



MTGS Messenger



Vol. 14, No. 1

January 2018

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

If you're at home at enjoying the artifacts of a winter's day, why not look around your house and find an artifact to bring to **our January MTGS meeting?** The meeting will be on **Saturday, January 20 at 1:00 pm**, at the **Tennessee State Library and Archives**, 403 7th Avenue N., Nashville. Note that this is a **change of location** to our previously-announced location for this meeting.

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 prized 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.

This is an exciting get-together because we never know what items will be presented. Don't be shy! Bring something to share or just come to see what others are sharing.

And since the meeting is at TSLA, come early and stay late, and bring your research plan! **TSLA** is open from 8:00am – 4:30pm that day.

As always, the meeting is free and open to the public.

The **Portland Genealogy Club**, celebrating its 2nd anniversary, will meet on **Saturday, February 3rd from 10:30am-12:30pm**, at the **Portland Public Library**, 301 Portland Blvd., Portland, TN. The meeting topic is 'Family Heirlooms' and they'll also celebrate with a "Red Earth Cake." The club is free to all.




If you are considering attending **IGHR** this year, now at the University of Georgia (formerly at Samford University), **registration opens tomorrow**, Saturday, January 13.

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

[FamilySearch](#) is accelerating its digitization of the vast microfilm holdings of the Family History Library.

To find your county microfilms of interest:

- Select *Search->Catalog* from the toolbar at the top of the home page
- In the *Place* text box, start typing the county of interest, and note that a list of choices will appear. Click on the choice that matches your interest, then click on the blue *Search* box below.
- You will see a list of microfilm categories. Expand a category to see a list of titles.
- Click on a title to see the list of microfilm reels held by the Family History Library. If you see the camera icon to the right of the title (), that reel is viewable online. If you see the microfilm reel icon (), that reel is not yet online and you must view it at a Family History Library that already holds a copy of the reel. If you see both a key icon and the camera icon (), the reel is viewable online but you must first log into the FamilySearch website (via a free account).

Will/probate books have been on FamilySearch for a few years, but I'm really starting to see [Court Minute Book](#) and [Deed Book](#) microfilms appear online. Get cranking! Digitally, that is...

If cabin fever has you itching to travel for research, put these events on your calendar:

- [RootsTech Conference](#), February 28 – March 3, Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, UT
- [Tennessee Genealogical Society \(TGS\) Spring Seminar](#) with Lisa Louise Cooke, April 7, Germantown, TN
- [Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society \(TVGS\) Spring Seminar](#) with Claire V. Brisson-Banks, BS, MLIS, AG, April 21, Marriott Spring Hill Suites, Huntsville, AL
- [National Genealogical Society \(NGS\) Family History Conference](#), May 2-5, DeVos Place Convention Center, Grand Rapids, MI
- [Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research \(IGHR\)](#), June 2-7, University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education, Athens, GA
- [Kentucky Genealogical Society \(KGS\) Annual Seminar](#) with Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA, August 4, Center for Kentucky History, Frankfort, KY
- [Federation of Genealogical Societies \(FGS\) Conference](#), August 22-25, Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne, IN