WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY e-News March 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.

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2024 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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

March 20, 2024 – WCGS Virtual Program **"That's in the Archives: Digging Into Archived Records"** presented by **Melissa Barker**, also known as "The Archive Lady" Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 7:00 PM, Sci00 PM EST, Zoom Program

Wednesday, March 20, 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.

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 <u>https://www.wcgsohio.org/events</u> to receive a Zoom invitation to this event.

2024 CEMETERY RESTORATION WORKSHOP

Save the date! The **2024 Cemetery Restoration Workshop** will be **Friday, September 13, 2024**. We are thrilled to welcome back <u>Ta Mara Conde</u>, of Historic Gravestone Services, as our conservator again. More information to follow in the coming months!

INTRODUCING MINDY HOFFBAUER

Mindy Hoffbauer is our new Membership Chair and Facebook Administrator! Mindy is a longtime member of WCGS, and recently started serving as a Volunteer. She is excited to take on her new roles and is looking forward to working on her own family history. Welcome Mindy!

WCGS RESEARCH SERVICES

Submitted by Jim Brokaw, WCGS Cemetery Chair and new WCGS Research Chair (Yay!)

Need help with your research? We welcome requests to locate documents related to your ancestors in Warren County, Ohio. We have an extensive Genealogical Resource Library containing thousands of vital records, obituaries, family histories, indexes, books, and so much more! Our volunteers are ready to assist you with your research questions at rates that are a fraction of those charged by professional genealogists. Research Request forms are available on our website, or you are welcome to visit our library to do your own research. We will help you find the local records you need, and you will have free access to many online websites and collections!

Would you like to help us help others? We welcome volunteers who enjoy doing genealogical research, either in our library or at home!

For more information about our Research Services, please visit https://www.wcgsohio.org/researchservices.

For more information about volunteering for WCGS, please visit <u>https://www.wcgsohio.org/volunteer</u> and complete a Volunteer Interest Form.

CLUES TO USE

Submitted by Linda Eckert, WCGS President

Check out our Special Collections! (Part 7)

This month, we are featuring the Roger Stiles family history collection. It consists of several binders with information on the following families:

Crosson Family	Ross Family
Puckett Family	Parks Family
Franz Family	Carr Family
Long Family	Snell Family

Creager Family Wene – Pray Family Ross – Wycoff/Wicoff Family

Also included in this collection is research contributed by the following members of the family:

William W. Stiles	Christopher C. Garrison & Sarah Pray Garrison
Leon Stiles	Paul R. Orr
James F. Keim	Jerry D. Nelson
Linda Boorom	Kirby D. Brouillard
George Eberhart	Roy A. & Sheila Carlson
Mrs. Heminger & daughter, Mrs. George W. Brown	Ray B. Armstrong & Virgie Armstrong Battin
Kirby D. Brouillard	Ross D. Brown
Rich Schroer	

If you share any surnames with the Roger Stiles family, visit our library and check out this collection. If you are not local to the area, feel free to contact our Research Services for help searching this collection. Good luck with your research!

KENTUCKY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY FREE COURSE ON YOUTUBE

In September 2023, Susan J. Court of the Kentucky Genealogical Society presented a five-session course on *Becoming a Genealogist and Family Historian*. This course was excellent, with information for both beginners and seasoned researchers. KGS has added all five sessions to their YouTube channel and you can now view it online!

Part 1: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JUghokIQGLU</u>

Part 2: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSV4LynEazo</u>

Part 3: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqZM37s3OQc

Part 4: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=23wwleAIwWk

Part 5: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2EJrc8Mxuno</u>

MAP OF INDIAN TOWNS, VILLAGES, CAMPS, AND TRAILS

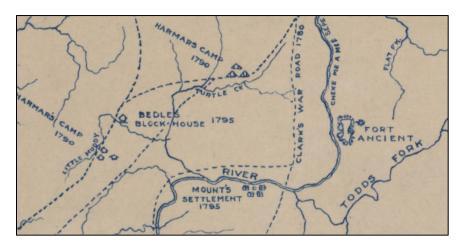
The Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library has a map online in their digital collection that caught our attention: "Map of the Indian Towns, Villages, Camps and Trails in the Virginia Military District and South-western Ohio" <u>https://digital.cincinnatilibrary.org/digital/collection/p16998coll9/id/9204</u>

A snippet is shown below highlighting Bedle's Blockhouse, Fort Ancient, and a few other places that may be familiar to you. This map can be viewed online and even downloaded to your device. Many thanks to Candy Jo Tucker Hartman for sharing this valuable link with us!



