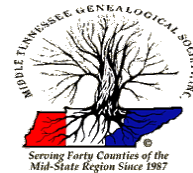


# MTGS Messenger



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## Our 40 Counties

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Davidson  
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Van Buren  
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Warren  
Wayne  
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Williamson  
Wilson

The November **MTGS** meeting will be the annual all-day seminar at the Brentwood Public Library, 8109 Concord Road, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. and the seminar will end at 4:00 p.m. The theme this year is:

### **Southern Research: Sources and Solutions.**

During the morning **Elizabeth Shown Mills** will be presenting **"Problem Solving in the Problem-Riddled Carolina Backcountry,"** and **J. Mark Lowe** will tell us about **"Inheritance Laws and Estate Settlements in the Carolinas."**

The afternoon sessions will cover the Civil War records found at the Tennessee State Library & Archives. **Chuck Sherrill** will share **"Service Records Are Just the Beginning: Finding Your Family's Whole Civil War Story"** and **"The Late Unpleasantness': Research in Civil War Records Created After 1865."**

All three presenters are nationally-known speakers and are members of **MTGS**.

Registration is \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members. Space is limited, so if you haven't registered, send your check and registration today. Walk-in registrations will be accepted, space permitting, but walk-in registration will be \$60, with no lunch and no handouts.

Directions to the library, the registration form, and other details are in the latest **MTGS Journal** as well as on our website <http://www.mtgs.org>.


Don't forget to check the Tennessee State Library and Archives website periodically for newly-added digital records ([www.tennessee.gov/tsla/index.htm](http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/index.htm)). New material is added frequently.

If you have never looked at the new Family Search website, the Latter Day Saints' genealogical site, you should find it very helpful. (<http://www.familysearch.org>). Their goal is eventually to digitize all the records held in Salt Lake City. Registration is necessary to use the site, but there is no charge. One of the recently added record groups is the Tennessee probate records. While they cannot be searched, most individual volumes are indexed.

The National Archives in St. Louis has recently dedicated a new military personnel facility. As many researchers know, 18 million military records were destroyed by a fire in 1973. The new facility includes a state-of-the-art preservation lab where records that were damaged but not destroyed are being restored. NARA has prepared three videos about the facility. Links to them can be found at <http://www.genealogyblog.com/?p=14737>

Don't forget that **MTGS** has a Facebook page.

### **Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society (MTGS)**

Check it out and  us. Our webmaster, Katheryne Cowan, created the page and maintains it. And don't forget, your county's events can be featured in this newsletter. Just send them to [marthagerdeman@att.net](mailto:marthagerdeman@att.net).

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