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Annual Seminar to be Held in November: The highlight of MTGS's year is its annual all-day genealogical seminar. This year's program will be held **November 18, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Brentwood Library, 8109 Concord Road, Brentwood, TN.** The topic of this year's seminar is **"Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors and Telling their Stories."** The presenter will be noted genealogist **Dr. John P. Colletta.** He has written and published several genealogical books and is widely acclaimed as a speaker on genealogical research. There will be two sessions in the morning, **"US Passenger Arrival Records, 1820-1957"** and **"US Naturalization Records, 1790-1920s."** The afternoon sessions will be **"How to Assemble and Write a Narrative Family History"** and **"Discovering the Real Stories of Your Immigrant Ancestors."** The cost is \$35 for MTGS members and \$40 for non-members. Lunch is included. If you do not wish to get a box lunch, deduct \$5.00 from the cost of the seminar. Make your reservations with MTGS at PO Box 330948, Nashville, TN 37203-7507. There will be no vendors this year, but the speaker will be selling his own books. BONUS: The door prize will be a free year's membership in MTGS. Visit our website: <http://www.mtgs.org> for more details and a printable registration form.

Computer Special Interest Group: The Computer Special Interest Group of MTGS is off and running. All sessions will be held at the Knowles Senior Citizens Center, 174 Rains Avenue, Nashville. One of the series of six classes has been held with substantial participation. The series is called **"Effective Use of Computers in Genealogy."** The next session will be November 9, 2006, from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. The session will be on **"Organization Using Family Tree Maker Program."** The presenter will be **Bob Dennison,** retired colonel with the Tennessee Air National Guard. The next two sessions will be on **"Genealogy Research on the Internet,"** presented by **Charles Sherrill.** Mr. Sherrill's session will be held Wednesday, December 6, 2006 -- 12:00 pm to 1:30 p.m. The following session **"Organizing with the Use of Excel in Genealogy,"** conducted by **Ogden Stokes** will be scheduled in December. There will be two additional sessions in January 2007. The cost is \$10.00 per session or \$50.00 for all six sessions. MTGS president Virginia Watson says that she feels that the Computer Special Interest Group has gotten off to a good start. She adds that she hopes that it will continue to be successful and meaningful. Visit our website: <http://www.mtgs.org> -- Click on details for a printable registration form.

Shirley Wilson Is Book Reviewer: Shirley Wilson has been reappointed to the position of MTGS Book Reviewer. It is a position that she has held for several years. Her reviews of recently published books and other genealogical materials appear in the MTGS Journal. If you have published anything you would like reviewed or know someone who has, please send a copy to Mrs. Shirley Wilson, 106 Leeward Point, Hendersonville, TN 37075. Enclose return postage if the material is to be returned. Donated materials will be given to an appropriate organization.

Bible Records Project: The Bible Records Project continues with the next session scheduled for November 13, 2006, at the Knowles Senior Citizens Center, 174 Rains Avenue, Nashville. Interested persons are encouraged to take their family Bibles to the Knowles Center where representatives from MTGS will photocopy genealogical information contained in the Bible. It will only take a few minutes with no harm done to the Bibles. The Bible records will be made available to MTGS and the public at a later date.

Bargain Price for Journals: Full sets of the **Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society's Journal** are available for purchase for a bargain price of \$25 plus postage. The set includes 74 issues, being all of Volumes 1 through 19. They may be ordered from MTGS, PO Box 330948, Nashville, TN 37203-7507. The postage is \$11.00 for a total of \$36.00. This special price is good only while supplies last!

Award for Best Journal Article: An award will be given for the best article in the MTGS Journal for the year 2006. More later on time and place. There will be a cash award. Be thinking of a good article for next year.

Dues: Unpaid dues can still be paid. A late fee of \$5.00 has been added, they are now \$30.00.

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