



MTGS Messenger



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Our 40 Counties

Bedford
Cannon
Cheatham
Clay
Coffee
Davidson
DeKalb
Dickson
Fentress
Franklin
Giles
Grundy
Hickman
Houston
Humphreys
Jackson
Lawrence
Lewis
Lincoln
Macon
Marshall
Maury
Montgomery
Moore
Overton
Perry
Pickett
Putnam
Robertson
Rutherford
Smith
Stewart
Sumner
Trousdale
Van Buren
Warren
Wayne
White
Williamson
Wilson

The next meeting of the Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society will be on **March 16 at 1:00pm** at the FiftyForward Patricia Hart Building, 174 Rains Avenue, Nashville. Our speaker will be **Darla Brock**, Manuscript Archivist at the Tennessee State Library and Archives; her topic will be **"Union Provost Marshal Records at the Tennessee State Library and Archives."**

Ms. Brock's areas of research concentration are Women's History and Civil War History. There is no charge for this meeting and refreshments will be served. Please join us and learn about some seldom-used Civil War records.

On **Monday, April 1**, **Carol Roberts**, our March speaker, will be conducting a workshop on **"Conservation Basics for Family Collections."** The workshop will be at FiftyForward, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., with lunch served at 12 noon. Ms. Roberts is director of the preservation services section of TSLA and has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education and History and an MA degree in History and Historic Preservation.

Cost of the workshop is \$30.00, which includes lunch. Door prizes of archival supplies will be given at the end of the workshop, including an all-inclusive Archival Kit with a letter-size document kit, 25 reinforced file folders, cotton gloves, and a sheet of box labels, plus other items that can be used to preserve your family treasures.

The workshop is limited to 30 participants and payment of the registration fee will guarantee your spot. For registrations call **615-743-3400** or email ssolesby@fiftyforward.org.

Do you follow any genealogy (or other) blogs online? There are literally **thousands of genealogy blogs** available. Some of them are by names you would recognize as national speakers. Others are written by experts in a certain locality or are dedicated to a particular family. If you haven't explored the world of blogs, there are several ways to explore them. One is to check the "B" section of Cyndi's List <http://www.cyndislist.com>. Another is to go to <http://blogfinder.genealogue.com/>, which tracks more than 1700 genealogy blogs.

If you decide to follow more than one blog, you can download [GoogleReader](#), which compiles them all in one location. If you use Gmail or any other Google product, you can use the same user name and password for GoogleReader. It's really handy to have all daily postings available at one site.

And don't forget to send news from your societies to marthagerdeman@att.net.