

## MTGS Messenger



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Our 40 Counties
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Cheatham Clay Coffee

Davidson DeKalb Dickson

Fentress Franklin \*

Giles Grundy

Hickman Houston Humphreys

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Perry Pickett

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Robertson Rutherford

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Trousdale

Van Buren

Warren Wayne White

Williamson Wilson The next meeting of the *Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society* will be on March 17 at the Knowles FiftyForward Center, 174 Rains Avenue in Nashville (across from the State Fairgrounds).

Our speaker will be C. William McKee, Professor of Education and Public Service Management at Cumberland University, who will be telling us about "The Nashville City Cemetery: A Resource for Genealogists." Join us at 1:00 p.m. As usual, refreshments will be served, and don't forget to wear your green!

It's that time of year again: renewal of your *MTGS* membership. Dues will be accepted at the March 17 meeting or they can be mailed to P. O. Box 330948, Nashville 37203-7507. Both individual and family dues are \$25.00 before June 1. After the June 1 date, they increase to \$30, so get your renewal in early.

The Davidson County-Metro Archives April 3 "First Tuesday" event will feature Rob Dehart speaking on "Civil War Medicine." The meeting is from 2:30-3:30 in the Conference room at the Metro Archives. For more information call 615-862-5880.

TSLA's next Saturday Seminar will be on April 14: Rick Koelz will speak on "1940 Census: The 72 Year Wait is Over—Now What?" See TSLA's website for details: http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/index.htm

The Sumner County Pilgrimage of Homes will be held April 28, 2012, at 10 a.m. The event includes Cragfront, Rose Mont, Trousdale Place, and several private homes. Call 615-452-7070 for more information.

With this issue of the *Messenger*, the *Society* plans to begin a regular column about new genealogical websites that members have found. To start with, take another look at TSLA's website (<a href="http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/index.htm">http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/index.htm</a>). The "Digital Collections" dropdown menu includes links to eight sites, including the "Civil War Era Database," a collection of nearly 2,000 pamphlets and eight different newspapers from 1840-1865. Available only to Tennessee residents, it includes a tutorial. (Incidentally, when traveling, you can still access databases like this one, even from another state. You simply tell the computer what your zip code is.)

There's always a catch, and the catch to this column is that your editor can't manage to locate new websites for every issue of the newsletter. That means we will be depending on you, the members, to send in interesting sites you have found. Please send them to marthagerdeman@att.net . Help us make this new column a useful site for all our members.

Remember: news of your local society is welcomed in the "Messenger." Send items to:

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