



# The TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

*To those who came before—for those to follow*

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## The PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The year is off to a good start thanks in large measure to the various programs such as "Let's Discuss It" and to the great seminar conducted by Dr. Schweitzer. Thanks for your continued support of our training programs.

Also many thanks to Helen Tice, and John and Georgia Harkins (pictured below) for hosting our June Board meeting. We all enjoyed the beautiful surrounding at Kirby Pines Retirement Home. And thanks to Jerry Dunn, V.P. of Development for the great meal.



We continued to receive new members and thanks to the "Adopt a Book" program we have added many new books to our already significant collection. Through the "Adopt a Book" program you can have access to a book you've always wanted to study and take a tax deduction at the same time. If you don't have a book in mind see the list of wanted books on page seven that compliments those we already have.

As we are in the Memorial Day to July 4th time period, we must reflect on the thousands of Americans that have made the ultimate sacrifice that allows all of us to have such a free and open society in which to pursue our family history. As you work to increase documentation of your family's history, you are urged to pay particular attention to the ancestors who served and those who died fighting for our freedoms, and include as much information about them as possible.

If you have not visited the Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center lately, drop by and check out the new books and manuscripts, now available for your research. In addition, you have FREE access to several electronic genealogical research sites.

Go to our web site [www.tngs.org](http://www.tngs.org) and review the many opportunities you have as a TNGS member to increase your family history.

Don't forget we always can use volunteers for almost any kind of work you would like to do, just contact Loretta Bailey by phone 754-4300 Tuesdays or Thursdays.

I look forward to seeing you at the research center soon.

—Byron Crain

## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS—

Frances L. Baker, Spokane, WA  
Betty C. Canestair, Germantown, TN.  
Linda C. Carlile, Collierville, TN.  
Lynette B. Cole, Collierville, TN.  
Curtis W. Davis, Bonita, CA.  
Judy Dennis, Millington, TN.  
William R. Evans, Memphis, TN.  
Carole Ina Foley, Eads, TN.  
Mr. & Mrs. Spencer Fullen, Germantown, TN.

Laura Jones Gray, Moorpark, CA.  
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Susan G. Krumhaus, Annandale, VA  
Arlene Kuykendall Lefler, Germantown, TN.  
Ronald Roberson, Germantown, TN.  
Karen B. Rose, Gwin, TN.  
Robert Sanders, Elizabethton, TN.  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sears, Olive Branch, MS  
Michael Stanfill, Olive Branch, MS.  
Catherine E. Wilson, Memphis, TN

**DO YOU KNOW** that you can take a tax deduction not only for contributions of money or material to TNGS but also for working as a volunteer at TNGS?

You receive a tax credit, currently 14¢ per mile, for each and every mile you drive to a Board Meeting or to do volunteer work at TNGS. Keeping records is very easy; just record your mileage every time you do volunteer work, at the end of the year just multiply your mileage times the current IRS approved amount (.14) and enter on the donation line on your tax form. For example 40 miles round trip from home to TNGEN times 52 trips during the year equals 2,080 miles times 14¢ per mile equals a donation of \$291.20. Tax credits and challenging work makes volunteering at TNGS worth your time.

### BOOKS PURCHASED WITH DONATIONS

Alabama Residents Early 1800s to Middle 1900s  
 Index to Arkansas General Land Office Vol. 1  
 Index to Arkansas General Land Office Vol. 2  
 Index to Arkansas General Land Office Vol. 3  
 Index to Arkansas General Land Office Vol. 4  
 Index to Arkansas General Land Office Vol. 5  
 Index to Arkansas General Land Office Vol. 6  
 Index to Arkansas General Land Office Vol. 7  
 Index to Arkansas General Land Office Vol. 8  
 Index to Arkansas General Land Office Vol. 9  
 Clark County GA. History of Athens  
 NC Slaves & Free Persons of Color, Vol. 1  
 NC Slaves & Free Persons of Color, Vol. 2  
 NC Slaves & Free Persons of Color, Vol. 3  
 Citizens of Missouri Territory Vol. 1  
 Citizens of Missouri Territory Vol. 2  
 Citizens of Missouri Territory Vol. 3  
 Massachusetts & Maine Families Vol. 1

### VERTICAL FILES

As you research at TNGS, don't forget the Vertical files! While these files essentially contain unbound family history information there is also a great deal of information on various Tennessee counties as well as other states. All of this information is filed alphabetically by surname

Daily, volunteers are adding material to these files. In addition, other volunteers maintain the digitized file

I extend the thanks of TNGS to our recent donors.

