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The January 16, 2010, *MTGS* meeting will be at 1:00 pm at the FiftyForward Knowles Senior Center, 174 Rains Avenue, Nashville (across from the TN State Fairgrounds). It is the annual SHOW & TELL program, a time when members can showcase their treasured family items, such as artifacts, photos, documents on any subject and explain about them to the group. In the past we've had everything from photographs to antique chairs to jewelry to old letters; but you'll have to work hard to surpass the carefully preserved turkey bone from an ancestor's 19th century wedding feast that was brought to one SHOW & TELL. Bring something to share and join the fun.

The Tennessee State Library and Archives will sponsor a FREE workshop on Saturday, February 20, 2010, from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. The speaker is Paul White, whose topic will be "Deeds and Land Transactions in Genealogical Research." Paul R. White is a Nashville attorney who also researches and writes on genealogical and historical topics. He is the author of Taproots: A Virginia Carolina Legacy, and "George Washington: America's Man for All Seasons," which appeared in the DAR National Magazine in May 1993. The workshop is free, but advance registration is required. Reservations can be made via e-mail to workshop.tsla@tn.gov. Patrons can also register by telephone by calling 615-741-2764. Parking is available in front, on the side, and in back of the Library and Archives building.

There will be an "Advanced Genealogy" class, taught by Mrs. Virginia Gooch Watson, at the FiftyForward Knowles Center on Mondays, January 25th, and February 1st, 8th, and 15th from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm. Registration is \$12.00 for members of the senior centers or \$20.00 for non-members. To register, call the Knowles Center at 615-743-3400 or email dstillwell@fiftyforward.org.

"Learning How to Write Your Life Story and that of Your Ancestors" will be taught by James (Jim) E. Taulman, author, genealogist, owner of Familystories-4-U publishing firm, and a member of the *Middle TN Genealogical Society Board*. The class will be held at the Fifty-Forward Knowles Center on Mondays, March 1st, 8th, and 15th, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Registration is \$9.00 for members of the senior centers or \$15.00 for non-members. To register, call the Knowles Center at 615-743-3400 or email dstillwell@fiftyforward.org.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season and a wonderful 2010 to all members of the *Society*. We look forward to seeing you in January.

Don't forget that news items from your local societies can be sent to Martha Gerdeman, 1028 Ridgecrest Drive, Dickson, TN 37055 or e-mailed to marthagerdeman@att.net.