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WELCOME to our new secretary, **Mary Lawrence**.

NOTE THE CHANGE OF OUR SUMMER MEETING to **Saturday, July 28, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.** at the **Knowles Center, 174 Rains Ave., Nashville, TN.** Our own **Martha Gerdeman, Librarian of the Dickson County Library's Genealogy and History Room** and Past President of MTGS, will captivate you with her topic **"NON-POPULATION SCHEDULES OF THE U.S. FEDERAL CENSUS."** These records include the censuses for Mortality, Manufacturing, Agricultural (Farm), Slave, Native Americans and various surveys of social statistics. These records can be vital to your research in many aspects.

Summer refreshments will be served afterwards while you socialize.

NEXT WORKSHOP: NATIVE AMERICAN & CHEROKEE GENEALOGY WORKSHOP will be held **Saturday, August 11, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the **Knowles Center, Nashville, TN.,** sponsored by MTGS and the Advisory Council of Tennessee Indian Affairs. **Lorna Morton, Tribal Genealogist** for the Cherokee Tribe of Northeast Alabama, educator and lecturer, will conduct this workshop on the Five Civilized Tribes of Tennessee and Southeastern Native American Research. There will be Native American research books and crafts available for sale.

Registration is \$25.00 which includes a catered lunch. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE is August 6.** Make checks payable to MTGS Workshop and mail to MTGS, P.O. Box 330948, Nashville, TN 37203-7507.

DIRECTIONS TO THE KNOWLES CENTER: From I-65 north or south, take exit #81-East to Wedgewood Ave. (or from Franklin Road); travel east on Wedgewood into the Tennessee State Fairgrounds, turn left inside the gate in the black fence. The name of the building is above the entrance and easily seen from Wedgewood: the Patricia Hart Building.

NEWS: MTGS's birthday bash was just that with 41 celebrants. After a sinfully delicious meal, **Walter Durham, Tennessee State Historian,** presented an historical review of the state and current historical activities and reviewed the articles in Vol. XIX of our Journal. He then announced the first **"Writer's Award"** winner to be **GALE WILLIAMS BAMMAN** for her **"Defective, Dependant and Delinquent"** series. President **Virginia Watson** and **Walter Durham** presented the astonished Gale with a certificate and \$100.00 in cash which was courtesy of **T. Vance Little.**

President Watson presented a framed certificate for the first **"Distinguished Service Award"** to a flabbergasted **MARY SUE SMITH** **"In Recognition of Continued and Outstanding Service in the Preservation of and Appreciation of our History and Heritage."**

While the two recipients were recuperating, President Watson lit a candle marked **"20"** and read a **"History of MTGS"** for the past 20 years as written by **T. Vance Little,** a copy of which will be in the next Journal. Then came the fun of champagne bottles being uncorked, the birthday cake cut and all partaking in the final **"course"** of the evening.

CLICK ON <http://www.mtgs.org/mtgsbash.htm> to view pictures from 20th.

Our **BIBLE PROJECT** will resume on **Thursday, July 26, 2007, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the **Dickson County Library, Dickson, TN** to digitally photograph family Bible records in Dickson and surrounding counties. This is the first in an outreach program to the various counties. Spread the word to those who

live close to Dickson to bring their Bibles to have copied and preserved.

DUES: If you've waited to pay your dues, they are now **PAST DUE!** As such, to renew or join, it is now \$30.00. You can avoid missing anything by sending your check made payable to MTGS for \$30.00 to MTGS, P.O. Box 330948, Nashville, TN 37203-7507.

Our bargain sales continue on full sets of the *MTGS JOURNALS Vols. I -- XIX* for \$25.00 + \$11 postage for a total of \$36, and the *EVERY NAME INDEX TO 18 MIDDLE TN COUNTIES* for \$10.00 + \$3.50 postage = \$13.50. You may order by sending your check to our post office box or pick up a set at the next meeting. Also, on sale is the **MTGS Neck Wallet** at a cost of \$7.00 which is a useful tool to take to libraries. The wallet will hold your identification; library card; small notepad and pens. Purchase one at the next meeting.

The **Irish and Scots-Irish Workshop** was a hit with the 60 attendees on June 23rd. **Fintan Mullan** and **Dr. Brian Trainor** presented an all-day learning experience which challenged us all to "go forth and find our roots in the old country." They also asked for our help with the **Ulster Historical Foundation's project of "Gravestone Inscriptions of Irish Immigrants in the United States."** They requested that a digital or scanned picture of the tombstone of an Irish person be emailed to them for their collection to aid researchers on both sides of "the pond." The tombstone must say they were born in Ireland. Include the name and location of the cemetery and a biographical sketch of the person if known. Email these to Dr. Brian Trainor at heather@uhf.org.uk. This project is comparable to our county cemetery/tombstone inscription books that we all use and hope to find an entry within.

I regret to announce that the founder and editor of our **MTGS MESSENGER, T. Vance Little**, has resigned for health reasons. Vance has been a long-time officer and board member and has been most generous in his contributions in every respect. **MTGS** will miss you, Vance, and wish you a speedy recovery. I speak for all of us, but most especially the past and current officers and board members with whom you've worked closely, in extending our sincere appreciation for all you have done.
