



MTGS Messenger



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MTGS's annual Show & Tell Meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on January 17, 2009, at the Knowles/Fifty Forward Center, 174 Rains Avenue, Nashville (near the state fairgrounds). This is the day to show-off those one of a kind favorites: old photos, documents, and family artifacts that have a strong link to your family's past. Come share them with members and visitors. An added feature this year is that re-enactors in uniform from the Civil War, both Confederate and Federal, a World War I *real* veteran, and our own MTGS Vice-President, Ken Fieth (as a World War II re-enactor) will be there to show and talk about their gear. This meeting is one of the most popular of the year, so don't miss it! As always, refreshments will be served.

The **MTGS Family Bible Project** is now available on DVD with a fully searchable index. You must have the Adobe Acrobat Reader on your computer to access the information. If you do not have the Reader, it is available for free download at <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>. The DVD includes 243 digitally photographed family Bibles, with 11,482 fully indexed names from Davidson County and some of the surrounding counties. The cost is \$25.00. DVDs are available for purchase at the meetings.

The **2008 November Seminar** was a rousing success, with evaluations of "excellent" on nearly all the forms that were turned in. Presenter Craig Scott's program on military research was both knowledgeable and quite entertaining. Craig also passed along the information that **Family Chronicle** magazine is collecting scans of photographs of **veterans in uniform** from the American Revolution through World War I. Only those who are in uniform are eligible for the collection. Each scan should be accompanied with a short biographical sketch that includes the veteran's name, unit, regiment, and state from which he served.

More information is on their website at <http://familychronicle.com/militaryphotos.htm>. This is one way contacts can be made if submitted to the magazine. The contributor will receive a free issue of the magazine in which the photo is published.

Registration for the **2009 Institute for Genealogy and Historical Institute** at Samford University in Birmingham will begin in January. Classes are available for researchers with all levels of experience, from beginners to those who have been working for a number of years. Some housing is available in dormitories. Information is available on line at <http://www.samford.edu/schools/ighr/index.html>.

Middle Tennessee author **Dennis Lampley's** book **Captain Ed Baxter and his Tennessee Artillerymen** has gone into a second edition. Lampley, who lives in Bon Aqua, spent a number of years researching and writing the book. Members of Baxter's Artillery were recruited primarily in the Dickson and Hickman County area. He can be contacted at 7346 Sack Lampley Road, Bon Aqua, TN 37025.

The **Greenbrier Historical Society** in Robertson County asked us to broadcast this news bit:

Jack Masters and Doug Drake will give their renown presentation, "**Pioneer Land Grants, Traces, Roads and Pioneer Stations in the Central Valley of the Cumberland River**" at the January 2009 Quarterly Meeting of the Greenbrier Historical Society. The meeting will be held Tuesday, January 20, 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church, Greenbrier, TN. Individuals interested in placing land grants, surveys and entries within this region are urged to attend. The public is cordially invited.

Don't forget to submit news from your local societies to the **Messenger** by contacting Editor Martha Gerdeman at mgerdeman@comcast.net by the end of the month preceding each **MTGS** meeting. This is your chance to publicize what's going on in your area.

As always, check our website <http://www.mtgs.org> for the latest information on our classes and meeting notices.

