

# WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION



## Newsletter



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McMinnville, Tennessee



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## WCGA Tours McMinnville Historic Medical Center



### VISION – The Clinic Office Building

First Presbyterian Church bought the adjacent building to the church in 1999 with the goal of moving the Learning House Pre-school and the church offices to this building. The State Education Oversight did not approve the Learning House to reside in this building for several reasons and the Pre-school is still located in the church building. The church offices \* and minister's office moved to the Clinic Building (also referred to as "The Annex" or "The Church Annex") and still reside there today.

In 2015, the First Presbyterian Church set a new vision of *separating* "the Annex" from the church as much as is practical and feasible so as "The Annex" becomes "self-sufficient" in its mission and in its everyday management, maintenance and finances.

The first step in that process is to rename the building as "The Clinic Office Building, a Place of Hope, Healing and Health" so as to

tie the building to its medical history and to its future as an office building that will rent out space, called Suites, to companies and individuals, both "For-profit and "Non-Profit".

The vision for including the rich history of the building into the future marketing and financial strategies will include fundraising projects, such as a brick walkway of memorial/honor bricks of those that were born in the Clinic, nurses and doctors that worked there, and people that were cared for in the clinic over its more than forty years it served as the only hospital in McMinnville. Historic Photographs will be placed in the hallways to tell the story of the part this building played in our community depicting the physicians, nurses, staff, and areas such as the Birthing Center, Dr. Smoot's office, Dr. Clark's office, X-ray room, and many others.

The Clinic Office Building will become an active business center for Not-For-Profit and For-Profit businesses that will play an important role in the revitalization of downtown and a contribution to the Historic District as well as becoming financially independent from the First Presbyterian Church.

The combined efforts of The Clinic Office Building Committee and the Financial Committee with the help of the Church Secretary and the Minister believes that this VISION is an achievable goal and has accepted responsibility to lead the implementation of this Strategic Plan. The main unknown that will be revealed through this study is the length of time that it will take to achieve this goal.

### **History & Background of Clinic**

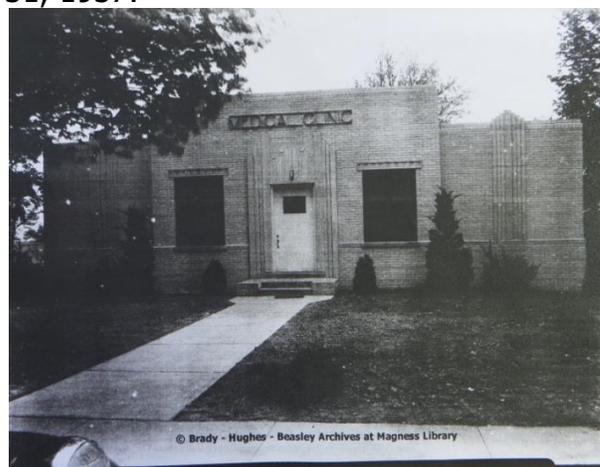
The adjacent building to The First Presbyterian Church of McMinnville was

formerly "The Medical Clinic and Hospital" that served our community as the only hospital from the formal opening in May 16, 1938 for more than 40 years.

Dr. C.M. Clark had the foresight to purchase land on West Main Street on February 11, 1936 with the plan to build a Medical Clinic. The purchase (see deed titled Colville ETALS to Clark WL 80 page 259) was a "lot in the Town of McMinnville on the south side of Main Street and bounded on the north by said Main Street, on the west by J.D. Elkins, on the south by T. Montgomery, and on the west by the Presbyterian Church lot". The sum of \$3,000 was paid to J.L. Colville, F.H. Mercer, Frank Maddux, J.M. Burroughs, S.E. Hutchins, T.R. Clark, J.V. Bouldin, G.W. Comer and Joe Gessler, Trustees for the Methodist Episcopal Church South of McMinnville, Tennessee.

Then on May 5, 1936, a deed is filed (WD80-33) transferring one-half interest in the land to John Mason for \$1,500. (Clark to Mason).

Construction was started on September 23 of 1937 by the two owners, Dr. C.M. Clark, Jr. and Dr. John T. Mason and they both moved into their new clinic on December 31, 1937.



*Photo courtesy of Magness Library*

The original structure was 50 x 50 one story and a half as a basement. The building contained a large reception room, three suites of offices of two rooms each, an X-Ray room, dark room, laboratory, large hall, four toilets. Recovery Room, and numerous closets. All materials used were fireproof, with steel girders, walls, ceilings and floors insulated. Cream faced brick, with stone trimmings and steel constructed window frames are the main focal points of this Art Deco Building with floors of mastic tile and heated by a steam plant.

