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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 15** at 1:00 at the FiftyForward Center, 174 Raines Avenue, Nashville, with a program by **Joe Spann**, a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and a native Floridian, now living in Gallatin and working in the music industry. For 21 years Mr. Spann was the director of the Polk County, Florida, Historical and Genealogical Library, one of the largest research centers in the southeastern United States. A past president of the Lakeland Chapter SAR, he has completed the National Institute on Genealogical Research in Washington, D.C.

As family historians, most of us struggle to “put meat on the bones” of our ancestors. Mr. Spann will be discussing **Albion’s Seed**, a wonderful resource for learning about colonial ancestors and their daily lives. Published in 1989 by David Hackett Fischer, this book examines the four waves of migration from the British Isles prior to the 1770s.

As usual there is no charge for this meeting and refreshments will be served. Come and learn how your colonial ancestors lived, spoke, ate, and more. For more information, please visit our website: www.mtgs.org.

If you haven’t checked out the Tennessee State Library and Archives blog, you really should. TSLA uses the blog to keep us all up to date on what’s going on. Recently it announced that the **Civil War Union Provost Marshal’s** records are now available as an online database. (<http://www.tnsos.net/TSLA/provost/index.php>) The Provost Marshals were charged with maintaining order among the civilian population. Among other duties, they administered and recorded oaths of allegiance. The database is searchable by both name and keyword. Check out the blog at <http://tslablog.blogspot.com/>

Those of us who use the *Tennessee State Library and Archives*—and who among us doesn’t—should certainly be members of the **TSLA Friends**. The website can be found at <https://tslafriends.org>. Many familiar names are among the Officers and Board of Directors. Besides simply supporting the work of TSLA, there are benefits to joining the group.

The **May 17** meeting of MTGS will be the **annual awards program**. **Myers Brown** of TSLA will be both the speaker and the judge for the best article in our Journal during the past year. Mark it on your calendar now.

The **Dickson County Historical and Genealogical Society** will meet at 6:30 on April 14 at the Clement Railroad Hotel Museum, with a program about the **Parker family**, who moved from Dickson County to Illinois and then on to Texas, where Cynthia Parker became the mother of Quanah Parker, the Comanche chief.

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