

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News Mar., 2016

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“TRACING OUR IMMIGRANT ANCESTORS” presented by Dana Palmer

Wednesday, March 16, 2016, 7:30 PM

Phillippi Meeting Room, the Campus Center at the Otterbein Retirement Community, 585 N State Rte. 741 (north of Rte. 63), Lebanon.

This presentation will give you many resources to help you find your ancestor's town of origin. Dana also will share useful German Websites and German Books that will help you in researching your German ancestors. She has helpful tips on understanding the German Language - identifying Common German Record Types and German Genealogy Words by giving the German words and the English words. She will help you develop a research strategy by using what you already know, establish your objectives and identify your sources. We hope you will be able to join us for this very informative program.

Dana Palmer of Lebanon, Ohio, is a teacher, lecturer, author and professional genealogist. Immediate Past-President of Warren County (Ohio) Genealogical Society, web designer and web master. Genealogy instructor at Sinclair Community College and the Warren County Career Center. Extensive work with digital photo restoration and scanning, writing and compiling family books, cemeteries and Midwestern research. Speaker at 2013 FGS Conference in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Frequent guest lecturer at various genealogical societies in Ohio. Member of the Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG), National Genealogical Society (NGS), Genealogical Speakers Guild (GSG), Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS), Warren County Genealogical Society (WCCGS), Daughters of the Utah Pioneers (DUP) and a delegate for the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS). OGS Conference Co-Chair and program chair in 2013 and 2016.

WANTED! 1981 CHARTER MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION

We will be celebrating the 35th anniversary of the society at our banquet on April 20th and would like to send a formal invitation to all charter members that we can locate. We have already identified a number of those that have passed away and have contact information for some of the other charter members. If you were a charter member or if you can provide contact information for any of the remaining charter members listed below, please let us know by phone, email, etc.

Bill **Archdeacon**, Russell & Evelyn **Bartlett**, Nancy L. **Burge**, Florence **Cole**, Wanda Hamblin **Deck**, Marjorie L. **Diebel**, Sarah **Dodds**, W. W. **Drake**, Judith **Evans**, Oscar & Mary **Fleckner**, Diana **Fondersmith**, Bart C. **Gibbons**, Julia Rebecca **Hardin**, Danny **Ledbetter Jr.**, Charles & Linda Lanter **Marker**, Charles Albert **Matz III**, Glenn & Betty **McElroy**, Ruth **Moore**, Robert D. **Murphy**, Bette **Patton-Leslie**, Frank H. **Robison** and Carol **Swearengin**.

LEBANON, OHIO PATRIOT GRAVE MARKING CEREMONY APRIL 24

[extracted from article by Michael Gunn at <http://local.cincinnati.com/share/story/227620>]

“The Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (CCSAR) have identified 18 Patriots of the American Revolutionary War who will be honored at the Grave Marking Event at 2:00 PM on April 24, 2016 in Lebanon, OH at Main & West Streets [Location: 104 S. West Street, Lebanon, Ohio 45036. (39.434336 -84.214921)]. This is the site of the three Pioneer Cemeteries where these individuals, who contributed to the cause of the colonists rebellion against the rule of English King George III, were buried.

“The ceremony will have the “Pomp and Circumstance” appropriate to the honor deserved by these patriots, with colors posted by members of the CCSAR in Revolutionary Uniforms and accompanied by a drummer. Greetings delivered from many dignitaries from patriotic groups and historical societies. Comments from descendants of some of the Patriots honored. Wreathes laid in reverence to these who gave so much to create these United States of America. Prayers of Invocation and Benediction, thanking each of our Gods for this great country. And finally, a solemn presentation by bagpipes, a salute with flintlock rifles and a finale by taps bugled to complete the service.”

The CCSAR would like to reach out to descendants of these 19 patriots. If you are a descendent (or know of a descendant) of any of them, please contact gballman@fuse.net

BAPTIST GRAVEYARD (now north half of the Pioneer Cemetery)

Francis **Dunlavy**, Mary (Craig) **Dunlavy**, Joseph **Eddy**, Joseph **Lamb**

METHODIST GRAVEYARD (now south half of the Pioneer Cemetery)

Jacob **Earenfight**, Anthony **Geoghegan**, Robert **Hamilton**, Leonard **Peckinpaugh**, Matthias **Spinning**

PRESBYTERIAN GRAVEYARD (extinct – site now occupied by an automobile dealership)

Robert **Benham**, John Crawford **Bone**, James **Cowan Sr.**, Ezekiel **Irvin**, Samuel **Manning**, Lawrence **Monfort**, Peter **Perlee**, William **Russell**, John **Tharp**, Jonathan **Tichenor**.

