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TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL

Society

Virtual Quarterly Membership Meeting of the Tennessee Genealogical Society



Saturday, October 9, 2021

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Via Go To Webinar Broadcast

***The Second Casket From the
Right by Mike Ellicott***

Please join us for the last Membership Meeting for the year, open to members and non-members. We encourage everyone to attend this meeting in order to vote on the proposed budget for 2022, updates to our Bylaws, and elect a new slate of officers for the 2022 - 2024 term.

Nearly 100 years ago, on November 11, 1921, America honored her 4.7 million WWI veterans by entombing an Unknown Warrior (A Soldier or Marine) in Arlington National Cemetery. Hear the story of the Unknown's selection from among the 1,257 unknowns buried in American cemeteries in France, the Unknown's journey from France across the Atlantic to the US Capitol and burial in Arlington Cemetery, the stories of the eight American Heroes hand-picked as his Body Bearers, and the continuing story of the Tomb and its Guards.

Non-member broadcast - \$5.00

Register at <https://tngs.org/event-4278534c>

Tennessee Genealogical Society

Virtual Fall Seminar

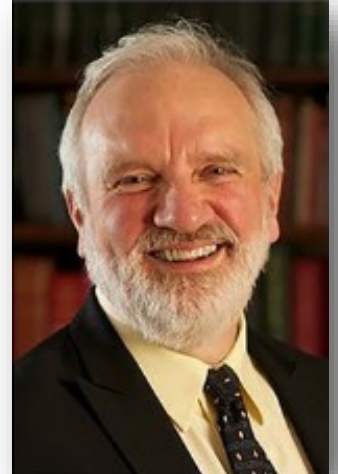
Saturday, November 13, 2021
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. CST

Members - \$20; Non-Members - \$30
Registration Deadline is November 13

Refund Policy -- Full Refund if
requested before 10:00 a.m.
November 12, 2021



James Beidler



Paul Milner

Speakers will speak live online
via Go To Webinar

Join us as the Tennessee Genealogical Society welcomes
James Beidler and Paul Milner

James is a research-reports editor for Legacy Tree Genealogists. He's authored four commercially published books--including three on German genealogy--writes "Roots & Branches," a weekly newspaper column/blog, is a German Life magazine columnist, and editor emeritus of Der Kurier, the quarterly journal of the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society.

Paul, a native of northern England, is a professional genealogist and internationally known lecturer with 30 years' experience. He speaks on a variety of topics relating to research in the British Isles, migration to North America and research methodology. He is a past board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the Genealogical Speakers Guild, and the British Interest group of WI & IL.

Access will be through GoToWebinar. Instructions and Connectivity Link will be forwarded via email to all registrants upon registration, six days prior and again 1 hour prior to the event. Making the connection is quick and easy only requiring a computer and Internet connectivity from wherever you chose to watch the event. Your questions help drive the meetings, and we will be there to help each other.

From the Board of Directors

Carla Love Maitland, President

It's hard to believe that it's actually October and my first two years as your President are almost at an end! Although I do plan to run for a second term in the upcoming elections, I wanted to take a look at the first term to see what we've accomplished together as a Society.

First of all, none of us who were sworn in as officers in January of 2020 foresaw the coming of a Pandemic and the effects that it would have not only on every one of us personally, but also on the Society as a whole.

I think we had managed to make it three months into the new administration that year when everything just came to a screeching halt! COVID-19 hit us and we were quarantined, people were getting deathly ill, masks were hastily made and donned, and life in general changed dramatically for most of us.

With the help of the most outstanding Board of Directors and Advisors, plus a group of fantastic volunteers, we managed to not only survive, but thrive!

One of that new administration's main goals was to work to extend the reach of the Society as far across the state of Tennessee as we could. After all, we are the *Tennessee Genealogical Society – for All of Tennessee*. That was a goal we have been wanting to accomplish for many years.

Interestingly enough, I believe that it was the Pandemic itself which allowed us to create, implement, and expand our Partnership Program. Because of the necessary increased usage of technology, we were able to add new Advisors to our Board and create the three-pronged Partnership Program that currently has 57 societies, organizations, genealogy clubs, archives and libraries from across the state as members. We are so excited about this accomplishment and are looking forward to adding many more Partners!

But even more important than that wonderful program was the outstanding job that our technology gurus performed to create our nationally-recognized online presence through webinars and online meetings. And because of the wealth of expertise among our own members, we were able to offer more genealogical and historical educational opportunities to our members and the public in general than we would have if we had still been meeting in person.