Leanne Depew Anderson	Gregg D. Lewis
Jim Bobo	Sue H. McMahan
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Kay Dawson	Lori Trenk
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Bettie Gustafison	Dr. Lucius Wright
The Huguenot Society	Lucius Wright
Mary M. Karowin	<b>-Byron Crain</b> , President

Massachusetts & Maine Families Vol. 2  
 Massachusetts & Maine Families Vol. 3  
 Mississippi Roots & Records Vol. 2  
 Index to Marriages & Deaths from NY Herald, Vol. 1  
 Index to Marriages & Deaths from NY Herald, Vol. 2  
 Index to Marriages & Deaths from NY Herald, Vol. 3  
 Index to Marriages & Deaths from NY Herald, Vol. 4  
 Quaker Monthly Meetings, Vol. 6  
 PA Quaker Monthly Meetings Vol. 7  
 PA Quaker Monthly Meetings Vol. 8  
 PA Quaker Monthly Meetings Vol. 10  
 Fairfax Co. VA Gravestones, Vol. 1  
 Fairfax Co. VA Gravestones, Vol. 2  
 Fairfax Co. VA Gravestones, Vol. 3  
 Fairfax Co. VA Gravestones, Vol. 4  
 Fairfax Co. VA Gravestones, Vol. 5  
 Fairfax Co. VA Gravestones Vol. 6  
 Combria Co. Pioneers  
 History of the Township of Mt. Pleasant, Wayne Co.  
 Orphan Train Riders Vol. 2

index, which can be accessed from the computers in the TNGS offices.

We need volunteers to assist with both of these activities, alphabetizing and filing the information and creating the digitized index. If you can help please contact me.

Researchers should check this index each time they come into the Center. —**Loretta Bailey**, Librarian

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

If you have suggestions for specific programs or speakers please contact Jack Jayroe, or Loretta Bailey at 901-754-4300. Other events will be publicized as they are scheduled.

In addition to its regular meetings and training sessions The Tennessee Genealogical Society (TNGS) and the Germantown Regional History & Genealogy Center (GRHGC) offers special programs. Unless otherwise noted, all of the programs will be conducted in the TNGS classroom, at 7779 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN. The classes are free and open to the public with the exception of the TNGS Fall Seminar with Michael John Neill on October 16. For more information you may go to [www.tngs.org](http://www.tngs.org) or phone TNGS at 901-754-4300 or GRHGC at 901-757-8480

**LET'S DISCUSS IT**, the very popular Electronic Genealogy Discussion Group moderated by Debbie Atchley will continue. Debbie says, "We will continue discussing genealogy issues, computer and gadget problems, and all of our fixes. Those with skills from novice to geek will benefit from these discussions and everyone is invited." The program is conducted at 10:00 a.m. on a Saturday each month. (**Closed July and August**) No preregistration necessary.

**FAMILY-HISTORY RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM:** TNGS in conjunction with the GRHGC will offer twelve classes on research techniques from basics to advanced. Two 55-minute classes will be conducted on six consecutive Thursday nights beginning September 9, 2010. The content of these classes will range from the very basics of getting started in genealogy—with maybe some new ideas for the experienced researchers—to working with surname organizations and lineage societies. When appropriate, presenters will use real time on-line research techniques.

### TNGS General Membership Meeting

Saturday, July 24, 10:00 a.m. TNGS Classroom. Jim Bobo will speak on *TNGS as an educational organization*. All members are urged to attend. Visitors and Friends are welcome.

### Show and Tell History Fair

Saturday, August 7, from 10:00-1:00 at the *Pickering Center*, 7771 Poplar Pike.

