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Mark your calendar with a **big red magic marker**. The date is **Saturday, May 19, 2007**. The event is our birthday party. The *Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society* will be **20** years old. A celebration will be held at the **Brentwood County Club** beginning at **6:00 p.m.** In addition to blowing out the candles on the birthday cake, activities will include a delicious dinner with a cash bar. The cost is **\$35.00** per person. Send your reservations and money to **MTGS, P. O. Box 330948, Nashville, TN 37203-7507**. Reservations must be made by Tuesday May 15, 2007. Indicate your choice of chicken or pork.

The birthday celebration will include an address by *Tennessee State Historian, Walter Durham*. He will also select the best article in the *MTGS Journal* for the past year. A cash award will go to the winner. Also a **Distinguished Service Award** will be given to a member who has rendered continued and outstanding service to *MTGS*.

The Brentwood Country Club is in the historic McGavock Mansion at 5123 Country Club Drive, Brentwood. The home was built in 1849. It will be an event to remember.

Directions to the Mansion and a registration form is available at <http://www.mtgs.org/mtgsanni.htm>

Workshops: There are two workshops scheduled for this summer. **"Restoration and Preservation of Manuscripts and Documents"** by **Amber Barfield** and her assistant **Stewart Southard**. Ms. Barfield is the Conservator at the **Tennessee State Library and Archives**. The date is **June 15, 2007**, from **10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the Knowles Center, 174 Rains Avenue, Nashville. Use the State Fairgrounds entrance. **Registration will be limited to 25**. There will be a fee of \$10.00 to cover the cost of supplies.

To register for the class and assure you have the supplies you will need, send your check for \$10.00 to **MTGS, PO Box 330948, Nashville, TN 37203-7507**.

The next will be an all-day seminar on Irish and Scots-Irish Genealogy. This workshop will be held from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** on **June 23, 2007**, at the **Brentwood Library**. The cost is \$25.00, which includes a box lunch. (Think all-day seminar)



Mr. Fintan Mullan is Director of the Ulster Historical Foundation and is responsible for general management of the organization. Originally joining the organization to manage the genealogical database project and digitizing of historic records, he was subsequently given responsibility for the publications program, conference management and website development and is now Executive Director.

He has spoken widely on computerized sources for Irish genealogy. Educated at St. Columba's High School, Portaferry, County Down, and Queen's University, Belfast, he holds a BSSc. Honors degree in Irish Politics and Philosophy, and an MSSc. in Organization and Management.



Dr. Brian Trainor is the recently retired Research Director of the Ulster Historical Foundation. A former Director of the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland and Chairman of the Irish Manuscripts Commission, he has held a lecturing post in history at Queen's University, Belfast, and a fellowship with the Institute of Historical Research, London.

Educated at St. Columb's College, Derry, and Queen's University, Belfast, he holds a 1st Class Honors degree in History and has been awarded a Doctorate of Letters from the University of Ulster and a Doctorate of Law from the National University of Ireland.

Registration deadline is June 18, 2007. The Brentwood Library is located at 8109 Concord Road, Brentwood, TN. Cost is \$25.00, which includes a box lunch. Send your check to **MTGS, P. O. Box 330948, Nashville, TN 37203-7507** to reserve you space.

Fundamentals Class -- June 4, 11, 18, 25, 2007 "DIG, DABBLE and DISCOVER"

A class on the fundamentals of genealogical research will be presented at the **Knowles Center** on **June 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2007**, from **10:30 a.m. until noon**. The presenter will be **MTGS President Virginia Watson**. It is **FREE TO EVERYONE**. No registration is required. Just show up.

Membership: According to Membership and Mail Master Juanita Patton MTGS has 419 individual members and 27 library members.

Bargain Sales Continue: Full sets of **MTGS Journals** Vols 1-19 for sale for \$25.00 plus \$11.00 postage. Full set of 74 issues for \$36.00. Also **Every Name Index to 18 Middle Tennessee Counties** for sale for \$10.00, plus \$3.50 postage, for total of \$13.50. Order at **MTGS, PO Box 330948, Nashville, TN 37203-7507**.

Maury County Meeting: The Maury County Genealogical Society will meet May 10, 2007, for their annual "Show and Tell" meeting. They will meet on June 14, 2007 with **Jack Taylor** on "**The Dos and Don'ts of Genealogical Research.**" Meetings are at 6:00 p.m. at Maury County Senior Citizens Center, 1920 Maury County Park Drive, Columbia. No meeting in July.