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TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL *Society*

Quarterly Membership Meeting of the Tennessee Genealogical Society

Saturday, January 11, 2020

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

7779 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN

Please join us for the first membership meeting of the year, open to members and non-members. We encourage everyone to attend this meeting in order to receive an overview of the Society's 2020 goals, upcoming programs and events.

Following the meeting, our newly installed Shelby County Historian, **James "Jimmy" Rout III**, will speak. Rout is quick to point out his personal connections to Shelby County history. His father was the third county mayor, a Shelby County Commissioner and a Shelby County coroner.

Refreshments will be served.



Congratulations, Charles!



The 2019 Jo Reed Community Service Award was presented to TNGS Director of Membership, **Charles Speed**, by the **Leadership Germantown Alumni Association**. This award is presented each year to an individual who represents sincere caring and volunteerism for our community, with no concern for applause or thank you.

Charles was nominated for this award by the **Tennessee Genealogical Society** due to his numerous and varied volunteer efforts for many years in and around Germantown, Tennessee. In addition, **Charles** was selected as the Grand Marshall of the 2019 Germantown Christmas Parade.

We appreciate your volunteer service, **Charles**, and are proud to work with you!

President's Corner

Here we are nearing the end of 2019. It has been a fruitful year as the leader of such a fine group of folks as the **Tennessee Genealogical Society**. The Board has worked hard, and we have accomplished much!

I have been the President for almost four years. During my term, we voted to update our website, have enjoyed using the updated membership tools and have learned to be signed in to properly register for a session. **TNGS** brought forward our Bylaws by updating them according to suggestions from the **Federation of Genealogical Societies**. A State Grant to digitize the sound and transcribe the *Voices of the Memphis Belle* should be available in 2020. It was exciting for the whole Germantown community to see more work being done this summer across the street at the New Bethel Cemetery. Our patrons have been able to take part in three seminars this year: an attendance buster informative session with **Deb Duay**, an archive bonanza with Tennessee, Arkansas, and Mississippi Records, and then the focus on research training of **Amy Johnson Crow**. A bonanza of three seminars instead of just two!

We put on a number of educational sessions in 2019 from Genealogy 101 to Celebrating the 200th birthday of Memphis and Shelby County, Tennessee, and the informative "Let's Discuss It" sessions and "DNA Special Interest Group." AND we must remember the Writing Class that **Carla Maitland** taught and the expertise of **Kim Richardson**!

I thoroughly enjoyed the blog posts during the month of October, "Family History Month." We celebrated by reading posts of Tennessee genealogy research tips each day. The series culminated with a presentation at **TNGS** by **Nancy Walczyk**, Director of Research, on Tennessee research as a part of our State Research Series. Those posts reflect the experience of our volunteer researchers. Thank you, ladies!

Wow, I know you wonder what is in store for 2020 -- more, even more! **Carla Maitland** is our President-elect. She is already planning excellent programs with the new Board members. Get Really EXCITED about our Spring Seminar which will take place over TWO DAYS! Look for more information soon.

Join us as we look forward to bigger and better things,

Gail Braddock

An immensely proud President, 2016-2019



Gail and grandson Paul



Welcome new TNGS President, Carla Maitland

Since being elected President of the **Tennessee Genealogical Society** on October 12, 2019, **Carla Love Maitland** has been eagerly meeting with members of the new Board of Directors, making plans for the continuing growth and success of **TNGS**.

Carla has been a member of **TNGS** since 2006, and even though she is a member of a variety of lineage societies and other assorted organizations, she unabashedly tells everyone that the **Tennessee Genealogical Society** is the one that is dear to her heart.

A native Memphian, **Carla** was a secondary history teacher for over 25 years and spent the last 15 years of her educational career in the role of Middle School Coordinator at **Craigmont Middle School** in Memphis. After retirement, she focused that love of history and her years of genealogical research on joining organizations that matched her passion. However, since she had joined **TNGS** several years before she retired, her enthusiasm for the Society seems genuinely natural.

