



# MTGS Messenger



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Dig out some of those old family photographs that you have been wondering about and bring them to the next meeting of the **Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society**. Find out how old they are and how you can preserve them. The meeting will be at the **Knowles Senior Citizens Center, 174 Rains Avenue, Nashville on March 17, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.** Wear **green**. It's **St. Patrick's Day**.

The presentation on **"Identifying and Dating Old Photographs"** will be given by **Amber Barfield, Documents Conservator at the Tennessee State Library and Archives**. Amber is a graduate of David Lipscomb University with a major in communications and an MA from MTSU in public History with emphasis in museums. Past experience includes being Historian at the Parthenon and Photographic Archivist at the Metro Archives.

The Knowles Center is on the Tennessee State Fairgrounds property at the Wedgewood Avenue entrance. Take I-65 going north or south and exit at Exit #81. Go east to the Fairgrounds entrance. The gate to the Knowles Center off Wedgewood Avenue will be open for the meeting. You also can enter from Rains Avenue by punching the button for the gate to open.

**Computer Class:** The next meeting of the **Computer Special Interest Group** will be held **March 27, 2007, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.** at the **Knowles Center**. The presentation by **Katheryne Cowan** will be **"Creating Your Own Web Site Using a Table."** Katheryne is our webmaster for **MTGS**. The cost of the session is \$10.00. It is free to Knowles Center members. You may pay at the door. No reservations are required.

**New Board Member:** Welcome to new **MTGS** Board member, **Mrs. Lallie Wallace**. She has been a long and faithful **MTGS** member. She will fill the unexpired term of **Julia Lee** who resigned for health reasons. Welcome aboard, **Lallie**, and our best wishes to **Julia**.

**African-American Workshop:** A workshop on **"How to Trace African-American Roots"** is planned for **Tuesday, March 20, 2007, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** It will be presented by Dr. Tommie Morton-Young. It will be held at the **Knowles Center** (directions above). Admission will be **free**. Dr. Morton-Young was the recipient of the 2006 Athena Award. She is the owner of a publishing company and conducts tours of historic Black sites in Nashville. She is also the author of **"Afro American Genealogy Sourcebook."**

**Bargain Sales:** Two bargain sales of genealogical materials are being conducted. The sale of **MTGS Journals** continues. **Volumes 1-19** may be purchased for **\$25.00**. The full set contains 74 issues. **Postage is \$11.00, for a total of \$36.00**. Order from **MTGS**, PO Box 330948, Nashville, TN 37203-7507. Or buy a set at the next meeting and take them home with you.

The other bargain sale is the **"Every Name Index to 18 Middle Tennessee Record Books."** The book was published in 1992 by Bryon and Samuel Sistler. The sale price is **\$10.00**. The book originally sold for \$39.00. The book is an integrated index of 18 county record books from three counties, Bedford (covering 9 books), Giles (covering 8 books), and Lincoln (covering 1 book). There are 165,000 entries. It is a great time saver for research in those counties.

**Freebie Table:** Don't forget the **Freebie Table**. Bring your unwanted genealogical materials for exchanging with others. Remember, what's one person's trash is another person's treasure. It's a good way to spring clean your book shelves!

**Metro Archives Group being Reorganized:** **"Friends of the Metro Archives,"** the support group of the Metro Archives, is being reactivated. The membership drive will begin in March. For more information contact **Ken Fieth, Metro Archives**, at **615-862-5880** or [ken.fieth@nashville.gov](mailto:ken.fieth@nashville.gov).

**New Rutherford County Organization:** A new **Heritage Partnership of Rutherford County** has been organized and is open for membership. Its mission is to educate, advocate, and insure the preservation of Rutherford County's culture and history, especially its historic homes. For more information contact [heritagepartnership@yahoo.com](mailto:heritagepartnership@yahoo.com)

**Civil War Symposium at Rutherford.** The fourth **Legacy of Stones River Symposium** will be held in Murfreesboro March 31, 2007, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be lectures and living history programs. Morning sessions will be held at the **Rutherford County Courthouse in Murfreesboro**. Afternoon sessions will be held at the **Stones River National Battlefield**. Details at <http://www.nps.gov/stri> or 625-893-9501.

**Hickman County Program.** The **Hickman County Public Library** in association with Nashvillian **Clay Harris** will present a new play, **"Obituary"** at the **Tennessee Performing Arts Center in Nashville on April 20, 2007**. It is a dramatic comedy based on a book compiled by the **Hickman County Historical Society** listing old newspaper obituaries from 1878 to 1926.