Jim Brokaw located another version of the same map on the Ohio History Connection website. This map has the colors inverted, making it a bit easier to read:

https://ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p267401coll32/id/23924/



OHIO GRAVESTONE PHOTO PROJECT

Have you ever checked out the Ohio Gravestone Photo Project? They now have over 247,000 gravestone photos from across Ohio! Their search function is easy and fast. Check it out! <u>https://ohiogravestones.org/</u>

THE HISTORY OF ROSS CHAPEL AME CHURCH

Submitted by Karen Bentley, WCGS Volunteer



According to the Texas State Historical Association, "The African Methodist Episcopal Church grew out of a protest by Richard Allen against racial discrimination in St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, in 1787. Rather than suffer indignities in the White-controlled church, Allen formed a separate Black congregation."

Richard Allen and Absalom Jones had wanted to partake in communion at St. George's Episcopal Church in Philadelphia but were asked to move. The men were literally pulled up as they knelt at the altar, so the men left St. George's and established the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in a blacksmith shop in 1793. The group decided to stay with the practice of the Methodist-centered theology.

As the membership grew amid the discrimination, Mr. Allen sued the Pennsylvania courts, to be independent of the white Methodist congregations and won in 1807 and 1815. He was selected to be the pastor of Bethel AME Church in Philadelphia, also known today as "Mother Bethel." The following year in 1816, other churches in the Mid-Atlantic – Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey – wanted to be separate from the white Methodist congregations, so Richard Allen called the churches clergy to form a Wesleyan doctrine and decided to form a church organization known as "Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church."

Most AME churches have the anvil as a symbol because of its beginnings in a blacksmith shop. As the AME churches grew in numbers, in 1859 the Union Agriculture bought twelve acres of land west of Jamestown, Ohio. In 1875 a frame church was purchased from the Jamestown Methodist church, located on the corner of Washington and Church streets in Jamestown, Ohio. The building, a framed structure, was 40' x 70' x 20', and was later moved further onto the lot. Ross Chapel trustees purchased the land from the executors of the estate of John Davis; this transfer was recorded on January 7, 1881. The church doubled as a school for the Black children with W.P. Shields as a teacher in1881. Four years later the church was destroyed by a windstorm. Under the leadership of Rev. Isaac N. Ross (1855-1927) and its membership, the new church was erected in 1894. Because of his work the church was renamed "Ross Chapel A.M.E." In 1916, Reverend Ross became the 41st Bishop of the AME church.

Jamestown was founded in 1816 and named after James Browder, an early pioneer from Jamestown, Virginia. Nothing is mentioned about Black people in early history except a preacher called "Black Isaac," who preached in the Tran Jacket House in Jefferson Township.

On November 2, 1880, Rev. Isaac N. Ross, who lived in Bowersville, Ohio, requested at the annual conference to combine Jamestown, Cedarville, and Union Village as part of the Cedarville Mission. Later, Jeffersonville and Jamestown were placed together on a circuit named the "Jamestown Circuit."

As the church grew in members, various organizations were developed such as the following: A.C.E. League and Missionary Society, the Brotherhood, the Sisterhood, Busy Bees, Welfare Circle Clubs, and later Brotherly Love League Club, and a moonlight picnic was organized for a homecoming to support Ross Chapel AME church. In the years going forward, Ross Chapel AME church became host to various annual meetings, conferences, and conventions until the Third District outgrew Ross Chapel's capacity to hold the events. The membership declined due to aging, moving out of the area, illnesses, and death. The Third District officials, with the remaining Ross Chapel members, and members of Bethel Lebanon, decided to merge both churches. Pastor Karen R. Schaeffer took over pastoring both Bethel Lebanon and Ross Chapel. In early 2023, both congregations along with approval from church officials started the process of decommissioning Ross Chapel AME in Jamestown, Ohio.