The Clinic was so needed in the community that additions to the clinic were planned to occur almost immediately with an addition of an operating room and two private rooms, which were completed May 6, 1938, with only a few minor details left to be completed on this first of many additions.

The public was invited to a formal opening of the Medical Clinic and Hospital on Monday, May 16, 1938. In order to adequately care for their patients, plans were drawn for a second floor addition, with a wing off of the main building making the hospital a four private rooms, two wards of three bed capacity each, diet kitchen, sterilizing room, operating room, closets, baths and toilets. All materials were furnished by and through local institutions, and installation was done by local labor. J.D. Womack Company was the general contractor, furnished materials, and all mill work. Mullican & Zwingle was the contractor for plumbing, heating and electrical appliances and equipment. Exchange Furniture Company supplied Simmons all metal hospital furniture with McMinnville Hardware & Furniture Company supplying battleship linoleum and Venetian Blinds. Hillis Hardware & Furniture Company supplied the structural material and brick.

The first three patients were actually attended to before the official opening of the hospital when John Barber, Jr. had an appendectomy on Friday May 6 and Mrs. Jess Lewis was operated on for an appendectomy also on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1938. Misses Ina Cunningham and Marie Alexander underwent tonsillectomies on the following Tuesday. The first baby to be born at the Clinic was on Tuesday, May 16 to Mr. & Mrs. Joe Finger. Della Flanders Blue was hired as the head nurse. She had nearly seven years' experience in surgical and medical nursing. Nurses reporting to her were Miss Margaret Orin of McMinnville and Miss Lillian Wheeler of Spencer. The nurses were housed in a separate suite on the first floor, where they had two bed rooms, a dressing room and a bath. The Clinic was one of the first in the United States to install a disposal system comprised of an oversized commode, which had a bed pan lugs and pressure for cleaning bed pans and urinals to reduce liability of contamination by those handling the vessels.

The main kitchen and dining room were located in the basement with an all-electric modern kitchen with a seven-foot restaurant refrigerator, electric range with thrift cooker, built-in cabinets and tables.

Miss Marjorie Mason, sister of Dr. Mason, graduated from Central High School in 1937, attended Vanderbilt University and was in charge of out-patient department and laboratory.

In 1939, Dr. John T. Mason and wife, Elizabeth Mason, sold the one-half interest to Dr. C.M. Clark, Jr., his heirs and assigns in a Deed (WD 8.3 – 563 titled Mason to Clark). This deed also conveys equipment and building previously jointly owned from Mason to Clark.

In July of 1939, David Foster Ray of Fort Oglethorpe Georgia joined the staff of the Medical Clinic and Hospital as the Laboratory and X-Ray technician and later hospital administrator. Prior to joining the medical Clinic in McMinnville, Mr. Ray did x-ray laboratory work at Fort Oglethorpe for three years. He received his technical training from the Medical Department Professional schools in Washington, D.C.

In October of 1942, work started on the excavation for a new addition to the Medical Clinic and Hospital. This new addition will increase the capacity of the hospital from twelve to thirty beds. The new portion was added to the rear of the building and more than doubled the hospital facility. Dr. Charles M. Clark, the sole owner of the hospital in 1942 obtained a priority from the War production Board that enabled him to proceed immediately with the construction to relieve the crowded condition that had existed since the opening in 1938. The priority rating enabled Dr. Clark to obtain all of the materials necessary for construction and to hire all of the manpower needed to complete the job. The goal was to have the new addition completed by February 1, 1943. The new building occupied all of the remaining property and also seven feet of property owned by Frank Montgomery. Dr. Clark acquired this property in a deal in which Mr. Montgomery secured the new nurse's home, recently erected by Dr. Clark on Colville Street. Although Dr. Smoot had begun working at the hospital in 1941, he was not yet a partial owner. The new structure housed eighteen beds, a nursery with ten bassinets, nurse's quarters, sun parlor and an entire floor devoted to maternity cases. A private reception room was added with an entrance to West Main Street. This new addition made this

hospital one of the largest and most modern in any community of its size in the state at that time.

The Clinic continued to grow and serve McMinnville and Warren County and in October 1946, Dr. B.C. Smoot bought one-half undivided interest in the Medical Clinic for a sum of \$20,000 (WD 120 – 193 titled Clark to Smoot).

