



THE TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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Janice Ingram, Editor

Quarterly Members' Meeting Saturday, April 29th at 10 a.m.

The Quarterly Members Meeting of the Tennessee Genealogical Society will be held on Saturday, April 29th, at 10:00 a.m. at the Tennessee Genealogical Society, 7779 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN.

We encourage all members to attend this meeting as we focus on bringing the Society up to date on our current goals.

Refreshments will be served.

Following the meeting, Dr. **George C. Browder** will present a program on his latest book, *A Reversal of Fortune: Germantown, Tennessee, in the Civil War Era*. Dr. Browder, a long-time Memphian, graduated from Memphis State University in 1961. He then received a commission in the U. S. Air Force, serving 1961-1964. Upon completing his studies at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, he received an MS and a PhD in Modern European History. From 1968 to 2000, Dr. Browder served as a Professor at the State University of New York at Fredonia.



Dr. George C. Browder

The author of two books and numerous articles, essays, and encyclopedia entries, he wrote on topics dealing mostly with police and security agencies of Weimar and Nazi Germany, and educational materials for Western Civilization and European History courses. Dr. Browder is currently focused on researching an area close to our own community.

New Software for TNGS

In late April or early May, you will see a new website for the Society. We are upgrading software to provide better administration of our member records and to support our events. Members will be able to join, renew and maintain their own information online. There will be a more extensive capability to register for events.

With the new software, we will also have an upgraded website. Many pages will be familiar to you, but there will also be new ones. We will be adding a *surname cross reference* which allows our members to enter the surnames they are researching and then see who else is also working on the same names. We are also creating a *discussion forum*. This will give members the capability to participate in different topics and exchange ideas.

-- PZ Horton

Spring Seminar Will Soon Be Here!



Melissa Barker

Melissa Barker, Archivist and Genealogist, will be the guest speaker for the Annual Spring Seminar to be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Pickering Center, 7771 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN 38138

Melissa is the Houston County, Tennessee Archivist; she is also a Professional Genealogist lecturing, teaching and writing about the genealogy research process, emphasizing research in archives and records preservation. She conducts virtual webinar presentations all across the United States for genealogical and historical societies. She writes a popular blog entitled *A Genealogist in the Archives*, and she authors a bi-weekly column, "The Archive Lady" for the GeneaBloggers newsletter. She is the Reviews Editor for the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) magazine *Forum*. For the past 26 years, she has been researching her own family history.

Be sure to mark your calendars now and set aside that date for an exciting genealogical adventure! The event registration form contains times, topics and registration information, and can be downloaded at tngs.org, or you can register on-line at the same website location.

Deadline for Registration: Friday, May 13, 2017
Limited Space Available

President's Message

With the bright Spring sunshine providing us warmth and the melodic songbirds singing outside my window, I am reminded of the joy of new beginnings!

The Tennessee Genealogical Society has an exciting new beginning with our new tngs.org website. The Board members have been working on every aspect of the website to polish the design, proofread the content, and develop new processes. I believe you will be truly *amazed!* **PZ Horton** has done a wonderful job heading up this effort. You will be very impressed with the additional items you will find there. PZ tells us: "The plan is to bring the new system up on April 27 and begin using it. We will run both systems for two weeks and if there are no major issues, we will then discontinue using the old system on May 11." You will marvel at how easy it will be to renew your membership and sign up for special events like the Spring Seminar.

Speaking of new and improved -- notice our new logo! A special *thank you* to **Janice Ingram**, our Newsletter Editor and artist deluxe, who designed this logo. The Board adopted it in February 2017.

Coming up this month will be our Quarterly Members Meeting on April 29th at 10:00 a.m. After a bit of business and bragging, our speaker will be author **George C. Browder**, who will present a program on his latest book, *A Reversal of Fortune: Germantown, Tennessee in the Civil War Era*.

The Spring Seminar with **Melissa Barker** is on May 20th. She is a Houston County, TN Archivist, Professional Genealogist, and Reviews Editor for FGS *FORUM* Magazine. Go online and sign up today. This is an event you do not want to miss! She will help you get organized and tell you where to get special documentation.

