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# TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL

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## Quarterly Membership Meeting of the Tennessee Genealogical Society

Please note that this meeting is held  
in the afternoon rather than our  
usual morning time.

**Saturday, April 14, 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**  
**Tennessee Genealogical Society Center**  
**7779 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN**

Please join us for the first Business Meeting of the new year. We encourage all members to attend this meeting in order to receive updates on the Society's 2018 Yearly Goals and also on upcoming events.

Following the Business Meeting, Memphis lawyer and author Jerry O. Potter will discuss the great ***Sultana*** tragedy on the Mississippi River near Memphis.

Refreshments will be served.

### **TNGS Spring Seminar at the Pickering Center, 7771 Poplar Pike, Germantown**

**Saturday, April 7, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Guest Speaker **Lisa Louise Cooke** owns *Genealogy Gems*, a genealogy and family history multi-media company. She produces and hosts *Genealogy Gems Podcast*, the popular online genealogy audio show available at [www.GenealogyGems.com](http://www.GenealogyGems.com), in iTunes, and through the Genealogy Gems app. Her podcast brings genealogy news, research strategies, expert interviews and inspiration to genealogists in 75 countries around the world, and recently celebrated 2 million downloads! Lisa is the author of a variety of multi-media materials including the premium subscription website *Genealogy Gems*, the video series *Google Earth for Genealogy*, and four books: *The Genealogist's Google Toolbox*, *Mobile Genealogy*, *How to Find Your Family History in Newspapers*, and *Genealogy Gems: Ultimate Research Strategies*.



In addition to *Genealogy Gems*, Lisa works closely with *Family Tree Magazine* as producer and host of the *Family Tree Magazine Podcast*, as a regular article author for the magazine, and as a curriculum developer and instructor for Family Tree University. Lisa's offerings are not limited to online. She is a sought-after international genealogy speaker. Whether in person or online, Lisa strives to dig through the myriad of genealogy news, questions and resources to deliver the gems that can unlock each genealogist's own family history treasure trove! Family is not just a priority professionally. Lisa is a doting wife to Bill, the proud mom of three daughters and has added the role of Grandma to her resume. She counts her blessings every day for the love, fulfillment and laughter that family brings to every aspect of her life. **Register and pay by credit card or Paypal at [www.tngs.org](http://www.tngs.org) by deadline Tuesday, April 3, 2018; or checks can be mailed to TNGS at PO Box 381824, Germantown, TN 38183-1824.**

## Meet Tina Sansone

**Tina**, a past Vice President of TNGS, is the new Editor for *Ansearchin' News*. Tina is also the new librarian for GRHGC! She is the creator and co-owner of Past & Present Pathways, a genealogical research company. She is the coordinator for the "Excellence in Writing" competition for the International Society for Family History Writers & Editors (ISFHWE) and a past ISFHWE board member. She is the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) Virtual Chapter Program Chair and a past APG board member.



In 2015-2016, she wrote genealogical articles for the *Germantown News* and was a co-host for LATalkRadio's "Savory Spotlight." She has served as genealogy editor and eBook Manager for BellaOnline.com since 2005. She enjoys writing, lecturing and teaching. She is a retired realtor and received her associate degree in 2010 for Medical Administrative Assistant and Computer/Microsoft Certification. She keeps up to date on genealogy events and her current education centers on DNA. She is a wife, mother and grandmother of three, and has two cats she loves dearly.

## President's Corner: Gail Braddock, TNGS President

Happy New Year! This year started off with some snowy, icy weather, but Spring is coming! A few other events are on the way...

A great new resource is coming to our Bookstore! An announcement about *The Big Hatchie Association, Minutes of the Tennessee Baptist Association, 1830-1891* has been in process for about a year. This book will cover the early times of the Baptist Church in West Tennessee. **Joy Rosser** loaned us this wonderful resource, which we have typed and edited. This is material that I am personally very excited about reading and using. I will definitely purchase a copy to place in my own church's library. Information about this new book follows soon. If you have materials that you think might make a sell-able book, please get in contact with Ken at [sales@tngs.org](mailto:sales@tngs.org), Special thanks to **Janice, Loretta, Sylvia** and our DAR ladies.

