

# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY *e-News* August 2024

This monthly newsletter is being distributed to Warren County Genealogical Society members and other interested parties. Feel free to share with others as you see fit. If you wish to be added or removed from our mailing list, contact us by phone 513-695-1144 or email at [wcgsoh@gmail.com](mailto:wcgsoh@gmail.com).

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## WCGS RESOURCE LIBRARY HOURS

The WCGS Resource Library will be closed Monday, September 2, 2024, for Labor Day.

## 2024 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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

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August Virtual Program “**No Soldier Left Behind: Military Repatriation**” presented by **Dana Palmer**  
**Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST – Zoom Program**

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September Virtual Program “**Researching Warren County Records 101**” presented by **Diana Lovett**  
**Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST – Zoom Program**

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October Virtual Program “**Ancestry Pro Tools: Increase Your DNA Analysis**” presented by **Kelli Bergheimer**  
**Wednesday, October 9, 2024, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST – Zoom Program**

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If you are on our email list, you will automatically receive a Zoom invitation to join us for our Virtual Chapter Meeting and Program. You can sign up for our email list at the bottom of any website page. <https://www.wcgsohio.org>

## HELP US SAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Harriet (Fealy) Foley** has meant a great deal to WCGS for many years and is not only a life member, but also served as our Treasurer for decades, our Librarian, author of many books and family histories, and was a steadfast volunteer. Help us shower her with cards for her **birthday** on **August 11**. Cards can be sent to:

Harriet Foley  
Enclave of Springboro, Room 215  
355 W. Central Ave  
Springboro, OH 45066



Harriet Fealy, Senior  
1953 Franklin High School Yearbook  
*The Purrs and Scratches*

## 2024 CEMETERY RESTORATION WORKSHOP

The 2024 Cemetery Restoration Workshop scheduled for Friday, September 13, 2024, has been cancelled. We hope to see you next year!

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## HAPPY TRAILS

We recently lost Pat Perkins, a frequent visitor to the WCGS Resource Library. Pat was a member of WCGS since 2016 and enjoyed discovering new things about her family history. She will be missed. Her obituary is included below.

Patricia Ann Perkins, age 81 of Lebanon, Ohio, passed away at Bethesda North Hospital on Friday, July 19, 2024, after a brief illness. Patricia was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on June 29, 1943, the daughter of George and Antonette (nee Sacco) Gill. Throughout her life, Pat worked in a variety of capacities such as a machine operator for Western Paper Goods, Physical Desk Supervisor for Countryside YMCA, and an Assistant Manager at Fashion Bug. Pat was a member of 1st Baptist Church of South Lebanon and the Warren County Conservation Club, and a former member of Morrow Baptist Church. Pat was an avid photographer who loved to scrapbook. She also loved to collect angel figurines and read, amassing a collection of almost 1000 books.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents; and her husbands Bob Walker and Jesse Roger Perkins, loving companion Kenneth Morris. Pat leaves behind her loving sisters Mary (Darrell) Hodges and Gloria (Dan) Dotson; 7 step-grandchildren; as well as many other family members and friends.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, July 30, 2024, from 11:00 AM until time of funeral services at 1:00 PM, all at the Stine Funeral Home of Lebanon, with Pastor Jeremiah Camarata officiating. Immediately following services, Pat will be laid to rest beside Jesse in Lebanon Cemetery.

<https://www.stinefhlebanon.com/obituaries/Patricia-Ann-Perkins?obId=32470326>

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## SHAKERS OF UNION VILLAGE, OHIO

The Ohio Department of Transportation has a four-volume series documenting the archaeological dig of the North Family Lot, which was one of nine family lots in Union Village. Union Village was a Shaker community in Warren County. This area is now home to Warren County Armco Park, and Warren County Sports Park, with Otterbein Senior Living, and the new Union Village housing development nearby. This entire series of books is online and can be accessed for FREE by visiting: <https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/programs/cultural-resources/resources/shakers>

This and Grant's Birthplace Archaeological Report can be found here:

