



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 17 at 1:00** at the FiftyForward Center, 174 Raines Avenue, Nashville. At this meeting we will have a special "Show and Tell" program: "**Ancestors, Antiques, and Heirloom Artifacts**." Share your history by bringing photos, heirlooms or artifacts from your own families. You may have jewelry, clothing, photos or other interesting items that help tell your family story. There is no charge for this meeting, which is open to the public. Perhaps someone will surpass the "heirloom" turkey bone from years past. (Yes, it really was displayed.)

Now that all the hustle and bustle of the holidays are behind us, consider helping to **index the Tennessee county marriage records** that are available on the **FamilySearch website** (<http://www.familysearch.org>.) As we all know, the digitized records are a wonderful source, but they are difficult to use unless they are searchable. MTGS members have been participating in this indexing project so that the marriage records are more user friendly. If you have never helped index records, visit the **Indexing Projects** page at FamilySearch. You can download small groups of records and index them at home on your own computer, even while wearing your bunny slippers at 2:00 in the morning.

Other projects are available. You may prefer to help index records from the area where your ancestors lived. The important thing is to participate.

Our March 21 meeting will feature **Trent Hanner**, Senior Research Librarian at the Tennessee State Library and Archives. He will be speaking on "**Getting the Most out of On-Line Genealogy Resources**." Of the literally hundreds of websites dedicated to genealogy, which are the most helpful? And which are free? As usual the meeting will be at one o'clock at the FiftyForward Center in Nashville.

It's time to consider how you plan to **further your genealogical education in 2015**. The **National Genealogical Society conference** will be held in St. Charles, Missouri, **May 13-16**. Online registration is available now and one of the pre-conference workshops is already sold out. With the conference being so close to Middle Tennessee, transportation is fairly economical. Check it out at <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>.

Most states also hold conferences. You may prefer to combine education and research by attending one in a state where your ancestors lived.

And don't forget all the webinars, blogs and online courses that are available. Even if money is tight there are ways to learn more about the best way to chase those elusive ancestors.

Remember to send **news of your society or family reunion** to marthagerdeman@att.net to publish in the "Messenger" and to jimlong@comcast.net to be placed on our website.