



# MTGS Messenger



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**Annual Seminar: MTGS** and the **Tennessee Historical Society** present our 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Genealogical Seminar on Saturday, November 21, 2009, at the Brentwood Public Library. The program will include “Is Ancestry Worth It? Fee and Free Web Sites for Genealogical Research” presented by Chuck Sherrill, and two presentations by Mark Lowe: “Here Comes the Bride and There She Goes” and “Early River Towns.” Chuck is the director of the Brentwood Library and editor of our **MTGS Journal**; Mark is a Certified Genealogist, specializing in Tennessee and Kentucky records. Both are very informative and entertaining speakers. More details are available at <http://www.mtgs.org>.

Registration is \$40 for MTGS members and \$45 for non-members. (Deduct \$5.00 if you do not want the box lunch.) Pre-registration for the event must be received by November 13. There is a form on our website (<http://www.mtgs.org>) that can be downloaded and printed. Send it with your check to Brenta Davis, Registrar, 300 Wheatfield Circle-B-221, Brentwood, TN 37027-4497. Registration begins at 8:15; the program will end at 4:00. Lunch cannot be guaranteed for walk-ins or those whose registration is received after November 13.

The annual seminar is always educational. Since most of us research online as much as possible, and since most of us are frugal folks, knowing which sites give the most information for the least price or are free will be especially valuable. And all of us have those elusive female ancestors that we can't find. Join us for tips, congenial company, and good food...including complementary pastries and beverages at the morning session.

**MTGS** member **Bob Dennison** will present a seminar on **FAMILY TREE MAKER 2009** at the Maury County Genealogical Society at 6:00 p.m. on November 12, 2009, at Maury County Park in Columbia. The seminar will be in the first building on the right as you enter the park, at 1020 Maury County Park Drive, Columbia, TN.

The **Buchanan Log House Board** will host a **Holiday High Tea**, on Sunday afternoon, December 13th, 2 - 4:00 p.m., and would like for everyone to stop by. Period Costumes (up to 1870s) may be worn, if anyone wishes to do so. It's a free open house and holiday high tea, at the Historic Buchanan Log House, 2910 Elm Hill Pike, Nashville (telephone 615-871-4524; email: [loghouse@buchananloghouse.com](mailto:loghouse@buchananloghouse.com)).

The **Clement Railroad Hotel Museum** in Dickson opened on June 2, 2009. Dickson began life as a railroad town, having grown up around Mile Marker 42 on the railroad built by the Union army during the Civil War. The hotel, which has been totally renovated, dates from 1913, although a previous hotel was located on the same site in the 1870s. The museum is a state historic site, with exhibits centered around Dickson County history (including the influence of both the early iron industry and the railroad), Civil War history, and the life of Governor Frank G. Clement, who was born at the hotel. The hours are from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturdays. The site is also a stop on the Civil War Trail.

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