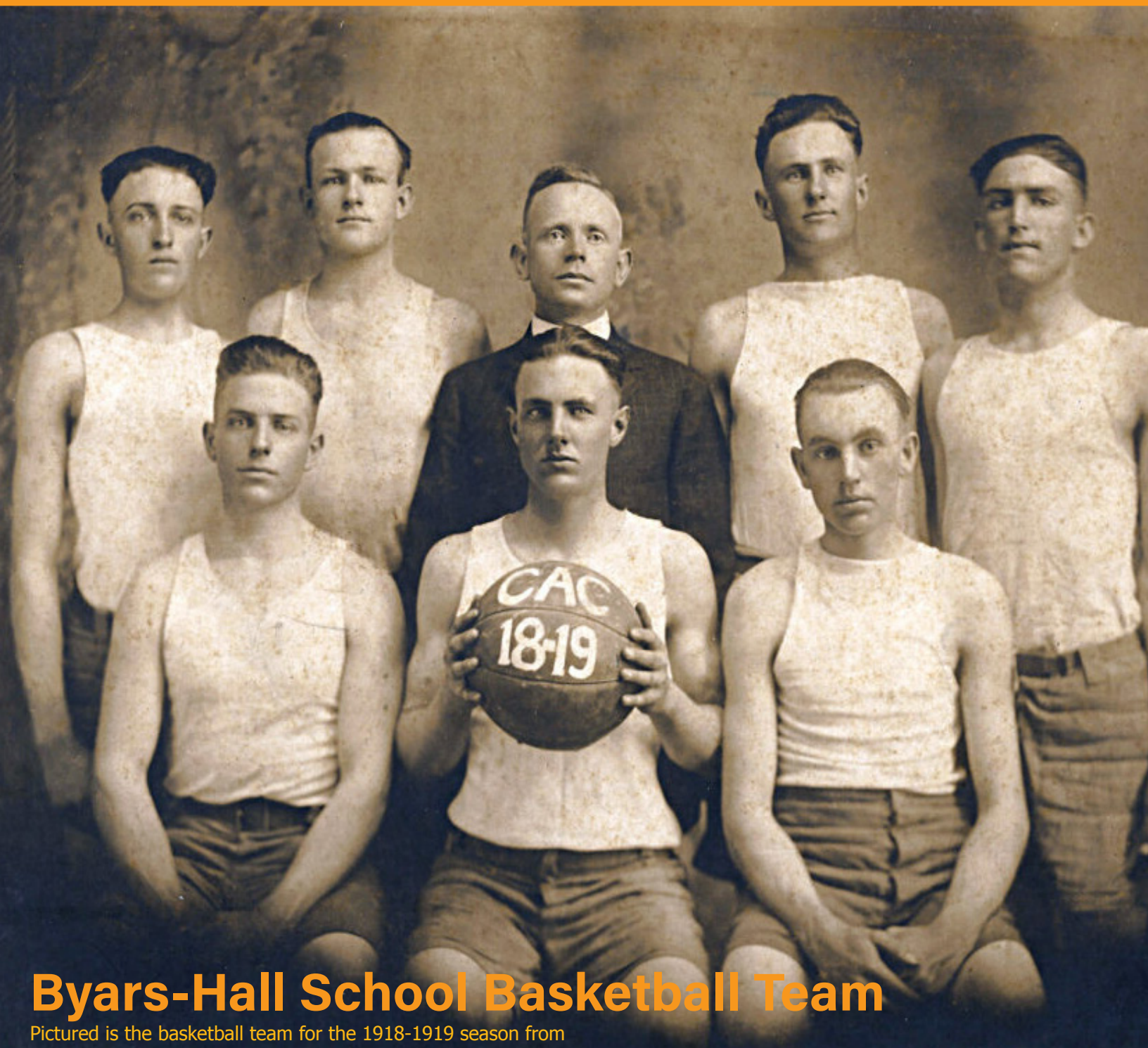




# Tennessee Genealogical Society

## Jan/Feb 2023

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## Byars-Hall School Basketball Team

Pictured is the basketball team for the 1918-1919 season from Byars-Hall High School, which was located in Covington, Tenn. The only name identified is the coach, Coach Lester. *Picture courtesy of the John Marshall and the Tipton County Museum.*

