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Increase of 77%

The Tennessee State Library and Archives is proud to announce the popularity of the Regional E-book and Audio Download System (READS) Program over the last fiscal year. READS is a free program that offers thousands of digital e-books and audio books to patrons of public libraries that belong to the Tennessee Regional Library System with the simple click of a mouse.

Digital titles can be downloaded to a personal computer or a variety of portable devices. More information on this amazing and free program is available on the State of Tennessee [Website](#).



Dear Ellen,

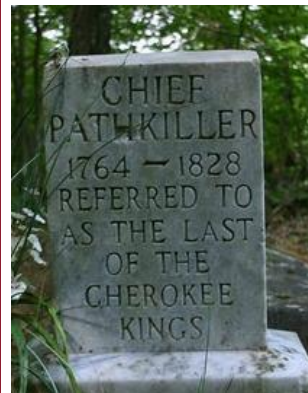
After a long, very hot summer, I'm sure you will agree with me that it is good to see the more moderate temperatures of the fall - and for me, I have to spend less time to water my garden. The fall also means that it is about the time for the Southern Book Festival to be held in Nashville October 12-14. There are also lots of things happening with our libraries in Tennessee and I hope you are involved.

One thing that I want to remind you of (and will keep doing so) is that we are constantly looking for collections of Tennessee photographs, letters, books and documents that are out there - things that should be in the Tennessee State Library & Archives. Sometimes, it only takes someone to ask the owners if they would consider donating them to TSLA. And sometimes, they must be acquired. With either situation, please involve us. Please let us know of the any such opportunity that you may run across in your travels this year.

Thank you again for your commitment to the Tennessee State Library & Archives and I wish you and your family well as we approach this holiday season.

Steve Richards

TSLA Friends President



TSLA Friends Intern Finds Rare Cherokee Material

Dustin Moore, working as an intern for the Friends on the project to preserve and index Supreme Court case files, recently discovered four cases involving Pathkiller, the last hereditary Chief of the Cherokee Indians. Pathkiller was a colonel under Andrew Jackson

Coming Soon! Vietnam and Korea Veterans Exhibit

This November a new exhibit will open at TSLA featuring the Korean and Vietnam projects along with complimentary items from the collections.



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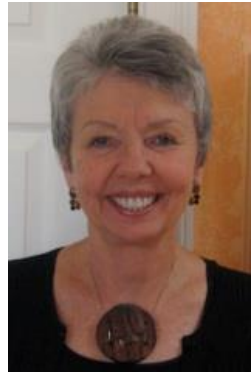
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during the Creek Wars of 1812-14. These four case files are from the early 1830s in Roane County and concern land and debt disputes. Shortly after this time, the Cherokee were forced to leave Tennessee on the Trail of Tears.

Work on the Supreme Court project continues to move along, with a total of 28,897 cases having been cleaned, entered into a database, and placed in acid-free folders and boxes. Friends interns, TSLA staff, and a group of honors history students from Hillsboro High School are all working on the project. The database will "go live" on the TSLA web site in December, in conjunction with the 75th anniversary celebration of the Supreme Court building.



Jewish History of Nashville Free Workshop

Dr. Jean Roseman will be speaking at TSLA on Saturday, October 13th from 9:30 - 11 am as part of the free workshop series. Dr. Roseman will trace the history of the Nashville Jewish community over more than two centuries, including some interesting figures such as the:

- First woman to graduate George Peabody College
- Citizen Exemplar who raised \$2M to help finance WWI
- Person who introduced seeing-eye dogs
- Mystical figure who was the inspiration for The Fugitives

Jean Roseman grew up in a Boston suburb and attended colleges in Canada, Germany, and the United States. With a doctorate in foreign language education, she was a teacher of German and Holocaust history in the Nashville Metropolitan Public School System for twenty-eight years. She created the first curriculum ever taught in the state of Tennessee about the Holocaust. Upon retirement, Roseman researched the history of Nashville's Young Men's Hebrew Association and its evolution to the current Gordon Jewish Community Center and published *From Y to J, The Hundred Year History of Nashville's Jewish Community Center*. Her latest book, *Shalom Nashville, A Jewish History*, continues and amplifies her interest in local Jewish history.



Zeta Book Scanner at TSLA

The Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA) has a new addition to its roster of public services, one that will make research

and study easier for many Tennesseans. The Zeta Book Scanner was installed at the TSLA building last month. The new piece of equipment makes scanning books or documents a free, quick, and easy process.

The Zeta Book Scanner is currently located in the South Reading Room of the Public Services Section in the TSLA building. The device allows a patron to scan pages from a book and then store the scans on a flash drive or any other storage device with a USB port. It can scan in PDF, TIF, and JPG formats, as well as in black-and-white or color. Once an item is scanned, the size of the document can be adjusted on the touch panel. The image is automatically saved on the storage device.

The scanner also helps preserve the books. Turning a book over and pressing it down on a copier is bad for the bindings of many of the delicate books found at TSLA. This scanner, which scans books upright, with no crushing or turning necessary, helps to protect TSLA's collection of many rare and valuable items. There is no charge for scanning a document on to your own USB storage device, but there is a suggested time limit for use of the equipment. TSLA recommends that each patron limit use of the machine to no more than 30 minutes.



TSLAFriends Spotlight

Wayne Moore, Assistant State Archivist

How did you come to be an archivist? What sparked your interest?

I came to be an archivist sorta by the back door, because of my interest and research as an historian of Tennessee. I came to Nashville & TSLA in the mid-1980s to do work on my doctoral dissertation on TVA. TSLA's collections provided a rich vein of data for me to mine, and I basically went from being a researcher to working on staff as a reference archivist in those years. I have always said that working at TSLA is akin to being a 'kid in the candy store' for anyone who is curious and passionate about history, as I am.

How would you describe what you do as the Assistant State Archivist?

I have responsibility for the care and propagation of the rich records and manuscript collections of the State Library & Archives. We at TSLA are custodians of a marvelous legacy from the past—a unique and under-utilized resource for the people of Tennessee—and I see my role as trying to provide better access to and use of these materials from which we can learn so much.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

The opportunity to learn—both from the collections we hold and from the bright people who work here.

What is the biggest challenge facing the Tennessee State Archives?

Making this institution more relevant and vital to the concerns of all Tennesseans and more integral to the workings of state government. I

would like to see the TSLA Friends work with those of us who wish to market the incredible content we have here and bring it to a wider clientele.

What has been your most surprising/memorable find in the archives?

There is a document somewhere in the collections—a bill of sale, I believe—written on a pig's ear or some sort of animal hide. I have seen it before but lost track of where exactly it lives. Finding my g-g-g-grandfather's Bible here when I first came and sharing it with my parents was quite a thrill, too. His writing was just like my dad's.

Thank you for your support of TSLA!

Steve Richards

President, TSLAFriends