I invite all members of TNGS to participate in the *Show & Tell History Fair*. Would you like to display and tell about a family heirloom or a historical collection? Just about any type of collection showing items from the past will work -- old telephones, lunchboxes, clothing from any era, baseball cards, marbles, clocks, holiday decorations, railroad items, etc. Can you demonstrate making corn husk dolls, woodworking, whittling, etc.? If you have a skill that you would like to demonstrate, that is great! We will have a children's craft table. If you would like to lead a craft, please let us know.

The Fair will be free and open to the public. If you don't want to participate, please come and bring your family and enjoy the skills and collections of others. All ages are invited.

Please let me know (the sooner the better) at [jbaker@germantown-tn.gov](mailto:jbaker@germantown-tn.gov) or 901-757-8480 or at GRHGC if you would like to participate. I will be getting in touch with you with more details.

—Jennifer Baker, Librarian

### Basic Computer Class—Selling Online

Monday, August 23, 2010, 10:30am—12:00pm TNGS Classroom, *Emily Baker*, Instructor.

How do you sell something online? This class will cover Craigslist, Ebay, Amazon, and other self-starter E-commerce solutions. Experience browsing the Internet is required. There is no charge but seating is limited. Pre-registration is required and begins August 1st. Call 901-757-8480 to register.

### Family-history research training program

Thursday September 9,  
7:00 pm How to get started (what you already know)  
family record charts, resources presented by *Tina Sansone*

8:05 pm Choosing and using genealogical software  
presented by *Debbie Atchley*

### Basic Computer Skills, Mice, Keyboards, & Monitors

Thursday September 16, 10:30 am, TNGS Classroom,  
*Emily Baker*, Instructor

### Family-history research training program

Thursday September 16, 2010,  
7:00 pm Researching on line (Ancestry.com,  
Footnote, Genealogy Bank, Family Search, etc)  
presented by *Debbie Atchley*

8:05 pm Everything isn't online. Types of records  
that are useful and where to find them  
presented by *Robert Cruthirds*

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**Family-history research training program**

Thursday September 23,  
7:00 pm Migrations, Historical context - time lines  
presented by *Jim Bobo*  
8:05pm Geographic - state, county, political  
boundaries, Social & economic presented by *Clark Doan*

**Let's Discuss it**

September 25, 10:00am, Electronic Genealogy  
Discussion Group moderated by *Debbie Atchley*

**Navigating the Stacks**

September 28, 7:00 pm, GRHGC Library, Guide *Jennifer Baker*

**Family-history research training program**

Thursday September 30,  
7:00 pm Using DNA in your family search  
presented by *Thurman Jackson*  
8:05 pm Genetics (health)

**Family-history research training program**

Thursday October 7,  
7:00 pm Electronic conservation of pictures presented  
by *Vince Hughes*  
8:05 pm "Care and feeding of books, documents, and  
photographs." Presented by *Ed Frank, Director of  
Special Collections, University of Memphis*

**TNGS General Membership Meeting**

October 9, 10am, TNGS Classroom

**TNGS Fall Seminar**

*Michael John Neill*, Lecturer—October 16, 9am at The  
*Pickering Center*, 7771 Poplar Pike, Germantown,

Come and learn with us.

**Family-history research training program**

Thursday October 14,  
7:00 pm Working with others (blogs, family researchers)  
presented by *Tina Sansone*  
8:05 pm Organizations (surname organizations,  
lineage societies) presented by *Olivia Chandler*

**Let's Discuss it**

October 23, 10:00 am, Electronic Genealogy  
Discussion Group moderated by *Debbie Atchley*

**Book Preservation and Repair**

November 4, 1:00pm - 3:00pm  
GRHGC, 7779 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN  
The Tennessee State Library and Archives will have  
staff members at the Germantown Regional History and  
Genealogy Center to conduct a class on Book Preservation  
and Repair.