I hope that you've been able to take advantage of attending these webinars, but if you've missed any, be sure to sign in to our website and find the recordings under Members Only, and then Recorded Education Sessions. Then click on either Genealogical Education Sessions or Historical Videos.



Carla Maitland

From the Board of Directors, continued

This group of officers, advisors, and volunteers has rallied around each other whenever there was a need. I was personally reminded how awesome they are when (because of an unexpected visit from my youngest son and his wife whom I had not seen in nearly two years), the officers took everything in hand and conducted the July Membership Meeting. This group is like family, and I think I speak for all of us when I say that.

As genealogists, we know how important family is. We lean on the living ones and seek to learn more about the ones who came before us. After all, their genes run in each of us personally, in many ways making us who we are today.

I hope to see each of you at the October Membership Meeting on Saturday, October 9, 2021, where we will vote on the proposed Budget for 2022, updates to our Bylaws, and elect a new slate of officers for the 2022 – 2024 term.

In the meantime, seek out those ancestors who came before you and find out who they were. Find their stories and tell them to others.

Wishing you all the best in your genealogical research,

Carla



New COVID Protocols for TNGS and GRHGC



- ◆ Everyone is required to wear masks.
- ◆ Everyone is to maintain social distancing, 6 feet apart.
- ◆ In order to maintain social distancing in our building, we will have a 10 patron max on the GRHGC side and a 20 patron max on the TNGS side.
- ◆ Staff and volunteers should check their temperature and review the health screening questions before coming to work and stay home if they are sick.
- ◆ Patrons will have to self-check their temperature and review the health screening questions upon entrance to the library. We are going to do this at the front desk where the sign-in sheet is. They have to leave if they have a fever or answer yes to any of the questions.
- ◆ We are going to have hand sanitizer out for staff and patrons.

Writing your story...

By Tina Sansone, *Ansearchin' News* Editor

I recently retired as a librarian for the Germantown Regional History & Genealogy Center. We had a book donated named "My Three Lives – A Memoir" written by **Esther E. Garazi** published in 2017.

In her Prologue she wrote, *"Looking back, I knew it was important to document my journey. After all, when I am gone, this book will provide you, my children, my grandchildren, and my future descendants, a better understanding of how I dealt with the challenges I have faced..."* This book was written about her Jewish Cuban family – that of **Salomon Garazi Lilo** and **Esther Egozi Bejar de Garazi**. She writes in her Epilogue, *"But every day that we are able to walk this earth and live our lives, we are continuing the lives of our ancestors."*

A memoir is any nonfiction narrative writing based in the author's personal memories. The assertions made in the work are thus understood to be factual. While memoir has historically been defined as a subcategory of biography or autobiography since the late 20th century, the genre is differentiated in form, presenting a narrowed focus. A biography or autobiography tells the story "of a life", while a memoir often tells the story of a particular event or time, such as touchstone moments and turning points from the author's life. In the early 1990s, memoirs written by ordinary people experienced a sudden upsurge, as an increasing number of people realized that their ancestors' and their own stories were about to disappear, in part as a result of the opportunities and distractions of technological advances. At the same time, psychology and other research began to show that familiarity with genealogy helps people find their place in the world and that life review helps people come to terms with their own past. [Wikipedia]



My Three Lives - A Memoir
by Esther E. Garazi



Top: 10-year-old, with mother (10-year-old), and brother (10-year-old), newly arrived in La Habana, Cuba, 1942.



1. The journey begins with the Jewish people in Palestine, where my ancestors migrated to Spain.

2. From Spain they went to live in Turkey.

3. From Turkey, they migrated to Cuba in 1942.

4. From Cuba to Miami in 1943.

There have been Jewish Communities in the Ottoman Empire since at least the 15th Century B.C. and later many Spanish and Portuguese Jews expelled from Iberia in 1492 during the Spanish Reconquista found refuge in "neutral" Turkey at the time. My ancestors traveled and lived in the region for almost two years until early in the 20th Century when they left for the New World, due to poverty and losses during the Balkan Wars. By 1912, the population, mostly Turkish Jewish communities in Cuba, was estimated at 24,000 people. After Castro seized power in 1959, the Jewish community finally dispersed together with a large number of Cuban refugees of all faiths. Only about 800 Jews remained in the island.



Teresa Hill Mays Invited To Serve On The Historic Melrose Redevelopment Programming Advisory Committee

Congratulations go out to our very own **Teresa Hill Mays**, Multi-Cultural Advisor for TNGS. **Teresa** has been invited to serve on the inaugural Historic Melrose Redevelopment Programming Advisory Committee.