Living my dream,
Gail Braddock, President

Help Is On the Way at the Library

Have you ever tried to locate an item in the Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center online catalog and became frustrated when you couldn't find the record? You'll soon begin to see some big improvements in the online catalog records. On April 18, **Octavia Ashby**, a TNGS member, will begin working at GRHGC as a cataloger to repair and update the records for the materials currently housed in our library. Octavia is a professional librarian with several years of cataloging experience. She will work on Tuesdays and Thursdays at GRHGC. Nearly every item in the library will be checked by Octavia, and she will make sure that the titles, authors, subject headings and publishing information indicators, tags and subfield codes are correctly formatted in the catalog record. This project is scheduled to last one year.

You might wonder why the online catalog records need to be corrected. The need for this project began when TNGS donated their genealogy and history collection to the Germantown Community Library in 2006. TNGS kept a list of their books and materials that were donated, and the items on their list were added to the online catalog of the Germantown Community Library. But these records were never properly formatted to meet the MARC (Machine-Readable Cataloging) standards, meaning that it is difficult to find many records in the catalog. Also, since we shifted and relabeled all of the books in the library, most of the catalog records do not contain the new call numbers that are useful to help us find the books on the shelf. Octavia is going to fix these records for us. We are so glad that Octavia decided to join us. Please make her feel welcome.

We will also be hiring a new Desk Clerk soon so that **Jennifer Baker** will have more time to catalog new items and donations as they come in. Please make our new Desk Clerk feel welcome as well.

New Acquisitions Process For GRHGC

Library Systems & Services, LLC (LS&S), the private library management company that Germantown, TN contracts with to manage staffing and acquisitions for the Germantown Community Library and GRHGC, has a new process in place to centralize the ordering of new materials. In order to help LS&S understand what types of materials we would like to see purchased for GRHGC, please send **Jennifer Baker** (jbaker@germantown-tn.gov) a list of subjects for books that you would like to see in our library. Please send subjects only (for example, court records for Dyer County, Tennessee) not titles of books. Sorry, we won't be able to order family surname books

Don't Miss Out On Our Wonderful Resources At GRHGC!

We work hard to provide you with useful materials and new databases. Here's a list of the subscription databases that you can use for free at GRHGC: *American Ancestors* (New England,) *Ancestry Library Edition*, *FindMyPast.com*, *Fold3* (military,) *HeritageQuest Online*, *HistoryGeo.com* (interactive maps of first landowners) and *Newspapers.com* (southeast edition.) We have lots of materials with information that isn't available on the internet. We also provide an interlibrary loan service for microfilm and fiche through FamilySearch.org. Friendly volunteers will help you. If you haven't been to visit us for a while, please come back soon. We would love to see you!

-- **Jennifer Baker**, Librarian.

HELP WANTED

Do you have some extra time to give to help the Tennessee Genealogical Society improve or fill one of our needs? We have the following positions open:

Executive Secretary

Let's Discuss It Leadership

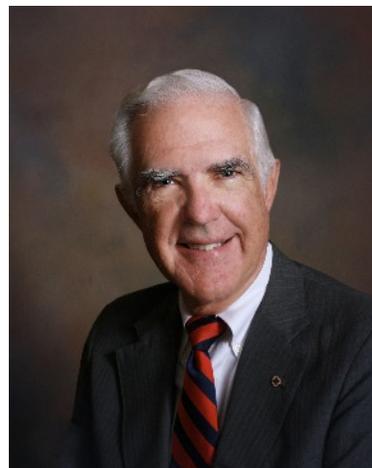
Other positions too!

Contact Gail Braddock for more details.

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***TNGS Has a New
Business Manager,
T. Tarry Beasley II***



T. Tarry Beasley II is the new volunteer Business Manager of TNGS. He is a lifelong resident of Shelby County, Tennessee, as well as the third generation in this county, with the previous generations coming from Fayette County and prior thereto North Carolina.

He is a graduate of Christian Brothers High School, the University of Tennessee and Southern Law University. His employment history includes Union Planters National Bank in commercial banking, First Tennessee in the Trust Department, Holiday Inns in franchise sales, and the private practice of law for the last 50 years.

He has been married to **Janet Welch** of Tullahoma, Tennessee, for the past 53 years, and they have two children currently living in Dallas and Atlanta. He is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, and is a member of Central Church.