All TNGS volunteers that work in the Library are  
encouraged to attend. This event is sponsored by The  
GRHGC Library staff and supported by TNGS

For additional information, contact *Jennifer Baker*,  
GRHGC, 901-757-8480

**Basic Computer Skills, Files & Folders**

November 11, 10:30 am,  
TNGS Classroom, *Emily Baker*, Instructor

**Let's Discuss it**

November 20, 10:00 am, Electronic Genealogy  
Discussion Group moderated by *Debbie Atchley*

**Let's Discuss it**

December 18, 10:00 am, Electronic Genealogy  
Discussion Group moderated by *Debbie Atchley*

**Old Buncombe Genealogical Society of Asheville, North Carolina**

From OBCGS Newsletter

OBCGS has signed a letter of agreement with Ancestry.com to index certain Native American (mostly Cherokee) censuses. The members who choose to participate will be sent a link to a "society kit" which will include instructions on how to get started and all information needed. The indexing will then be done from the actual images which will be made available to each participant. In return, OBCGS will be able to access these indexes including images free of charge.

This is part of the World Archives project, and the indexes will be available to everyone, but the images themselves will be available only to subscribers and those who participate in the indexing. And a really great bonus is that the OBCGS logo will be on each page that we index, giving us potential exposure to more than 10 million viewers monthly!

OBCGS will begin this project very shortly, so if you or someone you know is interested in helping out, please contact them at [obcgs@bellsouth.net](mailto:obcgs@bellsouth.net) or call 828-253-1894. For those who have already signed up, you will be getting the link to the "Society Kit" very shortly.

**Are you receiving the full benefit of your TGS membership?**

Membership entitles you to place two free queries in the magazine each year and additional queries at \$3.00 each. (Queries from non-members are \$5 each.) Queries need not have a Tennessee connection.

Members have free access to the Society's SURNAME INDEX FILE. Information from the file may be obtained by writing to the surname desk at TNGS. Give the surname and given name of the person you are researching and at least one date and one location. (Mail requests must include a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope.) If the information is available, you will receive two photocopy pages of up to 10 surname cards of your ancestor or fellow researchers. Any additional information will be supplied at 50 cents per page (five cards to a page). Please restrict requests to only one per month and to one surname per request. If you have not submitted your own surname data, please print or type vital data on 3x5" index cards and bring or mail to TGS. Include ancestor's name, date and place of birth, death, and marriage, spouse and parents' names plus your name and address, and the date the card was submitted.

Your TNGS membership entitles you to several little known perks. One is all of the benefits of membership in the Germantown Library system even if you are not a Germantown resident. Ask Jennifer for your library card.

Two is the retail connect card with Office/Copy Max. TNGS members receive the same deep discounts on copying and binding that TNGS receives from its National Account. Annual savings for members using this program often exceed their TNGS membership fee. Ask Loretta for your Retail Connect Card. If you are unsure of a store near you, look at www.officemax.com

Please check the address label on this issue of the Newsletter to determine when your membership expires. If your date is February 15, 2010, or before, please use the renewal form at the bottom of this page to remit.



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**TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

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**THE TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, PO Box 381824, Germantown, TN 38183-1824**

Several years ago TNGS received the donation of a document of approximately **2,500-pages prepared by WPA workers in the 1930s**. It consisted of the court minutes of a TN county from 1826 through 1859. The typing was terrible, with many strikethroughs and errors.

This WPA project was stopped in December, 1938, with almost 500 pages unprocessed.

TNGS volunteers have retyped the information in this document and we have acquired microfilm of the unprocessed portion of these minutes.

Spencer Fullen, a volunteer, has converted each page of the microfilm to a digitized jpg format. In this format the image can be downloaded to a computer and manipulated on-screen for the best image to facilitate interpretation of the handwriting. It can then be typed into a text document.

Initially, those who volunteer as typist will receive a package of ten pages and a list of surnames found in these documents. Try it! You might like it.+

If you can help please contact Loretta at lbailey21@comcast.net or 901754-4300

**The TOWNE FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC.** is a not-for-profit educational genealogical organization founded in 1980. Members are the descendants of William and Joanna (Blessing) Towne who came to America from Great Yarmouth, England and settled in Salem, MA about 1635. The couple had eight children, three of whom, Rebecca Nurse, Mary Estey, and Sarah Cloyce, were caught up in the Witchcraft Hysteria in Salem in 1692. Rebecca and

Mary were hanged. TFA includes descendants of both the male and female lines of the Towne, Nurse, Estey, Cloyce and associated families. The homepage of the national organization can be found at <http://www.townefolk.com>.

