



The Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society

Presents

The 38th Annual Genealogical Seminar

Saturday September 19, 2026

9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Central Time

(Doors open at 8:15 for registration)

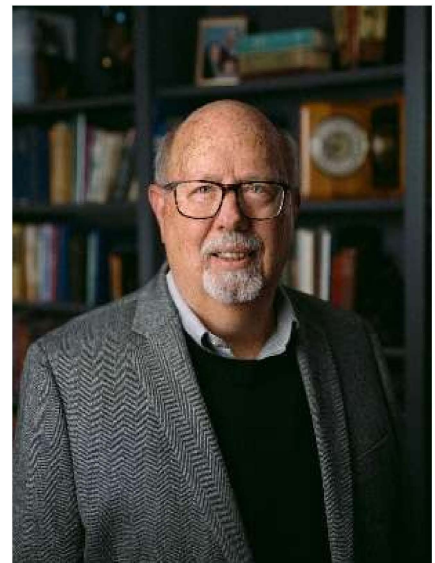
Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, TN
and online via Zoom

38th Annual Seminar with Chuck Sherrill and J. Mark Lowe Celebrating America's 250th Birthday with Genealogy

We are thrilled to welcome back Chuck Sherrill as one of our guest Speakers for this year's Seminar. He is a well-known speaker on Tennessee topics and the former State Librarian & Archivist.

Chuck is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and a summa cum laude graduate of Case Western Reserve University, with master's degrees in history and library science.

Chuck began his career at the Western Reserve Historical Society and was director of public libraries in Cleveland (TN) and Brentwood. He is the author of 20 books on Tennessee genealogy and has been the editor of "The Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy & History" for the past 24 years. Chuck is the recipient of the 2026 National Genealogical Society's William Fiby Award for Genealogical Librarianship.



We are also thrilled to welcome back J. Mark Lowe, FUGA as another of our guest Speaker for this year's Seminar. He is a well-known professional genealogist, author and teacher who researches primarily original records and manuscripts throughout the South.

Mark is a native of Robertson County, Tennessee and a alumnus of Jo Byrns High School. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and attended both Nashville and Knoxville campuses.

Mark has published articles in several southern publications and has worked on several genealogical television series. He is a former officer and Board member for the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) as well as others.

Sessions

Following the Trails That Built America

Roads, Rivers and Early Transportation: Examine buffalo traces, wagon roads, rivers and the early commerce routes that tied colonies together economically and culturally – setting the state for unified colonies, the Revolution and national identity. By: J. Mark Lowe

I Never Thought of Looking There

Learn about little-known Tennessee records where your ancestors may be hiding. Genealogists in the digital age get in the rut of depending on the large online services and may neglect many smaller but very indexes, databases and microfilmed sources. This lecture will focus on records readily available online or at the State Library & Archives. By: Chuck Sherrill

Ordinary People, Extraordinary Times

Using records to reconstruct lives in Early America. By focusing on court, tax, land and other community records we may reveal the lives of everyday people who experienced the Colonies and Early Statehood not as founders, but as farmers, laborers, women, enslaved people, and neighbors. By: J. Mark Lowe

Genealogical Research in Manuscript Records

Manuscript collections containing material about your ancestors could be deposited in a library or archives anywhere in the country. Learn how to use WorldCat to search for manuscripts material, and how to gain access once you discover a potentially useful collection. We will also discuss how to do a deep dive into manuscript finding aids at libraries and archives; in order to find the surname you are seeking in folder titles hidden in larger collections. This lecture is designed for the intermediate or advanced genealogist. By: Chuck Sherrill



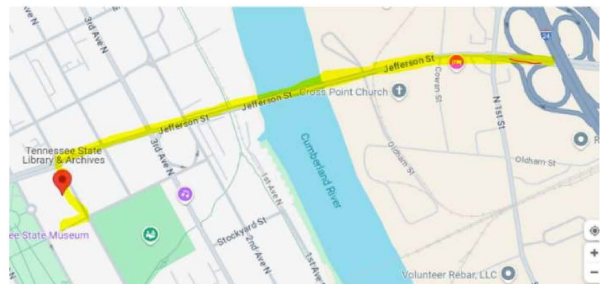
Seminar Site: Tennessee State Library and Archives

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 the Mall 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' spacious, free underground parking garage is on your right, marked with an entrance sign. Press the intercom button at the ramp and ask for admission to park for Seminar.

MTGS Seminar – Saturday, September 19, 2026
Register Today! – In-Person and Remote Options Available

- In-person registration includes boxed lunch (sandwich, chips, dessert), snacks and drinks, and worry-free parking under the Tennessee State Library and Archives building
- Remote participation will be by Zoom (link provided to registrants as the day approaches).
- Walk-ins will be accepted on the day of the Seminar, but with no guarantee of lunch
- Door prizes will be announced at the end of the lunch break – all attendees eligible

Two Ways to Register:

1. Complete the form below and mail it with your check or money order (payable to **MTGS**).
2. Register online via PayPal at: <http://www.mtgs.org/seminar.html>

Mail form and check (to *MTGS*) to:

MTGS Seminar
P. O. Box 682263
Franklin, TN 37068-2263

Questions? E-mail cjlallemand@comcast.net
Cell Phone: 615-838-4437

MTGS 2026 SEMINAR MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

(Please print)

Must Be Received by September 10, 2026

Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Registration Method (circle one of these 4 options):

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

Ham

Vegetarian

Check here to request gluten-free: _____

ENCLOSED is my check payable to MTGS for \$ _____