



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

On **September 21** the Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society will meet at 1:00 at the FiftyForward Patricia Hart Building, 174 Rains Avenue, Nashville. The program will be **"Flatboats to Natchez," presented by Bob Duncan**. Mr. Duncan will take us back to the days when about the only market for middle crops was Louisiana, and the only way to get there was a long, dangerous trip by flatboat—followed by an even more dangerous walk home on the Natchez Trace.

Mr. Duncan is a prolific author of 8 books, dozens of magazine articles, and 600 weekly columns in the *Columbia Daily Herald* on local TN history and preservation. This is a definite don't-miss meeting. No charge for the meeting. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please visit our website: www.mtgs.org

The Friends of the Metro Archives has produced a new web site. The new site is now up and we are very proud of the work that has gone into this project. Check it out when you have a chance! <http://www.nashvillearchives.org/index.htm>

DON'T FORGET THAT DUES ARE NOW \$30. If you haven't renewed, write that check now. You won't want to miss any issues of our Journal.

DIG, DABBLE & DISCOVER: a 2-part Beginning Genealogy class, will be conducted on Tuesday, October 15 and Tuesday, October 22 at the FiftyForward Knowles Center, 174 Rains Avenue, Nashville, and taught by Virginia Gooch Watson. The 2-part class costs \$15 for FiftyForward members and \$20 for non-members. To register, mail a check payable to *FiftyForward Knowles*, 174 Rains Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203. To register with credit card call 615/743-3400. Questions? Email ssolesby@fiftyforward.org.

There will be **Weatherspoon-Witherspoon Reunion** in Jackson, Madison County, Tennessee on September 21. This is for either direct or collateral lines. It will be held at the Andrew's Chapel Methodist Church on Brownsville Road (Hwy. 70W) and will start at 10 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. To reply or get more information, contact Rebecca Dunning @ WitherspoonFamily1776@yahoo.com.

Does anyone have information about possible burial places for **Edgar E. and/or Martha "Mattie" (Mason) Hartman of Rutherford County**? She was the daughter of Judge William Hartman and Martha (Hoover) Mason. Edgar's death certificate says burial place was LaVergne. None of the cemetery books or web sites have helped a descendent, who has asked our assistance.

Family Reunion time is here! Submit your reunion information for publication in the **"Messenger"** and on our website.

Deadline for submitting is the 24th of the month before the next meeting. Send items for the **"Messenger"** to marthagerdeman@att.net. For the website, send them to jimlong@comcast.net.