

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 [Ta Mara Conde](#), 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 quiriness 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 poster features a decorative border of colorful flowers at the top and bottom. The background is a faded image of a large building, likely the Administration Building. The text is centered and includes the event title, date, time, location, and contact information. A circular seal of Warren County, Ohio, is positioned above the date and time. The event details are listed in two columns, with 'Shredding' and 'Electronics' sections. A 'NOTE' is placed between the location and the event details. The contact information is provided at the bottom of each column.

WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY SHRED & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY



Date: Saturday, May 11th, 2024
Time: 10am – 1pm
Location: 406 Justice Drive, Lebanon Ohio 45036
Administration Building Parking Lot

NOTE: Event is first come, first serve, staff will assist with emptying boxes/electronics

Shredding	Electronics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 Box Maximum• Shredding will be completed offsite	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Electronics Accepted:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Computer Equipment◦ TVs◦ Batteries

Questions?

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phone: 513.695.1815• Email: Jennifer.Haney@co.warren.oh.us	Questions? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phone: 513.695.1259• Email: solid.waste@co.warren.oh.us
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MORE INFO: <https://www.co.warren.oh.us/recordscenter/GenInfo/ShredDay.aspx>

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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
- ❖ 1982 Warren County Historical Courthouse
- ❖ 1983 Lebanon City Building (1933-1983)
- ❖ 1984 Lebanon Public Library (1908-1984)
- ❖ 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
- ❖ 1987 Corwin Nixon Covered Bridge (Repaired 1982)
- ❖ 1988 Lucille Berry Middle School (1930-1988)
 - The site of filming for the movie *Harper Valley PTA*.
- ❖ 1989 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

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

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 Shirley 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 mated to assure a limited number of the souvenirs."

She explained the Lebanon Station 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.

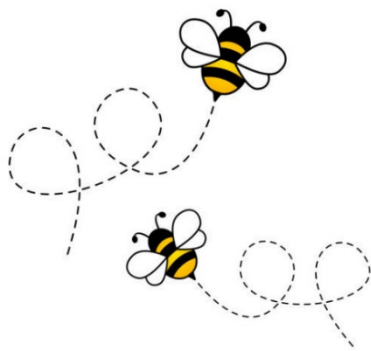
Mrs. Ankerstar said the four Lebanon garden clubs which make up the council were incorporated in 1971 and purchased

the site of the original station from 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 boutique and offers handcrafted gifts

and floral arrangements made by members.

"Proceeds go to the beautification of the city and station," Mrs. Ankerstar noted. "The building also contains a collection of railroad memorabilia, is the meeting place for clubs, and provides an area for education and workshops."



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](#)
[ConferenceKeeper](#)
[Florida State Genealogical Society](#)
[International Society for British Genealogy and Family History](#)
[Legacy Family Tree Webinars](#)

