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July Meeting to Feature Land Records. The next meeting of the Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society will be Saturday, July 15, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. at the Metro Archives, 3801 Green Hills Village Drive, Nashville, TN. Please note the change of venue. The Metro Archives is in the old Green Hills Library in the Green Hills Mall area. It is across the parking lot from the popular eatery, the Cheesecake Factory.

Charles A. Sherrill will present a program called "On Solid Ground: Finding Ancestors in Tennessee Land Records." Chuck is Director of the Brentwood Public Library and a well known speaker in genealogical circles. He serves as editor of the MTGS quarterly Journal. He was formerly a staff member at the TSL&A.

Tennessee land records are a gold mine of information, but they are complicated and convoluted. Chuck will guide us through the maze of legalese. Remember that our land laws came from the English Common Law. There was nothing more important to our Anglican ancestors than keeping land in the blood line. Tracing the devolution of property is usually a straight shot to a sanguine ancestor. It is a program that is not to be missed.

November Seminar on Immigration Records. Mark your calendar for the annual MTGS all-day seminar on Saturday, November 18, 2006. It will be at the Brentwood Library. Guest lecturer will be noted genealogist John P. Colletta. The theme of this year's seminar will be "Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor."

A Neat Idea. Libraries are always coming up with ideas to facilitate genealogical research. The Wayne County, Kentucky, Public Library takes the cake this time. They are having a genealogical "Lock In." On July 21, 2006, and Sept. 2, 2006, after the library closes at 4:00 p.m., genealogical researchers can work an additional four hours until 8:00 p.m. Seating is limited to 30 researchers. Call early for reservations. Telephone number is 606-348-8565. It is not necessary to wear a black striped uniform.

Williamson County Has New Archives. Williamson County has a brand new Archives and Museum. Located in former Public Library building at Five Points in Franklin, it is spotlessly clean and inviting. The Williamson County Archives has a reputation for being one of the most user friendly archives around. The staff has cataloged records in sensible groupings making them easy to find. Marriage records and land records have been copied and cataloged in easy to use notebooks. Probate records have been digitized and can be easily accessed on one of the many computers available for researchers. Pay Williamson County Archivist Louise Lynch a visit. There is a lot of information in her record books, but even more information is in the head of this Williamson County native.

Alford Association to Meet. The Alford American Family Association will hold its 19th annual Meeting and Family Reunion in Nashville October 6-8, 2006. For details contact Gil Alford, Jr. He is a new member of MTGS. Check out <http://www.alfordassociation.org>

Dues are Due. Don't forget your dues. They are now due and payable. They are \$25.00. If you dilly-dally until after June 30, 2006, they will go up to \$30.00. The fiscal year of MTGS runs from June 1 to May 31.

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