



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 MTGS **Saturday, July 19**, 2014 program at 1:00 pm will feature **Rick Warwick** on the topic “**Williamson County: The Civil War As Seen Through the Female Experience**” based on his book published in 2008.

Rick is currently the historian at the [Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County](#) and editor of the [Williamson County Historical Society](#) publications—a position he’s held since 1990. He has also authored several books on Williamson County. A past teacher and librarian, his quest for history has led him to research many different topics of the county’s history, as well as to write about them and have exhibits on sugar chests, candle stands, samplers, coverlets, baskets, and portraits.

On **Saturday August 16**, **J. Mark Lowe** will be leading a hands-on workshop at FiftyForward, the site of our regular monthly meetings, titled “**A Death in the Family**”.

Discover the myriad of documents uncovered through the death of an individual in Tennessee. We will look at the basics and dig through more complicated estates with a hands-on approach. Uncover intestate divisions, insolvent estates, and contested wills while learning what you need to know.

The \$40 workshop fee includes lunch and handouts. Pre-registration is required.

[Download the workshop flyer here.](#)

It’s time to start watching the mail for information about the annual **November seminar**. This year it will be on the fourth Saturday in **November (the 22nd)** because of a scheduling conflict with the Brentwood Library. Our speaker will be national lecturer [Paula Stuart-Warren](#), whose topic will be **Transportation, Education and a Government Program: Records for My Family Story**. Individual sessions will include

- Railroad Records and Railroad History: Methods for Tracking
- The Three Rs: Readin’, ‘Ritin, and Research in School Records
- The WPA Era: What It Created for Genealogists
- Controlling Chaos: Organizing Your Genealogical Materials

Save the Date! [Ancestry.com](#) will be in Nashville on **Saturday, September 20**, for an all-day event. Details will be announced later, but the event is expected to fill rapidly after registration information is sent out, so don’t delay.

If you haven’t found the MTGS site on Facebook, go [there](#) now and like us.

Don’t forget that memberships for 2014-2015 are now Past Due at \$30.00 – still a great value! Renew your membership at the [MTGS Web Site](#).

Remember to send news of your society or family reunion to marthagerdeman@att.net to publish in the “Messenger” and to jimlong@comcast.net for our website.