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The May 21 meeting will be at the FiftyForward Knowles Center, 174 Rains Avenue, Nashville, (across from the State Fairgrounds). Our program will be **"Building a Family History and Creating Your Own Local Family Story,"** presented by **Judith Morgan**. Dr. Morgan is the author of *My Name Was Elmwood*, an investigation of the Berry family that led her to connections to a number of other Tennessee families. Come and enjoy the interesting stories about this family and the multiple families and counties covered by her research. You might even find that you are related to one or more of them. Her book will be available for purchase at the meeting.

Dr. Morgan has also served as the judge for our **Writer's Award**, which will be presented at this meeting, the annual honors and awards presentation, as well as the election of officers. As ever, the meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. and refreshments will be served afterwards.

We hope you will attend and consider joining MTGS.

Speaking of joining MTGS, **memberships for 2016-2017 are payable now**. They are \$25.00 if paid before June 30; after that date membership increases to \$30.00.

Payment can be made at the meeting, by sending a check to MTGS, Post Office Box 59085, Nashville, Tennessee, 37205-9085, or by using PayPal through our website, <http://www.mtgs.org>. Don't let your membership lapse and miss our award-winning *Journal*.

The Tennessee State Library and Archives recently rolled out an **online index to the Supreme Court records for the state**. These records date from 1809 until about 1950 and include more than 10,000 boxes of records. Take a look at the index at <http://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/tennessee-supreme-court-cases>.

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Another website that might be useful to our members is “**Using the Family History Guide**,” which won honorable mention at the [RootsTech conference in 2016](#). This short instructional video can [guide beginners to family history research](#) or be used in a class setting. It can be found at <http://rootstech.devpost.com/submissions/45454-the-family-history-guide>.

Family reunion time is upon us. Send [news of your family's gathering](#) for inclusion in “The Messenger” to marthagerdeman@att.net or for posting on our website to info@mtgs.org. Don't forget, any news of your society that might interest our wider membership can be published in the same places.