The meeting June 5 was the first regional meeting of the TFA members from Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky and Alabama. I am a descendant of Jacob Towne, a brother to Rebecca Nurse, Mary Estey and Sarah Cloyce. The national group also has an ongoing DNA project for the Towne line. At our Regional meet-

ing we had descendants of three of the sons of William Towne (Jacob, Joseph and Edmund), so we were well represented. The next regional meeting has been scheduled in the Tennessee Genealogical Society meeting room for August 14, 2010. We are very grateful to be allowed to use the facilities. —Thanks, Debbie Atchley

**Looking for an Ancestor? Maybe a TNGS Member can Help.**

Members are entitled to two free queries each year and may place additional queries for \$3 each. (Nonmembers pay \$5 each.) Queries need not have a Tennessee connection but should be 50 words or less; see current issue of *Ansearchin' News* for correct form. Please submit queries typed or printed and furnish your name, address and telephone number or e-mail address.

query—	My Free Query or Surname Search info	—query
NAME	ADDRESS,	CITY, STATE, ZIP
( ) PHONE	-	EMAIL

**ADOPT A BOOK PROGRAM — Books wanted for GRHGC library**

The Tennessee Genealogy Society is always eager to expand our Library. You can help. The list below contains publications our Librarians have selected for a special effort in acquiring. If you would like to “adopt” one of these books, the book will be placed on the shelf with a bookplate showing your name as the donor. You may also use this opportunity to donate a book in someone else’s name. Do you have a special relative that you want to honor? Has someone given you exceptional help in your research? This is a great way to recognize those special people.

TNGS is a federally recognized nonprofit, tax exempt,

educational organization, and as such contributions are tax deductible within the IRS guidelines. Your gift will be acknowledged by mail and will include the TNGS tax number. If someone has already adopted the book that you want, then our acquisitions committee will purchase another book of equal or greater value and notify you of the change. Adoption checks should be made payable to TNGS and sent to the attention of Loretta Bailey, the Tennessee Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 381824, Germantown, TN, 38183-1824

Thanks for your help in growing our fantastic collection.

**Books wanted for library. Please adopt one.****ALABAMA**

Revolutionary Patriots Who Resided in Alabama Vol.	\$20.00
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Alabama Residents Vol. 3 through Vol. 32, from early 1800s through Mid-1900s 29 volumes	\$30.00 each
Death Notices from Newspapers 1813-1819	\$ 5.00
Death Notices from Newspapers 1820-1829	\$13.00
Death Notices from Newspapers 1830-1839	\$20.00
Death Notices from Newspapers 1840-1849	\$25.00
Death Notices from Newspapers 1850-1859	\$ 8.00
Death Notices from Newspapers 1860-1869	\$15.00
Death Notices from Newspapers 1870-1879	\$15.00

**GEORGIA**

History of Baldwin Co GA	\$35.00
Green Co. GA. Wills 1786-1787	\$25.00

**KENTUCKY**

Pioneer Kentuckians with Missouri Cousins V2	\$40.00
KY Gen. Records & Abstracts vol. 1	\$22.00
KY Gen. Records & Abstracts vol. 2	\$22.50

**MISSISSIPPI**

The Woodville Republican Vol. 1 1823-1839	\$26.50
The Woodville Republican Vol. 2 1840-1847	\$26.50
The Woodville Republican Vol. 4 1878-1880	\$26.00
MS Roots & Records Vol. 1 Claiborne Co.	\$18.00
MS Roots & Records Vol. 3 Copiah Co.	\$18.00
MS Roots & Records Vol. 4 Franklin Co.	\$18.00
MS Roots & Records Vol. 5 Madison Co.	\$18.00
MS Roots & Records Vol. 6 WPA - Co. maps	\$18.00

**UT Knoxville receives grant**

It is reported in an article written by Sophia Li and published June 18, 2010, in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* that the University of Tennessee at Knoxville has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to digitize local newspapers from 1836 to 1922, a very important period in Tennessee history.

