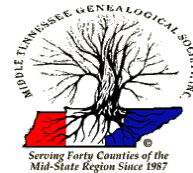


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Our 40 Counties

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Wilson

The November meeting of **MTGS** will be the annual all-day seminar, featuring the nationally-known and highly respected genealogist **Elizabeth Shown Mills**. The seminar will be at the Brentwood Library, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. On-site registration begins at 8:15. Ms. Mills has written several books on genealogical research and a novel, *Isle of Canes*, based on her decades of research on a Louisiana Creole family. She is a frequent speaker at conferences and is on the faculty of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research held annually at Samford University.

Registration is \$40 for members and \$45 for nonmembers, which includes lunch. The deadline for registration is November 12; lunch is not guaranteed for anyone registering after that date. For more details about the speaker, registration, and venue, visit www.mtgs.org.

There are also several videos featuring Ms. Mills on YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ly42QvEaV88>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3iNYRdOV5Yk&feature=channel>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQMMVpaeGfk&feature=channel>

Support the *Tennessee State Library & Archives*. A new support group for the *Tennessee State Library and Archives*, the *TSLA Friends*, has been formed to promote *TSLA's* work in preserving and sharing Tennessee history. Visit www.tslafriends.org to learn more about the work of the Friends and the way to join the group. All family history researchers should be members of this organization.

On December 11, 2010, there will be a program at *TSLA* on "**Researching Your Native American Ancestry**," from 9:30 until 11:30. Presenter is **Pixy Morgan**, who holds a degree in Genealogical Research. This is part of *TSLA's* ongoing offering of free workshops, and seating is limited, so advance registration is required. Call 615-741-2764 or e-mail workshop.tsla@state.tn.us. Anyone who registers but is unable to attend should notify the library staff to cancel; there is frequently a waiting list for classes and should a vacancy occur, the library staff contacts someone on the list.

Approximately 15 people attended the three beginning classes taught in October by **Virginia Gooch Watson** and **Martha Orsborn Gerdeman**. These classes are held periodically at various locations. Details can be found on our website (www.mtgs.org).

And if you haven't visited our website recently, please do so. Webmaster Katheryne Cowan is constantly updating it. We are now on Facebook. There is a link to become a Facebook friend on our homepage, as well as links to all 40 Middle Tennessee counties, a calendar of events, and information about the *Journal*, including guidelines on how to submit articles.

<http://www.mtgs.org>