<https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/programs/cultural-resources/resources/cultural-resources-archaeology>

Another program that you may find of interest is their Historic Bridges:

<https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/programs/historic-bridges>

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## 2024 ANNUAL GENEALOGY SEMINAR IN DAYTON, OHIO

The Montgomery County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society is sponsoring the 2024 Annual Genealogy Seminar November 9, 2024, from 9 AM – 4 PM, featuring classes by Sunny Morton, at the Christ United Methodist Church at 3440 Shroyer Road in Dayton, Ohio. Sunny will present the following four classes:

- Comparing the U.S. Newspaper Giants
- Born to Be Filed: A Story of Civil Birth Registrations in the United States
- Help! There's No Class on Researching
- Fable or Fact? Verifying Old Family Stories

with a Bonus Presentation 30-minute presentation during lunch!

Ohio River Adventures

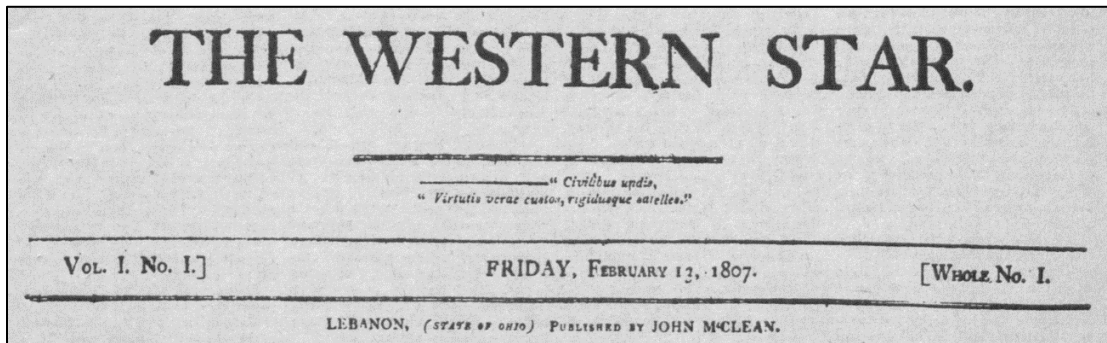
For more information or to download a flyer, please visit:

<https://mcc-ogs.org/eventListings.php?nm=57>

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## SUPPORT THE STAR!

Our fundraising campaign to [Support the Star!](#) was launched July 4, 2024, with a goal of raising \$20,000 by July 4, 2025. If you enjoy having the *Western Star* newspaper online, will you consider helping us finish this monumental digitization project?



Since the fall of 2018, the [Alleen Stephenson Digital Newspaper Project](#) has provided **FREE** online public access to digital images of the Lebanon Western Star from 1807 through 1988 on the Ohio Memory Project. These digital images were created from original copies of the newspaper located at the Ohio History Center in Columbus and from microfilm provided by the Warren County Historical Society and Warren County Genealogical Society.

The [Alleen Stephenson Digital Newspaper Project](#) is sponsored and maintained by the Warren County Genealogical Society. Using digitization and OCR technology, it provides **FREE** public access to **over 136,000 pages** of this historical newspaper. There are some issues missing, but the entire collection on hand is browsable and searchable by titles, names, or dates.

This project is dedicated to the remarkable Alleen Stephenson and was made possible through the generosity of Alleen's son and daughter-in-law, J. Todd and Rebecca Stephenson. For more than 60 years, Alleen wrote a much-loved column about the Kings Mills community that celebrated and preserved many aspects of the County's history.

Published for 206 years from **1807 to 2013**, the *Western Star* is Ohio's oldest weekly newspaper. This newspaper reported the local news and activities of the citizens of Lebanon, Warren County, and nearby areas. The first publisher was John McLean (1785-1861), who was an American attorney, a political activist who served in the United States Congress, and a justice of the Ohio and the U.S. Supreme Courts. He started his legal career in Cincinnati and moved to Lebanon, Ohio, to open a law practice and dedicate his time to opening and running a weekly newspaper.