The Historic Melrose Redevelopment Project has been created as an integral part of Memphis Mayor **Jim Strickland**'s "Accelerate Memphis" project. The project is designed to invest in and rehabilitate various neighborhoods around the City of Memphis.

Teresa also serves as President of one of our Partner societies, the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society of Memphis and the Mid-South.

We are so proud of **Teresa** and know that she will represent us, as well as AAHGS in an outstanding manner!

First Deed Book Returned to Washington County, Tennessee



On June 1st, 2021, as part of the kickoff of a statewide celebration of Tennessee's 225th anniversary of statehood, Governor Bill Lee and Secretary of State Tre Hargett returned Washington County's first deed book (Deed Book A) to Jonesborough, after an absence of 124 years. The book had gone to Nashville as part of the county's exhibit for the Tennessee Centennial celebration held in 1897 and was never returned. This volume contains the earliest land records (1775-1782) for Washington County and for what became Tennessee. The book was returned from the Tennessee State Library and Archives and is now preserved in the Washington County Archives.

New Tennessee Books from MountainPress.com

[SEQUATCHIE VALLEY LAND GRANTS - Primarily in the Nineteenth Century](#)

This volume is dedicated to **Elizabeth Parham Robnett**, the county historian for Bledsoe County. **Elizabeth** has lived and taught history for over 100 years and her mind is still as active as ever. The grants listed here have been given primarily for mountain lands either on the Cumberland plateau or Walden's Ridge since much of the valley lands have been claimed by other sources. They will show the date of the grant, the number of acres with the Book Number and grant number. Some of these are located on maps that are held in the Tennessee State Archives and Library in Nashville. The source of these grants is from **Byron Sistler's** Tennessee Land Grants, a two volume listing of all of the grants issued by the state. However, some are grants from the State of North Carolina for soldiers involved in the American Revolution which took place prior to Tennessee Statehood in 1796. The arrangement of this volume is alphabetical of the grantee noting the county and other information given in the state records.

[HAWKINS COUNTY, TENNESSEE COMPENDIUM 1786 - 1900](#)

Hawkins County is one of the older counties in the State of Tennessee and at the time of creation the boundaries extended from the Virginia line to the Georgia line. Georgia at this time claimed north to North Chickamauga Creek, but the line was later moved a few miles south of this. In this volume are the names and date of the entry with a reference as to where this little tidbit was found in the vast store of date available. It is, primarily, information prior to 1800, but we did include children who were bound out and these extend into the twentieth century.

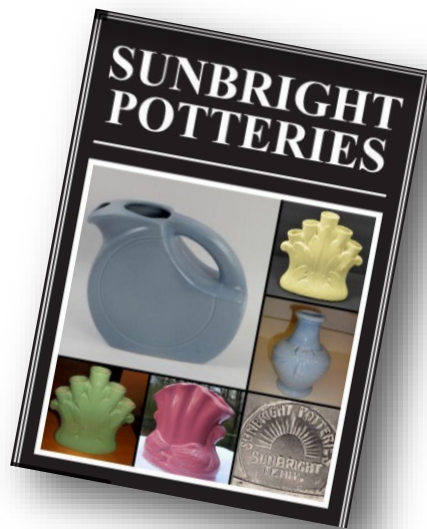
[RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE RECORD BOOK A: 1804 - 1814](#)

This volume, probably the one and only court records book at the time of 1804 contained a little of this and some of that and plenty of the other of court records. That is to say all of the different types of court records as the time are found in this volume. The index is, as are all W. P. A. Records, keyed to the original book page number and the page number of this manuscript.

[ANDERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE MARRIAGE BOOK 1: 1838-1858](#)

Each of the marriages given in this volume give the names of the bride and groom, the date they apply for a license and the official, either justice of the peace or minister of the gospel with the date they performed the marriage ceremony.

New Book from the Morgan County Genealogical and Historical Society



The Morgan County Genealogical and Historical Society (MCHGS) has published a new book: *Discover One of the Hidden Gems of Sunbright, Tennessee - the History of the Pottery and the Stories of Those Who Helped Develop the Company*. 129 total pages, 40 in color. Price: \$35 shipped. Order online at: www.MCGHSONline.com.