With the death of Dr. C.M. Clark, Jr., a deed transfers the ownership of the clinic and land from B.C. Smoot and Anne Clark Mensini (heir of Dr. Clark residing in the County of Nantucket in the State of Massachusetts) (WD 216-853) to S.R. Moore and J.W. Gentry, thus ending the Medical Clinic's service to McMinnville and Warren County. The date of the deed was June 30, 1978. Deed Book 216 and page 853 then shows that James Gentry and Larry Willmore bought the one-half interest of S.R. Moore on November 6 of 1978 for \$15,000 cash and a note for \$80,000. On April 21<sup>st</sup> of 1987, J.W. Gentry and Larry Willmore sold The Clinic Building and property to Jerry Williamson and wife Linda Williamson for an unrecorded amount in Deed book 220 page 641 at the Warren County Register of Deeds Office.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1999, the First Presbyterian Church bought the medical Clinic Building and property from Jerry Williamson and wife (Book 303-page 820). This deed also contains the following easement "exempting and reserving to Grantors, their heirs and assigns, and the tenants of grantors in a building adjacent to the above described property known as "Sedbury Court", a right of way for parking purposes in certain parking spaces abutting on the Sedbury Court property. Said easement shall begin in the southeast corner of the above-described tract at the

right-of-way of Colville Street and extend northeastwardly with the property line to the end of the Sedbury Court Building. The easement shall have a width sufficient for the parking of an automobile or other passenger vehicle.

**Owners, Administrator & Physicians:**

**Dr. John T. Mason, Jr.** was born in Sparta, TN on June 3, 1908. He along with Dr. C.M. Clark erected the Medical Center and Clinic on Main Street in McMinnville. Dr. Mason earned his medical license after attending Vanderbilt University from 1926-33.



He married his wife, Pearl Elizabeth Smith in February 1933. Dr. Mason was listed among 11 persons from McMinnville in “Prominent Tennesseans 1796-1938” by J.L. Gillum. In 1939, Dr. Mason sold his half interest in the hospital to Dr. Clark. In January 1940, he established an office in the Badger Arcade on Morford Street across from the Post Office. In June of 1940, he chose to relinquish his private practice to his brother-in-law, Dr. Kirby Smith and affiliated himself with the Tennessee State Health Department. Then in 1947 he assumed the position of Director of the Rutherford

County Health Department and moved back to McMinnville. Later that year Dr. Mason again established his practice in McMinnville with an office in the newly completed Molloy’s laundry annex on Spring Street. In 1952, Dr. Mason was one of the first to attend the first service of Westwood Church of Christ in a warehouse at Boyd Nursery Company and was one of the first elders there in October 1954. In that same year, Dr. Mason was among 35 businessmen who organized and established WBMC Radio Station with its first broadcast on May 1, 1954. In 1960 Dr. Mason, along with 8 other businessmen, organized Security Federal Savings & Loan Company (now Security Federal Savings Bank) with offices on the square. Dr. Mason died May 1, 1999 at NHC Healthcare at the age of 90.



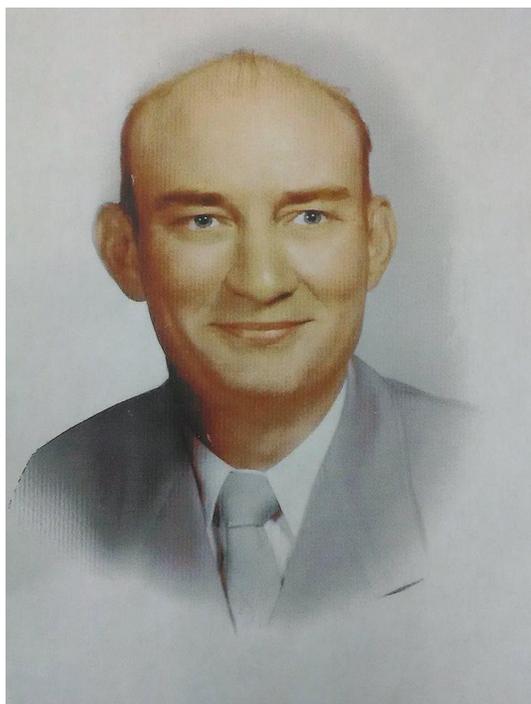
**Dr. Charles Meadows (Pete) Clark** was born in Van Buren County on December 15, 1902. He received his education in the schools of Van Buren County, Burritt College in Spencer, where he later served as a member of the faculty. He then attended Middle Tennessee State College and the University of Tennessee Medical School. At the age of 18, he was elected as Van Buren County superintendent of schools, having already served as the principal of a junior high school in Hickman County. Upon receiving his M.D. Degree in 1928, Dr. Clark began the practice of medicine and

