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# TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL

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Dear Member/Friend of the Tennessee Genealogical Society:

The Board of Directors met on Thursday, March 12, 2020, and due to the current uncertainty surrounding the Covid-19/ coronavirus outbreak, unanimously voted to postpone upcoming events beginning March 13, 2020. We will inform you as soon as we have decided to begin offering classes again and as soon as new dates have been determined.

We appreciate your membership, your support, and your continuing desire to attend our workshops, events, and seminars. We hope to be able to provide those to you again very soon.

Please check our website ([www.tngs.org](http://www.tngs.org)) to keep current on any postponements, cancellations, announcements, etc.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors, TN Genealogical Society  
Carla Love Maitland, President



## Message from Your Board of Directors

As I sit here writing my very first newsletter article as President of the Tennessee Genealogical Society (TNGS), I should be filled with joy, sharing the numerous and exciting opportunities that lie ahead of us in this upcoming year. Instead, I must admit that I am truly unsure what to write. I find myself filled with uncertainty instead of joy, with trepidation instead of optimism. Joy and optimism have always been foremost in my life, but the arrival of the Covid-19/coronavirus has changed so much for each of us in our everyday lives. It has most certainly not spared the plans and programming for TNGS.

However, I refuse to give in to negativity. I lean on the eternal hope that (as my precious Mother always said), "This, too, shall pass." I just want it to pass quickly, as I know you do, too.

Your TNGS Board of Directors has had to make some very tough decisions regarding postponing and rescheduling some of our upcoming seminars, workshops and events. (continued on page 2)



Carla Love Maitland

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It is very hard not to be able to provide those opportunities for our membership, but your health and well-being is paramount to us. I know that you understand that.

Our outstanding Program Committee has already guaranteed that a number of virtual presentations are on our website ([www.tngs.org](http://www.tngs.org)). They are listed under the Members Only tab. The Media Committee is currently at work on providing more opportunities of that nature to help you keep up with and expand your genealogical research. We plan to make announcements via email when those become available. I would like to thank in advance **PZ Horton, Joe Burns, Angie Menne**, and others for their dedication to providing those presentations for our members.

Also, be sure to check our website regularly for any news and/or other announcements about Society events, offerings, and research suggestions. You can find a number of excellent Handouts from other presentations under that same Members Only tab on the website. And don't forget those wonderful links found in the 'Let's Discuss It' section under the Education tab. Thanks go out to **John Ware** for making sure that the March LDI links are already online, even though we weren't able to be there on March 14th.

If you haven't already, follow us on our social media accounts to keep up with even more news and to interact with others who are doing research in our state and elsewhere. Those sites include: Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TNGen/>), Twitter (<https://twitter.com/TnGenSoc>), Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/tngenealogysociety/>), and Pinterest (<https://www.pinterest.com/letsdiscussit/>). All of these sites are free. You just have to create a login account to become a member. If you're not a social media person, consider joining just to keep up with our Society news. It isn't necessary to do anything else on those sites if you don't want to!

You can also sign up to receive our TNGS blog. This does not come automatically to members. You have to go to the site and register the email account that you want the blog posts to go to. (<http://www.tngsblog.org/>).

Remember that we can keep ourselves busy during these days of "social distancing" by performing our own genealogical research from home. I personally want to work on organizing those files that I've been saying I would do for a while now! Our own **Kim Richardson** gave us some great advice as to how to do that in a recent workshop. You can also find a Handout from a presentation on that topic by **Lisa Junkins** in our website's Members Only section.

I thought it amazingly well-timed when I opened my recent copy of *Ansearchin' News* and found the first article to be about the Spanish Flu Epidemic of 1918! **Jim Bobo** did a fabulous job of relating how it unfolded around the world and how it affected so many areas in the U.S. My own Mother was born in January of 1919, right in the midst of the epidemic. She was born in Helena, AR and the "family story" about her birth always included the fact that the doctor was drunk! Evidently, he thought that the alcohol would keep him immune from the disease. I will admit that I've often wondered what happened to him. Since there was no birth certificate filled out (and no delayed certificate either), I will probably never know his name. I'm just thankful to him for making sure my Mother arrived safely into this world, and I truly hope that the alcohol helped him live a long and successful life – or at least survive the flu!

