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The March meeting of the *Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society* will be a panel discussion on **Pioneer Land Grants of North Carolina and Tennessee**. Panelists include **Irene Griffey, Doug Drake, Jack Masters and Paul Clements**, all recognized experts in this field. As usual the meeting will be at the Fifty Forward/Knowles Center, 174 Rains Avenue, Nashville, at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 21. Land affected all our ancestors' lives. If they didn't own any, they wanted some, and a desire for it was frequently the trigger for migrating from one area to another. Join us to explore this interesting subject and learn how land records can help you in your search for prior generations.

Visit <http://www.mtgs.org/mtgsdate.htm> for directions to the meeting.

The next free workshop at **Tennessee State Library and Archives** will be "Celebrating Your Irish and Scots-Irish Ancestors," appropriately held on **March 17 from 8:15 to 10:30 a.m.**, and will feature **Dr. Brian Trainor and Fintan Mullan** from the **Ulster Historical Foundation**. Both these speakers have appeared at all-day MTGS seminars in the past and are knowledgeable and entertaining.

These workshops are free, but because of limited space, reservations are required, and they fill up fast. Since *The Messenger* appears only every second month, workshops are often filled by the time it is sent. It is worth the effort to check the **TSLA** website periodically to find out when the next one will be held. <http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/history/index.htm>

On Saturday, March 14 the **Promise Land Community Club of Dickson County** will sponsor "A Taste of Your Heritage." *Promise Land* is the oldest African-American community in Dickson County, founded shortly after the Civil War by freed slaves. It has been named to both the state and national Historic Registers.

The main event of the program will be a panel discussion by four local people, all of whom are closing in on the 100 year mark. It will be held at St. James AME Church, 110 East Rickert Street, in Dickson, at 2:00 p.m. A \$5.00 donation to assist in the restoration of the *Promise Land School* is requested.

The **Dickson County Historical and Genealogical Society** invites submissions for a new quarterly publication. Anyone with an article about Dickson County history or genealogy is invited to send an electronic copy for consideration to Mapheus@prodigy.net, with a hard copy to P.O. Box 1922, Dickson, TN 37056.

The **Sumner County Archives** has moved to its new location: 365 North Belvedere Drive, Gallatin, TN 37066, 615-452-0037. They're open Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Contact them at sumnersettlers@yahoo.com. If you want to see the new building, their website is www.sumnertn.org/archives/default.htm.

For history buffs... a powerful rendition of the Civil War in four minutes and be viewed at: <http://www.maniacworld.com/civil-war-in-four-minutes.html>

Don't forget to submit news from your local societies to the *Messenger* by contacting Editor Martha Gerdeman at mgerdeman@comcast.net by the end of the month preceding each *MTGS* meeting. This is your chance to publicize what's going on in your area.

As always, check our website <http://www.mtgs.org> for the latest information on our classes and meeting notices.