



# MTGS Messenger



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## **Our 40 Counties**

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The next MTGS regular meeting is this [Saturday, July 21 at 1:00 pm](#), at the [Downtown Nashville Public Library](#), 615 Church St., Nashville.

We will start the meeting at 1:00pm sharp in the **Nashville Room on the 2nd floor**. We will have a guided tour of the Nashville Room, and then proceed to the adjacent **Civil Rights Room**, where we will learn about the room and view a short documentary film on Nashville's involvement in the Civil Rights movement. We will then proceed up to the 3rd floor for a guided tour of the **Metro-Davidson County Archives** from Archivist Ken Fieth.

The meeting is open to the public. Parking is available in the garage below the library, with the [first 90 minutes free \(with Library validation\)](#). The Library will be open until 6:00pm, if you want to stay and research at the Metro Archives after the tour. Join us for a tour of this great building and its historic resources.

Thanks to those who attended the [DNA chat session](#) following our May meeting, led by Dr. Dave Dowell. Based on feedback we received, we look forward to hosting another chat session, likely in conjunction with our September regular meeting.

MTGS is a Member Society of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), and we occasionally receive Society benefits for sharing among our members. FGS will soon announce a **50% discount off of a [MyHeritage Complete subscription](#)**, and we will pass along the details to all MTGS members in good standing when we receive the announcement.

The MTGS Seminar Committee is working on our annual November Seminar, which will be **Saturday, November 17, 2018, at the Brentwood Library**. We are pleased to announce that the programs for this year's seminar will be presented by local speakers [David Dowell, Taneya Koonce, Martha Gerdeman and Melissa Barker](#).

Topics are still being finalized. Watch for details on our website. Registration will open September 1 and a brochure will be mailed to MTGS members in late August.

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MTGS will host a **hands-on Conservation of Manuscripts and Documents workshop** on **Saturday, August 11 from 9:30am – 11:30am**, at the Tennessee State Library and Archives Auditorium, conducted by **Carol Roberts**, Conservation Manager, and **Stewart Southard**, Conservation Technician, of the Preservation Services Section at TSLA.

Registrants will bring 1-2 documents, no larger than 8"x10", and receive instruction on how to clean, deacidify and encapsulate them for long-term preservation.

The workshop fee is \$35, which includes conservation supplies and handouts. **Registration will be limited to 30 attendees and will open on Saturday, July 21, at the MTGS regular meeting.**

The **Portland Genealogy Club** will be taking a field trip to the Tennessee State Library and Archives on **Saturday, August 4th**. If you have signed up to carpool, meet at the Portland Library at 9:45 am. If you want to meet them there, they will have a tour by Gordon Belt at 10:30 am.

The Library is closed for Labor Day on Saturday, September 1st, so there will be no club meeting in September.

Two MTGS members are conducting **free webinars** for the **Southern California Genealogical Society** in the coming weeks. Advance registration is required to reserve a place and to receive login information.

- Saturday, August 4, Noon Central Time: Melissa Barker, Houston County Archivist, will present [Loose Records in an Archive: What Are They?](#)
- Wednesday, August 15, 8:00pm Central Time: Dr. David Dowell, author of [NextGen Genealogy: The DNA Connection](#), will present [How Autosomal DNA is Really Inherited: Case Studies of Siblings](#)

Other Upcoming Events:

- [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