WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News April 2024

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2024 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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

April 20, 2024 – WCGS Hybrid (In-Person AND Virtual) Program "Abraham Lincoln's Connections to Warren County, Ohio" presented by John Zimkus, Warren County Historical Society Historian and Education Director Saturday, April 20, 2024, 1:30 PM – Armstrong Conference Center, 121 South Broadway Street, Lebanon, Ohio 45036 Please register at https://www.wcgsohio.org/events if attending in-person or to receive a Zoom invitation to this event.

May 8, 2024 – WCGS Virtual Program "Making the Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne Your Research Assistant: Collections & Services of This National Family History Repository" presented by Curt B. Witcher Wednesday, May 8, 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.

2024 CEMETERY RESTORATION WORKSHOP

Save the date and tell your friends! Our **2024 Cemetery Restoration Workshop** will be **September 13, 2024**, at **Crosson Cemetery**, near Butlerville, Ohio. 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. Watch this space for additional details in the coming months!



FAMILYSEARCH FULL TEXT EXPERIMENT – AI WORKING FOR YOU!

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

Have you been hearing a lot about Artificial Intelligence (AI) and wondering just what it is and when will it do something useful for you? Do you struggle to read 200-year-old handwriting? Do you, like us, spend hours browsing image by image through unindexed microfilm, searching for evidence of the life of a particularly elusive ancestor, knowing that there must be a better way? Well, thanks to AI and the good folks at FamilySearch, there is a better way and may all genealogists rejoice!

At RootsTech 2024, FamilySearch unveiled an extremely powerful experimental AI tool they call Full Text. They have harnessed the power of AI to search through millions of images to find and transcribe documents for you - in microseconds! Simply type in your ancestor's name and location and see 50-70 million results appear! Fear not, because FamilySearch provides Search Tips to refine your search and bring your results down to a more manageable number, as well as wildcards to help locate the inevitable name variations.

In their initial roll-out, FamilySearch is providing access only to U.S. land and probate records and Mexican notary records, but what a treasure! Expect to find your ancestor mentioned in many land and court documents that you would not have found by using indexes. Read the AI-transcribed documents alongside the originals and then download the original document and the transcribed text. Select "Group Data" in the upper right corner of the page to copy the source citation.

Remember that this is the initial offering of an experimental, or "beta" capability and don't be surprised if you find parts of it to be a little quirky. Trust me, you won't mind the quirkiness at all when you see your results! Go now to Full-Text Search • FamilySearch and have fun!

For more information, please visit:

https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/article/find-the-new-full-text-search-for-historical-records

CLUES TO USE

Submitted by Linda Eckert, WCGS President

Check out our Special Collections! (Part 8)

This month we are featuring Carol Christine Conner-Donovan's Family Collection. It begins with her Paternal 3x Great Grandparents, Jimmet and Elizabeth (Price) Conner. Jimmet and Elizabeth were both born in Kent County, Delaware, and moved to Warren County, Ohio. They are both buried in Hilltop Baptist Cemetery, also known as Fort Ancient Cemetery.

The Conner Family of Delaware, Ohio, and Missouri

Jimmet Conner (1776-1861) and Elizabeth (Price) Conner (1775-1848)

Their Children:

William Conner (1799-1886)

Mary Conner (1800-1880)

Vincent Conner (1803-1880)

Jimmet Conner (1805-1881)

Elizabeth Conner-Torrence (1807-

John Conner (1809-1879)

Debora Conner (1811-1890

Sarah Conner-Supinger (1815-1878)

Ann Conner-Wilkerson (1820-1890)

Carol Christine Conner-Donovan was approved March 19, 2007, as a member of the Early Settlers of Warren County, Ohio. The following settlers have been proven to be living in Warren County, Ohio, before 1883:

> John Conner – 1829 Salem Township Jimmet Conner – 1840 Washington Township Jimmet Conner – 1850 Salem Township Owen Conner – 1874 Salem Township

WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY SHRED & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

When getting rid of any old family group sheets, pedigree charts, or other documents you have amassed during your genealogical research, it is ALWAYS a good idea to shred anything that might have information about living or recently deceased individuals. The Warren County Records Center & Archives hosts a Shred Event twice a year, making it easy to shred your documents without the expense or mess of doing it at home.

If you are not local to Warren County, contact your local County offices or Archives and see if there is something similar available in your area. Happy Spring Cleaning!



