



THE TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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10th Anniversary Celebration

The Tenth Anniversary Celebration of the Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center will be held on February 10th from 6-8 pm. There will be an Open House and Ribbon Cutting with refreshments.

At 7 pm **Mayor Mike Palazzolo** will welcome guests and introduce the Board of Aldermen

Former Mayor Sharon Goldsworthy will introduce the members of the Library Board.

Andy Pouncey will present the History of the GRHGC.

Jim Bobo will tell us about the TN Genealogical Center.

Gail Braddock will introduce the TN Genealogical Board and Read Proclamations.

Following that will be a Ribbon Cutting.



Who'd Believe This Was 10 Years Ago?

L to R: James E. (Jim) Bobo, Bobby Lanier, Dr. Sue Loper, Mayor Sharon Goldsworthy, Tom Cates

Black History Month Speaker

Mr. **Jack Hampton** is the Founder of the Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society of Memphis and the Mid-South. Here he played a leadership role in highlighting the rich history of African Americans through awareness programs, family history and genealogy research. Mr. Hampton is himself a History Maker, and in 2004, he became a part of The History Makers, the single largest archival collection of its kind in the world. Mr. Hampton is a member of Preservation of African American Cemeteries (PAAC) and a former member of the Afro-American Genealogical and Historical Society of Chicago, where he was an active member of the Mississippi and Alabama Study Groups. He has also done extensive research on his own family, tracing his family's history to the early 1800's. Mr. Hampton earned his BS degree in Architectural Engineering and Design from the Illinois Institute of Technology. He is a former business executive and entrepreneur. In 1985, Mr. Hampton put himself full-time into his artistic endeavors and to his company, A to Z Stained Glass. Mr. Hampton has created more than 10,000 original stained glass pieces, and has repaired countless more. His work can be seen in more than 50 churches throughout Europe and the United States, as well as in private collections. A lifelong Chicago resident and father of **Yulanda Simmons**, **Jack Wellington** and **Jonathan**, Mr. Hampton retired in 2009 and moved to Cordova, TN where he now resides with his wife, Dr. **Nelvia Brady-Hampton**.



Jack Hampton

February 4th at 10 a.m. at the Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center (GRHGC)

Two Great Seminars Scheduled for 2017

First, on May 20th, will be our Spring Seminar presented by **Melissa Barker**. Melissa is a Certified Archives Manager and Professional Genealogist and "The Archive Lady". She has been conducting, since 1990, her personal genealogy research in the Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania areas. Since 2004, she has been using her knowledge and skills to assist others with their genealogy research. Her extensive knowledge of the records available in the Tennessee and Kentucky area is an asset to the research she provides.

For the past 12 years she has conducted professional client research, helping hundreds of people locate information about their ancestors by going to various libraries, archives, courthouse and other repositories.

She is also a Certified Archives Manager and has been the Houston County, Tennessee Archivist/Records Manager since 2011. She was instrumental in helping to establish the Houston County, Tennessee Archives from the beginning.

She is a member of:

- Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society
- Society of Tennessee Archivists
- Society of American Archivists
- Pro Gen Study Group Alumni, Group#1

In 2015 she started presenting genealogy webinars to various genealogical/historical and archival organizations. Lecturing, teaching and presenting online webinars is just another avenue where she gets to teach others about the wonderful world of genealogy, researching in archives, and records preservation.



Melissa Barker

In 2016, she started her own column entitled "The Archive Lady" where she answers questions about researching in archives and records preservation. The column is published bi-weekly in the GeneaBloggers online newsletter.



Debbie Parker Wayne

Our Fall Seminar, on October 28th, will be presented by **Debbie Parker Wayne**, a full-time, professional genealogist experienced using DNA analysis, as well as more traditional techniques, for genealogical research. She holds Certified Genealogist® and Certified Genealogical LecturerSM credentials from the Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG).