In addition to her duties as President of TNGS, **Carla** currently serves as the President of the **Parkway Village Branch of the Friends of the Library**. She was also recently elected Registrar of the **Chief Piomingo Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution**. Other lineage society memberships include: the **National Huguenot Society**, the **Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia**, the **United States Daughters of 1812**, and the **National Society Daughters of the Union, 1861 – 1865**.

She is a long-time member of the **West Tennessee Historical Society** and the **Clan Maitland Society**. Other memberships include: the **Memphis Scottish Society**, the **Celtic Society of West Tennessee**, the **Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society**, the **Southern California Genealogical Society**, and the **International Society of Family History Writers and Editors**. She is a researcher with **Past & Present Pathways**, and a frequent contributor to the TNGS Quarterly, *Ansearchin' News*.

Carla is the proud mother of three sons, three grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

"My family, my friends, and my love of history and genealogy keep me active and sane. I hope to stay that way for a very long time!"

Royal Ancestry Series now at the GRHGC!

by Tina Sansone

The **Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center** recently purchased the three set *Royal Ancestry Series* collection by **Douglas Richardson**, and edited by **Kimball G. Everingham**. From the website, www.royalancestry.net, we read, "Douglas specializes in medieval and royal families genealogical research. He is also experienced in research cases involving all periods of American research from colonial to the modern times. He brings a fresh creative approach to all research assignments and enjoys a reputation at "solving the unsolvable." His books are accepted for their documentation and accuracy.

The collections we purchased are: *Royal Ancestry* (5 volumes), *Plantagenet Ancestry* (3 volumes), and *Magna Carta Ancestry* (4 volumes).



These books are especially valuable if anyone is wishing to join a royal lineage society, but they still offer so much to someone just doing their own personal research. Some colonial families may be documented inside these books. In the *Royal Ancestry Series*, volume 4, page 295, Major **Thomas Owlsley** is listed. He was born in Somerset, England, 11 June 1658. He immigrated to Virginia before September, 1677, and settled in Stafford, Virginia, before 1680. He married **Ann Harris**, daughter of Lieutenant **William Harris**, of Stafford County. While Major **Thomas Owlsley's** family information is just a short paragraph, for a couple of my clients this was a gold mine. **Thomas Owlsley** was Client A's 8th great grandfather and Client B's 10th generation grandfather. *Royal Ancestry* documents the **Owlsley's** line to the royal lines of **Mallet, Poyntz, Newdigate, Foxley** and others. One of my clients did use this information to join a lineage society, but the other was just excited to add it to her family history.

The GRHGC invites you to visit our library and check out our newest *Royal Ancestry Series* to see if your ancestors are listed. And yes, these books are indexed!

Family Collections

by Tina Sansone

Many of you who have visited the library are familiar with our Surname section. I just want to update you on a recent change to this section. The Surname section now contains books the library has purchased that are based on families, as well as books that you have submitted on your families.



We have also created a new section called “Family Collection.” These books are created by our staff member **Elaine Woodard**. The library receives family histories, photos, documents, and other items of interest either by donations of family members, estate sales or drop offs by patrons. **Elaine** goes through these items taking out things we can already get via internet such as census records. Then she puts the remaining items into a binder and creates a family book. The main surname is put on the spine label, but at the top other surnames of interest are listed as well. We have now put these books in a separate area from the Surname section. If we go through the donated materials and there is not enough to create a book, **Elaine** will put this information into a folder and include it in our Vertical Files.

Some of the most recent Family Collection surnames we have cataloged are **Booker, Forbes, Sim, Simonton** and **Rayburn**. We invite you to visit the library and check out our Family Collection.



I might add that **Elaine** processes the donated family history items with the exception of families that resided in Germantown, Tennessee, which are processed by **Sylvia Harris**. Materials for families that lived in Germantown are kept in our Germantown History Collection.

The library appreciates all the hours and hard work that both **Elaine Woodard** and **Sylvia Harris** put into creating these family histories.

New Board Members of the Tennessee Genealogical Society

Effective 1 January 2020

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