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HELP WANTED: After an amazing 30 years of service, **Harriet Foley** has elected to retire from her role as Heir Lines Editor. If you are interested in volunteering to be the next Heir Lines Editor or Co-Editor, please contact us at wcs@co.warren.oh.us

2016 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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.

16 Mar 2016 “**Tracing Our Immigrant Ancestors**” presented by Dana Palmer
20 Apr 2016 35th Anniversary Banquet – Lineage Society Inductions. Program presented by Janice Lovelace:
“**Is Great-Grandmother Really Native American? An Introduction to Native American Genealogical Research**”
18 May 2016 to be announced
21 Sep 2016 to be announced
19 Oct 2016 to be announced
16 Nov 2016 to be announced
21 Dec 2016 Annual Christmas Gathering.

We thank **Linda Eckert** for all her work as our Program Chair.

8th ANNUAL CEMETERY RESTORATION WORKSHOP

It is time to sign up for our 8th Annual Cemetery Restoration Workshop. This year the clinic will be held Saturday, June 4th, 2016, from 9 am to 4 pm at the Wesley Chapel Cemetery. The cemetery is between Pleasant Plain and Blanchester on State Route 28 at the intersection of Morrow Woodville Road (County Road 24). The first known burial occurred here in 1840.

WESLEY CHAPEL, HARLAN TOWNSHIP

The Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church was organized about 1846, by Jacob Jackson, Joshua Thompson and others. The church was situated near Level, in Harlan Township, and was one of the most active country societies in the county, with a large membership.

Workshop attendees will spend a full day in the cemetery learning the proper techniques of cemetery restoration and repair ~ identifying, cleaning & repairing grave markers. This year’s program will again be presented by the Graveyard Groomer from Connersville, Indiana. The cost of this all day event is only \$40 per person and includes a picnic lunch and a workbook that normally sells for \$10.

A flyer and registration form are attached. Attendance is limited so reserve your spot early.

For more information, visit the clinic website at <http://cemetery.springborohistory.org/2016/WesleyChapeCemetery.html> or contact our cemetery clinic chairman, Terry Easton at Terry_Easton@cinci.rr.com or 513-294-8752.

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2016 WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP – LAST CALL

We are winding up our 2016 membership drive this month. We have had a great response so far from both new and existing WCGS members. We will mail a final “Reminder” message to our 2015 members who haven’t renewed their membership for 2016. We want to thank everyone for their continuing support of our Society. It is greatly appreciated.

Society membership is on a calendar year basis. Dues are \$10 (Individual), \$15 (family) or \$200 (life). A 2016 membership form is attached as a pdf document and was included in our latest Heir Lines mailing.

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WARREN COUNTY OHGENWEB PROJECT at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/>

Most of the links in this e-News are not working at this time. The following message appears on the rootsweb.com website:

We're currently experiencing a temporary website outage due to Rootsweb hardware failure. Rest assured, our development and web operations teams are busy working to securely restore the site as quickly as possible. Our initial expectation is to have the site back up and running on or around March 15, 2016. We will provide other updates here as we have them.

Our Warren County OHGenWeb Project, housed on those servers, contains 174,000 files in 851 folders. Hopefully they will be back on line soon!

JOHN HARRISON, APPLICATION FOR NATURALIZATION, OCTOBER 1, 1832

Warren County, Ohio, Series A, Box 88; recorded Common Pleas Volume 14, page 161

[Click here](#) to see image.

War. Com. Pleas; Ex parte John Harrison; September Term 1832; Declaration for Naturalization

Warren County to wit:

John Harrison an applicant for naturalization in his own person in open Court on being duly sworn declareth and Saith, that he is twenty three years of age, that he was born in the County of York in England from where in the month of June 1830, he emigrated to the United States of America, where he now resides, to wit, in the County of Warren in the State of Ohio. And the said John on his oath aforesaid further declareth and Saith, that it is his bona fide intention to become a Citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign power, potentate, State of Sovereignty whatever; and particularly to his Majesty William the Fourth King of Great Britain Ireland &c. to whom he was heretofore a subject, and further Saith not.

