



# MTGS Messenger



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**Our 40 Counties**

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- Houston
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- Lawrence
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- Macon
- Marshall
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- Robertson
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- Smith
- Stewart
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- Trousdale
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- Van Buren
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- Warren
- Wayne
- White
- Williamson
- Wilson

The July meeting of the *Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society* will be on Saturday, July 21, at the FiftyForward Knowles Center. Our program will be **“Volunteer Banners—Tennessee’s Civil War Flags and Flag Makers.”** Greg Biggs, author and research consultant will be the presenter. For more about the speaker, see our website [www.mtgs.org](http://www.mtgs.org) . As always, there will be refreshments after the meeting. There is no charge for the meeting and the public is welcome.

The **Bedford County Archives** is open every day, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until noon on a trial basis until August 31. Since it is normally open only on Wednesday, this is wonderful news for all Bedford County researchers. The archives is located in the Courthouse. Take advantage of this opportunity while it’s available.

The next **TSLA** free seminar will be on **August 18**, who has written a book about the U.S. Army maneuvers in Middle Tennessee during WWII, will be the speaker. These seminars are free and open to the public, but because of limited seating, reservations are required. Email [workshop.tsla@tn.gov](mailto:workshop.tsla@tn.gov) or call 615-741-2764 to reserve a spot.

The descendants of **Dr. Pierre Chastain** will be holding their annual reunion September 28-29 at Henry Horton State Park Inn. Variations of the name include **Chasteen, Chastaine, Chasten, Castine, and Shastid**. Anyone with those surnames is invited to attend. Information is available from publicity chair Carrie Chastain, 479-524-3461 or [jdchastain@centurytel.net](mailto:jdchastain@centurytel.net) .

The **Sumner County Pilgrimage of Homes** will be held April 28, 2012, at 10 a.m. The event includes **Cragfront, Rose Mont, Trousdale Place**, and several private homes. Call 615-452-7070 for more information.

**A \* WORD \* FROM \* THE \* WEB**

An ongoing project to index the chancery court records of Virginia is located at <http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/chancery/> .

Don’t forget that **MTGS** is participating in the indexing of the 1940 census. Instructions are on our website. It’s easy and its fun; and it’s going much faster than anticipated. Join before it’s too late!

Both Ancestry.com and the Illinois Genealogical Society are matching contributions for the digitizing of the War of 1812 pension files. If you haven’t contributed, this is a good time to do so. Details on the project can be found at the Federation of Genealogical Society website: [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org) .

Remember: news of your local society is welcomed in the “Messenger.” Send items to: [marthagerdeman@att.net](mailto:marthagerdeman@att.net)

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