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The September 17 meeting will be at the FiftyForward Knowles Center, 174 Rains Avenue, Nashville, (across from the State Fairgrounds). Our program will be presented by Trent Hanner, senior reference librarian at the TN State Library and Archives, who holds both a B. A. and a Master's degree in Library Science. Many genealogists may not realize that TSLA holds an abundance of material on other areas of the United States, especially the southeastern states. Mr. Hanner's program, "Out-of-State Ancestors Might Be Found at the Tennessee State Library and Archives!" will take us on a virtual tour of resources that fall outside the borders of Tennessee. This program will be especially helpful to those of us whose ancestors did not live in Tennessee.

As ever, the meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. and refreshments will be served afterwards. If you are not a member of MTGS, we hope you will attend and consider joining.

Memberships for 2016-2017 are payable now. Membership is \$30.00, and payment can be made at the meeting, by sending a check to MTGS, Post Office Box 59085, Nashville, Tennessee, 37205-9085, or by using PayPal through our website, http://www.mtgs.org.

A Girl Scout troop in California has created a webpage with **links to genealogy sites.** Their leader emailed MTGS to thank us for our website, which proved helpful to them, and to share with us the link to their site. It can be found at http://mtgs.org/information_links/.

While you're there, don't forget to check out our complete website (http://www.mtgs.org) and be sure to like us on Facebook.

The Federation of Genealogical Societies has announced a partnership with the National Park Service's Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park to develop a searchable database of more than 130,000 soldiers from the Mexican War. Once it is developed more information, such as unit histories, will be added—this is yet another resource for Tennessee genealogists to look forward to!