



The Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society

Presents

The 37th Annual Genealogical Seminar

Saturday, November 15, 2025

9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Central Time

(Doors open at 8:15 for registration)

Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, TN
and online via Zoom

37th Annual Seminar with Julie Merrill, AG

We are thrilled to welcome Julie Merrill, AG, from Ancestry ProGenealogists as our guest Speaker for this year's Seminar.

Julie has a long background in genealogical research and instruction, and will bring her national-level, expert skills to share with us in four sessions that our Seminar attendees have been asking for.



Sessions

Research Strategies for the Colonial Southern United States

Few record collections are available in the colonial Southern United States that document relationships between family members. Often it is by indirect sources or inferred relationships we can identify family groups. We will discuss research strategies and record collections used in the Southern United States to bridge the gap between the colonial era and 1850; utilizing a case study to illustrate common methodologies.

Intermediate Research Skill Building

This session will take you through several case studies showing how to get the most of historical documents, finding indirect information from collateral family and tracing an ancestor from one place to another.

How do I use DNA to Break Down Brick walls in my Family tree?

When your ancestor seems to appear out of nowhere, migrated across county and does not live near or associate with any family members, how can you discover their origins and identify their parents. Analyzing DNA results and finding common ancestors amongst your cousins can be the first step in finding connections to elusive ancestors then follow up by discovering genealogical source documentation to prove your theory.

Find all the Records! Alternative Methods to Documenting Your Family in a Burned County

Many counties within the United States have experienced varying levels of records loss, making documenting families challenging. This session will discuss how to identify records that have survived on a county level, as well as state, federal, military, local histories, newspapers and many alternative record collections that are available to extend your pedigree.

About Our Speaker

Julie Merrill was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, but she was raised in San Diego, California, on a U.S. Navy base. Growing up away from extended family made her realize the value of family and her ancestral origins. Her father started teaching her about family history while she was young, and she eventually co-authored several family history books.

Taking time away from college and the business world, Julie raised her three children, but she continued to pursue a lifelong goal of developing and honing her skills as a genealogist. She volunteered for [FamilySearch](#) for five years and has been a frequent lecturer at a local and national level for the past 20 years.

She worked as a museum director for the [Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum](#) in Tooele for four years, earning the National Historic Preservation Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution for her outstanding service. Once her children were raised, Julie began working professionally for [Ancestry ProGenealogists](#) in Salt Lake City, Utah. She is an Accredited Genealogist in the Mid-South of the US and specializes in African-American research, Southern brick walls, and Scandinavian research.



Seminar Site: Tennessee State Library and Archives

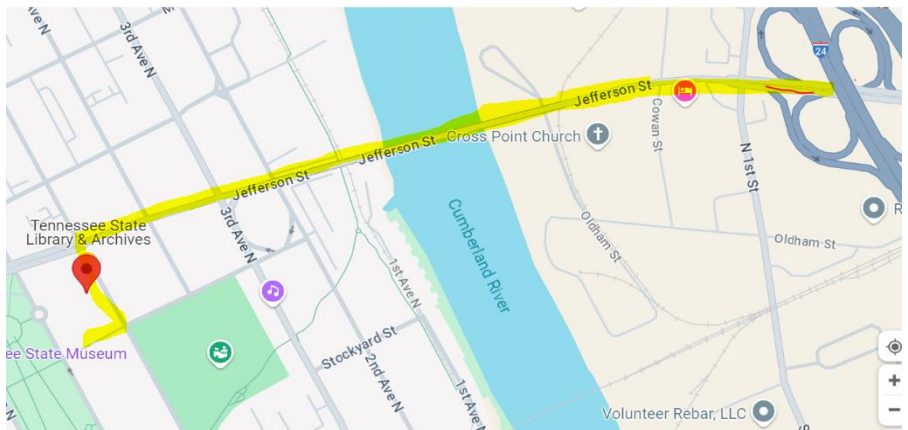
1001 Rep. John Lewis Way N,
Nashville, TN 37219



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 the Mall from the Tennessee State Museum and 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' spacious, free underground parking garage is on your right, marked with an entrance sign.

MTGS Seminar – Saturday, November 15, 2025
Register Today! – In-Person and Remote Options Available

- In-person registration includes boxed lunch (sandwich, chips, dessert), snacks and drinks, and worry-free parking under the Tennessee State Library and Archives building
- Remote participation will be by Zoom (link provided to registrants as the day approaches), but the sessions will not be recorded, as is customary for our National speakers
- Walk-ins will be accepted on the day of the Seminar, but with no guarantee of lunch
- Door prizes will be announced at the end of the lunch break – all attendees eligible

Two Ways to Register:

1. Complete the form below and mail it with your check or money order (payable to **MTGS**).
2. Register online via PayPal at: <http://www.mtgs.org/seminar.html>

Mail form and check (to *MTGS*) to:

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MTGS 2025 SEMINAR MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

(Please print)

Must Be Received by November 6, 2025

Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Registration Method (circle one of these 4 options):

MTGS Member, in-person \$ 40.00

Non-Member, in-person \$ 50.00

MTGS Member, remote \$ 15.00

Non-Member, remote \$ 25.00

Boxed Lunch Choice for in-person attendees (circle one, included with in-person registration):

Turkey

Ham

Vegetarian

Check here to request gluten-free: _____

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