



# TSLA Friends

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## The Latest

## TSLA News

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The Tennessee State Library and Archives has launched both a Facebook site and a Blog page! Now the current news is available with a quick click!

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**Dear Jim,**

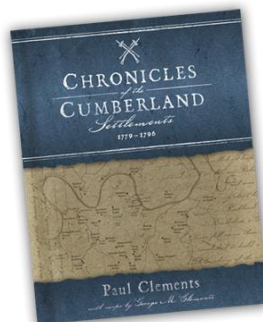
Welcome to all new and renewing members! We are working hard to help raise funds to help the Tennessee State Library and Archives with supplies, projects and more. Your membership is a big part of that!

We are financially supporting several indexing projects for the archives involving the City Cemetery and Tennessee Supreme Court. Your membership dollars are really making a difference - please encourage others to join.

Our goal this year is to continue to grow an active and engaged membership. Members - we need your participation! If you are not currently on a committee and would like to be - please contact us at [info@tslafriends.org](mailto:info@tslafriends.org). We have many places that your time could help.

*Steve Richards*

TSLAFriends President



## Chronicles of the Cumberland Settlements

In March the TSLA is hosting Paul Clements, who will speak about the research behind his new book, *Chronicles of the Cumberland Settlements*. The workshop is scheduled for March 30th from 9:30 - 11am in the TSLA Auditorium.

The book is the result of over ten years of meticulous research and is a highly detailed account of the frontier history of Middle Tennessee. From the arrival of DeSoto, to the early settlement of the Carolinas and the developing interactions between native inhabitants and Europeans, to the arrival of the long hunters and the coming of the Revolutionary war, *Chronicles* provides the context for the intense struggle that did so much

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to shape the future of America.

Paul Clements has a deep interest in Middle Tennessee and has been researching that history for the past 36 years. His first book, *A Past Remembered*, a study of the antebellum homes of Davidson County, appeared in 1987. Following that work were three books on local individuals, an unpublished novel, and a succession of historical essays that have appeared monthly in the *Nashville Retrospect*, a local history publication.

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 the back of the Library and Archives building. Patrons can register by telephone by calling 615-741-2764. or by email at: [workshop.tsla@tn.gov](mailto:workshop.tsla@tn.gov).



## Veterans' Exhibits Open

The Tennessee State Library & Archives opened the new Veteran's Exhibit on November 9th honoring all those who served with focus on the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

The opening reception was very well attended with all very impressed by the exhibits honoring David Brock (*Forgotten War. Unforgettable Memories: The Korean War Experience of Cpl. David Brock*) and Christopher Ammons (*Counting the Days and Getting Short: The Vietnam War Experience of Christopher Ammons*). Both of the featured veterans were there for the opening (photo above: Christopher Ammons (Left) and David Brock (Right)).

The TSLAFriends group hosted a reception after the program. The reception provided a great venue to talk to some of the veterans and let them share their war experiences and to hear their delight that TSLA was honoring their service. Rep. Steve McDaniel, Secretary of State Tre Hargett, Commissioner Many-Bears Grinder and Exhibit Chair James Castro were all in attendance and spoke to the attendees about the exhibit and the pride of TN in their veterans.

The exhibit will continue at the Tennessee State Library & Archives through March 1, 2013.

## TSLAFriends to Host TN Legislature



Friends of TSLA will host a reception for members of the Tennessee Legislature at the Library & Archives on the evening of February 13th. Members of the board will be on hand along with Secretary of State Tre Hargett and State

Librarian and Archivist Chuck Sherrill to welcome legislators as they visit - many for the first time - and talk with them about the many programs and services offered by TSLA. Displays by various sections within TSLA will highlight document conservation, rare books and manuscripts, the statewide Summer Reading Program and other initiatives. Legislators will enjoy refreshments provided by the Friends.

## *TSLA Impression*

TSLA recently conducted a patron survey and received this wonderful response as an example of the importance of the services they provide:



*My husband has a very bad impression of state government, even though I was a state employee of 25 years. After his first visit to State Archives, he came home and raved about the high quality, personal and helpful service he received there. We sat in the box next to Governor Haslam at a Willie Nelson concert, and he felt compelled to tout the great services he received at State Archives,--going as far to say that he was basically anti-state government. On his next visit there, I accompanied him. Again, we had great service,--particularly from employees who appear to have worked there many years and who obviously enjoy their work. Thanks to the information we acquired, it is very likely that my mother will receive Social Security Military Survivor Benefits. Many thanks!*