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## Germantown Regional History & Genealogy Center Library

7779 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN 38183

Monday - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Tuesday - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Thursday - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Saturday - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

## Newsletter Articles

Have an article or picture you'd like to include in the TNGS Newsletter? Send to [newsletter@tngs.org](mailto:newsletter@tngs.org). Pictures are welcome (JPEGs preferred) and include the five W's - Who, What, When, Where, & Why. **Deadlines for submission are for our bi-monthly publication are: the 15th of Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec.**

## Join TNGS or Renew Your Membership

To join, go to the TNGS website: <https://tngs.org/Join-or-Renew>

To renew, you will need to login to the TNGS website and click on the orange "Person" box in top right corner and select "view profile." From there, you can renew and/or change your membership.

## Address Changes

If you have a change of either mailing address or an email address or both, it is important to let the TNGS office know. Returned Quarterlies cost the Society money! Help keep mailing costs down by updating your address.

If your information has changed, please forward the new information to the TNGS office at [tngs@tngs.org](mailto:tngs@tngs.org) or call (901) 754-4300. You can also update your information on the website [www.TNGS.org](http://www.TNGS.org). Click on orange "person" icon in upper right corner, login in and click view profile - edit profile.

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# TNGS

## News From the TNGS Board

The year 2022 was an exciting and productive one for the Tennessee Genealogical Society. Even with the slight increase in membership dues, we were able to maintain our membership due to the wonderful webinars and other resources that the society provides.

Each month we were able to offer anywhere from three to five or more webinars, all led by outstanding genealogists from across the country, as well as locally. Our Spring and Fall Seminars were extremely successful, and the bookstore sales were phenomenal! Over \$8,000 was brought in by those online sales, every penny of which goes to purchase more books and research materials for the library.



Volunteer of the Year plaques on display at the Tennessee Genealogical Society

We ended the year in December with a Celebration Dinner for all library volunteers, Program Committee members, Board of Director members and Board of Advisor members. Librarian and TNGS Office Manager, Octavia Ashby was able to present the names of the Volunteers of the Year, beginning with 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022! Because of the Pandemic, we had not been open for volunteers until this year and were behind in the presentations. The 2019 winner was John Ware; 2020 was Carla Maitland; 2021 was Jane Van Tour; and 2022 was Tina Sansone. You will see the two plaques on one of the shelves as soon as you walk into the library. Keeping up with the volunteers of the year began back in 2006 when TNGS moved into the facility on Poplar Pike that was created by the City of Germantown to house both the library and the society.

A huge thanks goes out to them from a grateful society and to all of our volunteers. Those volunteers who clocked in over 100 hours for the year were eligible for the Volunteer of the Year award, and were also able to choose a book that would have a book plate with their name on it in honor of their volunteer hours.

The TNGS Program Committee already has the year 2023 completely filled with webinars every month, as well as a Spring and Fall Seminar! Be sure to watch your emails for when they will open up for registration. You can also check the website from time to time so that you can register as soon as possible.

Thanks to each of you for your membership and support.  
The TNGS Board of Directors

# TNGS Upcoming Events

**REGISTER**

## **Genealogy 101: Beginning Genealogy**

Debbie Atchley

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023 10 -11:30AM (CST)

Where: GoToWebinar Broadcast

Access will be through GoToWebinar. Instructions and Connectivity Link will be forwarded via email to all registrants upon registration, six days prior and again 1 hour prior to the event. Making the connection is quick and easy only requiring a computer and Internet connectivity from wherever you chose to watch the event. Your questions help drive the meetings, and we will be there to help each other.

