

*The Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society,
The Tennessee Historical Society &
The Brentwood Historic Commission*

Present

The 26th Annual Genealogical Seminar

Saturday, November 22, 2014

9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

(Doors open at 8:15 for registration)

At the Brentwood Library, Brentwood, TN

“Transportation, Education, and Government Programs:

Records for My Family Story”

by Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA

Morning Sessions

The WPA Era: What It Created for Genealogists

During tough economic times in the 1930s and 1940s, government programs put many people to work. The Works Progress/Projects Administration created a goldmine of records that are useful for today's genealogists. WPA record transcriptions, courthouse and manuscript inventories, indexes, city/county histories, and histories of businesses and families may exist for your ancestral locale. We will discuss many of those WPA creations, some of which you already use regularly, and where others may be found today. We will also discuss the online explosion of WPA materials.

The Three Rs: Reading, 'Riting, and Research in School Records

Census records, military files, courthouses, cemeteries. . . these are the common resources that genealogists regularly use in tracing their ancestors. But consider this: the census taker only came around every five or ten years, and each ancestor may leave behind only one birth, christening, marriage, and death record. Did your ancestor or a sibling attend or teach school at some point? School records are kept every day, every month, every year.

In these you might find some additional details on your elusive relatives. This lecture will describe many of the school records you may be able to locate. These include all levels of education, and both public and private institutions. The bulk of the lecture covers the records of primary schools, but touches on those for high school, college, and specialty or institutional type schools. The material covered in this lecture will also be helpful if you are involved in organizing a school reunion, or in writing a school or community history.

“I am as a child on the seashore picking up a pebble here and a shell there, but the great ocean of truth lies before me—” Sir Isaac Newton

What a perfect description of Genealogy.

Afternoon Sessions

Railroad Records and Railroad History: Methods for Tracking

How many genealogists have heard that great-grandpa traversed this nation as he worked for the railroad? For which railroad did he work? Where did it run? Are there railroad records still extant which may tell us something about his ancestry or where he later went? This lecture addresses these questions. Visuals and references demonstrate the wealth of historical materials available all across the U.S. When this lecture is over you will know where to turn to find out more about the railroad, its records, and how to determine current day access to the records.

Controlling Chaos: Organizing Genealogical Materials

How tall are the stacks of your genealogical materials and in how many rooms are your papers and books stored? Is it time you made sense of your materials, organized them so they can be found, and determined what is important to keep handy? How should you store your important materials? Just starting your research? Why not organize sensibly from the beginning? Too far past the beginning? This session will help you deal with these questions, and also provide easy tips to help keep you on top of your organization. Whether you use electronic, paper, or a combination of methods, consistency is the clue. Specific examples will help the understanding of how common sense organizing actually can be. We'll even discuss some "lazy day" methods to keep you on top of your filing.



Our distinguished speaker

Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA

Paula is an internationally recognized genealogical educator, researcher and consultant focusing on unusual resources, manuscripts, methodology, and analyzing records. She has researched onsite at the U. S. National Archives (multiple locations), Family History Library, Minnesota Historical Society, Wisconsin Historical Society, New England Historic Genealogical Society and other state and local repositories from coast to coast. Since 1997 she has been a Course Coordinator for the Salt Lake

Institute of Genealogy, lectured at National Genealogical Society and Federation of Genealogical Societies conferences since the early 1990s, and in many states and Canada. 2014 is her third year with the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh. A former officer of the Association of Professional Genealogists, former board member of the Minnesota Genealogical Society, past President of the Northland Chapter of the APG, she is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Federation of Genealogical Societies. She co-chaired the FGS 2001, 2011, and 2013 conferences. She is descended from eight ancestral countries and has researched family connections across the U.S. and Canada including the Southern lines of her father-in-law.

Paula has written for *Ancestry Magazine*, *FGS FORUM*, *NGS Magazine*, *New England Ancestors*, *Minnesota Genealogist*, *findmypast.com*, was editor of the *FGS Conference News Blog* and currently publishes her own blog, *Paula's Genealogical Eclectica*. <http://paulastuartwarren.blogspot.com>

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MTGS/THS/BHC Genealogical Seminar, November 22, 2014

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REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 14, 2014

(Please print)

Registrations received after deadline of November 14th will be returned and you must register as a "walk-in" on the day of the seminar.

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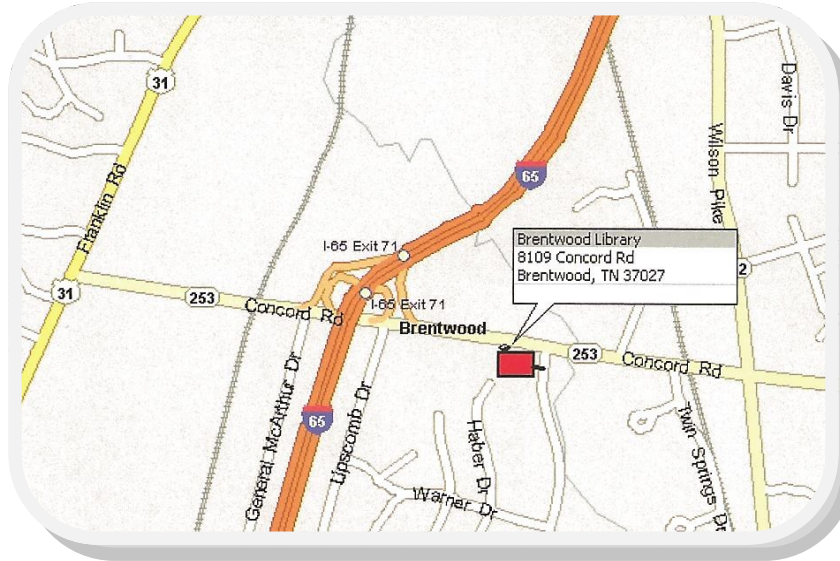
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NOTE: \$60 walk-ins welcome if space is available (no lunch or handouts)

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Directions to the Brentwood Library

From Nashville take I-65 south to Concord Road (exit 71). Turn left onto Concord Road. Travel 1/2 mile east to the light at Knox Valley Drive. Turn right onto Knox Valley. The Library is the first building on your right.



If you are traveling to the Library via Franklin Road, Concord Road runs east from Franklin Road and is located south of Old Hickory Blvd and north of Moore's Lane. Follow Concord to Knox Valley and turn right as indicated at the left.

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