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WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

TSLA welcomes interns and volunteers who would like to be involved in aspects of library and archival work.

All interested candidates should be detail-oriented and have some background in history or library work.

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Our main event this year was helping with Ancestry.com's visit to Nashville in September which was titled the "Tennessee Ancestry Library Event (TALE) co-sponsored by TSLA. On Saturday, September 20, there were approximately 700 attendees which gave exposure to both TSLA and the TSLAFriends as we provided volunteers

both that day and at the pre-event lectures held at TSLA the preceding week, helped with preparations and hosted the reception on Friday evening. TSLA had almost 600 individuals check in (not including those who registered for the pre-event lectures) and recorded 113 new researcher's card applications after the event. Chuck Sherrill, State Librarian and Archivist, is most grateful to all for their help and support in making this event a success in so many ways and for putting TSLA in the forefront for research of all types.

Special thanks and appreciation are due our Vice President, J. Mark Lowe, the coordinator for this event, and Chuck Sherrill, for their tireless efforts and many hours spent in planning and coordinating everything so all worked smoothly for everyone as well as the TSLA staff at all levels who helped in so many different ways.



TSLAFriends sponsored the out-door reception in front of TSLA Friday evening which was a success even with the heat - refreshments were all Tennessee made goodies and cold drinks which was overseen by "Mr. Wiseman, the TSLA owl" as he presided over the tables. Reception table decorations were

orchestrated by Katheryne Cowan and yours truly with help from Kathryn Hopkins for her provision of unusual pails as containers for the goodies and Mark Lowe who provided home-grown apples from his place in Robertson County.

The benefits TSLA and TSLAFriends will receive from this event will be evident in the future in many different ways and people are already asking for a return visit by Ancestry.com.

TSLAFriends continue to volunteer to help at the bi-monthly TSLA workshops which are free but registration is required. Visit our website at www.tslafriends.org or visit us on Facebook for upcoming workshops and events.



As the holidays near, consider giving a gift of a TSLAFriends membership to introduce family and friends to TSLA, its vast holdings both historically and genealogically, both on-site as well as on-line and learn of the availability that TSLA and Ancestry.com are providing with free access to Ancestry.com to every K-12 school classroom in Tennessee. A membership could also be given as a door prize for



TSLAF president, Virginia Gooch Watson, center, with Kim Harrison and Chris Cooper from Ancestry.com

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organizations so keep this in mind as you make your shopping list and consider giving on NATIONAL GIVING DAY, Tuesday December 2nd.

Happy holidays to all,

Virginia Gooch Watson
President, TSLAFriends



*County Connections:
Researching Your Family
History in County
Records*

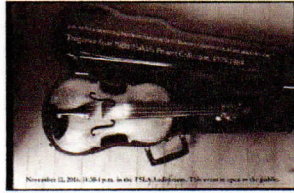
*Saturday, November 29
9:30am - 11am*

The Thanksgiving weekend is a time when many of us spend time reconnecting with family members and sharing family stories. At the Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA), families can also explore stories of their relatives who lived many years ago.

For the fourth consecutive year, the staff at TSLA is encouraging Tennesseans to visit the library and celebrate 'Family History Day' by learning more about genealogical research.

Join Gordon Belt, TSLA's Director of Public Services, for a beginning genealogy workshop providing an overview of resources available at the library and how to navigate through various databases. The workshop is entitled, "County Connections," and will focus on locating and using TSLA's many county records. Afterwards, staff will be on hand to help visitors with their research.

Those wishing to attend this free workshop must contact TSLA to make a reservation as the number of seats 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.



TeVA Launches New Digital Collection: Tennessee State Park Folklife Project Collection, 1979- 1984

What do roley hole marbles, white oak baskets, shape-note singing, and banjos have in common? All are examples of Tennessee folk culture or "folkways" available online in the Tennessee State Library and Archives' newest digital collection: "Tennessee State Parks Folklife Project Collection, 1979-1984." The collection documents folk culture unique to Tennessee and highlights Tennessee's significant contributions to national studies of folklife.