**REGISTER**

## **TNGS First Quarterly Membership Meeting**

Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023 10 - 11:30 AM (CST)

Location: GoToWebinar Broadcast

**REGISTER**

## **What Your Ancestor's Neighbors Can Tell You**

Mellissa Barker

Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023 6:30 PM, EST

Where: Zoom Broadcast (Hartford County, Maryland)

**REGISTER**

## **Genealogy 101: Organizing & Recordkeeping**

Facilitator - PZ Horton

Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023 10 - 11:30 AM (CST)

Location GoToWebinar-Remote

**REGISTER**

## **Let's Discuss It!**

John Ware

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023 10 - 11:30 AM (CST)

Location: GoToWebinar Remote

**REGISTER**

## **Genealogy 101-Research Tips & Techniques**

Nancy Walczyk

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023, at 10 - 11:30 AM (CST)

Location: GoToWebinar Broadcast

**REGISTER**

## **Two Colonial Georgias: Understanding History Helps Find Records**

Larry W. Thomas

Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023 10 - 11:30 AM (CST)

Location: GoToWebinar Broadcast

**REGISTER**

## **Genealogy 101: Source Citations**

Nancy Walczyk

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023 10 - 11:30 AM (CST)

Location: GoToWebinar Broadcast

# Education

**REGISTER**

## Google My Maps: Visualizing Your Ancestors' Lives

Linda Debe

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023 10 - 11:30 AM (CST)

Location: GoToWebinar Remote

**REGISTER**

## Genealogy 101 - Census Records

John Ware

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023 10 - 11:30AM (CST)

Location: GoToWebinar Broadcast

**REGISTER**

## Writing Your Family History SIG

Facilitator - Carla Love Maitland

Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023 10 AM - 12 PM (CST)

Location: GoToWebinar Broadcast

These sessions are currently scheduled for one Thursday morning every three months at 10 AM (CST), and will last approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours each session. **YOU MUST REGISTER FOR EACH DATE SEPARATELY!**

Session 2: Thursday, May 18, 2023 10 AM

Session 3: Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023 10 AM

Session 4: Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023 10 AM

**REGISTER**

## How Research & DNA Revealed the Founder of Several Historically Black Colleges & Universities

Rowena Allen Featherstone

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2023 10 - 11:30 AM (CST)

Location GoToWebinar-Remote

**REGISTER**

## Genealogy 101 - Vital Records on Steroids

Therese Fisher

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023 10 - 11:30 AM (CST)

Location: GoToWebinar Remote

**REGISTER**

## Let's Discuss It!

John Ware

Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023 10 - 11:30 AM (CST)

Location: GoToWebinar Remote

# TNGS Partnership Program

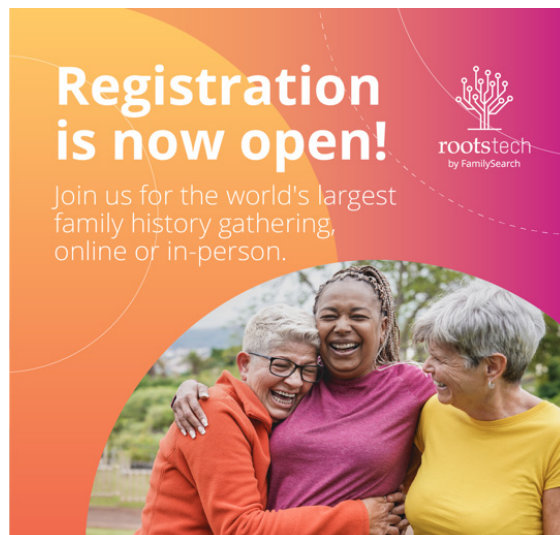
The TNGS Partnership Program was created to help fulfill the society's goal "to reach out and form associations with genealogical and historical societies, and archives across the state."

## Benefits of being a TNGS Partner

- Complimentary registration at the TNGS Spring and Fall Seminar for one of the partner's officers.
- Publication of any news items from your organization in the TNGS Newsletter, our Blog, and numerous other of our online platforms whenever possible.
- Links provided to your organization on the TNGS website (if available).

- Assistance with identification and evaluation of speakers if needed.
- Assistance and advice on planning your own events.
- Distribution of flyers and brochures (when available) at all TNGS in-person events and online when appropriate.
- Help with publishing and selling your local genealogical information/books.

There are no fees to join the program. We are looking for Area Advisors for all three areas of Tennessee, East, Middle and West, to coordinate this exciting program. Please contact Carla Maitland at [president@tngs.org](mailto:president@tngs.org) if you are interested.



## ROOTSTECH 2023

The theme for RootsTech 2023 is "Uniting." RootsTech is all about bringing people, stories, memories, technology, innovation, communities, and ultimately—families—together.

