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“Restoration and Preservation of Manuscripts and Documents” will be the topic of the Saturday, July 19, meeting of **MTGS** at 1:00 p.m. at the Knowles Senior Center. **Amber Barfield**, Documents Conservator at the Tennessee State Library and Archives, will present a Power Point presentation on how to clean, de-acidify, and store valuable documents. There will be a display of products and equipment used in the preservation process and information about where to get them.

If you have letters or other documents you would like to know how to preserve, bring them and learn from an expert the best way to save your treasures.

Dues are now overdue! After June 1, the amount increases to \$30.00, which includes shipping on the back issues of *The Journal*. Send your check to **MTGS**, PO Box 330948, Nashville, TN 37203-7507.

MTGS AWARDS: Annual awards were presented at the May 17 meeting of the Society. Visit our website: <http://www.mtgs.org> for pictures. The following awards were presented:

The Writer’s Award of \$100 (courtesy of Lyn and Fred James) for the best article in the 2006-2007 **MTGS Journal** went to **T. Vance Little** for his article “History of the Concord Baptist Church, 1797-1865.”

Seven Awards of Merit were presented to persons who had, over a period of five years or more, made significant contributions to **MTGS**. They were **Patricia Gilliam Daley, Martha Gerdeman, T. Vance Little, Juanita Patton, Charles A. “Chuck” Sherrill, Charlotte Solee, and Shirley Wilson.**

An **Award of Excellence** was presented to Bob Dennison in recognition of the Special Project, the **MTGS Bible Project, 2006-2008.**

The **Distinguished Service Award** was given to **Katheryne Aldridge Cowan**, Webmaster for **MTGS**, in Recognition of Continued and Outstanding Service in the Preservation of and Appreciation for our History and Heritage.

House Genealogy Workshop: There will be a workshop on researching house history, July 21 from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Metro Archives. A registration fee of \$5.00 is needed to cover cost of materials. Participants must provide the address of the property, located in Davidson County, that they would like to research. More information can be found at <http://www.nowplayingnashville.com/event/detail/112821> or by contacting Debie Cox at 862-5880 or Deborah.cox@nashville.gov.

Grundy County Pictorial History Book, published by The Grundy County Historical Society, will be available about December 1, 2008. Limited quantities are being printed, so order now! More information can be found on the society’s website, <http://gchs.homestead.com/> or by contacting the society at PO Box 1422, Tracy City, TN 37387.

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