



MTGS Messenger



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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 12 at 1:00 pm**, at the **Tennessee State Library and Archives**, 403 7th Avenue N., Nashville. Note that this is a **change of date** to our previously-announced date for this meeting, so that we don't have to share parking with incoming Governor Bill Lee's inaugural festivities.

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 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 next **TSLA Workshop Series** lecture will be Saturday, January 26, 2019, from 9:30am – 11:00am, at the **Tennessee State Library and Archives**, 403 7th Avenue N., Nashville. **Taneya Koonce, MSLS, MPH**, one of our MTGS Board members, will be presenting "**Old News is Good News: Using Historical Newspapers for Your Research**."

Watch the **TSLA** and **TSLA Friends** websites for the formal announcement of this program, which will include a link for free registration.

Check the Upcoming TSLA Workshop Series Lectures section later in this newsletter for the full schedule of TSLA Workshop Series events for 2019.

If you are considering attending **IGHR** this year, July 22-26 at the University of Georgia (formerly at Samford University), **registration opens Saturday, March 2** (instead of the traditional January start of registration).

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

- [RootsTech Conference](#), **February 27 – March 2**, Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, UT
- [Alabama Genealogical Society Spring Seminar](#) with Judy G. Russell, The “Legal Genealogist”, **March 9**, Samford University, Birmingham, AL
- [Tennessee Genealogical Society \(TGS\) Spring Seminar](#) with Dr. Debbie Duay, **March 16**, The Pickering Center, Germantown, TN. Topics include:
 - *How to Find a Provable Revolutionary War Patriot in 90 Minutes or Less*
 - *Documenting Lineages Before the 1850 Census*
 - *Kings, Queens, Pilgrims & Tavern Keepers*
 - *Non-Military Sources of Service*
- [National Genealogical Society \(NGS\) Family History Conference](#), **May 8-11**, St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles, Missouri
- [Kentucky Genealogical Society \(KGS\) Annual Seminar](#) with Blaine T. Bettinger, **August 3**, Center for Kentucky History, Frankfort, KY
- [Federation of Genealogical Societies \(FGS\) Conference](#), **August 21-24**, Washington, DC

As an alternate to traveling to genealogy events, **genealogy webinars** are an increasingly-popular and convenient training method. Here are some webinar sites, free and paid, from which you can obtain outstanding training from great presenters:

- [Legacy Family Tree Webinars](#): 5 or so per month, free to watch live; subscriptions available to view previously-taped webinars
- [Southern California Genealogical Society](#): 2 per month, free to watch live; archived webinars are available to SCGS members
- [Utah Genealogical Society DNA Special Interest Group](#): every 4th Tuesday, 7:00pm Central Time; free to view live
- [Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter](#) has a great listing of scheduled webinars and links to other webinar sites

Upcoming TSLA Workshop Series Lectures

- March 23, *The Tennessee Virtual Archive*, with Jennifer Randles, Digital Materials Librarian
- May 4, **topic to be announced**, J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA
- June 1, *Statehood Day and the Tennessee Constitutions*, with Judge Andy D. Bennett, Tennessee Court of Appeals
- July 13, speaker and topic to be announced
- September 14, *Runaways, Coffles and Fancy Girls: A History of Slavery in Tennessee*, with Bill Carey
- November 30, **Family History Day**, speaker and topic to be announced