



# MTGS Messenger



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**CONSERVATION** is the theme for the next **MTGS** meeting on Saturday, September 15, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. at the Martin Center, 960 Heritage Way, Brentwood, TN. **NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE.** “*Artifacts for Future Generations*” is the topic. **Christine Young**, a Nashville Conservator of photographic materials and art on paper will present. She will focus on what the average layperson can do to extend the life of paper documents and photographs.

## **AND AN ADDED FEATURE**

All those who attend are invited to bring your family **BIBLE** (or copies of Bibles) and have them digitally photographed “while you wait” for the **MTGS** Bible project. If you have questions about conserving the Bible, you’ll be able to discuss it with Ms. Young.

**Directions to the Martin Center:** From I-65 south or north, take the Concord Road exit #71, turn left (east) onto Concord; travel ½ mile to the light at Heritage Way and/or Knox Valley Drive; turn left onto Heritage Way and the Martin Center is the first drive on the right.

**DUES:** If you didn’t receive your last **MTGS Journal**, then you haven’t paid your dues! Be sure to renew so you won’t miss out on our fall events. Mail your check for \$30.00 to MTGS, P.O. Box 330948, Nashville, TN 37203-7507 today or renew at the meeting.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2007** for the fall highlight – our all-day seminar. “**Using Land Records to Find Your Ancestors – Even If They Did Not Own Land**” is the theme and three speakers will be featured:

“**Understanding State and Public Land Records**” is a comparison of the two basic types of land records and how they benefit the researcher. The process of acquiring land will be explained under both systems and the ability to pinpoint the location of the land in public land states will be demonstrated.

The presenter will be **Shirley Wilson**, Certified Genealogist, author, retired director and one of the founders of the Sumner County Archives. She taught genealogy at Volunteer State Community College for 25 years, serves on the TN Historical Records Advisory Board, is a past president of **MTGS** and is currently our Book Review Editor.

“**There’s Gold in Them Thar’ Deed Books**” addresses how to correctly access and use deed books enabling the genealogist to place a family in the correct geographical location, sort out men of the same name in the same area, determine family relationships, and find hidden details about a family that can be found in no other source.

The presenter will be **Marie Martin Murphy**, Certified Genealogical Research Specialist, lecturer, instructor at the Virginia Institute sponsored by the VA Genealogical Society, an alumna of the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research at Samford Univ., Birmingham, and of the National Institute of Genealogical Research in Washington, D.C. and a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

“**Land Platting Workshop**” will focus on the process of creating a plat map from a metes and bounds deed; includes forms and step-by-step instructions for platting the land and placing it in context on a topographical map. The hands-on portion includes several deeds that encourage understanding and

practical use. *Equipment for the workshop will be provided and topographical maps to use will be available for sale.*

This workshop will be conducted by **J. Mark Lowe**, Certified Genealogist and a full-time professional genealogist. A specialist in Tennessee and Kentucky resources, he is a national and regional speaker, author, served as Director of the Regional In-depth Genealogical Studies Alliance, Vice President of Development for the Federation of Genealogical Societies, Vice President of the Genealogical Speakers Guild, and is past president of the Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society.

**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS VERY CHALLENGING AND INFORMATIONAL SEMINAR.**

**SALE OF SURPLUS SETS OF JOURNALS CONTINUES** with Vols.1-19 at \$25.00 plus \$11 postage for a total of \$36. AND, the **EVERY NAME INDEX TO 18 MIDDLE TN COUNTIES** for \$10 + \$3.50 postage for a total of \$13.50 sale also continues. Send your check to the post office box given above to order a set.

**FOR MAURY COUNTIANS:** The Maury County Genealogical Society will meet Sept. 13 with speaker **Ben Sewell** on “Sons of Confederate Veterans” and on Oct. 11 with **Virginia Watson** on “The Dillahunty Party to TN and Their Connection to Maury County.” Meetings are held at the Maury County Senior Citizen Center, 1920 Maury County Park Drive at 6:00 p.m. For further info, contact Tom Coghlan at [dntfk@bellsouth.net](mailto:dntfk@bellsouth.net).

**GENEALOGY CLASSES THIS FALL** all taught by **MTGS President, Virginia G. Watson:**

*Beginning Genealogy* for the “Adventures in Learning” program in Murfreesboro on **Mondays, Sept 10, 17, 24 & Oct 1, 10:45 am – Noon**; Fee \$8 with additional \$8 for lunch. Call 615-893-4563 or 615-895-6072 for details.

*Advanced Genealogy* at the Knowles Center Thursdays, **Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am - 12:00. FREE to Knowles Members, \$20.00 for non-members.**

*Beginning Genealogy* at Columbia State Community College, Columbia, TN. **Mondays Oct. 8, 15, 22 and 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.** Registration fee \$59.00. For details contact Ron Beck at [rbeck1@columbiastate.edu](mailto:rbeck1@columbiastate.edu).

**NEED A GIFT or MEMORIAL IDEA?** Give a 1-year membership in **MTGS** to an individual “who has everything” or to a library/archives as a memorial. Our bi-monthly Journal would provide interesting and informative reading and be an asset to any genealogical collection.

Reminder to write: Take your “pen in hand” and let it work magic in the form of an article for the MTGS Journal and possibly win the \$100.00 Writer’s Award. You can do it!