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The March 20, 2010, **MTGS** meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. at the Fifty Forward Knowles Senior Center, 174 Rains Avenue, Nashville (across from the TN State Fairgrounds). The program will be presented by **George Zepp**, locally renowned journalist and historical researcher. Mr. Zepp writes the "Learn Nashville" column that appears weekly in *The Tennessean* and will be speaking about his new book *Hidden History of Nashville*. Refreshments will be served.

Annual dues can be paid at the March meeting. Dues are \$25.00 per year if paid before June 30, after which they are \$30.00. Save a stamp and give your check to Juanita Patton at either the March or the May meeting.

Congratulations to **MTGS**'s own **Chuck Sherrill**, the new **Tennessee State Librarian and Archivist!!** Visit <http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla>; scroll down the page to read the press release.

The **Buchanan Log House** on Elm Hill Pike in Nashville will have its annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 27, with the historic home open to visitors. Consult their website: <http://www.buchananloghouse.com>.

Rutherford County Historical Society's annual "Show and Tell" meeting will be held on Monday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Carriage Lane Reception House, 337 E. Burton Street, Murfreesboro. Attendees should bring a side dish or dessert; the Society will furnish meat and drinks. Contact Susan Daniel at 615-849-3823 for details.

"**Hoofbeats in the Heartland,**" a Tennessee State Museum exhibit about the role of the cavalry in the Civil War, is currently at the Clement Railroad Hotel Museum in Dickson through April 3. See <http://www.clementrailroadmuseum.org> for details.

If you haven't checked our website (<http://www.mtgs.org>) lately, give it a look. Webmaster Kathy Cowan is constantly updating it. Under "**Links**" on the navigation bar there are two new pages. The first is a clickable map to all the websites of the 40 counties in Middle Tennessee; the second will link you to pages at Tennessee State Library and Archives which will show the resources at our state library and archives for our 40 counties.

Coming events:

May 15—Our 4th Annual Awards Program featuring **Bill Puryear** who will judge the 4th Annual Writer's Award. **Mr. Puryear** will be joined by **Jack Masters** and **Doug Drake** for a program on the **SECOND VOLUME** of their *Pioneer Land Grants, Traces, Roads and Pioneer Stations in the Central Valley of the Cumberland River*.

July 17—**Gail Jackson Miller** will present a program on the **Harp Brothers**, who terrorized Kentucky and Tennessee from 1797-1799.

September 18—**Mark Lowe**, CG, FUGA, will present "**Farm House, Meeting House, Court House: Breathing Life into Your Family's Story.**"

November 20—It's not too early to mark your calendars for the annual November seminar. **Elizabeth Shown Mills**, CG, CGL, FNGS, FASG and FUGA, will be the presenter. **Ms. Mills'** accomplishments are innumerable, and her bio is on our website. She is the author of 13 books, including *Evidence Explained*, the "bible" of evidence analysis and citation. Her programs are always both informative and entertaining; you won't be disappointed—unless you miss it!

All meetings are held at the Fifty Forward Knowles Center except the seminar, which will be at the Brentwood Public Library.