"Families are the foundation of society," said FamilySearch CEO Steve Rockwood. "Connecting and uniting families across generations strengthens individuals and nations alike. We are amazed and gratified to see the role RootsTech has been able to play in helping literally millions of individuals connect with their family, past, present, and future."

In 2023, FamilySearch's popular RootsTech event returns. The world's largest online family history conference runs March 2–4, 2023, and will include a live, in-person event in Salt Lake City, Utah, on the same dates. It is a great way to make new family connections, learn helpful tips for expanding your family tree, explore innovative new products and services, or be inspired by wonderful keynotes and

speakers. The online experience is expected to attract millions of attendees worldwide, and thousands are already registered to participate in the in-person event. The online event is free, and the in-person event is only \$98 for the jam-packed 3-day experience. Find out more or register now for both at [RootsTech.org](https://RootsTech.org).



# Volunteer at TNGS!

There are many ways to volunteer and serve as part of the Tennessee Genealogical Society.

Olivia Chandler has been the society's Advisor for Lineage Societies for the past year. Among her many duties, she makes sure that the leaders of area societies receive updates on our webinar series and other activities. Also, Olivia, with the help of TNGS member and library volunteer, Jayne Haynes, create beautiful and meaningful displays for the cabinet located in the Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center, which also houses the offices of the Tennessee Genealogical Society.

Pictured right are Olivia (left) and Jayne showing their work on the current display case featuring the American presidents. Also pictured are the Holiday Display created in early December and the one they created to celebrate Constitution Day in September.

We truly appreciate the work these ladies do, not only on the displays, but also as regular library volunteers.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to two TNGS members! Last year, **Teresa Hill Mays** was named by the county mayor to be the County Genealogist for the Shelby County Historical Commission. In addition, **Carla Love Maitland** was the mayoral nominee for the position of Genealogist for the Public Records Commission and was approved by the Shelby County Board of Commissioners on December 19, 2022. We are proud that our members are serving Shelby County in these prominent genealogical positions!

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.” —Aesop

Thank  
you

Thank you so much, TGS! I just used the discount code and got a big expensive book that had been on my wishlist! \$65 went down to \$39. Niiice! I am related to literally dozens of Tennessee's "First Families" and many of them came west (to Washington and Carter Counties mostly) from New England (and Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Maryland too)

Puritan Pedigrees: The Deep Roots of the Great Migration to New England by Robert Charles Anderson

So appreciated! - Shannon Kuleto (TNGS Fall Seminar Door Prize Winner)

# Partner Updates

## Midwest Genealogy Center

Register for the Midwest Genealogy Center  
2023 Spring Seminar

### Folklore of the Family March 25, 2023

Join us for a daylong event featuring Gena Philibert-Ortega. Visit our Spring Seminar Website for more information and to Register Today!

Sessions will include:

- We're Related to George Washington?: Proving (or Disproving) Family Stories
- Jello Molds, Peacocks, and Turtle Soup: Genealogy and the History of Food
- Ephemera: Scraps of Your Ancestor's Life
- The Secret Lives of Women: Research Female Ancestors Using the Sources They Left Behind

Early bird registration fee is \$35 until February 15, 2023, and will increase to \$40 through March 23. Registration includes admission to the event and a buffet lunch. Click [HERE](#) to register online or by calling 816.252.7228. This event will be in person only.

3440 S. Lee's Summit Road  
Independence, MO 64055  
(816)252-7228

## Jonesborough Genealogical Society



The Jonesborough Genealogical Society will host its January Genealogy Day on **Saturday, January 28th at 10 am at the White House at Grace Meadows Farm, 170 John France Road, Jonesborough.** The society

will host speaker, Alicia Phelps, Executive Director of the Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association.

Members will meet for Breakfast at 8:30 am at the Kitchen at Grace Meadows Farm. Please RSVP for a seat!

## The Villages Genealogical Society 23rd Annual Seminar

### Registration Now Open

Wednesday Feb. 22, 2023  
A Hybrid Event (in-person & virtual)

featuring  
**Sunny Jane Morton**



*Telling Our  
Family Stories*

Sunny Jane Morton is a longtime Contributing Editor at *Family Tree Magazine*; Content Manager for *YourDNAGuide.com*; contributor to FamilySearch's blog; and past Editor of *Ohio Genealogy News*. She is the author of *Story of My Life: A Workbook for Preserving Your Legacy*, now in its 2nd Edition, and recipient of the National Genealogical Society's prestigious Book Award for *How to Find Your Family History in U.S. Church Records*, co-authored with Harold Henderson, CG.