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In 1919 the current parsonage was purchased from Rufus Syferd. Numerous pastors have come through Ross Chapel AME church over the years. Below is a listing of some of the individuals who shepherded the membership during this time. (Please note, this record is not complete.)

- Rev James Chunn
- Rev Larry Kinnard
- ✤ Rev. Alexander Smith
- Rev. W. C. Cole
- Rev. J. H. D. Payne
- ✤ Rev. R. A. Hildebrand

- Rev. J. G. Dickerson
- ✤ Rev. Elbert Matthews
- Rev. Charles J. "Rikki" Howard
- ✤ Rev. George Russell
- Rev. Karen R. Schaeffer

Sources:

Texas State Historical Association, *African Methodist Episcopal Church* (<u>https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/african-methodist-episcopal-church</u> : accessed 5 Mar 2024).

Wikipedia, African Methodist Episcopal Church (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/African_Methodist_Episcopal_Church : accessed 22 Feb 2024).

African Methodist Episcopal Church, Our History (https://www.ame-church.com/our-church/our-history/ : accessed 5 Mar 2024).

Find a Grave, Rev. Isaac Nelson Ross (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/136278291/isaac-nelson-ross : accessed 5 Mar 2024).

Ross Chapel AME church historical 89th Anniversary committee Miss Lelia James, Mr. James Taylor and Miss Peggy James, History of Ross Chapel.

Church History compiled by Miss Lelia B James and Mr. Richard A. Taylor whose research is based on information obtained from: Contents of Church Records, The History of Greene County Churches, Annual Conference Records, The Sesquicentennial Book of Jamestown Area, and from older past members and friends.

MY ROOTSTECH 2024 TAKEAWAY

Submitted by Jo Roth, WCGS Treasurer and Webmaster

If you attended RootsTech 2024 (virtually or in-person), you know how much you can learn from the presentations and handouts. Did you know you can still access the online presentations AFTER it's over? For FREE? You can learn from some of the best presenters right from the comfort of your own home!

One that I highly recommend was given by Judy G. Russell, known to many of you as "The Legal Genealogist." Her presentation on *Unexpected Treasures: Family History in the American State Papers* was stellar.

The American State Papers is a 38-volume published compilation of executive and legislative records of Congress dating from 1789 to 1838. This period can be somewhat challenging when trying to find records about our ancestors. These books may contain valuable information that you will not find elsewhere.

We have added a page on our website to help you locate all 38 volumes of the American State Papers. The page includes a link to Judy's presentation, where you can find the link to her handout further down that same page, and a link to a PDF listing all the volumes in this collection and how to find them.

https://www.wcgsohio.org/online-books

I'm off to spend some quality time with Agent Ransack, the software she recommends to search ALL the volumes at once! Wish me luck!

RECENT WARREN COUNTY VETERAN DEATHS

(Please send additions to atrelvik@gmail.com.)

WORLD WAR II

Cecil "Lee" Greenup Jr. (1926-2024) (US Navy World War II) **Albert H. Pierce, Sr.** (1921-2024) (US Air Force World War II

VIETNAM

Glenn W. Earnhart (1946-2024) (US Army Vietnam) Julian G. Farley (1938-2024) (US Army Vietnam) Anthony C. E. Hall (1952-2024) (US Army Vietnam) David Lee Hollon (1955-2024) (US Navy Vietnam) Ryan Robert Sr. Patterson (1941-2023) (US Air Force Vietnam)

