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TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL

Society

President's Corner by President Gail Braddock

Dear Members,

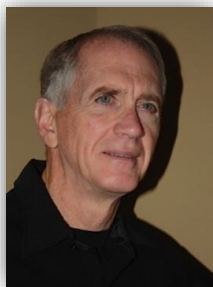
My hope is that you are enjoying the beginning of Summer 2019. Time is passing fast! Remember those slow days of our childhood. I wish they would come back into vogue! Do not you?

At the **TNGS July Membership Meeting**, you will have the opportunity to nominate someone or yourself to serve on our Nominating Committee. This is in preparation for our October Membership Meeting wherein bi-annual elections of officers shall take place. The TNGS Board has already elected one Board member to serve on the Nominating Committee. Four other Nominating Committee members will be elected by the TNGS members who are present at the July Membership Meeting. Two of those four elected at the Membership Meeting CAN be Board members, but only TWO. (They do not have to be Board members but can be.) The other two *must* be regular members.

Also be sure to read the article about the beginning of our **Special Interest Groups**. These will start this summer. Join as you want to commit. The first two SIGs will be "DNA" and "Family Tree Maker."

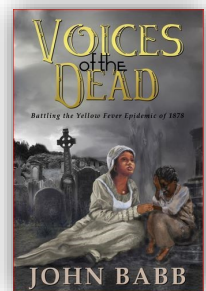
We are finishing our **"Voices of the Memphis Belle" grant**. Please send to president@tngs.org any documents you have. There is no need to print. I'll take care of that.

Get involved!



Quarterly Membership Meeting of the Tennessee Genealogical Society

Saturday, July 13, 2019; 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Tennessee Genealogical Society Office
7779 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN



Please join us for the Summer Membership Meeting open to members and non-members. (*Refreshments will be served.*) We encourage everyone to attend this meeting in order to receive updates on the Society's 2019 Goals, upcoming events and projects.

Immediately following the meeting, author **John Babb** will discuss his new historical fiction, ***Voices of the Dead***, which is based on one of the most dramatic events to strike Tennessee, Mississippi, and Louisiana. During four terror-filled months in 1878, a yellow fever epidemic in the Lower Mississippi Valley struck 154 towns and cities (including Collierville), killed over 20,000 people, and wiped entire families and businesses from the face of the earth. John Babb will discuss his latest book and its deep connection to the area.

Mr. Babb will have books available for purchase at the program. Books will cost \$18. For every book sold a portion will be donated to the society.



Tennessee Genealogical Society

Genealogy Archives Day **Saturday June 15, 2019** **at the Pickering Center** **7771 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN 38138**

You have probably seen many references to availability of documents at the state archives. But, many people do not understand what the archives really have and how they can help you with your genealogical research.

The Tennessee Genealogical Society is hosting an event on the use of state archives. Representatives from the Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas Archives and/or Library will be presenting. Each state will present on the basic functions, services and contents of their state archives.

Session Schedule

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m.
Opening Remarks & Introduction

9:05 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Overview of Tennessee Archives

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Overview of Arkansas Archives

11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. BREAK

11:20 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.
Overview of Mississippi Archives

12:20 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Tracing African American Ancestors

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Care and Management of Photographs

3:00 p.m. - 3:20 p.m. BREAK

3:20 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.
Preservation of Documents

4:20 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Q&A & Wrap-up

**Payment can be made by Check, Cash or Credit Card
and includes Box Lunch & refreshments**

Please register by Tuesday, June 11, 2019

___ # at \$20 for each TNGS Member *

___ # at \$30 for each Non-Member*

___ I am a TNGS Member ___ I am not a TNGS Member

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Box Lunch

Includes Chips and Cookie

(Choose one)

___ Turkey ___ Ham ___ Veggie ___ Club (Turkey, Ham, Roast Beef)

Please register **on-line** using credit card or PayPal @ (www.tngs.org)
or **mail** a check to Tennessee Genealogical Society, PO Box 381824,
Germantown, TN, 38183-1824. Cash or checks are accepted at
TNGS, 7779 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN.

***Deadline for Registration: Tuesday June 11, 2019**

Limited Space Available

Doors open at 8:30 a.m.

Refund Policy: Full amount if request is received on or before May 31, 2019.
A refund of the registration fee less \$15 will be given for requests received
between June 1, 2019, and June 14, 2019. No refunds for requests received
the day of the seminar or later.



Meet Byron Crain

Current TNGS Director At Large, **Byron Crain**, joined the Society in 1990. He has also served on the Board as Business Manager and had two separate four-year stints as President of TNGS. Byron has always stepped up to the plate whenever there was a need. Countless times he has been available to set up and take down tables, chairs and equipment for events. He never hesitated to go and pick up large donations to the Society and the library. Byron volunteered every Monday for ten years to keep the GRHGC open to the public.

Born and raised in Little Rock, Arkansas, Byron was a middle child, with one sister and one brother. He graduated with a Business degree from Little Rock University where he was President of the student body. Byron and his wife Virginia have three children--two sons and a daughter who passed away about ten years ago.

As a sonarman in the U.S. Navy, Byron worked on the USS Valley Forge aircraft carrier in Norfolk, Virginia, and throughout the Caribbean, Mediterranean and North Atlantic. He helped to protect the carrier and picked up pilots from the ocean who missed their target.

