



# 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

Our first bi-monthly meeting for 2017 will be on January 21 at 1:00 pm. **Change of location for this meeting ONLY: Tennessee State Library and Archives, 403 7th Avenue N, Nashville, TN 37243.** This will be our special show-and-tell meeting: *"Ancestors, Antiques, and Artifacts."* Everyone who has an interest in all things genealogy-related is welcome, whether a member or not. Come and see how some of our members became interested in genealogy. Share your own history by bringing prize photos, artifacts, or heirlooms from your ancestors. We enjoy seeing photographs, clothing, jewelry, family history books or other books that talk about your family tree.

The Archives opens at 8:00 am and closes at 4:30 pm on Saturday. Come early or stay later and do some of your own research.

TSLA has a project to help veterans of the **Vietnam War** preserve their stories. The archives will accept donations of materials as small as a single item or as large as dozens of boxes. All forms of original material are acceptable, including letters, photographs, books, film, audiotapes, slides, negatives, artifacts, and maps.

For more information, go to <http://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/vietnam-war-veterans-project>.

Parents and grandparents may be interested in a new app, announced by Dick Eastman in his newsletter. Called "**Little Family Tree**," it is available for both iOS and Android smartphones and tablets. According to the newsletter, it is a family tree game for children. An adult first logs into an online family tree account, like FamilySearch, and the child can play one of five games that sync with the information in the family tree. I know nothing else about it and have not tried it, but the URL is <http://www.littlefamilytree.com>. If anyone has tried it, I'm sure other members would like to know your opinion.

Two new **databases of slavery records** are now available. Thanks to efforts by FamilySearch, the National Archives, the Smithsonian Museum of African American History and the California African American Museum, all of the Freedman's Bureau records are now indexed and available. The URL is [www.freedmansbureau.com](http://www.freedmansbureau.com). And Hein Online has a worldwide free database. Information is at <http://home.heinonline.org/access-registration/>.