Make sure you register for our Spring Seminar on April 7<sup>th</sup>. **Lisa Louise Cooke** has been a featured speaker for TNGS before. She has been one of our most requested speakers and is bringing new ideas, methods, and materials for us all. This will be one day you will not want to miss, whether you are a beginning researcher or a seasoned genealogist. To learn more about the Seminar and to register, visit the website, [tngs.org](http://tngs.org), or view the flyer included in this newsletter.

Because of our busy schedule, you can see that TNGS needs your help to step up and volunteer for an event, to help with research, or to act as a host at one of our own events. You might even present to our genealogy enthusiasts about a subject of your choosing. Please let me know if you would like to lend a hand to serve *your* Society.

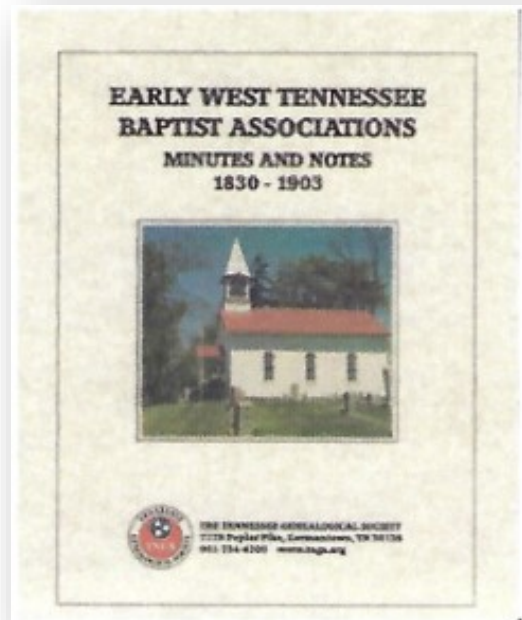
Living my dream,

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# New Book! Early West Tennessee Baptist Associations Minutes and Notes, 1830 - 1903

**Early West Tennessee Baptist Associations, Minutes and Notes, 1830 - 1903**, consists of the information submitted by the West Tennessee Baptist Churches each year from 1830 - 1891 to the Big Hatchie Baptist Association, and from 1891 - 1903 to the Memphis Baptist Association. These associations held annual meetings, and this book provides the names of messengers (attendees) at the meetings plus names of ministers, and in most instances, the number of members each church had. Later records consist of the names of church clerks and Sunday School Superintendents as well as the value of church property. For some years there are obituaries of church officers who died, giving quite a lot of genealogical information for those persons. The book is 289 pages and is indexed.



Pre-order through March 31, 2018, for \$40 at the [tngs.org](http://tngs.org) bookstore.



## Volunteers Needed

**The Tennessee Genealogical Society** is looking for a knowledgeable person to keep the Society's five computers running smoothly. Duties include updates, monthly maintenance and troubleshooting.

**TNGS** also needs an executive secretary, which is a Board position. Please call 901-754-4300 for more information.

**The Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center** has a need for volunteers to help out in the library on certain days as follows:

- Every Monday for 3 or 4 hours between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (Can be a different person each week.)
- Third Tuesday of each month for 3 or 4 hours between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- Fifth Tuesday of the month for 3 or 4 hours between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (about 4 times yearly)
- Third Thursday of each month for 3 or 4 hours between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- Second Sunday of each month for 3 hours between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- Fifth Sunday of each month for 3 hours between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. (about 4 times yearly)

Volunteers in the library enjoy helping visitors find resources for searching their family history and working on book processing and special projects. Please call 901-757-8480 for more information.

## Meet Jen-Marie Wells Pera

**Jen-Marie Wells Pera**, our Recording Secretary, is a native Memphian who resides in Arlington, Tennessee. She has been researching her Wells roots in Arkansas for the past eleven years. Encountering the proverbial brick wall, she has switched gears to her Tennessee ancestors. Jen-Marie is a middle school history teacher and her family's historian who enjoys genealogy, reading, shopping, and all things British.



She is the wife of Thomas Paul Pera, Jr. and the mother to two daughters, Caroline Grace [2.5] and Ellie Rose [9 mos.]. Jen-Marie is the Senior Society President of Old Stage Road Society, N.S.C.A.R. and is currently a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church and Davies Manor Association. Moreover, she is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, currently serving as Recording Secretary for the Zachariah Davies Chapter and as Tennessee Society Junior Membership Vice Chair – PR/Communications.