Byron began working in the grocery business as a youngster in Paducah, Kentucky, working in his aunt and uncle's grocery store. In high school, he worked for Safeway, and in college he began his career with Kroger. While working for Kroger, Byron held many positions and lived in Cincinnati, Dayton, Dallas and Memphis. After 36 years at Kroger, Byron retired in 1992. When he retired, he was the President of the Grocery Manufacturing Division, which produces Kroger's private-label brands.

Byron and Virginia will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in July!

Update on the Progress of the GRHGC Cataloging Project



If you will recall, there is a massive cataloging project taking place at the Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center. The purpose of the cataloging project is to repair and update the online catalog records for the materials currently housed in our library so that you will have an easier time of finding what you're looking for.

Octavia Ashby, Tina Sansone and Sylvia Harris are currently working on the project. As of June 4, 2019, they, along with former employee Caroline Floyd, have now re-cataloged 6,773 books from the start of the project. That's 4,774 books since the last report to members in the Fall 2018 newsletter.

The additional states that have been completed since the last report are California, Nevada, Alaska, Hawaii, Montana, Wyoming, New Mexico, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Iowa, Michigan, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia!

Octavia is currently working on the counties of Middle Tennessee with about one quarter of them completed. Sylvia is currently working on South Carolina with about two-thirds of them completed. Tina is currently working on North Carolina with about two-thirds of them completed.

You can check the online catalog at <http://wrlc.librarycatalog.info/polaris/>

We are so grateful to those who are working on this project!



Announcing Special Interest Groups

As a part of our continuing efforts to provide a wide and varied base of educational opportunities to our membership, TNGS is happy to announce the creation of Special Interest Groups (SIGs). A Special Interest Group (SIG) is a means by which a small group of people can come together, discuss, and share information about a specific subject of interest. SIGs are led by a facilitator, not a presenter. The facilitator will expedite the discussion of the topic, as the group shares ideas and techniques and ultimately chooses the particulars of the next meeting.

Initially there will be two SIGs, one concentrating on **DNA Testing**, facilitated by **Debbie Atchley**. The other SIG will be for those interested in using **Family Tree Maker Genealogical Software**, and will be facilitated by **P.Z. Horton**. The goal of the **DNA SIG** is to have members share successes and questions to increase the understanding of genetic genealogy within the group. Staying up to date on new tools used to analyze DNA results will also be a goal of this group. The focus of the Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group (**FTM SIG**) is to help members take advantage of the many features and options of the software program.

In order to accommodate the groups, the format of our "Let's Discuss It" workshops will be modified. First, the "Let's Discuss It" sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m. and last until 10:30 a.m. At 11:00 a.m. the SIG session will begin and conclude at noon, as a separate session. As such, it will require a separate registration. The new format will begin with the Saturday June 22nd meeting and will continue for the balance of the year. You will find additional events now listed on our website for the SIG sessions. If you are already registered for "Let's Discuss It," you will only need to register for any of the SIG sessions you wish to attend.

Also, under the EDUCATION menu on our website (tngs.org), you will find a SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) menu. Choose the menu for your SIG of interest. Handouts and other documents of interest will be posted to the individual SIG pages after the sessions. You may also send an email to the facilitator at FTMSIG@tngs.org or DNASIG@tngs.org if you would like to make suggestions or have any questions.

The Tennessee Genealogical Society is endeavoring to meet the needs of our growing organization, and we hope the establishment of the SIG program will be beneficial to each of you. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at [Programs Committee](#).

Regards,

TNGS Program Committee

The Tennessee Genealogical Society Presents

Amy Johnson Crow

Saturday November 2, 2019

at the Pickering Center

7771 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN 38138



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.

Session Schedule

8:15 a.m. Registration

9:00 – 9:10

Opening Remarks & Introduction

9:10 – 10:10

Using Land Records Effectively

10:10 - 10:30 BREAK

10:30 - 11:30

Ten Years is a Long Time: Census Substitutes for the In-between Years

11:30 - 12:30 p.m. Lunch

12:30 – 1:30

Butcher, Baker, Candlestick Maker: Using Occupational Records

1:30 - 1:50 BREAK

1:50 - 2:50

Desperately Seeking Susan: Finding Females

2:50 - 3:15 p.m. Q&A & Wrap-up

Payment can be made by Check, Cash or Credit Card and includes Box Lunch & refreshments.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Box Lunch w/chips & cookie (Choose one)

___ Turkey ___ Ham ___ Veggie ___ Club

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***Deadline for Registration: Monday October 28, 2019**

Limited Space Available

Doors open at 8:15 a.m.

Germantown Community Library to Give Away Five 23andMe DNA Kits

As part of our Library making summer reading super big this year, I would like to do a little something special at the GRHGC. I have purchased five DNA kits from 23andMe. Patrons at the GRHGC can get a prize drawing ticket up to once a day from June 1 to July 30. They keep one part. We keep the other half of the ticket, upon which the patron puts his/her contact information. That's all we do until time to draw for a kit. On the following dates we draw a ticket and will announce a winner -- 6/14, 6/28, 7/12, 7/19, 7/31.

My hope is that this will generate excitement for the GRHGC throughout June and July.

Thank you,

Daniel Page, M.L.I.S., M.S.
Library Director



Give Back to the Genealogy Community



The Tennessee Genealogical Society needs volunteers to work on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Germantown Regional History and Genealogical Center. This can be as little as one Monday a month or more, as available. Volunteers will help patrons with research questions, finding materials in the library, and shelving books.

See more volunteer opportunities at tngs.org/Volunteer