John Harrison {signature}

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 1st day of Oct. A.D. 1832

J. K. Wilds, clk

WARREN COUNTY, OHIO VIRTUAL CEMETERY PROJECT – FEBRUARY ADDITIONS

[Rose Hill Cemetery](#), - added 369 photos for all extant gravestones in Sections A6 and H2. With these additions, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, B1, B2, B3, B4, C1, C2, D1, D2, D3, E, G1, G2, H1, H2 are now completed with photos for 6,440 burials in this cemetery. Thanks to Candy Tucker’s continuing efforts, we have been able to update our database for the cemetery to include all burials through the end of December, 2015.

With these additions, our [Virtual Cemetery Project](#) has photos on line for 62,783 burials in 95 cemeteries.

See <http://goo.gl/YSRaS>

MARY LOU DAKIN BIRTHDAY PARTY

[Click here](#) to see image.

Mrs. **Karl Dakin** entertained about thirty little kiddies on last Saturday afternoon, August 25th, in honor of her daughter, **Martha Lou's** eighth birthday anniversary.

The little guests enjoyed many novel games and later refreshments were served to Peggy **Pauly**, Virginia **Williams**, Betty Jane **Taylor**, Betty **Coburn**, Mary Caroline **Harrold**, Catherine **Dakin**, Betty **Benham**, Lura Lou **Rogers**, Martha **Van Ness**, Margie Ann **Brant**, Dorothy Lou **Griswold**, Marjorie **Keelor**, Frances **Runyan**, Ella Jane **Williams**, Peggy **Morris**, Billy Virginia **Jones**, Heida **Hines**, Helen Rae **Thornberry**, Buster **Sheeler**, Charles **Perrine**, Jimmie **Kaufman**, Bobby **Luti**, Richard **Keelor**, Joe **Shutts**, Joe **Gray**, George **Meloy**, Billy **Hancock** and Charles **Dakin**.

Source: "Birthday, *The Western Star* (Lebanon, Ohio), Thursday, August 30, 1928, page 4, column 3
[copy obtained from microfilm available at the Warren County Genealogical Society]

WARREN COUNTY MILITARY HERITAGE <http://goo.gl/uWutD>

=> VETERAN PHOTOS AND DOCUMENTS:

Harry F. Franz (1878-1899) - Corporal, Company M, 1st Infantry, 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 2nd Army Corps
Gravestone at Murdoch Cemetery (removed from cemetery 12 miles outside of Havana, Cuba in 1900)

Obituary of Harry F. Franz (from transcription of a handwritten paper dated 22 Feb 1900)

" . . . Enlisted in the U.S. Regular Army, in Nov. 1898, being assigned to Co. M, 1st Inft., 2nd Brigade, 1st division, 2nd Army Corps. Shortly after enlisting his company was ordered to Cuba and stationed at Pinar-del-Rio. Here Harry was promoted to the rank of Corporal, showing his uprightness of character in the service of his country. In April 1899 he was stricken with that dread disease "Cuban fever" with which his rugged constitution battled until Aug. 9. After he was taken sick he was removed to Havana Hospital where every effort was made to cure him, but without avail. . . . "

[Find A Grave Memorial #93577452](#)

Harry F. Franz, Co. M 1st Regt. U.S.I.,
buried at Murdoch Cemetery

=> WAR OF 1812 PENSION FILES:

In February, the War of 1812 pension files for Ohio that are on line at Fold3 still stop at that for **Simeon Moore** as has been the case for many months now. We know of about 83 pension files containing 2,977 pages that have been digitized for soldiers with a connection to Warren County.

=> CIVIL WAR PENSION FILES:

We have listed known Civil War Widows' Pension Applications pertaining to Warren County at

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohwarren/military/cwidow.htm>

Complete pension files are now on line for widow certificate numbers up to about 148,100 as has been the case for many months now.

=>See <http://goo.gl/uWutD> or <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.

THE ELTZROTH REUNION

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The Eltzroth reunion was held Sunday, August 26th, at Harmon Park.