OTHER SERVICE

Robert M. Arnold (1946-2023) (US Army) Alvin Harold Arvio (1933-2023) (US Army) Dennis Lee Clark (1943-2023) (US Navy) Jav W. Collins (1938-2023) (US Army) James Denney (1933-2024) (US Navy) Mark Allen Frederiksen (1976-2024) (US Marine Corps) James Michael "Jim" Haves (1960-2023) (US Marine Corps) Richard Oglesbee Hecker (1931-2023) (US Army) James R. Hembree (1945-2023) (US Army) David Richard Ille (1939-2023) (US Air Force) Thomas R. Ivins II (1935-2023) (US Army) James Hunter McEvoy (1961-2024) (US Navy) Charles Franklin McKinney Sr. (1940-2023) (US Air Force) Carter A. Merris (1966-2024) (US Air Force) Timothy Wayne Morath (1960-2023) (US Marine Corps) Carl Donald Murphy (1932-2023) (US Army) **Robert Gene Perdue** (1928-2023) (US Armv) Donald Eugene Perry (1934-2024) (US Army) Sgt. Somart Jason Pil (1995-2023) (US Marine Corps) Richard A. Radenheimer (1934-2024) (US Air Force) James Lowell Squire Richard (1929-2023) (US Marine Corps) Roy Glenn Richardson (1936-2023) (US Army) Roger Neil Rovekamp, Sr. (1951-2023) (Army National Guard) Shirley "Charles" Cox Sanders (1931-2023) (US Air Force) Ray Spurlock (1935-2023) (US Army) **Douglas Harrison Tallmadge** (1931-2024) (US Navy) Harold Wavne Thomas (1953-2023) (US Army) Roy Thomas Walters (1936-2024) (US Marine Corps) James Ralph York (1946-2023) (National Guard)

MIAMI COUNTY HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

2024 Routes for Roots Workshop

Saturday, March 16, 2024 – In-Person

Registration is \$30 and starts at 8 a.m., welcome opening at 8:45 a.m. and classes start at 9:15 a.m. For questions, please call 937-773-6753 or email <u>mchgsohio@gmail.com</u>. <u>https://www.mchgs.org/</u> Fort Piqua Plaza Conference Center, 116 West High Street, Piqua, OH 45356 <u>https://www.mchgs.org/routes-for-roots</u>

FAMILY HISTORY JAMBOREE 2024

https://fhj1.org/general-info/

OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

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 <u>https://www.ogs.org/2024-conference/</u>

2025 OGS Annual Conference: "Light Up Your Genealogy"

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! <u>https://www.indgensoc.org/conference2024.php</u>

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

2024 Virtual Family History Conference: "Expanding Possibilities"

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 <u>https://ighr.gagensociety.org/</u>

IGHR 2024 Virtual Institute

Sunday, July 21 – Friday, July 26, 2024 – Virtual Registration opens March 9, 2024!

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

36TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF GENEALOGICAL AND HERALDIC SCIENCES

ROOTSTECH 2025

https://rootstech.org

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

GENEALOGY WEBINARS

You need to pre-register. See websites below for complete lists of webinars being presented.

Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana

Please check under the "News & Events" heading for upcoming webinars. https://www.acgsi.org/

Allen County Public Library

Events can be found on the Events page for the ACPL Genealogy Center: https://acpl.libnet.info/events?r=days&n=30&t=Family+History+%26+Genealogy

American Ancestors by New England Historic Genealogical Society

Check the boxes for "Online only" and "Free" to see their list of webinars for the month. <u>https://www.americanancestors.org/events</u>

Florida State Genealogical Society

Scroll down the Home page to find "Poolside Chats: A Genealogy Webinar Series." https://fsgs.org/

International Society for British Genealogy and Family History

The final Winter Webinar is March 16, 2024, and the series will resume in November. Webinars are listed here: <u>https://isbgfh.com/winter-webinars/</u>

Legacy Family Tree Webinars

LFT Webinars makes the webinar recording available for FREE for 7 days to those who register. To get the handouts, you must join and pay a yearly membership fee. <u>https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars/</u>

National Genealogical Society's Conference Keeper

Virtual Events Live & Online

https://conferencekeeper.org/virtual/

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

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

Phone: 513-695-1144 Email: wcgsoh@gmail.com WCGS NEW Website: <u>https://www.wcgsohio.org</u> WCGS OLD Website (has broken links, but also GREAT databases): <u>http://www.wcgsoh.org</u> WCGS Virtual Cemetery: <u>http://sites.rootsweb.com/~ohwarren/Cemetery/burial.htm</u> WCGS Facebook Group: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/262311627671559/</u>

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 <u>https://www.kroger.com</u> 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!

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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