



# MTGS Messenger



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The **next meeting** of the **Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society** will be on Saturday, September 19, at the Brentwood Public Library at 1:00 p.m. Please note that this is a **change of location**. The Library is located one-half mile east of I-65 Exit 71. To enter the Library's parking lot, turn right onto Knox Valley Drive.

The program will be presented by **Mr. Mark Strength**, a successful businessman, as well as a researcher and novelist. Mr. Strength has written two historical novels about "**Bonny Kate**," aka Mrs. John Sevier. Join us for an afternoon of fascinating stories about these early settlers of East Tennessee. Refreshments will be served.

On Wednesday, September 30, **Bob Dennison** will present a program on "**Using Family TreeMaker, New Version 9**" at the FiftyForward/Knowles Center (10:30am – 12:30pm) in Nashville. Bob is a past Board member for MTGS and chaired our highly successful Bible records project. The Center is located at 174 Raines Avenue, Nashville, TN near the Tennessee State Fairgrounds. Registration is by calling 615-743-3400. There is a \$3.00 fee for non-members of the FiftyForward Centers.

"**Lineage Societies for Men and Women – the Who, What, Where, When, Why and How of Lineage Societies**" a workshop by Shirley Roach Thompson, genealogist, CPA and Board member of **MTGS**, will be held Tuesday, October 27, 2009, from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm. This workshop will be a "Brown Bag" Lunch and Learn session. Both prospective members of patriotic organizations and those writing a family history will find this workshop valuable. The workshop will be held at the FiftyForward Knowles Center; the registration fee for this workshop is \$5 for non-members of the FiftyForward centers.

The **MTGS annual seminar** will be held on Saturday, November 21. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m., with the seminar beginning at 9. Closing is at 4:00 p.m. and lunch will be available. The morning presenter is **Charles Sherrill**, discussing "**Is Ancestry.com Worth It? Fee and Free Web Sites for Genealogical Research.**" In the afternoon **Certified Genealogist Mark Lowe** will lead a discussion of "**Circuit Riders in Middle Tennessee.**" Neither presenter is a stranger to members of the Society, and both are informative and entertaining speakers.

The seminar will be held at the Brentwood Public Library (See direction above.) Registration deadline is Friday, November 13. The fee is \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members. If you do not want lunch, the fee is \$5.00 less. **Register with Brenta Davis, 300 Wheatfield Circle, Brentwood 37221 or [bdavis66@comcast.net](mailto:bdavis66@comcast.net).** For more details about the program, consult our website at [www.mtgs.org](http://www.mtgs.org).

The **descendants of Peter Thompson** (born c1746 in Chester Co, PA, died 23 Apr 1823, Burke Co, NC) and his father Moses Thompson are having a Reunion in Franklin, TN, where some of his descendants migrated, on October 9-11, 2009. All of their descendants are invited to get in touch with **Barbara J Thompson**, phone 303-369-0910, email [btd1113@indra.com](mailto:btd1113@indra.com) or Elaine Thompson Pollard phone 804-276-0465, email [etpollard@verizon.net](mailto:etpollard@verizon.net) for program and details.

**Davidson County, Tennessee, Naturalization Records, 1803-1906**, abstracted by **Mary Sue Smith** in 1997 from original records at the Metro Archives, is now available from the MTGS. Cost is \$15.00 plus \$3.50 for shipping. Make checks payable to MTGS and mail to the address above.

The **MTGS Messenger** is your vehicle to announce news from your local society or county. Send news to **Martha Gerdeman**, 1028 Ridgcrest Drive, Dickson 37055 or [marthagerdeman@att.net](mailto:marthagerdeman@att.net).

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