The \$325,165 grant is part of the National Digital Newspaper Program, a project to digitize historical newspapers from across the country. The pages from Tennessee's newspapers will be available on the Library

**NORTH CAROLINA**

Kinfolks of Johnston Co. Vol. 1	\$37.00
Kinfolks of Johnston Co. Vol. 2	\$37.00
Smithfield Herald Index Vol. 1	\$40.00
Smithfield Herald Index Vol. 2	\$40.00
Smithfield Herald Index Vol. 3	\$40.00
Smithfield Herald Index Vol. 4	\$40.00
Slaves & Free Persons of Color Iredel Co Vol 4	\$23.00
Slaves & Free Persons of Color McDowell Co V5	\$28.50
Slaves & Free Persons of Color Yadkin Co. V6	\$22.00

**TENNESSEE**

Smith Co. TN. Deed Books Vol. 3 1852_1860	\$28.50
Smith Co. Tn. Deed Books Vol.. 4	\$35.00
Smith Co. TN. Deed Books Vol. 5	\$35.00
Rhea Co. Cemeteries Vol. 1	\$45.00
Rhea Co. Cemeteries Vol. 2	\$50.00
Rhea Co. Cemeteries Vol. 3	\$20.00
Cheatam Co. Wills & Inventories	\$45.00
Claiborne Co. Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions	\$35.00
Claiborne Co. TN. Will Books 1837-1846	\$35.00
Knox Co. Tn. Estate books Bk. 11792-1811	\$28.50
Knox Co. TN. Estate books Bk. 2 1818-1824	\$45.00

**VIRGINIA**

Amelia Co. Va. Will Bk. 31780-1787	\$18.00
Amelia Co. VA. Will Bk. 4	\$14.50
Amelia Co. VA Will Bk. 5, 1792-1799	\$20.00
Marriages of Richmond Co. VA. 1668-1853	\$28.50
Records of Richmond Co. VA. 1692-1724	\$32.50

**CHEROKEE**

Cherokee Descendants, Cherokee East of MS Vol. 1	\$1650
Cherokee Descendants, Cherokee West of MS Vol 2	\$45.00
Cherokee Descendants, Cherokee West of MS Vol. 3	\$40.00

of Congress's Chronicling America Web site and later on the university library's Web site.

It is expected that within two years 100,000 pages of Tennessee newspapers will have been digitized.

The library plans to apply for other funds to expand the project's scope, says JoAnne Deeken, head of technical services and digital access at the university system's libraries.

# The TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## Presents Michael John Neill

in a genealogical seminar and workshop --October 16, 9am  
at The Pickering Center, 7771 Poplar Pike, Germantown,

Michael writes a weekly column on genealogical research for the world's most popular genealogical magazine, *Ancestry Daily News*. He is a math instructor at Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg, Illinois and the Course I Coordinator at the Genealogical Institute of Mid America held annually in Springfield, Illinois.

Read his blog at <http://rootdig.blogspot.com>.

**Mark your calendar now!**



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### CERTIFICATES OF TENNESSEE ANCESTRY

The Tennessee Ancestry Certificate Program is sponsored by The Tennessee Genealogical Society to recognize and honor the early settlers who helped shape the great state of Tennessee. Persons wishing to place their ancestors in this roll of honor are invited to submit an application with supporting documents or other evidence that proves their prime ancestor lived in Tennessee or the area that became Tennessee before 1880. Family charts or computer printouts are not considered sufficient proof.

Attractive hand-lettered certificates suitable for framing are issued each person whose application meets program specifications. The certificates are inscribed with the prime ancestor's name, when and where he or she settled in Tennessee, and the applicant's name.

Using these certificates, two books, *Tennessee Settlers and Their Descendants*, Volumes 1 and 2 have been published. These books can be purchased from the TNGS.

Order forms for the books and application forms and instruction sheets for the certificates are available at [www.tngs.org](http://www.tngs.org), or by mail:

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