



# MTGS Messenger



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Do you have questions about cemeteries? Come to the **MTGS** March 15, 2008 meeting and hear your answers. **Dan S. Allen, President and Archaeologist of the Cumberland Research Group in Murfreesboro** will present **"Cemetery Law and Conservation."** This includes burial customs, locating, restoration, and reinterment. He will tell you all you ever wanted to know about the cemeteries of our ancestors.

NOTE: The meeting will be at the **Brentwood Library at 1:00 pm.** **AND BRING YOUR BIBLES** to have digitally photographed for our Bible project as Bob Dennison will take the pictures "while you wait!" The every name indexed Bible records will be available on DVD and in book form in late 2008.

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## TWO NEW ITEMS FOR SALE FROM **MTGS**:

The **MTGS** Journals volumes 1-20 are now available on CD in a searchable .pdf format. The cost is \$25 + \$3.00 postage = \$28.00 to members; \$50.00 + \$3.00 postage = \$53.00 to non-members.

Our **MTGS** TOTE BAG is available for \$15.00 at regular meetings only. It is blue and black with our logo on the side, a long shoulder strap, zipper, inside pockets. It will hold several books and files for you to take on your genealogy excursions. The tote with the **MTGS** wallet is \$20.

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**FREE** "Genealogy and Family History Workshop" is being offered by **MTGS**, the **Franklin Family History Center** and the **Williamson County Public Library** on Saturday, April 19, 2008 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Details and registration posted on the **MTGS** website (<http://www.mtgs.org>) or call 615-794-4251.

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## REPLIES to a couple of questions from our 2007 Seminar:

**MTGS** cannot offer seminar lectures on a DVD (or other means) as the lectures belong to the presenters; handouts are for those attending the seminar only.

Walker's Line counties?: The southern counties in KY and the northern counties in TN on the KY/TN border were involved – Google Walker's Line for more detailed information.

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## New:

Classes in **BEGINNING GENEALOGY** by **MTGS** president, Virginia Watson, will be held at Columbia State Community College, Columbia, TN, on Saturdays March 29, April 5 and 12, 10:30 am – 2:00 pm. Contact Ron Beck at [rbeck1@Columbiastate.edu](mailto:rbeck1@Columbiastate.edu) or at 931-540-1121.

**Publications:** "North Carolina Revolutionary War Land Grants for Rutherford County, TN" and "Rutherford County Tennessee Land Grants", both compiled by Ernie Johns and Susan G. Daniel. All grants pertaining to land along the Stones River and its tributaries were abstracted with many tract drawings. The TN grants were purchased by individuals after TN became a state. In both cases, the tracts of land had never been deeded and many of the grants have never been registered in the Rutherford County Register of Deeds office. The volumes are available for \$25 each + \$5 s/h each from the Rutherford Co. Historical Society, P.O. Box 906, Murfreesboro, TN 37133-0906 or call Susan - 615-849-3823 or Ernie - 615-459-4343.

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**The Tennessee Portrait Project** was initiated by the **National Society of Colonial Dames in TN** and the **Nashville Town Committee**. The statewide project is seeking eligible portraits to add to the over 1700 entries already on the site. The link is <http://www.tnportraits.org> and the submission details are found on <http://www.tnportraits.org/portrait-entry-form.htm>. Any painting, excluding photographs or tinted photographs, is eligible, and out of state portraits with Tennessee connections to either the subject or artist are also welcome.

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**Future Events:**

**MTGS** Annual Awards Program, Saturday, May 17, 2008 featuring **George Zepp**, Nashville historian, editor and reporter for *The Tennessean* for 33 years and writer of the weekly column "*Learn Nashville*" for the past six years. He will be the judge of the Writer's Award for the best article in the **MTGS** Journal volume 20, 2006-2007. The **MTGS** Distinguished Service Award will be presented as well as other Awards of Merit. It will be at the Knowles Center at 1:00 pm with refreshments and other festivities for our 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

The Buchanan Log House Bicentennial Celebration 2008 in Nashville will be July 11–13. For details email Lu and M.C. Whitworth at [mwhitt1930@aol.com](mailto:mwhitt1930@aol.com).

The Chapman Family Association's 8<sup>th</sup> annual convention and reunion is June 13-15 in Nashville. For details contact <http://www.chapmanfamilies.org/conv.html>.