



MTGS Messenger



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Our 40 Counties

Bedford
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Cannon
Cheatham
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Davidson
DeKalb
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Overton
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Perry
Pickett
Putnam
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Robertson
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Smith
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Sumner
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Trousdale
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Van Buren
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Warren
Wayne
White
Williamson
Wilson

On Saturday, May 19, **MTGS** will celebrate its **25th Anniversary** at the Knowles FiftyForward Center, 174 Rains Avenue in Nashville (across from the State Fairgrounds). The celebration begins at 1:00 p.m. and will include decorations, cakes, and other goodies. Everyone is invited to wear period dress representing an ancestor, a county of origin, or a historical figure. Please wear a nametag so that everyone will know what person or area you represent.

Dr. Wayne Moore, Assistant State Archivist at TSLA will be both the speaker and the judge of the best article in our **MTGS Journal** for the previous year. The author of the award-winning article will receive \$100.

Dr. Moore will be speaking on *Looking Back: The Civil War in Tennessee*, a digitization program of privately-owned Civil War records and artifacts from all 95 Tennessee counties, a program he designed.

Dr. Moore is a professional historian and archivist. More information about him is on our website: www.mtgs.org. Click on Calendar > Meetings and Workshops

The next Saturday seminar at TSLA will be "Tennesseans in the War of 1812," presented by **Dr. Tom Kanon** on June 16 at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium. Seminars are free, but because space is limited, reservations are required. Call 615-741-2764 or email workshop.tsla@tn.gov.

1940 Census Indexing Project

The **Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society** has registered as a partner Society with FamilySearch.org to help rally volunteers to index the 1940 Census. FamilySearch.org is a free website devoted to sharing historical and genealogical records with everyone. Through a nation-wide, joint effort, the 1940 U.S. Census will be indexed by thousands of volunteers. Once the project is completed, the index and census images will be accessible to everyone for free, forever. We are the Volunteer State, so it's time to do YOUR part – visit our website: <http://www.mtgs.org>. The first paragraph on our home page has instructions on how you can help.

***** A * WORD * FROM * THE * WEB *****

A new website that should prove helpful to all researchers comes from **MTGS** member **Elizabeth Shown Mills**. Based on her book *Evidence Explained*, the website includes "Quick Lessons" on citation, as well as links to the "Quick Check Models" that begin each chapter of the book, plus many other features. Check it out at <http://www.evidenceexplained.com>.

Anyone with Kentucky ancestors who fought in the Civil War may find "The Department of Confederate Pensions, 1912-1946" helpful. Part of the Electronic Records Archives of the The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, the site includes both veterans' and widows' pensions. It can be found at <http://dSPACE.kdla.ky.gov:8080/xmlui/handle/10602/2375>.

Remember: news of your local society is welcomed in the "**Messenger**."

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