



# MTGS Messenger

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## **Our 40 Counties**

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Moore  
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The next meeting of the society will be on **Saturday, May 16**, at FiftyForward Knowles, Patricia Hart Building, 174 Rains Avenue, (across from the State Fairgrounds). This is the **annual awards meeting**, with outstanding volunteers being recognized, as well as a cash **award presented to the author of the best article** in the past year's Journal. The speaker will be **Allen Forkum**, editor of the **Nashville Retrospect** newspaper. Mr. Forkum is also the judge for the writing competition.

As always, the meeting will begin at **1:00 p.m.** and is free to the public, with refreshments afterwards.

Remember, **2015-2016 memberships are now due**. If paid before June 1, dues are **\$25.00**; afterwards, they are **\$30.00**. This year it's easier than ever to renew. MTGS is now taking **PayPal payments**. Go to <http://www.mtgs.org/contact/default.html> and click on the "PayPal" button. Of course, your check is always acceptable and can be personally delivered at the May meeting.

The next **TSLA workshop** will be on **Saturday, May 30, 9:30-11:00 a.m.** "**Surveying Tennessee's Digital Resources**" will provide hands-on training and advice on navigating the Tennessee Virtual Archives and two major Civil War GIS projects. The workshop is free, but advance registration is required, either by emailing [workshop.tsla@tn.gov](mailto:workshop.tsla@tn.gov) or by calling 615-741-2764.

The **Natchez Trace Parkway Association** will host a living history event — **Triumphant Return: Celebrating a New American Spirit** on **June 12-14 in Florence, Alabama**. This living history event will include a number of education stations at no cost. For more information, visit their website: <http://natcheztrace.org/triumphant-return-celebrating-a-new-american-spirit-tuscumbia/>.

Make plans now to join a **tour of the new Metro Archives** in the Nashville Public Library on **Saturday, July 18**. The tour will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the library on 615 Church Street in downtown Nashville. The parking garage is beneath the library; the first 90 minutes are free. The charge for two hours is \$1.50, with each half-hour after that an additional \$1.00. Maximum fee for weekends is \$5.00. **This will be our July Society meeting.**

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Don't forget **two upcoming workshops** at FiftyForward. On **Saturday, July 25**, MTGS member **Dorothy Williams Potter** will present **an all-day session about the earliest Tennessee records**, many of them pre-dating statehood, and how to access them. Cost of the workshop—to be announced—will include lunch.

On **Saturday, August 29**, **Paul R. White** will be sharing **legal terms and laws that all genealogists need to be familiar with**. Mr. White is both an MTGS member and an attorney.

Both presenters are published genealogical authors. Make plans to attend one or both of these workshops.

Mark your calendar now for the **annual all-day seminar** on **November 21**, to be held at the **Brentwood Library**. This year's presenter is **Elizabeth Shown Mills**, so registration will fill up quickly. Watch for more details later in the summer.



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MTGS members might be interested to know about a **free online genealogy course for beginners** offered through the North Carolina State Library **March 23 to June 1**. It's a new kind of group online activity called a MOOC (Massive Open Online Course). Registration and more information is available at: <https://www.canvas.net/browse/reynoldslibrary/courses/intro-to-genealogy>

The **Chestnut Ridge Cousins**, formed in 2002, will hold a reunion/meeting **10 - 12 July in Fayetteville, Tennessee**. A group of rooms has been reserved at the Hampton Inn in Fayetteville. "The Ridge" and its foothills are connected to **Bedford, Moore, Marshall, and Lincoln counties**. For more information, go to the Chestnut Ridge Facebook site or [www.chestnutridgecousins.org](http://www.chestnutridgecousins.org). You may also contact Bobby Prosser at [prossergenealogy@yahoo.com](mailto:prossergenealogy@yahoo.com).

