

The Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society

Presents

The 35th Annual Genealogical Seminar
Saturday, November 18, 2023

9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
(Doors open at 8:15 for registration)

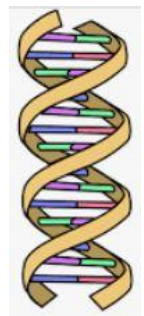
Tennessee State Library and Archives,
Nashville, TN



A Day of DNA with Dana Leeds

For our 35th Seminar, we are thrilled to welcome Dana Leeds, Creator of the **Leeds Method**, for an all-day Seminar featuring Genealogy + DNA.

Learn effective ways to organize your DNA matches, how to use your matches in solving genealogical problems, and some DNA tools to find cousins (and ancestors).



The Seminar will be in-person at the Tennessee State Library & Archives in Nashville. Registrations include a boxed lunch and snacks. Current MTGS members receive a discount on registration.

Sessions

The Leeds Method: Organizing Your DNA Matches

When you take an autosomal DNA test, you get a list of people who share DNA with you because you share common ancestors. The Leeds Method uses Shared Matching to create colorful groups of these matches. Each group is likely related to you through one part of your family, and many people get four groups based on their four grandparent lines. This method is based on DNA, not trees, so it is also often effective in cases of unknown parentage such as adoptions. This presentation will help you create a Leeds Method chart, understand your results, and use that chart to learn more about your family tree.

One Man, Multiple Names: A DNA-Based Case Study

Sometimes our ancestors seem to have appeared out of nowhere. That was the case with William Emmitt Hunter whose life before his 1910 Oklahoma marriage was basically unknown. One record—his application for a Social Security account number—provided self-reported information about his birth in North Carolina and his parents' names. But his alleged parents could not be found. Without DNA, this case would not have been solved. But DNA revealed that William was born as a Beddingfield, not a Hunter. Additional research identified his name at birth and traced him through multiple marriages, divorces, another alias, and indicated the possible reason why he changed his name and left behind his family and friends to start a new life in Oklahoma.

AncestryDNA Tools: The Basics and Beyond

This session will focus on Ancestry's DNA tools, such as ThruLines & Custom Groups ('colored dots'). Even if you're already familiar with these kinds of tools, Dana has a few tricks up her sleeve to show you different ways to take advantage of them.

The Shared cM Project & Cousin Terminology

The Shared cM Project is a data collection/analysis project created a few years ago by Blaine Bettinger to understand the ranges of shared centimorgans (cMs) associated with known kinships. This session will explain the project, and walk through some of the reference charts borne out of the data that can become essential tools in your DNA toolkit.

About our Speaker

While working with an adoptee in 2018, Dana Leeds developed an innovative method to visually sort DNA matches into clusters based on a test taker's four grandparent lines.

Known as the Leeds Method, this revolutionary technique led to speaking invitations at i4GG's International Genetic Genealogy Conference, RootsTech 2019, and GRIP's "Practical Genetic Genealogy" course. Dana enjoys making DNA results understandable and easy to work with for genealogists of all levels.



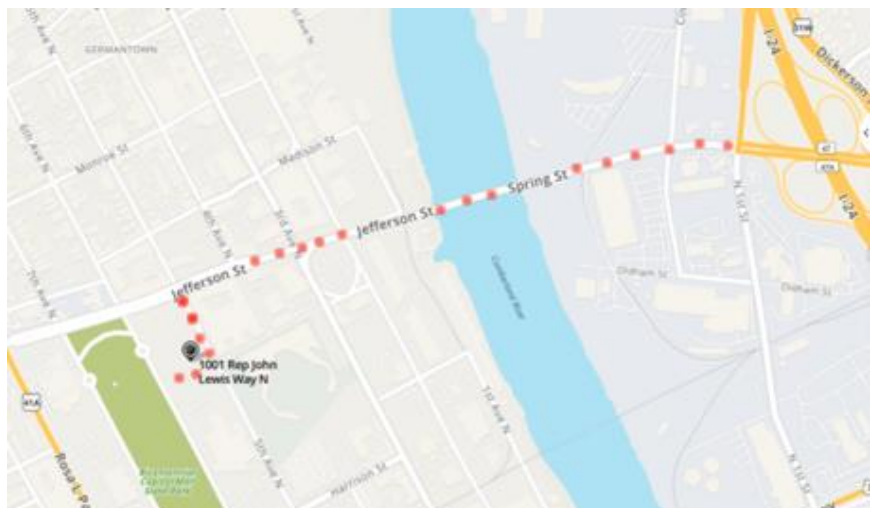
Seminar Site: Tennessee State Library and Archives

1001 Rep. John Lewis Way N, Nashville, TN 37219

The Library & Archives is conveniently located on the Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park at the intersection of Rep. John Lewis Way N. and Jefferson St., across from the Tennessee State Museum and near the Nashville Farmers' Market.

Driving Directions:

Take I-24 to Jefferson Street (exit 47). Head west onto the Jefferson Street Bridge and cross the Cumberland River, arriving at 3rd Ave. North. Travel 2 more blocks west to Rep John Lewis Way N, and turn left (south). Go 1 block (passing the Library and Archives on your right), and turn right onto Junior Gilliam Way. The entrance to the Archives' underground parking garage is the third driveway on your right.



Register Today!

- Registration includes boxed lunch, snacks and drinks, and worry-free parking under the Tennessee State Library and Archives building.
- Non-members who register will receive a 6-month membership in MTGS, including the next 2 issues of the MTGS *Journal*, as part of the registration fee.
- Walk-ins will be accepted on the day of the Seminar, but with no guarantee of lunch.

Complete the form below and mail it with your check or money order (payable to *MTGS*).

PayPal accepted if you prefer to register online instead: <http://www.mtgs.org/seminar.html>

Mail form and check (to MTGS) to:

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MTGS SEMINAR MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

(Please print)

Must Be Received by November 10, 2023

Registrations received after the deadline may be returned to you, and you would register as a "walk-in" on the day of the seminar.

Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Registration Method (circle one):

MTGS Member \$ 40.00

Non-Member \$ 45.00

Boxed Lunch Choice (circle one, included with registration):

Turkey & Swiss on honey wheat

Ham & Havarti on sourdough

Vegetarian on 13-grain

Check here to request *gluten-free* with your boxed lunch choice: _____

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