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Using Original Court Records: A Hands-On Workshop will be the next meeting of the Society on September 20, 2008, at 1 p.m. The workshop will be held at the **Brentwood Public Library** and presented by **Chuck Sherrill**, editor of the *MTGS Journal* and director of the library. The workshop is free, but because all participants will receive a 30 page handout, **advance registration is required**. Reserve your place by contacting Brenta Davis, (615) 661-9775 or bdavis66@comcast.net no later than September 12.

The **Nashville Metropolitan Archives** will host author **p.m. terrell** on **Tuesday, September 2**, from 7:00 until 8:00 p.m. Ms. terrell is the author of *Songbirds Are Free*, a historical suspense/thriller inspired by the true story of Mary Neely, one of her ancestors, who was captured by Shawnee Indians in 1780 at Fort Nashboro. The event will be held at the **Metro Archives, 3801 Green Hills Village Drive, Nashville, TN**.

On September 25, 2008 *MTGS* will host a workshop on "**Heirloom Herbs: Their Heritage, Cultivation and Uses Today**," by **Waneta Strickert**, herb expert. Ms. Strickert has 20 small herb gardens with hundreds of different herbs and is the 2008 nominee for the "Outstanding Volunteer Service Award" by the Tennessee Master Gardener's Association for her restoration of the Croft Home heirloom gardens at the Nashville Zoo at Grassmere. The workshop will be **Thursday, Sept. 25, 2008, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm** at the **FiftyForward/Knowles Center, 174 Rains Ave., Nashville, TN**. (The Center was formerly known as the Knowles Senior Center). Members of Knowles and other senior centers will be admitted free. **A fee of \$5.00 will be charged to other participants.**

The Metro Nashville Archives needs your help! We are considering a project to conduct an every name index to the earliest court records for Davidson County. The task consists of creating a database of the names, subject and date for each entry in our earliest court volumes. You would be using the original books. Please contact Ken Fieth at the Metro Nashville Archives for more information at 862-5880 or email him at ken.fieth@nashville.gov

Past President Virginia Watson will teach "Advanced Genealogy" at the FiftyForward/Knowles Center on the Mondays in October – **October 6, 13, 20, 27** from **1:00 pm to 2:30 pm**. Call (615)743-3400 to sign up.

The **Dickson County Historical & Genealogical Society** will host the annual combined meeting of all historically oriented groups in Dickson County on **September 12, 2008**. The add-a-dish meeting will be at the **Tennsco Community Center** on Tennsco Drive in Dickson, TN. Members of any organization interested in the history or genealogy of Dickson County are invited to join us for an evening of "**Show and Tell**." Bring an interesting antique, artifact, or heirloom and share its story with everyone. The gathering will begin at **5:30** with supper at 6:00.

Submit Your News! The Messenger is the place to publicize any meetings or events of your local society. E-mail news items to mgerdeman@comcast.net by the 15th of the month preceding any meeting to share your news with all members of *MTGS*.