



# MTGS Messenger



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## Our 40 Counties

Bedford  
Cannon  
Cheatham  
Clay  
Coffee  
Davidson  
DeKalb  
Dickson  
Fentress  
Franklin  
Giles  
Grundy  
Hickman  
Houston  
Humphreys  
Jackson  
Lawrence  
Lewis  
Lincoln  
Macon  
Marshall  
Maury  
Montgomery  
Moore  
Overton  
Perry  
Pickett  
Putnam  
Robertson  
Rutherford  
Smith  
Stewart  
Sumner  
Trousdale  
Van Buren  
Warren  
Wayne  
White  
Williamson  
Wilson

The January meeting of MTGS will feature **Paul Clements**, a historian and regular columnist for the *Nashville Retrospect*, the historical paper published in Nashville. Mr. Clements is the author of *A Past Remembered* and the recently-published *Chronicles of the Cumberland Settlements*, which Mr. Clements will be featuring at the meeting, including a book signing.

The meeting will be **January 19 at 1:00 p.m. at the FiftyForward Knowles Center** (across from the State Fairgrounds). Refreshments will be served; it is not necessary to be a member to attend. More information is available at our website <http://www.mtgs.org>.

The March 16 meeting will feature **Darla Brock**, from the Tennessee State Library and Archives, sharing information about **Union Provost Marshal Records at TSLA**.

Just a **reminder**: the MTGS fiscal year is from June 1 through May 31 each year. Membership includes four issues of our award-winning *Journal*. Non-members are welcome at all meetings, including the annual all-day seminar in November (although their registration fee is higher).

If you missed this year's seminar, you missed a real treat. **Rick and Pam Sayre** spoke on using maps and newspapers in genealogical research. Attendees got insight into just how helpful Google Earth can be in recreating ancestors' lives.

**John Baker**, author of *The Washingtons of Wessington Plantation*, will be featured on NPT, the Nashville Public Television station, during February, speaking about his book and about African-American research in general. The book has been nominated as the Oprah Book Club Selection for Historical Genre.

**Michael Hait** has created the **United States Federal Census Pathfinder**, a free guide to online resources for census use, including manuscript and microfilm copies, digital images, acts of Congress, enumeration instructions, maps, statistical information and more. It can be accessed at his website: <http://www.haitfamilyresearch.com/freeResources.htm>. While you're there, take a look at some of his other publications. **Online State Resources for Genealogy** can be extremely helpful for finding out where to look for information in other locations.

And as ever, please send news from your local society for publication in **"The Messenger"**.