Jonesborough Genealogical Society

Upcoming Events

jgstn.org



October 9-10: Harvest Festival, Rocky Mount Historic Site, Piney Flats

Demonstrations on site will include blacksmithing, fireplace cooking, apple butter making, apple cider pressing, and much more. Toys and games, including a sack races, corn hole, & 18th century games will be available for all ages. We will have local craft artisans on site, with their beautiful hand made objects. Bring a picnic to enjoy on our grounds or visit the food trucks that will be set up throughout the weekend.

<https://rockymountmuseum.com/harvestfestival/>



October 14: Genealogy Help Night, Washington County-Jonesborough Library, Jonesborough, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

We welcome anyone interested in genealogy or history, whether a beginner or a pro. Our society's collection will be available for use in research as well as society members who can help you navigate it well.

October 16: Annual Stories from the Pumpkin Patch, Tipton-Haynes Historic Site, Johnson City, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site features eleven historic buildings and a permanent exhibit on Tennessee history on forty-seven acres of farmland.

October 23: Genealogy Day: Kay Grogg, Speaker. More information to come. McKinney Center, Jonesborough, TN, at 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.



Arkansas Genealogical Society 2021 Virtual Fall Conference

Join us for the AGS

Free Virtual Event (via Zoom™)

[download free at www.zoom.com](https://www.zoom.com)



Lisa Louise Cooke

[of www.GenealogicalGems.com](http://www.GenealogicalGems.com)

Must pre-register at

www.argen.soc.org

FOUR Presentations & link to pdf syllabus

- The Genealogist's Google Search Methodology
- Cool Cases Solved: How to Identify Your Photos
- Create a Free Google Earth Map Collection for Your Research
- How to Re-open and Work a Genealogical Cold Case



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The Black History Commission of Arkansas

Black History Commission of Arkansas (arkansasheritage.com)

Fall Conference
Saturday, October 16, 2021

Mapping Our Ancestors

St. Louis Genealogical Society

Virtual Fall Speaker Series

Saturday, 16 October 2021

Build your skills and understanding of using maps in your family history research. All sessions will be livestreamed on Zoom and recorded for later viewing. Topics include:

- ♦ Identifying Migration Trails
- ♦ Finding an Ancestor's Land at the Bureau of Land Management and in Plat Books
- ♦ Library of Congress Maps
- ♦ *HistoryGeo.com and Sanborn Maps: Rural and Urban Map Research*

Registration is Open

For information, full schedule, or to register, visit <https://stlgs.org/events/fall-speaker-series>





Louisville Genealogical Society



David Lambert has been on the staff of the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) since 1993 and is the organization's Chief Genealogist. David is an internationally recognized speaker on the topics of genealogy and history.

His genealogical expertise includes New England and Atlantic Canadian records of the 17th through 21st century; military records; DNA research; and Native American and African American genealogical research in New England.

He has published many articles in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, the *New Hampshire Genealogical Record*, *Rhode Island Roots*, *The Mayflower Descendant*, and *American Ancestors* magazine. He has also published *A Guide to Massachusetts Cemeteries* (NEHGS, 2009).

David is an elected Fellow of the Massachusetts Historical Society in Boston, Mass., and a life member of the New Hampshire Society of the Cincinnati. He is also the tribal genealogist for the Massachuset-Punkapoag Indians of Massachusetts.

ONLINE Family History Seminar

Saturday, October 16, 2021

Seminar Speaker:

David Allen Lambert

Schedule:

(All times listed are Eastern Daylight Time)

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| 9:45 am | <i>Researching New England Ancestors Online and in Repositories</i> |
| 11:30 am | <i>Researching Your Colonial Wars Ancestors: 17th Century through 1775</i> |
| 1:45 pm | <i>Your Ancestors in the Great War: Researching World War I Using Kentucky Resources</i> |
| 3:15 pm | <i>What Time Is It on Your Genealogical Clock?</i> |

Online Registration:

Members \$25.00 each Non-Members \$35.00 each

Deadline for Registration October 9, 2021

Visit the LGS Website listed below for details and registration.

<https://kylgs.org/index.php>

TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF THE TNGS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The **TNGS Partnership Program** was created to help fulfill the society's goal "to reach out and form associations with genealogical and historical societies and archives across the state."

New Middle Tennessee Partners

Cheatham County Archives
Cheatham County Historical and Genealogical Association
Hickman County Historical Society
Houston County Archives
Portland Genealogy Club
Timothy Demonbreun Heritage Society (Henderson)



New West Tennessee Partners

Germantown Historical Preservation Association
TN Society of the Huguenots of the Founders of Manakin in the Colony of VA