Those who enjoyed the day were Mr. and Mrs. **Alva Eltzroth** and family, of Dayton; Mr. and Mrs. **Howard Smith**, Mr. and Mrs. **Roy Eltzroth** and Family, of Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. **Fred Eltzroth** and daughter, of Cleveland; Mr. and Mrs. **Herman Eltzroth** and family, Mrs. **Leo Schuyler**, Mr. and Mrs. **Ernest Eltzroth** and family, Mr. **Lee Smith**, Mr. and Mrs. **Ira Eltzroth** and family, Mrs. **Eli Etarkey**, Mr. and Mrs. **Floyd Eltzroth** and children, Mr. and Mrs. **Emmett Eltzroth** and family, Mr. **Charles Charleton**, Mr. and Mrs. **Sam Marshall** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Edd Hill**, all of Blanchester; Mrs. **Kate Chaney** and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. **C. C. Akeffer**, Mr. and Mrs. **Benjamin Hous**, Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Keiser** and son, of Latonia, Ky., Mr. and Mrs. **Benjamin Eltzroth** and daughter and Mr. **John Plocher**, of Miamisburg.

Source: "The Eltzroth Reunion," *Western Star (Lebanon, Ohio)*, Thursday, August 30, 1928, page 4, column 3.

[copy obtained from microfilm available at the Warren County Genealogical Society]

20TH ANNUAL FAMILY HISTORY JAMBOREE

The 2016 Family History Jamboree is coming Sat., April 9, at 901 E. Whipp Rd in Centerville, Ohio. Beginning at 8:00 AM, it is a day of many classes on a wide range of topics. Our winter issue of Heir Lines has the description of these classes or you can find them online at www.fhj1.org/index.php. The registration and day's schedule will be found here also. Space is limited and advanced registration is requested.

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).

“Tracking Your Ancestors,” 2016 OGS Annual Conference at the Great Wolf Lodge, Mason, Ohio

A great opportunity for genealogy researchers is fast approaching – April 28-30, 2016. The Ohio Genealogical Society is sponsoring their 2016 conference at the Great Wolf Lodge, Mason, Ohio – just a few miles down the road for all of us locals. There are presentations for beginner through advanced researchers in topics including: DNA, many “how to” classes, German research, localities of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and Virginia, African American research, military, and online resources.

You can choose to attend 1, 2, or 3 days. Our office has the full schedule or you can find the information at <http://www.ogsconference.org/>

Early registration ends March 14th and regular registration ends Apr. 11th. You may also register on line up to Apr. 18th at <http://www.ogsblog.org/2015/11/online-registration-is-now-available.html>

Also, **FREE** to anyone (you do not have to attend the conference) is the Exhibit Hall of vendors and their many offerings of genealogical resources. The Exhibit Hall hours:

Thursday. 11 AM – 5 PM; Friday 9:30 AM – 6:00 PM; Saturday. 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM.

Mark your calendars! Hope you can take advantage of the nearness of the conference.

OTHER EVENTS

◇ [Butler County Genealogical Society](#) email: BCOGS@butlercountyogs.org

“The Irish Families of Harriet and Tom Foley”

March 8, 2016, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

MidPointe Library in West Chester, 9363 Centre Pointe Dr, West Chester Township, Butler County, OH

Harriet and her husband Tom have researched their Irish families who came over in 1773, 1815, the 1850s and the 1960s. They have gone to Ireland over 14 times, met family, seen where their ancestors came from and spent countless hours doing research.

check website for more details. <http://www.butlercountyogs.org>

◇ [Clermont County Chapter, OGS](#) E-mail: ccovalcine@gmail.com

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 unless noted otherwise. They are free & open to the public unless otherwise noted. For more information see www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohclecgs/ or call 513-723-3423.

“My Pre-1820 Highland County Ancestors” by Ervin Chaney

March 5, 2016, 1:00 pm

Union Twp Library, 4450 Glen Este-Withamsville Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45245

Ervin Leon Chaney, Jr. will share how his research led him to 24 ancestors who lived in Ohio prior to 1820 as well the fascinating story of Elizabeth Smith who was captured by Ohio Indians in 1756.

◇ [National Genealogical Society](#), 4–7 May 2016 Family History Conference, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

◇ [Federation of Genealogical Societies](#), 31 Aug – 3 Sep 2016, 2016 National Conference.

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.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/publications.htm>

Membership is \$10 for a single membership, \$15 for a family membership or \$200 for a Life Membership.

Membership application forms are available at <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/aboutus.htm#Membership>

Phone: (513) 695 1144 email: wcs@co.warren.oh.us

WCGS Website: <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/>

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.]