Debbie is the co-author with Blaine T. Bettinger of the first DNA workbook for genealogists, *Genetic Genealogy in Practice*, published in 2016 by the National Genealogical Society (NGS). She is the author of the online, self-paced course *Continuing Genealogical Studies: Autosomal DNA*, offered by NGS since 2015. She is the DNA Project Chair for the Texas State Genealogical Society guiding the newly created Early Texans DNA Project focusing on autosomal, Y-DNA, and mtDNA of descendants of those who arrived in Texas prior to statehood. Since 2013, she has written the "Genetic Genealogy Journey" column for NGS Magazine.

Debbie is the course coordinator for *Genetics for Genealogists: Beginning DNA and Tools and Techniques for Genetic Genealogy* at the Institute for Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR), and former coordinator for *Practical Genetic Genealogy* at the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP) and *Getting Started with Genetic Genealogy* at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG). She is a frequent DNA instructor for the Forensic Genealogy Institute sponsored by the Council for the Advancement of Forensic Genealogy.

Something New -- Genealogy 101

The Tennessee Genealogical Society is proud to present a three-part series of lectures covering an overview of the steps to genealogical research, what types of records our ancestors left behind, where to find those records and what to do with the records. Designed for newcomers and veteran researchers alike, please join us as we share our experiences and our enthusiasm for tracing family lines and histories.

Registration is free but seating is limited to 40 attendees. Register at www.tngs.org.
All three sessions will be in the Germantown Regional History and Genealogical Center
7779 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN 38138

Saturday, January 28th from 9:00 am -12:00 pm

- ▶ *An Introduction to Genealogy* – **Debbie Atchley**
- ▶ *Organizing and Record Keeping* – **PZ Horton**
- ▶ *Source Citations* – **Gail Braddock**

Saturday February 25th from 9:00 am -12:00 pm

- ▶ *Census Records* – **John Ware**
- ▶ *Vital and Cemetery Records* – **Therese Fisher**
- ▶ *Probate Records and Wills* – **Sherri Onorati**

Saturday March 25th from 9:00 am -12:00 pm

- ▶ *Land Records* – **John Ware**
- ▶ *Military Records* – **Byron Crain**
- ▶ *Emigration/Immigration/Naturalization Records* – **Tina Sansone**

Nancy Walczyk, Director of Research, could use some assistance with that job. You know you love researching (all of us in genealogy do), so how about volunteering to help Nancy? Remember, TNGS operates on volunteerism.

Let's Discuss It

The Let's Discuss It group was formed in 2009, with **Jim Bobo** coming up with the name. It's not just a speaker and an audience, it's a place to ask questions and to share genealogy and technical information that has been discovered by the attendees over many years of research. Attendees range from amateurs to experts, and the group has provided excellent assistance to all the attendees for almost eight years. The group meets monthly. It began as a two hour session, with **Debbie Atchley** ferreting out websites of interest and collecting recommendations from others. In 2012, **P Z Horton** took over the second hour to cover Family Tree Maker support for our attendees. This session has now expanded to cover many online and computer based record-keeping offerings.

In 2016, TNGS added the capability for broadcasting Let's Discuss It to other societies and libraries. This has given us a much greater coverage for genealogists.

The handouts are available on the TNGS.ORG site under the Let's Discuss It section and are dated from the 2009 beginning of the group. The handouts include links compiled by Debbie and links provided by our wonderful group of attendees.

Tennessee Ancestry Certificate Program

Remember that TNGS is still accepting applications for the Tennessee Ancestry Certificate Program. All details can be found online at tngs.org. **Sylvia Harris** is waiting to hear from you!

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***TNGS Has a New
Vice-President,
John Ware***



John Ware is a native New Mexican and longtime Tennessean. Retired from a major pharmaceutical firm, he is now dedicated to golf, granddaughter and genealogy. He is also a family man having married his high-school sweetheart **Yvonne** some 41 years ago. Together they raised two wonderful children, who are now both pursuing their professional careers and making their own family history. Inheriting his love of history and family stories from his parents, he has spent the last twenty- plus years studying genealogy and researching his English lines throughout the South. He presently serves as the Director of Outreach and Education for the Tennessee Genealogical Society and is part of the TGS Speakers Bureau. He is a member of the Georgia Genealogical Society and the National Genealogical Society. He enjoys sharing his experiences and helping others with their family research.