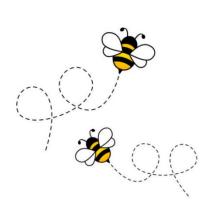
THE OHIO HONEY FESTIVAL COMMEMORATIVE MEDALLIONS

Submitted by Karen Bentley, WCGS Volunteer

While working on an inventory for WCGS, I discovered what I thought were coins in a wooden case (pictured below). One side of the coins, or more accurately medallions, was engraved with "Ohio Honey Festival – Lebanon" and the other side was engraved with an image of various places in the county. Through a bit of research, I found the Ohio Honey Festival issued a different medallion for each year; our collection includes 1978-1990:

- 1978 Golden Lamb (1803)
- * 1979 Caesar's Creek – Pioneer Village Elam House (1802)
- * 1980 Warren County Historical Society Museum
- 1981 Lebanon Station *
- **4** 1982 Warren County Historical Courthouse
- 1983 Lebanon City Building (1933-1983)
- **4** 1984 Lebanon Public Library (1908-1984)
- **4** 1985 Otterbein Home Marble Hall Building (1810-1985)
- 1986 College Football Hall of Fame (1978-1986)
 - > The original building was erected in Kings Mills, Ohio, near Kings Island amusement park. The HOF moved from Kings Mills, Ohio, to South Bend, Indiana, and finally to its current location in Atlanta, Georgia.
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/College Football Hall of Fame
- Corwin Nixon Covered Bridge (Repaired 1982)
- 1988 Lucille Berry Middle School (1930-1988)
 - The site of filming for the movie *Harper Valley PTA*.
- Caesar's Creek State Park (1989)
- 1990 Jack Nicklaus Sports Center (1972-1990) *

The Western Star (Lebanon, Ohio), Thursday, September 9, 1981, Page 10B, Columns 4-6:







Medallion Shows Famed Station

Clubs is featured on this year's Ohio Honey Festival medallion and the souvenir can be yours for \$3.

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Lynn Ankerstar. council publicity chairman, said the medallions show the famed Lebanon Station, a project of the garden clubs, and will be available at a special festival booth.

The medallion, the fourth to be produced, is a continuation of the series originated by Shiriey and John Kilburn of Morrow. Previous works showed the Golden Lamb. Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village and the Warren County Museum.

Mrs. Ankerstar said the Kilburns obtained the original ink sketch of the station from Audrey Elliot, a local artist. The drawing was sent to Medallic Arts of Danbury, Conn., where it was carved into plaster of paris and then transferred into a miniature steel die.

Three thousand bronze medallions were requested by the Kilburns," the publicity chairman said. "The die is then marred to assure a limited number of the

She explained the Lebanon Sta-She explained the Lebanon Sta-tion was chosen because of its beauty and history. The first railroad came to Lebanon in 1881, she said and the waiting station was erected on South Broadway, now the famed landmark. Mrs. Ankerstar said the four Lebanon garden clubs which make up the council were incor-porated in 1971 and purchased



The Lebanon Station is the center of attraction on this festival medallion. The souvenirs can be purchased at a

the site of the original station from Penn Central Railroad. The remodeled building was opened to

Penn Central Railroad. The remodeled building was opened to the public on May 19, 1974. She said that in addition to the station, an old watchman's tower, a semaphore and a 70-year-old ice house have been restored. The station houses a non-profit bouti-que and offers handcrafted gifts

HAPPY TRAILS

Dennis E. "Denny" Dalton (1943-2024)

Dalton, Dennis E., age 80, of Lebanon, passed away Thursday, March 28, 2024, at Ohio Living Quaker Heights in Waynesville.

Dennis was born in Waynesville and was a lifelong member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. He was a long-time Warren County historian and the Official Town Crier of Warren County. He contributed to the effort to preserve and present the rich history and culture of Warren County.

He served with Martha Edmiston (1909-1979) as an Editor of the Miami Gazette and was a reporter for The Western Star Newspaper. In addition, he worked with Albert "Cap" Stubbs (1904-1977) on the creation of the Ohio Sauerkraut Festival in Waynesville. He authored *One Nation Under Sauerkraut* as a cookbook to support the festival.

As the creator of The Ohioana Room at the Mary L. Cook Library, he won statewide praise in his efforts to catalog genealogical, architectural, and folk tales of Waynesville, Wayne Township, and Clearcreek Township. For a number of years, he served as Town Crier for events all over Warren County and for Christmas events in Springboro. Dennis was the originator of the famous "Ghost Walks" of Waynesville as well.

