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TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL

Society



Debbie Duay

TNGS Annual Spring Seminar
at the Pickering Center
7777 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN
Saturday, March 16, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.



Join us in welcoming **Debbie Duay** as the featured speaker at our Annual Spring Seminar. Debbie received her Ph.D. in Adult Education from Florida Atlantic University. She has 20 years of experience in genealogy, and she has taught numerous classes and workshops throughout the United States on researching early American ancestry. Debbie has helped over 500 people join the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). The techniques she uses in lineage research can help you push back your brick walls.

Doors open at 8:15 a.m. Please register and pay by credit card or Paypal at www.tngs.org; or checks can be mailed to TNGS at PO Box 381824, Germantown, TN 38183-1824.



Quarterly Membership Meeting of the Tennessee Genealogical Society

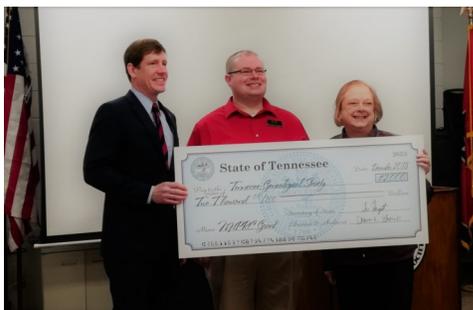
Saturday, April 13, 2019; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Tennessee Genealogical Society Office
7779 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN



Please join us for the **Spring 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.

After the meeting, **Kaye Strong** will present a program about quilts and the Underground Railroad. Learn how slaves in the south used quilts to aid in the successful escape of slaves to Canada prior to the Civil War. See how African cultures were preserved in quilting. The quilt and history are based on the book *Hidden in Plain View* by **Jacqueline Tobin** and **Raymond Dobard, Ph.D.** The story was interpreted to quilting by **Eleanor Burns** and **Sue Bouchard**. It is a story rich in cultures, courage, faith and cooperation preserved in quilting.

TNGS and GRHGC Receive Grant Awards



Award presented to TNGS
by Senator Brian Kelsey



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On January 24, the Tennessee Genealogical Society and the Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center were each awarded grants of \$2,000 from the Tennessee Historical Records Advisory Board (THRAB). Funding for these grants comes from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC). The grants were presented to TNGS and GRHGC by **Tennessee State Senator Brian Kelsey**.

TNGS will use the grant money for the Voices of the Memphis Belle oral history project. The original recorded interviews of the Memphis Belle crew on cassette tape will be digitized and transcribed to preserve the records for future generations.

GRHGC plans to use their grant money to index and preserve their numerous vertical files.

Dear Members,

As I sit here this frosty winter day, I see the sun shining and anticipate much warmer weather. Don't you? Make your plans now so the warm weather starts you off right!

So much is going on in the Genealogy World. It can get you excited. I have my own personal research goals. **Debbie Duay**, our Spring Seminar speaker, **helped** me find my Revolutionary War ancestor on records that would prove his allegiance in the American Revolution. Be sure to sign up for her excellent seminar. I have only heard Debbie present two of her sessions, but know I didn't get **all** that information. I am really looking forward to the other two new sessions. Reserve March 16, 2019, for this excellent Seminar. See the website at tngs.org. You will find added resources, I am sure!

Then May 8 -- 11, 2019, is the **National Genealogical Society's 2019 Family History Conference** in St. Charles, MO -- "Journey of Discovery." This NGS Conference is near St. Louis. Those towns have so much to enjoy! Go to www.conference.ngsgenealogy.org to register. This will be a great conference. You can choose topics from Migration Records to DNA. We have brochures here at the library or <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>.

Now is the time to make a list of things to do when the weather becomes more pleasant.
DREAM BIG!

Living my dreams!

Gail Braddock



Meet Aaron Hatch

A native of Dyersburg, Tennessee, **Aaron Hatch** has been interested in genealogy at least 50 years. He fondly remembers playing on the banks of the Mississippi River and hearing stories of his family history. He was told that Davy Crockett was his ancestor, and he is still trying to find that link to this day.

Aaron gives back to the genealogy community by serving as TNGS's Business Manager. He has also volunteered as the Program Coordinator for the Olive Branch Genealogy Club for the last nine years. Aaron is an active volunteer with his neighborhood watch group. He previously served as a block captain, and now serves as the group's leader.

At 8 years of age Aaron moved with his family to Memphis. He graduated from Memphis Technical High School and began college at Memphis State University. His studies were interrupted by service in the Army Signal Corps during the Vietnam War where he was stationed in Phu Bai, Vietnam. He worked as an electronic repairman repairing crypto equipment. He also worked as a crypto repairman for NASA in the Canary Islands for a short time. Returning to college at MSU, Aaron graduated with an accounting degree.

In 1994, Aaron married **Mary Lou Austin**, who he met at work while working at the IRS. He has two stepsons. Sadly, Mary Lou passed away in 2011 from a heart attack, but she will forever be in his heart.

Aaron worked at the IRS for 32 years and retired in 2006. During his time at the IRS, he worked as a Tax Shelter Coordinator and Claims Classifier at the Memphis IRS facility. He also spent ten years working as a Field Agent in Arkansas.

Aaron has two dogs, Thelma and Louise, who are sisters. He's not really an animal lover, but he has a story to tell about how he acquired the dogs. Aaron has another long-time hobby which is stamp collecting. He's been involved in this since the 1980's.

TNGS members and Board appreciate all the service that Aaron gives to the organization!



Fondly Remembering Mary Louise Nazor

Former TNGS volunteer, **Mary Louise Nazor**, passed away on February 11, 2019. Her ancestors were in Shelby County by 1832 and 1854. Mary Louise was interested in Memphis/Shelby County history and genealogy for many years.

Past TNGS President, **Jim Bobo**, remembers Mary Louise: "With her background in academia, and her skills in research and writing, Mary Louise's passion was **Ansearchin' News**. She joined the editorial staff in 1982, and later served as associate editor. She and the other staff members made this magazine, 'the best regional genealogy magazine in the Nation.'

"Mary Louise and I probably had the classic "love/hate" relationship when it came to the Society. We never completely agreed on the evolution of the organization, but one of my most pleasant memories is, in 2015, when she told me the Society and its collection is exactly where it should be."

Mary Louise had a master's degree in library science and worked as a librarian in the Memphis City Schools. Mary Louise was a member of these organizations: Early Settlers of Shelby County and Surrounding Counties, **Tennessee Genealogical Society**, West Tennessee Historical Society, and she was a member of the Shelby County Historical Commission. She was a member of the Episcopal Church.

Germantown News, Germantown Star and Shelby Sun Times Newspapers

Have Been Digitized And are Now Online at GRHGC

For those of you who have ancestors in Germantown, Tennessee, or have an interest in the history of the area, the Germantown News, Germantown Star and Shelby Sun Times newspapers have been digitized and indexed by Newspapers.com. The newspapers are accessible at GRHGC on the library's patron computers. All the years that these newspapers were published are available except for the last couple of years. For FREE access to these newspapers at the library, follow these directions posted at each computer carrel:



Happy Hunting!



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