surgery in McMinnville, and in 1936, erected the McMinnville Medical Clinic in partnership with Dr. John T Mason. He continued as a doctor at the Clinic after Dr. Mason left in 1939 and he sold one-half interest to Dr. B.C. Smoot until Dr. Clark's death in 1965 at the age of 62. Dr. Clark played a leading role in the industrial growth of McMinnville and Warren County, Dr. Clark gave the land on which the local Genesco Plant was constructed, and he served on the Board of Education (as Chairman for a major part of the time). He also served as a member and Chairman of the McMinnville Electric Power Board. During his tenure on, a new City Electric Building was constructed, as well as William Biles School and the million dollar City High School, as well as the rebuilding of the Bernard school after being destroyed by fire. He also served as a member of the Red Cross Board of Directors and a Rotarian, where he served as District Governor of Rotary International for one year. Dr. Clark also provided land for the McMinnville Country Club Golf Course and a gift that allowed West Main Street to be widened. In 1963 he was presented the VFW Citizenship Award by VFW post 5064. Dr. Clark was married to the former Miss Evelyn Howard and together had a daughter Anne. He had two brothers and two sisters. The Clarks were members of the Central Church of Christ.

**Dr. Bethel Campbell (B.C.) Smoot** was a general practitioner and surgeon in Warren County and the surrounding area, practicing medicine from 1937 until his retirement in 1976. In 1941, he joined the Medical Clinic and Hospital and bought a one-half interest in 1946 from Dr. Clark. Dr. Smoot was known as a community doctor, often making house calls. He delivered an estimated 6,000 babies during his career.

He was known in the community as a doctor who never kept records because he knew his patients by heart. Often if he felt like his patients could not afford the cost of a physician visit, he would never send a bill. He had a front

as a rough and tough person but inside he was really generous and a very kind man.



Dr. Smoot was a founder and former director of the Security Federal Savings and Loan Association. He was a member of the Rotary Club and a Shriner. He served on the Warren County Child Abuse Board and was a member of the Church of Christ. He served as a lieutenant with the CCC in Brunswick, GA. Dr. Smoot loved to fish and when he was able to get away, he fished from Cuba to the Arctic Ocean. He was married to Jonnye Walker Smoot and together they had two children, Campbell Smoot Jr. and daughter, Kathleen Smoot. He was the son of Bethel Merthon and Laura Elizabeth Edwards Smoot. Dr. Smoot was honored by his community with the designated **Dr. Smoot Day** in August of 1967 and by the VFW as Citizen of the Year. Gov. Buford Ellington joined residents of the Town of Morrison in paying tribute to Dr. B.C. Smoot by appointing the physician a colonel on his staff and presented him with a certificate. Dr. Smoot died in 2000 at the age of 86 at River Park Hospital, the facility he co-founded in 1972 with Dr. Thomas Frist and HCA group.

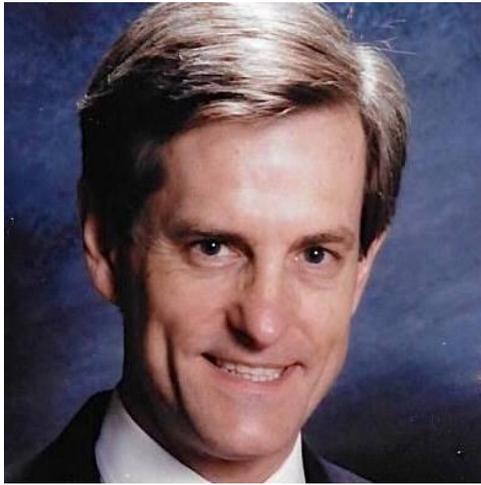


**James Eugene Phillips** was born in Morrison Tennessee, on November 20, 1926. Early in his childhood he moved with his family to Altamont Tennessee, where he received his early education and graduated from Grundy County High School. After graduation, he entered the Army Air Corps, serving in Europe as an aircraft mechanic. Following the service, he attended Howard College in Birmingham, Alabama, where he met and married Mary King. After Pre-Med Studies and graduation from Howard in 1950, he entered the University of Tennessee School of Medicine. Upon graduation in 1954, he returned to Middle Tennessee, the area he loved, and began a private practice in McMinnville. His practice began on the second floor of the old Montgomery Building, across from the Park Theater, and later moved to the Professional Building, across from the Court House. During his twenty-third year practice in McMinnville, he served at the Medical Clinic, as well as Faulkner Springs, Warren County General, and River Park Hospitals. In 1977, he left private practice, and accepted a position as the Tennessee Public Health Physician, and served the Upper Cumberland Region until retirement in 1999. As one of his five children, I remember his practice well. Like all the doctors of his time, he worked long, long hours. He was supposed to take Thursdays and Sundays off,