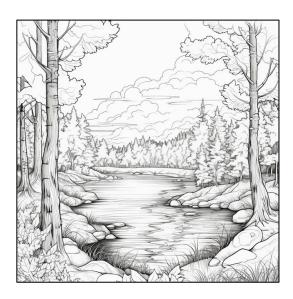
In April of 1999, Dennis was instrumental in bringing Gerald Charles Dickens, the great-great-grandson of Charles Dickens, to Waynesville from the United Kingdom. Dickens returned to the porch of the Holloway House for a photo and joined Dennis in Lebanon's Golden Lamb Inn to toast – this time with brandy. When Gerald's great-grandfather, Charles Dickens, visited the Golden Lamb in 1842, the Golden Lamb was a temperance hotel.

In 2012, for Arcadia Press, Dennis published <u>Waynesville and Wayne Township</u>, perhaps the most comprehensive history ever done on the northern third of Warren County. Within this book, Denny poured out his love and knowledge of the place he knew as "home."

Dennis was a gifted speaker, researcher, and devoted friend.

He was preceded in death by his parents Howard and Gladys Dalton, and his sister, Christy Dalton. He is survived by his two nieces, Kimberly and Kelli Fox.

Services will be scheduled in the near future. Burial will be at Miami Cemetery in Corwin, on the quiet hillside above the Little Miami that he so dearly loved. Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home is serving the family. If desired, contributions may be made to the funeral expenses. Condolences can be left at www.stubbsconner.com.



GREENUP COUNTY GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Greenup Library, 508 Main Street, Greenup, KY 41144 https://gcgenealogy41144.wixsite.com/mysite

2024 Northeastern Kentucky Genealogy Conference

April 5-6 – In-Person

Greenbo Lake State Park Lodge, 965 Lodge Road, Greenup, KY 41144

606-473-7324

Friday, April 5, 2024 – FREE

6:00 p.m. Registration Begins

6:30 p.m. Kentucky Memories – Traditional Mountain String Band

7:30 p.m. Charles Royster Military Collection

Saturday, April 6, 2024 – \$20.00 8:00 a.m. Registration

9:05 a.m. Eli Allen – The Basics for Cemetery Documentation

10:30 a.m. BREAK

10:45 a.m. Terry Baldridge – Hanging Rock Iron Region

12:15 p.m. LUNCH

1:45 p.m. Janet Scott – Call the Midwife

3:15 p.m. BREAK

3:30 p.m. **Kelli Bergheimer** – How to Write Your Ancestor Stories

5:00 p.m. Close and Door Prizes

OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

2024 OGS Annual Conference: "Rockin' Around Your Family Tree"

April 10-13, 2024 – In-Person

Kalahari Hotel and Resorts, 7000 Kalahari Drive, Sandusky, OH 44870-8628 https://www.ogs.org/2024-conference/

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, Sandusky, OH 44870-8628

Speaker proposals are now being accepted through May 31, 2024. Please submit to ogsconference@ogs.org.

https://www.ogs.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/OGS-Call-For-Papers-2025.pdf

INDIANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 10507, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46852-0507

https://www.indgensoc.org/

2024 IGS Annual Conference: "More to Discover: Indiana Records & Repositories"

April 19-20 - In-Person AND Virtual

Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN 46802-3600

Includes extended research hours from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Friday for in-person conference attendees! https://www.indgensoc.org/conference2024.php

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

2024 Virtual Family History Conference: "Expanding Possibilities"

May 16-18, 2024 - Virtual

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

36TH 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 1st 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

<u>ConferenceKeeper</u>

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 Shop and Support page of our website or you can download an order form: https://www.wcgsohio.org/downloadable-forms.

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: https://www.wcgsohio.org/downloadable-forms.

Phone: 513-695-1144 Email: wcgsoh@gmail.com WCGS NEW Website: https://www.wcgsohio.org

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

WCGS Virtual Cemetery: http://sites.rootsweb.com/~ohwarren/Cemetery/burial.htm WCGS Facebook Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/262311627671559/

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

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

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!

Rosemary Cain-Wallace Linda Holder
Marlene DeBoard Pat Perkins
Marilyn England Karen Saxbury
Marty Hiatt PayPal Giving Fund

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 1978 on the <u>Ohio Memory Project</u>. Since the site went online in the fall of 2018, **26**,723 users have viewed **522**,279 pages in **41**,634 sessions.

The landing page for the project is https://www.ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll84

We LOVE the Western Star!