



The Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society

Presents

**The 34th Annual Genealogical Seminar
Saturday, November 19, 2022**

**9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
(Doors open at 8:15 for registration)**

**Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, TN
and online via Zoom**

Preserving Boundaries, Burials, Fabrics, Photos...and Everything Else!

This seminar will explore a variety of topics relating to **preservation** in genealogical research. Boundaries sometimes restrict our research, but our ancestors often ignored them. Burial places are sometimes endangered by development, but there are ways to protect them. Our ancestors left documents, photographs and materials that we can preserve – if we know proper ways to do so.

Sessions

They Drew a Crooked Line and Formed a Border

The border between Kentucky and Tennessee created some unusual situations. Learn more about the Walker's Line controversy, and where to find the land grants & deeds that may lead to your ancestors.

Best Practices of Caring for Family Photographs

Are your family photographs going to survive for future generations? This session will cover identifying types of historic photograph styles, local resources to help date photographs, and preserving family photographs.

Understanding Tennessee Cemetery Law

In this session, find out how Tennessee law does, and sometimes does not, protect our family and community cemeteries from development.

Care of Paper Collections and Preventive Conservation Basics

This talk will go over common paper conservation treatments, illustrated by some examples of work done at the Tennessee State Library & Archives. It will also include information about preventive conservation, providing ways in which you can make a positive impact on collections in your care, helping to preserve them and prevent damage.

Preventive Storage and Care of Textile Collections at Home

This presentation aims to provide individuals foundational knowledge and skills for the handling and storage of textiles in the home or in a small collection. This presentation aims to educate the audience on common risk factors, discuss how to avoid or reduce damage, and how to properly handle and store textiles to best protect their longevity.

Seminar Speakers



J. Mark Lowe, FUGA is a full-time professional genealogist, author, and lecturer. While sharing personal experiences that help beginning and experienced researchers gain new skills and insights for research, he specializes in original records and manuscripts throughout the South. Mark lives in Robertson County, along the Kentucky border. For years he has led the Research in the South course at Institute for Genealogical & Historical Resources (IGHR).

Mark will present [They Drew a Crooked Line and Formed a Border](#).

Julia Doyle is a dress and textile historian in Nashville, TN. She is the curator of textiles at the Tennessee State Museum, where her work focuses on the cataloging, and preserving the textiles in the museum's collection. Her work also focuses on developing new exhibitions and interpreting the textiles for display.

Julia received her Master of Letters in Dress and Textile histories from the University of Glasgow, where she also worked a student placement with the V&A conducting biographical research into the careers of dress and fashion historians. She will present [Preventive Storage and Care of Textile Collections at Home](#).



Carol Roberts, Director of the Bedford County, Tennessee Archives, held a 33-year career in conservation at the Tennessee State Library and Archives. She holds a wealth of knowledge about preserving books, paper, photographs and many other types of archival collections. She has advised caretakers at repositories in all 95 of Tennessee's counties.

A native of Shelbyville, Carol lives on the Roberts Two Century Farm in Bedford County, which dates back to 1811.

Carol will present [Best Practices of Caring for Family Photographs](#).

Graham Perry, Historic Cemetery Preservation Specialist at the Tennessee Historical Commission, is a native Tennessean, with roots in both Nashville and Memphis. He has a BBA from Belmont University, an MA in African American History from the University of Memphis, an MA in Education from Christian Brothers University, and had completed PhD coursework at the University of Memphis prior to returning to Nashville in 2008 to serve as the Curator of Social History at the Tennessee State Museum., where he curated several award-winning exhibits. Since 2019, he has been developing THC's Historic Cemetery Preservation Program, the purpose of which is to provide information, education and other resources to help facilitate historic cemetery preservation throughout the state.

Graham will present [Understanding Tennessee Cemetery Law](#).



As Conservation Manager at the Tennessee State Library & Archives (TSLA), **Emily Farek** heads the conservation lab and leads the preventive conservation protocols for the collections and collection environments. Ms. Farek joined TSLA in 2020. She has performed conservation work and scientific analysis in laboratories at archives, libraries, museums, and regional centers, and she holds a Master of Science degree from the Winterthur/University of Delaware Program in Art Conservation. An Atlanta native, Emily graduated from Emory University with a Bachelor of Arts in art history and Italian. Prior to joining TSLA, she was a Paper Conservation Fellow at the Harry Ransom Center at the University of Texas at Austin. Emily will present [Care of Paper Collections and Preventive Conservation Basics](#).

Register Today! – In-Person and Remote Options Available

- In-person registration includes boxed lunch, snacks and drinks, and worry-free parking under the beautiful, new Tennessee State Library and Archives building.
- Remote participation will be by Zoom (link provided to registrants as the day approaches).
- Non-members who register (either in-person or remote) will receive a 6-month membership in MTGS, including the next 2 issues of the *MTGS Journal*, as part of the registration fee.
- Walk-ins will be accepted on the day of the Seminar, but with no guarantee of lunch.

Complete the form below and mail it with your check or money order (payable to *MTGS*).

PayPal accepted if you prefer to register online instead: <http://www.mtgs.org/seminar.html>

Mail form and check (to MTGS) to:

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MTGS SEMINAR MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

(Please print)

Must Be Received by November 10, 2022

Registrations received after the deadline may be returned to you, and you would register as a “walk-in” on the day of the seminar.

Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Registration Method (circle one):

MTGS Member, in-person \$ 40.00

Non-Member, in-person \$ 50.00

MTGS Member, remote \$ 15.00

Non-Member, remote \$ 25.00

Boxed Lunch Choice for in-person attendees (circle one, included with in-person registration):

Turkey & Swiss on honey wheat

Ham & Havarti on sourdough

Vegetarian on 13-grain

Check here to request gluten-free with your boxed lunch choice: _____

ENCLOSED is my check or money order payable to MTGS for \$ _____

Seminar Site: Tennessee State Library and Archives

1001 Rep. John Lewis Way N, Nashville, TN 37219

The Library & Archives is conveniently located on the Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park at the intersection of Rep. John Lewis Way N. and Jefferson St., across from the Tennessee State Museum and the Nashville Farmers' Market.

Driving Directions:

Take I-24 to Jefferson Street (exit 47). Head west onto the Jefferson Street Bridge and cross the Cumberland River, arriving at 3rd Ave. North. Travel 2 more blocks west to Rep John Lewis Way N, and turn left (south). Go 1 block (passing the Library and Archives on your right), and turn right onto Junior Gilliam Way. The entrance to the Archives' underground parking garage is the third driveway on your right.