#### SEMINAR TOPICS

- ♦ Fable or Fact? Verifying Old Family Stories
- ♦ "And Then What Happened?" How to Reconstruct Your Ancestors' Amazing Stories
- ♦ Sharing Your Family History with Kids and Grandkids
- ♦ Adding Your Own Stories to Your Family History

SEMINAR DATE & TIME:  
Wednesday, February 22, 2023  
9:00AM to 3:30PM  
(check-in starts @ 8:15AM)

#### SEMINAR VENUES

- ♦ Attend in-person at Savannah Regional Recreation Center located at 1545 Buena Vista Blvd., The Villages, FL
- ♦ Attend virtually via ZOOM

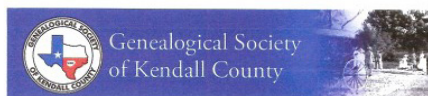
#### REGISTRATION DETAILS TO ATTEND IN-PERSON:

- ♦ To attend in-person, registration is limited to VGS members, their guests, & residents of The Villages, Florida.
- ♦ An **Optional Box Lunch** — for in-person attendees only — is available.
- ♦ Mail-in registration for this event must be received by Feb. 10, 2023.
- ♦ Cancellation Policy: no refunds after Feb. 17, 2023.

Visit our **\*\*2023 SEMINAR\*\*** webpage

where you'll find complete details, AND to register on-line or by using a mail-in form.

<https://vgsfl.org/cpage.php?pt=210>



#### GUEST SPEAKER: LISA LOUISE COOKE

Lisa Louise Cooke found her passion for family history at her grandmother's knee at the age of 8. She is now the owner of *Genealogy Gems*, a genealogy and family history multi-media company founded in 2007. 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! <https://lialouisecooke.com>  
Her topics will be:

1. 3 Cool Cases Solved: How To Identify Your Photos
2. How to Save Your Research from Destruction & Ensure It's Future Survival
3. Google Books: The Tool You Should Use Everyday
4. How To Use Evernote for Genealogy

**Friday February 17th Workshop 10:30am-2:30pm:**  
Create a Free Genealogy Map Collection in Google Earth.  
Must have own laptop / (Doors open at 10am)

#### 19th Annual Hill Country Family History Seminar

Saturday February  
18th 9:00am-4:00pm  
Doors Open at 8:15

St John Lutheran  
Church  
315 Rosewood Ave.  
Boerne, TX 78006

GSKC Member: \$55  
Non-Member: \$60  
After Feb 4th: \$65  
Live Stream: \$30  
Fri. Workshop:  
Member: \$45  
Non-Member: \$50

Breakfast Tacos & Snacks  
Provided. Lunch is \$15.  
Raffle & Door Prizes!!

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# Cooperation

## Family History Library and Centers Change Names

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH—FamilySearch announced new names for its flagship Family History Library located in Salt Lake City, Utah, and all local and regional family history centers worldwide. The library will now be known as the FamilySearch Library and local and regional family history centers will now be FamilySearch centers. The name changes will better align local centers with FamilySearch's expanding global brand.



FamilySearch is known worldwide for its popular free FamilySearch.org website and state-of-the-art family research and discovery facility in Salt Lake City. Lesser known are its more than 5,000 local centers where visitors can receive individualized help and utilize web-enabled computers to access other premium family resources—all for free.

"FamilySearch is a global brand with free local FamilySearch centers in most countries to help individuals make fun, personal discoveries about themselves and their ancestors. Center patrons can receive in-person help, and access millions of additional historical records online. The more you learn about yourself and the history of your family, the more your sense of who you are is deepened, and the more relationships and communities are strengthened," said Steve Rockwood, CEO for FamilySearch International.

In addition to FamilySearch centers, there are nearly 1,800 affiliate libraries (public libraries, museums, universities, and archives) that have privileges to limited-access FamilySearch databases. There will be no name change for the FamilySearch affiliate libraries.