In the late 1970s, Bobby Fulcher of the Tennessee Division of Parks and Recreation began a concerted effort to document and preserve Tennessee's diverse folk culture. The Tennessee State Parks Folklife Project was designed to contact and record interviews with local musicians, craftsmen, and storytellers in communities around six state parks; present programs in the parks using those local people; document on film and audio tape the folk art and folklore of the area; and organize and present annual community folk arts festivals within state parks. Folklorists Jay Orr, Elaine Lawless, and Raymond Allen all made significant contributions to the project.

This project produced more than 500 hours of audio tape, 9600 slides, and 2,200 black and white negatives, including duplicates of scores of historic photographs which had been cached for years by their owners. The recordings, held originally on reel-to-reel and cassettes and the accompanying photographs include material on traditional quilting, burial customs, storytelling, blacksmithing, herbal medicine, fishing, logging, farming techniques, and music. Nationally recognized ballad singers Dee and Delta Hicks and Joe, Ethel, and Creed Birchfield (founding members of the Roan Mountain Hilltoppers) are just a few of the musical artists featured in the collection.

Several years ago, the Tennessee State Library and Archives initiated a project to digitize selections of the audio recordings and photographs from the collection in order to improve public access. The recordings and images found in this collection represent just a sample of the rich material yet to be discovered. The digitization project is ongoing, and TSLA will add items as they become available. The collection may be found at <http://www.tn.gov/tsla/TeVAsites/TSPFolklife/index.htm>.

TSLA Conservator Carol Roberts will give a presentation on the collection in the TSLA auditorium, located at 403 7th Avenue North in downtown Nashville, next Wednesday, Nov. 12. The program is free and open to the public. Brown bag lunch will begin at 11:30, presentation is from 12pm - 1pm.



TSLA Friends Spotlight

**Kelly Wilkerson,
Archivist & Education Outreach Coordinator**

What does the Education Outreach program do?

The Education Outreach program provides services to teachers and students at the college and university level as well as in the K-12 community. We offer professional development workshops for teachers, host tours of TSLA for students and teachers, conduct research visits for students working on National History Day projects, and are always working to identify more of TSLA's primary sources that will help teachers and students learn the story of our great state!

Do you have any current projects going on? If so, could you please share about one?

Currently, most of our attention is focused on expanding our education outreach website so that teachers and students across the state may access our resources. We're thrilled to be able to connect TSLA's primary sources directly to Tennessee's social studies curriculum standards so that teachers may quickly find what they need about topics like the Civil War, women's suffrage movement, or Tennessee's early history. Recently, we established an "Educator Working Group" consisting of six fantastic Tennessee teachers who are helping us to expand this website and create curriculum materials that will help teachers across Tennessee utilize our primary sources in the classroom. You can find our education outreach site here: <http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/educationoutreach/index.htm>

What is the Archives Development Program?

The Archives Development Program (ADP) works with county and municipal governments to improve the storage conditions of and access to local government records. ADP is staffed by Dr. Wayne Moore, Assistant State Archivist, and Myers Brown (Middle), Genny Carter (West), and Kelly Wilkerson (East) whom each hold responsibilities for outreach within the 3 grand divisions of Tennessee. We administer two grant programs that support local archives, offer training opportunities such as the annual Tennessee Archives Institute for local government officials, historians, archivists, and others working with archival materials, manage the Looking Back: The Civil War in Tennessee & the Tennessee Civil War GIS projects,

coordinate TSLA's education outreach efforts, and recently completed a brand new Archives Directory that provides information on county & local archives across the state.

Have you made any recent acquisitions that have you excited?

Dr. Wayne Moore of our department was recently involved in the acquisition of the Andrew Price Papers. A 19th century US Congressman from Louisiana, Andrew Price graduated from the law school at Cumberland University in 1875. In the 1880s he purchased the Clover Bottom farm where he generally would spend half his year raising thoroughbred horses.

How can we help these departments?

If you are aware of any group or institution in the state who need assistance with archival materials, please direct them to us! We are also available to serve as speakers for groups about our programs, are interested in connecting with teachers, and would love for more Tennesseans to know about our Looking Back: The Civil War in Tennessee and the Tennessee Civil War GIS projects.

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