program:
  - o Organization Name Warren Co Chpr of the Ohio Genealogical Soc
  - o Organization Number SU662

Then, every time you shop and use your Kroger Plus card, Kroger will make a small donation to WCGS!

#### THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following people and organizations who have made a monetary or materials donation to WCGS recently. Our Society and Resource Library Catalog continues to expand because of your generosity!

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