however, Thursday's usually meant "Hospital Rounds" and Records Dictation" at one, or all of the hospitals, and Sundays normally began with a tap on his shoulder by an usher summoning him prematurely away from service at First Methodist Church. He was a dedicated physician, but his love for senior patients was the most memorable. He had a magic about him when he cared for the elderly. I remember tagging along on Hospital Rounds and "House Calls." Before his stethoscope hit the chest, he had already sampled their bedside chocolates or hospital deserts. His patients love his relaxes, laid-back, country style. I remember counting the yellow bricks on the Medical Clinic's East Wall, against the night sky, for what seemed like hours waiting in his car for a ride home from a Friday night at the Park Theater. I remember patients approaching him on Main Street and at the ball games looking for a "Street side Examination" of an elbow or ailing knee. Stepping over mountains of squash, tomatoes, and sweet corn placed on the porch of our home, was a common place, not exactly the form of payment today. Dad passed on August 31, 2012, leaving behind a wife, five children, and thirteen grandchildren. We all miss him, but so also, do all the families he touched and served. Even today, it's a wonderful feeling to walk the streets of McMinnville, and be approached, not for a "Street side Examination," but to receive a few heartfelt words of gratitude from a patient past. Written by Mary King and Jack Phillips.

**Dr. Joe R. (Ray) Troop** joined the medical practice of Dr. B.C. Smoot in October 1970 at the Medical Clinic on Main Street in McMinnville.

Having served in Vietnam as a general medical officer with the First Infantry Division, he was used to treating trauma. Shortly after starting practice at the clinic a lovely elderly lady, while testing the ringer on her washing machine, had stripped the skin off of several fingers.



He sat her down at a table, injected and cleaned her wounds, and began to sew. She fainted. He had no nurse and was all alone with his trauma patient. She was laid gently on the floor with her hand draped upon her chest. She awakened just fine and eventually her hand healed beautifully. Things have surely changed in 46 years.

On his first Easter week-end in McMinnville the fire chief came to the office. He requested that Dr. Troop go to Viola with him, since he was the newest, and youngest doctor in town. A youngster who had been repelling had fallen into a vertical cave. A rope broke his fall at the bottom, but his ankles were injured. Dr. Troop, who had hiked up the mountain in dress shoes and a sports coat, was offered the opportunity to be dropped down into the cave with a rope. To Dr. Troop's relief, Roy Davis (a local spelunker) had arrived and went down and secured the young fellow. His injuries were miraculously minor.

Dr. Troop grew up in Murfreesboro, Tennessee and attended Middle Tennessee State College. He received a medical degree at the University of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis, interned at Fitzsimons Army Hospital, and then spent over three years in the U.S. Army. He served with the 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam for eleven months.

Hospital Corporation of America had just been formed in 1968 and by 1970 they had begun to add rural hospitals to the new group.

Dr. Thomas Frist, Sr. was one of the founders of the new hospital chain and he also continued to manage seeing patients in his busy Nashville office. Dr. Troop's mother was a patient of Dr. Frist, Sr. in 1970 and she would tell her doctor about her son, who would soon be leaving the army to join a private practice. Dr. Frist, Sr. recruited Dr. Troop to move to McMinnville and join Dr. B.C. Smoot. Dr. Smoot became a great mentor to Dr. Troop and freely shared his wisdom and knowledge. Dr. Smoot was the prototype of the old country doctor. In 1970 office visits were \$3.00. There were very few lab tests and x-rays ordered and record keeping was scant.

After practicing at the Medical Clinic for almost three years, Dr. Troop moved into the first medical office that HCA had built for physicians at the new Riverpark Hospital. He has continued his medical service in this community at various locations and still sees patients on a limited schedule today. This year marked the fiftieth anniversary of his medical career.

Dr. Troop is married to Betty Johnson Troop. His son, Michael Troop, lives in Savannah, Georgia and his daughter, Shannon, lives in Bend, Oregon. He has served on the Board of the Ben Lomand Telephone Cooperative for the past twenty-nine years and is a member of the First United Methodist Church of McMinnville.