I recently ran across an article from a 1918 newspaper telling everyone what to do to keep safe during the flu epidemic. Although the words "social distancing" didn't appear, the main advice was to *stay away from others*! Sound familiar?

I guess that is what we will have to do for the time being. I remain optimistic in hopes that I will see you all very soon.

Wishing you the best in your genealogical research,

**Carla Love Maitland**, President





## Meet Angie Menne - Our New TNGS Vice President

I was born in a small town, McKenzie, Tennessee. At three, I became an Air Force brat and lived in exciting places such as St. Paul, Minnesota, Fordland, Missouri, and Minot, North Dakota. When I was eight, my dad got out of the Air Force and we ended up in Memphis. I have been here ever since. I attended Oakhaven Elementary and High School. I received my Bachelor of Arts degree from Memphis State University. After graduation, I went on to pursue multiple "careers" including teaching high school, secretary, photo lab tech, and travel agent. I finally found a career that I really enjoyed working at, Holiday Inn Corporate Headquarters in Group Sales. I worked with the International Holiday Inn's booking groups and meetings all over the world. Unfortunately, Holiday Inn was bought out by Bass, a British company that made beer and moved the headquarters to Atlanta, Georgia. So after twelve years with Holiday Inn, I decided to take a totally different path and go into the medical field. A friend from Group Sales and I decided to go into x-ray school at Methodist Central Hospital. After graduating from x-ray school, I decided to spend an extra year and specialized in Ultrasound. I loved ultrasound, Methodist and the people and worked there for 20 short years.

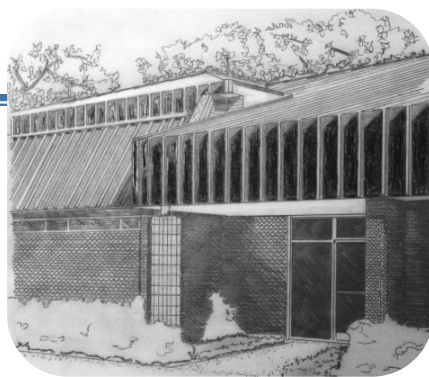
Unfortunately, in 2014 my mom got sick. I had to quit work and we moved her in with us. Fortunately she is doing much better but not able to live alone any longer, which is ok. I have the most wonderful, supportive husband in the world. We will be celebrating our thirty-fifth anniversary this year. He is my soulmate and the love of my life.

My immediate family has always been small, but it never felt that way. I remember as I child and an adult going to many family reunions and knowing all the great aunts and uncles and many cousins. After **Tony** and I were married, he was amazed at all the extended family that we knew. He always says that we are somehow related to everyone in McKenzie and the neighboring towns. He's probably right. I have always found family history interesting, but never found the time to "officially" do genealogy research or work on a family tree. Unfortunately, I still don't seem to have the time. After 59 years of being an only child, I found out I have an older half brother who had been given up at birth. Finding out about my brother created some curiosity about my dad's family history. After I quit work and my mom started getting better, I found out about the Tennessee Genealogical Society. I was hooked. It's like a mystery waiting to be solved and I am the detective.

I also have been organizing high school class reunions for my school for nearly 40 years. I started out just doing my class. It has grown to doing multiclass reunions for 6-7 years of classes. The school community was like a family and still remain pretty close. That's where I developed some of my detective skills by tracking down lost classmates before the days of Facebook. Next year will be a very important one. The Big 5-0!!! So very hard to believe!

My other favorite pastimes are photography and travel, not necessarily in that order. I have a passion for both. I have been a member of the Memphis Camera Club since 2002 and am the current president and chairman of the fieldtrip committee. One of these days I will find time to process the photos I love taking but don't see it happening anytime soon. Oh, and I enjoy playing trivia on Monday nights with three of my friends from high school.

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