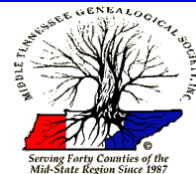




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The next meeting of the *Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society* will be on July 17, 2010, at 1:00 pm at the FiftyForward Knowles Senior Center, 174 Rains Avenue (near the State Fairgrounds). Our program will feature **Gail Jackson Miller**, a professional genealogist specializing in Kentucky and Tennessee research, who will be speaking on the **Harpe Brothers**. The Harpes terrorized the frontier of Kentucky and Tennessee, murdering dozens of people from 1797-1799. Ms. Miller will show how stories of published local histories, oral tradition, and family stories can improve your own research and provide a way for to analyze your family stories. Don't miss this event!

On July 16 the **Tennessee Baptist Historical Society** will sponsor a workshop on *"Finding Your Baptist Ancestors."* Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the workshop will conclude at 4:30 p.m. It will be held at the Southern Baptist Historical Library & Archives, 901 Commerce Street, #400 in Nashville. Featured speakers are **MTGS** Director Mark Lowe, CG; Past **MTGS** President Laine Southerland, TSLA; and Taffey Hall, archivist at HBSLA. The cost of the workshop, which includes lunch, is \$35.00 before June 30 and \$45.00 after. Registration should be sent to Jim Taulman, 8072 Sunrise Circle, Franklin, TN 37067.

A hands-on workshop on *"Restoration and Preservation of Manuscripts and Documents"* conducted by **Mrs. Amber Barfield Gilmer**, Conservator, Tennessee State Library & Archives, and her assistant, **Stewart Southward**, will be held on Thursday, August 12, from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm. at the FiftyForward Knowles Center, 175 Rains Ave, Nashville, across from the Tennessee State Fairgrounds. Attendees are to bring to the workshop any manuscripts or documents they would like preserved by cleaning, de-acidifying, and encapsulating. The cost will be \$10.00 for supplies. Documents to preserve should be no larger than 11" x 22 ½" (letters, certificates, Bible pages, flyleaves, receipts, wills, deeds, etc). A snack or lunch may be brought for the break. Registration is limited to 25; to register, call the FiftyForward Knowles 615-743-3487 or e-mail dstillwell@fiftyforward.org.

Shirley Roach Thompson will conduct a workshop on *"Organizing Your Research Data Using Microsoft Excel Spreadsheets – Beginners Level"* on August 26, from noon until 2:00 p.m. The workshop will be held in the Computer Lab at the FiftyForward Knowles Center, 174 Rains Avenue, Nashville, and is limited to 16 people. To register, call 615-743-3487. There is a fee of \$5.00 for everyone.

Upcoming meetings: The September **MTGS** meeting will feature **Mark Lowe**, CG, with a program on *"Farm House, Meeting House, Court House: Breathing Life into Your Family's Story."* The meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on September 18 at the FiftyForward Knowles Center.

Don't forget to watch for registration forms this fall for our annual **MTGS** November seminar. The featured speaker is the well-known genealogist **Elizabeth Shown Mills**, so register early! Ms. Mills' biography is on the **MTGS** website (<http://www.mtgs.org>)