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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

There will be **no MTGS meeting in September**. Our usual date, **September 20**, coincides with the **Tennessee Ancestry Library Event**. This full day of genealogy classes will be held at the [Sheraton Nashville Downtown Hotel](#), 623 Union Street, Nashville. Classes will be led by members of the [Ancestry.com](#) team, as well as by experts from our own [Tennessee State Library and Archives](#). There is a charge to attend; registration is now open at [www.eventbrite.com](#). Space is limited, so only the first 1,000 registrants will be able to attend.

Don't forget that our **annual all-day seminar** will be held on **November 22, which is the fourth Saturday**. Registration forms have been mailed to area members. Anyone from—say, Oregon—who plans to attend can download the form from our website, [www.mtgs.org](#).

Our speaker will be national lecturer **Paula Stuart-Warren**, who will be dealing with *Transportation, Education and a Government Program: Records for My Family Story*. Individual sessions will include

- "Railroad Records and Railroad History: Methods for Tracking"
- "The Three Rs: Readin', 'Ritin, and Research in School Records"
- "The WPA Era: What It Created for Genealogists"
- "Controlling Chaos: Organizing Your Genealogical Materials"

Other upcoming events include the next in the **TSLA and TSLA Friends workshop series**, on **October 25**. **Darla Brock** will be leading members in "*Provost Marshal Records*," now available on the [TSLA website](#). As ever, the workshop is free but pre-registration is a must because of limited space. To register call (615) 741-2764 or e-mail [workshop.tsla@tn.gov](#).

Kudos to MTGS's own Gayle Williams Bamman. She has held the status of [Board Certified Genealogist](#) longer than any other living genealogist.

This newsletter is being prepared as several members take flight to San Antonio for the [Federation of Genealogical Societies annual conference](#). The conference next year is in Salt Lake City in February; if you've never been, [start considering attending that one](#). Also next year is the [annual conference of the National Genealogical Society](#), in St. Charles, Missouri, in May.

DON'T FORGET THAT MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2014-2015 ARE NOW DUE AND HAVE INCREASED TO \$30.00, NOW THAT JUNE 1 IS PAST.

And remember to send **news of your society or family reunion** to [marthagerdeman@att.net](#) to publish in the "Messenger" and to [jimlong@comcast.net](#) to be placed on our website.