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TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL

Society

Quarterly Membership Meeting of the Tennessee Genealogical Society



Saturday, October 12, 2019, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
7779 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN

You are invited to attend this important fall Membership Meeting where **we will elect new Board members for the next term and vote on the 2020 budget.** This meeting is open to members and non members. Refreshments will be served.

Carol Perel, the Executive Director of the West Tennessee Historical Society, will speak afterwards. Carol is a lifelong Memphian, graduating from Overton High School and the University of Memphis. She owned and managed the historic Arcade Restaurant on South Main St. She is the widow of **Philip Perel, Jr.**, whose family owned Perel & Lowenstein's Jewelry, and her father-in-law served on Memphis's first City Council when established in 1967. She has grown up surrounded by Memphis history!

Join us

TNGS Fall Seminar

Held at the Germantown Church of Christ
8723 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN
Saturday, November 2
9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.



Amy Johnson Crow is a Certified Genealogist with more than 20 years of experience helping people discover their family's history. She is an award-winning blogger, active lecturer, and author of the *Modern Genealogy Made Easy* website. Her roots run deep in the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic states. She earned her Master's degree in Library and Information Science at Kent State University. Amy loves to help people discover the joys of learning about their ancestors, and she thinks that there are few things better than a day in a cemetery.

Doors open at 8:15 a.m. Please register and pay by credit card or Paypal at www.tngs.org.

Checks can be mailed to TNGS at PO Box 381824, Germantown, TN 38183-1824.

President's Corner

Oh, is Fall here yet?

I attended the Federation of Genealogical Societies Annual Conference, August 19-24, in Washington, D.C. at the Omni Shoreham Hotel.

One especially important item was discussed. If you do family research, you should care about getting documents. The discussion concerned the report on laws covering access to vital records, for example: birth certificates, marriage licenses and death certificates. Since I am the Tennessee representative, a DAR Registrar, and keep my state legislature up to date, I found it remarkably interesting.

Thursday at the end of the day, I heard a group discussing the Records Preservation and Access (RPAC) Committee report. One panel member's remark suggests a significant departure from the embargo provision of the 2011 version of the Model Act, which would have limited access to birth certificates for 125 years, death certificates for 75 years and marriage and divorce records for 100 years. Shawna specifically acknowledged the absence of statistical data demonstrating that longer embargo periods help thwart identity theft.

The adverse impact of these provisions has compelled the genealogical community to oppose the adoption of these provisions in each jurisdiction considering the 2011 version of the Model Act. As a researcher, I breathed a sigh of relief. In my opinion, these terms were too long.

I hope I adequately expressed my community's gratitude for the direction the National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems has chosen to move toward greater access. In expressing our opposition to the 2011 embargos, we had previously declared that "RPAC does not accept that an essentially adversarial relationship between genealogists and vital statistics registrars is desirable or necessary. If that dialogue can lead to a coordinated posture that both communities can support, then genealogists can begin to function as allies to vital records officers not only on access to death records but be supportive of broader vital records interests as well."

Currently in Tennessee records are redacted for the last 50 years. For example, the cause of death is eliminated from non-related requests for Death Certificates.

At your service,
Gail Braddock, President, TNGS

PS: Join us for a great time together at our Membership Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019. New officers for 2020-21 will be elected, a new budget will be revealed, and much more. Our speaker will be **Carol Perel**, Executive Director of the West Tennessee Historical Society.



Gail and grandson Paul



Are you aware of the fundraising opportunities available to you that would help TNGS financially? Here are a few:

AmazonSmile -- Just use AmazonSmile the same as you would Amazon when ordering online AFTER you set up TNGS as your charitable organization. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. See this blog for step-by-step instructions:

<https://blog.aboutamazon.com/community/how-to-sign-up-for-amazonmile>

Kroger Community Rewards -- Just use your Kroger Plus Card when shopping at Kroger like you do now AFTER you set up TNGS as your charitable organization. Kroger will pay on a quarterly basis to participating organizations based on their percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending of all participating Kroger Community Reward organizations. Doing this will NOT affect your fuel points and you can still use your fuel points as you currently do. Use this link to set up your account:

<https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/>

Adopt-A-Book -- Just look at our website under the "Give" tab for Adopt-A-Book to see a list of books wanted for the library. Select one or more for TNGS to purchase by sending in your monetary donation along with the title(s). TNGS will purchase that book (or books) and place it in the library with a book plate containing your name on the inside cover. Use this link for the current Adopt-A-Book listing: <https://www.tngs.org/Adopt-A-Book>. You can also donate money to be used to purchase books at the discretion of the Board, with input from the Librarian.

Donate Your Books -- Consider cleaning out your bookcases and donating those "no-longer-used-or-needed" genealogy books to TNGS for the library. When located in our library, these books benefit everyone!

Donate Money -- Make a monetary donation to TNGS. These funds will be used at the discretion of the Board for enhancing our Society. Opportunities include improving and expanding educational experiences for the attendees of our events, and utilizing technological advancements such as GoToMeeting, audio/visual equipment, software programs, scanners, etc. Help us "grow" our Society!

Help Us Help You! By your support in any or all of the ways listed above, TNGS can continue keeping our membership dues low, enhance seminar offerings, keep seminar prices reasonable, further enhance technology, and provide many other things as well. TNGS is a **501(c)(3)** charitable organization, which means we are a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. All monetary and/or property donations are acknowledged by the donor receiving a donation receipt. These donations may be tax deductible depending on IRS guidelines and the donor's tax situation. **Please Give! Remember, the Tennessee Genealogical Society is *your* Society and needs your support!**

NEW

New Free Database for Your Use in GRHGC!

Don't let the name of this newly available *Georgia Pioneers* database fool you! This database not only contains *Georgia* genealogy records but so much more.

Digital records are available for *Georgia, Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and other southeastern and eastern states and British miscellany*. Types of records include genealogy books, church and cemetery records, courthouse records, Native American information, colonial records, military records, genealogies, immigrants, vital records, maps, tips, reference information and historical sites. There are also traced families and rare collections.

This unique website also contains *Georgia* county information including county histories, wills, marriage records, estate records and indexes to *Georgia* county records.

Come to **GRHGC** and check out this new resource!

Please consider donating your time.

We always have projects, big and small, going on at TNGS and at the library. Whatever time you have available to give, we would definitely appreciate! See this link for additional information: <https://www.tngs.org/Give>

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