**Dr. Wallace Bigbee**



**David Foster Ray** was a Stevenson, Alabama native and a member of the Church of Christ. He was married to Una Ray. They had one son David R. (Bobby), one daughter, Mary Don Bixby, and one stepson, Mike McGee. Ray came to McMinnville in 1939 and was a long time hospital administrator and x-ray technician with Dr. Clark and Dr. Smoot at the medical clinic. After the medical clinic closed, Ray stayed with Dr. Smoot to do laboratory work, x-ray work and to administer the office. Following Dr. Smoot's retirement and the death of Dr. Clark, Ray worked several years with Warren county General Hospital and later Riverpark Hospital in the x-ray department until his retirement in 1994. He was later brought out of retirement and given the honor of x-raying the first patient at the new Columbia River Park Hospital in 1996. Ray was the father of Warren County's Medal of Honor winner, David R. (Bobby) Ray, who was killed in Vietnam in 1969 while saving the life of a fellow U.S. Marine. In keeping with his life-long love of the field of medicine, Ray donated his body to Vanderbilt University Medical School upon his death at age 80 in June of 1998.

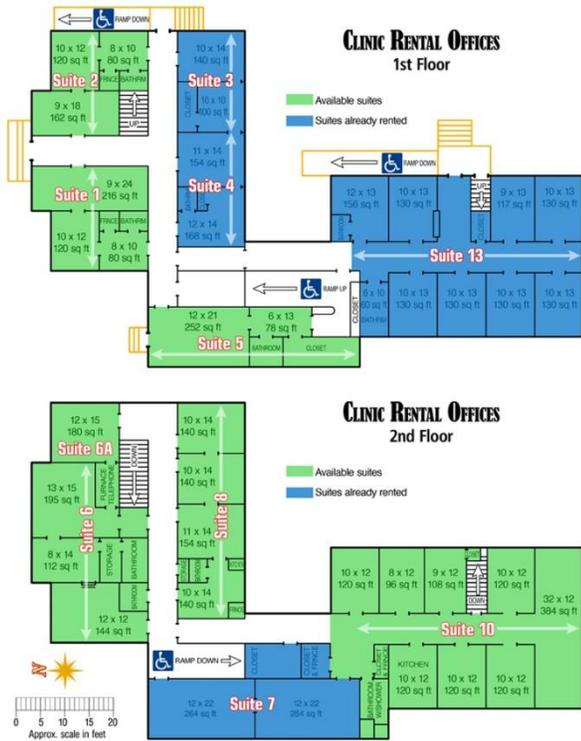


**Aileen Joyce Talbert** was a Registered Nurse and a valuable employee at the Medical Clinic for many years. Many still recall her professional manner and her sweet smile. She was married to Stanley Vearl Talbert, and a member of St. Catherine's Catholic Church. Their son, Walter Bourgeois and wife Vickie still live in McMinnville. Her brother, Robert Carsley lives in Collierville, Tennessee. She died March 23, 2016, in Hospice of Cumberland County and will be missed by family, friends everyone she helped with care from her nursing days.

*\*\* Material taken from Southern Standard Newspaper dated Friday, May 13, 1938 which was dedicated to The Medical Clinic and Hospital.  
\*\* Other information was taken from Deeds and other newspaper articles and family members*



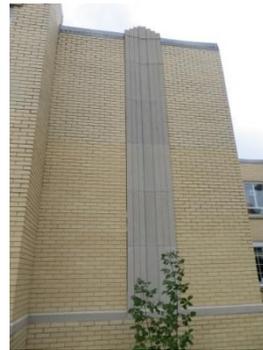
With restoration and modernization, the Art Deco style building now offers an ideal location for all types of business. See Below



The Clinic Building is located in McMinnville's downtown historic district, one block away from restaurants, shops and the newly restored Park Theater. For more information on suites that are available for rent or lease, you may contact Rachel Killebrew 931-473-8616, Mary Mason at 931-474-3100 or the Church office at 931-473-2690.



