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Remembering the Civil War: Civil War Veterans & Friends



Presented by: J. Mark Lowe
Saturday, August 10, 2013, 9:30-11:00AM
TSLA Auditorium

This workshop will help you discover a wealth of letters, membership records, photographs, and other documents that will begin to unfold the story of Civil War soldiers and their families throughout Tennessee and beyond. We'll also discuss a strategy for finding these records and look at their defined purposes.



As stated in the mission statement of one of these organizations:

"Our mission is...to preserve relics or mementos; to cherish the ties of friendship that should exist among men who have shared common dangers, common sufferings, and privations; to care for the disabled and extend a helping hand to the needy; to protect the widows and orphans, and to make and preserve a record of the services of every member, and as far as possible of those of our comrades who have preceded us in eternity."

Those wishing to attend this free workshop must contact TSLA to reserve a seat as the number of attendees is limited. Parking is available in the front, on the side, and in back of the Library and Archives building. Patrons can register by telephone by calling 615-741-2764, or by e-mail at: workshop.tsla@tn.gov



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Friends Help Expand the Collections

TSLA Friends help the Library and Archives by purchasing Tennessee items for sale in on-line auctions. Due to state regulations, TSLA cannot make such purchases with budget funds. Recently a group of items was purchased that includes this photograph of the Temperance Building in Harriman, east Tennessee. Although it was (and still is) a small town, Harriman was established in 1891 as a model community with the values of thrift, sobriety, superior intelligence and high morals. The Temperance Building, which still stands today, is a handsome structure, and the number of young men in the photo attests to the popularity of the movement.

TSLAFriends Spotlight

**Wendy Cornelisen, Tennessee Electronic Library
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What are some of the different service areas provided through the Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL)?

TEL includes homework help, World Book Encyclopedia, test prep, a resume builder and foreign language learning.

What tools are available to help with genealogy research?

TEL has two main sections for genealogy: Heritage Quest and Tennessee Records via Ancestry.com.

Heritage Quest gives you access to federal census records from 1790-1940, some family history and historic newspapers, records from both the Revolutionary War and Freedman's Bank, and the US Congressional Serial Set.

The Tennessee Records in Ancestry.com include historic birth and death records, early land and tax records for North Carolina and Tennessee, and the 1891 Tennessee Enumeration of Male Voters. Since the 1890 census was destroyed by fire before it could be microfilmed, this can help fill the

gap for genealogists. While other Ancestry.com resources require a subscription, these records are free for Tennesseans through the Tennessee Electronic Library. You will need to create a free guest account to view the files.

What is one of the things in the genealogy area that most people don't know is available?

I am fascinated by the concept of delayed birth certificates. Like many states, Tennessee didn't require birth certificates before 1909. When the Social Security program began in 1935, citizens were required to show a birth certificate to register. Delayed birth certificates were issued to people who didn't have one, but people had to apply and show supporting documentation, like a family bible, birth certificate for their own children, or affidavit.

What area of TEL should members be sure to tell their families about?

Powerspeak Languages is the newest part of TEL. It's an online language learning tool that lets you practice the vocabulary and pronunciation of a language at your own pace. It's a great option for travelers or students. There are 10 different languages to choose from.