



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 next meeting of the Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society will be on **January 18** at 1:00 at the FiftyForward Center, 174 Raines Avenue, Nashville. Our speaker will be **Dr. Dave Dowell**. Dr. Dowell holds two degrees, in history and library science, and has served as a special investigative officer for the U. S. Air Force. He has been actively researching genealogy over the past few decades.

His topic will be "**What Would I Learn by Adding DNA Testing to My Genealogical Tool Kit?**" A published author, Dr. Dowell has taught many courses in genealogical research. His present interests are two surname DNA projects and his blog, *Dr. D. Digs Up Ancestors*. There is no charge for this meeting and refreshments will be served. Come and be delighted with the information you will learn about new technology in the field of DNA. For more information, please visit our website: <http://www.mtgs.org>.

January is the time to register for the **Institute for Genealogy and Historical Research**—known to most of us simply as "**Samford**." Held each year in June at Samford University in Birmingham, it features week-long, in-depth classes in genealogical research. The dates for 2014 are **June 8 through June 13**. Online registration begins January 21 at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern time). Classes range from beginning methodology to more advanced techniques for experienced researchers and include African-American research, beginning Military Research, Irish and Virginia-specific research, writing, and "Trans Mississippi South," coordinated by MTGS's own J. Mark Lowe.

Housing and meals are available on campus, or students may choose to stay at local motels and either buy a meal ticket or forage on their own. For complete information go to <http://www4.samford.edu/schools/ighr/index.html>. Since Birmingham is within easy driving distance of Middle Tennessee, the Institute is easily accessible for us. Many MTGS members have attended IGHR, some multiple times. It is definitely a worthwhile event.

The Pictorial History of Dickson County: 1803-2013 is now available for \$65.00 plus \$5.00 shipping from the **Dickson County Historical and Genealogical Society**. Orders can be sent to PO Box 1922, Dickson, 37056.

The **Clement Railroad Hotel Museum** in Dickson currently features a **Vietnam War exhibit** that includes artifacts loaned by local citizens...enough to fill most of the two-story building. It will remain until the end of January.

And if you get tired of news from Dickson County, you know what to do. Send your society's news to marthagerdeman@att.net.