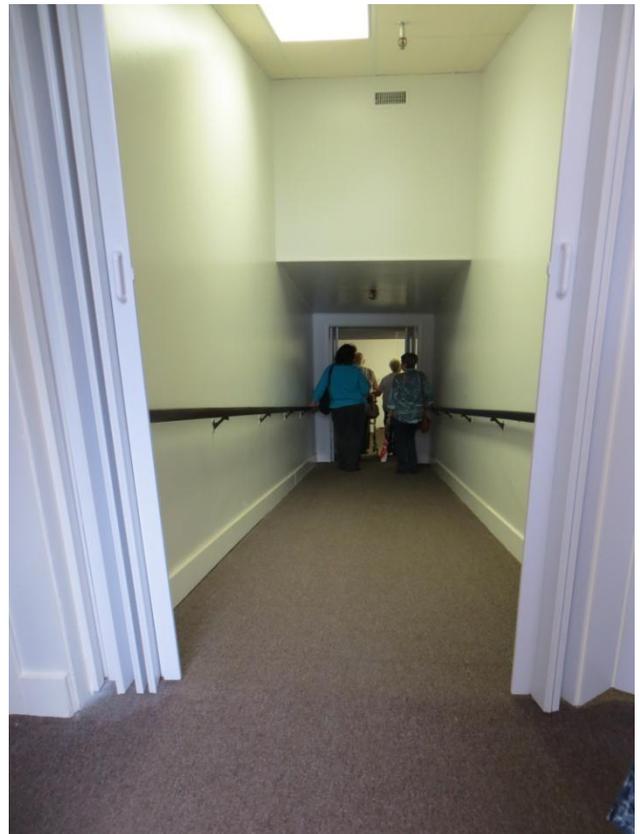
Wall of Honor & History



Operating Room



WCGA members in the Conference Room



*The hall with a very steep incline where the nurses would roll (up & down) patients and their beds from one floor to another.*



*Dr Rone's office*



*The Nursery (Did you stay in this room? If so, you have an opportunity to be a part of, " The Clinic Memory Walkway" and be a permanent part of the revitalization on the historic Medical Clinic. By donating a brick, you can help to provide the historic information of those who were born or cared for at the Clinic, or participated in*

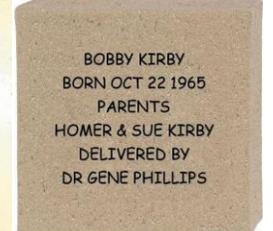
healthcare. All proceeds will be used in the restoration of the Clinic and to preserve the history of the people who took part in the healthcare system for more than 40 years.



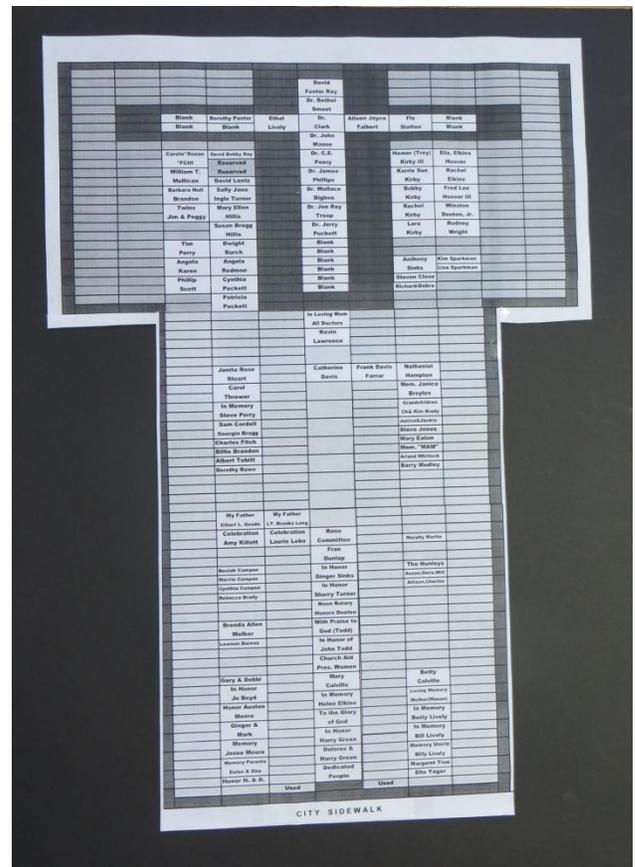
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*The Lay-Out of the Memorial Brick Sidewalk*



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### WCGA next meeting

**Saturday, October 15th, 2 p.m.**  
Members meeting and work on Civil War Book



### WCGA On The Radio



**Rachel Killebrew** the guest speaker for the "Behind The Mike" radio show on September 15, 2016. Pictured: Killebrew, Kelly Marlowe who is host for the AM radio in McMinnville and WCGA President Cherul Watson Mingle.

