



# MTGS Messenger



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## **Our 40 Counties**

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The next MTGS regular meeting is almost here! Join us **Saturday, May 19 at 1:00 pm**, at the [Tennessee State Library and Archives](#), 403 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue N., Nashville. Note that this is a **temporary change of location** to our regular meeting location.

Our program will be presented by **Melissa Barker**, Houston County Archivist and Certified Archives Manager. Her program will be *Loose Records in an Archive: What Are They?*

Melissa is a Professional Genealogist who lectures, teaches, and writes about researching in archives and records preservation. She writes the popular blog, [A Genealogist in the Archives](#). She is Reviews Editor for the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) magazine, [FORUM](#). Her bi-weekly advice column, The Archive Lady, can be viewed at [abundantgenealogy.com](#). Her articles also appear in her local newspaper, *The Stewart-Houston Times*, in the column *From the Archives*.

As always, the meeting is free and open to the public. And since the meeting is at TSLA, come early and stay late, and bring your research plan! [TSLA](#) is open from 8:00am – 4:30pm that day.

**NEW: DNA chat session after the regular meeting.** Dr. Dave Dowell, MTGS Board Member and author of [NextGen Genealogy: The DNA Connection](#), will host the inaugural DNA Chat following the May 19<sup>th</sup> membership meeting in the TSLA Auditorium. Please bring your recent DNA success stories and your genetic genealogy questions to share with the group. Dr. Dowell will facilitate as a “guide on the side” rather than as a “sage on the stage.” We will also discuss whether or not to continue these chat sessions, and if so in what format. The chat session will end no later than 4:15pm.

**MTGS memberships for 2017-2018 expire May 31<sup>st</sup>.** You can pay your 2018-2019 dues at May meeting, by cash or check. You can also pay via PayPal by clicking the PayPal button on our Membership web page at <http://www.mtgs.org/contact>. You can also mail your membership check to MTGS, P. O. Box 59085, Nashville, TN, USA 37205-9085, along with the attached renewal form.

Dues are still just \$25.00 (if paid by June 3) and include a 1-year subscription to our award-winning *Journal*.

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The Avon Williams Campus Library of Tennessee State University, at 330 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Nashville, is hosting a Family History Day on Friday, May 18, from 2:00pm – 5:00pm. They will be conducting a **free scan-a-thon for the Nashville community**. Bring up to 10 photos or document, and the staff will scan the photos and provide the scanned images to you on a **free flash drive**.

The [Nashville Chapter of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society](#) is hosting a free meeting on **June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:30-11:30am** to hear from **Ken Fieth, Archivist of the Metro Archives**. The meeting will be at the Metro Police Midtown Precinct, 1441 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Nashville. Details are available on the [event page at Eventbrite](#).

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.

### Other Upcoming Events:

- [Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research \(IGHR\)](#), June 2-7, University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education, Athens, GA
- [Genealogy Jamboree and Pioneer Days](#), June 7-9, Cumberland Gap, TN
- TSLA Workshop Series: *It's Not All Online – Researching in the Archives*, presented by Melissa Barker, Saturday, June 23, 9:30am-11:00am
- MTGS Regular Meeting, July 21, 1:00pm, Metro-Nashville Downtown Public Library, 615 Church St., Nashville (tour of the Nashville Room, the Civil Rights Room and the Metro-Davidson County Archives.
- [Kentucky Genealogical Society \(KGS\) Annual Seminar](#) with Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA, August 4, Center for Kentucky History, Frankfort, KY
- MTGS Hands-On Workshop: Conservation of Manuscripts and Documents, Saturday, August 11, Tennessee State Library and Archives (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.); Registration and cost information will be sent to current MTGS members in late June or early July
- [Federation of Genealogical Societies \(FGS\) Conference](#), August 22-25, Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne, IN