



# MTGS Messenger



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## **Our 40 Counties**

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The January meeting will be back at the FiftyForward Knowles Center, 174 Rains Avenue, Nashville, (across from the State Fairgrounds). The program is “**Ancestors, Antiques, and Artifacts**,” a time to share your own history. **Bring in artifacts, photos, heirlooms, or books that tell about your ancestors and their stories.**

You might just meet a cousin or someone else researching your family.

Refreshments will be served and the public is welcome. The meeting begins at 1:00 p.m.

MTGS's own **Jim Taulman** has published *Bayonets and Boxes: 360 Years of One Branch of the Taulman Family*. This is the first printed history of the Talman-Taulman family and their journey from Amsterdam to New Amsterdam.

With more than 300 photos, maps and images, and a 13 page index, this volume will be a valuable asset to anyone researching the family. It may be ordered from

<http://www.amazon.com/dp/151941272X>.

Is there a **surname association** for your family name? Lyn James has shared the fall newsletter of the **Tipton Family Association** of America (P.O. Box 1128, Milligan College, TN 37682). There are many such family associations in existence, where descendants of a particular family may meet relatives and learn more about the extended family.

**Cyndi's List** (<http://www.cyndislist.com>) has 11,152 links to “Surnames, Family Associations and Family Newsletters.” They can be accessed by going to the “S” link on Cyndi's homepage.

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The schedule of programs for the remainder of the 2015-1016 MTGS year has been finalized. In March, MTGS board member **Dr. David Dowell** will present “**Can DNA Breach My Brick Wall?**,” a subject that many of us wish we knew more about. Attendees are encouraged to print out the chart on the [MTGS Calendar of Events](#) page, identify your ‘brick wall’ and bring it to the meeting. Dr. Dowell will conduct an interactive problem-solving session.

The annual awards meeting in May will present **Dr. Judith Morgan** as both the speaker and the judge for our annual Writer’s Award.

For more information, consult the MTGS website ([www.mtgs.org](http://www.mtgs.org)).

Two TSLA projects should be of interest to our members. **Tennessee Remembers: Korean Veterans collection** is under construction at this point. Anyone who has memorabilia – photographs, artifacts, maps, or other items – from the Korean War is encouraged to donate them to the state archives as part of the collection. Potential donors should contact the TSLA reference librarian at 615-741-2764 or [reference.tsla@tn.gov](mailto:reference.tsla@tn.gov).

Anyone interested in Tennessee history should also consult the **Tri-Star Chronicles: Bringing Tennessee Stories Together**. This website “is...dedicated to shining a spotlight on some of those people who have changed history...over the last half century or so.” It may be accessed at <http://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/tri-star-chronicles>.

As ever, send news of your society or your family to “The Messenger” at [marthagerdeman@att.net](mailto:marthagerdeman@att.net) and to our website at [info@mtgs.org](mailto:info@mtgs.org).

Don’t forget that MTGS welcomes notices of your family reunions or local events and will publicize them to the entire Middle Tennessee area.

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