### 31 August 2016 Membership

Complimentary Memberships	
(Receive Bulletins, at no fee)	3
Exchange Memberships	
(Swap of Bulletins, at no fee)	3
Honorary Life Memberships	
(Receive Bulletins, at no fee)	2
Renewed Memberships	
(A member in prior year - Full fee)	83
New Memberships	22
<b>Total Memberships</b>	<b>112</b>
* Newsletters e-mailed	135



## Do You Have CIVIL WAR SOLIDERS who lived in WARREN COUNTY before, during or after the war?

Submit your Civil War Solider  
for entry in our upcoming  
Warren County Civil War Soliders BOOK'S

You may obtain forms  
on our Facebook Page or at the  
Magness Library Genealogy Department.

### WCGA is on Facebook!

Come visit us at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Warren-County-Genealogical-Association/135126859883450>

We're also on the web, visit us at

[www.tngenweb.org/wcgatn](http://www.tngenweb.org/wcgatn)

## Give a piece of Warren County History



The Courthouse, McMinnville, TN  
(First in a series)

First Methodist Church, McMinnville, TN  
(Second in a series)

The Birthing Tree, McMinnville, TN  
(Third in a series)

Hebe, McMinnville, TN  
(Forth in a series)

*All four available for \$18 each at  
Southern Museum  
201 E. Main Street, McMinnville  
Open Wed., Fri., Sat. 10:00 a.m.-4 p.m.  
and*

Warren Co. Genealogical Association Office  
County Administrative Building  
201 Locust St. Look for our sign at rear of building.

**Open Fridays 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

Who Do You Think You Are

# Trying To Connect To Warren County?

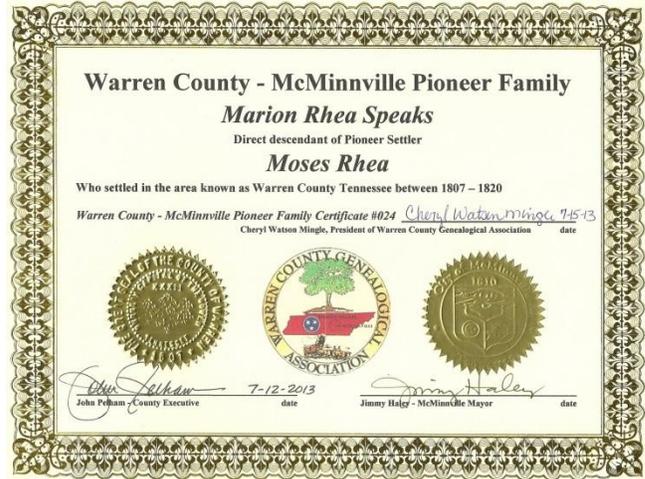
68 people have proven it!

They received Certificates for

## Warren County – McMinnville First Pioneer Families

**There's still time for you** to make your connection by submitting copies of an official record linking you to Warren County before 1820. Those records can be birth, marriage, death, probate or will, church, cemetery, funeral or obituary, land records, tax records, court, military records, census, newspaper, or Bible for each generation, including the applicant.

*To qualify for a certificate, suitable for framing, the applicant must directly descend from an ancestor (male or female) who was in Warren County no later than the 1820 census (this includes the boundaries of the original formation of Warren County from White county).*



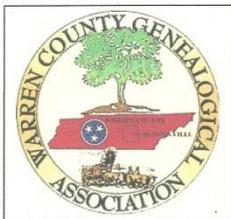
### Warren County-McMinnville Pioneer Family Certification

Recognizing the Pioneer Families  
living in the frontier area known  
as Warren County Tennessee between 1807 – 1820.

*Warren County Genealogical Association, Inc.*

Verified and Certifies that  
**Marion Rhea Speaks**  
Is a direct descendant of Pioneer Settler  
**Moses Rhea**

Warren County-McMinnville Pioneer Family  
Certificate #024



*Marion Speaks*  
Marion Speaks Chair - WCGA Pioneer Families Committee (date)

*Jan Hobbs*  
Jan Hobbs - WCGA Pioneer Families Committee

*Betty Pack*  
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There is a \$10 application processing fee + \$3.50 shipping for the certificates. All applications and verifying material become the property of the Warren County Genealogical Association.

**Current Tennessee residency is not necessary.**

Applications may be obtained on line at

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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Warren-County-Genealogical-Association/135126859883450> Facebook page

or may be picked up at

WCGA office at 201 Locust St.

Also available at the Magness Library.

They should be submitted to

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c/o First Pioneer Families,  
P. O. Bo 411,  
McMinnville TN 37111.