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The next MTGS regular meeting is next **Saturday, January 18, 2020, at 1:00pm** at the [Tennessee State Library and Archives](#), 403 7th Avenue N., Nashville.

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, stay late, and bring your research plan! [TSLA](#) is open from 8:00am – 4:30pm that day.

This will be our last meeting at the current TSLA building, as we look forward to the State Library and Archives' move this year to its new home on Bicentennial Capitol Mall (<https://app.oxblue.com/open/turner/tnlibrary> takes you to the construction camera for the new building). The new location is expected to have its grand opening in November, 2020.

As always, this MTGS meeting is free and open to the public, and remember that parking is unrestricted at TSLA on Saturdays.

Also this Saturday the 18th, at 3:00pm at the Fort Negley Visitors Center, 1100 Fort Negley Blvd., Nashville, the [Nashville Chapter of the Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society](#) is hosting a free event titled “**Monuments & Memories: How Do We Want the World to See Fort Negley?**”

Fort Negley holds a unique honor as a site on [UNESCO's Slave Route Project](#) - an initiative to recognize and preserve locations around the world with significant historical meaning relevant to the slave trade and the African diaspora.

Dr. Angela Sutton, postdoctoral fellow at the Digital Humanities Center at Vanderbilt University, and co-founder of the [Fort Negley Descendants Project](#) is the guest speaker.

Tickets to this free event can be obtained at [the event's Eventbrite page](#).

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[The Heritage at Brentwood](#) and MTGS are sponsoring **another free, all-day genealogy workshop** with [the incomparable J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA](#). On February 29 from 10:00am - 3:00pm, Mark will present *“Resolving Difficult Genealogical Problems with New Tools.”*

The most difficult genealogical research problems may be solved with a solid research plan, NEW techniques, and well-proven tools to uncover additional details, persons or events that reveal more of the whole story.

The Tools in the toolbox are:

- 1) Re-Reviewing the Evidence in hand
- 2) Land Platting, Comparison, and Neighborhood
- 3) Mapping and Geography
- 4) Historical Perspective
- 5) Bringing in Court Records (Local and Appellate)
- 6) DNA testing

J. Mark Lowe is a nationally-known professional genealogist, instructor & Fellow at the Utah Genealogical Society's Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) & the Institute for Genealogical & Historical Resources (IGHR). He was recently awarded the Association of Professional Genealogists' *Honorary Life Membership* for his services, including past APG President & winner of the Smallwood Award.

The Heritage will provide complimentary lunch, parking and door prizes at this free event.

The event will be limited to 100 attendees, with registration offered first to current MTGS members (2019-2020 dues paid) and members of The Heritage's Genealogy class. [The registration link for the event will be emailed to these two groups in late January](#). Registration for non-members will be opened up in February only if the event does not fill to capacity.

The Williamson County Public Library is hosting a [genealogy lecture](#) on **Saturday, February 8 from 2:00pm to 3:30pm**, at its Main Branch, 1314 Columbia Ave., Franklin.

Nancy Walczyk, Research Director for the [Tennessee Genealogical Society](#) in Germantown, will present *“Genealogy Research in Tennessee,”* covering early history, maps, sources for researching vital, court and probate records, and other tips for investigating the "Volunteer State." The event is free, but participants are encouraged to register at the [Library's Event page](#).

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Upcoming Local and Regional Genealogy Events

- Portland Genealogy Club Meeting, **February 1**, 10:30am, Portland Public Library, Portland, TN; Topic: Useful Tips to Use in Genealogy. This is a free club open to all adults and funded by the Portland Friends of the Library.
- [TSLA Workshop Series](#), **March 28**, 9:30am - 11:00am, **Using Census Records**, presented by Trent Hanner, TSLA Supervisor of Library and Legislative Services
- The Tennessee Genealogical Society is hosting its [first-ever multi-day genealogical seminar](#), featuring Kim Richardson and J. Mark Lowe, on **April 3-4** at the Germantown Church of Christ, Germantown, TN
- The [Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society](#) is planning its next Seminar for **April**, 2020
- [NGS Family History Conference](#), **May 20-23**, Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, UT
- [TSLA Workshop Series](#), **May 30**, 9:30am - 11:00am, **Tennessee Statehood Day**, speaker to be announced
- [FGS National Conference](#), **September 2-5**, Kansas City Convention Center, Kansas City, MO

The MTGS **Freebie Table** is a regular feature at our bi-monthly meetings. If you have genealogical or historical books or magazines to share, please bring them to a meeting.