



# MTGS Messenger



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## **Our 40 Counties**

Bedford  
Cannon  
Cheatham  
Clay  
Coffee  
Davidson  
DeKalb  
Dickson  
Fentress  
Franklin  
Giles  
Grundy  
Hickman  
Houston  
Humphreys  
Jackson  
Lawrence  
Lewis  
Lincoln  
Macon  
Marshall  
Maury  
Montgomery  
Moore  
Overton  
Perry  
Pickett  
Putnam  
Robertson  
Rutherford  
Smith  
Stewart  
Sumner  
Trousdale  
Van Buren  
Warren  
Wayne  
White  
Williamson  
Wilson

There are still openings for the **annual all-day seminar to be held on November 22**. Our speaker is national lecturer **Paula Stuart-Warren**, who will be dealing with **Transportation, Education and a Government Program: Records for My Family Story**. Individual sessions will include

- "Railroad Records and Railroad History: Methods for Tracking"
- "The Three Rs: Readin', 'Ritin, and Research in School Records"
- "The WPA Era: What It Created for Genealogists"
- "Controlling Chaos: Organizing Your Genealogical Materials"

Middle Tennessee was a big railroading area, so the Railroad Records portion should be helpful to many, and presumably our ancestors attended school. Furthermore, I don't know about you, but my "organization" is truly better described as chaos, so I'm looking forward to tips on controlling it.

The seminar is at the **Brentwood Library**. Doors open at **8:15**; program from 9:00 until 4:00. Registration is **\$40 for members of MTGS**, **\$45 for non-members**. Advance registration ends on November 14; after that, participants must take a chance on getting in as a "walk-in" and will pay \$60—if space is available. There will be no lunch or handouts for walk-ins, so send that registration in today.

The next in the series of **Tennessee State Library and Archives free workshops** will be "**County Connections: Researching Your Family History in County Records**," on **November 29 at TSLA**. **Gordon Belt**, Director of Public Services for TSLA, will be presenting the workshop.

The workshop will be assisted by the **Friends of TSLA**, and when it is finished, members of the Friends, along with the regular staff, will be **assisting attendees with their research**. The workshop is from 9:30 until 11:00 a.m. and—although it is free—participants need to register because space is limited. Call 615-741-2741 or email [workshop.tsla@tn.gov](mailto:workshop.tsla@tn.gov)

Upcoming MTGS programs include the following:

**January:** "**Our Ancestors, Antiques, and Artifacts**"; bring something passed down in your family, or a photo of it, to share with others.

**March:** Trent Hanner, TSLA staff member will be sharing "**TSLA On-Line Resources: What's Free, What's Not, What's On-Line, What's Not, plus TSLA Records on Ancestry.com.**"

**July:** a program on the **Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Archives**

**Ancestry Day** in September was a big success, with **more than 700 people** in attendance. Thanks to everyone who volunteered at any of the events.