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### **RootsTech 2026**

**March 5-7, 2026, Virtual**

It's almost time for RootsTech. You can attend virtually and have access to over 200 online sessions in over 26 languages. You still have time to register.

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/registration/online/pass>



### **County Sumner Irish Festival**

**March 7, 2026, Bledsoe's Fort Historical Park, Castalian Springs, TN**

The County Sumner Irish Festival 2026 is a wonderful family-friendly event held being held on March 7th, 2026 at Bledsoe's Fort Historical Park in Castalian Springs, Tennessee. The park is home to an authentic Irish cottage built by Hugh Rogan in the late 1790s, as well as a historic trail that runs alongside a settler cemetery and remnants of a 19th-century spring house.

Live Irish music is sure to have you dancing and toe-tapping! Food and fun create the perfect festive celebration! The event also includes guided hikes, storytelling, craft beer from [Half Batch Brewing](#), historic house tours, kids activities, and food vendors.

Wear your favorite Irish-themed attire to participate in the costume contest, pets included, where prizes will be given away!

Please, no outside food or drinks.

Pre-sale passes are available for purchase now for only \$15+fees per car.

Day of event access will be \$20 per car, so save while you can!

Click the button below to purchase now.

[Click here](#)



## **MTGS Regular Meeting: *Honoring our Revolutionary Patriots***

**Saturday, March 21, 2026, 1:00pm - 3:00pm Central, at the Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, and on Zoom**

**Speaker: Kathie Greaves**

Kathie Greaves is a retired Registered Nurse with years of experience on faculty at colleges in NC, KY, and TN. Those problem-solving skills have helped aide her long-time passion in genealogy, as well as in helping others find their past. She served on the [Brentwood Historic Commission](#) for 18 years while also working with local organizations on historic cemetery and educational projects. She is a strong believer in historic education, noted in her involvement with the elementary educational program at [Boiling Spring Academy](#) & [Fewkes Mounds](#) since 2006. She continues to be involved with the Brentwood Historic Commission as well as a volunteer with the Heritage Foundation of Williamson County at [The Moore-Morris History & Culture Center](#).

## **Membership Dues coming up in May**

### **Due May 31, 2026**

We would like to remind everyone early that Memberships will expire on May 31, 2026. Please make plans to renew your membership in May!

Membership Benefits include:

- Quarterly paper issues of the [Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy and History](#)
- Online access to current and all past issues of the *Journal*
- Discounted registration for the [annual MTGS November seminar](#)

You can renew or join by check, payable to Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society (MTGS) and sent to our PO Box below. You may also renew/join via PayPal.

[Membership brochure with application/renewal form](#)

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We will post another reminder at the beginning of May.