People around the world are more and more interested in family, their familial origins, and making family connections. FamilySearch is uniquely positioned to serve this demand through its growing network of local FamilySearch centers, discovery experiences, help services, and vast, ever expanding online collections of genealogical records

## Tennessee Genealogical Society Membership

All membership levels include the following:

- ❑ Privilege of voting at general membership meetings.
- ❑ Privilege of serving as an officer, either on the Board of Directors or in an appointed position.
- ❑ Privilege of submitting two FREE queries each year. These queries will be published in the Tennessee Genealogical Magazine, Ansearchin' News, and on this website.
- ❑ Access to the information in the TNGS surname files in the TNGS office.
- ❑ Access to the Members section on the website. This includes the surname cross reference, digital books, presentations, the last 10 years issues of Ansearchin' News and recorded education sessions.
- ❑ Access to live Tennessee Genealogical Society webinars via GoToMeeting or GoToWebinar.
- ❑ Access to recorded Tennessee Genealogical society webinars through the Members Section of our website.
- ❑ One year subscription of Ansearchin' News, our quarterly magazine.
- ❑ A Germantown library card is included with the membership and is in lieu of the \$50 annual fee charged by the library to non-Germantown residents. The library card is good at the Germantown, Arlington, and Millington libraries. You must apply in-person at the Germantown Regional History and Genealogical Library to obtain a card.
- ❑ Discounted price for all education events and seminars.
- ❑ Discount on Research Requests.
- ❑ Discount on TNGS-published books from our Bookstore.

### HAVE YOU SUBSCRIBED TO THE TNGS BLOG?

If not, you may have missed recent articles, updates, and TNGS Associate Society news, etc.

To make sure you won't miss out, go to the blog – <http://www.tngsblog.org/> and enter your email address and click on SUBSCRIBE in the right-hand box at top of page.

## Partner Spotlight

### The Archives of the Appalachia

The Archives of Appalachia is a repository for memories — the written words, images, and sounds that document life in southern Appalachia. They steward nearly two miles of rare manuscripts, 300,000 photographs, 100,000 audio and moving image recordings, and 15,000 books. While their Appalachian Collections focus primarily on the history and culture of the region, they have family papers and county histories that may be helpful for genealogical research. Microfilm census records and local newspapers are housed in Sherrod Library's microfilm department, on the 2nd floor of Sherrod Library.

Nearly 2,000 patrons visit the Archives in person each year, and 65,000 more from over 50 countries engage with their holdings online.

The Archives are open Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. except ETSU holidays and administrative closings. Call the Reading Room at (423) 439-4338 for the most up to date schedule or visit their [Facebook](#) page or website at .

The Archives of the Appalachia is located on at East Tennessee State University  
344 J L Seehorn Rd, Sherrod Library, Room 422, Johnson City, TN 37614  
Phone: 423-439-4338 Email: [archives@etsu.edu](mailto:archives@etsu.edu)

# 150 Years of Memphis Chinese History Lunar New Year Banquet

**Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023 at 6:30-9:30 pm**  
**5266 Summer Ave, Memphis**

It is our honor to invite you to a traditional 10-course Lunar New Year banquet recognizing 150 years of Chinese-American history in Memphis, TN.

Hosted by GMUCA and CHS of Memphis & the Midsouth, join us for this landmark celebration of shared heritage and collaboration in our local community. With your support, we can make history in a future we write together.



Event Amenities Include:  
10-Course Banquet Dinner  
Lion Dance Show  
Live Music  
Special Guest Speakers  
LNY-themed Cash Bar by Good Fortune Co.  
Silent Auction\*  
Door Prizes

Tickets are \$60 each or \$600 per table of 10. VIP tables are also available for purchase for \$1000. Visit the link to view the full banquet menu and to purchase tickets today.

\*CHS is a 401c3 Non-profit Organization. All donations are tax-deductible.

## CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF CHINESE HISTORY IN MEMPHIS LUNAR NEW YEAR BANQUET 纪念孟菲斯华人150年春宴

**SUNDAY, FEB 5, 2023 | 6:30PM | DIM SUM KING**

Presented by the Greater Memphis United Chinese Association  
and the Chinese Historical Society of Memphis and the Mid-South





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