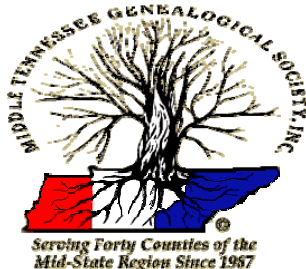


# The Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society

and the Tennessee Historical Society present



the 23rd Annual Genealogical Seminar  
Saturday, November 21, 2009  
8:15am until 4:00pm  
at the **Brentwood Public Library**

**Is Ancestry.com Worth It?:  
Fee and Free Web Sites for Genealogical Research**  
Featuring Chuck Sherril, MA, MLS

**“Here Comes the Bride, and There She Goes”!  
And  
“Early River Towns”**  
Featuring Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA

## Morning sessions

As Internet-based genealogy searching grows in popularity, and more sites charge for membership, the choices available to researchers can be overwhelming. This session begins by exploring the fee-based sites for genealogists, including Ancestry, Heritage Quest, Footnote and others. Sample searches will demonstrate the strengths and weaknesses of these sites, and tips for determining cost versus value will be discussed. In the second half of the session, the best free web sites available to all will be explored, with attention given to new or recently-expanded resources.

## Afternoon Session: Combination

“Here Comes the Bride, and There She Goes:” Learn to extract more information from marriage records and why to check divorce records for your families. Come learn about the good and bad in relationships, marriage customs and changes in the law that will help you further your research.

“Early River Towns:” A knowledge of the gathering places for early arrivals and the marketplaces for regional settlements may help you solve some migration issues within.

## Charles A. Sherrill



Charles A. Sherrill, M.A., M.L.S, is the Director of the Brentwood Library near Nashville, Tennessee. He has a unique combination of skills as librarian, archivist and genealogist. Having served for six years as Director of Public Services at the Tennessee State Library and Archives, Chuck has a broad knowledge of Tennessee and southern research. In addition to this, he has written and edited more than 20 books of Tennessee genealogical records. Among them are *Tennessee Convicts: Early Records of the State Penitentiary*, and *The Reconstructed 1810 Census of Tennessee*.

He authored a guide to *Research in Tennessee* for the National Genealogical Society. He teaches an online genealogy course as an adjunct faculty member at Jackson State Community College. Since 2002 he has been the editor of the *Middle Tennessee Journal of History and Genealogy*.

## Mark Lowe

Mark Lowe, CG has been researching families for more than 40 years. As a researcher and lecturer, Lowe enjoys working with Genealogical groups and professional organizations. He was President of the of the Association of Professional Genealogists, former Vice President and Secretary of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, Mark is Vice President of the Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society. His experience as a classroom teacher, Principal and professional researcher provides a different perspective for each research problem. He is an instructor for the IGHR (Samford University), SLIG (UGA), and RIGSA and was awarded the Grahame T. Smallwood Jr. Award by APG in 2007.



As the Director of the Regional In-depth Genealogical Studies Alliance (RIGS Alliance), Mark has developed and directed week-long interactive learning sessions and hands-on research focusing on original documents and manuscripts at regional archives.

Mark has published articles and reviews in the *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*, *The National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, *The North Carolina Genealogical Society Quarterly*, *The Longhunter*, *The Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society Quarterly* and other local society publications. His own publications include *Robertson County Tennessee Marriage Book 2, 1859-1873* and *Pioneer Cemetery* (Bowling Green, Ky.)

## Seminar Schedule

Registration Opens 8:15 Workshop Begins 9:00 Lunch at Noon Closing 4:00

### Morning Sessions

**“Is Ancestry.com Worth It?”  
“Fee and Free Web Sites for Genealogical Research”**

### Afternoon Sessions

**“Here comes the Bride and There She Goes”  
“Early River Towns”**

On-site registration begins at 8:15.

Complimentary pastries & beverages available at the morning session

## *Register Today!*

MTGS/THS Genealogical Seminar November 21, 2009

Send this completed form with your check or money order (payable to MTGS)

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If you are traveling to the Library via Franklin Pike, Concord Road runs East  
from Franklin Pike and is located south of Old Hickory Blvd, and North of  
Moore's Lane. Follow Concord to Knox Valley Drive and turn right.

**“In every conceivable manner, the family is link to our  
past, bridge to our future.” Alex Haley**

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