The online collection can be found by visiting: <https://ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll84>

We are in the final phase of digitizing the remaining copies of the *Western Star* that we have available. There are TWO ways you can help us finish this monumental project.

**(1) Locate Missing Issues!**

There are many issues we would like to locate and add to this collection. Please visit the [Support the Star!](#) website page for a list.

**(2) Please Donate!**

Our funding has reached its limit and we still have more to do! We have established a dedicated fundraising campaign and all donations will be used to help us complete this last phase of the project and add missing issues online as they are located. Donations can be made in person at the WCGS Resource Library (address below), online at [Support the Star!](#), or you can send a check by postal mail to:

Warren County Genealogical Society  
Attn: Support the Star!  
406 Justice Drive  
Lebanon, OH 45036

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# WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY SHRED & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

It's almost fall cleanup time! 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.



The poster features a background image of a parking lot with several cars and a building. The text is centered and framed by decorative orange and yellow floral and leaf patterns in the corners. At the top, the event title is displayed in large, bold, black letters. Below the title is the Warren County, Ohio seal, which includes the year 1803 and a landscape with a sun, trees, and a river. The event date and time are listed as Saturday, September 21st, 2024, from 10am to 1pm, at 406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, Ohio 45036, in the Administration Building Parking Lot. A note states that the event is first come, first serve, and staff will assist with emptying boxes and electronics. A list of accepted electronics includes computer equipment, TVs, and batteries. Contact information for electronics questions is provided: phone 513-695-1259 or email solid.waste@co.warren.oh.us. Shred information is also provided: a maximum of 5 boxes per person, to be shredded offsite. Contact information for shredding questions is provided: phone 513.695.1815 or email Jennifer.Haney@co.warren.oh.us.

**WARREN COUNTY FALL  
COMMUNITY SHRED &  
ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY**



**Saturday, September 21st, 2024: 10am – 1pm**  
**406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, Ohio 45036**  
**Administration Building Parking Lot**

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

**Electronics Accepted:  
Computer Equipment, TVs, Batteries**

**Questions about Electronics?  
Phone: 513-695-1259  
or  
Email: solid.waste@co.warren.oh.us**

**Shred Information:  
5 Box Maximum, Will Be Shredded Offsite**

**Questions about Shredding?  
Phone: 513.695.1815  
or  
Email: Jennifer.Haney@co.warren.oh.us**

For more information, please visit: <https://www.co.warren.oh.us/recordscenter/GenInfo/ShredDay.aspx>

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## 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! Wednesday, April 30 – Saturday, May 3, 2025 – In-Person  
Kalahari Hotel and Resorts, 7000 Kalahari Drive, Sandusky, OH 44870-8628

## INDIANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 10507, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46852-0507  
<https://www.indgensoc.org/>

### 2025 IGS Annual Conference

Save the Dates! Friday, April 11 – Saturday, April 12, 2025 – In-Person AND Virtual  
Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN 46802-3600

## 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/>

### 2025 Family History Conference

Save the Dates! Friday, May 23 – Monday, May 26, 2025 - In-Person at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, KY  
<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

## 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 2025 Virtual Institute

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

### IGHR 2026 Virtual Institute

Save the Dates! Sunday, July 26 – Friday, July 31, 2026 – Virtual

## 36<sup>TH</sup> 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 – Saturday, March 8, 2025 – In-Person and Virtual

### JUST GETTING STARTED IN GENEALOGY?

Check out these Virtual Programs for help.

Kenton County Public Library, Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

<https://kentonlibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/663e54b0b7ed963d00977a57>

Crista Cowan of Ancestry.com and ChartMasters fame has a FREE Beginner’s Series (several topics).

<https://www.cristacowan.com/beginners-register>

## 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](#)

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## 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 \$25 for a regular membership (single or family) or \$250 for a Life Membership. Please visit the [Join or Renew](#) 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](mailto: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.**

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## 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:
  - Organization Name – Warren Co Chpr of the Ohio Genealogical Soc
  - Organization Number – SU662

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

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## 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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