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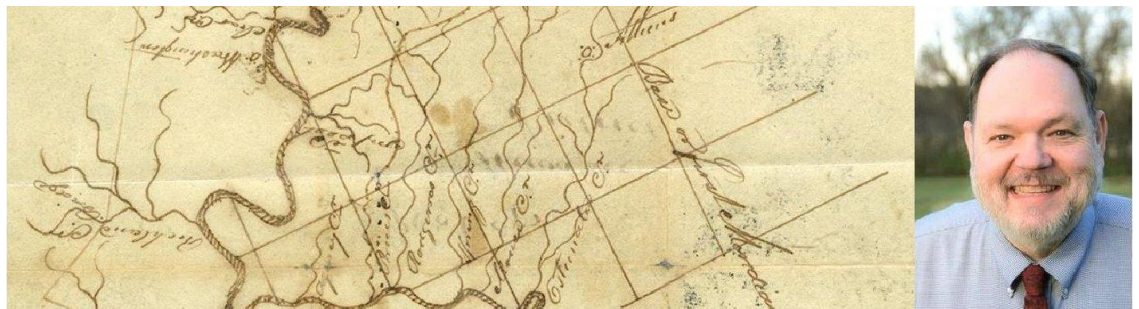
The next MTGS regular meeting is next **Saturday, July 20, 2019, at 1:00pm at the [Tennessee State Library and Archives](#)**, 403 7th Ave. North, Nashville.

Our speaker will be [Veronica Sales](#), an Archival Assistant at TSLA, who will present a program on **finding and using church records in genealogical research**.

Veronica earned her Master of Arts in Public History at Middle Tennessee State University. Before joining the Public Services staff at TSLA, she worked as a graduate assistant at the [Rutherford County Archives](#). Veronica also has a background in Historic Preservation, which includes an internship at a non-profit preservation organization in Helena, Montana. She also contributed to a survey of historic structures in Campbell County, TN, among other projects.

This month's program promises to be an uplifting experience. Please join us! We'll have time after the program to put Veronica's teachings to practice in the great resources at TSLA.

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



Current MTGS members have an extra member benefit this year - a **free land-platting workshop with J. Mark Lowe** on Saturday, August 17, including supplies, handouts and lunch.

Registration details were mailed out to current (2019-2020) MTGS members last week. The workshop will be limited to 100 people, and will only be opened to the public for registration after July if the workshop does not fill.

As of this writing, there are already 60 people registered for this event. If you didn't receive the registration information because you're not a current MTGS member, you can still [join MTGS](#), or renew your membership, and receive the registration instructions for this great workshop before it fills.

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The **31st Annual MTGS Genealogical Seminar** will be **Saturday, November 16, 2019**, from 9:00am – 4:00pm, at the **John P. Holt Brentwood Library**, 8109 Concord Rd, Brentwood, TN. **Dick Eastman**, renowned long-time genealogy lecturer and blogger, and founder of [Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter](#), will be our presenter.

Join us for these great topics:

- Genealogy Searches on Google
- The Organized Genealogist
- Using Online Genealogy Programs
- Mobile Apps for Genealogy

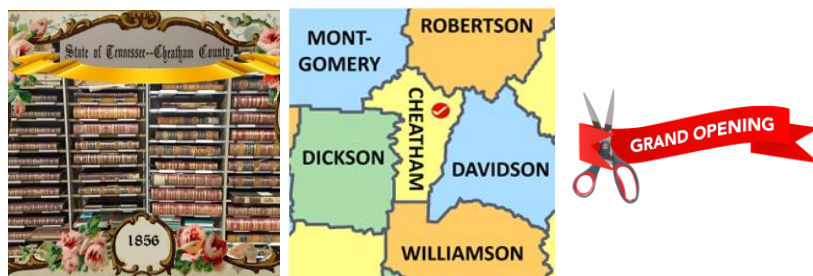
The Seminar Brochure will be emailed to current MTGS members in August, with registration beginning September 1. Mark your calendars to join us for a day of genealogy fun and education!

Upcoming Local and Regional Genealogy Events

- Portland Genealogy Club Meeting, **August 3**, 10:30am, Portland Public Library, Portland, TN; Topic: [using the HathiTrust.org website for research](#). This is a free club open to all adults and funded by the Portland Friends of the Library.
- [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
- [TSLA Workshop Series](#), **September 14**, 9:30am - 11:00am, **Runaways, Coffles and Fancy Girls: A History of Slavery in Tennessee**, presented by [Bill Carey](#)
- Living History Tour of [Forest Hill Cemetery, Ashland City, TN](#), **September 15** (in conjunction with the celebration of Ashland City's 160th anniversary); for more information, contact the [Cheatham County Historical and Genealogical Association](#)
- MTGS Regular Meeting, **September 20**, The John P. Holt Brentwood Library - Speaker: [Paul White](#), on accessing and using **wills and probate records**
- **31st Annual MTGS Genealogical Seminar with Dick Eastman**, **November 16**, The John P. Holt Brentwood Library
- [TSLA Workshop Series](#), **November 30**, 9:30am - 11:00am, **TSLA Family History Day**, speaker and topic TBA

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The [Cheatham County Archives](#) will have its [Grand Opening and dedication on Saturday, August 3, at 10:00am](#). The Archives is located in the lower level of the Cheatham County Public Library, 188 John Mayfield Drive Ashland City, Tennessee 37015.

This Archives promises to be a great resource for Middle Tennessee researchers!

When searching for that elusive family Bible, don't limit yourself to the county - or state - in which the family lived. Recently, the [Stewart County Archives](#) welcomed a visitor who brought with him, for digitization, a family Bible from adjoining Trigg County, Kentucky.

Here are a few of many places to check for family Bibles:

- TSLA has a growing [collection of family Bible records](#)
- MTGS published a [DVD of family Bible images](#) in 2008
- [County Archives](#) may have copies of Bible records
- [Genealogy Bible Treasures: A Digital Photo Preservation and Index of Pre-depression Era Bible Records](#), published in 2009 by the Tennessee Society, Daughters of the American Revolution
- The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, has an [online, searchable database](#) of Bible records
- Consult the [FamilySearch Wiki for Tennessee Bible Records](#) for additional resources

Please make note of **MTGS's new mailing address**, [P.O. Box 682263, Franklin, TN 37068](#).

This post office box is near the home of our new MTGS Mail and Membership Master, [Gary Coin](#), who has been serving on MTGS' Board for the past year. Thanks, Gary, for taking on this additional role from our long-time Mail and Membership Master, [Lyn James](#).

And thanks also to Lyn for serving MTGS in this role so warmly and capably for many years!