



# MTGS Messenger

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## **Our 40 Counties**

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The **July 18** meeting of the society will NOT be at FiftyForward Knowles, our usual meeting place. We will meet at the **Nashville Public Library, 615 Church Street, in downtown Nashville**. The meeting will be a **special guided tour of the Nashville Metro Archives, directed by Drew Mahan**. As usual, we will meet at **1:00 p.m.** and the tour will last between one and two and a half hours.

Parking is available in the garage below the library, with the first 90 minutes free. The charge for two hours is \$1.50, with each half hour after that an additional \$1.00; the maximum fee for the day is \$5.00.

Join us for this visit to the recently relocated Metro-Nashville Archives.

Remember, 2015-2016 **memberships are now due**. Since June 1 has past, they are **\$30.00**. This year, it's easier than ever to renew. MTGS now takes **PayPal** payments. Go to the website <http://www.mtgs.org/contact/default.html> and click on the "PayPal" button. Or send your check to MTGS, P. O. Box 59085, Nashville, Tennessee 34205-9085.

Don't forget the **two upcoming workshops at FiftyForward**. On **Saturday, July 25**, MTGS member **Dorothy Williams Potter** will present an all-day workshop, **"Tracing Your Ancestor on the Southern Frontier."** Many of the records that will be explored pre-date Tennessee statehood. The workshop runs from **10:00 until 3:00**, with lunch included. Fee is \$25.00 for members of FiftyForward and \$40 for non-members. An informational flyer is available on the MTGS website. Payment may be made to FiftyForward Knowles by check, credit card or PayPal. Checks should be mailed to 174 Raines Avenue, Nashville, 37203. To use a credit card or PayPal, call Sally Solesby, Director of FiftyForward Knowles at (615) 743-3400.

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On Saturday, August 29, **Paul R. White** will be sharing **legal terms and laws that all genealogists need to be familiar with**. Mr. White is both an MTGS member and an attorney. Both presenters are published genealogical authors. Make plans to attend one or both of these workshops.

[Mocavo.com](http://Mocavo.com) now has access to the [U.S. census records](#). If you are not familiar with Mocavo, it is a free research site; like many others it does require creating a user account. Unfortunately, a quick search of the census seems to indicate that the images link to the same occasionally very bad images on Ancestry...just as Heritage Quest now does. The census is searchable, however, and it is a **free site**.

Mark your calendar now for the **annual all-day workshop on November 21**, to be held at the Brentwood Library. This year's presenter is [Elizabeth Shown Mills](#), so registration will fill up quickly. Watch for more details later in the summer.

At its May meeting, the [Board for Certification of Genealogists](#) honored two former associates who had long and distinguished careers with **Emeritus** status. One of the two honorees was MTGS Charter Member **Gale Williams Bamman**. Congratulations, Gale! [Read the full announcement here](#), courtesy of Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter.

Don't forget that MTGS welcomes notices of your family reunions or local events and will publicize them to the entire Middle Tennessee area.  
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