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The next MTGS regular meeting is next **Saturday, September 21, 2019, at 1:00pm at the [John P. Holt Brentwood Library](#)**, 8109 Concord Road, Brentwood.

Our speaker will be MTGS member and local attorney **Paul White**, who will present a program on **accessing and using wills and probate records in genealogical research**.

Paul graduated from University of TN, Knoxville, with a BA in Honors History and attained his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the Nashville School of Law. He is the author of [Taproots: a Virginia Carolina Legacy](#) (1978, 1986) as well as numerous articles for genealogical and historical journals. His hobbies include genealogical and historical reading, research, and writing--and collecting antique cars. He is a member of The Nashville and Tennessee Bar Associations, Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Confederate Veterans, The Huguenot Society, and a variety of antique car clubs.

Be sure to stick around after the main program for another installment of Dr. David Dowell's "**DNA Chat**."

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

TRAFFIC ALERT: On the day of this meeting, Interstate 65 south of downtown Nashville will be closed in both directions at the I-440 junction, with traffic being diverted onto I-440 and surface streets. Seek alternate routes to Brentwood if coming from the north!



It's Seminar Time in Tennessee! 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 that combine technology and genealogy:

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

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The cost of the Seminar is \$40 for MTGS members and \$45 for non-members, and includes handouts and a boxed lunch from Newk's - plus of course our 'legendary' refreshments.

To find out more about this great event, and to get a seminar brochure/registration form, visit our Seminar page at <http://www.mtgs.org/seminar.html>. From that page, you can also register for the Seminar using Paypal.

See you on November 16!

Our friends at the [Tennessee Genealogical Society](#) in Germantown are also preparing for their Fall Seminar on November 2, which this year features [Amy Johnson Crow](#), CG, also a popular national speaker.

To find out more about their Fall Seminar, visit <http://tngs.org/event-3320560>

The [MTGS Journal](#) is always looking for articles, and you don't have to be an MTGS member to contribute.

Do you have a favorite ancestor, an interesting document or photograph, or a story in your family to share? Publication in the *Journal* is a great way to share your information with others, and to make sure the research you have done is preserved for future generations.

Remember also that MTGS awards an annual Writer's Award for the best-judged article from the previous year's submissions. Your family story could bring you untold wealth - to fund your next genealogy research trip, of course.

Articles or questions should be submitted electronically to editor Chuck Sherrill at casherrill@bellsouth.net.

The Tennessee State Library and Archives has created two new resources that I really am enjoying:

- A wonderful [Genealogy Index Search](#) feature, which is a master index to many of their online collections. It is a great one-stop location to find your families and history research topics among the large collection of online TSLA resources. Give it a try today!
- The [Patriot Paths](#) project, which uses Revolutionary War pension records to map the paths that soldiers who came to Tennessee took before and after their service. I couldn't help but investigate the patriots who settled in my community - and then of course I found myself wanting to learn more of their stories.

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Thanks to everyone who attended the free land-platting workshop held in August at The Heritage in Brentwood. We learned new skills from the incomparable Mark Lowe and enjoyed the wonderful new Poplar Hall auditorium.

We hope that The Heritage had a good day, too, and will consider hosting another event in the near future.

Upcoming Local and Regional Genealogy Events

- *Genealogy: Get to Know Your Family History* is a free seminar from Metro Parks, led by retired lawyer and longtime amateur genealogist Mark Fraley. It will be held on Monday, **September 30** from 6pm - 7pm at the McCabe Park Regional Center, 101 46th Avenue North, Nashville.
- *It's Time to Tell: Your Personal & Family History* is a workshop sponsored by the [Nashville Chapter of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society](#), and led by Deborah Wilbrink. It will take place on Saturday, **October 5** from 9:30am - noon at the Fort Negley Visitors Center, 1100 Fort Negley Boulevard, Nashville. The workshop is free to AAHGS members and \$35 for non-members.
- Portland Genealogy Club Meeting, **October 5**, 10:30am, Portland Public Library, Portland, TN; Topic: Busting Brick Walls in Genealogy. This is a free club open to all adults and funded by the Portland Friends of the Library.
- [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

The MTGS **Freebie Table** is a regular feature at our bi-monthly meetings. If you have genealogical or historical books or magazines to share, please bring them to a meeting.