



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

Present

The 30th Annual Genealogical Seminar
Saturday, November 17, 2018
9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
(Doors open at 8:15 for registration)
The Brentwood Library, Brentwood, TN

Finding Your Family: DNA, Deeds, Digital Resources and More

This seminar will explore a variety of records and resources that can document our ancestors and preserve their memories. DNA can help us find family. Deeds can help us document where our family lived. Digital tools can help us to organize our research and preserve it for generations to come. Museums can be a 'hidden' resource of records about our family. Join us to learn how to use these tools and resources to extend and preserve your family's history.

Sessions

Knowing How We REALLY Inherit DNA Helps Us Breach Genealogical Brick Walls

Men have 4 kinds of DNA and women have 3 of them. Each kind of DNA follows a different inheritance pattern. Understanding these patterns is key to successfully using your DNA and the DNA of your close relatives to breach genealogical brick walls when other kinds of information sources have not been successful.

But They Didn't Own Any Land! What's in Deed Books besides Deeds?

Deed books are a rich source of different kinds of records. They can lead you not just to an ancestor's land, but also to his kinfolk, his occupation, or even where he came from. Some beginning researchers aren't aware of why or how they should search these records and, as a result, miss many helpful sources.

Let's Get Digital: Mastering Online Book Repositories and Managing Digital Photos

Understanding how to leverage and manage digital resources is tantamount for today's genealogist and family history researcher. Online collections of books, such as those from The Internet Archive, Google Books, and the Hathi Trust Digital Library, offer a plethora of organized information for you to cull. Structured organization and robust management are also key for your digital photo collection so that you can maximize your own personal treasure trove of photographic family history. This session will cover both types of digital content and offer tips, strategies, and techniques that you can immediately begin using for your genealogy and family history research.

Museums Have Records, Too! Locating Your Ancestors Behind Closed Doors

Genealogists are always looking for places where records are located. More and more, these records are being found in places that are not your typical archives, library or genealogical society. One of these places is a museum. Many museums have back rooms filled with genealogical and historical records just waiting for the genealogist to discover them!

This year we are very fortunate to be able to feature some of our “own”. All belong to one or more of our sponsoring organizations and are recognized authorities in genealogy circles.



Dr. David Dowell has 2 degrees in history and 2 in library science. Prior to his retirement he was an academic library administrator for 35 years and was a USAF criminal investigator for 4 years. He has been researching family history for half a century. His most recent books are [NextGen Genealogy: The DNA Connection](#) (2015) and [Crash Course in Genealogy](#) (2011). Previously he taught “Genealogy Research” and “Ethics in the Information Age” at Cuesta College and chaired the Genealogy Committee and the Ethics Committee of the American Library Association. His “Dr D Digs Up Ancestors” at <http://blog.ddowell.com> is listed among the “10 Top Genetic Genealogy Blogs” by *Who Are You Made Of*. He

coordinates three DNA research projects and is a past Board member of the Middle Tennessee Genealogy Society.



Although **Martha Gerdeman**’s roots are in Ohio, she has lived in Tennessee for 50 years. Having researched her own family for more than 30 years, she has also done Tennessee research for more than 15 years. She has attended the National Institute for Genealogical Research (now [GenFed](#)), as well as several courses at the [Institute for Genealogy & Historical Research](#) (IGHR) and the [Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh](#) (GRIP), where she recently attended the Practical Genetic Genealogy course.



Taneya Y. Koonce, MLS, MPH is an information science professional with 18 years of experience in information management & organization. She regularly applies her professional experience in the identification, selection, evaluation, & critical analysis of information to her genealogy hobby pursuits. Ms. Koonce has an avid interest in technology, historical newspaper research, organizational principles, genetic genealogy, and is an active blogger & participant in the online genealogy community. Ms. Koonce volunteers extensively with the national [USGenWeb Project](#) serving in both leadership and county coordinator roles. She is a member of the [Nashville](#)

[Chapter of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society](#) and is a Board Director for the Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society.



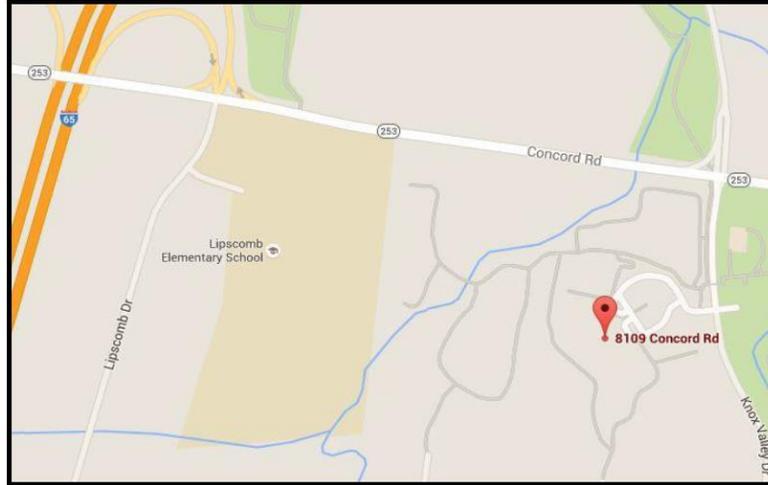
Melissa Barker is a Certified Archives Manager currently working as the [Houston County, Tennessee Archivist](#). She is also a Professional Genealogist and lectures, teaches and writes about the genealogy research process, researching in archives and records preservation. She conducts virtual webinar presentations all across the United States for genealogical and historical societies. She writes a popular blog entitled [A Genealogist in the Archives](#). She is the Reviews Editor for the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) magazine [FORUM](#). She writes a bi-weekly advice column

entitled *The Archive Lady* that can be viewed at [Abundant Genealogy](#). She writes a monthly column entitled The Archive Lady’s Corner in the [In-Depth Genealogist](#) magazine. She writes a bi-weekly column for her local newspaper [The Stewart-Houston Times](#) called *From the Archives*. She is married to her wonderful husband, Chris Barker and has one grown daughter. Her Professional Genealogy expertise is in Tennessee records and she takes research clients. She has been researching her own family history for the past 28 years.

Directions to the Brentwood Library

8109 Concord Road, Brentwood, TN 37027

Take I-65 to Concord Road (exit 71). Turn left onto Concord Road. Travel 1/2 mile east to the traffic 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 on the map.

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